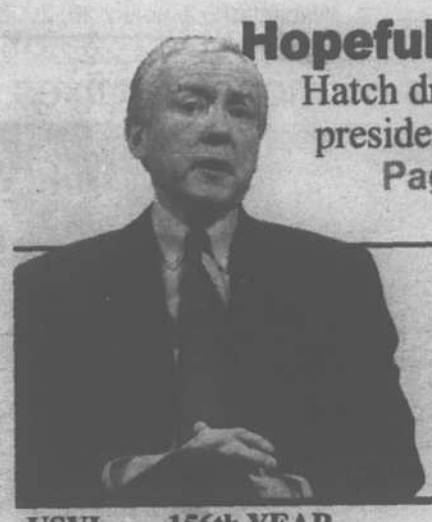


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Fire, cop posts in dire straits

Danger lurks at every turn, including at the fire station

WILL JONES

ST. CROIX — Firefighters not only face danger battling blazes, but perils stare them in the face each day when they are sitting at fire stations waiting for the next emergency call.

The Richmond and Cotton Valley fire stations are riddled with hazardous conditions for firefighters who man them around the clock. Added to this, the department is short of personnel.

Firefighters work 24-hour shifts and live and sleep at the stations when they are not responding to fires or other emergencies.

At Richmond, the pearlites that hold down the galvanized roofing are corroding, which weakens the roof; firefighters' lockers are infested with termites; the wiring of a circuit breaker is exposed to the rain; several pieces of siding blown off by hurricanes have not been replaced, leaving gaping holes in the building that floods during heavy rains; and cracks in the walls make it structurally unsound.

There is more. Four of the station's fleet of Jeeps used by the fire-prevention bureau are not running but under repair; firefighters had to fix the fence around the parking lot that was knocked down by Hurricane Lenny; and a steel beam in the bathroom is rusting away.

At Cotton Valley on the East End, the conditions are not much better.

The building leaks, electrical wiring gets wet when rainwater seeps through the walls and other electrical wiring is

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Will Jones

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"Firefighters are on duty with holes in their boots, which creates a hazard when they are fighting fires."

Clifford Joseph,
president of St. Croix chapter of the International Fire Fighters Association



Christian Wade

Capt. Al Donastorg stands near the back of the Zone A Command in Charlotte Amalie, which is littered with trash.

Morale at all-time low, says Donastorg

CHRISTIAN WADE

ST. THOMAS — Leaning back in his chair behind the desk of the island's Zone A Command, Capt. Al Donastorg laments the deplorable state of the Virgin Islands Police department and said he wonders whether the VI government understands just how bad things have become.

Donastorg, a 30-year veteran of the VI police force, said over the years and through successive administrations he has watched a once-proud tradition of law enforcement in the territory deteriorate to the point where officers can barely stand to go to work. He cites a lack of financial support by the local government as the main cause of the department's problems.

"Morale is very low in the department, mostly among the police officers," he said "Given the conditions in the workplace and the fact that the government doesn't do anything to assist us, I don't believe that I am going to be able to dissuade them from job actions or leaving the department entirely."

Some of the uniformed officers have even threatened to leave the department en masse, he said, either to find work on the mainland Unit-

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CCC holds right cards, but dealer isn't paying up

Commission waits for Turnbull to give access to money

WILL JONES

ST. CROIX — The Casino Control Commission is finally generating revenues but is still awaiting access to the funds.

Vice chairwoman and treasurer Imelda Dizon said at a regular board meeting Tuesday that income for the 1999 fiscal year was $249,114. Revenues for the 2000 fiscal year through Tuesday were $67,715.

Dizon said most of the income for 1999 — $225,252 — was from casino/hotel license fees. The remainder came from license fees for gaming-related industries and non-gaming-related businesses, sales of the commission's laws and regulations and labor organization registration.

She said $46,875 of the fiscal year 2000 income came from slot machines' license fees.

Chairwoman Eileen Petersen said that under a new law enacted by the Legislature in December, Finance Commissioner Bernice Turnbull is required to set up a Casino Revolving Fund account, separate from other government accounts, to deposit casino-generated monies.

But Turnbull has not yet set up the account, Petersen said.

"I call the (Finance) commissioner every day, but I am still waiting for word on setting up the fund," Petersen said.

She said the commission needs access to the fund to conduct its business, including paying vendors and conducting investigations of applicants for casino licenses.

Petersen also announced that the commission has hired two casino inspectors. They are Henry Schjang, a former employee of the VI Internal Revenue Bureau and Education and Labor departments, and Elliott Durand, a former VI police officer.

Schjang and Durand have already trained for their positions with the New Jersey Casino Control Commission. Under the VI casino law, an inspector is required be on duty at the casino whenever it is open to supervise the collection of each day's receipts.

The Divi Carina Bay Resort, which is scheduled to open the territory's first casino on the South Shore in March, will pay an 8 percent gross receipt tax to the government.

In other action, the commission:

- Granted a waiver to its regulations to allow the commission's office at the casino to be relocated from its position in the original construction plans.

VI Solicitor General Frederick Handleman, who also serves as legal counsel to the commission, said the office will still be located on the floor below the main gambling area but in a different — and better — position for inspectors to view the gambling operations.

- Approved more than 50 applications for licenses and exemptions for non-casino-related businesses and individuals providing service to the casino/hotel.

Petersen had given tentative approval to the licenses and exemptions because the commission did not have enough members for a quorum.

Newly appointed Commissioner Lloyd McAlpin attended his first meeting Tuesday, giving the commission the quorum it needed to ratify Petersen's actions.

Simmonds meets with federal DOE

USVI — VI Education Commissioner Ruby Simmonds had her first meeting this week with Mario Moreno, the U.S. Education Department's assistant secretary for Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs, during Simmonds' trip to Washington.

Simmonds said in a news release from her office that she and Moreno discussed developing a checklist to track federal funds to ensure that they are expended in a timely manner.

"At a time when local funds are not readily available, the department is becoming increasingly dependent on ensuring that all elements are in place to receive continued federal funding," Simmonds said.

VI Delegate to Congress Donna Christian-Christensen and Leo Coco, Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs's deputy secretary, also attended Monday's meeting.

FIREFIGHTERS: Chief says there's no money for fixes

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exposed.

One of the four aluminum doors on the bay where fire trucks are parked is missing and the other three are inoperable, leaving the trucks without a secured shelter.

What few repairs that are made at the station are done by firefighters. For example, they say they had to replace the front and a side door blown away by storms.

Fire Chief Roberto Santos is aware of the problems and the toll they have on firefighters, but he says the department — like most government agencies — does not have the money to make necessary repairs and get firefighters the equipment they need.

Santos said the Richmond station, which is about 20 years old, should be demolished and another one built at a different location.

He said that in addition to the structural damage, the building is right next to two housing communities — LBJ and JFK — where gunfire often erupts, putting the firefighters' lives at risk.

The station is also next to the Water and Power Authority and firefighters rushing to the scene of a fire or other disasters often have to contend with heavy traffic going in and out of WAPA's yards.

Santos said he is preparing a report and recommendations for



Alda Anduze

A large section of the ceiling in the bathroom at the Richmond fire station has collapsed, allowing rain water to seep into the building.

Fire Service Director Pedro Encarnacion to address the problems at fire stations.

"There is an urgent need to address the safety of the firefighters," Santos said. "I commend them who work here (Richmond station) but they need to be taken care of."

Clifford Joseph, president of the St. Croix chapter of the International Fire Fighters Association, said his members are getting impatient at the slow response to their concerns.

He also said that most of the buildings are unsafe, firefighters lack the proper equipment and there is a shortage of manpower. Joseph said nine fire fighters retired at the end of December and they should be replaced immediately.

"Firefighters are on duty with holes in their boots, which creates a hazard when they are fighting fires," Joseph said.

He said his union also had to lend the department about $800 to buy a refrigerator for the Richmond station.

"Many of the firemen think we are getting only lip service in response to our complaints," Joseph said. "As government employees, I guess we are expected to work in unsafe conditions and not complain."

POLICE: 'Crimes could go unpunished' in territory

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ed States or for other law-enforcement professions.

"To be quite frank, you can't really blame them," he said. "For years, the police department has been listening to promises from the government that things will change, but nothing is ever accomplished. Our officers endure hardships in the workplace which are at times unimaginable."

In fact, conditions in the Zone A Command have become so bad that leaders of the Police Benevolent Association filed an Unfair Labor Practices complaint with the Public Employees Relations Board last December. While the complaint has not been ruled on by the board, unions have said they plan to pursue the matter until a resolution is reached.

Insect and rodent infestations, leaky roofs and falling ceiling tiles, plumbing problems, faulty electrical wiring, mold and fungus and a lack of air quality are just a few examples of the building's physical deterioration, Donastorg said.

But there are other, more salient concerns facing the St. Thomas Police department, the captain said.

A lack of laboratory equipment, supplies and tools have prevented the police officials from investigating crimes and expanding many anti-crime initiatives. In some cases, a shortage of equipment such as bullet-proof vests, radios and ammunition have placed police officers at personal risk, he said.

Donastorg said investigators at the St. Thomas-St. John Forensics Unit have to work under similar conditions. Severely understaffed and lacking all the necessary equipment, forensic technicians have been unable to operate at the level of efficiency required to follow up on criminal investigations, he said.

"As soon as we leave the cruiser, we're helpless. If an officer needed to call for backup from the scene of a crime, he's on his own."

Elroy Ramo,
president of the St. Thomas-St. John Police Benevolent Association

"This means that a lot of crimes could go unpunished," he said. "It is essential that the police department has a fully functional investigation division, otherwise the criminals will be running the show."

Elroy Ramo, president of the St. Thomas-St. John Police Benevolent Association, said the situation has become so volatile that it could only be a matter of time before police officers stage more job actions.

"The union will do what it can to avoid any action, but if something happens I'll see what I can do from my end," he said. "But frustration and hopelessness have been setting in for some time and there's little I can do to prevent it."

Ramo said officers at Zone A have been without walkie-talkies for more than a month, and requests for new equipment have gone virtually unanswered by the Turnbull administration.

"We're working without hand radios," he said. "As soon as we leave the cruiser, we're helpless. If an officer needed to call for backup from the scene of a crime, he's on his own. How can you have a station in the heart of town without any radios?"

The union representative said he agrees with Donastorg that the territory's police department has been in a state of decline for some time. He said union representatives have met with Turnbull administration officials to discuss these issues, but little has come of it.

"I'm tired of talk. I want to see some action," he said. "I've been doing what I can behind the scene to resolve the situation, but there comes a time when I will have to pick up the sword of the young general again."

WAPA board gives Turnbull more time

CHRISTIAN WADE

ST. THOMAS — The VI Water and Power Authority board reversed its earlier decision Tuesday to limit the time WAPA officials spend working with the governor's advisors on the sale of the utility company.

Following a special session, WAPA board member Andrew Rutnik confirmed that the board voted 5 to 1 to extend the due-diligence clause for another two weeks. Board member Claude Molloy, who publicly opposes the sale of WAPA, voted against the extension.

"After the two weeks are up, the due diligence should be completed," he said. "When the final terms of the offer are clear, the governor can look at it and, if it meets his criteria, he can submit a proposal to the Legislature."

In a letter to board chairman Arthur Downing, Gov. Charles Turnbull said he was concerned about the board's earlier decision to limit the cooperation of WAPA officials with the government and asked board members to reconsider.

Rutnik said he believes the board's original vote, which directed the WAPA staff to end its cooperation with the governor's advisors, was done because some of the newer board members didn't understand their roles in the process. He said the due diligence is meant to allow the governor's financial and legal advisors to assess the actual net worth of the utility company.

"This is basically a monitoring of these assets and liabilities as they stand on a daily basis, so when it does come to the final day there's a number there which is truthful as to what WAPA is worth," he said. "Otherwise, any uncovered liabilities we'll be stuck with."

While some lawmakers have expressed concern that the WAPA board has been meeting secretly to discuss a proposal by Southern Energy to purchase the utility company, Rutnik said these claims are unfounded. He said the offer by Southern Energy, which has been placed at over $100 million, is by no means a done deal.

"I don't think anyone is trying to hide anything, because this has been a very democratic process," Rutnik said. "It is not a deal which has been done under the cover of darkness, and the governor is merely investigating this unsolicited offer. We did not go out to sell it: They came to us."

Postal Service scouts for new home

JEREMY EKBERG

ST. CROIX — U.S. Postal Service officials from New Jersey met with the Virgin Islands postmaster Tuesday to scout Christiansted and environs for a site to build a new, 6,500 square-foot postal store.

Plans are in the works to open a store that will have more post office boxes than the facility at the corner of Company and Church streets, merchandise for sale and a cashier on hand, according to Louis Austin Jackson, postmaster/VI coordinator.

One of the possible sites the group looked at was the old Alexander Theater in Times Square. Site reviews were done at five other locations, but postal officials declined to be more specific.

"We are checking to see if the sites meet the requirements to be considered for selection of a new post office," Jackson said. "We are looking at the middle of April to decide which site it will be."

Jackson would not discuss the budget allocated for the project but said the current post office in downtown Christiansted would be closed because it is too small and not modern enough.

None of the postal officials knew when the project would be completed, saying that it would depend on which site was chosen and what type of renovations would be needed.

Members of the St. Croix Foundation say they hope to sell the theater and that the postal service's presence there would help revitalize downtown.

"We are trying to be a catalyst and get a good tenant," Roger Dewey, the foundation's executive director, said. "All we can do is offer it. If it fits their needs, great."

Before leaving the existing post office, the postal service may sell the building to the National Park Service, since it falls under the jurisdiction of the Christiansted National Historic Site, according to NPS' cultural resource manager, William Cissel.



Jeremy Ekberg

The old Alexander Theater in Times Square is one of six sites in the Christiansted area being considered for a new, 6,500-square-foot postal store.

"We are making an effort to acquire it from the post office," he said. "If the funding goes through, we will restore the exterior and open up the ground floor as a museum."

Plans for the museum include an exhibit on the African slave trade in the Danish West Indies, as the building was used as a major slave trading site in the Caribbean during the 1700s and early 1800s, Cissel said.

The NPS has been in negotiations with the postal service since February of 1999 on the sale of the building, according to Cissel. The upstairs of the building will be turned into offices for NPS workers.

"It is important historically and culturally," Cissel said. "It is the oldest and largest slave trading complex under the U.S. flag."

St. Croix officer on house arrest

KC BURGARD

ST. CROIX — Victor Suarez, a local police officer indicted by a federal grand jury for threatening a witness, will be released from custody but must remain under house arrest.

After a two-hour detention hearing Tuesday, Chief District Judge Raymond Finch decided to keep Suarez under house arrest — modifying an earlier order by U.S. Magistrate Jeffrey Resnick that would have released the defendant on bail.

Suarez, a six-year officer with the Virgin Islands Police Department, was implicated on Jan. 13 in four counts of a superseding indictment returned by a federal grand jury.

A 36-count indictment charges four local police officers with conspiracy to violate the civil rights of several people through assaults, threats and intimidation.

The 36-count indictment charges four local police officers — Ronald Pickard, Dean Bates, Renaldo Philbert and Suarez — with conspiracy to violate the civil rights of several people through assaults, threats and intimidation.

Suarez is specifically charged with threatening Carmello Soto, a grand jury witness in the investigation against fellow officers Pickard and Bates — who were charged with rape last May. According to FBI Special Agent Robert Enriquez, Soto was "looking forward to testifying before the grand jury" last October until a run-in with Suarez frightened the man and changed his mind.

Soto was picked up on suspected drug possession by Suarez and another officer the night before he was to testify, according to Enriquez. Enriquez said that the witness was told by Suarez not to talk to the FBI or the grand jury.

Soto's character and reliability were brought into question during the hearing by Suarez's attorney, Martial Webster, who called the man a "crack-addict" who lives in an abandoned house in Frederiksted. In court documents, Webster said Soto "begs and steals to support his drug addiction." Nonetheless, Webster stated in open court Tuesday that late Monday night he offered to pay Soto a $40 witness fee to testify at the hearing, but the man did not show up.

Last October's confrontation between Suarez and Soto, though, was not the first time the men have had their differences.

Suarez was suspended from duty for 65 days in 1997 when he admitted during a VIPD internal affairs investigation to "pushing" the man, according to Webster. His client "reluctantly admitted the charges" on the advice of a union representative, Webster wrote in court filings.

But, according to the prosecution, represented in court by U.S. Attorneys Azekiah Jennings and St. Clair Theodore, the situation was much more serious. Suarez is alleged to have taken Soto to a secluded Frederiksted beach, put a gun to his head, forced him to eat marijuana and then made him jump into the ocean.

The judge ruled that Suarez's release would "pose some danger" to the community, but not enough to require that he be incarcerated. The defendant was released into the custody of his stepfather, Benjamin Rios, a VIPD sergeant. He will be confined to his Golden Rock residence except to make court appearances and meet with his attorney.

Co-defendant Pickard is also on house arrest, but he is allowed to work at his family's businesses during the work-week; he has been granted permission by the court to take a six-day family vacation to Las Vegas starting Jan. 27. Bates and Philbert are both subject to a nighttime curfew.

Police blotter

ST. CROIX

Arrests:

10:11 p.m., Mon., Erwin P. LaBast, 54, of 50 Mt. Pleasant, was charged with DUI after allegedly failing to yield at a right-of-way and failing a sobriety test. Bail was set at $1,000.

2:15 a.m., Tues., Shawn Thompson, 22, of 165 Sion Farm, was charged with contempt of court for allegedly violating a restraining order. No bail was set.

2:20 a.m., Tues., Delroy Henry, 37, of 39 Fisher Street in Frederiksted, was charged with DUI and operating a motor vehicle without a VI driver's license. Bail was set at $1,000.

3 a.m., Tues., Reynaldo Cepeda, 21, of Hill Street in Frederiksted, was charged with third-degree burglary for allegedly removing rum from Ramos Bar on Queen Street. Bail was set at $25,000.

Assaults:

2 p.m., Mon., Queen Street.

4:26 p.m., Mon., Alexander Henderson Elementary School in Estate Concordia.

8:20 a.m., Tues., Alexander Henderson Elementary School.

9:39 a.m., Tues., Central High School.

Grand larcenies:

7:12 a.m., Tues., Harvey housing complex.

8:09 a.m., Tues., UDL Lumber in Estate Glynn.

11:30 a.m., Tues., Point Udall.

Burglaries:

10:15 a.m., Mon., Prince Street in Frederiksted.

10 a.m., Tues., New Castle Coakley.

Disturbance of the peace:

4:20 p.m., Mon., Estate Calquohoun.

6:46 p.m., Mon., Estate Whim.

