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Insurance Fund in red

Safety and health programs affected, budget director says

CHRISTIAN WADE

ST. THOMAS — A failure to collect on outstanding insurance premiums and a lack of enforcement has pushed the Virgin Islands Government Insurance Fund to the brink of bankruptcy, lawmakers learned during a special session of the 23rd Legislature Thursday.

Ira Mills, director of the Office of Management and Budget, told senators that the government can no longer afford to fund the territory's Occupational Safety and Health Administration programs from the GIF. He said the $6 million deposited annually into GIF has been dedicated to paying insurance claims, and that funds for fiscal year 2000 will not be deposited until March.

"In its present fiscal state, the Government Insurance Fund as a source of funding for the office of government insurance, workers' compensation and OSHA is not a viable option," he said.

Lawmakers were called into special session on the request of Gov. Charles Turnbull to consider an appropriation of more than $800,000 in funds from the Caribbean Basin Initiative Fund to the OSHA program, to prevent a possible federal takeover of the local agency.

Mills said as far back as 1983 the fund has been unable to adequately fund OSHA and the two other principal programs.

"Hence, it is not surprising that the Government Insurance Fund currently reflects the shortage of funding that has necessitated proposed legislative amendments," Mills said.

This is not, however, the first time lawmakers have learned about a shortfall in GIF funding. In September, Labor Commissioner Sonia Jacobs-Dow went before the Legislature to request additional monies to support the Workers' Compensation Fund, which was unable to come up with the resources to pay claims for work-related injuries.

Last fall, an inspector general's report discovered that the failure of the VI government to make payment to the GIF resulted in a negative balance of $151,595. The report said the deficit is due to the government's failure to pay more than $6.5 million owed since 1983.

Estimates suggest that there is

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Alda Anduze

With the Nordic Empress in port, a couple relaxes on a crystal-clear day in Frederiksted Thursday. While the recent cold front has produced exceptionally blue skies, forecasters say more chilly weather is on the way.

Another cold front on way

ST. CROIX — For the second time in as many weeks, a strong cold front is headed our way, and weather forecasters are predicting more of the same windy and chilly conditions that recently gripped the islands.

The cold front just leaving the southeastern U.S. is forecast to begin to affect the local area by this evening and all the way into the weekend.

In addition to the cold front, meteorologists at the National Weather Service said a strong winter storm that is currently dumping several inches of snow on the northeastern United States is expected to affect the local area over the weekend with rough seas.

Mariners are advised to exercise caution as the effects of the cold front and the winter storm will produce abnormally high seas and winds — especially in open waters of the northeastern Caribbean.

Turnbull leads list of politicians tardy with filing

Campaign financial statements late since summer

WILL JONES

ST. CROIX — Gov. Charles Turnbull and Lt. Gov. Gerard Luz James II head a list of elected officials who have not filed campaign financial statements for the last quarter of the calendar year.

The financial-disclosure forms for the Oct. 1-Dec. 31 reporting period were due in the Election System's office by Jan. 10, but Turnbull and James, who file joint statements, have missed two filing deadlines.

As of Thursday, only one of the seven St. Croix district senators — Norman Jn. Baptiste — had met the Jan. 10 deadline. Financial statements for St. Thomas-St. John District senators were not immediately available Thursday evening.

Although Sen. Alicia Hansen campaigned for re-election in

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Lawmakers approve more money for OSHA

CHRISTIAN WADE

ST. THOMAS — Despite discrepancies over how much money was available, lawmakers voted to approve close to $800,000 in additional funding to save the territory's Occupational Safety and Health Administration programs during a special session of the 23rd Legislature Thursday.

After hours of wrangling over estimated revenue figures, the measure passed by a vote of 11 to 1, with Sens. David Jones, Adlah Donastorg and Judy Gomez absent. It will now be forwarded to Gov. Charles Turnbull for his

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Jones calls for investigation into insurance adjusters

Senator says some large international firms may not be paying taxes

SCOTT FRANK

ST. THOMAS — Citing allegations that unlicensed international insurance adjusters are conducting business in the territory without complying with the law, Sen. David Jones has called for the Lieutenant Governor's Office to immediately investigate the matter.

"It has been brought to my attention that certain international adjusters doing business in the Virgin Islands are doing so without the required licenses and are not paying the taxes according to the Virgin Islands Code," Jones said. "I am told that these large adjusting companies come to the territory after a disaster, charge exorbitant fees and expatriate the income generated in the islands without paying taxes, while the smaller local adjusting companies are shut out of the market."

Jones said that he is asking Lt. Gov. Gerard Luz James II to put an end to the practice, which he said has been going on for nearly 10 years. By his estimates, the senator said that the territory has lost more than $50 million in revenues over the past 10 years from the foreign adjusters' non-compliance.

"I have been informed that these companies are currently doing business and should be paying the requisite taxes," he said. "Too many of our people have fallen victim to companies that come here after hurricanes, set up shop without any license and continue doing business throughout the year."

Jones said that should the investigation confirm the allegation, James should take the necessary actions to recover any money owed the VI government. "We simply cannot allow this practice to continue unabated with an anemic General Fund that is inadequate to meet the most basic needs of our people," he said.

Responding to Jones' allegations, James said that his office was aware of the issue and has been actively addressing the matter.

"When I received a fax Wednesday from the senator's office, I took to the airways to address the concerns," James said. "I wanted to make it clear that the Division of Banking and Insurance has been doing a very good job ensuring that we have people complying with the laws. We have been on the ball and we have been doing our work."

The lieutenant governor specifically addressed the three foreign adjusters cited in Jones' allegations.

"The first company, Toplis and Harding — now McLaren-Toplis — has been under investigation and we should be able to ascertain within a week or two whether or not they're doing business legally," James said.

Regarding the second company, Axis International Group, James said the the VI Code was amended in the FY 2000 Omnibus Act recently passed by the Legislature and signed by the governor, which allows foreign adjusters to come into the territory for one single catastrophe and work without being licensed, but they must be registered. Axis has met those requirements and is doing adjustments, he said.

"Regarding the third company, Cunningham and Crawford, cited by Senator Jones, an examination and investigation has been completed and as of Jan. 3 of this year I had already signed a cease-and-desist order so they can no longer do any kind of adjustment in the territory," James said.

The lieutenant governor said that the normal practice of his predecessor had been to call a press conference anytime a cease-and-desist order was issued, but he chose instead to take to the airwaves to bring his message directly to the people of the territory.

"I was happy to report that the Division of Banking and Insurance is doing a wonderful job in looking out for the best interests of the people of the Virgin Islands," he said. "My office will continue to remain on top of things so we can continue to represent the people in a meaningful and prudent manner."

Government officials lined up for radio talk shows

ST. CROIX — More than a dozen high-ranking government officials are lined up as guests on two radio talk shows airing on WSTX: the Mario Moorhead show, and Maria "Chi Chi" Heywood's "Night Beat."

Appearances are scheduled as follows:

• Mario Moorhead — 11 a.m. Jan. 21, Frandelle Gerard, Industrial Development Commission; 10 a.m. Jan. 26, Pedro Encarnacion, Fire Service; 11 a.m. Jan. 26, Harold Thompson Jr., Public Works Dept.; 9 a.m. Jan. 28, Gregory Francis, Veterans Affairs; 10 a.m. Jan. 28, Franz Christian, Police Dept.; 11 a.m. Jan. 28, Ira Hobson, Housing, Parks and Recreation; 9 a.m. Jan. 31, Sonia Jacobs-Dow, Labor Dept.; 10 a.m. Jan. 31, Thomas Robinson, Juan Luis Hospital; 11 a.m. Jan. 31, Dean Plaskett, Planning and Natural Resources; 10 a.m. Feb. 4, Andrew Rutnik, Licensing and Consumer Affairs; 11 a.m. Feb. 4, Monique Sibilly-Hodge, Tourism; 10 a.m. Feb. 7, Marc Biggs, Property and Procurement; 11 a.m. Feb. 7, Iver Stridiron, Attorney General; 11 a.m. Feb. 9, Bernice Turnbull, Finance.

• Night Beat — 6 p.m. Jan. 25, Gregory Francis, Veterans Affairs; 6 p.m. Jan. 27, Ira Hobson, HP&R; 6 p.m. Feb. 1, Harold Thompson, PWD; 6 p.m. Feb. 3, Andrew Rutnik, DLCA; 6 p.m. Feb. 24, Sedonie Halbert, Human Services.

Each show will air on WSTX-AM 970 and WSTX-FM 100.3.

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signature.

Labor Commissioner Sonia Jacobs-Dow said the extra money was needed to stop the federal government encroaching into the OSHA programs.

"Our compliance officers lack the requisite personal protective equipment — shoes, gloves, vests and eyewear," she said. "We have also been prevented from acquiring and maintaining essential field equipment."

However, lawmakers were at odds with government officials over figures provided by Budget Director Ira Mills and those from the Post Audit division — which offered different estimates on funds currently in the Caribbean Basin Initiative fund.

In his original report on funding proposal, Post Auditor Campbell Malone said he could not recommend approval of the measure because the Caribbean Basin Initiative lacked sufficient funds to support the OSHA programs. He said the CBI fund would need at least $1.1 million more in revenues to sustain the use of the money for the OSHA programs.

Mills, on the other hand, said the figures used in the Post Auditor's calculations had been based on outdated numbers provided by the Department of Finance. He said additional revenues had been deposited since last June, which Malone's report was based on.

Finance Commissioner Bernice Turnbull, who was called to the proceedings by lawmakers, said the administration had discovered an additional $400,000 in revenue collections from last July and August.

When the post auditor returned with an updated analysis of the available CBI funds, concluding that there was sufficient money available, several lawmakers said they were less than pleased with the presentation of figures by administration officials.

"If that information had been given to us last Friday, when it was supposed to be provided, we wouldn't have been in this predicament today," Sen. Lorraine Berry said. "This would have been a session that would have lasted two hours. At the least, we have sent a message to the federal government that we would like to continue running our own shop here in the Virgin Islands."

The local OSHA program, which is funded by a federal-local matching grant of 50/50 percent, has gone unfunded by the local government for at least two years due to a lack of money in the Government Insurance Fund.

Since the 1970s, the local OSHA division has enforced safety and health laws for the government's estimated 13,000 workers. While OSHA maintains jurisdiction over the public sector in the territory, in 1995 the federal government assumed control of the safety and health laws in the private sector.

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1998 and is expected to do so again this year, she has notified Supervisor of Elections John Abramson that she has disbanded her fund-raising activities and is not required to file financial disclosure statements because she raised less than $500.

At-large Sen. Almando Liburd, who files in both districts, also had not submitted a statement for the fourth quarter.

The financial-disclosure files at the Election System's office show that the Turnbull-James team have not filed their forms since the June 30 reporting period, which means they also did not file for the third quarter ending Sept. 30.

Government House spokeswoman Pierina Jacobs-McBrowne said Thursday that she would have someone from the governor's staff call back with information on why Turnbull's campaign had not filed the reports, but no one did.

The failure of elected officials to file timely financial statements is frustrating Abramson, who says he routinely sends notices to officials reminding them when the statements are due.

"I just want them to file the statements on time or ask for an extension if there is a problem," Abramson said.

He said former Sen. Holland Redfield was one of the few senators who always filed on time and the forms were completed correctly.

He said that he has forwarded the names of some officials to the Attorney General's Office for possible legal action to force them to comply with the law, but that office hasn't responded.

Abramson also said he is working with Liburd on a bill that would strengthen the campaign-disclosure laws, including giving his office more authority to investigate the campaign finances of candidates for public offices.

Hansen, who last filed a financial statement for the reporting period ending Sept. 30, 1998, wrote Abramson a letter dated April 7, 1999, saying her campaign committee, Friends of Alicia "Chucky" Hansen, had disbanded.

The statement showed that she did not receive any contributions or have any expenditures during that period.

Other St. Croix senators who did not meet the Jan. 10 deadline and the last period in which they filed were:

• Sen. Anne Golden, Sept. 30. She asked for and was granted an extension because she was off island until Jan. 17;

• Sen. David Jones, Sept. 30;

• Sen. Vargrave Richards, June 30;

• Sen. Adelbert Bryan, June 30;

• Sen. Gregory Bennerson, Sept. 30.

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currently more than $1.2 million in outstanding insurance claims in the territory.

Sen. Anne Golden said the Turnbull administration can no longer continue to expect funding to be approved for programs they cannot afford to run. She said the crisis with the OSHA programs is a good example as to why the government needs to be streamlined and made more efficient.

"It's really sad that we have to find these things out at a critical moment like this," Golden said. "We had to wait until the administration came before us to learn that one of our essential funding sources is broke. This is not the best way to run a government."

DOE slammed with discrimination suit

VI Advocacy files on behalf of kids with special needs

VINCENT BRYDON

ST. CROIX — Only hours after possibly dodging a pending law suit filed against it by Abramson Enterprises Inc. the Department of Education has found itself in the grips of another legal battle.

Virgin Islands Advocacy Inc. has filed a class-action lawsuit against the DOE for discriminating against students with special needs on St. Croix by denying them federally mandated transportation to and from school.

VIA, a protection and advocacy group for people with disabilities in the territory, announced that it filed the suit Wednesday.

Students with special needs have been without a ride to school since Oct. 27 when Abramson pulled the routes from its rosters because the DOE said it had no intention of paying for services provided during September and October.

The government department had reached its transportation budget cap of about $2.3 million almost a year before its September 2000 deadline, leaving what education officials say was no choice but to stop payment for the services of special-education students.

According to VIA executive director Amelia Headley LaMont, this decision is a violation of the students' civil rights — and federal law.

"Federal law requires that no individual with a disability shall be discriminated against by the government solely on the basis of their disability," she wrote in a recent statement.

"Students with the legal right to receive transportation services have been deprived of such services since October 1999," she continued. "This can only be regarded as an outrageous injustice."

Neither DOE nor VIA officials were available for comment Thursday.

DOE officials did, however, make themselves available to Abramson Enterprises president and chief executive officer Rudy Abramson.

He said that legal counsel for education says it is prepared to set a date for negotiations to get students with special needs back on school buses.

"We called this morning and got an answer this afternoon," Abramson said. "We will hopefully be sitting down at the bargaining table next Thursday."

While he is not sure why the DOE would wait another week to negotiate payments owed his company for September and October of last year, Abramson said he is willing to work out the dispute.

"We're ready. As a matter of fact, if they said they wanted to meet here tomorrow we'd be prepared," he said. "We're not totally unreasonable — we're willing to work in good faith."

But Abramson said that time is an important factor in this matter.

"My primary interest is for my employees and, second, to the students and I don't think there's a big difference between the two," he said. "The kids are getting short-changed."

The VIA hearing, which was slated for 11 a.m. Friday, has been rescheduled for 10 a.m. Monday in the District Court.

VIA attorney Archie Jennings will represent the students in this matter.

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Women robbed at Chenay Beach

ST. CROIX — Police on St. Croix are investigating the knifepoint robbery of at least three persons at the Chenay Beach around 2 p.m. yesterday.

Police reports indicated that the attackers — described as two black males — robbed the women of their possessions before escaping on foot in the nearby thickets.

Cheryl Stephens, one of the victims, told police that the attackers made off with their personal effects and all the cash they had.

The women eventually made it to the Galleon at the Green Cay Marina, where they reported the matter and called police.

No arrests have been made.

Police still awaiting results of autopsy

ST. THOMAS — The autopsy to determine the cause of death of a 3-year-old child who died Friday was rescheduled from Wednesday to Thursday; police are currently awaiting the results.

The body of Blianca Phillips was brought to the Roy L. Schneider Hospital Tuesday. The girl's mother, Juliana Webster, told police that the child had had a seizure Friday morning and when she tried to wake the child she was unable to do so. When Webster realized the child had expired she hid the child's body in bushes near her Solberg home, she told police.

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Travel agents here won't boycott AA

Even though airline has reduced commissions across Caribbean

JEREMY EKBERG

USVI — Travel agents in the territory said Thursday they cannot afford to boycott American Airlines because of the airline's monopoly here.

Travel agents in other Caribbean islands have threatened to stop referring American to their customers because of a cutback in commissions put into effect Jan 17.

Commissions have been cut from 9 to 6 percent in the region, resulting in a possible action by agents on other islands, it was announced last week.

"They (American) are discriminating against the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico," Theresa Provost of At Your Service Travel Agency in St. John said. "We don't have much choice because most clients prefer direct flights."

Provost said a lack of other airlines that offer direct flights to the mainland states prevents local agents from boycotting American. Many local travel agents have had to begin charging service fees to their clientele in order to stay in business.

"We're not happy with the airlines," Dorothy Brown of Travel Desk of St. Croix said. "The airlines are so greedy. I haven't had anyone even mention it (a boycott), because we can't."

Brown said her business has also had to charge service fees to stay afloat because of the limited market on St. Croix.

Representatives of American at their Dallas headquarters declined to comment on the commission reductions, but issued a brief statement instead.

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"The new base commission rate will be 6 percent," the statement reads. "The rate will apply to all tickets issued by travel agents in South America and the Caribbean for all travel on American Airlines and American Eagle. America will not make any other media comment beyond this announcement."

"The American Society of Travel Agencies needs to fight this," Charles Martin of Bittner's Travel Services Inc. on St. Thomas said. "We don't have the forces here to make a difference. We haven't got much choice — American Airlines has a monopoly on the situation."

Martin said he was not aware of any possible boycott of the airline in the territory to be pursued in the near future.

British Airways and Air Jamaica both announced this week similar cuts to take place in the Caribbean, effective March 1. Air Jamaica says that its cut is currently effective in Jamaica only, but will probably be extended system-wide.

Meantime, the VI Tourism Department announced that beginning next month, American Airlines will offer direct flights from Boston's Logan Airport to St. Thomas.

"We are thrilled about the addition of these nonstop flights from Boston," acting Tourism Commissioner Monique Sibilly Hodge said in a prepared statement. "The continued increase in airlift from the northeast corridor speaks of the strength of our tourism product."

As of Feb. 18, American plans to fly from Boston to St. Thomas on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays each week.

According to Sibilly Hodge, American Airlines also offers nonstop service from New York's John F. Kennedy Airport and Miami to St. Thomas, and from Miami to St. Croix.

LIAT strike leaves VI passengers stranded

Workers' action cancels all flights

STEVE S. BULLOCK

ST. CROIX — Passengers booked with the regional airline LIAT were fuming yesterday as their flights out of St. Croix and St. Thomas were canceled due to industrial action taken by employees of the airline in Antigua.

In their latest action against the regional carrier, flight attendants in Antigua failed to show up for duty Thursday, forcing a cancellation of all flights for the day, according to LIAT's Virgin Islands manager, William Cherubim.

More than 30 passengers of the popular "down-island" carrier had confirmed seats for yesterday's flight, and many more who were being wait-listed showed up at the Henry E. Rohlsen Airport on St. Croix only to be told that LIAT would have no flights until further notice.

Cherubin said management of the airline was working hard to solve the problem and get the planes in the air again.

In a statement released yesterday, Melany Henry, the airline's public-relations officer, said LIAT will continue its efforts to resolve the impasse and end all industrial action in order to return the company's business to normalcy.

"The company sincerely regrets the inconvenience which has been caused to all of its customers," said Henry, adding that LIAT officials over the past few days have been engaged in dialogue with representatives of the Flight Attendants Association and representatives of other employees in an attempt to avert a strike.

Speaking out of her Antigua office, Henry said LIAT was making alternative travel arrangements for its customers — where possible — with other carriers.

Employees of the financially strapped airline are protesting the recent retrenchment of over 100 workers and the inability of the airline to meet biweekly payroll obligations.

LIAT has served the Caribbean since 1974, and is the main inter-islarid carrier. It makes daily flights to more than two dozen states and territories in the region.

— Police Blotter —

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Arrests:

7:30 p.m., Wed., Andrea Ann Walcott, 64, of 239 Strawberry Hill, was charged with driving under the influence and negligent driving. Bail was set at $1,000.

Assaults:

4:44 p.m., Wed., at Fast Foto on King Street in Frederiksted.

9:30 a.m., Thurs., in Barren Spot.

Burglaries:

6:15 p.m., Wed., in North Hall in Frederiksted.

9:30 p.m., Wed., in Hannah's Rest.

1:46 a.m., Thurs., at Prosperity Service Station.

Larcenies:

5:40 p.m., Wed., at William's Beach.

Other:

5:06 p.m., Wed., disturbing of the peace by threats in Royal Manor.

6:30 p.m., Wed., disturbing of the peace by harassment in La Grande Princesse.

9:12 a.m., Thurs., trespassing in Clifton Hill.

Call 911
if you see a crime.

VI government appeals defunct Beal project

WILL JONES

ST. CROIX — Beal Aerospace's rocket-assembly plant project may be dead, but the legal battle over a Territorial Court decision is still alive.

The VI government has joined the aerospace company in appealing Judge Alphonso Andrews Jr.'s ruling that killed the project before it got off the ground.

Government attorneys have notified Andrews that they will appeal his decision to the District Court's appellate panel, which consists of Chief District Judge Raymond Finch, District Judge Thomas Moore and a Territorial Court judge sitting by designation.

The appeal notice indicated that the government, like Beal, will appeal almost every ruling Andrews made during a nine-day trial on whether the government could turn over Camp Arawak to Beal for the project.

Andrews ruled on Dec. 22 that a land-swap deal between the government and Beal was illegal because Camp Arawak is a charitable trust and that neither the governor, as trustee of the property, nor the Legislature could trade it away to a private company.

The 14.5-acre Camp Arawak at Great Pond Bay was donated to the people of the VI in perpetuity to be used as a beach, park and other recreational purposes.

Under the land deal between Beal and the government, which the judge voided, the aerospace company would have gotten Camp Arawak in exchange for land it owned or has options on in estates Grange Hill and Whim.

The Legislature approved the deal by a 10-4 vote on Oct. 5, but Sen. Alicia Hansen and 19 other residents successfully sued to block the deal.

Beal announced on Jan. 7 that it would abandon efforts to build its $70 million rocket-assembly plant and world headquarters at Great Pond Bay or any other place in the Virgin Islands.

Heritage group bolsters St. Croix's positive image

VINCENT BRYDON

ST. CROIX — Members of Crucian Heritage And Nature Tourism say their brand of tourism can have a great impact on local self-esteem.

CHANT is a nonpolitical, grassroots organization committed to the advancement of heritage and nature tourism as a means of sustaining economic, social, cultural and spiritual development on St. Croix.

The group's objective is to produce a uniquely Crucian tourism product through the promotion of local crafts, storytelling, dance and visual and performing arts.

About half-a-dozen charter members presented their ideas to interested members of the community in the Florence Williams Public Library in Christiansted Tuesday night.

Some listeners said they were impressed with the group's comprehensive, multi-year business-and-development plan to help them reach their objective.

But John H. Woodson teacher Romeek Croskey said he is not certain.

"It has some positive points," he said about the plan's focus on Crucian tradition bearers. "But I think there's too much emphasis on tourism instead of solving the territory's internal problems."

Local writer and artist Mera T. said that one internal problem has to do with age.

"The younger generation is not as welcoming to tourism," she said.

Charter member Olaf Hendricks Jr., however, said that today's generation is not as friendly to outsiders because tourism has not embraced their worth.

"Tourism has not connected with the people," he said. "There is a tremendous amount of antagonism that, and it has been proven, sometimes leads to murder."

He was referring to past attacks on sailors and tourists in the territory, including the St. Croix Fountain Valley Massacre of Sept. 6, 1972, in which five Virgin Islanders killed eight tourists and injured four others.

"The fact that these people were tourists did not make a difference to the people who attacked them," Hendricks said.

His group's brand of tourism, he said, can help diffuse such conflicts.

"We have to find a way to say, 'Hey, you have a worth,'" he said. "CHANT will provide Crucians with a self-image that will allow them to work together while earning money."

Charter member Onaje Jackson said that the group intends to secure funding for its plan by applying for grants from private and public foundations.

"Several groups have already expressed interest in our ideas," he said.

CHANT ideas will become more visible to the public during a major symposium scheduled for this summer, Jackson said.

He said the purpose of this event is twofold: To generate education materials by linking historic and contemporary cultural icons and to supply a forum for persons interested, or active, in heritage and nature tourism.

"This brand of tourism will be common in about 10 years," Jackson said. "St. Croix can either be a part of that or sit back and watch how it benefits other communities.

CHANT's next meeting is set for 7 p.m. , Wednesday, Feb. 16, at the Florence Williams Public Library.

Wintertime in paradise



Peter L. des Jardins

Leisure

C-C-C-Cold? You gotta be kidding — tourists coming down from the states all think we're crazy.

Maybe they're right.

Hot blues for cool nights

Danny Draher will be bringing his hot blues guitar to the stage at Cheeseburgers in Paradise tonight. Move close to the stage. The music will keep you warm. He'll also be down in Frederiksted on Sunday at Rainbow if you feel like the blues on Sunday afternoon.

New art show on at Whim

The St. Croix Artists' Cooperative, featuring names such as Giraud, Hillis, Pierie, Pierre-Charles and Roche, who were all part of the Gallery at the Pentheny, will open a new show at Whim Museum this Friday from 5 until 8.

The show will continue on display during regular museum hours, Mondays through Saturdays from 10 until 4, until Feb.15.

Eclectic sculptures

A show of Trudy Gilliam's latest work will open tonight from 5 until 8 at Folk Art Traders on Strand Street in Christiansted.

Her work incorporates found metal, stones and other odds and ends with her usual copper and brass for a stylistic variation on her world-class sculpting.

Poets' night at Kallaloo

Next Friday, Jan. 28, Kallaloo will return to its monthly poetry readings. There will be an open mike, so bring a rhyme or two from 5:30 until. Richard Schrader, Lolita Paiewonsky, Marty Campbell and others will be there, keeping poetry alive and well in the Virgin Islands.

'Proposals' run ends

This is the last weekend for Caribbean Community Theater's presentation of "Proposals," a Neil Simon play that mixes comedy, tragedy, and everyday life in the way that only Simon can. From newcomer 15-year-old Jasmine Star Buttolph to 1,500-year-old man Dean Roberts (he's not really that old, he just feels that way sometimes), the cast represents community theater at its best. Curtain is at 8 tonight, Saturday and Sunday.

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Judge Diase's term extended by 120 days

USVI — Gov. Charles Turnbull has extended Territorial Court Judge Soraya Diase's term on the bench for 120 days while he reportedly considers whether to appoint her to another six-year term.

Turnbull informed Diase of his decision Thursday, according to a Government House news release.

The governor said he had notified Presiding Judge Maria Cabret of his decision to extend Diase's term.

Diase, whose first term expired Jan. 14, is one of five judge in the St. Thomas-St. John district. St. Croix has four.

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Antigua plans to hang five men next week

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua (CANA) — After a break of about 10 years, Antigua & Barbuda will resume hangings next week, with five men going to the gallows, Attorney-General Dr. Errol Cort announced Wednesday.

Barbudans Mellanson Harris and Marvin Joseph, Antiguans Michael Mason and Lorriston Cornwall and Dominican Republic national Confessor Valdez Franco have exhausted their appeals against the death sentence, Cort said.

Harris and Joseph were sentenced to death Feb. 28, 1996, for the murder of tourists Kathleen and William Cleaver, Thomas Williams and Ian Cridland aboard their luxury yacht Computer Challenger.

Mason was sentenced to death on June 25, 1996, for the death of Wendy Newbiggin, a Canadian who was on vacation with her family in Antigua. Cornwall was convicted on March 18, 1996 for the murder of his girlfriend, Patricia Farrell.

And Valdez Franco was found guilty on Feb. 17, 1997 of the murder of his fellow countryman, Ishmael Zorella.

Cort said the provost marshal on Wednesday read the death warrants to the five prisoners. Three of them will be executed next Thursday and the others on Friday.

The attorney general said the Advisory Committee on the Prerogative of Mercy had considered the sentences and decided the executions should go ahead.

Armed man holds up Trinidad classroom

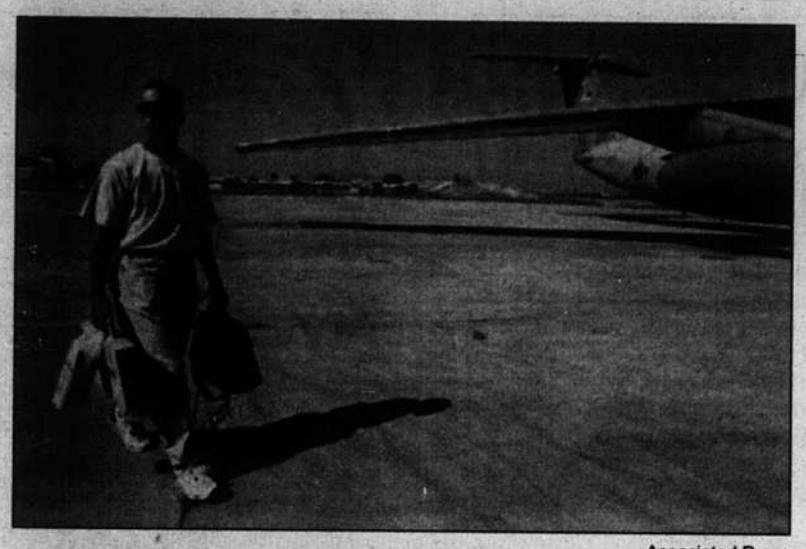
PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad (CANA) — Trinidad & Tobago's Education Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar expressed dismay Wednesday over an incident where an armed bandit held up a class and robbed the teacher and a student before fleeing.

Persad-Bissessar said she has asked the state-run Maintenance, Training and Security Company, which provides security for schools, for a full report on what transpired at the Diego Martin Junior Seconday School in Trinidad's western region on Tuesday afternoon.

According to a police report, the bandit apparently scaled a wire fence to get into the school compound. He went to the third floor where home economics teacher Marcia Young was holding class with 22 students.

The bandit ordered the students on the floor and then robbed Young of her handbag and jewelry. He also stole a watch from one of the students before fleeing.

Persad-Bissessar said the traumatized students are now receiving counseling.



Associated Press

The last U.S. soldier in Haiti, Army Sgt. Maj. Philip Sloniger of Fort Bliss, Texas, prepares to leave the country Thursday in Port-Au-Prince.

Last US soldier leaves Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — A U.S. Air Force C-141 carrying a lone soldier and 15,000 pounds of equipment left Haiti on Thursday, marking a symbolic end to a mission that began with the 1994 U.S.-led invasion and restored elected government in this Caribbean nation.

"We're concluding our permanent mission here in Port-au-Prince," said Army Lt. Col. Ray Duncan. Without ceremony or fanfare, crews nearby loaded a hydraulic lift, generator and other equipment onto the plane.

The U.S. Support Group was the extension of a contingent of 20,000 troops President Clinton sent to Haiti in 1994 to restore the elected government of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide after a bloody three-year military dictatorship.

Unlike the invasion force, the Support Group's mission was humanitarian — building roads, bridges and schools, drilling wells and giving health care to the poorest of Haitians.

Few deny that the presence of uniformed Americans had a calming effect on Port-au-Prince, and some Haitians fear the pullout will increase the risk of unrest as Haiti prepares for legislative elections on March 19. A police training mission run by the United Nations ends March 15, when an unarmed U.N. training mission takes over.

But U.S. officials say Haiti has largely policed itself since a local police force was deployed under U.N. supervision in 1995.

Duncan, the Support Group commander, stressed that the U.S. military was not abandoning Haiti, but rather relocating. Washington is now sending units of between 150 and 200 non-combat reserve troops — engineers and medics — on temporary humanitarian missions.

The first "New Horizons" mission began Saturday near the northern city of Cap-Haitien and runs until March 31. A second, from May to October, will operate near the south coast town of Jacmel.

The temporary deployments will save $20 million a year, said Duncan, who along with a three-member "rear unit" will leave Haiti Jan. 31 on a civilian flight.

Critics in the U.S. Congress say the Support Group mission didn't promote democracy in Haiti, where no elections have been held since a fraud-marred 1997 vote. Many Haitian politicians demanded the withdrawal of the troops, saying their presence was an affront to sovereignty — although Haiti did approve the "New Horizons" missions last week.

Most of the Support Group troops stationed at Camp Fairwinds, which at one time was home to as many as 400 soldiers, departed Haiti earlier this week.

The last, who left on the plane Thursday, was Sgt. Maj. Philip Sloniger of Fort Bliss, Texas. "It's a great feeling," said the beaming 42-year-old Green Beret.

Sloniger, a political scientist, said he was proud of the Support Group's humanitarian work, which included medical care for 138,000 Haitians.

He paused when asked about the initial goal of promoting democracy in Haiti. "Maybe they're not ready for democracy," he said. "Maybe what they need is a benevolent dictator, if such a thing can exist. The key is education."

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Steelpan symphony to debut in Barbados

Composer pays homage to nostalgic past of historic island hometown

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (CANA) — A small boy's memories of his hometown — Barbados' first settlement — has become a unique full-length symphony composed for the steel orchestra, to premiere here on January 29.

Although original classical compositions for the steelband are performed every year in Trinidad & Tobago where the steelpan was born, a symphony — an elaborate composition for full orchestra with its trademark four movements and an instrumental soloist's key piece — is a rare treat for serious lovers of the acoustic instrument of the 20th century.

Holetown Symphony for Steel and Organ, composed by the organist, bandmaster and pannist Morris Greenidge is to have its world premiere at the Frank Collymore Hall here.

"It is a story of a little district that has made an impression on a little person," says Greenidge. "It's my way of saying 'good morning, hello, I love you Holetown.' "

Several miles north of the capital, Bridgetown, Holetown lies where the first settlers landed on the island's west coast in 1625.

What was originally called Jamestown is now a tourist trap. Cars and buses rumble by on what is now the country's main tourist belt. Sugar estates have long ago yielded to resort hotels but the "Holetown Symphony" harks back to simpler times and celebrates the town that served as fishing port and trading post.

"The period I'm writing basically is 1945 to 1960. But certainly you don't write and you don't talk in a vacuum and no period stands alone so therefore you're going back perhaps to the nineteenth century as far as sugar because there's no sugar in Holetown these days," Greenidge says wryly.

"The plantations, Sandy Lane first of all, went out of sugar, I believe, in 1958 and became an elegant hotel; Porters disappeared and has become part of a most exquisite golf course," the composer notes.

Greenidge's symphony is an attempt to marry the town's present and the past and the future.

"Hopefully the musical itself will bridge both the cultural as well as the time gaps."

On the edge of the town, in a quaint Methodist church untouched by time and tourism, the resident orchestra, the Holetown Harmonites, has been rehearsing the symphony under the insistent direction of the composer. The group was formed by the church for the community's young people.

"I got a focus and the focal point was Holetown as a district, as a little community that was quite nurturing to me. I enjoyed every moment of the time I spent there growing up in Holetown. And I picked out four focus points in Holetown itself," the composer says.

Those sites, which have largely disappeared, became the four movements of the symphony.

The third movement, for example, is named after a house, also since demolished, which sounds as light-hearted as its name, "Folly".

"The movement is very light, very short, very sweet," says Greenidge. "And we wanted that to celebrate people who were everyday people, khaki shirt and khaki pants and dungarees people who walked with the implements of work, who built boats and furniture and wrought iron stuff and so on."

The fourth movement, named after the island's first sugar estate, recalls a jetty which once accommodated sugar-laden schooners.

"We've named it "Drax Hall" because of the connections between Holetown as an export point and sugar which came from all over the island by trucks to be loaded on the schooners going to Speightstown (the island's northernmost town) and then to England."

Drawing on folk and calypso influences, the Holetown Symphony is also a blend of steelpan with the organ, strings and woodwind.

The orchestra will be augmented by guest players from Trinidad & Tobago and the United Kingdom, including Natasha Joseph of Panazz Players.

The organ performance will be by the acclaimed organist William Randolph of the Cathedral of St John the Divine in New York City. Barbadian jazz drummer Boo Rudder is the guest percussionist.

Jamaican project aims to teach facts of slave trade

KINGSTON, Jamaica (CANA) — UNESCO's Transatlantic Slave Route Education Project was launched in Portland, northeastern Jamaica, recently by Jamaica's Education and Culture Minister Senator Burchell Whiteman.

The project is funded by the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization), and is being conducted on a pilot phase in six high schools in eastern Jamaica. After six months it will be extended to other schools islandwide.

Whiteman said the exercise would provide additional information about the treatment meted out to the "ancestors of the people of the African diaspora" during the slave trade.

Large numbers of slaves on the packed, unsanitary and disease-ridden "slave ships" died on the journey across the Atlantic which was to become known to historians as the "Middle Passage."

Whiteman said that exposing the realities of the Middle Passage would enable the Jamaican people to understand more about the struggles of their forefathers, adding that the knowledge gained by the students would inspire them to face the challenges they would confront as they contributed to nation-building.

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Most investigators believe EgyptAir crash was deliberate

NORTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. (AP) — Weeks after the last pile of debris from EgyptAir 990 was pulled from the sea, investigators say they are more convinced than ever of their original theory: The jet was crashed deliberately.

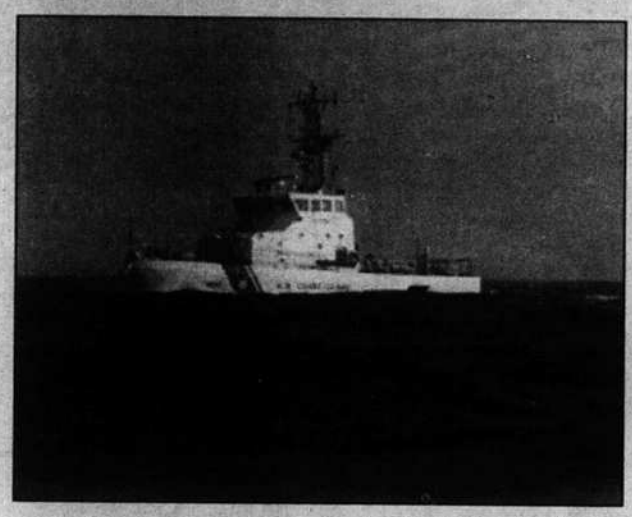
The examination of the shattered Boeing 767, some 70 percent of which was recovered from the ocean floor, has revealed no signs of a mechanical failure that would have caused the plane to plummet 40 minutes into its 11-hour flight, according to three officials close to the investigation who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"Everything leads everyone to believe that the plane was mechanically sound and it was doing what it was supposed to," one government official told The Associated Press. "There's just no smoking gun" to indicate mechanical failure.

The National Transportation Safety Board has said there are no plans to reconstruct the aircraft, which speaks volumes about the investigation, experts said.

"I think they're fairly convinced they know what happened based on the radar data, flight data and voice data," said Barry Schiff, a TWA pilot for 34 years who instructed trainees on the Boeing 767 and now serves as an aviation safety consultant.

Investigators have said the cockpit voice recorder contained some utterance, perhaps a prayer, before the plane went into its fatal plunge. But Schiff said the flight and radar data alone make it clear someone forced the aircraft down Oct. 31 off the Massachusetts island of Nantucket, killing all 217 aboard.



A U.S. Coast Guard cutter looks for the downed EgyptAir flight off the Massachusetts coast Sunday afternoon, Oct. 31.

Associated Press

"My feelings and conclusions are based on the factual data made available through various sources, and to me it seems rather compelling that is what happened," Schiff said.

The NTSB's working theory remains the plane was sent into a nose dive by relief co-pilot Gamil El-Batouty, who took control of the aircraft shortly after takeoff from New York's Kennedy Airport, according to two officials close to the investigation.

The FBI has been involved from the start and has uncovered no evidence of terrorism or conspiracy, according to one of the federal officials.

EgyptAir and El-Batouty's family have angrily rejected the theory of an intentional crash.

"If the pilots were American would they dare to say the same things?" El Batouty's nephew, Walid El-Batouty, told The Associated Press in an interview last week in Egypt. "We've been shattered, humiliated and accused."

EgyptAir chairman Mohamed Fahim Rayan said in Cairo that the plane's nearly sonic-speed descent was the result of "something happening" in the tail apparatus.

Jim Danaher, who retired as an NTSB supervisor in 1998 after 28 years, said recovering debris from the crash was important to rule out any other possibilities. But he said that reassembling the plane is unnecessary given the other evidence.

Dorm fire safety left up to states and cities

WASHINGTON (AP) — Though college dormitories nationwide share the same combustible ingredients — densely packed young people, many of whom smoke or cook on hot plates — the federal government has little role in setting fire safety regulations for the buildings.

"That's one of those (areas) that's left to state and local authorities," said Gary Schwarzmueller, executive director of the Association of College and University Housing Officers International.

Generally, state fire officials and city building inspectors treat college dormitories the same as apartment buildings, hospitals and other group residences. Regulations and inspection schedules are tied more to a building's age and height than to who lives there.

"It depends on the structure, not the fact that it's college housing," said Julie Reynolds, spokeswoman for the National Fire Protection Association, a Massachusetts-based nonprofit advisory agency on fire safety.

The association estimates that in a typical year between 1980 and 1996, there were an average of 1,800 fires at dormitories, fraternities and sororities, one death, 70 injuries and $8.2 million in property damage.

Suspicious activity caused about 29 percent of the fires from 1992 to 1996, with cooking causing 15 percent and smoking, 10 percent. Other causes include heating fixtures, electrical cords, appliances and open flames. The cause of 11 percent was unknown.

New dormitories — like new apartment buildings — are generally required to have advanced safety systems such as sprinklers. But such requirements are rarely imposed retroactively on existing buildings.

The Seton Hall University dormitory in New Jersey that burned early Wednesday — killing three and injuring at least 60 — was built in 1952 and had no sprinklers. Likewise, a Murray State University dormitory in Kentucky that burned in 1998, killing one student, predated a state building code requiring sprinklers in dorms taller than three stories.

A 1997 fire at Texas Tech University led Texas authorities to investigate all high-rise dormitories — seven stories or higher — on 12 campuses.

"Many of them were built in the '60s and '70s, before sprinkler systems were required," said Jim Davis, a spokesman for the Texas fire marshal. "Some of them had (sprinkler) systems installed since then, some had not. We issued an order saying you had to have them."

In the interest of safety, colleges ban numerous activities and materials from the dorms. For example, Rutgers University dorms in New Jersey ban such things as space heaters, hot plates, immersion coils, candles, incense, wall hangings made of burlap or other flammable material, paint thinner and extension cords exceeding 6 feet.

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Politics and Hollywood

The White House can be an effective bully pulpit for a president to promote public awareness of pet issues — for instance, former First Lady Nancy Reagan's "Just Say No" campaign.

But the Clinton administration crossed the line between persuasion and propaganda when it was revealed last week that the president's Office of National Drug Control Policy has been providing television networks with financial incentives to put anti-drug messages in their programming.

According to the Internet magazine Salon, which first broke the story, the government involvement was such that the drug office was reviewing TV show scripts to ensure they complied with its policy.

Congress in 1998 appropriated $1 billion over five years to the drug czar's office to buy anti-drug advertising, with the networks agreeing to provide two minutes of time for every minute the government buys.

In lieu of airing public-service announcements, however, the drug office agreed to give back that broadcast time to the networks in return for their putting anti-drug messages into their regular programming. The networks could then sell the time originally earmarked for PSAs for commercial purposes, thus making money on what was supposed to be a free give-away. That advertising time was valued at approximately $22 million.

Plus, federal officials often reviewed scripts to ensure that the programs were "on message" and met the drug office's criteria for receiving the advertising credit. In some cases, changes were made to conform to government suggestions.

Of course, the networks could have refused to make the changes. But they had strong financial incentive to comply. As Salon pointed out, the arrangement is not unlike the payola scandal that rocked radio in the late 1950s, when record companies bribed disc jockeys and radio stations to play specific records.

That led to federal laws that force programmers to disclose any financial connections that may have influenced content — for example, "The Price Is Right" ends broadcasts with a list of companies that contributed prizes, even the suit worn by Bob Barker.

But no sitcom or drama — not "ER" or "Chicago Hope" or "Drew Carey" — revealed it had received the government's stamp of approval so its network could make more money on advertising.

The White House and drug czar Gen. Barry McCaffrey defended the advertising credits as being a worthy effort to promote a social good. But just because spin is righteous doesn't change the fact that the government has used taxpayer dollars to manipulate the content of Americans' entertainment — without telling them about it up front.

If it's OK for the drug czar to tinker with scripts, why not open the process to other federal agencies that wish to get their political messages across? Perhaps the Pentagon could have "JAG" extol the virtues of having more Stealth bombers. Or maybe Hillary Clinton could have "ER" physician Dr. Mark Green deliver a soliloquy in favor of nationalized health care.

Washington should heed the advice Samuel Goldwyn once gave an ambitious movie producer: "If you want to send a message, call Western Union." It shouldn't use Hollywood to propagandize on its behalf to unwitting viewers.



We all know it's winter in the VI



Sandra Sanford

My Turn

I had a difficult time sleeping last night. A fitful wind was whistling through the battened louvers of our house. It kept me anxiously awake flipping through my catalog of hurricane memories.

It's been cold these last couple of days, and with the wind chill factored in, it's downright freezing.

To the casual observer, the weather appears simple and constant, but after living on St. Croix for 15 years, I see the weather to be as diverse as anywhere in the states. My body has acclimated to its island environment, and with each passing year I am more sensitive to the slight changes in temperature. This "winter" the Christmas winds are definitely colder and stronger than in past seasons.

When I first moved to the island, every day was sunny with a chance of showers. That ideal has changed. I've heard that the Eskimos have a hundred different words to describe snow. I can think of at least five to describe snow. I can think of at least 25 to describe a day in the tropics. It can be hot or balmy, clear or cloudy, still or breezy, dry or humid — or a myriad of combinations thereof.

The fine points of a typical day require the Merriam Webster's Collegiate Thesaurus to convey. If there is rain involved, the descriptive possibilities are even more intricate. Not only can the length and strength of rain be dissected, but its effect on our lives is also of great discourse. Rain has the power to determine the duration of a hot shower, keep a person in bed, frustrate the phone lines, cause a car accident and even close down the schools once or twice a year.

Hurricanes are an entire weather category unto themselves. A good understanding of an impending storm requires consultation with the weather channel, the opinions of two newspapers, and lots of coffee with the "boatees" at Baggies Too. On the other hand, the stepchild of our weather is the phenomenon called African dust. There seems to be more concern with hazy days on St. Thomas than on St. Croix, and I can see why. An overcast day can effectively disenchant the view from Drake's Seat and have a direct result on a taxi driver's tip.

Contrary to my early years on island, swimming between the months of December and March is now a challenge. I took the kids to Tamarind Beach a couple of weeks ago. It was a clear day with an even tempered breeze, but the sea was as cold as the Ancient Mariner's albatross. My son enthusiastically jumped into the water, but my daughter, Owen, refused to go in without me. Tourists all around us were splashing in the refreshing water, while there I was gritting my teeth and dodging the waves coming ashore. It was 15 minutes before I was able to get in up to my knees and Owen was able to bob around attached to my hand. Five minutes later I dragged my blue child out. Only people who have been on-island less than 10 years, kids between the ages of 5 and 12, and mad windsurfers venture into the water when the outside temperature dips down into the 70s.