7:05 p.m., Mon., William's Delight.

9 p.m., Mon., Estate Glynn.

10 p.m., Mon., Mon Bijou.

10:03 p.m., Mon., Sion Farm.

11:50 p.m., Mon., Estate Concordia.

1:37 a.m., Tues., Peppertree Terrace.

10:25 a.m., Tues., Ralph De Chabert.

11:50 a.m., Tues., Sunny Isle Housing.

Berry attempts to widen scope of BHM celebration

VINCENT BRYDON

ST. CROIX — With the beginning of Black History Month less than one week away, Sen. Lorraine Berry has announced that her office is now accepting applications for her 10th annual BHM essay contest.

This year's topic is "Discuss Why it is Important to Acquire an Education First and a Family Last."

While the question is not directly related to black history, Berry said that it will give young people a chance to prioritize their goals.

"We chose Black History Month to have our contest not because it relates specifically to black history, but because it allows young people to share their goals and aspirations," she said. "It's a time for reflection and deep thought."

Special assistant to Berry, Francesca Greve, who has worked closely with the annual event in years past, said that recent essay titles have included:

- Discuss Your Decision on How Sex, Violence and Education can Affect Your Future, 1999
- Emancipate Your Mind From Violence, Ignorance and Fear, 1998
- Discuss the Quality of Education, 1997
- Discuss Suggestions on Stopping Violence in Our Schools, 1996

Berry said her staff composed this year's question based upon discussions held with Elsie Chinnery, Department of Health, Department of Human Services Commissioner Sedonie Halbert, and members of area housing communities.

Neither Chinnery nor Halbert were available for comment as to how these discussions were related to people of African descent.

But Greve said that BHS is a state of mind.

"It depends upon how narrow your scope is when thinking about black history," she said. "I think black history is anything that gives black students the chance to engage in an intellectual exercise."

Participants generally enjoy the contest, Greve said.

A panel of three educators who have yet to be selected, Berry said, will judge the essays on content and grammar and other criteria that has yet to be established.

Contestants should mail their essay to Berry's office by Tuesday, Feb. 29.

Winners will be announced during the first week of March and invited to present their essay to peers during the Berry's annual youth symposium on March 25.

Berry said this symposium has been held for "about the last five years."

The senator said that area principals have been asked to identify "at risk" students from various schools to attend this spring event. All essay contestants will be also be invited to attend.

The annual contest and symposium serve as a way, Berry said, for her to contribute to society outside of her official capacity.

"In addition to passing laws legislators must set a public moral example to make a climate of possitivity," she said.

Those interested in participating in this contest should mail their essays to:

Legislation of the Virgin Islands, Capitol Bldg., P.O. Box 1690, St. Thomas, VI 00804, Attention: Black History Month Essay Contest.

Oven cleaner recalled because of possible burns

ST. THOMAS — The manufacturers of Easy-Off Heavy Duty oven cleaner announced Tuesday that it was issuing a recall of some of its product because of a faulty can valve that may fall apart, causing burns.

Reckitt & Coleman, the manufacturer of Easy-Off, said that all cans of the cleaner with lot number B9305-NJ2 should be wrapped in several layers of newspapers and thrown out with regular trash.

Customers will receive a replacement coupon after contacting the company.

The recall was the result of 18 reports of cans spewing cleaner. Twelve people reported being injured by the caustic substance, including some reports of burns to the eyes of some victims.

For more information, call Reckitt & Coleman at (888) 993-3389.



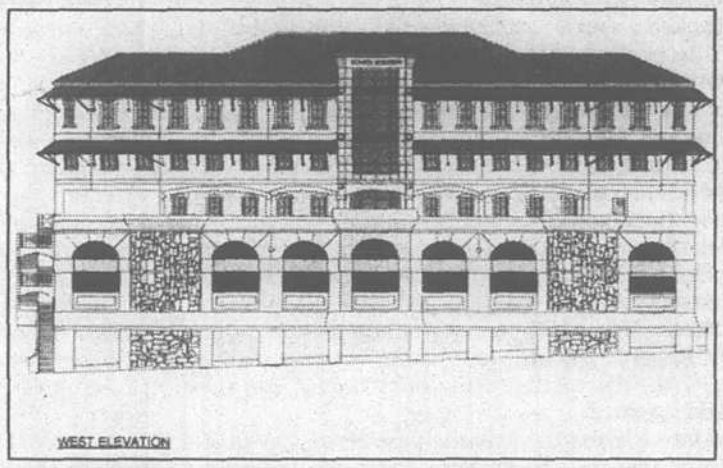
Jonathan Henry

The soon-to-be-completed Tunick office building on de Beltjen Road will house the headquarters for Theodore Tunick and Company on its top floor and will also have room for other tenants. A 90-car parking lot and access roads from Fredricksberg Gade will keep traffic problems to a minimum.

Planning ahead

Waterfront office building begins to take shape

JONATHAN HENRY



An architect's drawing of the completed Tunick Building.

ST. THOMAS — After nearly two years of planning and construction, The Tunick Building is beginning to take shape above the Charlotte Amalie waterfront.

"We really think that it's going to be state of the art," Jim Tunick, one of the members of the partnership that owns the building, said.

The building will be the St. Thomas headquarters for Theodore Tunick and Company, the insurance firm. There will also be more than 10,000 square feet of office space for other tenants on the building's first and second floors.

The building's unique design, Tunick said, incorporates a two-level parking garage below the offices. It will, along with the panoramic views of the waterfront, Fort Christian and Hassel Island, make the space very attractive to companies, he said.

He says he's also betting that the building will prove profitable. Aside from the Banco Popular Building, which is essentially a single-occupant facility, there has been no new office space constructed on St. Thomas in the last 10 years.

Tunick and Company was not looking to get into the office-construction business, he said, but when they were told that they would have to leave their current Two Beltjen Place premises, they decided to build on the empty lot on de Beltjen Road.

"We found out that this property was available, so we made an offer and purchased the property, subject to the sellers getting the property rezoned."

About a year later, the area was rezoned and ready to be excavated, a tough chore considering that a five-level building was to be built in a location that consisted of solid rock.

Although the terrain may have made construction difficult, Tunick gives the government high marks for its cooperation. He said that the rezoning and permit phases went along smoothly.

Tunick also has confidence in the local economy, although he does admit to some occasional jitters.

"I think any time you invest $5 million, which is about what we're putting in this project here, you worry a little bit," he said "Sometimes you wake up at 3 or 4 in the morning and think about things like that, but I still have confidence. If I didn't have confidence in the economy, we wouldn't be doing a project like this."

Community news

Crucian crowned college queen



Essi Anya Gaston, a St. Croix native and Florida Memorial College freshman, was crowned Miss FMC Freshman Queen during the college's recent coronation program.

Gaston transferred to FMC after attending one year at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, Pa. She plans a major in communications.

Florida Memorial College is a four-year college that was founded in 1879. It is south Florida's only historically African-American college.

Pickering makes president's list

ST. CROIX — Khalid J. Pickering, a 1996 graduate of St. Croix's Good Hope School, achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the second consecutive semester at Delaware State University. For this, he was named to the university president's list for fall 1999.

Pickering is in his senior year with majors in hotel and restaurant management. He is the son of Marvin L. and Marjorie J. Pickering of St. Croix.

Nordic Empress helps Queen Louise Home

Crew members of the Royal Caribbean's Nordic Empress cruise ship recently visited the Queen Louise Home for Children and granted their "wish list."

Masserae Webster, the director of the Frederiksted home for abused and neglected children, gave the cruise-ship crew a list of items needed at the home. Using $2,000 collected from the ship's crew, the sailors bought clothing, diapers, linens, cookware, dishes and movie videos for the children from the local Kmart.

Later, the children and staff had lunch on the ship at the invitation of Capt. Prash Karnik. The kids were treated to a magic show, a puppet show and a buffet lunch.

In the service

Army Sgt. 1st Class **Isaac Blake** recently reported for duty at Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Blake, a recruiter, is the son of Elizabeth and Lincoln Blake of Strawberry Hill on St. Croix. His wife, Marietta, is the daughter of Zakius and Martha St. Brice of St. Croix.

Blake is a 1985 graduate of Central High School.

Air Force Airman 1st Class **Nicholas Caines** recently reported for duty at Yokota Air Base in Tokyo, Japan.

Caines, an electrical and environmental systems journeyman, is assigned to the 30th Airlift Squadron. He is the son of Theresa Thomas of St. Thomas.

Private Richard Khadaran is temporarily working at the Army recruiting station at the Sunny Isle Shopping Center on St. Croix.

Khadaran is a 1999 graduate of the Educational Complex and son of Emilio and Zena Encarnacion.

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Gospel singer Harrella Goodwin presents Trinidad & Tobago President Arthur N.R. Robinson with gifts from St. Croix during a visit in November 1999.

Harrella's new gospel album an inspiring medley

ANGELA BORCHERT

ST. CROIX — The CD begins with upbeat dance music that lures a listener to sing along, then melds into a traditional gospel tune.

St. Croix-based singer Harrella Goodwin said inspiration for her newest recording, "It's Not Over," came from a friend who was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"Your body is weak. It seems like all your hope is gone," Harrella sings in the title cut. "Don't you give up. Keep on holding on. Put your trust in God and never doubt. For in his own time, he's going to bring you right out. For it's not over until God says it. It's not over. Just believe it."

Recorded last year at the Backyard Studio in La Grande Princesse, St. Croix, the CD is a collection of ballads, reggae and even a quadrille medley. Released Jan. 14, it is now available in Virgin Islands music stores.

"I just wanted to encourage her and let her know it's not over," Harrella said on Monday. "And to anyone else — it's not over if they have faith and trust in the Creator. Just believe, and I know things will work out for them."

In November 1999, Harrella received the Caribbean Gospel Lifetime Award for achievements during her career, which has spanned more than two decades. She has performed gospel music throughout the Caribbean, in Africa, Europe and the United States mainland.

Harrella, as a youth, sang with her mother in church. She said the late Dr. Randolph James encouraged her to record an album.

To date, Harrella has four other CDs in circulation: "I Believe There's A God Somewhere;" "Never Found A Lover Like You;" "All The Way;" and "Special Lady."

Featured on "It's Not Over" are Donna Thomas, Linda Massicot, Marieyvonne Tyson, the Lansiquot Sisters, Charlene Jones, Devon Water, X-Press Band, Trevor Christopher, and Harrella with background vocals; Christian Thompson on conga; Stanley Jacobs on squash and flute; Winsbert Jagrup, Felix Emanuel and Elvis Pedro on guitar; Neil Simon and Gilbert Hendricks on Bass; Eldred Christian on banjo and triangle; Al Baptiste Sr., Al Baptiste Jr. and Sylvester President with drums programming; and President, Baptiste Sr. and Tino Francis on keyboards.

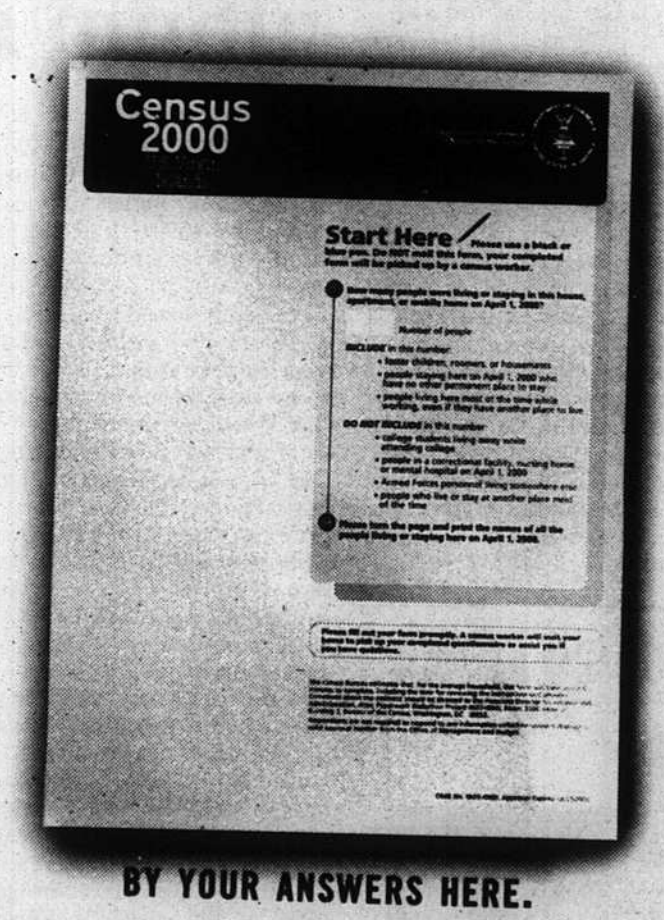


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Gospel singer Harrella Goodwin's new album, "It's Not Over," was released Jan. 14. It was recorded last year at St. Croix's Backyard Studio.



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Elian, grandmothers to meet

Neutral ground found for reunion with Cuban boy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under government orders, the Florida relatives of Elian Gonzalez agreed Tuesday to make the boy available for a meeting with his Cuban grandmothers today at a neutral site, the Justice Department said. The grandmothers pressed their insistence for the boy's return and pleaded with Congress not to force U.S. citizenship upon him.

"The meeting will take place at the time and site selected by the Immigration Service," Justice spokeswoman Carole Florman said Tuesday evening. The agreement culminated a long day of negotiations marked by an order from the Immigration and Naturalization Service to hold the neutral-site meeting, that had been thwarted on Monday by the relatives.

Florman said the government had reassured the relatives that today's session at the Miami Beach home of the president of a Dominican college would be just a visit and would not result in his being taken back to Cuba.

The grandmothers will see Elian privately, but the boy's Florida relatives will be nearby in the house at the time, Florman said.

Earlier, after meeting lawmakers on Capitol Hill, Mariela Quintana, the child's paternal grandmother, said, "He is only a 6-year-old boy. And he's a Cuban." President Clinton said he would not rule out a veto if Congress passes the citizenship bill.

The INS, part of the Justice Department, ordered the boy's great-uncle, Lazaro Gonzalez, to bring Elian to a meeting with the grandmothers at an "appropriate neutral location" at 4 p.m. EST today.

The INS specified that location: the Miami Beach home of Barry University President Jeanne O'Laughlin, a sister in the Roman Catholic Dominican order.

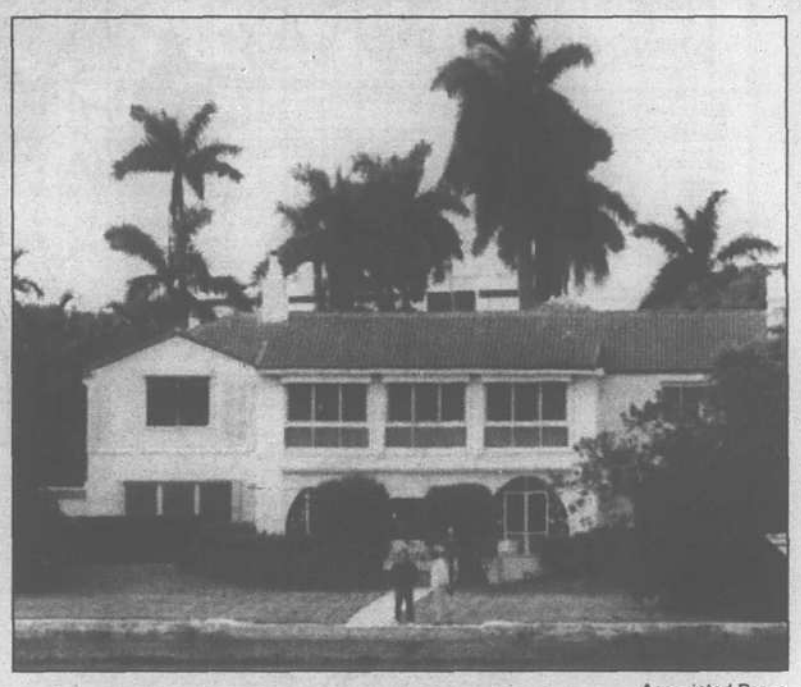
The ruling followed Gonzalez's rejection Monday of a meeting anywhere other than his own home.

The meeting "is only a visit" and does not change the boy's status, said the letter signed by Michael A. Pearson, executive associate immigration commissioner for field operations.

The INS has ruled that the boy should be returned to his father in Cuba. Elian's Florida relatives have challenged that order in federal court.

"I have everybody's word that the child will not be taken away," O'Laughlin said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I wouldn't participate if that was the case."

If the relatives had refused to bring the boy to the meeting, Justice attorneys could have gone into federal court in Miami for an order directing compliance, said department officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.



Associated Press

This is the back of Barry University President Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin's residence in Miami Beach, Fla., where Elian Gonzalez is scheduled to meet his Cuban grandmothers today.



Associated Press

Mariela Quintana (left) looks on as Raquel Rodriguez talks to reporters Tuesday on Capitol Hill.

The boy was found clinging to a life preserver in the Atlantic on Nov. 25 after his mother and 10 others died when their boat sank en route from Cuba to the United States.

Carol Fouke, a spokeswoman for the National Council of Churches, which sponsored the grandmothers' trip, applauded the order for today's meeting and said the grandmothers planned to leave Washington for Miami early this morning, weather permitting. Washington was in the grips of a fierce snowstorm that blanketed the area with more than a foot of snow.

The grandmothers told reporters they had never seen snow before — and were surprised it was so cold.

Despite the snowstorm, which closed many congressional offices, the two women made the rounds of Capitol Hill on Tuesday, meeting with legislators sympathetic to their wish to have Elian returned to his father's custody in Cuba and their opposition to congressionally imposed citizenship on Elian.

"The only one who has a legal right with that child is his father," Quintana said.

Several Democratic senators suggested after meetings with the grandmothers that they would wage a filibuster on the Senate floor, if necessary, to try to block the citizenship bill.



Associated Press

Elian Gonzalez kicks a soccer ball Tuesday around the yard of his Miami relatives' home.

"It doesn't belong on the Senate floor," said Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif. Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., agreed, saying, "This boy ought to go home and be with his father."

Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., and others who met with the women said the grandmothers told them Elian's mother was on the ill-fated boat not to flee Castro's oppression but because of pressure from her boyfriend.

"We asked some rather pointed questions," Hagel said. "She was forced on that boat."

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The widening gap

The robust health of the U.S. economy has become such a familiar story that reports of a rising stock market, low inflation and low unemployment almost have become background noise in many people's daily lives. The cacophony of 1980s' go-go prosperity had by the late 1990s become an ambient hum.

One vestige of the Reagan boom reared its head last week, though: the income gap.

Two liberal think tanks in Washington released a report last week that purported to find a dark lining to the economic silver cloud. According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and the Economic Policy Institute, the gap between rich and poor in America continues to widen — the earnings for the poorest fifth of American families rose less than 1 percent between 1988 and 1998 but jumped 15 percent for the richest fifth.

"The benefits of this (economic) growth have not been evenly distributed," said Elizabeth McNichol, one of the study's authors. The groups' solution is to have the government transfer wealth via taxes from the top to the bottom.

A gap does exist, as one would expect in a free-market economy that rewards people according to their skill levels. But it is not nearly as wide as the think tanks would have you believe — and it wouldn't be solved by socialist policies.

Their study uses Census Bureau statistics which rank households from highest to lowest before-tax incomes, then divides them into five groups, called quintiles, to determine the share of total income received by each group.

What those statistics don't do is account for non-cash income — job benefits such as health insurance and government entitlements such as Medicaid, which total more than $200 billion a year. Nor do they factor in what the working poor receive from the Earned income Tax Credit. This break takes many families off the income-tax rolls altogether.

So why haven't those Americans prospered like so many others? The reasons are far more complex than blaming an uncaring, greedy society.

For instance, further study of the Census Bureau statistics shows that families with two or more workers earn more than those with no workers. Sounds obvious, huh? In 1997, the median income of married couples in which both spouses worked was $69,507, which nearly puts them in the top quintile.

The average family in the top quintile has more than two full-time workers; the average family in the bottom fifth has less than one part-time worker. Part of that can be attributed to the size of families.

The average household in the top quintile contains 3.1 persons, while the average household in the bottom quintile contains 1.9. When nearly 55 percent of the households in the bottom quintile have only one person (compared to 7 percent in the top fifth), it's easy to see why those households earn less than those with more wage-earners. Count all that and the bottom quintile's share of the income pie more than doubles.

Nor does the study reflect the net effect taxation has on the upper quintiles — which, thanks to the nation's progressive tax structure, contribute more per paycheck than the lower quintiles do. Removing some $1 trillion in taxes reduces the upper levels' share of income, further closing the gap.

Certainly, there are Americans on the low rungs of the economy who find it difficult to improve their lives because they lack the skills or education that the modern economy requires.

Society must provide them the opportunity to compete in the job market, primarily through improved schooling.

But it's flat-out wrong to argue the economic boom of the last two decades has been unfair to most Americans.



Letters to the Editor:

No one has been seen at the 'Beal Beach'

Dear Editor:

I am totally shocked! It has been over one month since the judge made his decision regarding Beal. And guess what? No one has been seen at the Beal Beach. I mean, come on, I fully expected all those people against Beal to at least go and have a picnic there. I figured by now the senator would be basking in the sands of heritage. The courtroom tears had us all believing that this was the place to go now. I really pictured a "Roach Coach," someone renting umbrellas, someone else strolling up and down the heritage trail blowing melodies from a conch shell.

What happened? You guys didn't lose interest in that pristine spot now, did you?

If I were the judge, I would have mandated that every Crucian had to at least go out and embrace the past. If this place is so special to everyone, then how come no one is there helping to clean it up? Because it never was special, and it never will be special. The only thing special about this place is a greathouse and some slave quarters.

If we try to protect every little piece of our heritage on St. Croix, then we will continue to live in the past. Do you think all those slaves slaved so you could sit around for the next 100 years and dwell on their sacrifices?

Hell, no, these people would roll over in their graves, if they knew that the land they toiled on is now being used as a way to keep us hitched to the past so tightly that we can't even see the absurdity of this.

Our senators spoke for us, that should be upheld. If we can't allow the elected officials to guide us then we might as well save a whole bunch of money, get rid of them, and just have propositions on the ballot like California.

We are allowing a few powerful people to keep us so far back in the past that there will be no heritage to leave our great-great-grandchildren, because we won't have the opportunity to do anything.

Happy New Year to all.

I hope if I see you raising the victory flag at the next fish fry, it will be at Beal Beach.

Debby Babb
St. Croix

Virgin Islanders are legal owners of WAPA

Dear Editor:

What's bothering meh head is that every single day in de newspaper, there are heated discussions about de sale of WAPA.

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If meh head is correct, Virgin Islanders including meself are legal owners of WAPA.

If meh head is correct, de government and de Legislature cannot negotiate any sale without meh head even if they think it is in de best interest of de people. De sale must first go through public hearings, followed by referendum proceedings.

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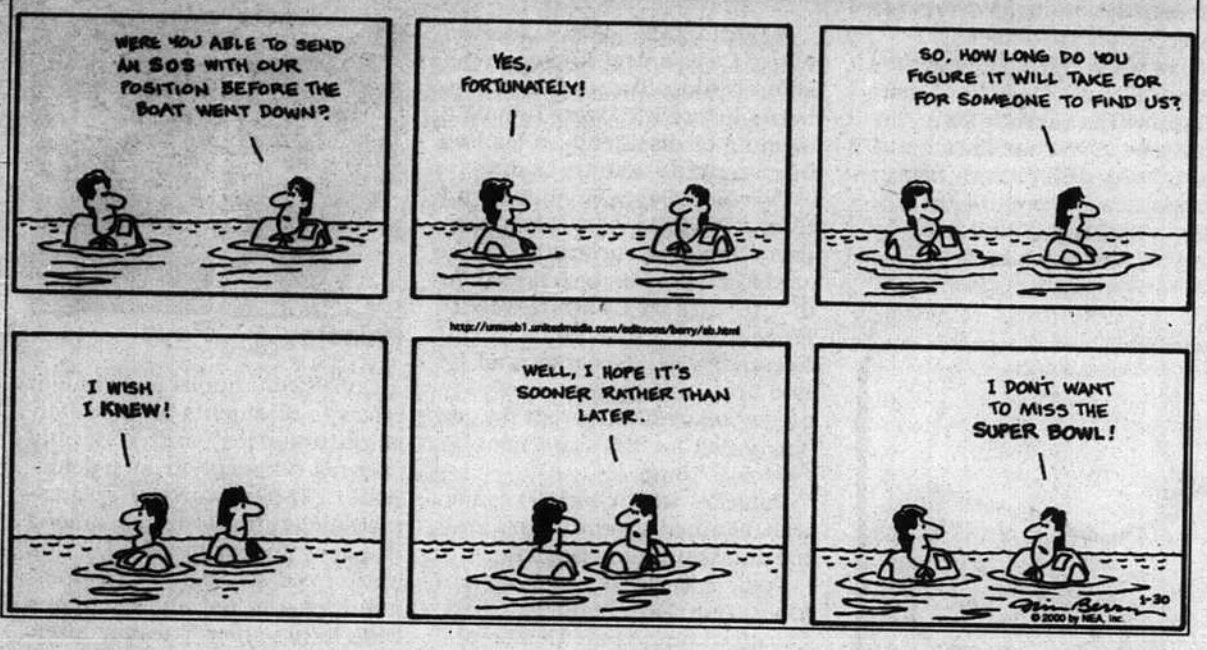
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Charlie, I want you to put this in your pipe and smoke it.

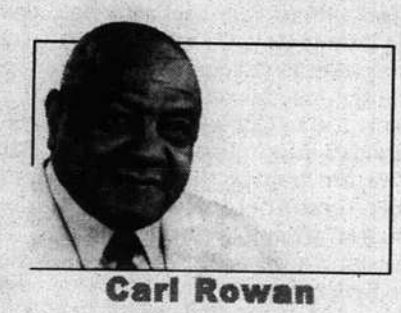
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Is Clinton a lame duck, a quack or both?



Carl Rowan

WASHINGTON — On Tuesday last week, President Clinton proposed spending $110 billion on a new federal program to subsidize health care for poor children and their parents.

It was the boldest health-care initiative since 1994, when he and Hillary Rodham Clinton suffered a major defeat for trying to drastically alter health-care coverage in America.

On Thursday, the first day of the last year of his presidency, Clinton proposed a $31 billion plan to make college education more affordable for poor and middle-class Americans. At the heart of this proposal is a $10,000 tax deduction to help defray the cost of tuition, books and university fees.

These are but two of several proposals that Clinton has offered in the waning months of his presidency, plans that if adopted surely would leave a huge mark on the nation.

While Clinton's initiatives regarding health care for the 44 million Americans who have no health insurance, and his ideas for education at all levels, go to the heart of two of the greatest concerns of the American people, they have provoked laughter within some Republican circles.

"This fellow has a plan a day," quipped George W. Bush, the Texas governor who is the front-runner to get the GOP nomination to succeed Clinton.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., has suggested that, in this election year, no major legislation is going to be enacted by Congress.

That raises the question whether Clinton is just a lame-duck leader who is quacking up a hollow tree. Or even whether, in a medical sense, he is a quack who is giving millions of sick Americans false hope.

It is hard to believe that Clinton thinks he has a chance to get through this Republican-controlled Congress his three-pronged plans to give prescription drug coverage to the aged, to provide a variety of protections for patients in health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and, now, to get approval for a 10-year, $110 billion plan to deliver health care to low-income people.

Even Clinton's friends suspect that he is merely turning up the heat on Republicans where they seem most vulnerable, hoping that this will help Democrats to regain control of at least one house of Congress and enable Al Gore to win the presidency.

The idea of political gamesmanship sounds too cynical, given the fact that millions of Americans need access to decent health care almost desperately.

Whether it is the mere purchase of an inhaler or major surgery, the Americans who need it the most find that it is more costly for them, and that they cannot afford it.

This society clearly needs more and better education for millions of its people. The continued widening of the income gap between rich and poor threatens all our futures.

A college degree is no guarantee of economic success, but clearly the poor and middle class can make little progress without it.

Clinton might be playing politics as he tries to gain a respected place in history, but the reality is that politics is central to attaining the health care and education of which he speaks. There won't be much change in either area without a change in the leadership of Congress, and probably never with a Republican in the presidency.

So lame duck or not, nothing will soon happen for America's have-nots unless Clinton quacks loudly in these last months of his tenure.

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A good idea: insurance for all vehicle operators



J.J. Estemac

My Turn

Regardless of the source, a good idea is a good idea, so the idea that Sen. Adelbert Bryan proposed and endorsed, is a good one. I am referring to universal insurance for all operators of motor vehicles on the public roads of the U.S. Virgin Islands, instead of insuring only motor vehicles.

I believe it is more just for all concerned, drivers and non-drivers. I further endorse Sen. Bryan's suggestion that the government take the initiative in underwriting this universal insurance for vehicle operators. I believe that if our public officials are as smart as they claim they are, it should not be difficult to devise a system whereby the government (the citizenry) in partnership with the local insurance companies and agencies come up with a functional program to implement this concept.

All persons using the public roadway would be required to have some insurance, liability insurance to protect the innocent public and the assets of the operators. Accidents are just what they are, an unintentional incident wherein there is personal or property damage, and sometimes both.

Operators who have an excellent traffic record would pay the lowest rate. Those operators who present a poor traffic record, and are considered high risk, would pay the higher premium. Of course this program can only be as effective as the enforcement of the traffic laws and the efficient implementation of all phases of the program by the bureaucrats responsible for the processing and the insurance company's efficient services to the public.

This proposed insurance program should include a "no-fault" feature as part and parcel of same. This would cut down on the cost of litigation, except in specific cases of gross negligence and recklessness. Of course, a judicial magistrate would determine the grounds for litigation as it relates to this insurance program.

The senators in the 23rd Legislature majority block rejected Sen. Bryan's proposal without even considering its merit. They rejected the message because of the messenger — a very sad approach to looking out for the interests of their constituents.

However, we hope the citizenry would be more diligent in exercising the democratic responsibility in selecting and electing persons who have a proven record of looking out for their best interest.

We have to stop being just complainers: It does not reflect well on our intelligence. We need to be doers. Living in a democratic society gives us residents a great responsibility in governing ourselves. Do we appreciate the advantages of living in a democratic society? We get the government we deserve, we control things with our votes and our civic actions. Are we really ready to assume our responsibility? Unity is strength: Are we going to join with others and promote good government?

The Citizens Coalition for Better Government have been advocating citizens' involvement through neighborhood groups.

Would you form a group in your neighborhood?

J. J. Estemac lives on St. Thomas.

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First US trade show in 40 years opens in Cuba

HAVANA (AP) — The first American trade show in Cuba in four decades opened Tuesday, evidence of quiet improvements in U.S.-Cuban relations occurring beneath the political roar over 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez.

"It's been 40 years between shows. It's sort of hard to say what to expect," said Julio W. Seibel, who was trying to interest Cubans in a lathe for producing plastic lenses for glasses.

The U.S. Healthcare Exhibition is the latest small advance in U.S.-Cuban relations since January 1999, when President Clinton changed rules to allow increased contact between Americans and Cubans and to ease sales of medical goods.

Ninety-seven U.S. companies took part in the exhibition, said Peter W. Nathan, president of the organizer, PWN Exhibicion LLC of Westport, Conn.

"This is just the first step. There are many obstacles to overcome beyond today," said Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., who inaugurated the event. She said she had obtained Clinton's intervention to help overcome bureaucratic roadblocks.

Most of the exhibitors said they were exploring a long-closed market rather than looking for immediate sales. Cuba has limited cash and a heavy debt to many foreign companies. Payments to U.S. companies are complicated by the U.S. trade embargo.

Cuban dissident leaders detained



Palacios



Paya

HAVANA (AP) — Police detained two of Cuba's best-known opposition leaders Tuesday morning, hours before they were to hold a meeting of dissidents, a leading human rights activist said.

Oswaldo Paya Sardinas and Hector Palacios were taken from their homes at around 6 a.m., said Elizardo Sanchez, president of the Cuban Commission of Human Rights and Reconciliation. Sanchez said he had been among those invited to a meeting of 20 dissident figures scheduled for that afternoon at Palacios' home.

Palacios' wife, Gisela Delgado, was detained several hours after her husband, Sanchez said.

Paya is leader of the Christian Liberation Movement in Cuba. Palacios founded the Democratic Solidarity Party and oversees a study center for the opposition movements on the island.

Both have earned international recognition. They met with visiting Illinois Gov. George Ryan in October and with Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar when he traveled to Cuba for the Ibero-American summit in November.

"We are hoping that this is a short-term detention," said Sanchez, who also ranks among the island's best-known opposition figures.

Cuba's communist government refers to dissidents as "counter-revolutionaries" and generally does not comment on such detentions. Foreign Ministry spokesman Alejandro Gonzalez, among the few government officials authorized to respond to press inquiries, did not answer phone calls to his office Tuesday afternoon.

Sanchez said he believes Cuba's communist leadership is taking advantage of interest in the international custody dispute involving 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez to crack down on opponents.

"I think that the government is using its political success in that case to neutralize the opposition, which really is quite small," he said.

The Cuban government says it holds no political prisoners, only common criminals.



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Water restored in San Juan after 5-day outage

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Puerto Rico's water company began to restore service Tuesday to the more than 500,000 San Juan area customers without water for five days.

The government-owned utility managed to return the water supply to nearly 80 percent of normal levels Tuesday by substituting a pump for one under repair. The malfunction Thursday afternoon left an estimated 525,000 in San Juan and nearby Carolina and Trujillo Alto without water.

The company has not determined if any customers were still without water, but it advised those whose service was restored to keep their use moderate and boil water before consumption.

Antigua opposition plans march against crime

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua (CANA) — Antigua & Barbuda's United Progressive Party has organized a march for Thursday to highlight its concerns about the rise in violent crimes in the country.

In a statement faxed to the Caribbean News Agency Tuesday, the UPP said that many residents had expressed fears in the aftermath of a number of violent crimes, including the murder of a young medical student.

It invited religious groups and other organizations to join the "March Against Violent Crimes," set to begin at 6 p.m. on Jan. 27.

"Regardless of one's social, economic or political standing, crime affects us all," the UPP said.

Aviation workshop examines safety issues

KINGSTOWN, St. Vincent (CANA) — Senior aviation officials across the Caribbean are examining safety issues at a 3-day workshop which opened on Bequia in St. Vincent & the Grenadines Tuesday.

"There are some big accidents where 300, 400 people have lost their lives because of a simple mistake," said organizer George Bhuyan.

He said the issue of human error has come in for additional scrutiny recently by authorities in Europe, the United States and Canada who "have put out some requirements whereby human psychology has to be introduced to the aviation industry."

The workshop has brought together directors of civil Aviation from as far north as the Bahamas to Trinidad & Tobago in the south.

From wire services

■ DOMINICA ELECTIONS

Poll shows ruling party gaining support

Opposition rejected earlier surveys by the same company

ROSEAU, Dominica (CANA) — The incumbent United Workers Party in Dominica is gaining in support among prospective voters in the upcoming Jan. 31 election, a survey reported Monday.

The poll, conducted by Caribbean Opinion Poll and Marketing Association between Friday and Sunday, showed that a larger portion of a sample of prospective voters, favored the party.

It said the UWP had strengthened its first-place position in terms of block votes, by 3.04 percent over the past week.

The poll showed 48.67 percent of the 2,463 persons polled favoring the UWP, while the main opposition Dominica Labor Party grew by a smaller margin of 1.25 percent, receiving the approval of 37.74 of those polled, while the minority opposition Dominica Freedom Party slipped by 0.52 percent to 7.32 percent.

The executive director of the Association's Roseau office, Eduardo Martinez, said the block of undecided voters had declined by 2.96 percent to 5.07 percent, while those who say they do not support any party has dropped to 1.2 percent from 2 percent last week.

The three political parties have said that they are paying more attention to support on the ground, while the opposition parties have rejected the findings of two previous polls released by the company.

Martinez has defended the company against those questioning its legitimacy. He said that the Venezuelan company, based in Belize, had been financing the poll, and was established in Dominica ahead of the general election in order to set the foundation for its operations in the country.

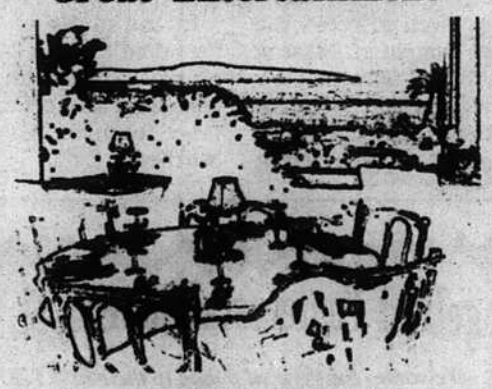
"Our head office, which is financing this opinion poll, is taking this opportunity to launch and to market our company name in Dominica and the rest of the Caribbean islands.

"I have been living in Dominica for 7 years and I don't want to put myself at risk. If I know that in this company there is a little bit of corruption, I myself will resign because I won't put myself at risk. I have a respectable reputation as a businessman in Dominica for 7 years, and I don't want to ruin that at all," Martinez said.