Everyone knows that it is winter. The other day at Pueblo, the cashier, who was wearing a windbreaker zipped to her nose, lifted her eyebrows at the sight of my ice cream on the counter. I guiltily explained that the Rocky Road was for my son. She looked at me as if I were crazy for giving my son ice cream in the middle of winter. I had to wonder too. Later driving home through Christiansted, I spotted a couple in hooded sweatshirts near the waterfront walking braced against the cold and blustery wind. As I passed them in my insulated comfort, I glanced down at the car's panel and eyed the heater switch. The way this winter is going, if it gets any colder I might have to turn it on.

Sandra Sanford is a St. Croix wife, mother and real-estate agent.

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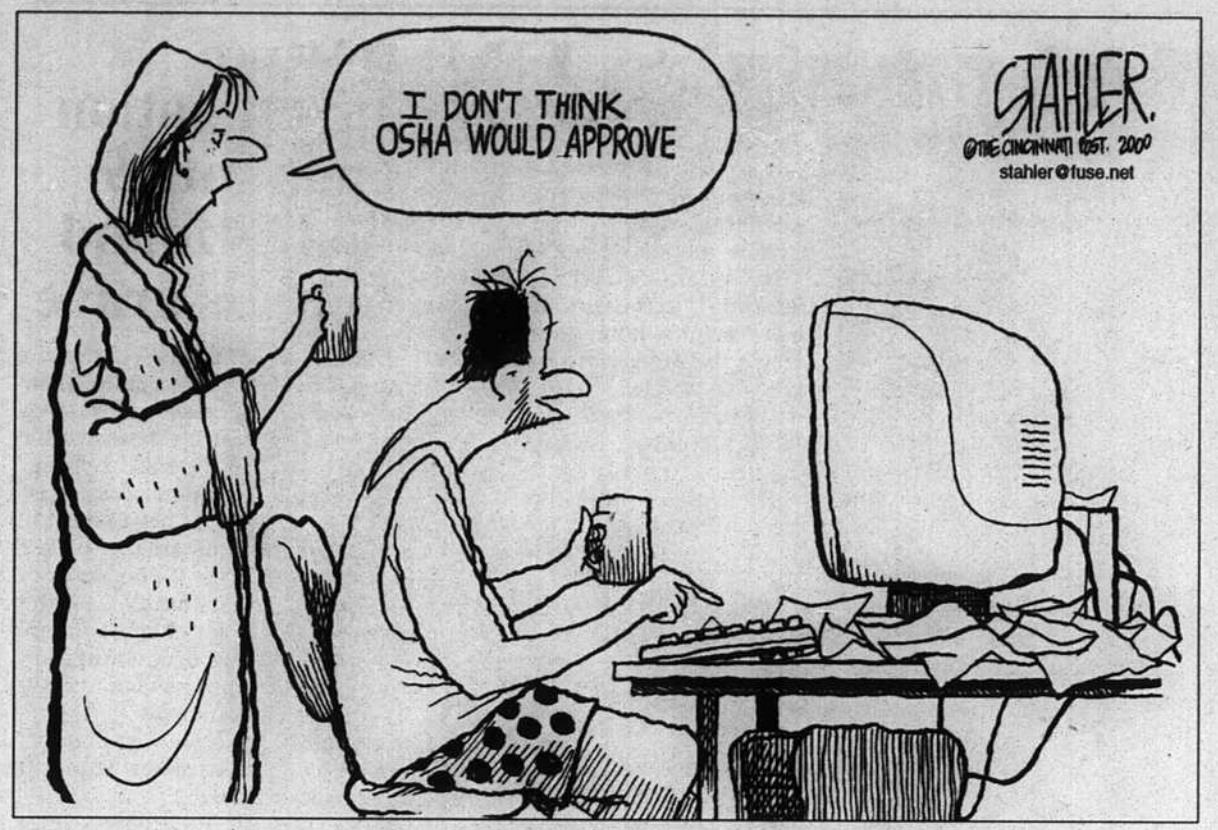
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My Turn

To the extent that I am proud to serve the people of the Virgin Islands, I am, unlike some other senators, committed to developing laws and issues that do not generate the applause of the hour but instead earn appreciation with the test of time.

The foundation of my job as senator is to solve problems and situations and to support the issues that serve to the benefit of both the present and future of the Virgin Islands.

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My political detractors claim that their constituency cannot afford automobile insurance at this time. I suggest, however, that there are very few people who can afford not to have automobile insurance at this time.

The people of the Virgin Islands have an opportunity to secure automobile insurance for less than one dollar a day. A driver who cannot afford the expense of one dollar a day cannot afford the expense to reimburse an injured party due to an auto accident.

Further, I read with interest a statement replete with misinformation that was made by a former senator on this topic indicating, among other things, that the liability limits in the new insurance law are not high enough. What the former senator failed to say is that any insured may purchase increased limits of liability and that even for those who don't, the victims of accidents will finally have financial recourse.

Also mentioned in the media was the issue of the solvency of Virgin Islands automobile insurers. Basic research reveals that the 23rd Legislature increased minimum capital and surplus requirements for Virgin Islands' auto-insurance carriers.

It is interesting to note that every time since its repeal, the enactment of compulsory-automobile insurance has been objected to by a St. Croix senator who claims the time is not right. I respectfully disagree with my St. Croix colleague. The time for accountable and responsible driving is now.

In closing, I admit that I am a senator who knows of no other way than liability insurance as a practical means by which a person can compensate someone they may injure. Because I am very sensitive to the plight of the Virgin Islands under-employed, I have worked diligently with the territory's insurance carriers to establish a premium that is affordable to all responsible owners.

Sen. Roosevelt St. C. David is a member of the 23rd Legislature and lives on St. Thomas.

SEA willing to take lead role in sewage struggle

Yvonne Petersen

My Turn

Sewage — raw, unhealthy, disgusting — the descriptive list goes on and on! Sewage, one of our major pollutants and detrimental to all segments of our community has reached the point in which the entire community is feeling the direct impact of its catastrophic level from the millions of gallons that are pouring into our once-pristine waters. However, it must be understood that this did not originate overnight. This has been steadily getting worse over many years — as far back as the previous decades.

Recently, The St. Croix Environmental Association has been bombarded with the pleas of concerned citizens, business owners and other unnamed sectors asking for action to be taken and constantly asking, "What is SEA doing about it?"

First, let us take a step back and look at what SEA does in general, what we have done, and what role SEA could play.

SEA is a private nonprofit agency funded by its 500-plus membership, fund-raising activities and contributions through private and governmental organizations and agencies. It is not a utility or regulatory agency, but a "watchdog" organization that promotes the community's environmental concerns through education, awareness and advocacy working closely with all segments of our community.

In 1992, SEA started work on the sewage issue. We have collected ocean water samples for water-quality analysis, recorded sewage by-passes, including alerting the public of specific by-passes through the media, and met with both federal and local government officials regarding this issue. In the past, we have requested other organizations to work with us in confronting this problem long before it escalated to this crisis.

Our quality of life is affected. Our streets, full of potholes and rank with odorous smells, give those who come in contact with their nauseating stench the obvious side effect. The residents and visitors who go to our beaches and waters for recreation cannot safely enjoy our shores. Obviously, sewage by-passes pose an immediate threat to the health of both residents and tourists. In addition, raw sewage flowing into the ocean contaminates the entire marine food chain, including the seafood we eat.

Our very fragile tourism economy is affected by this dilemma and will continue to be. Our businesses, whose tax dollars drive this economy are affected. Eventually the raw sewage kills the coral that supports the marine life supporting our fishing and eco-tourism industries. Our fishermen, restaurants, the dive community and all businesses are either directly or indirectly affected.

The present system needs a major overhaul. It is imperative that we act now on this situation.

We must recognize the magnitude of the problem and that fixing a few pumps here and there are only stop-gap measures.

People have asked why SEA has not sued the territorial government. In 1984, the federal government tried this approach.

They sued the financially strapped VI government over the inadequacies of the wastewater system, resulting in a consent decree that did not solve the problem. Therefore, the only solution is through litigation against a higher government authority with adequate financial resources. Such a suit would be labor-intensive, time-consuming, and costly.

SEA is willing to take a lead role in this struggle but only with a genuine commitment of human and financial resources from other community organizations, business establishments, and other segments of the community. The time to act is now. We await your call.

Yvonne D. Petersen is the executive director of the St. Croix Environmental Association.

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Helms offers 'hand of friendship' to UN

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Sen. Jesse Helms, who has made a career of lambasting the United Nations, kept up the attack as he addressed the Security Council on Thursday, saying Americans feel "a lack of gratitude" from the world organization.

Helms, R-N.C., who has previously branded U.N. officials as "dysfunctional" and "cry babies," tempered his criticism by proposing a new spirit of cooperation with the world body and suggested formal, annual visits between members and U.S. lawmakers.

"If we are to have a new beginning, we must endeavor to understand each other better," Helms said in the first-ever address by a U.S. lawmaker to the Security Council.

Despite his courtly tone and offer of a "hand of friendship," delegates reacted coolly to Helms' litany of U.N. excesses and failings.

American tardiness in meeting its payments and Helms' insistence on a lower U.S. contribution "has hindered and not helped" peacekeeping efforts, said Jeremy Greenstock, the British envoy.


Helms

Sergey Lavrov, Russia's representative, complained that the United States failed to abide by terms of a U.N. budget that all members approved. "All the other members of the United Nations expected the United States to keep its word," he said.

"The money we spend on the U.N. is not charity," Helms declared. "To the contrary, it is an investment — an investment from which the American people rightly expect a return."

Congress last year voted to pay $926 million in back U.S. dues over three years.

The United States paid a $100 million installment late last year.

■ MEXICO

Investigation ends with 9 bodies found at mass grave

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican and U.S. officials have ended their excavations of mass grave sites along the countries' border after turning up only nine bodies, Mexican prosecutors announced Thursday. Officials began digging at four ranches near Ciudad Juarez, just across the border from El Paso, Texas, this fall. At the time, one official cited an informant as saying drug smugglers might have buried as many as 100 bodies at the ranches.

The digging was called off Wednesday, Attorney General Jorge Madrazo said.

Seven of the nine bodies have been tentatively identified, and the identifications indicate they were killed by a drug-smuggling gang headed by the Carrillo Fuentes family, said Jose Larrieta Carrasco, head of the Mexican attorney general's organized crime unit. Madrazo said five people have been detained in the case, but he gave no details.



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The general public is invited to the following services:

SPECIAL SERVICES

Wednesday, 26th January at 7:30 p.m.	Ebenezer	Conference Welcome Service
Saturday, 29th January at 6:30 p.m.	M.E.O.C.	Youth Demonstration
Sunday, 30th January at 5:00 p.m.	Ebenezer	Ordination Service
Thursday, 3rd February at 7:30 p.m.	Bethel	Joint Women's and Men's Meeting: "Call to Commitment / Discipleship

MORNING DEVOTIONS: JAN. 31st - FEB 4th, 2000 AT 6:15 A.M.- 6:45 A.M.

Monday, 31st January	Ebenezer	Rev. Joseph R. Lloyd
Tuesday, 1st February	Ebenezer	Rev. Bonny Byron
Wednesday, 2nd February	Ebenezer	Rev. Oral Thomas
Thursday, 3rd February	Bethel	Rev. Janetta James
Friday, 4th February	Bethel (Communion Service)	Rev. Cecil O. A. Weekes (Preacher) Rev. Selwyn Vanterpool (Liturgist) Rev. Dr. H. Clifton Niles (Celebrant) Rev. Neville D. Brodie (Tribute Plaque Unveiling)

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St. Croix will be hosting delegates from the 14 circuits that comprise the Leeward Islands District. The islands range from U.S. and British Virgin Islands in the north to Aruba in the south and Holland.

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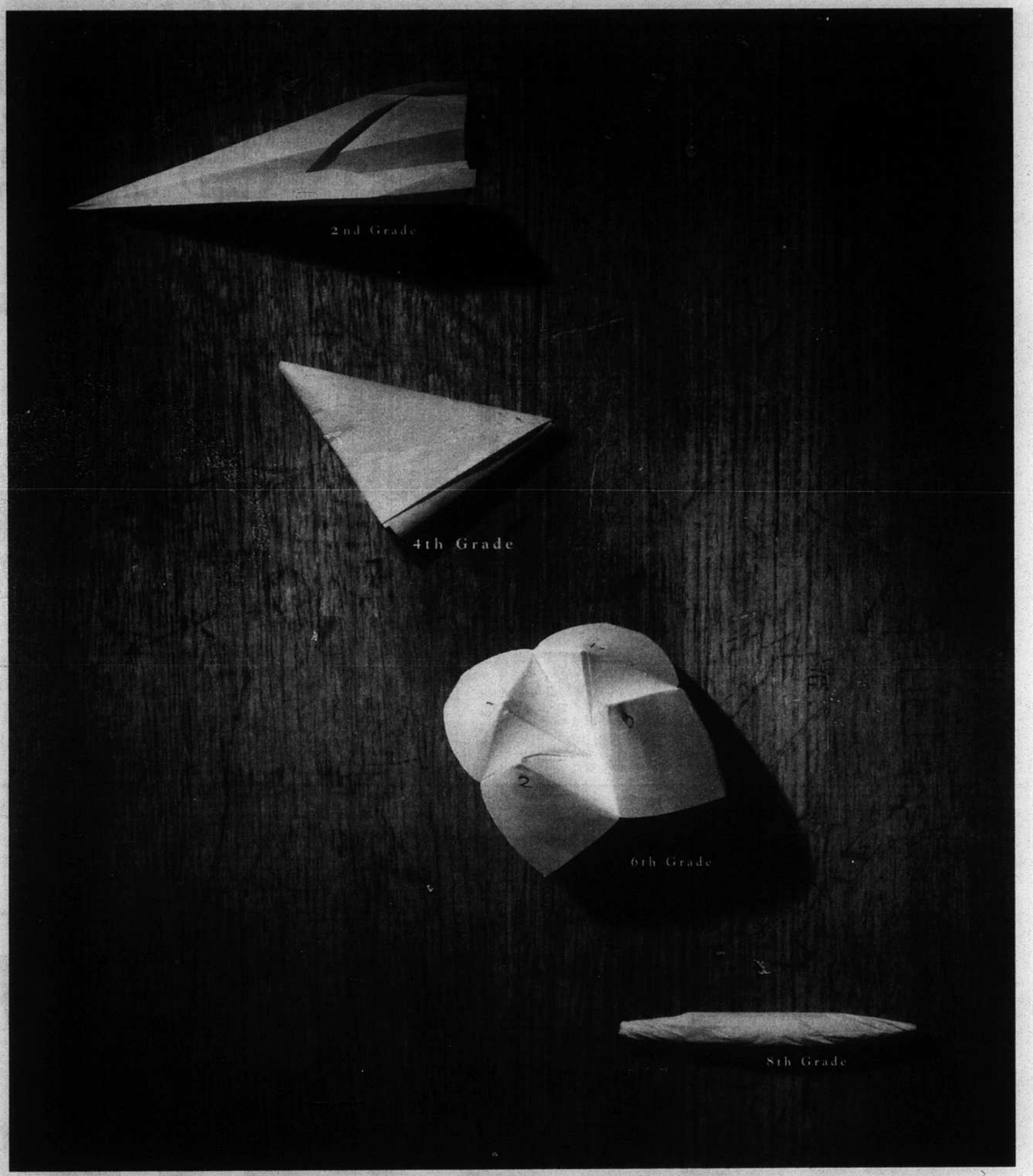
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Briefs

Serbian militia leader gets lavish funeral

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — In a lavish funeral that melded military pomp and urban folk tradition, the reputed war criminal Arkan was buried Thursday amid reports that two suspects in his slaying have been arrested.



Ceca

Arkan, whose real name was Zeljko Raznatovic, commanded a fearsome militia nicknamed the "Tigers." His ruthless tactics in Croatia and Bosnia led to war crimes charges, but his battlefield exploits and criminal record earned him a reputation for being a kind of Serbian Jesse James.

His popular appeal was apparent Thursday, as weeping men, women in mink coats and children clutching beeswax candles squeezed into the courtyard of New Cemetery, craning their necks for a glimpse of Arkan's casket or his widow, the folk singer Ceca.

Top general reported missing in Chechnya

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Chechen snipers pinned down Russian troops trying to advance in the shattered streets of the rebel republic's capital Thursday, even as tanks and helicopter gunships blasted the high-rise buildings where the sharpshooters were holed up.

A top Russian general was reported missing. Maj. Gen. Mikhail Malofeyev, head of a combat training unit, was not listed among the dead or those taken prisoner by the rebels, a spokesman for the Defense Ministry said.

Officers in Grozny said Malofeyev had disappeared three days ago, when his unit was ambushed here.

Activists protest military exercises

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Activists painted slogans in front of the U.S. Embassy on Thursday to protest joint military exercises by the United States and the Philippines next month.

Police made no arrests during the brief rally by about 30 protesters, who wrote "No to U.S. war games" using spray paint on flower boxes and the sidewalk in front of the compound.

The protesters, who belong to the left-wing Movement for National Democracy, said resuming the war games would allow the Philippines to be used as a pawn by Washington to maintain U.S. military supremacy in the region. The presence of large numbers of U.S. troops would also encourage prostitution, they said.

The military announced Wednesday that the exercises will take place Feb. 21 to March 3, mainly at Fort Magsaysay army camp in northern Nueva Ecija province.

Some activities were scheduled at the western Philippine province of Palawan, near the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea. China, the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia, Taiwan and Vietnam claim all or parts of the Spratlys.

The exercises, with up to 2,000 troops, will be the first since the Philippine Senate approved an accord in May allowing large-scale joint exercises and visits by U.S. military ships.

The United States halted major military exercises and ship visits to the Philippines in December 1996 after Manila canceled a loophole shielding U.S. military personnel from prosecution for crimes committed in the country.

Critics said the May accord improperly limits the government's power to prosecute American soldiers.

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Farmer grows 16,000 tomatoes under acres of glass

THETFORD, Vt. (AP) — Growing organic tomatoes in Vermont in the summer is so simple that thousands of gardeners do it successfully each year.

Yet growing them in Vermont year-round is so complicated that Dave Chapman needs a sophisticated computer system, three separate alarms, 20 workers, and a palace of a glass greenhouse to keep his 16,000 plants alive and well.

And after 10 years in the business, he says he still has a lot to learn.

"What we do is so simple and so complicated at the same time," Chapman said as he stood among rows and rows of young tomato plants at his Long Wind Farm. "What could be simpler than growing a tomato plant? They're very hardy, rugged plants. And yet there's just a tremendous amount of detail in making it succeed, or not."

"They're very hardy, rugged plants. And yet there's just a tremendous amount of detail in making it succeed, or not."

Dave Chapman, tomato farmer

Chapman, 47, got his formal start with the tomato business in 1989, when a now defunct nonprofit foundation in Vershire called the Working Land Fund sent four organic farmers to Europe on a fact-finding mission. Chapman was then a vegetable farmer in the Thetford area, growing a variety of crops organically in fields and two greenhouses, and running a roadside stand.

He liked the work, but it was stressful.

Chapman's trip through the Working Land Fund opened his eyes. The farmers there, especially in Holland, were much more specialized than the farmers he knew back home, "and their lives looked a little saner than mine," he said.

When Chapman returned to the United States, he started to focus on tomatoes, already his most popular greenhouse crop, and a food he believed he could succeed in marketing as a niche product. People don't see tomatoes as a commodity, he said; they're more likely to pay more for ones that taste good.

Already, "most of our customers just bought our stuff because it was good; organic was a plus," he said.

Chapman researched varieties, settling on a Dutch hybrid that he now relies on for all his tomatoes. And he started building greenhouses. He now has five — including a majestic glass one, also from Holland, that covers an acre and houses 13,000 plants. A propane hot water system keeps it at a temperature of about 70 degrees.

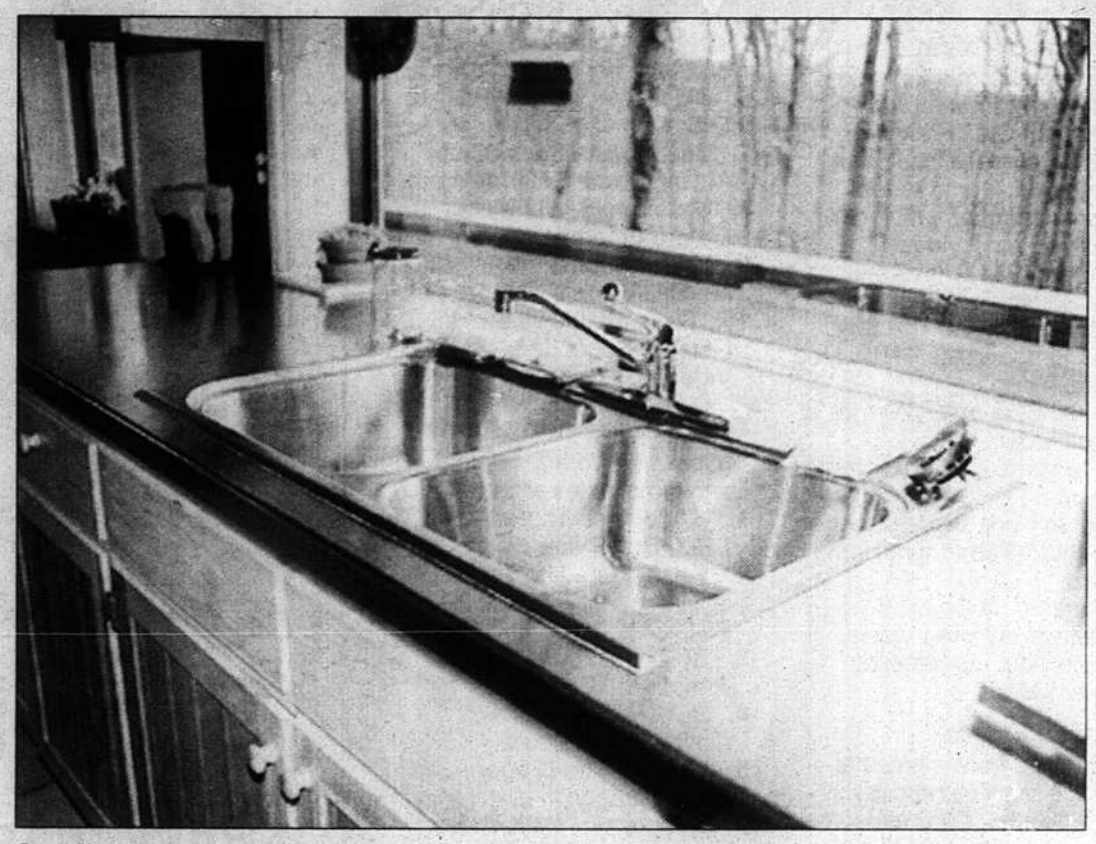
A computer system takes readings of the humidity, carbon dioxide levels, wind speed, light, and other factors every 60 seconds and makes adjustments in the environment.

The greenhouses function as environmental systems that supply almost everything the tomato plants need to bear fruit. Like natural systems, there are predators — primarily a white fly that Chapman combats with regular shipments of tiny parasitic wasps that eat the fly. There are also rats — Chapman imports snakes once a year to take care of those.

Then there are the tomatoes, which Chapman sells wholesale around the country. They have to taste good, but it helps a lot if they're red, round and blemish-free.

"My basic philosophy on the farm has always been that what people really care about in a tomato is the taste," he said. "But what we discovered is that if the tomato doesn't look nice, they probably won't try it to find out the taste."

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Steel kitchen countertops have been shown to harbor fewer germs and are easier to clean.

Going steel

Experts say using steel in home may be good for your health

Here's health knowledge you can build on — some building materials may be better for your health than others.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, indoor air quality is one of the top five environmental issues in the U.S., and the type of materials used to build and furnish a home can do a lot to improve indoor air quality.

To help reduce air pollutants many experts recommend using steel throughout the home, for everything from framing to deck work to kitchen and bathroom surfaces.