Dominica has a first-past-the-post electoral system, in which a political party must win at least an 11-seat majority (rather than a simple majority of votes polled) to form the government.

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Former Louisiana governor goes on trial

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Former Gov. Edwin Edwards was videotaped handing a roll of cash to a state senator during an investigation into riverboat gambling in Louisiana, a prosecutor told jurors Tuesday.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Letten outlined his case against Edwards in a two-hour opening statement, accusing the flamboyant gambler and politician of using "power, notoriety and his fame and his influence" in a multimillion-dollar extortion scheme that corrupted the licensing process for Louisiana's riverboat casinos.

The trial, resulting from three years of investigations, is expected to last for months.

Letten said videotape shows Edwards handing the cash to state Sen. Cleo Fields.



Edwards

As he hands over the money, Letten added, Edwards tells Fields to be careful because "that guy is under serious, serious, serious investigation."

The "guy" Edwards refers to in the tape is state Sen. Greg Tarver, Letten said. Tarver is a co-defendant with Edwards, the former governor's son Stephen and five others accused in a scheme to extort money from applicants for valuable casino licenses.

Fields is not charged and his lawyer, Mike Small, said Fields has never been a target of the federal investigation. Fields served in Congress in the early 1990s but moved to the state Senate after redistricting changed the population of his congressional district from majority black to majority white.

Edwards, 72, faces up to 350 years in prison and $7.2 million in fines if convicted.

On Monday, a jury consisting of eight men and four women was seated for the trial. Edwards was pleased with the final selection.

"We feel like we have a fair and impartial jury," Edwards said. "They will do a good job."



Associated Press

Richlands, N.C. has no snow-removal equipment so the town had to make do with equipment on hand, such as this tractor backhoe doing some clearing along Main Street Tuesday.

More snowstorms wallop Eastern US

An unexpectedly fast-moving nor'easter charged up the East Coast Tuesday with more than a foot of wind-blown snow, closing airports and thousands of schools and making the morning commute dangerous.

Tens of thousands of people were without power.

Snow had already fallen 18 inches deep in North Carolina, and more than a foot was possible in New England by Tuesday night. Wind gusting to 30 mph made it feel well below zero from New Jersey to New England.

"People kept saying, 'We haven't had winter,'" said Richard Jones, a forecaster with the National Weather Service in Raleigh, N.C. "I guess this will show them."

The snow even affected the presidential campaign. Most of the candidates flew to New Hampshire overnight after the Iowa caucuses, but Republican Alan Keyes was stuck in Detroit in late morning, trying to fly into Boston.

Thomas Allen looked out his front door Tuesday morning in Raleigh and knew immediately he wouldn't make it to work. "The snow has completely covered my car," he said. "It's gone. I can't even see it."

Snowfall totals of 14 inches were forecast for Virginia and the Washington suburbs, with 18 inches possible in eastern Pennsylvania.

Virginia hospitals called for volunteers with four-wheel-drive vehicles to take doctors and nurses to work. "We're having a great response," with about 50 volunteer drivers, said Mark Canada at Johnston-Willis Hospital north of Richmond.

In the midst of the storm, President Clinton said Tuesday he had directed an emergency release of home heating assistance funds for Alaska and the Northeast.



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26 states sue Publishers Clearing House sweepstakes

ST. PAUL (AP) — Minnesota and 25 other states have now sued Publishers Clearing House, claiming false advertising by the sweepstakes giant that sends its "Prize Patrol" minivan out on Super Bowl Sunday.

"Publishers Clearing House's deceptive sweepstakes solicitations are designed to convince consumers that they are on the verge of winning big and that additional orders of magazines or goods are needed to improve their chances of winning," Minnesota Attorney General Mike Hatch said Monday.

The company also allegedly misrepresents that it has a "personal relationship with consumers" and induces people to believe they are guaranteed winners of big prizes.

Christopher Irving, director of consumer affairs at Publishers Clearing House of Port Washington, N.Y., denied the allegations and said the majority of people who return their sweepstakes entries do so without ordering. "The majority of our millionaire winners, 23 of 30, did not order with their winning entry," Irving said.

Publishers Clearing House was founded in 1953 and has been holding sweepstakes since 1967. The company has given out about $137 million in major prizes and awards, Irving said. In 1997 and 1998, the company had annual sales of about $375 million.

In addition to Minnesota, suing Monday were Colorado, New York, North Carolina, New Jersey, Illinois, Ohio, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Vermont, Oregon, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Louisiana, Georgia, Utah and California. Similar complaints already had been filed in nine states.

Hatch's office was contacted by more than 240 people about what they considered deceptive practices by Publishers Clearing House. The lawsuit, filed in Ramsey County District Court, seeks restitution for consumers and civil penalties of $25,000 per violation. Hatch also is seeking a supplemental civil penalty of $10,000 for each violation against a senior citizen.

Irving said the company does not target any age group or demographic.

The company already faces a class-action lawsuit. The attorneys general who sued Monday feared a settlement in that case might keep them from suing in the future.

One of the lawyers who filed the class-action suit, Steven A. Katz, expected consumers to collect between $14 million and $16 million. A "fairness hearing" to finalize the case was scheduled for Tuesday in U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, Ill.

New York elevator falls 40 stories

NEW YORK (AP) — An Empire State Building elevator with two people aboard plunged 40 stories before a safety system finally stopped the car on the fourth floor. The passengers were not seriously hurt.

"I thought I was going to die," Shameka Peterson said. "It was going really, really fast."

Peterson and Joe Masoraca, who work in different offices on the 44th floor, boarded the elevator Monday afternoon and pressed a button for the lobby.

"It just plunged," Peterson told the New York Post. "It was like a bungee fall. It was terrifying."

The elevator dropped about 400 feet before the safety system caught it and slowed it to a stop on the fourth floor. The elevator services the lobby and floors 41 through 55, so there was no way to exit. Masoraca called for help on the elevator telephone.

Maintenance workers rode up in an adjacent elevator, pried open an emergency hatch and guided the pair across a beam to safety.

Peterson was treated for neck and shoulder pain and released from a hospital. Masoraca has made an appointment to see a doctor.

"I'm very tired, and I'm in pain," he said.

The elevator plunge was caused by a sheared compensating cable, which adjusts the weight of the car, building spokesman Howard Ruben-stein said. The elevator passed an inspection May 19, he said.

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Wife-killer strikes again

Man judged insane after death of spouse 25 years ago confesses to murder of second wife

DETROIT (AP) — A former detective who was found innocent by reason of insanity in the deaths of his wife and children 25 years ago has confessed to killing his second wife and their son last fall, authorities said.

Paul Harrington was ordered Monday to stand trial on two counts of first-degree murder in the Oct. 15 deaths of his second wife, Wanda, 45, and their 3-year-old son, Brian.

"The same thing happened in 1975," Harrington said in a statement to police. "They should have put me away then."

Harrington was found innocent by reason of insanity in the 1975 killings of his first wife, Becky, 28, and daughters Pamela, 9, and Cassandra, 4. Police said the couple had recently separated when he killed the three with his police service revolver.

He was committed for psychiatric evaluation at a state facility but was released after just two months of treatment, according to records.

Police said Harrington, 53, shot his second wife and son inside the family's home after his older son left for school, with a gun he borrowed the night before. He then called 911.

Police Sgt. Felix Kirk testified Monday that Harrington, who had been fired from a steel company last spring, told him he had no money, had run out of medication for his depression, and killed them because "in my head I just couldn't handle any more."

Lawyers said Monday they expect the latest case will center on psychiatric testimony.

Harrington's defense lawyer in the original case, Donald Cutler, said two psychiatrists examined Harrington and testified at a 1977 hearing that he was not criminally responsible for the slayings. The law at the time required the judge to find Harrington innocent by reason of insanity, Cutler said.



Associated Press

Wanda Harrington and her son Brian David were shot to death Oct. 15.

Tribe opens 'offshore bank' in Montana

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — An Indian tribe has set up an "offshore bank" in the Montana wilderness that could become the Cayman Islands of the West.

The Blackfeet Tribe's bank, Glacier International Depository Ltd., will be based on Indian land near Glacier National Park.

Like offshore banks in places like the Cayman Islands, Glacier is seeking to hold or invest the money of wealthy foreigners, whose deposits will not receive the same regulatory scrutiny accorded to other banks.

The bank can operate outside state law because of Indian sovereignty. In an interview with the Great Falls Tribune, bank chairman Robert "Smokey" Doore said that Glacier will not charge fees but will instead try to get customers to invest in projects on the reservation.

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Hollywood residents want to secede from Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Could it be splitsville for Hollywood itself?

Hollywood residents eager to secede from Los Angeles have proposed their hoped-for city: a 4-square-mile area that has a population of 160,000.

The preliminary Hollywood map proposed Monday would extend from the West Hollywood city limits to the Los Feliz area in the east, several miles short of downtown Los Angeles.

The area includes such Tinseltown landmarks as Paramount Studios, Mann's Chinese Theatre, the Hollywood sign and Forest Lawn Memorial Park in the Hollywood Hills.

The secessionists tried to pick the area that it "considered to be the core of Hollywood," said Michael Weinstein, vice president of Hollywood VOTE.

Hollywood was founded in 1887 by a real estate developer. The community was incorporated as a city in 1903, then was annexed to Los Angeles in 1910.

10 more convictions questioned in L.A.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Prosecutors are seeking to overturn 10 more convictions tainted by alleged misconduct in a police anti-gang unit.

If a judge approves, the district attorney's action Monday would bring to 21 the number of convictions reversed since the scandal surfaced in September, authorities said.

The police misconduct, centered in the department's Rampart Division, has led to 20 officers either resigning or being relieved of duty, suspended without pay or fired. Four prison inmates already have been freed and 11 convictions overturned.

The 10 defendants named Monday were involved in eight separate criminal cases, most of them involving drug charges that allegedly were trumped up.

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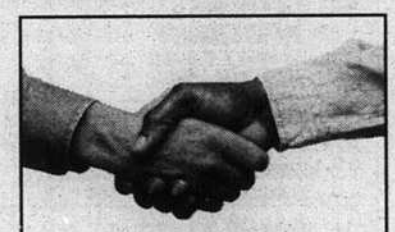
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Bush beats Forbes in Alaska GOP straw poll

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — As in Iowa, the pecking order in Alaska's Republican presidential straw poll was George W. Bush followed by Steve Forbes. But the size of the win could be counted on one hand.

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Texas Gov. Bush netted 1,571 votes, or 36.3 percent, in the non-binding statewide contest Monday, while publisher Forbes captured 1,566, or 36.2 percent.

The Bush campaign said the governor was able to win despite being outspent by more than 10-to-1 by Forbes and facing a heavy advertising campaign from him in the final week. Forbes made several trips to Alaska while Bush settled for a phone call to the state and two mass mailings, with no state TV ads.

"One night, two victories," said Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer, "which means we're getting closer and closer to the end of the Clinton era."

In the Iowa caucuses Monday, Bush won with 41 percent of the GOP vote with Forbes coming a strong second at 30 percent.

"After being so close in Iowa, we're walking on top of the world," said Don Devine, deputy campaign manager for Forbes, who flew to Alaska for the straw poll. "It gives Steve the impetus going into New Hampshire that we need."

The Alaska party's official endorsement comes at the state convention this summer.

Orrin Hatch bails out of presidential race

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a dismal showing in the Iowa caucuses, Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch has decided to quit the Republican presidential race, a senior adviser said Tuesday.

Hatch will announce his decision today, said the adviser, who commented only on condition of anonymity.

"We've all seen the numbers," the aide said.

Hatch, who mustered a bare 1 percent in the first presidential voting in Iowa on Monday night, could not be reached for comment today. "He's not taking any calls," said spokesman Paul Smith.

Hatch, 65, had counted on his four terms in the Senate and chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee to show voters he had the experience to be president. He repeatedly said he was the only candidate with the background to pick Supreme Court justices who would uphold conservative principles, such as opposition to abortion.

But Hatch jumped into the campaign only last July, months or years after other GOP hopefuls. He asked for one million donors to give him $36 each for a total of $36 million, but he had raised only about $2.3 million through December.

Of the other Republicans in the bottom three in Iowa, John McCain had 5 percent but did not compete in the state and is running much more strongly in New Hampshire. Gary Bauer, who had 9 percent, said Tuesday in New Hampshire, "We need this to be a marathon, not a 100-yard dash. So we will keep moving on."

He said of Hatch: "I can't say I'm too sad to see him go since I want everyone to go but me. But he's a good man and I'm glad he was there."

Hatch did not make a public appearance after the results Monday night but released a statement that said he looked "forward to returning to New Hampshire this week."


Hatch

When he was considering entering the presidential race last June, Hatch said he had examined the rest of the GOP field and found it lacking a candidate with the experience to be an effective president.

"If I didn't think I would make a better president, I wouldn't get into it," Hatch said then.

Dropping out of the presidential race allows Hatch to focus on his re-election campaign to the Senate. Utah lawmakers had changed state law to allow him to simultaneously run for president and for the Senate.

Hatch, the only Mormon among the presidential contenders, has said anti-Mormon bias hurt him among the voters he was trying hardest to court: Christian conservatives.

"Some of these people have an absolutely loony belief that Mormons aren't Christian," Hatch said last Friday. "There's some misapprehensions and some miscomprehension about my faith."

Iowa pundits blamed Hatch's poor showing more on a poorly funded and poorly organized campaign. "The fact that he's had a lot of experience in the Senate wasn't really that exciting or enough to make people want to switch over to him," said Iowa State University political science professor Steffen Schmidt.

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Overnite sues Teamsters over trucking strike

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Overnite Transportation Co. is seeking at least $5.2 million from the Teamsters for costs, damage and losses stemming from the union's 3-month-old strike against the trucking firm.

A federal lawsuit filed Monday also accuses Teamsters president James P. Hoffa and other union leaders in a string of violent and illegal activities aimed at extorting a labor contract with Overnite.

The Teamsters devised a scheme to "put Overnite out of business" if employees don't agree to a union-proposed deal, the lawsuit said.

The lawsuit also alleges a pattern of violence, including 57 acts of attempted murder and 131 acts of extortion.

Dave Cameron, a national coordinator for the Teamsters, said the lawsuit is Overnite's "desperate" attempt to draw public attention away from its own illegal activities, including the alleged harassment and illegal firing of its workers.

"This sounds like a public relations stunt. This company has been famous for their legal machinations," Cameron said. "To try to connect the Teamsters to these activities is baseless and without foundation."

The Teamsters launched a strike Oct. 24 at Overnite terminals in seven states, five weeks after talks on a new contract broke off with the Richmond, Va.-based company.

The Teamsters and Overnite have been trying for several years to negotiate a contract for 22 terminals where the union represents Overnite workers. Both sides say pensions have been the major area of disagreement.

Police have said at least five shootings appear related to the strike. The most serious came Dec. 1, when William Wonder of Evansville, Ind., was shot in the stomach as he drove from the Memphis hub.

Congress hears testimony from ex-Soviet spy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With the drama of a McCarthy hearing, a former Soviet spy was led into a room with a black bag over his head and shielded by a screen from the audience at a Congressional hearing on Russian espionage.

Stanislav Lunev was the star witness at Monday's sparsely attended House Committee on Government Reform hearing called by Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind.

Much of Lunev's testimony was a repeat of allegations made in his 1998 book in which he said Russia's post-Cold War leaders still see the United States as the enemy.

Lunev, who is in the federal witness protection program, said he masqueraded as a reporter for the Russian news agency ITAR-Tass for three years during which he scouted "drop sites" for weapons caches in the U.S. But he said he has no idea if they were ever planted.

Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., suggested in November that the spy caches might include suitcase-sized nuclear weapons that can produce a 10-kiloton blast.

Weldon, who also testified Monday, stood at one point, holding up a large briefcase and announced: "I have a small atomic demolition device I'd like to bring up to you."

Burton quickly reassured the audience that it was "a mockup" created by the CIA.

Russian officials have confirmed their arsenal includes such devices, but investigators have said there is no evidence they are part of the purported hidden stockpiles.

By the time the hearing ended, no one had been able to do more than speculate that there were "dead drop sites" for Russian weapons in California.

Burton, who said earlier there were "many potential targets for Russian sabotage in California," was questioned by reporters about his motives for the hearings and whether he knows of actual weapons sites in the state.

"I don't know whether there's anything like that here nor does the administration," he said, but he insisted that the Russians should be asked.

When he returned to the hearing room, Burton said, "Some members of the media are indicating we might be trying to create paranoia and a new Cold War. That's untrue. ... I'm distressed that some members of the media think we're trying to scare everyone to death."

Burton said he has repeatedly asked the White House and the State Department to investigate the question of weapons caches but they have never responded.

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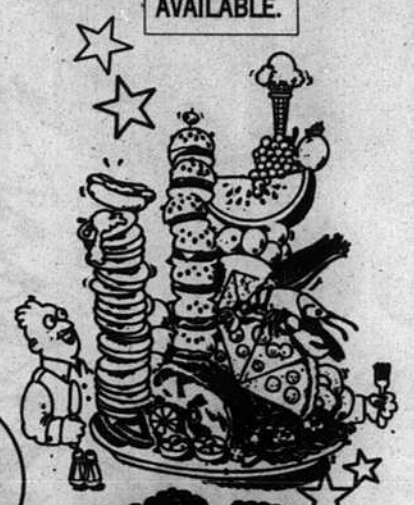
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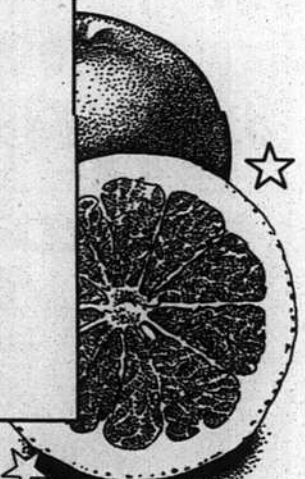
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Feds to take closer look at foster agencies

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government will closely monitor state child welfare agencies for the first time, holding them accountable if children are abused or neglected in foster care and making sure permanent foster homes are found quickly.

New rules that take effect in March give the Department of Health and Human Services much broader monitoring responsibility over state agencies that provide foster care, adoption and family services to low-income children.

Instead of reviewing case files, which it had done in the past, the department will do on-site reviews at agencies. The department will seek extensive information about instances of child abuse in foster care homes and efforts to recruit adoptive parents and interview children, parents and foster parents.

HHS will also monitor state's adherence to new rules barring discrimination against adoptive or foster care parents seeking to adopt children of another race.

HHS will review agencies in 10 states this year and another 17 states in 2001. States out of compliance must correct problems within two years and will be monitored quarterly.

Clinton: National debt can be paid by 2013

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton said Tuesday he will propose a budget plan next month to pay off the government's $3.6 trillion publicly held debt by 2013, two years sooner than expected. He urged Republican leaders: "Put politics aside and join me."

Meantime, the Congressional Budget Office has upped the stakes in this year's budget battle by projecting a huge surplus of up to $1.9 trillion over the next decade, according to a congressional aide speaking on condition of anonymity.

Clinton, citing a combination of the prosperous economy and his fiscal policies, said the debt is $1.7 trillion lower than it was projected to be when he took office seven years ago. He said his proposal would devote interest savings to Social Security, extending its solvency beyond 2050, and his plan also would seek to ensure Medicare's survival until at least 2025.

"Now is not the time to let up on a strategy that is plainly working," he said. "Our children and their children will not inherit the crippling burden of interests payments that we faced seven years ago."

Clinton said his plan would mean the United States would become debt-free for the first time since 1835, when there were only 24 states and 15 million citizens. He said it is important that political leaders in both parties commit to using the budget surpluses to pay down the debt.

"What we're doing by taking this position is maximizing the choices the next president and the next Congress will have," Clinton said. "I ask the Republican majority in Congress to put politics aside and join me."

The administration's claim of making the government debt-free covers only the two-thirds of the $5.7 trillion national debt that is held by the public in the form of Treasury bonds and bills.

The Clinton program does not deal with the other $2 trillion of government debt which is held by the government's trust funds, primarily Social Security.

CBO's new surplus projections — which exclude Social Security — are nearly twice the $1 trillion estimate that CBO made just last July. They mean that there will be that much more on the table for Clinton and Congress to consider as they battle over using the money for tax cuts, higher spending or reducing the national debt.

It will also affect the debate on the presidential campaign trail, where contenders' proposals have included calls for tax cuts, expanding federal health care aid and reducing the national debt.

Congressional Republicans also are talking more about using the massive revenues coming into the Treasury to eliminate the publicly held federal debt rather than try again for a massive tax cut similar to the one vetoed by Clinton last year.

When asked whether he believes there should be a tax cut this year, Clinton said tax cuts are possible if they are modest, targeted and within the confines of fiscal discipline.

"But I do not believe we should have very big tax cuts that will explode in the second five years of a 10-year period and ignore what the real needs of the country will be," Clinton said. "Those things are easy to do, but they are difficult to undo if times get tough."

CBO's bigger surplus projections are largely due to the economy's continuing strong performance, which has poured unanticipated revenue into federal coffers. The latest figures cover the fiscal years 2001 through 2010.

In good news for Republicans, CBO — Congress' nonpartisan budget analyst — is also projecting a $22 billion surplus this year without using Social Security funds, said another aide also speaking on condition of anonymity.

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Clinton clears Pakistani government of role in hijacking

President to decide soon whether to include country in upcoming visit to South Asia

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton said Tuesday that there is no evidence Pakistan supported the hijacking of an Indian Airlines plane last month.

However, the hijackers may have been linked to a terrorist group that operates in Kashmir — a territory disputed by Pakistan and India — according to the State Department.

The group, known as Harkat ul-Mujahedeen, was placed on the department's list of terrorist organizations in 1997 when it was called Harkat ul-Ansar.

The State Department's coordinator for counter-terrorism, Michael Sheehan, and other senior administration officials have conveyed their concern to the Pakistani government about possible ties to the hijacking group and also concern about training of terrorists in Pakistan.

The hijacking incident ended with 155 hostages freed in exchange for the Indian government's release of three members of the group.

Clinton, responding to a published report that implicated the Pakistani government, said at the White House: "We don't have any evidence that the Pakistani government was involved in that hijacking."

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said, meanwhile, "we have no reason to believe that the government of Pakistan had foreknowledge, supported or helped carry out" the hijacking.

Consequences for Pakistan, had the country been implicated, could have included being placed on the State Department's list of countries that sponsor terrorism. The seven countries on that list are ineligible for virtually all U.S. assistance and for American support in international lending institutions.

Clinton and his senior advisers are weighing a decision whether he should visit Pakistan in March on a planned trip to India and Bangladesh. Normally, a stop in Pakistan would be in order diplomatically.

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Pakistan by Gen. Pervez Musharraf last October has prompted an internal debate within the administration.

A decision is expected soon.

Because Pakistan has friendly relations with the Taliban government in Afghanistan, Musharraf could play a helpful role in U.S. efforts to force the expulsion from Afghanistan of Osama bin Laden, accused by the United States of operating a terrorism network that arranged for the bombing of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998.

Meanwhile, relations between India and Pakistan have soured again, and the familiar concern in Washington is heightened by the fact that both have achieved nuclear weapons capability.

India has accused Pakistan of masterminding the hijacking.

Rubin said "We have been concerned for some time about the fact that agencies of the Pakistani government have provided general support to a number of groups operating in Kashmir, including Harkat ul-Mujahedeen," And, he said, "We also have reason to believe that the hijackers were affiliated with the Harkat ul-Mujahedeen."

China and US resume talks at Pentagon

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. and Chinese officials met at the Pentagon Tuesday to discuss defense and security issues, resuming a military-to-military dialogue that China halted last spring after the mistaken U.S. bombing of its embassy in Yugoslavia.

The talks, the third in a series of defense consultative sessions that began in 1997, were led by People's Liberation Army Lt. Gen. Xiong Guangkai and Walter Slocombe, the undersecretary of defense for policy.

Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said Tuesday's session was delayed slightly by a morning snowstorm but would continue through the day, finishing with a dinner. A wrap-up session today is to conclude with a half-hour meeting between Xiong and Defense Secretary William Cohen.

Xiong paid courtesy calls on Slocombe and other Pentagon officials Monday, and also met with senior officials at the State Department. Today's session at the Pentagon marked the start of substantive discussions on what Bacon described as a wide range of defense and security-related subjects.

Among the expected topics were military-to-military exchanges, the situation in North Korea, U.S. plans for ballistic missile defenses, expansion of the NATO alliance and Asia-Pacific regional issues, Bacon said.

"These talks have to be seen in the context of our broader relationship with China," Bacon said, noting the Clinton administration is seeking to improve relations with China on a wide scale.

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Ivory Coast junta promises elections by end of October

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — Elections will be held by the end of October to restore Ivory Coast to civilian rule following the Christmas Eve coup, a spokesman for the military government said Tuesday.

A communique signed by Albert Aggrey, secretary-general of the interim ruling government, said a rough date was fixed after junta leader Gen. Robert Guei met Monday with members of a commission responsible for drafting a constitution and new election laws.

The statement said general elections will be held by Oct. 31. It did not mention exact dates for the parliamentary, presidential and municipal ballots.

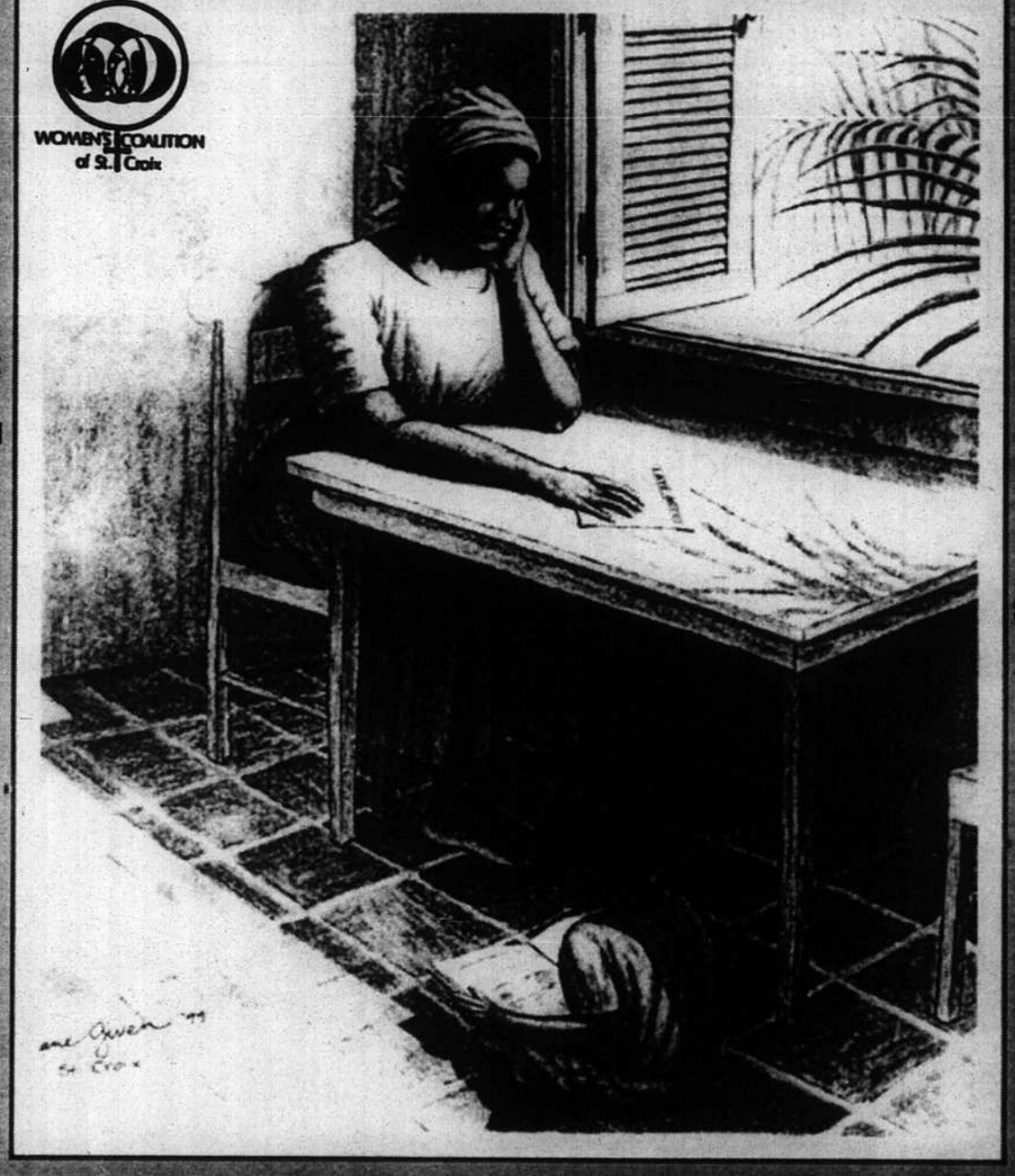
"Ivory Coast has to reconcile with itself as it did in the years following its independence, banishing xenophobia ... fighting corruption ... thus beginning a new era in its history," the statement said.

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■ MALAYSIA
Police break up protests as dissident's trial resumes

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — The sodomy trial of Anwar Ibrahim resumed Tuesday with the ousted deputy prime minister attacking the ruling party from the witness box and supporters protesting outside — the first anti-government demonstrations since the November election.

Activists shouted "Reformasi," the Malay word for reform, as police led the jailed politician into the courthouse. Protesters refused to leave the area and constantly regrouped even after riot police arrested 10 of them.

Anwar, 53, has challenged Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's 18-year rule and described his government as authoritarian. Mahathir, 74, fired Anwar in September 1998, saying his longtime protege was corrupt and unfit for government. Anwar was then convicted of abuse of power and sentenced to a six-year jail term.

The firing, arrest and subsequent beating of Anwar sparked unprecedented political unrest in this Southeast Asian nation. Thousands of Anwar supporters took to the streets demanding justice for the popular Islamic scholar.

His treatment prompted many Malays to defect from the ruling United Malays National Organization and vote for the opposition Islamic party in the general elections, tripling the number of opposition members in Parliament.

Anwar's second trial is on a charge of sodomy, a crime in this predominantly Muslim nation. Anwar, who denies all the charges as politically motivated, faces 20 additional years if convicted of sodomy.

"I was convinced there was a high-level conspiracy, involving prominent politicians," Anwar said from the witness stand Tuesday. It was the first time he had been seen in public since the Nov. 29 general elections gave the ruling party another five years power.

Since the sex trial started in June, Anwar has accused Mahathir and his former Cabinet colleagues of corruption, gambling and even involvement in murder.

Earlier this month, Mahathir's government began prosecuting many of Anwar's allies, including a prominent Malaysian lawyer defending him.

Karpal Singh, an outspoken Mahathir critic and Anwar's main defense attorney, was charged with sedition for alleging during the sodomy trial that "people in high places" had tried to poison his client.

Indonesian president seeks peace in Aceh

Vice president on similar mission in Maluku as violence continues to threaten outlying provinces



Wahid Sukarnoputri

SABANG, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesia's president called for peace during his first official visit to strife-torn Aceh province Tuesday, hours after nine people were killed in gun battles between security forces and rebels.

Six Indonesian marines and three guerrillas died Monday night in two separate firefights in the region, 1,100 miles northwest of Jakarta, local military commander Lt. Col. Suyatno said. Six marines were injured.

President Abdurrahman Wahid left Jakarta early Tuesday for talks with community leaders in Sabang, a town on the tiny island of We, just off Aceh's northern tip.

In eastern Indonesia Tuesday, Vice President Megawati Sukarnoputri continued a separate mission to put an end to fierce fighting between Muslims and Christians in the Maluku Islands, known during Dutch colonial rule as the Spice Islands, or Moluccas.

Almost 40 people were killed there in weekend fighting, and Tuesday on Bacan Island, about 100 houses were burned.

Christians used to have a small majority in Maluku and North Maluku provinces, but an influx of Muslims from Indonesia's other islands has changed the religious makeup and fueled tensions.

Analysts and foreign diplomats fear that, if left unchecked, the regional unrest could threaten Wahid's government and programs for democratic and economic reform.

Tuesday's visit was Wahid's first to Aceh since he became president three months ago. In addition to meeting with community leaders about the violence, Wahid has said he wants to boost Aceh's depressed economy by reopening a free trade zone closed in 1985.

Crowds cheered the president, who was guarded by hundreds of troops. Indonesian flags decorated buildings.

Originally, his one-day visit to Sabang had been billed as a chance for peace talks with a range of Acehnese leaders, including rebels who demand independence. But the separatist leaders didn't participate Tuesday.



Associated Press

Under guard by Indonesian security forces, Ambonese Muslims cheer the visit of Indonesian Vice President Megawati Sukarnoputri Tuesday to Al-Fatah mosque in riot-torn Ambon city, Maluku province, Indonesia.

Nevertheless, Wahid said he was trying hard to restore stability across the Indonesian archipelago, which has been plagued by both separatist and religious violence.

"I hope all the bloodshed and misery you have gone through — although it is painful — will soon be over and be part of the past," Wahid said in a speech.

On Sunday, Wahid predicted on national television that his government would end the bitter fighting in Aceh and Maluku by March.

However, Monday's deaths in Aceh cast doubt over such hopes.

In contrast to Wahid's warm reception in Sabang, 100 people protested peacefully Tuesday in the provincial capital, Banda Aceh, blaming Wahid and the military for the deaths of hundreds of people in the past few months.

Acehnese guerrillas have struggled since the mid-1970s against Indonesian rule, accusing the central government of siphoning off the oil- and gas-rich region's wealth. At least 5,000 people have died in the violence during the past decade.

Rioting breaks out in capital of East Timor

DILI, East Timor (AP) — Fighting broke out Tuesday between gangs of young people with machetes and clubs in the capital's main marketplace, witnesses said. At least four people were seriously injured.

Authorities said the fight started when a group associated with the territory's fledgling government organization, the National Council for East Timor Resistance, tried to force out people they said were responsible for gambling and petty crime in the market.

Foreign peacekeeping troops moved quickly into the market to stop the fighting, which involved up to 80 people, witnesses said. Soldiers and police confiscated machetes, clubs and crowbars.

Witnesses said they heard two shots fired. It was not known if any of those injured were shot. Ambulances took at least four people away from the scene.

Crime has been on the rise in East Timor as it tries to recover from the lawlessness that followed a U.N.-sponsored vote in August to break with Indonesia. CNRT leaders say gambling rackets are being run in the marketplace, leading to fights.



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Decision to release Pinochet faces legal challenge

LONDON (AP) — Human rights groups joined Belgium in launching a court challenge Tuesday to prevent Britain's top law enforcement official from releasing former dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet on grounds of ill health.

Their challenges contend that Home Secretary Jack Straw must allow an independent examination of the medical evidence he says leaves him inclined to block the 84-year-old Chilean general's extradition to Spain to face charges alleging human rights abuses.

The doctors' reports — compiled after spending nearly seven hours with Pinochet earlier this month — have not been released for review due to patient confidentiality.

"Of particular concern is whether the evidence shows not merely that Pinochet is a sick, old man — a fate to which many of Pinochet's victims would have gladly aspired — but, as British law requires, that he is incapable of understanding the proceedings against him and of assisting in his own defense," said Kenneth Roth, executive director of Human Rights Watch, one of six groups bringing the legal challenge.


Pinochet

The High Court will hear initial arguments Wednesday. A formal hearing, if granted, would likely be held next week.

Straw has said that he will not issue his final ruling on extradition until the judicial review of his actions is complete.

He initially had been expected to rule this week, after Spain, human rights groups and the three other nations seeking Pinochet's extradition — Belgium, France and Switzerland — were given until Monday to file final arguments with him.

Pinochet was arrested 15 months ago on a Spanish warrant while recuperating from back surgery in a London hospital. He is accused of ordering the torture of political opponents during his 1973-90 dictatorship.

Belgium and the human rights groups contend it would be unfair for Straw to release Pinochet based on medical reports that other parties in the case have not seen.

They also argue that doctors representing the other parties should have been present, and that a one-day exam is not long enough to determine Pinochet's mental fitness to participate in his own defense.

In Santiago, Chilean officials expressed frustration at the latest filings, particularly at the participation of Belgium, which is seeking Pinochet's extradition on behalf of four Chileans living in the country.

Israeli leader reaches out to Syrian president

JERUSALEM (AP) — In a gesture apparently meant to woo the Syrians back to the negotiating table, Prime Minister Ehud Barak praised Syria's president Tuesday as a strong and serious leader.

The statement released by Barak's office was the first overture by the prime minister to Syrian President Hafez Assad since peace talks between the sides broke down last week.


Barak

"During a recent closed meeting with his security advisers, the prime minister repeated his view that President Assad is a strong leader, who is serious and trustworthy and honors his word," the statement said.

Israeli-Syrian peace talks were postponed indefinitely last week after only two rounds. Syria is demanding as a precondition to any agreement that Barak's government pledge to cede the entire Golan Heights, captured by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war.