"Chemical emissions can be reduced by selecting interior materials, such as paints and sealants, or structural framing materials such as steel, that contain no or low levels of volatile organic compounds," say experts at the American Lung Association.

One of the most important safety aspects of a home is its frame, which provides structural strength. Steel has a proven record as a superior construction material that won't rot, warp, twist, split or crack. It is invulnerable to fungi and other organisms, such as termites. It also has a higher resistance to damage caused by hurricanes and high winds.

Steel is more durable than other roofing materials. Most metal roofs will last as long as the structure they cover due to their resistance to water, which may cause other types of roofing materials to rot, crack or stress during the freeze-thaw cycle.

Steel is also an increasingly popular material choice inside the home-with uses in the kitchen, the dining room, living room and even the bedroom. Design uses range from the gleaming accent of decorative items to the dramatic impact of stairways.

It's a favorite material in kitchen design because of its ability to prevent the spread of germs-especially when it's used on countertops.

A recent study by the Hospitality Institute of Technology and Management shows that steel kitchen countertops harbor fewer germs and are easier to clean than granite, plastic laminate, tile, concrete or wood surfaces.

Because steel can be cleaned with water and soap, then sanitized with vinegar, it may also help reduce chemicals in the home environment. People have long relied on steel for food safety and storage.

More than 1,500 foods come in "tin" cans, which are actually steel cans made with 25 to 30 percent recycled steel. Because the food is sterilized by the heating process, no preservatives are necessary. Canned food stays flavorful and nutritious for up to two years.

Steel has a long tradition of making homes safer and keeping people healthier. Almost every time it's used in the house, it increases safety-from structural superiority to improved air quality to increased food safety.

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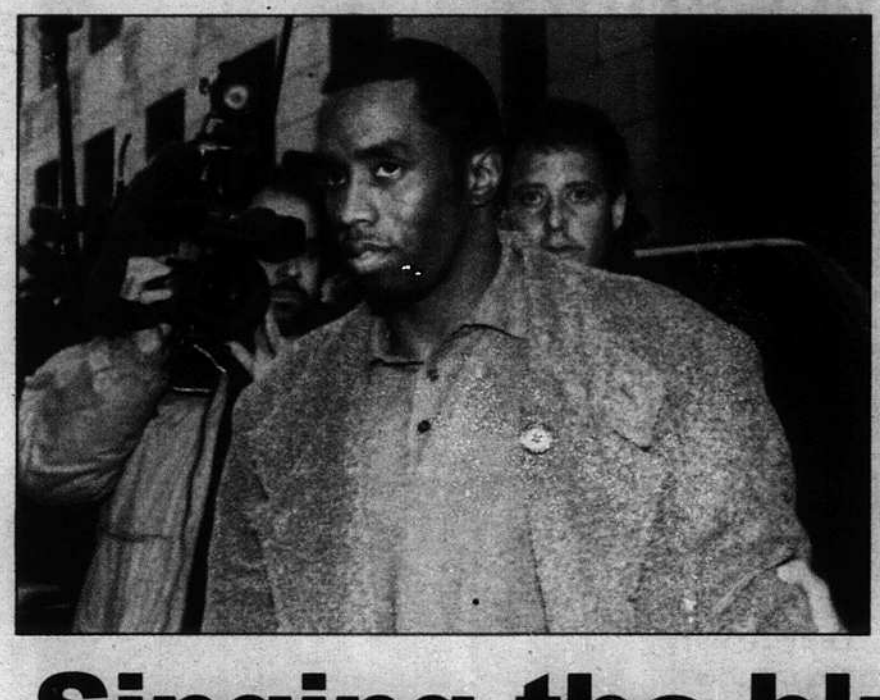
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3. "American Pie," Universal Studios Home Video.
4. "Notting Hill," Universal Studios Home Video.
5. "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me," New Line Home Video.
6. "Deep Blue Sea," Warner Home Video.
7. "The Matrix," Warner Home Video.
8. "South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut," Paramount Home Video.
9. "Summer Of Sam," Touchstone Home Video.
10. "Election," Paramount Home Video.

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1. "The Matrix," Warner Home Video.
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7. "Buena Vista Social Club," Artisan Home Entertainment.
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Rapper Sean "Puffy" Combs arrives at the Manhattan District Attorney's office in New York, Jan. 4. Combs and entertainer Jennifer Lopez were to appear before a grand jury investigating the Times Square nightclub shooting in late December that left three people injured.

Associated Press

Singing the blues

Puffy runs into wall of heavy backlash

BY LARRY MCSHANE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) — It was back in late June, back when Sean "Puffy" Combs still teetered atop the rap world. Combs was on his cell phone, offering an apology for the beating of a fellow record company executive.

"I was embarrassed," the Grammy-winning rap entrepreneur quietly told a reporter. "That's not me. I disappointed my fans, my family, and I disappointed hip-hop."

A quick call to right everything. Except in the months since, it's all gone wrong.

Since his April 15 assault on Interscope Records official Steve Stoute, the 30-year-old Combs has suffered twin black eyes himself: a stiff drop-off in record sales, and a sharp increase in negative publicity.

His latest album, "Forever," stayed in the top 10 for just two weeks, and sold a fraction of its predecessor. He was arrested again on Dec. 27, this time for felony weapon possession; improbably, so was his humiliated girlfriend, actress-singer Jennifer Lopez. And his latest protege, a rapper named Shyne, was charged in a Manhattan nightclub shooting shortly before Combs' arrest.

Two weeks later, Combs was indicted on weapons charges for possession of two stolen guns loaded with hollow point bullets. If convicted, he faces 15 years in prison.

He's been gagged by his lawyer, so he was not available to talk about his problems. And he generally has been bashed by critics everywhere from the Internet to The Washington Post. Combs maintains his innocence, but the toll on his reputation is heavy.

"It's hard to imagine anything about this is going to enhance his career," said Spin magazine editor Alan Light, former editor of Vibe magazine.

Some of Puff Daddy's problems are self-inflicted. Others seem just the inevitable product of his runaway success. But detractors have a list of anti-Puffy complaints:

Puffy is a phony gangster. Puffy can't rap. Puffy rips off other people's hits. Puffy, with his big bankroll and his Bentley and his $600,000 birthday party, is out of touch with the street. Puffy is just plain dumb.

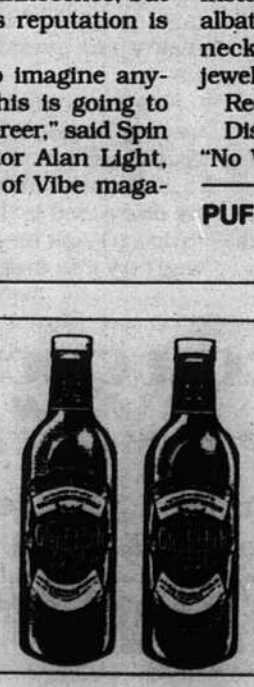
Criticism is new for Combs, who survived the nightmarish death of 9 people crushed at a 1991 charity basketball game that he'd organized and the 1997 murder of his sidekick, The Notorious B.I.G.

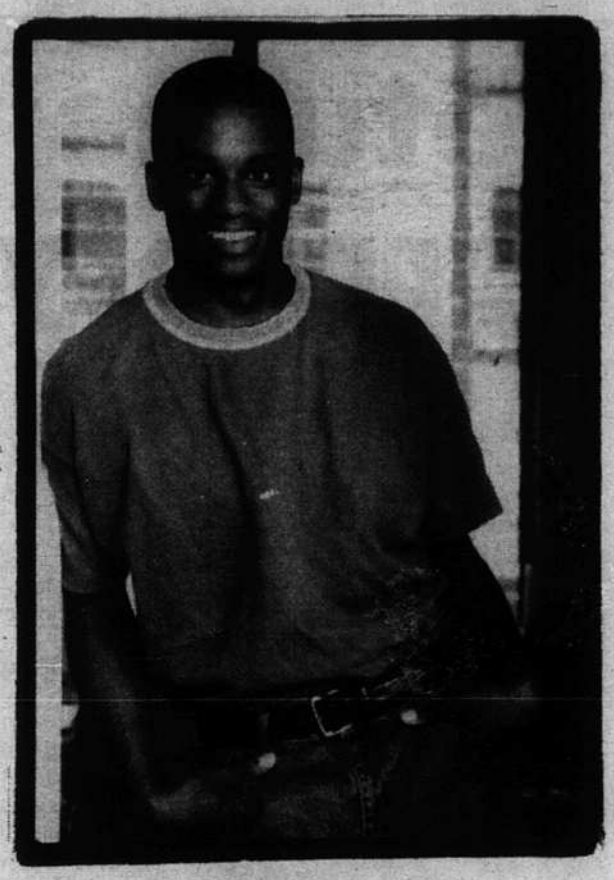
He no longer rises like a phoenix from such disasters. Instead, Puffy's new bird is an albatross, hanging around his neck with his opulent gold jewelry.

Record sales?

Disappointing. While 1997's "No Way Out" sold 7 million

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From St. Croix to stardom

Former Central High student stars in Disney movie

ANGELA BORCHERT

ST. CROIX — Tune into the Disney Channel at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and watch a former St. Croix Central High School student transformed into a super hero.

Kasan Butcher, 27, who spent his sophomore and junior years at CHS, now lives in Los Angeles, Calif., where his acting career is taking off.

Meanwhile, in Saturday's made-for-TV movie, Butcher has the ability to take off on his own. He plays the oldest sibling in a family with incredible traits.

"I can move at the speed of light, and I can create electrical currents from my body," he said. "If you find out my true identity, I can erase your memory just by touching your arm."

As the big brother, "I'm looking forward to getting up there and fighting crime," Butcher said Thursday in a phone interview from L.A. "My younger brother is supposed to get his powers any day now, and I'm looking forward to fighting crime with him. It doesn't look like he'll get his powers, so I'm disappointed. But I'm still supportive."

Directed by Robert Townsend and filmed in August 1999, "Up, Up and Away" will premiere at 7:30 p.m. and air again at 8:50 p.m. Saturday on the Disney Channel. The movie can also be seen on Jan. 23, 25, 27 and 31.

Kasan Butcher is the son of Ivan Butcher II and Terry Butcher of St. Croix. His brother, Ivan Butcher III, is also an actor, and is currently working in New York City.

"I just kept going to auditions," Kasan Butcher said, recalling the early days of his acting career in New York. "I finally booked my first job. Auditioning is kind of frustrating. You have to dig deep inside yourself. You really do have to want it."

Butcher said he was headed to an 11 a.m. audition Thursday for a feature film.

He is currently working on a horror movie called "Drive In."

"It's about a retarded kid who gets locked in this room by his mother all his life," Butcher said. "In the room there's only one little window. The window looks out on a drive-in and all they show is horror movies. He breaks out one day and just goes on killing because that's all he knows."

While he hasn't read the entire script yet, Butcher knows he will survive.

"I'm on a date at the drive-in and my date gets killed," he said. "But I don't."

PUFFY: Negative stories started before latest incident

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copies, the current "Forever" barely broke the 1 million mark. Two of Combs' top Bad Boy acts left his label; multiplatinum Mase found religion, while The Lox found a new label. "Puff, the Magic's Draggin'," said a New York Post headline.

Puffy's hopes for a chart comeback were tied to his latest signee, Shyne. Unfortunately, Shyne — aka Jamal Barrow, 19 — was charged with attempted murder after allegedly shooting three people inside a Manhattan club. Puff Daddy was arrested while fleeing the club.

Respect?

Anti-Puffy Web sites are as prevalent as the hits he once enjoyed. There's Americans Against Puffy, Musicians Against Puffy — you get the idea. "C'mon Puffy, you steal hits," read an entry on one site.

Public relations?

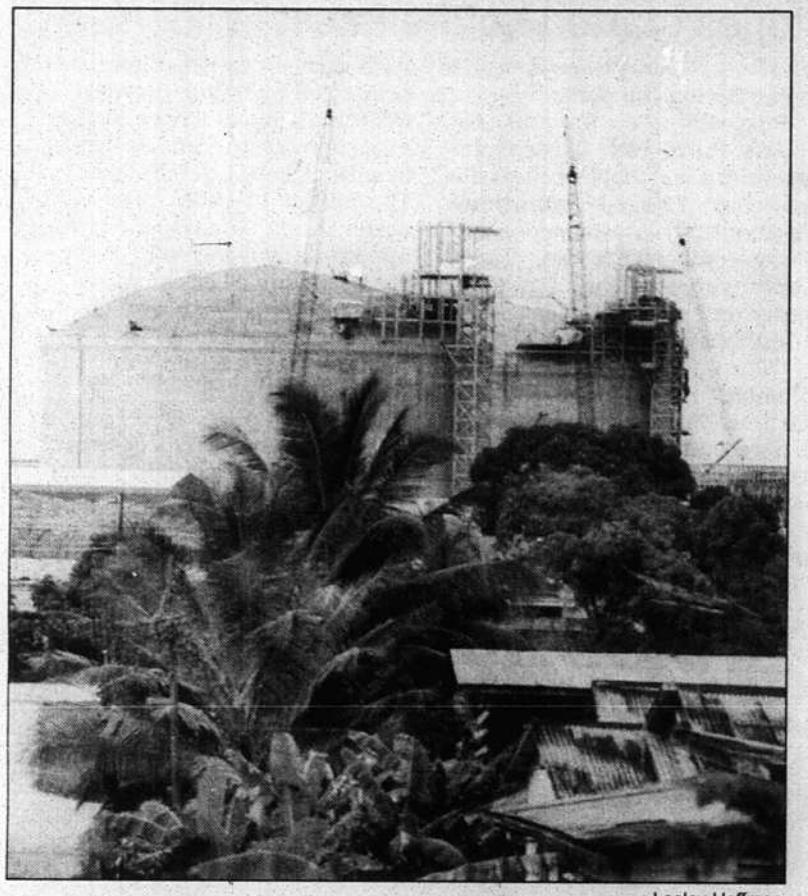
"The Deflation of Puffy Combs," read The Washington Post headline back in December, before Puffy's latest brush with the law. Vibe magazine ran a similar piece discussing the Puffy backlash — and that, too, was before the nightclub incident.

Even the staid New Yorker magazine dissed Puffy, weighing in with "A Letter to Puff Daddy." The tongue-in-cheek piece had writer Andy (Stacky) Borowitz applying for a job with Puffy's posse, saying, "I am available to start hanging with you 24-7, effective immediately."

Ouch. That's dissin' Puffy big-time.

But now Combs is keeping a low profile, awaiting a February court date with his new lawyer, Johnnie Cochran.





Lesley Hoffman
The massive Atlantic LNG natural gas plant looms above shanties outside Trinidad's southwestern coastal town of Fortin. The plant is set to more than triple its production capacity in the next three years.

Huge natural gas plant in Trinidad set to be expanded

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad (CANA) — The giant Atlantic LNG natural gas plant at Point Fortin in Trinidad is set to more than triple its production capacity in the next three years.

This follows the granting of approval for its expansion by a Trinidad & Tobago government negotiating team.

Business sources in Trinidad & Tobago reported that Cabinet approval is yet to be granted, but this is regarded as just a formality, as Energy Minister Finbar Gangar was a member of the Trinidad negotiating team.

Spanish oil company Repsol YPF and its partners are to build two more liquid natural gas production "trains" for $1.1 billion, Repsol said in Madrid on Monday. The two new trains will add to the existing one and take production capacity there to 13 billion cubic meters a year in 2003.

A "senior government official" said the agreement was reached last Friday, Trinidad & Tobago media reported on Monday.

The new agreement has major implications for the twin island-republic, as it commits the country to supplying a third of its proved natural-gas reserves to the Atlantic LNG project over a 20-year period.

The existing liquid gas plant is owned by Atlantic LNG, in which Repsol has a 20-percent stake. Other partners are BP Amoco, British Gas, Cabot and the Trinidad Natural Gas Company.

With the government go-ahead, Repsol will now buy 30 percent of BP Amoco's exploration and production assets in Trinidad & Tobago, the Repsol statement said.

The Spanish company will buy 10 percent now and the rest within three years. A spokesman declined to give a dollar value for those assets, but said they were equivalent to one billion barrels of oil and gas.

The existing Atlantic LNG train in Trinidad produces four billion cubic meters of gas a year, 40 percent of which is destined for Spain and 60 percent for the U.S., the Repsol spokesman said.

Of the nine billion cubic meters of gas produced by the two new trains, five billion cubic meters will be destined for Spain and the rest for the U.S.

Kirby returns to the territory



Mark Eckert, area director for the Kirby Company in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico (left), congratulates Silvio Soto who was recently selected to serve as Kirby Company's local director in the newly opened St. Thomas office.

Scott Frank

SCOTT FRANK

ST. THOMAS — After a four-year absence, the Kirby Company has returned to the Virgin Islands to reopen its local sales and service office, which closed in 1996 in the aftermath of Hurricane Marilyn.

"Kirby came to the territory approximately 30 years ago," Mark Eckert, area director for the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, said. "We are extremely pleased to be back to offer our products and service to the people of the Virgin Islands."

Eckert said he estimates that more than 4,000 Kirby cleaning systems have been purchased by Virgin Islanders for both residential and commercial use, and that the vast majority of those systems are still in use.

"There are many families in the territory where the grandmother bought a Kirby which was handed down to our mothers who will someday hand it down to us," he said. "And with our office reopened to provide service, accessories and parts, those systems may also be handed down to the next generation."

He said that the local sales and service office, headed by director Silvio Santo, will be able to provide parts, accessories and service to Kirby cleaning systems manufactured all the way back to 1945 as well as offer Kirby's new G-6 cleaning system.

"I am extremely pleased to have Silvio and his wife, Sheryann, to take the franchise for the Kirby Company in the Virgin Islands," Eckert said. "We wanted to ensure that we found someone with all the skills necessary to operate a Kirby office — which we did with the Sotos."

Eckert said that James Kirby, the man responsible for the original design and creation of the Kirby cleaning system, designed his first vacuum cleaner in 1906. It was hand-operated and the dust was separated by drawing dust-laden air through water.

"Mr. Kirby was a renowned inventor who held more than 60 patents on everything from a wringless washing machine to ironing and dry-cleaning equipment," he said. "He was also responsible for countless advancements and improvements in home-cleaning methods."

Eckert said that Kirby, along with Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone, was awarded the U.S. government's Pioneer Scroll of Achievement Award, which was given to the inventors for their outstanding accomplishments.

In 1914, the Scott Fetzer Company began manufacturing the Kirby system and has manufactured every Kirby ever made.

"Today we are in more than 60 countries worldwide and have 50 percent of the residential market share in home-cleaning systems," Eckert said. "Now we are back in the Virgin Islands to serve the needs of the people of the territory. And we are here to stay. It is the new Kirby Company policy that no service/parts office will be closed again."

Eckert said that the Kirby Company is committed to the territory and to becoming involved in the community.

"We also have programs to help local churches and non-profit organizations with their fund-raising efforts," he said. "I have been in contact with several organizations to see what we can do to assist them and I'm looking forward to working with many others."

The new Kirby Company office is located in The Professional Building and can be reached by calling 776-4188.

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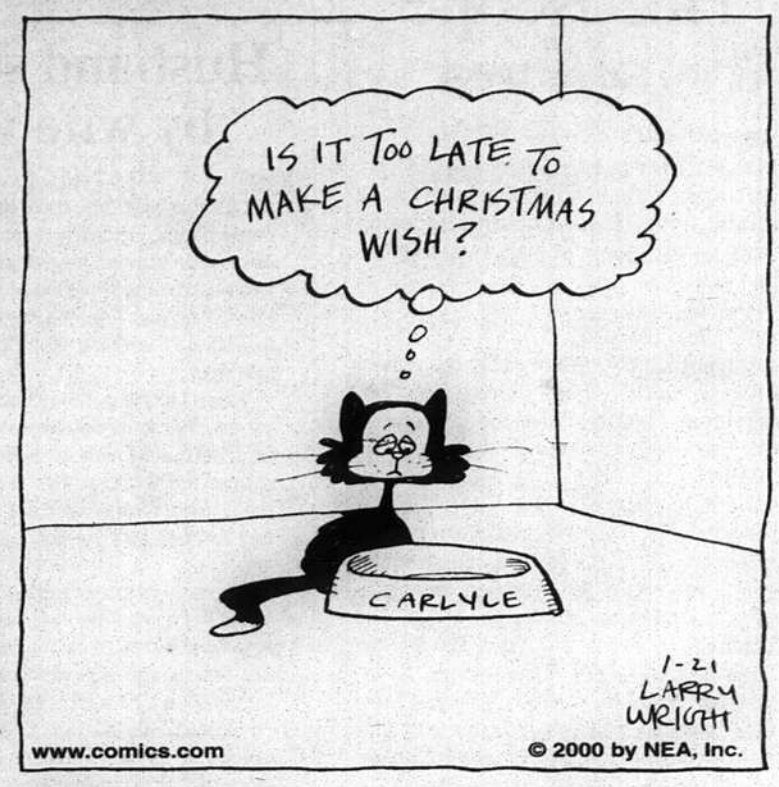
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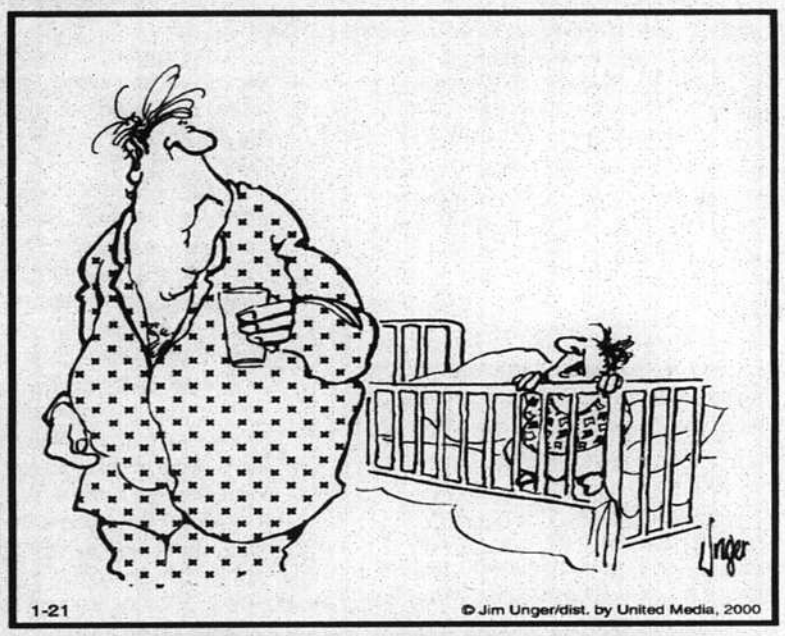
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"If we don't go to the zoo tomorrow, you'd better get yourself a good lawyer."

RIPLEY'S



Horoscope

By Francis Drake

ARIES
(March 21 to April 19)
Dare to do something you've never done before, Aries. Take a gourmet cooking class, write a poem or plan a trip to a foreign land.

TAURUS
(April 20 to May 20)
Don't let your arrogance get in the way of a friendship or valued business relationship today, Taurus. Have the courage to admit when you're wrong.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)
Even though you have a tendency to be opinionated, you still enjoy a good debate. See if you can find someone willing to indulge your intellectual side.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)
Although it's still important to save for a rainy day, you deserve to go out and splurge on something for yourself, Cancer. Live it up!

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)
As the Moon moves through your house today, you never know what might happen. This is a day to expect the unexpected!