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Anglicans may ease rules on remarriage for divorcees

LONDON (AP) — The Church of England, established by the much-wedded King Henry VIII, took a step Tuesday toward approving remarriage for divorcees — an issue that may be of keen interest to Britain's next king.

Recommendations published by a group of bishops, if adopted by the church's governing General Synod in 2002, could make it easier for Prince Charles to contemplate marriage to his longtime love, Camilla Parker Bowles.

But the church's main concern is dealing with the realities of a nation with one of the highest divorce rates in Europe, and the fact that a third of its priests already are exercising their legal right to marry divorcees.

"If these proposals win acceptance, the church will not simply marry anyone who turns up and asks to be married," said the Right Rev. Michael Scott-Joynt, bishop of Winchester and chair of the bishops' working party on remarriage.

Among the conditions: Divorced people should be honest about the reasons for the failure of their previous marriage, adequate provision should be made for supporting children, the new relationship should not be the cause of breaking up the previous marriage, and "a reasonable time" should have passed since the divorce.

Bishops also recommended that remarriage should normally not be permitted for people who have been involved in more than one divorce.

The decision in each case would be made by the local priest in consultation with the bishop. The recommendations say that no priest should be compelled to preside at a remarriage against his or her conscience.

"This report in effect codifies what has already become practice in many parishes," said the Right Rev. Mark Santer, bishop of Birmingham.

The proposals would have to be approved by two-thirds majorities in all three houses of the General Synod — bishops, clergy and lay members.

In 1981, the General Synod adopted a resolution affirming its belief that "marriage should always be undertaken as a lifelong commitment," but noted that circumstances exist in which it would be right for a divorced person to remarry in church while the former partner remains alive.

The bishops' recommendation applies only to churches in England. Other Anglican churches around the world are free to set their own policy, as they have done on the issue of ordaining women. In the United States, for instance, the Episcopal Church has long performed marriages for divorced members with few restrictions.

Austrian rightist may join ruling coalition

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Prospects have increased for Joerg Haider and his Freedom Party to enter the Austrian government after the far right-wing group decided to begin coalition talks with one of the previous administration's partners.

The prospect of a government including Haider's party has alarmed some foreigners and Austrians, who dislike the Carinthia state governor's opposition to both immigration and the EU's quick expansion, as well as Haider's controversial statements about the Nazi regime.

After a three-hour, closed-door meeting Monday night, the Freedom Party leadership announced it would begin coalition talks today with the Austrian People's Party of Foreign Minister Wolfgang Schuessel, which has governed with the Social Democrats for 13 years.

A Freedom Party statement predicted it would take a week to 10 days to hammer out a majority government, which would control 104 of the 183 seats in parliament. Otherwise, the party said, the way would be open for new elections.


Haider

A decade ago, Haider won international notoriety after he praised Adolf Hitler's employment policies and described veterans of the Waffen SS as "men of character." Haider has been apologizing for those comments ever since.

While Haider said he would not seek the post of chancellor, reaction in Israel to the news that his party may form part of a future Austrian government was swift, with Israel threatening to recall its ambassador from Vienna.

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Russians find taking Grozny an uphill battle

Troops capture city blocks by day but abandon them again at night

GUDERMES, Russia (AP) — Chechen rebels in Grozny fought ferociously Tuesday to prevent Russian forces from capturing a key square as federal commanders admitted their drive to take the center of the capital still faced strong resistance.

Both Russian and Chechen commanders reported intensified fighting around Minutka Square, where the Russian advance on the city center has been stalled for days. The square is near a key Russian-held bridge across the Sunzha River that bisects Grozny.

Aslanbek Ismailov, the rebel commander in Grozny, said that in some districts of the Chechen capital his fighters had switched from trying to hold on to fixed positions to hit-and-run attacks, striking Russian troops from the rear.

The Russians claim to control most of Grozny, although troops are often taking city blocks by day only to abandon them at night in fear of rebel ambushes. Despite claims of steady progress, the Russians still appear far from occupying the city or defeating the rebel garrison after months of fighting.

Russian officials conceded Tuesday that the federal forces were having trouble overcoming the agile rebels, who are operating in bands of no more than 15 fighters and are moving about the city frequently, the Interfax news agency reported.

However, Alexander Sapronov, a military spokesman, said that the Russian forces had advanced about 550 yards toward Minutka Square on Monday.

And the federal forces claimed to have prevented some 150 militants from breaking through from the northeast Lenin neighborhood of Grozny toward Minutka Square on Monday night. Up to 30 of the rebels were killed, the military claimed.

A top Russian officer, Col. Gen. Anatoly Kvashnin, said the strategy for taking Grozny "is developing according to plan, even if it is not without some difficulties," the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

The Russian military estimates that some 2,500 rebels remain in Grozny, while more than 6,000 are believed to be operating out of the rugged southern mountains.

The Russian air force sharply increased its airstrikes against rebels, flying more than 250 combat missions on Monday. More than 30 fortified rebel emplacements, two mobile communication centers, one training camp, four air defense installations and seven mortar crews were destroyed, and 100 rebels were killed, the military claimed Tuesday.

Russian claims of rebel losses often appear to be on the high side. The lightly armed rebels have few heavy weapons or bases, despite Russian claims to have destroyed hundreds of such targets.

Russian troops entered breakaway Chechnya in September after Chechen-based militants stormed villages in the neighboring Russian region of Dagestan. The rebels were also blamed for a series of deadly bombings of apartment houses in Moscow and two other cities in September.

An estimated 240,000 people have fled Chechnya since the fighting began, most of them crowding into camps in the neighboring Russian region of Ingushetia.

Kremlin enigma

Russia's likely next president a mystery to West

WASHINGTON (AP) — Western experts are having difficulty deciding whether Russia's new leader, Vladimir Putin, will be an effective democrat or a throwback to authoritarian rule.


Putin

While assuming the acting president will be elected March 26 and lead Russia for some time, a panel of analysts affiliated with both liberal and conservative think tanks agreed Monday only that much about Putin is an enigma.

"Putin remains as much a riddle to Russians as he does to us," said Thomas Graham of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Graham said Putin appears to have good knowledge of the West but already has shown he may not be so adept at knowing how Russia works.

A key will be how aggressively he goes after corruption once he is elected, he said.

But Graham acknowledged that if Putin comes down too hard, that could be viewed by some as an anti-democratic abuse of power.

"Inevitably, an effort to reinstall some order is going to look authoritarian," he said.

Ariel Cohen, a Russian expert at The Heritage Foundation, the forum's sponsor, said Putin demonstrated his closeness to the military in a spirited visit to troops and has been separating himself from the presidency of Boris Yeltsin, even though Yeltsin picked him as his successor.

Charles Fairbanks, director of the Central Asia-Caucasus Institute of the Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University, said the high-stakes Russian assault on Chechnya now being led by Putin poses many dangers.

He and other panelists said there could be no clear winner in the battle.

Graham said that even if Putin figures out a way to defeat the Chechen rebels, he still will be saddled with having to restore order and rebuild the battle-torn region.

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Reform candidates head for runoff vote in Croatia

ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) — Croatians turned away from their past in presidential elections, voting overwhelmingly for two candidates who vowed to cast aside the autocracy of the late President Franjo Tudjman and move toward Western institutions.

In one of the highest turnouts ever in Croatia, 64 percent of voters cast ballots Monday to replace the only leader the country has had since independence in 1991.

Leading the nine-person field was Stipe Mesic. With 99.5 percent of the precincts reporting results, Mesic had won 41 percent of the vote.

Drazen Budisa, a leader of a left-leaning coalition that won this month's parliamentary election, came in second with 28 percent. A runoff election is set for Feb. 7.

"The margin is significant, but I'm optimistic that we can narrow it down and produce a dramatic turnabout in our favor by the next round," said Budisa, who served four years in prison as a student leader demanding greater autonomy for Croatia in communist Yugoslavia.


Budisa

Voters seemed ready to be rid of Tudjman's style, discarding the late leader's foreign minister, Mate Granic, a moderate who tried desperately to distance himself from the authoritarian regime. He came in third with 22.5 percent.

"I'm satisfied with my campaign," Mesic said. "And what's most important, I'm satisfied with the voters who gave me their confidence."

Mesic led the field going into the polls, espousing a clean break from Tudjman's authoritarianism, which had left the country internationally isolated and in a recession.

Mesic and Budisa both pledged to direct the country into Western-oriented institutions like the European Union and NATO, which shunned Croatia during the Tudjman years.

Many Croats trekked in the snow only to wait hours to make their choice. A total of 4.2 million voters, including citizens in 48 countries abroad, were eligible to cast ballots.

Tudjman, who led Croatia to independence, died Dec. 10.


Associated Press
Stipe Mesic (right), leader of the Croatian People's Party, celebrates with party member Stefanja Balog in Zagreb, Croatia, early Tuesday morning.

US praises election outcome

WASHINGTON (AP) — The success of Croatian opposition parties in defeating the ultranationalist ruling party could serve as a model in neighboring Serbia for opposition groups seeking to dislodge President Slobodan Milosevic, a senior administration official said Tuesday.

The official, who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity, said the results in Monday's election position Croatia much closer to the European mainstream. An increase in U.S. aid to Croatia also is contemplated.

James Dobbins, who oversees State Department policy in the Balkans, called the election "a major turning point for Croatia and the region." He said it was an important step toward consolidation of democracy and a rejection of the ultranationalist policies pursued by former President Franjo Tudjman, who died Dec. 10.

Factions in Congo war call for UN peacekeepers

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The Security Council began drafting a resolution Tuesday to send the initial installment of a U.N. peacekeeping force into Congo after African heads of state complained that the United Nations wasn't doing its part to shore up a faltering cease-fire agreement.


Holbrooke

The presidents from seven African nations had pledged Monday in a council meeting to uphold the cease-fire accord but the United Nations was shirking its responsibilities by delaying the deployment of peacekeepers.

The United States, which many see as the stumbling block to that, said Monday it would support a peacekeeping force only if all sides make progress to implement the deal.

U.S. Ambassador Richard Holbrooke, the current president of the council, said after consultations Tuesday morning that the drafting had already begun to send an estimated 500 military observers into Congo and the 3,400 troops to protect them.

"We think that yesterday's extraordinary meeting of the African presidents illustrated both the fact that they all want to make progress, but that there are serious problems, and that the U.N. has an important role to play there," he said.

Approval by the U.S. Congress, however, could be weeks away.

The war in the Democratic Republic of the Congo has drawn in a half-dozen African nations, with Uganda and Rwanda backing the rebels who rose up in arms in August 1998 to oust Congolese President Laurent Kabila from power.

Kabila enlisted the support of Zimbabwe, Angola and Namibia to fight a war that has destabilized the entire Great Lakes region, killing untold numbers and uprooting close to 1 million people from their homes.

The two sides signed the cease-fire in Lusaka, Zambia last year, but fighting has continued and deadlines for progress in starting up joint committees have been missed.

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■ IRAN

Reformist released from prison

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's supreme leader has pardoned the popular, reform-minded former mayor of Tehran after seven months in prison — a move seen as part of an effort by hard-liners to project a more moderate image ahead of parliamentary elections.


Karbaschi

Gholamhossein Karbaschi was imprisoned on corruption charges he denied and sentenced to two years in prison. Now he is poised to plunge back into public life and will soon launch a daily newspaper, according to Parvin Emami, a journalist who is working with him.

"I think that involvement in politics has a price, and Mr. Karbaschi has paid that price. Now he should be allowed to return to the field as an active politician," Emami said Tuesday.

Reached by telephone at his Tehran home, Karbaschi declined to comment.

Tehran radio said judiciary chief Ayatollah Mahmoud Hashemi Shahroudi had requested that Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, pardon Karbaschi.

The pardon had been expected since Karbaschi left prison earlier this month after being granted a leave. It was not known when the pardon was granted.

The Feb. 18 legislative elections are shaping up as a showdown between candidates calling for more social openness and freedom of speech and hard-liners who fear the Islamic roots of Iran's 1979 revolution are being forgotten.


Associated Press
Two municipal workers clean the streets Tuesday in Tehran under pro-Khatami campaign banners for the Feb.18 parliamentary elections.

While trying to shore up their popularity, the hard-liners also are handicapping their reformist opposition. The Interior Ministry said earlier this month that 402 would-be parliamentary candidates, most of them pro-reform, had been disqualified by a hard-line electoral supervisory council.

Iranians, who overwhelmingly support President Mohammad Khatami's political and social reforms, began turning their backs on hard-liners after Karbaschi's 1998 embezzlement trial. The hard-liners' popularity waned further in the months after the trial, when they used the judiciary to arrest or jail more of Khatami's supporters.

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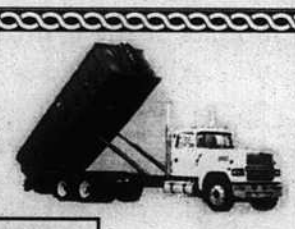
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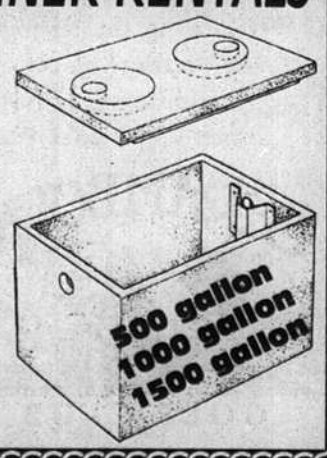
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Masterminds of warlord's killing probably fled Yugoslavia, report says

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — The organizers of the killing of a notorious Serb warlord most likely fled Yugoslavia before the slaying took place, the main government daily reported Tuesday.

The Politika newspaper said that after arresting three suspects, authorities were still investigating the killing of Zeljko Raznatovic on Jan. 15 in the lobby of a plush Belgrade hotel. Two friends he was sitting with also were killed.

Raznatovic, also known as Arkan, led feared Serb paramilitary units during the wars in Bosnia and Croatia. He was indicted last year for war crimes by the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands.

Last weekend, police announced the arrests of three suspects in his death: Dobrosav Gavric, 23; Dejan Pitulic, 33; and Vujadin Krstic, 36. Two of the three were identified as current or former police officers.

The announcement came amid rumors that Arkan was killed by President Slobodan Milosevic's security service because he knew too much about government involvement in the wars in the former Yugoslavia. Arkan's troops, known as Tigers, were closely linked to Milosevic's police.

■ THAI HOSPITAL HOSTAGE CRISIS

Captives freed unharmed; all 10 gunmen killed in commando raid

RATCHABURI, Thailand (AP) — The Myanmar rebels who took over a Thai hospital were polite young men who promised not to hurt their hostages but had a nerve-wracking habit of juggling grenades, one of their freed captives said Tuesday.

"I was scared they would drop them and kill us all," said Decha Yuwang.

Decha and several hundred other people who were trapped at Ratchaburi Provincial Hospital were safe Tuesday after an early-morning rescue by Thai security personnel.

All 10 of the captors were killed, and five Thai police were wounded. No hostages were reported hurt.

When Decha and some of his relatives went to register his mother at the hospital's outpatient section early Monday, they unknowingly set themselves up for a harrowing, 22-hour ordeal that would end in a terrifying rescue.

Decha, a 32-year-old laborer, spoke to an Associated Press reporter at a nearby hospital where some rescued patients were taken Tuesday. He was still searching for his mother, from whom he was separated during the chaos of the rescue.

On Monday, as his mother was signing in to get a sore throat examined, 10 men carrying assault rifles and pistols burst in, Decha said. Some wore masks. Almost all had long hair and one appeared to be about 15 years old, he recalled.

The gunmen rounded up 80 or 90 people — patients, their families and hospital staff — and moved them to a nearby room. The rebels fired a few shots into the air.

"We did everything they ordered us to do," Decha said.

Thai officials identified the gunmen as members of God's Army, a fringe rebel group from nearby Myanmar's ethnic Karen minority. The group is led by twin 12-year-old boys. The twins, Johnny and Luther Htoo, were not among those who seized the hospital.

The gunmen didn't lay a hand on their captives and promised not to hurt them, Decha said.

"They spoke to us very politely," he said. "I admire their bravery and I respect their politeness. They are very good people."

Around midnight, the dark and the uncertainty began to grip some people, Decha recalled. A few began sobbing. One moaned and wailed.

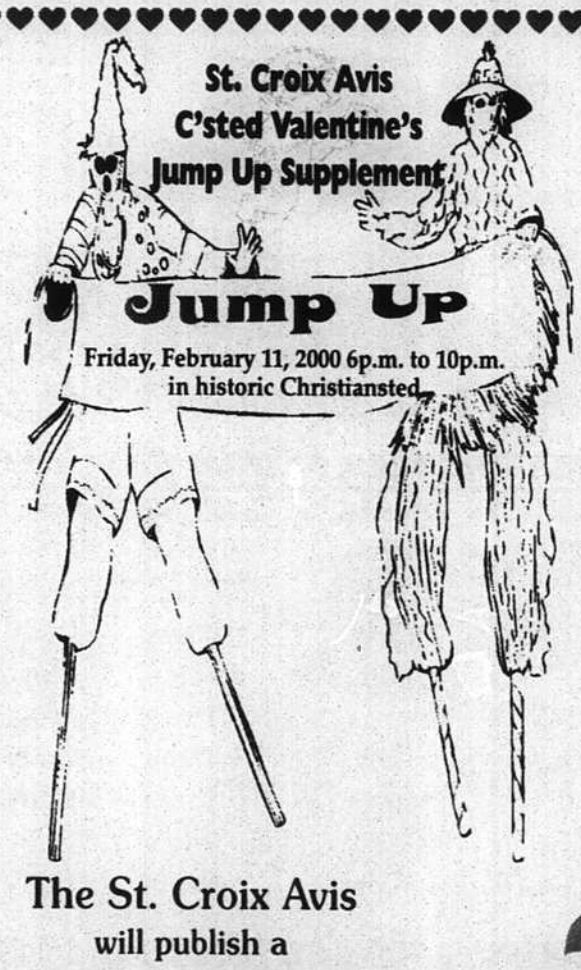
Unable to sleep, Decha was smoking a cigarette before dawn when he heard a loud explosion. It was the start of the rescue by Thai forces who stormed the walled, six-acre hospital compound on foot and in trucks and jeeps.



A military police officer takes a hostage to a waiting ambulance Tuesday after commandos raided a hospital earlier seized by Myanmar rebels in Ratchaburi, Thailand.