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
There's a lot going on today, Virgo, and you may start to feel a bit overwhelmed. Try not to let yourself be used as a doormat by an overbearing friend or co-worker.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Be ready for a knock on your door, Libra, because people are sure to come to you looking for the answers. Be honest but tactful when giving advice.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
As the Moon moves through the house of Leo, this isn't the best time to ask for a raise or to vie for a promotion. Your time will come, Scorpio.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
As the Moon moves through the house of Leo, this is a good time to look around and be grateful for all that you have, Sagittarius. Appreciate your life as it is.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Be careful of a wolf who may be dressed in sheep's clothes today, Capricorn. Everything may not be as it seems, especially in matters concerning money.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Although you have strong ideas and opinions about the way you live your life, it may be necessary to take a second look at your priorities, Aquarius.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to March 20)
Try to mind your own business, even if it means watching a friend or family member make a mistake. Let them work it out on their own.

YOU BORN TODAY Although you have a somewhat impulsive nature, you still are able to keep your eye on the main objective. Controlling your emotions may sometimes be a problem, but your sensitive side is part of what attracts many people to you. As you get older, patience and insight become your strong suits.

Husband suffers double-dealing by wife who's cheated twice



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: You have helped so many people, I hope you can help me. I have been married more than 20 years, and we have two lovely daughters. Everything was fine until my wife started to work as a secretary for a bank branch manager.

When I found out they had been having an affair for nearly two years, it crushed me. I asked my wife if she wanted a divorce, and she said, "No." I didn't either for the sake of the children and, strange as it sounds, I still loved her.

She agreed to quit working there, and about the same time the branch manager got transferred to a branch in another city, so I thought everything was all right.

She then took a job as a secretary to an attorney in a law firm. I became suspicious when I would call her at the office at 2 or 3 in the afternoon and was told, "She and Mr. 'Jones' went to lunch and then to see a client to take a deposition."

A private detective discovered that the "deposition" was taking place in a motel! When I confronted her, she admitted that she and her boss were having an affair.

We saw a counselor and our pastor, but my wife insisted it was no big deal and everyone was doing it. She still doesn't want a divorce and assured me it was over as far as her cheating goes.

She now works in an office with only women, so I'm hopeful her cheating is a thing of the past.

Abby, how do I cope with the second infidelity, since it, too, lasted more than a year? I want to save our marriage because of the kids. I saw a psychiatrist, but he didn't help much. Any advice, Abby? I'm really hurting. — CAN'T FORGET IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR CAN'T FORGET: I respect you for wanting to save your marriage for the sake of the children, but one person can't do it alone. A successful marriage takes the effort of two people working together.

I also admire the fact that you sought professional help in order to put these traumas behind you. However, I am troubled by your wife's attempt to excuse her infidelity by claiming, "It's no big deal and everyone is doing it." That is far from the truth, and a lame excuse at best.

If the marriage is to be healed, your wife must agree to marriage counseling to work on the issues that caused the infidelities in the first place. You have done everything you can; now the ball is in her court.

DEAR ABBY: I was always taught that when a girl marries, she drops her middle name and her last name, and then becomes: her first name, maiden name, married name.

My daughter is being married soon, and she tells me that her friends say I am wrong. She says she has been told that the girl's name would be: first name, middle name, married name.

Would you please settle this argument for us? Thank you. — SHIRLEY B., ROSWELL, N.M.

DEAR SHIRLEY B.: According to "The New Emily Post's Etiquette," by Elizabeth L. Post (Funk and Wagnalls, New York): "A woman's legal name consists of her given name, her maiden name and her husband's name."

However, time marches on, and during the last 15 years or so, many women have chosen to hyphenate their maiden names and married names: given name, middle name, maiden name-married name (Mary Margaret Jones-Smith).

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.

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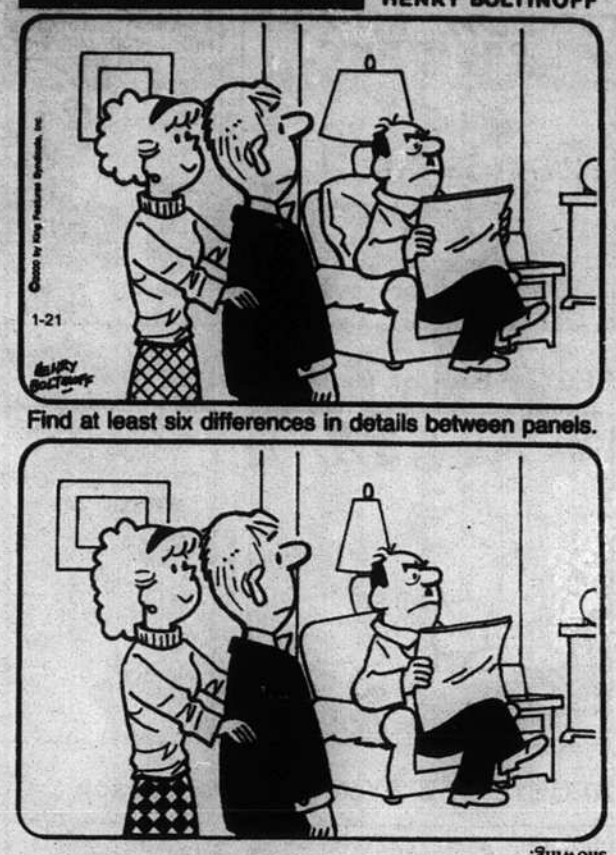
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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BALKY LEECH UNSEAT DAMPEN
Answer: What an instructor does at baking school — HELPS THE KNEADY

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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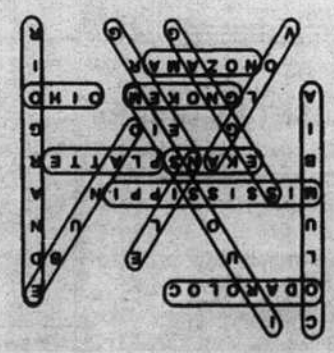
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Thursday's unlisted clue: O'NEAL

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue hint: ALASKAN RIVER

Amazon	Ganges	Missouri	Rio Grande
Colorado	Green	Nile	Snake
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FRIDAY EVENING — JANUARY 21, 2000

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(WAPA)	4	Super Show		Película "Friends 'Till the End" (1997, Suspenso) Shannen Doherty, Jennifer Blanc.				Controversial		Noticias	Cristina		Programa Pagado	Super Show (R)	
(TBS)	6	(:05) Full House (CC)	(:35) Full House (CC)	(:05) Roseanne (CC)	(:35) Roseanne (CC)	(:05) Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	(:35) Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	(:05) Movie « "Straight Talk" (1992, Comedy) Dolly Parton, James Woods, Griffin Dunne. A dance instructor is mistaken for a radio psychologist.					(:20) Movie (« "Hero" (1992, Satire) Dustin Hoffman, Geena Davis, Andy Garcia.		
(ENC)	7	Old Testament	Kids Banner	Stations of the Cross	Choices We Face	Our Lady of the Angels Monastery Daily Mass		Journey Home (Live Phone-In)		Catholic News	Rosary-Land	To Be Announced			St. Luke: Meek
(WSVI)	8	All My Children (CC)		News	ABC World News Tonight (CC)	To Be Announced		Boy Meets World (R) (CC)	Boy Meets World (R) (CC)	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch	Hughleys (CC)	20/20 (CC)		News	(:35) Nightline (CC)
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(WSEE)	10	Inside Edition (CC)	News	News	CBS Evening	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (CC)	Kids-Darndest	Cosby (CC)	Now and Again (R) (CC)		Nash Bridges "Girl Trouble" (R) (CC)		News	(:35) Late Show (CC)
(WNBC)	11	News (CC)		News (CC)	NBC Nightly News (CC)	Extra (CC)	Access Hollywood (CC)	Providence "Mother and Child" (CC)		Dateline Interview with actress Annette Bening. (CC)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Russian Love Poem" (R) (CC)		News (CC)	(:35) Tonight Show (R) (CC)
(WTJX)	12	Teacher Is In	Arthur (R) (E!) (CC)	Newshour With Jim Lehrer (CC)		Business Rpt.	Behind the Headlines	Washington Week	Wall Street Week	National Desk (CC)		America on Wheels (R) (Part 3 of 3) (CC)		Charlie Rose (CC)	
(WKAQ)	13	Rosalinda		Infierno en el Paraíso		De Noche				Se Anunciará	Sólo Estrenos, Sólo Estrellas			WWF Raw Saturday Night	
(VH1)	14	Top 10 Countdown (R)		100 Greatest Songs of Rock 'n' Roll (R)		100 Greatest Songs of Rock 'n' Roll (R)		100 Greatest Songs of Rock 'n' Roll (R)		100 Greatest Songs of Rock 'n' Roll (R)		100 Greatest Songs of Rock 'n' Roll		List "Greatest Songs of Rock 'n' Roll" (Live)	
(WGN)	15	Cosby Show (CC)	Parent 'Hood (CC)	Wayans Bros. (CC)	Fresh Prince	Full House (CC)	Caroline in the City	Movie « "American Gothic" (1988, Horror) Rod Steiger, Yvonne De Carlo, Michael J. Pollard.				News (CC)		MacGyver "Phoenix Under Siege"	
(MTV)	16	Say What? Karaoke	Blame Game	MTV Jams	Beat Suite	Dan Cortese	News	True Life Exploring high-school football. (R)		TRL (R)		Daria (R)	Daria (R)	Celebrity Death	Celebrity Death
(GEMS)	17	Causa Común		Show Business	Hollywood en Acción	Película "El Mensaje Secreto"				Cuerpo Dorado		Lluvia de Estrellas		Gems Jamz	
(BET)	18	Rap City: Tha Bassment				Hits From the Street		Good News (CC)	Amen	Comicview (R)		Movie "High Freakquency" (1998, Comedy) Deon Richmond, Marcus Chong.			
(CNN)	19	Inside Politics (CC)		Worldview	Moneyline Newshour		Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live (CC)		Newsstand		Sports	Moneyline
(FAM)	20	(5:00) Movie ((("The Never-ending Story" (1984) (CC)		World's Greatest Magic IV Magicians from around the world gather to perform feats of magic, escape tricks and levitation acts. (R)				My So-Called Life		Higher Ground		Exploring the Unknown		700 Club (CC)	
(USA)	21	Pacific Blue "All Jammed Up" (R) (CC)		Baywatch "The Red Knights" (CC)		JAG "The Game of Go" (CC)		Walker, Texas Ranger "Trial of LaRue" (CC)		Movie (« "Tremors" (1990, Horror) Kevin Bacon, Fred Ward, Finn Carter. (CC)				Movie "Tremors II: Aftershocks" (1996)	
(LIFE)	22	Designing Women (CC)	Designing Women "Manhunt"	Golden Girls (CC)	Golden Girls (CC)	Intimate Portrait "Barbara Mandrell" Country singer Barbara Mandrell.		Chicago Hope "Guns 'N Roses" (CC)		Movie "Liar, Liar: Between Father and Daughter" (1993) Art Hindle, Rosemary Dunsmore. An 11-year-old girl accuses her father of incest.				Once and Again (CC)	
(TLC)	23	Hometime (R)	Hometime (R)	Home Again (R)	Home Again (R)	Trauma: Life in the ER "Trial by Fire" (R)		Magic's Greatest Illusions: Don't Try		Magic's Greatest Illusions: Nothing		Magic's Greatest Illusions: Now You See It		Magic's Greatest Illusions: Don't Try	
(ESPN)	24	PGA Golf: Bob Hope Chrysler Classic		Sportscenter (CC)		World Cup Skiing Men's Super G.		NHL Hockey St. Louis Blues at Chicago Blackhawks. From the United Center in Chicago. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) (CC)						Sportscenter (CC)	
(ESPN2)	25	ESPNews	50 Greatest	Auto Racing	Super Bowl XX	Super Bowl 19	NFL 2Night (CC)	NFL Matchup	NFL Films Presents	Boxing Friday Night Fights -- Terry McGroom vs. James Toney. (Live) (CC)					NHL 2Night (CC)
(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	Hey Arnold! (CC)	Rugrats (CC)	Kenan & Kel	Kenan & Kel	Brady Bunch	Brady Bunch	All in the Family	Jeffersons	I Love Lucy	Mary Tyler Moore
(DISC)	31	Gimme Shelter "Stairway to a Nicer Home"		Your New House (R)		Wild Discovery: Animal Weapons		On the Inside "U.S. Mint"		Discovery News	Discover Magazine	Storm Warning! "Jet Stream Turbulence" (R)		On the Inside "U.S. Mint" (R)	
(HBO)	33	Movie ((("Ever After" (1998, Romance) Drew Barrymore, Anjelica Huston. A courageous scullery maid wins the heart of a prince. (CC)				Inside the NFL (R) (CC)		Movie (« "The Siege" (1998) Denzel Washington, Annette Bening. The FBI attempts to hunt down terrorists in New York. (CC)				Movie "Acts of Betrayal" (1997) Maria Conchita Alonso. An FBI agent must protect a brutal mobster's wife.			Dennis Miller Carl Reiner.
(SHOW)	34	(5:30) Movie (« "Stanley & Iris" (1990) Jane Fonda. (CC)		(:15) Movie « "Fast Getaway II" (1994, Adventure) Corey Haim. Father-and-son partners take on a high-kicking bank robber. (CC)				Movie « "Senseless" (1998, Comedy) Marlon Wayans, David Spade, Matthew Lillard. (CC)			Movie News	Stargate SG-1 "Pretense" (CC)	(:45) Outer Limits "Judgment Day" (CC)		Red Shoe Diaries "Kidnap"
(DISN)	35	Smart Guy (CC)	Smart Guy "Gotta Dance"	Famous Jett Jackson (R)	Jersey "Election" (CC)	So Weird "Destiny" (CC)	Movie « "Honey, We Shrunk Ourselves" (1997, Fantasy) Rick Moranis, Eve Gordon, Bug Hall. (CC)			(9:55) Movie « "The Next Karate Kid" (1994) Noriyuki "Pat" Morita. Mr. Miyagi takes a troubled teen-age girl under his wing. (CC)				So Weird "Destiny" (R) (CC)	Jersey "Election" (R) (CC)
(MAX)	36	(5:00) Movie ((("Lethal Weapon" (1987) Mel Gibson. (CC)		Movie ((("Coming to America" (1988) Eddie Murphy, Arsenio Hall. An African prince arrives in New York to find a bride. (CC)				Movie ((("Waking Ned Devine" (1998, Comedy) Ian Bannen, David Kelly. (CC)		Movie (« "The Distinguished Gentleman" (1992) Eddie Murphy. A con man embarks on an unlikely trip to Washington, D.C. (CC)					Erotic Confessions (R)
(A&E)	37	Magnum, P.I. Higgins is kidnapped. (CC)		L.A. Law "Prince Kuzak in a Can"		Law & Order "Slave" (CC)		Biography "Truman Capote: The Tiny Terror"		Investigative Reports (R) (CC)		Poirot "The Mystery of the Spanish Chest" (CC)		Law & Order "Asylum" (CC)	
(TNT)	38	Dark Justice "Diplomatic Immunity" (CC)		In the Heat of the Night "Time's Long Shadow" (CC)		ER Assisting in a kidney transplant yields a revelation for Dr. Carter.		NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Miami Heat. From American Airlines Arena in Miami. (Live) (CC)					Inside the NBA (CC)	Movie (« "Pirates of Silicon Valley" (1999) Noah Wyle.	
(SCIFI)	39	Hercules-Jrnys.		Sliders (R) (CC)		Brimstone "Encore"		Farscape (CC)		Sliders "Dust" (CC)		Lexx: The Series (CC)		Farscape (R) (CC)	
(BRAVO)	40	Movie ((("The White Balloon" (1995) Aida Mohammadkhani. An Iranian child loses the money for a special purchase. (Subtitled)				Moonlighting "'Twas the Episode Before Christmas"		Weird Weekends The Rev. Al Sharpton, Khallid Abdul Muhammad.		Movie ((("Orlando" (1992, Fantasy) Tilda Swinton, Billy Zane. An ageless character experiences life as a man and a woman.				Weird Weekends The Rev. Al Sharpton, Khallid Abdul Muhammad.	
(TOON)	41	Dragon	Warriors	Batman	Scooby	Chicken	Dexter	Mike-& Og	Bravo	Courage	Powerpuff	Ed Edd	Weasel	SpGhost	ToonHeads
(COURT)	42	Evening Session			Pros Cons	Hollywood	Hollywood	Cops (CC)	Cops (CC)	Homicide: Life		Crime Stories (R)		Cops (CC)	Pros Cons
(FLIX)	43	(5:30) Movie ((("The Five Pennies" (1959, Biography) Danny Kaye, Barbara Bel Geddes. (CC)			Movie « "The Hard Ride" (1971, Drama) Robert Fuller, Sherry Bain, Tony Russel.			Movie (« "Without You I'm Nothing" (1990, Comedy) Sandra Bernhard, John Doe.		Movie (« "Company Business" (1991) Gene Hackman, Mikhail Baryshnikov. Two former spies learn they have been marked for murder.					Movie (« "Foxtrap" (CC)
(FOXSP)	44	Hardcore Football (R)		Football	Last Word	Goin' Deep (R)		Hardcore Football (R)		Sports	Runnin	FOX Sports News		Toughman	Last Word
(TMC)	45	(5:00) Movie ((("Two for the Seesaw" (1962) Robert Mitchum.		Movie « "Pagan Love Song" (1950) Esther Williams, Howard Keel. A Tahitian coconut plantation owner falls for a swim star. (CC)				Movie ((("The Day of the Jackal" (1973, Suspense) Edward Fox, Alan Badel, Tony Britton. An experienced hit man is hired to kill Charles de Gaulle.					Movie ((("Across the Pacific" (1942, Adventure) Humphrey Bogart, Mary Astor. (CC)		
(HBO+)	46	(5:00) "My Father, the Hero"	Movie ((« "TwentyFourSeven" (1997, Drama) Bob Hoskins, Danny Nussbaum, James Hooton.			(:15) Movie « "Cadillac Ranch" (1997, Comedy) Suzy Amis, Renee Humphrey. Three reunited sisters try to solve their father's death.				Movie (« "The Locusts" (1997, Drama) Kate Capshaw, Jeremy Davies. A drifter befriends a predatory widow's browbeaten son.				Taxicab Confessions 3 (R) (CC)	
(SHOW2)	47	(:15) Movie « "Cage" (1988, Drama) Lou Ferrigno, Reb Brown. Two Vietnam vets are forced into a barbaric boxing match.				(:05) Movie (« "Lethal Weapon" (1987, Drama) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover. A veteran detective is paired with an eccentric partner. (CC)				Rude Awakening (R)	Movie « "Halloween H2O: Twenty Years Later" (1998) Jamie Lee Curtis, Adam Arkin. (CC)			Movie (« "A Night at the Roxbury" (1998) Will Ferrell.	
(CNBC)	53	Market Wrap (CC)		Edge (CC)	Business Center (CC)		Upfront Tonight	National Geographic Explorer (R) (CC)				News With Brian Williams (R) (CC)		National Geographic Explorer (R) (CC)	
(E!)	54	(5:00) True Hollywood Story (R)		Talk Soup (R)	News Weekend	Fashion Emergency	Coming Attractions	Talk Soup	Mysteries & Scandals	True Hollywood Story "Dark Obsession: The Stalking and Murder of Rebecca Schaeffer" (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 Lainie Kazan" (R)		Combat! "Gulliver" (CC)		Ozzie & Harriet	Room-Daddy	Love Boat "Forties Fantasy"		Bonanza: The Lost Episodes "The Hunter"		Combat! "Gulliver" (CC)	
(FOOD)	57	Essence of Emeril (R)	East Meets West (R)	Ready-Cook!	Martha-Kitchen	Cooking Live "Cook Along" (R)		Emeril Live (R)		Calling All Cooks	Hot Off the Grill	Iron Chef		Emeril Live (R)	
(TRAVEL)	58	Curiosities-Wld	Mysterious Places (R)	Adventure Bound An Australian mining town.		Adventure Bound (R)		Lonely Planet Corsica. (R)		Vacation Video	Vacation Video	Tourist "Boston"	Tourist (R)	Lonely Planet Corsica. (R)	

Names *in the* News

'Stone Cold' home from hospital

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Pro wrestler "Stone Cold" Steve Austin was released from a hospital three days after doctors performed spinal surgery to relieve chronic pain in his neck, arms and legs.



Austin

Austin, 35, left Methodist Hospital on Wednesday. The World Wrestling Federation star was recuperating at his home in Boerne, about 30 miles northwest of San Antonio, said Dr. Lloyd Youngblood, chief of neurosurgery at the hospital.

Doctors removed bone spurs from vertebrae in his neck. Two of the cervical disks in his neck were replaced with a bone graft, a metal plate and screws, Youngblood said.

Austin could return to the ring in six to 12 months, depending on the healing process, Youngblood said.

'The Mummy 2' will also star Fraser

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Brendan Fraser could unearth a $12.5 million payday for a sequel to "The Mummy."

Fraser and co-star Rachel Weisz have agreed to sign on for "The Mummy 2," and Universal Pictures announced Wednesday that filming will start in spring with an anticipated May 2001 release.

Final details of Fraser's contract haven't been worked out, but Daily Variety said his salary is expected to be in the $12.5 million range. Fraser made $5 million for "The Mummy," which has earned more than $400 million worldwide.

"We're going to give all the fun of the first and then some with even worse villains," said Kevin Misher, Universal's president of production.

King's noisy plane causing complaints

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) — Don King's taking some knocks over his noisy airplane.

The airport where the boxing promoter parks his 1967 Gulfstream II has received at least 25 complaints about noise over the last two months.

Airport officials say King won't be cited or fined because he hasn't violated any rules, but some residents say they've had their share of unpleasant wake-up calls.

VIRGIN ISLANDS LOTTERY OFFICIAL PRIZE LIST

GEORGE V. GOLDEN - ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Drawing No. 508

January 20, 2000

MAJOR PRIZES

FIRST PRIZE	5336	$310,000.00
SECOND PRIZE	12854	40,000.00
THIRD PRIZE	29541	20,000.00
FOURTH PRIZE	13888	10,000.00

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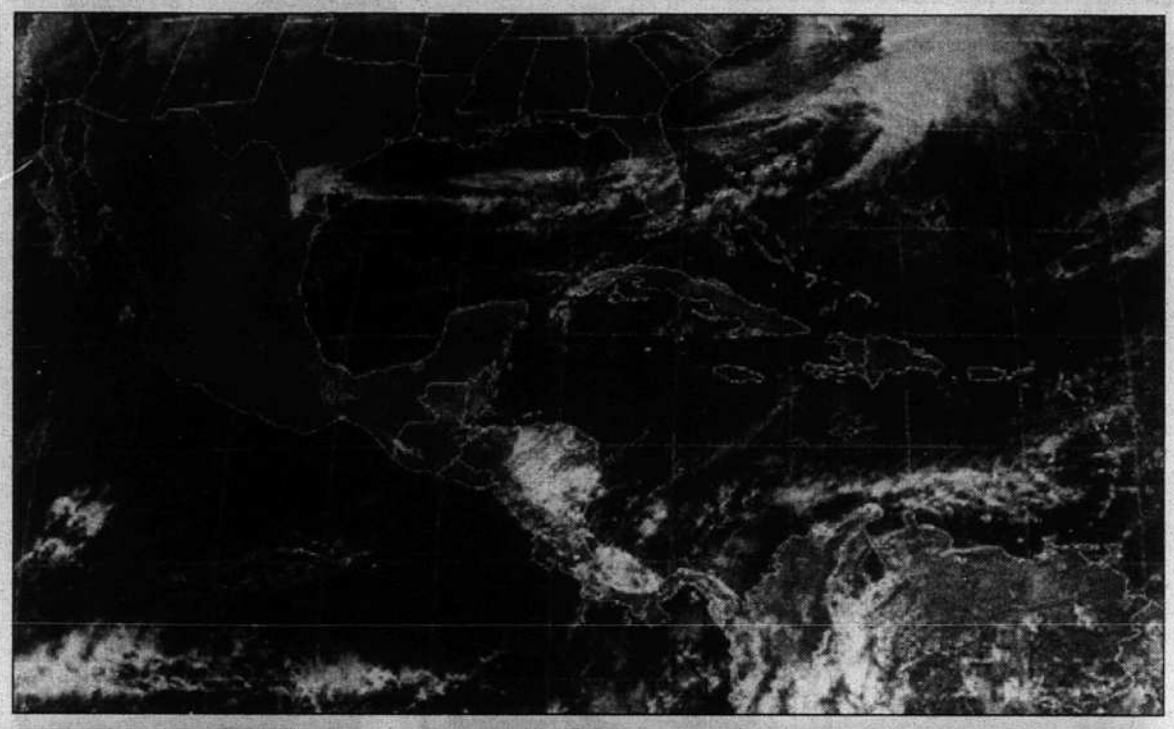
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U.S. Temps

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Atlantic City	33	16	sno
Boston	21	13	sno
Chicago	28	11	clr
Denver	56	21	cdy
El Paso	74	40	cdy
Fairbanks	24	17	cdy
Green Bay	18	1	clr
Houston	81	52	clr
Indianapolis	30	20	clr
Jacksonville	58	53	cdy
Kansas City	54	11	clr
Las Vegas	69	54	cdy
Los Angeles	74	59	cdy
Miami Beach	77	63	cdy
New YorkCity	30	25	sno
Orlando	69	59	clr
Pittsburgh	29	24	sno
Richmond	40	31	sno
Seattle	44	36	rn
Syracuse	22	15	sno
Tallahassee	61	52	cdy
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	73	63	cdy
Washington,D.C.	40	31	sno

VI Forecast

LOCAL FORECAST FOR PUERTO RICO AND THE U.S.V.I. FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO:

FRIDAY — MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGH 75 TO 80. WIND VARIABLE 10 MPH OR LESS.

FRIDAY NIGHT — PARTLY CLOUDY. A LESS THAN 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. LOW 65 TO 70.

SATURDAY — PARTLY CLOUDY. A LESS THAN 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. HIGH NEAR 80.

COASTAL WATERS FORECAST FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN SAN JUAN PR FOR PUERTO RICO AND U.S.V.I. WATERS:

SYNOPSIS — WEAK SURFACE HIGH PRESSURE WILL REMAIN LOCATED JUST NORTHEAST OF THE LOCAL REGION THROUGH FRIDAY PRODUCING A LIGHT WIND FLOW ACROSS THE LOCAL WATERS.

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

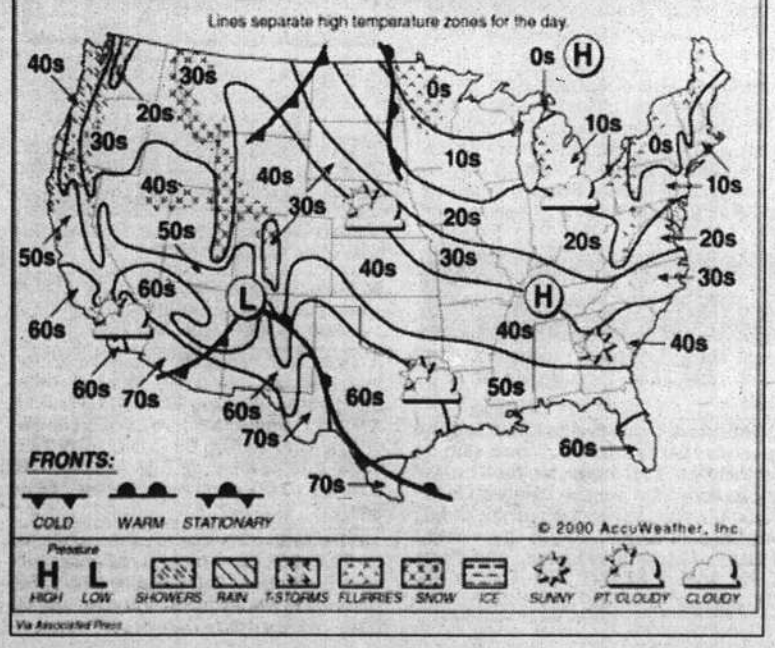
SATURDAY THROUGH MONDAY — WIND EAST LESS THAN 20 KTS. ATLANTIC WATERS AND CARIBBEAN PASSAGES SEAS 6 TO 8 FT. IN MAINLY NORTH TO NORTHWEST SWELLS SATURDAY REMAINING CARIBBEAN WATERS SEAS 6 FT. OR LESS. ATLANTIC AND CARIBBEAN PASSAGES SEAS INCREASING TO 12 FT. SATURDAY NIGHT THROUGH MONDAY IN NORTHWEST TO N SWELLS. REMAINING CARIBBEAN WATER SEAS 5 FT. OR LESS.

World Temps

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Amsterdam	42	36	cdy
Barbados	83	72	rn
Bermuda	59	51	rn
Caracas	78	68	cdy
Dhahran	72	52	clr
Frankfurt	41	32	cdy
Geneva	40	31	clr
Havana	78	48	clr
Istanbul	42	32	cdy
Jerusalem	56	43	cdy
Kiev	28	13	cdy
London	45	29	cdy
Montreal	09	-9	cdy
Nassau	75	66	cdy
Osaka	46	34	clr
Paris	42	37	cdy
Rio	86	73	cdy
San Juan	78	67	cdy
Sydney	91	66	clr
Tel Aviv	62	35	cdy
Vancouver	39	27	cdy
Warsaw	29	24	cdy

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Friday, Jan. 21.



Via Associated Press

Crossword by Eugene Sheffer

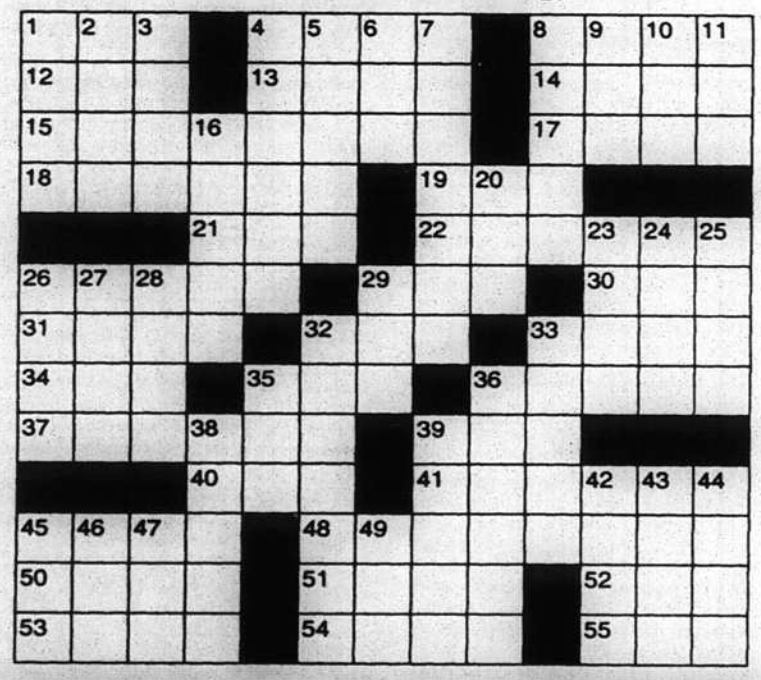
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14 "Fernando" singers
15 Random drawing?
17 Cage components
18 Ousts
19 In need of repair
21 Retainer
22 Gadget
26 Hue
29 Moustache treatment
30 Put to work
31 Sheltered
32 Mas' mates
33 Item for Salome
34 — Tin Tin
35 First name of 28-Down
36 Lead, for one
37 '50s music style
39 Stan Getz's instrument
40 Lawyers' org.
41 Sermonize
45 Rob Reiner's dad
48 Apocalypse
50 Neighbor
51 Part of B&O
52 Moreover
53 German automaker
54 Filly's counterpart
55 Daisy —

DOWN
1 Virginia of tennis fame
2 Strong as —
3 Point along the route
4 Contributor to Larry King's show
5 Obey reveille
6 Chaps
7 Far Eastern temples
8 "SNL" announcer Don
9 Kyoto cummerbund
10 Recede
11 More, to Manuel
16 "Robinson Crusoe" author
20 Bagel topping
23 Air for a pair
24 — Minor
25 Farmer's place
26 Witty sort
27 Pastiche
28 Dave's rival
29 "Carlito's —"
32 Duvalier sobriquet
33 Irritates
35 Exemplar of patience
36 Woodchuck, e.g.
38 Easy victory
39 Turn sour
42 Garden evacuee
43 First miracle site
44 Jekyll's opposite
45 Urban carrier
46 Copper head
47 Stocking mishap
49 "Caught ya!"

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 1-21



Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A GRUFF SCISSORS MANUFACTURER OFTEN MAKES CUTTING REMARKS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals E

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Real Estate for Sale

1/4 ac. Diamond $13,000. 12 ac. Mt. Washington $20,000, 1/3 ac St. John $20,000, 1/2 ac. Cane $20,900. 1/3 ac. Enfield $17,500. 3/4 ac. Mon Bijou $20,000. 1 ac. Canan $36,500. 1/3 ac Altona $33,000. 1/4 ac Calquohoun $20,000. 2/1 Wms. Delight $55,000. 2/1 Trailer $20,000. **Schusters Real Estate 778–4648**

Carambola Lot: Gently sloping lot in the Hibiscus Subdivision. Looking North and East, this lot overlooks the Cane Bay beach and the Northern Islands. High end neighborhood with paved roads and underground utilities. Asking $69,500.00 Call Greg Hamilton. Hamilton Real Estate, Pan Am Pavilion. **773-3300 or 773-5057.**

Mid - Isle Ridgetop: Brand new on the market, this 2 bedroom 2 bath home offers all the amenities. Pool, expansive views of the South Shore and East to the end of the island. Jacuzzi, private patios, large gallery and the house is surrounded by the wall. Added bonus is a separate 1 bedroom 1 bath apartment. Asking $599,000.00 Call Greg Hamilton, Hamilton Real Estate, Pan Am Pavilion, **773-3300 or 773-5057.**

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Top of theMountain.OverlookingNorth Shore of St. Croix on ScenicDriveEast, Estate Mount Pleasant. Breathtaking ocean views of St. Thomas andSt.John. 15.8 Acres $465,000.00 Brokers protected. Call **340-778-0665**; Write to: Bryant, Box 4589,Christiansted, VI 00822. Sale or trade. Owner financing.

Price Reduced: This one bedroom two bath with studio apartment has just been reduced. Overlooking St. C. Condos to Christiansted and Buck Island.This home is prefect for retired couple or starter home. Asking $189,500.00 Call Greg Hamilton, Hamilton Real Estate, Pan Am Pavilion, 773-3300 or 773-5057.

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Price Reduction: This 3 bedroom 2 bath house with a 1 bedroom apartment has just been reduced to $140,000.00 from $149,000.00 Located in Est. Tipperary on 1/3 of on acre. Call **773-7432** for more details.

For Sale: Two beautiful homes. 3 bedroom and two bed room. No fixing necessary. All for only $119,500. Call **773–0042, 773-6812, 778-1557**

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Office Space: 5 room suite for $675. Secure, elevatored building by Plaza Extra. Call Tom at **778-6240 X 29.**

Castle Coakley Business Park between S.I. and Hess, 1,200 - 4,800 S.F., good location, good parking, secure - Call Dave Carr **773-4665.**

For Rent

1 bedroom apt. at Strawberry: $450.00 including water, light and yard maintenance. Also two bedroom apartment for $575.00. Utilities included. Call 773-0042/773-6812/778-1557.

3 br. 3 ba. waterfront view of Buck Island A/C pool partly furnished W/D. Call 773-4775 or 773-2502.

3 bedroom, 2 bath, dining room, living room, wash room, kitchen and a all around gallery. Unfurnished, located at #96 Clifton Hill. Call **692-2759.**

2 br. 1 bth. apartment for rent electricity is included phone and cable ready & very spacious. Call **719-9384.**

Clean & Safe. Large one bedroom apt. Ready to move in today with electric + water $200.00 deposit $550.00 a month. Call **778-7758.**

For Rent $700.00 or Sale. Estate Tamarind-Humbug, three(3) bedroom - one (1) bath, spacious fenced yard. For additional information, please contact Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Faulkner @ 773-5384.

For Rent - Option to buy. Peppertree mobile home, 2 units-duplex apt. One bedroom per unit $395.00/month/unit-unfurnished. Tele. **778-0303.**

One bedroom apt. for rent in Barren Spot (nice) utilities paid. Call **773-2558.**

For Rent: **Judith's Fancy**. Large, 1500 sq. ft. Fully furnished and newly painted guest house. One bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, with large living room, dining room, and studio. Very quiet and secure area with water supply from well and cistern. $950.00 per month plus security deposit. Phone **(340)-773–7485** after 1:00 pm.

Fully furnished 2 bd room apt for rent. 5 corner, North side road. $700/m. Call **773–1761**

For Rent: Efficiency apartment. Quiet, neighborhood, furnished. Call after 5:00 Tel. **773-7819** .Close to Island Center.

House for Rent - Spacious family house with 5 bedrooms, a family room, living room, 3 baths & large yard in quiet neighborhood. $1500. a month. Please call **778-3830.**

One Bedroom $200.00 deposit, $350.00 a month on Glynn main road. Call **778-7758.**

Newly renovated fully furnished efficiency - Cottage. Fantastic view safe + secure. Tele. **773-4852.**

Wunnerful Christiansted, Two apts, . Both available fully furnished, tub & shower, microwave, cable T.V . Tel, and laundry. In Town . Call **778-7410**

House for Rent

House for Rent: Small house for rent in the Sion Farm area. Close to all transportation and shopping. completely fenced and secure. Unfurnished. Rent $525. per month. Water and Power not included. Call **778-1996** for appointment.

Furnished 3 br house for rent secure neighborhood, scenic ocean view well landscape. Estate St. John location 1st last and security $1200.00 per month. No pets. Call **773-7222.**

Mid-Island high on a hillside two bedroom spacious home. Beautifully furnished and decorated. Breathtaking views from long covered gallery, state of the art kitchen, includes all utilities, linen, cookware. Luxurious king-size beds, air-conditioning, automatic generator, fencing, electric gate for security. Also laundry, pool, etc. nearby. $1800.00 monthly with one year lease. Also short term rates. Marmaduke, Broker **(340)773-1851.**

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Letter of Application and Resume must be submitted by January 31, 2000. Mail to:
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Government Employees' Retirement System
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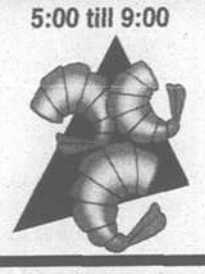
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IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
DIVISION OF ST. CROIX

Dorothy Gilroy, for Dr. Herbert Arnold
Plaintiff
vs.
Mr. & Mrs. Allan Zinamon
Defendant

CASE NO. S.C. 775 1999
ACTION FOR: Debt

TO: Allan Zinamon
ADDRESS: Last Known Address:
12 & 12A Catherine's Hope, C'sted

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Territorial Court, located at Kingshill, Courtroom No. 211, at 9:30 O'clock A.M. on the 8th day of February, 2000, to answer a complaint filed against you in the above entitled case, to wit:

In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default, or other relief demanded, together with all costs incurred.

To the Marshal or any other Peace Officer to serve and return.

Given under my Hand this 4th day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and 99.

Yvonne V. Wesselhoft
CLERK OF THE COURT
By: Rita Johannes
DEPUTY
1/14,21,28 2/4/2000

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JUANAN ALMESTICA
Deceased,

PROBATE NO. 59/99
ACTION FOR PROBATE

CITATION

To: Jose Lequillou and to the next of Kin of Jose Lequillou
Address: Unknown

If you have any cause to show why the document dated the 30th day of June 1972, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Juana Almestica, deceased, should not be admitted to probate and record, and why Letters testamentary should not be granted to ANDREA LEQUILLOU ALMESTICA, the executrix named therein, you will appear and make such cause known before the Territorial Court of the Virgin Islands at Kingshill, on St. Croix, the 27 day of March, 2000.

SO ORDERED this 15th day of December, 2000.

Honorable Patricia D. Steele
Judge of the Territorial Court

ATTEST
Denise D. Abramsen
Clerk of the Court
By: Luz M. Bennett
Deputy Clerk

1/21,28 2/4,11/2000

GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

DEPARTMENT OF PROPERTY AND PROCUREMENT
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

DATE: January 14, 2000
Request for Proposal No: RFP- 0006 - 2000

Pursuant to Chapter 23, Title 31, of the Virgin Islands Code, The Government of the Virgin Islands, Department of Property and Procurement is requesting Proposals to provide Real Property Insurance for the Government of the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John.

Proposals will be received by the Department of Property and Procurement, Division of Procurement (address)
Building #1
Third Floor, Room 316
Subbase
St. Thomas, Virgin Island 00802

until 5:00 o'clock P.M. Atlantic Standard Time on Tuesday, February 22, 2000.

Bidding Documents may be obtained from this office and/ or from:
Department of Property & Procurement
274 Richmond
Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands

Marc Biggs
Commissioner

01/21,26, 02/01, 06, 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.

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

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

HEZEKIAH O. WALCOTT
Plaintiff,
v.
POSSESSION
THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA
Defendant

CIVIL NO. 765/1999
ACTION FOR ADVERSE

SUMMONS

To: The Royal Bank of Canada
Christiansted, St. Croix
U.S. Virgin Islands

Within the time limited by law thirty (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. 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 3rd day of January 2000.

YVONNE V. WESSLEHOFT
Clerk of the Court

Jeffrey B.C. Moorhead, Esq.
1132 King Street
Christiansted St. Croix
U.S. Virgin Islands 00820-4943

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Messages

Psalm 27:14
Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the Lord.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

We must use time creatively and forever realize that the time is always ripe to do right.
(Martin Luther King, Jr.)

NOTICE

The National Park Service will be repaving some of the streets within the boundaries of Christiansted National Historic Site. The affected areas are as follows: from the east side of the intersection of King Street and Church Street to a point approximately 50 feet south of the intersection of Hospital Street and Company Street, and on Company Street between Hospital Street and Church Street.

The project will commence at 6:00 AM, Monday, 24 January and should be completed by 6:00 PM, Tuesday, 25 January. During repaving, a single lane of traffic will be kept open from the eastern end of King Street to the Queen Street intersection of Hospital Street. The section of Company Street between Hospital Street and Church Street will be closed. To access Company Street, traffic from King Street will turn onto Church Street; traffic traveling into town from Hospital Street will turn onto Queen Street.

Until the repaving is completed, no stopping or parking of unauthorized vehicles will be permitted within the project area. Any unauthorized vehicle doing so will be towed at the owner's expense.

The cooperation of the public will be greatly appreciated.

Joel A. Tutein
Superintendent,
Christiansted National Historic Site

1/21/2000

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

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 certi-fy 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-20-00

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 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.

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

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

CHASE MANHATTAN BANK,
Plaintiff,
V.
ALI HUSSEIN CAMPOS and LAURITZ H. SCHUSTER.
Defendants.

CIVIL NO. 537/1999
ACTION FOR DEBT and
FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE

TO: Ali Hussein Campos, DEFENDANT
ADDRESS: 7207 G. Lockport Place
Lorton, VA 22079

Within the time limited by law (see note below) you are hereby required to appear before this Court and answer to a complaint filed against you in this action. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment by default will be taken against you as demanded in the complaint, for action for debt.

Witness my hand and the Seal of this Court this15th day of September 1999.

Yvonne V. Wesselhoft
Clerk of the Court

Chad C. Messier
Address: Dudley Topper and Feuerzeig
1A Frederiksberg Gade
P.O. Box 756
St. Thomas, VI 00804
340-774-4422

By: Judith M. Ward
Jud. Asst. II

NOTE: The defendant, if served personally, is required to file his/her answer or other defense with the Administrator/Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after service of this summons, excluding the date of service. If served by publication or by personal service outside the jurisdiction the defendant is required to file his/her answer or other defense with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the attorney for the plaintiff within thirty (30) days after the completion of the period of publication or personal service outside of the jurisdiction.

1/21,28 2/4,11/2000

GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNTIED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Dear Policyholder:

Enclosed are the necessary forms for filling your 1999 ACTUAL and 2000 ESTIMATED EMPLOYER'S REPORTS TO THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE. The information submitted herein will be used to determine the amount of premium due for Worker's Compensation Insurance as mandated under Title 24-Chapter 11, Section 273 of the Virgin Islands Code.

Both reports detailed above must be filed with the Office of the Custodian, Government Insurance Fund on or before FEBRUARY 29, 2000.

The Estimated Premium shall be computed and paid on $8,424 for each worker for the year. Exact salaries paid for the previous year, not exceeding $8,424 shall be reflected on the Actual Report.

Premium payment must accompany these reports. An employer may request to pay their annual premiums in two (2) installments, if the Estimated Premium due is $2,500 or more and the required reports are filed in accordance with Section 273 (a).

The physical location, mailing address and telephone number of your business and/or office must be shown, along with a Federal Employers Identification Number (E.I.N.) and/or Social Security Number of the employer. If not hand delivered, reports and premium payments can be mailed to the address shown above.

If you have ceased your business, it is very important that you file a "FINAL ACTUAL REPORT" in order for us to inactivate your account.

Failure to report and pay premiums due within the time required by law, may result in:

- You becoming a delinquent and uninsured employer, liable for a law suit by a injured worker (s) or beneficiaries
- Fines not more than $500.00 or imprisoned not more than six months in addition to any interest and penalties
- Or the bill shall bear interest at the rate of 1% per month or any fraction thereof from due date until payment is received by the Commissioner of Finance and the outstanding balance and interest will be levied upon including a lien on all property AND SUCH EMPLOYER'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL DATE FROM THE TIME OF PAYMENT OF SAID MONEY TO THE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE FUND.

If any additional information or assistance in the preparation and submission of these reports are required, please feel free to contact our offices, St. Thomas (340) 774-4750 extension 2255, St. Croix (340) 773-1105 extension 4003.

Sincerely,

Bernice A. Turnbull, Commissioner
AND
Custodian, Government Insurance Fund

1/14,21,28 & 2/4/2000

Notices

GOOD NEWS!
Mark Your Calendar
FEBRUARY 13, 2000
WILSON AUCTIONS
ANNUAL
ANTIQUES
AUCTION

We've got another great Auction with a fine collection of West Indian furniture such as four poster beds, caned rockers, card tables, occasional tables, plant stands, folding deck chair, side chairs and *more*, as well as some fine Victorian pieces, a pair of English corner chairs, quality Chippendale and Queen Anne and other reproductions, quality Chinese pieces, coin collection and all sorts of wonderful collectibles!

Don't miss out on this Auction, whether you want to Buy or Sell!!
We are still taking consignments!
Call us at 778-5682 or 772-1651 or 771-7055 for more information.

Adullam Shelter for the homeless, Inc. is seeking a donation of used truck. Please phone **692-0347**.

THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

DIAMOND CINEMAS
778-5200

CINEMA I
"NEXT FRIDAY"
Mon-Fri: 7:20, 9:15;
Sat.-Sun: 3:20, 5:15, 7:20, 9:15. "R"

CINEMA II
"THREE KINGS"
Mon-Fri: 7:10, 9:15;
Sat.-Sun: 3:00, 5:05, 7:10, 9:15. "R"

Sunny Isle Theatres
778-5620

THEATRE 1
"CLOSED"

THEATRE 2
"CLOSED"

THEATRE 3
"CLOSED"

THEATRE 4
"LIGHT IT UP"
Mon-Fri: 7:15, 9:20;
Sat.-Sun: 3:15, 5:20, 7:15, 9:20. "R"

THEATRE 5
"THE HURRICANE"
Mon-Fri: 7:45 ONLY;
Sat.-Sun: 3:30, 6:20, 9:05. "R"

THEATRE 6
"Music of the Heart"
Mon.-Fri: 6:50, 9:15;
Sat.-Sun: 2:30, 4:55, 7:05, 9:15. "PG"

Sat-Sun Matinee $4.00 1st Show only
No Courtesy Passes on New Movies
Seniors $4.00
Sat., Sun., Mon. 1st show.