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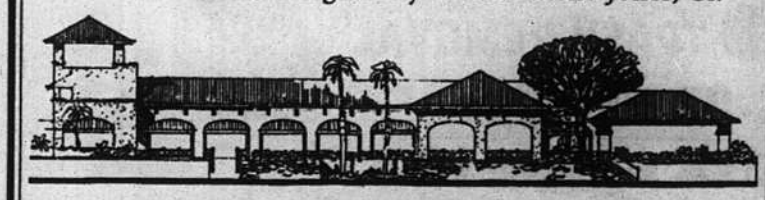
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Guatemala makes arrests in killing of well-known bishop

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Authorities again want to arrest a priest who was implicated and then released in the slaying of a Roman Catholic bishop and human rights leader.

The warrant Monday for the Rev. Mario Orantes comes after weekend arrests that indicate possible military involvement in the slaying of Bishop Juan Gerardi.

Gerardi was bludgeoned to death in his garage April 26, 1998, two days after presenting a report blaming the military and pro-government death squads for most of the deaths during Guatemala's 36-year civil war.

Orantes, who was Gerardi's assistant, was jailed for seven months but was released in February after protests that investigators had overlooked possible military involvement.

Police over the weekend also arrested a church cook and two men with army ties, and said Jose Obdulio Villanueva, a former presidential guard who is serving time for the murder of another priest, had a possible role in Gerardi's death.

The intense movement in the case comes barely a week after new president Alfonso Portillo took office. Portillo, a former Marxist scholar, vowed during the campaign to clear up the case.

■ MEXICO CITY

Rector confronts university strikers

Hard-liners continue to barricade campus

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Wading into a sea of protesters, the head of Latin America's largest university confronted hard-line strike leaders Tuesday and told them he won't negotiate until they reopen the barricaded campus.

Juan Ramon de la Fuente, the rector of the National Autonomous University, had planned to march onto campus to present the striking students with the results of a university-wide vote. In the vote last week, other students, professors and workers overwhelmingly approved initiatives to end the strike, which has paralyzed the 280,000-student university for nine months.

But the strikers wrapped the main gate with wire and barricaded it Tuesday with windows torn from university buildings. A crowd of about 1,000 pro-strike students and onlookers crowded around the gate, and a representative of the strikers met the rector outside.

"Open the university and with great pleasure we will restart the dialogue," de la Fuente told a strike representative during the brief confrontation.

Strikers reiterated that they would welcome dialogue — but not on campus.

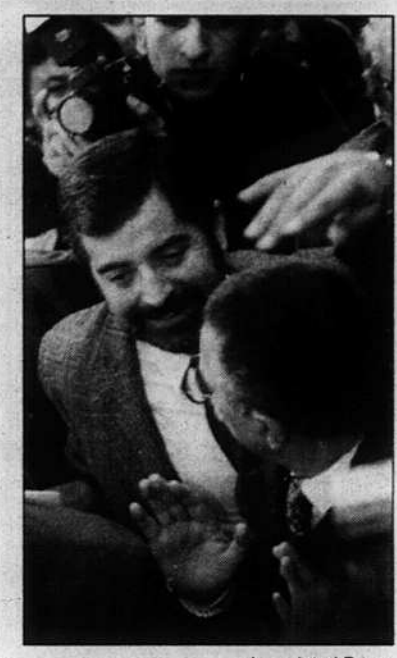
"The rector will not be allowed to enter the university because it is under the custody of the strike council," said a strike leader, Alfredo Velarde.

Velarde said strike supporters consider de la Fuente a government puppet. He accused the rector of provoking the strikers by trying to enter the campus.

The university, long Mexico's premier academic institution, has been held since April by a small and increasingly radical group which no longer has the support of the majority of the 280,000 students.

During his brief talk with an unidentified strike leader, de la Fuente delivered the referendum results: Nearly 90 percent of students and teachers supported his proposal to end the strike. Strike leaders call the vote an irrelevant fraud.

"We do not pretend to represent the majority of students. We represent the politically active and conscious fringe," said Velarde, who described himself as an anarchist-communist.



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Surrounded by hundreds of students and reporters, National Autonomous University of Mexico Rector Juan Ramon de la Fuente walks to the university campus Tuesday.

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THEATRE 3
"CLOSED"

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

THEATRE 5
"THE HURRICANE"
Mon-Fri: 7:45 ONLY;
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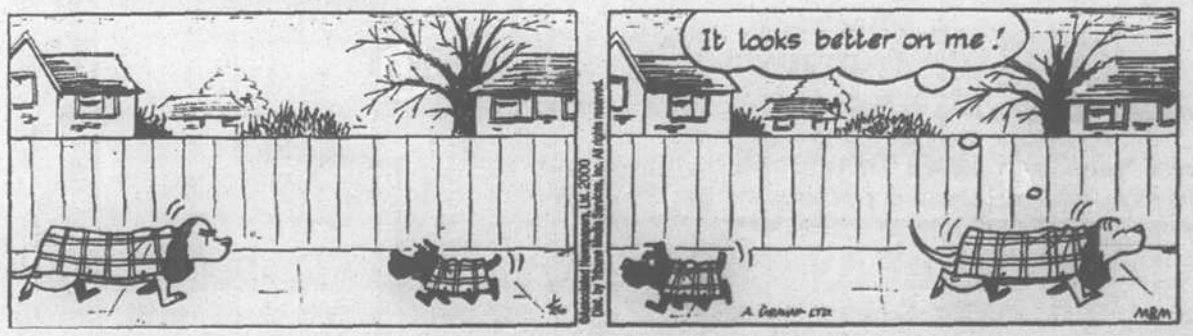
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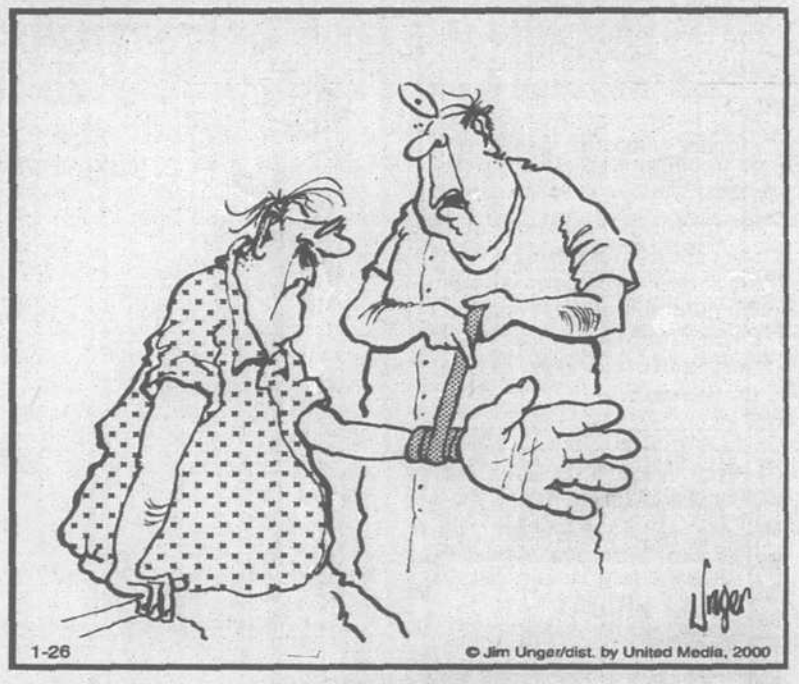
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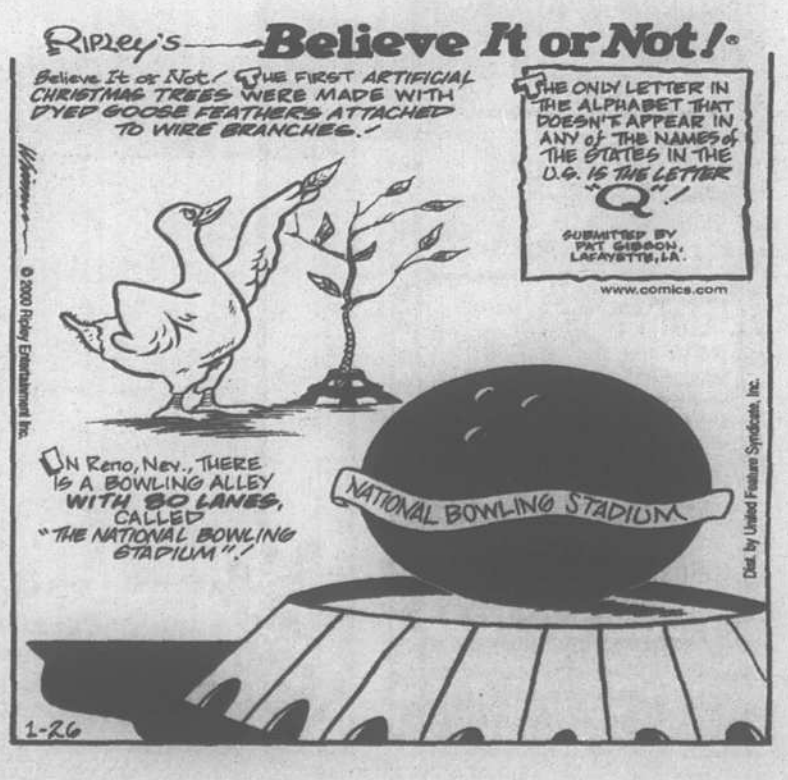


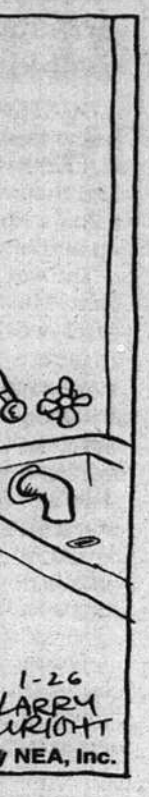
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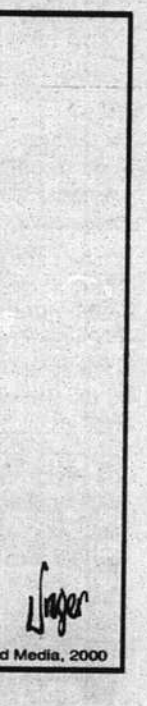


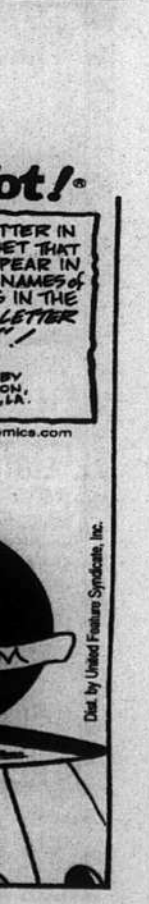
"That too tight?"

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Horoscope

By Francis Drake

ARIES
(March 21 to April 19)
As the Moon leaves Libra, make sure you take the other person's feelings into consideration before making a major decision, Aries.

TAURUS
(April 20 to May 20)
It might be a good idea to spend some time by yourself, Taurus. Resetting priorities should be at the top of your to-do list.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)
As the Moon leaves Libra, you may feel like you're overloaded at work today, Gemini. Try to delegate some of your workload to your co-workers or business partner.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)
If you're having trouble settling an argument with your spouse or romantic partner today, try to remember that there isn't a right or wrong opinion.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)
As the Moon leaves Libra, the time is right to purchase computer or electronic equipment. Be sure to shop around for the best sales and bargains.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
An intense discussion with a trusted friend or family member could lead to an interesting conclusion on your part today, Virgo. Listen closely to what he or she has to say.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
The Moon is in your house, and you are in the spotlight, Libra. Go out with friends and have a good time. Dancing and socializing over food are favored activities.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
If you're having a hard time making an important decision, ask the opinion of a trusted friend or family member. Having a sounding board helps.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Be prepared to set your own problems aside as others come knocking on your door for advice today, Sag. Make sure you're honest but tactful when dispensing words of wisdom.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
As much as you try to throw yourself into your work today, your efforts may not pay off immediately. Try to be patient while waiting to be noticed.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Try to turn your mind away from business matters and onto more personal issues today. Your personal life has been neglected long enough, Aquarius.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to March 20)
Be careful today of someone, possibly a business partner, who is trying to take advantage of you. There is a difference between being helpful and vulnerable, Pisces.

YOU BORN TODAY Chances are good that you developed early and probably showed a lot of talent in a certain area at a very young age. Because you are bright and quick to learn, you appear to be quite perceptive and are able to make decisions at a moment's notice.

Host confronts latecomers, and not a moment too soon


Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing concerning a problem I deal with all the time. We have relatives who can never be on time for anything. This is not a big deal at a barbecue, but for a sit-down holiday dinner it's a real headache.

Some of the actual comments I have received: "How late can I be before I inconvenience everyone?" "We'll be late — hope your dinner won't be ruined." "Dinner at 4? We might make it by 4 or 5." "We can't make it that early. Back dinner off an hour, will you?"

I used to juggle the time around, trying to suit everyone, which is impossible. Or I would tell them that dinner was a half-hour earlier than it actually was. The late ones would STILL be late.

Finally, I had had it. I responded: "No, you won't ruin my dinner, because we are eating at 4." "Oh, you won't inconvenience anyone, because dinner is at 4, as planned." "You can't make it at that time? Sorry. We'll miss you."

Well, now I'm the villain! But only to the third of the family who is always late. The "late ones" were even late for their mother's surprise birthday party.

Abby, was I too rude, or were my assertive statements justified? — IN THE DOGHOUSE

DEAR IN: It was rude of your chronically late relatives to demand that you put your dinner party on hold to suit their schedules. You were overdue in asserting yourself and issuing your "Declaration of No More Co-Dependence."

Rather than laying a guilt trip on you, the late-niks should have simply agreed to join you and the rest of the family for dessert and coffee — and whatever was left of the leftovers.

DEAR ABBY: This is in reference to the item in your column that if the three wise men had been three wise women, they would have asked directions and arrived on time.

In the interest of historical accuracy, it should be pointed out that the three wise men DID ask directions — from King Herod. It's possible that a great number of babies might have been spared if they hadn't. — WILLIAM ROBINSON, SOLON MILLS, ILL.

DEAR WILLIAM: You are not the only person to point out that the feminist joke I printed was historically inaccurate. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: We had to write in response to the letter from the Burleson, Texas, reader. You need to study your Bible (Matthew, Chapter 2). The problem with the joke is that the three wise men DID ask for directions. As a result, Herod was tipped off to the birth of the Messiah, necessitating the flight of Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus to Egypt. It also caused the deaths of thousands of innocent children.

Little wonder that men have been afraid to ask for directions ever since. — LLOYD AND KATHY RAPPLEYE, MESA, ARIZ.

JUMBLE

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

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



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

Ans: HIS _____ _____

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DOGMA RURAL ABACUS CHORUS
Answer: What the expert on highways was considered by his peers — A "ROADS" SCHOLAR

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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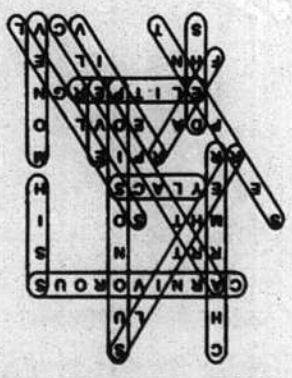
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Tuesday's unlisted clue: YEAST