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY THEATRE
presents
PROPOSALS
A Dramatic Comedy by
NEIL SIMON
Jan 14,15,16,21,22&23
Showtime: 8:00PM
SIDNEY LEE THEATER
AT ISLAND CENTER
Tickets available at the door
$13. ea. • Book/6 $65. • Student $6.
Reservations requested; 773-7171

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

In the Matter of the Estate of
MICHAEL WILLIAM ROWLEE,
Deceased

PROBATE NO. 93/1999

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Probate has been filed and Jacqueline Curtis, has been appointed Administratrix of the above-entitled estate. All creditors are directed to present their claims with proper vouchers and verified by affidavit within six (6) months from the date hereof to the undersigned attorney. Persons indebted to the estate are required to make payment within six (6) months from the date hereof. Persons claiming to be next of kin shall file their proof of heirship with the undersigned or the Clerk of the Territorial Court within the aforesaid time.

Dated this 11 day of January, 2000, at Christiansted, St. Croix..

Respectfully submitted,

LAW OFFICE OF FELICE M. QUIGLEY
P.O. BOX 3209
Christiansted, St. Croix
U.S. Virgin Islands 00822
(340) 773-7700

Felice M. Quigley R.N., J.D

1/14,21,28, 2/4//2000

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1-21-00

PAR SCORE 135-145 JUDD'S TOTAL **219**

P3	E1	K5	O1	E1			RACK 4 =	**11**
C3	A1	N1	A1	S1	T1	A1	RACK 3 =	**77**
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NOTICE TO ESTABLISHED VIRGIN ISLANDS BUSINESSES
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Construction	Hardware & Tools
Office Supplies and Furnishings	Fuel & Lubricants
Janitorial Supplies	Electrical Supplies
Uniforms	Batteries
Legal Services	Accounting Services
Computer Services	Travel Services

If you are an Eligible Virgin Islands Supplier as defined in the IDC's Rules and Regulations but are not on the Industrial Development Commission's list of eligible suppliers, you are encouraged to request being added to the list by having your business certified by the Director of the IDC. Applications may be obtained by writing to:

Executive Director
Industrial Development Commission
P.O. Box 305038
St. Thomas, V.I. 00803
or
Executive Director
Industrial Development Commission
P.O. Box 3499
Christiansted
St. Croix, V.I. 00822

1/21,23-24,26, 2000

NOTICE TO ESTABLISHED VIRGIN ISLANDS BUSINESSES
INTERPACIFIC INVESTOR SERVICES, LLC, a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods or services:

• Cleaning Supplies	• Printed Materials
• Office Supplies/Furniture	• Air Conditioning Services
• Electrical Services	• Sanitation Services
• Pest Control Services	• Travel Services
• Accounting/Legal Services	• Computer Equipment Supplies

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1/21,23-24,26, 2000

NOTICE TO ESTABLISHED VIRGIN ISLANDS BUSINESSES
THE MARCH GROUP, LLC is a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods or services:

Office Supplies	Travel Agent Services
Office Equipment	Computer Repairs
Office Equipment Repair	Video Equipment
Trucking	Video Editing
Shipping	Telephone
Mail Fulfillment	Beeper Service
Office Equipment	

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1/19,21,23-24,

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DORIS ANGELA ROGERS,
Deceased

PROBATE NO. 2/ 2000

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition has been filed by EVADNEY M. ROGERS with the Territorial Court of the Virgin Islands for Settlement Without Administration in the Estate of DORIS ANGELA ROGERS. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within thirty (30) days hereof by verified affidavit, and all persons indebted to the Estate are required to make payment promptly to the undersigned attorney for the Estate.

DATED: January 10, 2000

B. PATRICA WELCOME, ESQ.
Attorney For The Estate of Doris A. Rogers
27 & 28 King Cross Street
Phoenix Court Carriage House
Christiansted, St. Croix 00820
Telephone: (340) 713-8887
Facsimile: (340) 713-8853

1/14,21,28, 2/4/2000

Basketball

NBA

(Wednesday's games not incl.)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	24	13	.649	—
New York	23	14	.622	1
Philadelphia	22	16	.579	2 1/2
Boston	17	20	.459	7
Orlando	16	23	.410	9
New Jersey	15	22	.405	9
Washington	12	27	.308	13
Central Division				
Indiana	25	12	.676	—
Detroit	21	16	.568	4
Milwaukee	22	17	.564	4
Charlotte	19	17	.528	5 1/2
Toronto	20	18	.526	5 1/2
Cleveland	16	22	.421	9 1/2
Atlanta	13	23	.361	11 1/2
Chicago	6	29	.171	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	24	11	.686	—
San Antonio	25	14	.641	1
Minnesota	19	16	.543	5
Denver	17	19	.472	7 1/2
Houston	14	24	.368	11 1/2
Dallas	12	25	.324	13
Vancouver	10	27	.270	15
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	32	7	.821	—
Portland	28	10	.737	3 1/2
Seattle	26	13	.667	6
Sacramento	24	12	.667	6 1/2
Phoenix	21	15	.583	9 1/2
LA Clippers	10	28	.263	21 1/2
Golden State	7	30	.189	24

Wednesday's Games
Philadelphia 107, Atlanta 89
Boston 94, Toronto 90
Dallas 104, Washington 86
Indiana 106, Milwaukee 84
New York 90, New Jersey 89
Portland 105, San Antonio 95
Charlotte 96, Chicago 86
Minnesota 91, Utah 88
L.A. Lakers 95, Cleveland 86

Thursday's Games
Late Games Not Included
New Jersey 122, Detroit 120
Charlotte 109, Philadelphia 100
Seattle 104 Milwaukee 96
Houston 122, Denver 115
Utah at Vancouver, (n)
Orlando at Sacramento, (n)

Friday's Games
Seattle at Boston, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Washington, 7 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Miami, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Denver, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Dallas at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Orlando at Vancouver, 3 p.m.
Utah at Sacramento, 6 p.m.
New York at San Antonio, 6 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Philadelphia, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Seattle at Toronto, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Miami at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Golden State, 9 p.m.
Orlando at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

NBA Boxes

76ers-Hornets

PHILADELPHIA (100)

Lynch 6-8 3-3 16, Hill 7-10 3-6 17, Ratliff 2-9 2-2 6, Iverson 15-26 4-7 35, Snow 3-9 2-2 8, Owens 1-5 0-0 2, Geiger 1-6 2-2 4, McKie 0-5 1-2 1, Hughes 4-9 3-5 11, Bowen 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-87 20-29 100.

CHARLOTTE (109)

Mason 2-3 6-10 10, Coleman 6-14 10-11 23, Campbell 5-9 0-0 10, Wesley 6-12 0-0 15, E.Jones 5-18 12-13 23, Ellis 0-0 0-0 0, Miller 2-4 5-6 9, B.Davis 3-7 0-0 6, R.Davis 4-5 5-6 13. Totals 33-72 38-46 109.

Philadelphia	**31**	**18**	**19**	**32**	**— 100**
Charlotte	**24**	**23**	**40**	**22**	**— 109**

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 2-6 (Lynch 1-1, Iverson 1-2, Owens 0-1, McKie 0-2), Charlotte 5-14 (Wesley 3-6, Coleman 1-2, E.Jones 1-5, B.Davis 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 50 (Hill 7), Charlotte 54 (Mason 9). Assists—Philadelphia 17 (Snow 7), Charlotte 27 (E.Jones 8). Total fouls—Philadelphia 33, Charlotte 21. Technicals—Philadelphia coach Brown 2. Ejected—Philadelphia coach Brown. A—16,160 (23,799).

Pistons-Nets

DETROIT (120)

Hill 8-18 7-8 23, Laettner 10-18 8-10 28, Mills 3-3 0-0 7, Stackhouse 5-11 17-18 28, Hunter 5-10 0-0 12, Je.Williams 1-3 0-0 2, Curry 5-7 4-4 14, Vaught 0-0 0-0 0, Crotty 1-1 2-2 4, Buechler 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 39-72 38-42 120.

NEW JERSEY(122)

Gill 6-12 0-0 12, Van Horn 9-20 7-7 28, Feick 4-11 4-4 12, Kittles 5-9 1-1 12, Marbury 13-23 5-6 34, Harris 2-4 0-0 4, Burrell 3-4 1-2 8, Perry 1-2 2-2 4, Newman 3-5 1-2 8, McIlvaine 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 46-90 21-24 122.

Detroit	**26**	**26**	**37**	**31**	**— 120**
New Jersey	**35**	**31**	**27**	**29**	**— 122**

3-Point Goals—Detroit 4-8 (Hunter 2-3, Mills 1-1, Stackhouse 1-3, Hill 0-1), New Jersey 9-23 (Marbury 3-6, Van Horn 3-8, Burrell 1-2, Newman 1-2, Kittles 1-4, Gill 0-1). Fouled out—Van Horn, Gill. Rebounds—Detroit 42 (Laettner 8), New Jersey 42 (Feick 25). Assists—Detroit 21 (Stackhouse 9), New Jersey 24 (Marbury 15). Total fouls—Detroit 22, New Jersey 31. A—15,222 (20,049).

SuperSonics-Bucks

SEATTLE (104)

Patterson 6-8 3-6 16, Baker 10-21 11-12 31, H.Grant 2-8 0-0 4, B.Barry 5-12 2-2 15, Payton 9-21 2-2 22, Davis 1-2 2-2 4, Lewis 2-5 0-0 4, McCoy 3-3 2-3 8, Person 0-1 0-0 0, Sh.Williams 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-81 22-27 104.

MILWAUKEE (96)

Robinson 9-22 1-2 21, S.Williams 6-8 1-1 13, Johnson 3-5 0-2 6, R.Allen 4-15 2-3 11, Cassell 6-13 7-7 19, Thomas 6-9 2-3 14, Del Negro 5-9 0-0 10, Manning 1-2 0-0 2, Ham 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 40-86 13-18 96.

Seattle	**29**	**24**	**24**	**27**	**— 104**
Milwaukee	**19**	**24**	**28**	**25**	**— 96**

3-Point Goals—Seattle 6-22 (B.Barry 3-9, Payton 2-9, Patterson 1-1, Lewis 0-1, Davis 0-1, Person 0-1), Milwaukee 3-14 (Robinson 2-5, R.Allen 1-5, Cassell 0-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Seattle 51 (Payton 10), Milwaukee 48 (S.Williams 11). Assists—Seattle 23 (Payton 7), Milwaukee 24 (R.Allen 13). Total fouls—Seattle 21, Milwaukee 25. A—14,087 (18,717).

Nuggets-Rockets

DENVER (115)

Posey 0-2 0-0 0, McDyess 15-25 10-11 40, LaFrentz 3-9 0-0 6, Mercer 11-21 0-0 22, Van Exel 13-25 5-6 31, McCloud 3-6 1-1 8, Clark 3-6 2-2 8, Herren 0-2 0-0 0, Stith 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 48-97 18-20 115.

HOUSTON (122)

Williams 4-12 3-3 12, Bullard 3-7 2-2 9, Miller 3-7 1-1 7, Anderson 9-15 4-4 26, Francis 8-15 6-8 22, Thomas 6-13 0-2 13, Olajuwon 2-7 2-4 6, Mobley 7-11 2-2 17, Drew 3-8 2-2 10. Totals 45-95 22-28 122.

Denver	**33**	**24**	**32**	**26**	**— 115**
Houston	**35**	**23**	**32**	**32**	**— 122**

3-Point Goals—Denver 1-9 (McCloud 1-3, LaFrentz 0-2, Van Exel 0-4), Houston 10-22 (Anderson 4-5, Drew 2-4, Thomas 1-1, Bullard 1-3, Williams 1-3, Mobley 1-4, Francis 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Denver 50 (McDyess 12), Houston 57 (Anderson 13). Assists—Denver 27 (Van Exel 11), Houston 27 (Francis 7). Total fouls—Denver 21, Houston 20. A—14,591 (16,285).

NCAA Box

LOUISIANA TECH 88, ARKANSAS ST. 69

ARK. LITTLEROCK(3-12)

Smith 2-5 0-0 5, Moore 1-5 2-2 4, Adrian Brown 1-4 5-6 7, Blackman 7-12 2-5 16, Barksdale 7-12 2-2 21, Finger 0-1 0-0 0, Lee 0-1 0-0 0, Lovitt 0-0 2-3 2, Nealy 0-2 0-0 0, Gree 4-11 1-3 12, Roman Brown 1-2 0-0 2, Neal 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-55 14-21 69

LOUISIANA TECH(10-5)

Henderon 5-8 5-6 16, Lewis 0-1 0-1 0, Smith 3-7 0-0 6, Meeking 3-7 5-6 11, Williams 2-5 0-0 4, Fowler 3-4 2-4 8, Jackson 6-12 2-5 16, Cole 2-5 0-0 4, Paul 0-1 0-2 0, Spruel 5-8 2-3 13, Cooper 3-3 0-0 6, Pawelczak 1-3 2-2 6. Totals 33-64 18-29 88

Halftime—Louisiana Tech 43, Arkansas-Little Rock 31. 3-Point goals—Ark.-Little Rock 9-21 (Smith 1-2, Adrian Brown 0-2, Barksdale 5-9, Finer 0-1, Lee 0-1, Green 3-6), Louisiana Tech 4-15 (Henderson 1-4, Lewis 0-1, Smith 0-1, Jackson 2-4, Cole 0-2, Paul 0-1, Spruel 1-2). Fouled, None. Rebounds—Ark.-Little Rock 36 (Blackman 11), Louisiana Tech 38 (Meeking, Pawelczk 5). Assists—Ark.-Little Rock 15 (Barksdale 7), Louisiana Tech 15 (Jackson 5). Total fouls—Ark.-Little Rock 19, Louisiana Tech 20. Technicals—Arkansas St. bench 2. A—1,084.

Ohio 93, Cent. Michigan 80

OHIO (11-8)

Stonerook 7-12 7-7 24, Adell 8-14 2-3 23, Esterkamp 8-13 2-3 23, Ford 5-9 2-2 16, McVicker 1-2 0-0 2, Hunter 1-3 1-2 3, Reed 1-3 0-0 2, Crawford 0-2 0-2 0, Howell 0-1 0-0 0, Jewett 0-0 0-0 0, Flomo 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-59 14-19 93.

CENT MICHIGAN(4-12)

Webber 9-20 5-7 25, Bird 4-6 2-3 11, Kisner 3-6 2-3 10, Pleiness 4-7 1-2 9, Schell 3-4 0-0 8, W. Wallace 3-6 1-1 8, Schrotenboer 2-4 0-0 5, Borovich 0-1 2-2 2, J.R. Wallace 1-2 0-0 2, Webber 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 29-57 13-18 80.

Halftime—Ohio 49, Cent. Michigan 42. 3-Point goals—Ohio 17 (Esterkamp 5-7, Adell 5-8, Ford 4-8, Stonerook 3-7, Howell 0-1, Crawford 0-1). Cent. Michigan 9 (Kisner 2-3, Webber 2-5, Schell 2-3, Wallace 1-1, Bird 1-1, Schrotenboer 1-2, Borovich 0-1). Fouled out—none. Rebounds—Ohio 36 (Stonerook 8), Cent. Michigan 27 (Pleiness 5). Assists—Ohio 23 (Ford 5), Cent. Michigan 16 (Kisner 11). Total fouls—Ohio 18, Cent. Michigan 17. A—2,447.

ALABAMA A&M 86, BELMONT 73

BELMONT (3-14)

Upton 4-7 2-2 11, Booker 1-1 3-4 5, Webb 4-7 2-2 10, Proffitt 7-17 2-2 19, Couey 1-3 2-2 5, Kees 2-5 7-7 11, Karnes 0-0 0-0 0, Steger 4-9 0-4 12, Burtner 0-1 0-0 0, Lathrem 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-50 18-23 73.

ALABAMA A&M(8-7)

Floyd 0-1 0-0 0, Nicholson 1-3 4-6 6, Vanlier 7-16 7-10 21, Harris 0-1 0-0 0, Smith 1-6 0-0- 3, Crayton 9-15 1-4 20, Cambridge 8-11 4-4 21, Ward 2-7 4-4 10, Moore 1-4 0-0 2, Jones 1-3 0-0 2, Riley 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 30-67 21-30 86.

Halftime—Alabama A&M 38, Belmont 29. 3-Point goals—Belmont 9-23 (Upton 1-2, Webb 0-1, Proffiett 3-11, Couey 1-2, Kees 0-1, Steger 4-5, Burtner 0-1). Alabama A&M 5-29 (Vanlier 0-7, Harris 0-1, Smith 1-6, Crayton 1-3, Cambridge 1-4, Ward 2-7, Moore 0-1). Rebounds — Belmont 37 (Steger 7), Alabama A&M 34 (Vanlier 5). Assists—Belmont 15 (Couey 6), Alabama A&M 18 (Cambridge). Total fouls— Belmont 23, Alabama A&M 18. A: n/a.

Football

NFL Playoff Glance

All Times EST

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 23
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 12:35 p.m. (CBS)
Tampa Bay at St. Louis, 4:15 p.m. (FOX)

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 30
At Atlanta, 6:18 p.m. (ABC)

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 6
at Honolulu (ABC)

NFL Playoff Capsules

A look at the matchups for the conference championships in the National Football League (times EST):

NFC Championship
TAMPA BAY (12-5) at ST. LOUIS (14-3) Sunday, 4:15 p.m., FOX

OPENING LINE — Rams by 13.
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Buccaneers 10-5. Rams 14-3.
SERIES RECORD — Rams lead 9-3.
LAST TIME MET — Buccaneers beat Rams 24-14 on Dec. 11, 1994 at Tampa Bay.
POSTSEASON RECORDS — Buccaneers 2-4. Rams 14-20.
RECORD VS. COMMON OPPONENTS — Buccaneers 6-2. Rams 6-2.
LAST WEEK — Buccaneers beat Redskins 14-13. Rams beat Vikings 49-37.
BUCCANEERS OFFENSE — RUSH (15), PASS (30), OVERALL (28)
Gained just 186 total yards, 117 in second half. Rookie QB Shaun King was 15-for-32 for 157 yards and 1 TD, leading 2 second-half scoring drives. RB Mike Alstott had just 24 yards rushing with a 2-yard TD run. RB Warrick Dunn had 4 catches for 32 yards. WR Bert Emanuel had 2 catches for 47 yards.
RAMS OFFENSE — RUSH (5), PASS (1), OVERALL (1)
Had 374 net yards passing. QB Kurt Warner was 27-for-33 for 391 yards and 5 TDs. WR Isaac Bruce had 4 catches for 133 yards, including 77-yard TD on first play of game. RB Marshall Faulk had 5 catches for 80 yards with 41-yard TD catch and added a 1-yard TD run. WR Torry Holt had 6 catches for 65 yards. WR Az-Zahir Hakim had 5 catches for 49 yards. Scored TDs on all 4 red zone attempts. Gained just 31 yards rushing. Had been averaging 128.7 per game.
BUCCANEERS DEFENSE — RUSH (5), PASS (2), OVERALL (3)
Held Redskins to season-low 13 points. Held NFL rushing leader RB Stephen Davis to 37 yards rushing. Allowed 157 total yards, just 26 in second half. Recorded 4 sacks. LB Steve White had 2 sacks and 1 forced fumble, leading to game-winning TD. DT Warren Sapp had 3 tackles, 1 sack and 1 fumble recovery. LB Derrick Brooks had 12 tackles and 2 assists. DB John Lynch had 6 tackles, 1 INT and 3 passes defensed. LB Hardy Nickerson had 5 tackles and 3 assists.
RAMS DEFENSE — RUSH (1), PASS (20), OVERALL (6)
Allowed 476 total yards, 389 passing. Had 4 sacks. DB Billy Jenkins had 11 tackles and 1 sack. LB London Fletcher had 8 tackles, 3 assists and 1 sack. DB Dexter McCleon had 4 tackles, 1 INT and 4 passes defensed. LBs Charlie Clemons and Kevin Carter each had 1 sack. DB Todd Lyght and LB Mike A. Jones each had 6 tackles. DB Dre' Bly had 5 tackles.
SPECIAL TEAMS — Buccaneers P Mark Royals averaged 41.8 yards on club playoff-record 10 punts, dropping 3 inside the 20. Rams KR Tony Horne had 174 yards on 4 returns, including a 95-yard TD return to start second half.
KEY MATCHUP — Defensive Player of Year DT Sapp vs. MVP Warner and Offensive Player of Year Faulk.
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Buccaneers and Rams will send most players (Rams 7, Bucs 6) to Pro Bowl among NFC teams. ... King became only second rookie to win playoff game. He is 5-1 as starter, including playoffs. ... RBs Alstott (1,188) and Dunn (1,205) each had 1,000-plus yards from scrimmage. ... Buccaneers allowed 235 points, fewest in NFC. ... Buccaneers rookie K Martin Gramatica broke club record for most points (106) and FGs (27). ... Rams' 49 points last week were highest in club playoff history. ... Warner set club playoff records for yards passing and TD throws and turned in 142.99 QB rating vs. Vikigns. Perfect rating is 150.9. ... Faulk became only second player ever with 1,000 yards rushing and receiving in same season (Roger Craig, '85). His 87 receptions were fourth in NFC. ... Rams have NFL's top run defense (74.3). ... Rams tied for NFL-high with 57 sacks.

Harrah's Odds

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Updated odds for this week's NFL playoff games as provided by Harrah's Reno Casino & Sportsbook:

NFL
Divisional Games

Sunday		
at Jacksonville	7	Tennessee
at St.Louis	13½	Tampa Bay

Hockey

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	28	13	5	3	64	146	114
Philadelphia	25	14	6	1	57	136	104
Pittsburgh	18	22	3	5	44	137	129
NY Rangers	17	20	7	3	44	117	124
NY Islanders	10	28	6	1	27	96	146
Northeast Division	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	27	16	4	3	61	140	117
Ottawa	24	15	6	2	56	125	111
Buffalo	18	22	6	1	43	122	127
Boston	14	19	13	2	43	116	129
Montreal	14	24	6	1	35	96	114
Southeast Division	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	27	14	3	3	60	143	105
Washington	19	17	7	1	46	114	113
Carolina	17	21	8	0	42	115	128
Tampa Bay	11	26	6	4	32	120	158
Atlanta	11	28	5	3	30	99	160

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	27	12	6	0	60	137	96
Detroit	27	14	5	1	60	159	121
Nashville	16	24	6	3	41	123	139
Chicago	16	24	6	2	40	133	144
Northwest Division	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	24	17	5	1	54	132	116
Calgary	21	19	5	1	48	108	122
Edmonton	14	19	12	6	46	115	121
Vancouver	14	22	8	5	41	114	133
Pacific Division	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Phoenix	24	16	6	0	54	142	124
Dallas	23	17	5	2	53	107	101
San Jose	21	22	5	4	51	133	125
Los Angeles	19	18	7	3	48	135	128
Anaheim	19	22	5	1	44	109	120

Wednesday's Games
Washington 3, Florida 1
Montreal 3, N.Y. Islanders 0
New Jersey 4, Chicago 1
Boston 4, Atlanta 3
Pittsburgh 3, St. Louis 1
San Jose 0, Colorado 0
Edmonton 7, Calgary 0
Detroit 3, Vancouver 3, tie
Anaheim 3, Dallas 1

Thursday's Games
Late Games Not Included<B>
N.Y. Rangers 4, Carolina 1
Ottawa 1, Philadelphia 1, tie
Boston 4, Tampa Bay 2
Buffalo at Phoenix (n)
Dallas at Los Angeles (n)

Friday's Games
NY Islanders at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Florida at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Colorado at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

Sports on the air

Friday, Jan. 21

All Times EST

BOXING
9 p.m.
ESPN2 — Cruiserweights, James Toney vs. Terry McGroom at Chicago.
GOLF
9 a.m.
TGC — European Tour, South African Open Championship, second round, at Johannesburg, South Africa.
2 p.m.
ESPN — Senior PGA, Mastercard Championship, first round, at Kona, Hawaii.
2:30 p.m.
TGC — LPGA, Subaru Memorial of Naples, second round, at Naples, Fla.
4 p.m.
ESPN — PGA, Bob Hope Chrysler Championship, third round, at Palm Springs, Calif.
11 p.m.
TGC — ANZ Tour of Australasia, New Zealand Open Championship, third round, at Wellington, New Zealand.
NBA
8 p.m.
TNT — Atlanta at Miami.
NHL
8 p.m.
ESPN — St. Louis at Chicago.
SKIING
7 p.m.
ESPN — FIS, World Cup, Super G, at Kitzbuhel, Austria (same-day tape).
TENNIS
12:30 a.m.
ESPN2 — Australian Open, early round coverage, at Melbourne, Australia.

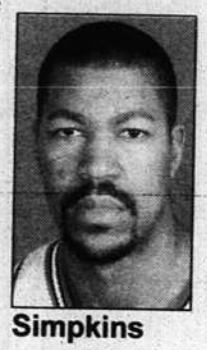
Simpkins gives back to community

Bulls player unveils foundation to help single mothers, kids

CHICAGO (AP) — Dickey Simpkins doesn't have a high school class ring.

Not a big deal, really, in the grand scheme of life. The Chicago Bulls center-forward has a job he loves and makes millions doing it. If he wants a ring, he's got three from the Bulls' NBA championships.

But that ring he doesn't have reminds him of how tough it can be growing up in a single-parent home like he did, and of the sacrifices those parents and children often have to make.


Simpkins

"As a single parent, you try to do the best job possible, but you're not going to be able to cover everything by yourself," he said. "After watching my mother sacrifice, watching her help us grow, I figured, 'Why not come up with an organization that can help mothers like that, single mothers and their kids?'"

Earlier this month, Simpkins unveiled his 1Love Foundation. While it will initially help children of single parents in Chicago, his hometown of Washington, D.C., and Providence, R.I., where he went to college, Simpkins hopes to expand it with help from other NBA players. Former teammates Scottie Pippen and Horace Grant already have pledged their support, he said.

The foundation had its kickoff Jan. 7, when it brought 25 children to the Bulls' game against the Wizards in Washington. Last Friday, 25 children from the Uhlich Children's Home in Chicago met Simpkins and had seats on the floor for the Bulls' game against the Atlanta Hawks.

"I thought it was an outstanding idea that an NBA player ... wanted to take time to go back and give back to single-parent children," said Claude Robinson, director of community support programs at Uhlich.

"Outside resources provide a support network. That then adds more infrastructure to the family unit," he said. "The foundation, for instance, would be a source of inspiration and motivation so these young kids get what children in a two-parent family usually have."

While taking children on field trips and getting them involved in activities they might not normally do because of time or financial

Jordan starts first day on his new job

WASHINGTON (AP) — He did not practice. He wore casual slacks instead of shorts, and he stood on the sideline.

Michael Jordan looked more like an assistant coach Thursday during the first hour of the Washington Wizards workout.

"It was real weird, just Michael being here," rookie guard Richard Hamilton said. "That's unbelievable."

A horde of reporters attended the Thursday morning practice, the day after Jordan became the team's part-owner and president of basketball operations. Only the last half-hour was open to reporters, so Jordan was gone by the time the cameras and notebooks arrived.

"It was unreal at first," Hamilton said. "All you can do is sit back and listen. But it's reality. And he's come here to help turn this basketball team around."

One floor up, at the MCI Center's ticket booths, Dwayne Curtis and his 8-year-old son were flipping through a Wizards schedule to choose an upcoming game to attend — only because of Jordan's arrival in town.

"He likes Michael," Curtis, looking at his son with a smile, said.

The Wizards wasted no time marketing their new asset. TV commercials featuring Jordan aired within hours of Wednesday's announcement, and a season-ticket flier at the box office had Jordan's smiling mug at the top. "Sign up to see how Michael Jordan helps shape the Wizards" was right in the middle.


Associated Press
Former Chicago Bulls great Michael Jordan (back right) sits in the owner's sky box with Washington Capitals minority owner Jon Ledecky, (back left) Washington Wizards minority owner Ted Leonsis, (front center) and attorney George Stamos, (front right) Wednesday at the MCI Center in Washington.

"The phones are ringing steadily," spokesman Matt Williams said. The number of tickets sold Thursday was not immediately available.

At the practice, following Wednesday night's 104-86 embarrassing loss to the Dallas Mavericks, coach Gar Heard was emphasizing weak-side defense. Jordan, a former defensive player of the year as well as a five-time MVP, naturally had plenty of tips.

"It was just more like, 'If your man goes here, you be here,' giving us pointers more than anything," Hamilton said.

Jordan then met with general manager Wes Unseld for several hours, no doubt discussing the woes of one of the NBA's worst teams. The Wizards (12-28) have lost five straight and are in last place in the Atlantic Division.

"There's going to be some tough times," guard Mitch Richmond said. "I think he knows what's ahead of him. It's going to be a tough road."

Jordan said Wednesday he envisions practicing with the team to evaluate talent, but NBA ownership rules prohibit him from playing in a game. Heard said anticipates Jordan putting on a practice jersey "maybe next week."

Tigers junior varsity soccer team on top of the game

RASHIDI CLENANCE

ST. CROIX — The Country Day Tigers junior varsity soccer team has taken a bite out of the St. Croix Interscholastic regular season. There hasn't been any other team in the junior varsity league capable of disrupting this extremely talented bunch — as evidenced in this week alone.

Tuesday, the 7-0 league leaders rumbled through the second-place Central High Caribs 5-0. The Tigers' five goals were all scored in the second half by four different players, Mike Graci, Lashati Bailey, Ryan McCann and Daren Subniak. Subniak knocked the net twice.

Wednesday, the Tigers continued their winning ways with a 3-1 victory over their archrivals from Good Hope. In that game, Josh Rames, Aaron Gentilucci and Stephen O'Reilly scored. The amazing, but probably overlooked, fact is that seven players on the same team have scored in two games. This is truly an amazing statistic in soccer.

"This JV team is very talented," said Nancy Hasson, Tigers coach and athletic director.

The Tigers are indeed talented, a fact that will probably not only win them another junior varsity title, but some varsity titles in the not-too-distant future.

As for right now, the junior juggernauts are poised to pounce on their first-round opponents in the playoffs that start on Monday. The finals of the junior varsity league will be played Thursday. With home-field advantage throughout, chances of another championship for the Tigers looks grrrrreat.

Spurs' Elliott hopes to return to play soon

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio Spurs forward Sean Elliott said Thursday he has been cleared to play, five months after receiving a kidney transplant, but team officials are skeptical at how quickly he can return.

"He said he was cleared to play and I said, 'No, you're not,' not until I see things in writing — then he's cleared," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said.

"The decision is up to Sean Elliott, not me. The doctors can clear him, but the ultimate decision is Sean Elliott's. With me, it comes down to whether he can help the team, not if the doctors can clear him."

Elliott underwent a kidney transplant on Aug. 16, receiving the organ from his brother, Noel Elliott.

"We perform transplants to allow people to have as normal a life a possible and basketball was Sean's normal career," Dr. Francis Wright, transplant surgeon at the Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital in San Antonio, said in a written statement. He and kidney physician Dr. John Reineck cleared Elliott to play.

"The possibility of an injury to the transplant kidney is small and it's well-protected by a thick layer of muscle," Wright said.

Elliott had been practicing with the NBA champions for nearly a month, but has yet to participate in contact drills. While he has joined teammates in conditioning drills, Elliott has spent most of his practice time alone, running sprints and stairs.

After Thursday's practice, Elliott proclaimed himself ready to take the next step.

"As it looks right now, they're going to clear me and I'll be ready to mix it up," Elliott said. "I feel pretty good. I'm in the best shape I've been in since I got out of the hospital. When I came back, I was surprised at how good I was feeling."

Elliott, who has been serving as a color commentator for Spurs telecasts, missed several games and spent a few days in the hospital with a bout of the flu in December.

Spurs media relations director Tom James joined Popovich in hesitating to say Elliott was completely back.

"He's coming back, but coming back is a very broad term," James said. "This is unchartered territory for us and for him. It's great news, but people shouldn't expect to see him in uniform Saturday night."

James said he expected Popovich, Elliott and Elliott's doctors to sit down early next week to discuss just how close Elliott is to returning.

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Briefs

Miami linebacker's eligibility in question

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — Miami Hurricanes linebacker Nate Webster may have compromised his eligibility by filing a document to declare himself eligible for the NFL draft before he decided to return for his senior season.

School officials are working with the NFL and NCAA to determine the status of Webster.

"It appears he sent a piece of paper he wishes he hadn't," Miami athletic director Paul Dee said. "His hope is to come back and play."

To be eligible for the NFL draft, a player must file a signed, notarized petition along with his transcripts. It's not clear what Webster sent the NFL or how it was sent.

"We have no information — none — that anyone was involved in this other than Nate in terms of an agent being involved ... which could be the saving grace in all of this," Dee said.

New guessing game for Packers staff?

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — The guessing game about the new Green Bay Packers coach has been replaced with another mystery: Who will be Mike Sherman's choices to be his top assistants?

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported Thursday that the strong candidates were Tom Rossley as offensive coordinator and Mark Duffner as defensive coordinator.

All three worked together in 1986-87 at Holy Cross, where Duffner was head coach, Rossley was offensive coordinator and Sherman was offensive line coach.

Rossley now is quarterbacks coach with the Kansas City Chiefs and Duffner is linebackers coach with the Cincinnati Bengals.

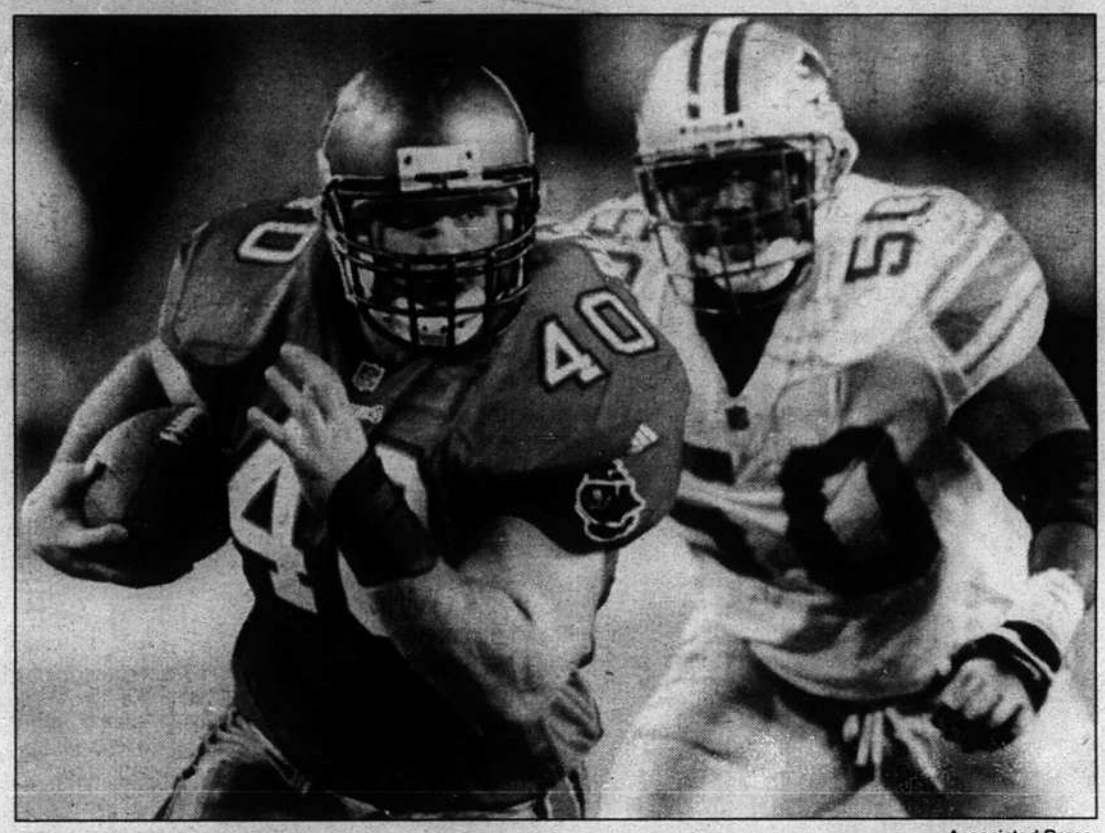
Sherman was named to replace Ray Rhodes, fired after one year as Packers coach when the team finished 8-8 and failed to make the playoffs for the first time since 1992.

Bryant Young to undergo surgery

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco 49ers defensive tackle Bryant Young will be recovering from surgery and will not play in the Pro Bowl, the team announced Wednesday.

Young is scheduled to have a titanium rod in his right leg removed Feb. 1. The Pro Bowl is Feb. 7 in Honolulu.

Young was selected for the NFC Pro Bowl squad after making 42 tackles and a team-high 11 sacks.



Associated Press

Tampa Bay Buccaneers fullback Mike Alstott (40) runs away from Detroit Lions Chris Claiborne to score the game-winning touchdown on a 22-yard pass from quarterback Shaun King during the fourth quarter in this Dec. 12 photo at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla. For the Rams, it's Marshall Faulk; the Buccaneers have the 1-2 punch of Warrick Dunn and Alstott.

Two against one in NFC title game

Faulk,Alstott, Dunn drive teams

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Two against one doesn't seem quite fair. Except when the one is Marshall Faulk.

In Mike Alstott and Warrick Dunn, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers have a nice running back rotation. Alstott is the 250-pound battering ram, and Dunn is the speedy outside guy.

All the St. Louis Rams have is Faulk. All, as in, he does it all.

Faulk was the NFL Offensive Player of the Year, setting a record with 2,429 yards of total offense. He became just the second player to gain 1,000 yards rushing and 1,000 yards receiving.

So two against one doesn't seem to be a problem for St. Louis for Sunday's NFC championship game.

"Having a guy like Marshall who can do everything is something a lot of teams wish they had," said league Most Valuable Player Kurt Warner. "We've been getting some big plays and getting deep, but a lot of our best plays have been just dumping it to Marshall and having him go with it."

When Faulk gets the ball against the Bucs, he can expect to draw lots of attention.

"It will take all 11 of us to keep him under control," said defensive tackle Warren Sapp, the Defensive Player of the Year. "If we eliminate the big plays, we will be fine."

The best way to limit Faulk's

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Kurt Warner,
league Most Valuable Player

contributions is to not let the St. Louis offense, which led the league, onto the field. And the best way to do that, of course, is for Alstott and Dunn to have big days.

Alstott, like Faulk an All-Pro, has become as much a feature back as a fullback. He gets most of his yardage inside, but has displayed an ability to adjust on the run.

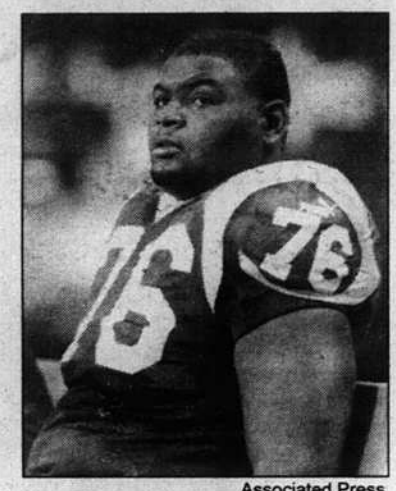
"Tampa Bay is known for pounding the ball with Alstott and mixing it up with Dunn," Rams cornerback Dre' Bly said. "If we can stop the running game, that has to be any team's game plan against the Bucs. Stop the running game and force Shaun King to throw. He's a rookie back there, so we want to try to mix it up on defense and put him in unfamiliar situations.

"The thing to watch for is like what Alstott did last week (against Washington). If he can't get anywhere inside, he can bounce it outside and get something." Alstott got 942 yards rushing this season and played far more in running situations than Dunn. But Dunn led the team with 64 receptions and was particularly important to the offense once the inexperienced King took over at quarterback with five games to go.

"We changed our scheme a little bit," Dunn said. "I was more involved in the passing game and I think it has helped this team and we are in the NFC championship game."

They are there with a rather vanilla offense that tries not to make errors. The Bucs prefer for their third-ranked defense to control games.

"I don't think anyone is concerned about what is being said about our offense," Dunn said. "I don't think anyone is going to worry about the skeptics."



Associated Press

St. Louis Rams' Orlando Pace watches the time expire as the Rams defeat the New Orleans Saints in this Nov. 28 photo at the Trans World Dome in St. Louis.

Pace takes control of game stats

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Orlando Pace performed his usual act of domination in the St. Louis Rams' playoff victory over the Minnesota Vikings. He made another defensive end irrelevant.

It had to be a frustrating day for Chris Doleman, trying to get past the mammoth offensive tackle. Doleman finished with a blank statistics sheet — no tackles, no assists.

"Anytime the person I'm mainly concerned about guarding doesn't have any stats, I'm always happy," Pace said Thursday. "I'm real comfortable with the scheme and I'm real happy with the way I've played this year."

Charley Armey, the team's director of player personnel, graded Pace's performance as nearly perfect — 98 percent.

"He can dominate anybody he wants to dominate," Armey said. "The big man doesn't say much, but he doesn't miss much, either."

Out of respect for Doleman, coach Dick Vermeil backed off just a bit on the usual superlatives.

"I don't want to embarrass anybody," Vermeil said. "He did super." The Rams have come to expect this from the first overall pick of the 1997 draft. St. Louis traded up six spots to get Pace, who is headed for his first Pro Bowl, and has never regretted it.

"He is the best tackle I've ever seen," said tight end Roland Williams. "He makes it look effortless, doing it time and time and time and time and time and time again.

"To see him swat people who are desperately trying to tackle Kurt Warner and be a hero, that just speaks volumes."

Pace was well-known for his pancake blocks at Ohio State. He shed weight after his first season with the Rams, and added about 10 pounds of muscle after last season.

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Promoter Don King (center) shares the stage with WBA champion David Reid, from Philadelphia, (right) and IBF/WBC champ Felix Trinidad, during a news conference in Los Angeles, Thursday, to promote their upcoming WBA Super Welterweight Championship bout scheduled for March 3 in Las Vegas.

Reid says he won't be running from Trinidad

LAS VEGAS (AP) — David Reid sat five rows from ringside watching in disbelief as Oscar De La Hoya gave away his September welterweight unification fight to Felix Trinidad by running in the final rounds.

If Reid got a lesson, it wasn't one he needed to learn.

"I won't be running from him like Oscar did," Reid said. "A lot of people who don't know boxing think Felix is going to kill me. But I'll be the one putting him to sleep."

Reid will defend his WBA junior middleweight title when he and Trinidad meet March 3 in a battle of unbeaten fighters in an outdoor arena at Caesars Palace.

It will be only the 15th pro fight for the 1996 Olympic gold medalist, whose fast track to stardom would get a rocket boost with a win over the only boxer to beat De La Hoya.

"Felix Trinidad beat the man, so now I'm going to beat the man who beat the man," Reid said. "People want to see the best fight, and this is the one."

The on-again, off-again fight finally came together for good last week when promoter Don King moved the fight forward one night so not to conflict with a pay-per-view card already set by rival promoter Bob Arum.

King held a press conference Wednesday — the second time the fight has been formally announced — for a card that will include former champion Julio Cesar Chavez and female boxer Christy Martin.

It will be the first outdoor fight — once a staple in the 1980s and early 1990s — in Las Vegas since 1996. Caesars Palace is constructing a 10,000-seat arena just for the event.

"David wants to prove he's the golden man, not the golden boy," said Reid's longtime trainer, Al Mitchell. "I think it's going to be a great fight."

Trinidad (36-0, 30 knockouts) will be moving up in weight to challenge for the 154-pound title.

Trinidad, of Puerto Rico, has already beaten two American gold medalists (De La Hoya and Pernell Whitaker). Beating a third would help him toward becoming the box office attraction he has yet to be outside of his native land.

NBA's No. 1 pick in crash after Bulls game

CHICAGO (AP) — Elton Brand, the No. 1 pick in last year's NBA draft, wrecked his car Thursday morning after a Chicago Bulls game but was not injured.

Brand, driving home after stopping for something to eat, spun out in his Mercedes-Benz on the Kennedy Expressway about 2 a.m. He was alone and no citations were issued.

"I'm just trying to steer out and hopefully keep driving so I could get off the road so nothing worse would happen," Brand after practice Thursday, a few hours after the accident. "I just thank my blessings. I was very lucky. I could really have been injured."

A storm Wednesday night dropped several inches of snow on Chicago, and it was still snowing lightly early Thursday. Police were investigating whether the snow was a factor in the crash.

"He just was fortunate he was OK," coach Tim Floyd said. "I guess the car had a little damage, but he can afford the damages."

Brand leads rookies with 9.9 rebounds a game, and is second in scoring behind Houston's Steve Francis at 17.4 points a game.

Parents aren't there for kids

Attendance at youth games is dismal



Between the lines

ST. CROIX — The problems with the recreational facilities of St. Croix have been documented in this column on several occasions. The problems are numerous, including damaged roofs, sewage backups, no lights, no fences, rocky infields, dusty basketball courts. You get the picture.

In fairness to the Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation it's hard to do anything in this day and age with very little or no money, much less run a parks and recreation program for an island with a population of 60,000. However facilities and programs can not be ignored because 31 percent of the population is younger than 19. Now I ask, are we doing enough to steer our youths away from trouble?

This past weekend the Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation did their part. Under the direction of Bureau Chief of Sports and Recreation Ophelia "Nemmy" Williams-Felix, the department put together an impressive sports calender for the year 2000. The calender of events started this past weekend with a 13-15 basketball tournament at the Educational Complex gym.

The tournament was a welcome sight as government-funded activities like that have been few and far between since the abolition of the Commission on Youth.

The tournament was a huge success, with eight teams participating. There was a little bit of everything at the tournament, with the exception of people. One coach was very disappointed in the continued absence of the parents of his players.

"Out of 10 players only one parent was here," said David "Ice-man" Bermudez, coach of the championship team from Ralph DeChabert Housing Complex. "Why the parents ain't coming?"

That is a question that has been going unanswered for quite some time. The unfortunate thing about the poor attendance was it didn't take parents to enjoy the action.

Any basketball fan would have loved what they saw. The talent level was staggering. Tournament MVP Benson Phillips dropped 26 points in the double overtime championship game. Phillips' performance came in his team's sixth game in two days.

There were many great players that participated in the tournament, including the event's leading scorer, Darlell Hendrickson.

Hendrickson averaged almost 19 points per game, including a tournament high 36 points (games were 30 minutes long). Hendrickson is currently in the School of the Good Sheppard and will be attending St. Joseph's High School next year. Other players deserving of honorable mention were Derrek Ballentine, Craig Rawlins, Leon Lang, Michael Ford and Darren Liburd.

Not only were the players very talented, they were all good sportsmen. It was only fitting and to be expected that the Martin Luther King Jr. basketball tournament be free of misconduct.

Other than the numbness in my posterior from sitting on the wooden bleachers all day, I left the Tim Duncan gym feeling good about the future of local basketball and our youth.

The moral of this story is simple. Parents need to come out and support their children and the community needs to come out and support the youth.

The DHPR should be commended for their efforts on this tournament and continued success on their future events.

The next scheduled tournament will be the Black History Month Tennis Tournament that starts Jan. 28.