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: TWO LONG, POINTED TEETH

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		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM	12:30
(WAPA)	4	Super Show		Pelicula ((("Bye Bye, Love" (1995, Comedia) Matthew Modine, Randy Quaid.				Chorrito Casino	Vuelto a Vivil	Noticias	Primer Impacto: Edición Nocturna		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) Ripley's Believe It or Not!		(:05) WCW Thunder		(:05) WCW Thunder		(12:05) Ripley's Believe It or Not! (R)	
(ENC)	7	Old Testament	In the Beginning	Letters of St. Therese	Way Home	Our Lady of the Angels Monastery Daily Mass		Mother Angelica Live		Religious Catalogue	Rosary-Land	Household of Faith	Millenium: End	Msgr. Clark	Fr. Apostoli
(WSVI)	8	All My Children (CC)		News	ABC World News Tonight (CC)	Outer Limits "The Other Side" (CC)		Two Guys and a Girl (CC)	Norm Norm fights for love. (CC)	Drew Carey (R) (CC)	Spin City (R) (CC)	20/20 (CC)		News	(:35) Nightline (CC)
(FOX)	9	Boy Meets World (CC)	Judge Joe Brown (CC)	Judge Judy (CC)	Simpsons (CC)	Home Improve-	Simpsons (CC)	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Fertile Ground" (CC)		Get Real "Falling From Grace" (CC)		Fox Report		Unhappily Ever After	Blind Date
(WSEE)	10	Inside Edition (CC)	News	News	CBS Evening	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (CC)	City of Angels "Weenis Between Us" (CC)		Movie "Stolen From the Heart" (2000, Drama) Tracey Gold, Barbara Mandrell. Premiere. (CC)				News	(:35) Late Show (CC)
(WNBC)	11	News (CC)		News (CC)	NBC Nightly News (CC)	Extra (CC)	Access Hollywood (CC)	Twenty One (CC)		West Wing "Take Out the Trash Day" (CC)		Law & Order "Collision" (CC)		News (CC)	(:35) Tonight Show (CC)
(WTJX)	12	Teacher is In	Arthur (R) (El) (CC)	Newshour With Jim Lehrer (CC)		Face to Face		To Be Announced		To Be Announced				Charlie Rose (CC)	
(WKAQ)	13	Rosalinda		Infierno en el Paraíso		Dame un Break				Telenoticias	Sólo Estrenos, Sólo Estrellas			Pelicula "Sherlock Holmes Returns" (1993)	
(VH1)	14	Rock Collectors (R)	Behind the Movie	Where Are They Now? "Totally '80s" (R)		List "Best '80s Song"	Before They	Celine Dion: All the Way		Shania Twain: Come on Over (R)		Ricky Martin: One Night Only!		List (R)	Rotten Television (R)
(WGN)	15	Cosby Show (CC)	Parent 'Hood (CC)	Wayans Bros. (CC)	Fresh Prince	Full House (CC)	Caroline in the City	Movie ((("Only the Lonely" (1991, Comedy-Drama) John Candy, Maureen O'Hara.				News (CC)		MacGyver "Birth Day"	
(MTV)	16	Say What? Karaoke	Making the Video (R)	MTV Jams "Super Bowl Edition"		Celebrity Death	Music Videos	Say What? Karaoke	TRL (R)		Choose or Lose	Choose or Lose: Where Were You at 22?		Choose or Lose	Celebrity Death
(GEMS)	17	Causa Común		New Attitudes	Mujeres	Película (("Calles y Suelos" (1988, Drama) Ben Masters, Morgan Fairchild.				Cuerpo Dorado		Lluvia de Estrellas		Gems Jamz	
(BET)	18	Rap City: Tha Bassment				Hits From the Street		Sparks (CC)	Amen	Comicview		Live From LA		BET Tonight News and interviews.	
(CNN)	19	Inside Politics (CC)			Moneyline	Political Debate (Live)			World	Political Debate (Live)		Larry King Live (CC)		Sports	Moneyline
(FAM)	20	New Addams Family (CC)	Two of a Kind (CC)	Partridge Family	Who's the Boss?	Who's the Boss?	Movie ((("Radio Flyer" (1992, Drama) Elijah Wood, Joseph Mazzello, Lorraine Bracco. Two children plan a fanciful escape from their stepfather.					World Gone Wild		700 Club (CC)	
(USA)	21	Pacific Blue "Rapscallions" (R) (CC)		Baywatch "Trading Places" (CC)		JAG "Code Blue" (CC)		Walker, Texas Ranger "Money Talks" (CC)		Movie (("Double Impact" (1991) Jean-Claude Van Damme, Geoffrey Lewis. (CC)				Walker, Texas Ranger "Brainchild" (CC)	
(LIFE)	22	Designing Women (CC)	Designing Women (CC)	Golden Girls "Little Sister"	Golden Girls (CC)	Intimate Portrait "Cindy Crawford" (R) (CC)		Chicago Hope "Brain Salad Surgery" (CC)		Movie ((("The Cold Heart of a Killer" (1996) Kate Jackson, Corbin Bernsen. A killer chases an Iditarod sledder across the Arctic. (CC)				Golden Girls (CC)	Golden Girls (CC)
(TLC)	23	Hometime: Suite	Hometime: Suite	Home Again (R)	Home Again (R)	Mega Tech "Subterranean Secrets" (R)		Extreme Machines "Land-speed Record 3"		Secret World of Mega-Structures (R)		Super Structures: London Underground		Extreme Machines "Land-speed Record 3"	
(ESPN)	24	NHL Cool Shots (CC)	Up Close	Sportscenter Super Bowl Special Edition.		College Basketball Maryland at North Carolina. (Live)				College Basketball Florida at DePaul. (Live)				Sportscenter Super Bowl Special Edition.	
(ESPN2)	25	ESPNews	50 Greatest	Super Bowl 33	Super Bowl 18	NFL 2Night (CC)	NHL Hockey Toronto Maple Leafs at Detroit Red Wings. From the Joe Louis Sports Arena in Detroit. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)						Yachting America's Cup Challenger Finals -- Race 3. (Same-day Tape)		
(TEN)	28	Praise the Lord (CC)						Behind the Scenes	Creflo A. Dollar Jr.	Precious Memories	Dr. Jack Van Impe	Praise the Lord (Live) (CC)			
(NICK)	30	Double Dare 2000	Kenan & Kel	All That	Catdog	Hey Arnold! (CC)	Rugrats (CC)	Thornberrys	Rocket Power	Beverly Hillbillies	Beverly Hillbillies	Beverly Hillbillies	Beverly Hillbillies	Beverly Hillbillies	Beverly Hillbillies
(DISC)	31	Gimme Shelter (R)		Your New House (R)		Wild Discovery "Maneaters of Tsavo" (R)		On the Inside "Nonlethal Weapons" (R)		CIA: America's Front Line (R)		CIA: The New Threats (R)		On the Inside "Nonlethal Weapons" (R)	
(HBO)	33	(5:00) Movie "Gattaca"	(:45) Movie (("Beaches" (1988, Drama) Bette Midler, Barbara Hershey, John Heard. Two diverse women keep their 30-year friendship alive. (CC)					Real Sports (R)		Sopranos Tony tries to fix a labor dispute at a construction company.		Oz "Visits, Conjugal and Otherwise" (R) (CC)		Movie "Caracara" (1999) Natasha Henstridge. (CC)	
(SHOW)	34	(5:45) Movie ((("It's All True" (1993, Documentary)	(:15) Movie (("The Tiger Woods Story" (1998, Biography) Khalil Kain, Keith David. Based on the life of golf great Tiger Woods. (CC)					Movie (("Senseless" (1998, Comedy) Marlon Wayans, David Spade, Matthew Lillard. (CC)		(:35) Movie ((("The Truman Show" (1998) Jim Carrey. A man learns that his world is one continuous TV program. (CC)				Lateline "Buddy Hackett"	
(DISN)	35	Torkelsons "The Ice Princess"	Growing Pains "Five Grand"	Growing Pains (CC)	Smart Guy (CC)	Movie "Noah" (1998) Tony Danza, Wallace Shawn. A neglectful father is convinced he must build an ark. (CC)		(:40) Movie ((("Splash" (1984, Comedy) Tom Hanks, Daryl Hannah. A disenchanted businessman struggles to protect a mermaid. (CC)				(:40) Britney Spears and Joey McIntyre in Concert (R) (CC)		(:45) Music Videos	
(MAX)	36	(5:00) Movie (("Harry and Son" (1984, Drama) Paul Newman.		Movie ((("The Color of Money" (1986) Paul Newman, Tom Cruise. Martin Scorsese's Oscar-winning sequel to "The Hustler." (CC)				Movie ((("Nobody's Fool" (1994) Paul Newman, Jessica Tandy. A 60-year-old handyman revels in his irresponsibility. (CC)				Movie "Power Play" (1999) Shannon Tweed. A con artist is tested by a wealthy businessman's daughter.		Hot Line "E-Mail" (R)	
(A&E)	37	Magnum, P.I. "Dead Man's Channel" (CC)		L.A. Law "Beef Jerky"		Law & Order "The Reaper's Helper" (CC)		Biography: Jerry Seinfeld: Master-His Domain		Investigative Reports "IRS Horror Stories" (R)		American Justice (R)		Law & Order "Out of Control" (CC)	
(TNT)	38	Dark Justice "Caught in the Act" (CC)		In the Heat of the Night "Stranger in Town" (CC)		ER "Ambush" (CC)		Movie ((("Die Hard" (1988, Suspense) Bruce Willis, Bonnie Bedelia, Reginald VelJohnson. An officer single-handedly takes on a band of terrorists.						Movie ((("Die Hard" (1988) Bruce Willis, Bonnie Bedelia.	
(SCIFI)	39	Hercules-Jrnys.		Sliders (R) (CC)		Crypt Tales	Crypt Tales	Crypt Tales	Crypt	Crypt Tales	Crypt Tales	Crypt Tales	Crypt Tales	Poltergeist: The Legacy	
(BRAVO)	40	Movie ((("Of Mice and Men" (1992, Drama) John Malkovich, Gary Sinise. Based on Steinbeck's novel about two friends in the 1930s.				Moonlighting The body of a celebrated escape artist vanishes.		Movie ((("Swimming With Sharks" (1995) Kevin Spacey, Frank Whaley. A Hollywood hotshot endlessly torments his eager assistant.				Smack the Pony (R)	Awful Truth (R)	Movie ((("Swimming With Sharks" (1995, Comedy)	
(TOON)	41	Dragon	Warriors	Batman	Scooby	Chicken	Dexter	Powerpuff	Tom-Jerry	(:10) Bugs & Daffy		Flintstones	Scooby	Powerpuff	Chicken
(COURT)	42	Evening Session			Pros Cons	Mugshot		Cops (CC)	Cops (CC)	Homicide: Life		Crime Stories (R)		Cops (CC)	Pros Cons
(FLIX)	43	(:15) Movie ((("The Emigrants" (1971, Drama) Max von Sydow, Liv Ullmann, Jan Troell. Swedish peasants endure hardship on the American frontier. (Dubbed) (CC)						Movie (("Grandview, U.S.A." (1984) Jamie Lee Curtis, C. Thomas Howell. A woman keeps her father's racetrack from a corrupt buyer.				Movie (("Without You I'm Nothing" (1990, Comedy) Sandra Bernhard, John Doe.			Movie "Benny & Joon"
(FOXSP)	44	Source	Slant (R)	Football	Last Word	Goin' Deep (R)		Slant (R)	Helmet	Hardcore Football (R)		FOX Sports News		Toughman	Last Word
(TMC)	45	(5:00) Movie (("Lady L" (1965) Sophia Loren, Paul Newman.		Movie ((("Princess O'Rourke" (1943) Olivia de Havilland, Robert Cummings. A European princess falls in love with a U.S. flier. (CC)				Movie (("Up the Down Staircase" (1967, Drama) Sandy Dennis, Eileen Heckart, Patrick Bedford. A new teacher encounters problems at an inner-city school.					Movie (("Our Miss Brooks" (1956, Comedy) Eve Arden, Gale Gordon, Nick Adams.		
(HBO+)	46	(5:30) Movie ((("Amistad" (1997) Morgan Freeman, Anthony Hopkins. Detailed account of the 1839 rebellion aboard a slave ship. (CC)				(:15) Movie ((("Invasion of Privacy" (1996, Suspense) Mili Avital. A psychotic threatens the woman carrying his unborn child. (CC)				Movie (("My Father, the Hero" (1994, Comedy) Gerard Depardieu, Katherine Heigl. (CC)			Movie (("Shadrach" (1998) Harvey Keitel. A former slave makes an unusual, and illegal, request.		
(SHOW2)	47	"Air Bud: Golden Receiver"	Movie ((("The Day of the Triffids" (1963, Science Fiction) Howard Keel, Nicole Maurey.			(:05) Movie ((("Swept From the Sea" (1997, Drama) Vincent Perez. A stranded Russian sailor finds love with a servant woman. (CC)				Linc's "A Dry White Season"	Movie (("Dogboys" (1998) Dean Cain. Prison inmates are used to train dogs that hunt escapees.			(12:05) Movie (("Delta Force 3: The Killing Game" (1991)	
(CNBC)	53	Market Wrap (CC)		Edge (CC)	Business Center (CC)		Upfront Tonight	Hardball		National Geographic Explorer Costa Rica's lethal snakes; cameramen in World War II.				Hardball (R)	
(E!)	54	Inside the Gucci Empire (R)		Talk Soup (R)	News Daily	Fashion Emergency	Search Party	Talk Soup	Mysteries & Scandals	True Hollywood Story "Alfred Hitchcock" The life of director Alfred Hitchcock. (R)				Howard Stern	Howard Stern (R)
(KNOW)	55	Pulse "No Sweat"	Living Right	On the Money	World Business	RxTV (CC)	Living Right	New Media News (CC)	Media Waves	On the Money	Follow-Dream	RxTV (CC)	Living Right	New Media News (CC)	Media Waves
(GOOD)	56	More Money		Cafe DuArt (R)	Leslie Uggams	Garrison's Gorillas "War and Crime" (CC)		Ozzie & Harriet	Room-Daddy	Love Boat		Bonanza: The Lost Episodes		Garrison's Gorillas "War and Crime" (CC)	
(FOOD)	57	Essence of Emeril	East Meets West (R)	Ready-Cook!	Martha-Kitchen	Cooking Live		Emeril's Tailgating Jam (R)		Good Eats (R)	Hot Off the Grill	Cooking Live Primetime "On the Range"		Emeril's Tailgating Jam (R)	
(TRAVEL)	58	Curiosities-Wld	Mysterious Places (R)	Adventure Bound "Red Centre Opal Fever" (R)		Adventure Bound (R)		Lonely Planet Ian Wright gets a tattoo. (R)		Adventure Central	Adventure Central	Amazing Destinations "Budapest & Vienna"		Lonely Planet Ian Wright gets a tattoo. (R)	

People *in the* News

The Boss schedules encore reunion tour

NEW YORK (AP) — The Boss and his band are coming back for an encore of their acclaimed reunion tour.



Springsteen

On Tuesday, Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band announced 28 new shows in 24 cities beginning in February and running through June.

The first show is scheduled for Feb. 28 at State College, Pa. Tickets go on sale Feb. 5. The tour concludes with a five-night stand at Madison Square Garden — June 12, 15, 17, 20 and 22. Those tickets go on sale Feb. 19.

Tickets will go on sale this Saturday in nine other cities, and additional shows will be announced later this year.

Last year, Springsteen and the band did 87 shows in 44 cities in Europe and the United States for more than 1.8 million fans.

It was their first extended series of shows in more than a decade and the second highest-grossing tour of 1999, bringing in $61.4 million, according to Pollstar magazine.

De Niro to get honor for life's work

BERLIN (AP) — Robert De Niro will be honored with a lifetime achievement award next month at the Berlin Film Festival. Festival chief Moritz de Hadeln said De Niro "has captivated the theater public worldwide with some of the most exciting and noteworthy acting performances in films."

De Hadeln said he hopes De Niro will accept the award in person during the Feb. 9-20 festival, which also will feature 12 of De Niro's movies.

De Niro won an Academy Award for best actor in 1980 for "Raging Bull." His other movies include the Oscar-winning "The Godfather Part II," "Taxi Driver" and "The Deer Hunter."

Navratilova included in Hall of Fame

NEW YORK (AP) — The International Tennis Hall of Fame has thrown open its doors to Martina Navratilova.

She will be inducted July 15 in Newport, R.I.

In a career that stretched from 1973 until 1994, Navratilova won 167 singles titles and 165 doubles crowns, both records.

CommunityCalendar

JAN. 26

PEARL B. LARSEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA will hold its first meeting for 2000, at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26, in the school auditorium. Parents/guardians and the general public are asked to attend this very important meeting.

ACES ST. CROIX CHAPTER will meet at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, Jan. 26, at the pavilion at Patrick Sweeney Police Headquarters. Bring your child support issues and information with you. Call 773-0083 and leave a message for more information.

JAN. 27

VI HONDA/ACURA CLUB will hold a meeting at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27, at Wendy's. Members and nonmembers please attend. We will be discussing very important issues.

LEW MUCKLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA announces its monthly scheduled meeting, to be held from 6 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27. The meeting will be held in the cafetorium. Parents and guardians are urged to attend.

VETERANS COUNSELING has been scheduled for St. Croix between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Veterans Affairs office in Estate Richmond, Christiansted. Questions on benefits, claims, pensions and compensation will be answered. Call 773-6663.

LOSS, GRIEF AND RECOVERY SUPPORT — If you have suffered a loss, know someone that has or have recovered and can share your experience with others who may feel hopeless, come share with us at 7 p.m., at Friedensthal Moravian Schoolhouse every second and fourth Thursday. Call 692-2096 or 772-0578.

JAN. 28

UVI RESEARCH AND PUBLIC SERVICE is hosting a seminar "Promising Hot Pepper Cultivars for the USVI," by Dr. Manuel Palada, program leader-vegetable crops. This seminar will provide new information on the performance of West indian hot pepper cultivars that are promising for commercial production as well as for home gardens. Questions and discussion will be held after. Join us from 1;30 p.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, Jan. 28, at the Agricultural Experiment Station, Research & Extension Center, room 133.

Obituaries

VENITA ROSITA SCHOU PELTON, age 80, of Christiansted, passed away Monday, Jan. 17, 2000, in St. Croix.

Venita is survived by her husband: Gustave Pelton; sisters-in-law: Alice Krause and June O'Reilly; special niece: Kay O'Reilly; special friends: Beryl Knight and Sarah Harvey; other relatives: Ronald Tutein, Vivican Schou and the O'Reilly families, the Lutheran Social Ministry Church Sisters; and many other relatives and close friends too numerous to mention.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Jan. 26, at the Lord God of Sabaoth Lutheran Church in Christiansted, with Pastor Lester White officiating. Viewing will be at 9 a.m., with the service following at 10 a.m. Interment will be in Christiansted Cemetery.

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

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GLENROY ALEXANDER JOSIAH, aka "John," age 57, of Vester Gade, passed away on Tuesday, Jan.19, 2000, at the Roy Lester Schneider Hospital in St. Thomas.

He is survived by his wife: Patricia Josiah; sisters: Primrose Francis, Claudine Leander and Naomi Griffith; brothers: Nathaniel Josiah and Robert Josiah; aunts: Araminta Stevens and Diana Henry; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins too numerous to mention; sister-in-law: Ruth Josiah; brothers-in-law: James Francis, Bernard Griffith and Alan Leander; friends to include Annesta Mills, Carol Todman and the Salvation Army family.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Jan. 26, at the Salvation Army Chapel at #2 Torve Strade. Viewing will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., at the John Thomas Funeral Home. Service will be at 10 a.m., at the Salvation Army Chapel. Interment will take place in Western Cemetery.

Professional arrangements are by the John Thomas Funeral Home of St. Thomas, and Thomas/Hyll on St. Croix.

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We regret to announce the passing of **JOSE F. MOORE** of Christiansted, St. Croix. He died on Friday, Jan. 21, 2000, in Clinton, Maryland, where he moved to live with his son James Moore because of his failing heath. He was 86 years old. He is survived by his seven children: James, Claude, Claudius, Wayne, Rueben, Stephanie and Marvin Moore. He also leaves to mourn four daughters- in- law: Ermine, Irmalee, Bernice and Ruth; 30 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; close cousins; the Begraffs; and a host of other family and friends. Mr. Moore was a life long resident of St. Croix and loved his native land.

Services for the late Mr. Jose Moore will be held in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2000, at 2:00 p.m., at the Sterling Funeral Home. A memorial service will also be held in St. Croix at a later date to be announced.

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EUDALINE ODELIA PLASKETT, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2000, in Bronx, New York.

She is survived by her mother: Rehenia Plaskett; daughters: Remenia White and Catherine Coleman; sisters: Celine Plaskett (NY), Marcelline P. Joseph and Alma P. Christensen (STX), Laverne P. Roberts, Maxine Plaskett (STJ), Marcia Plaskett (FLA), Janine Fleming, Germaine Plaskett (STT) and Julene Plaskett (ATLANTA); brothers: Reginald, Livinski and Lauriel Plaskett (NY), Terrance Plaskett (STT) and Raphael Plaskett (STX); grandchildren: Thomas Coleman and Myron McEachern; nieces: Deborah Manners, Cora and Carol Forrester, Lyndell Andreas, Kathleen Plaskett, Cerene Abremson, Nikkia Fleming, Cassandra Mathurin, Leria Joseph, Eureka Joseph, Kanika and Kalila Roberts, Shenisha Hampton, Nicole Freeman, Deshante James and La-Verne Joseph; nephews: Keith Benjamin, Roy Hendricks Jr., Thelbert Joseph Jr., Lenny Hedrington, Jelane James, Jevin Jacobs, Jacoby Mason and Craig Garrett; aunts: Olive Heyliger, Mary McIntosh and Ena Abramson; other relatives: the McIntosh family and Williams family and many other friends.

Burial services will take place on Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Holy Cross Catholic Church, Bronx, New York.

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JOHN WALL passed away Monday, Jan. 17, 2000. He was a graduate of St. John's University, New York. There he received a BBA in accounting. Bronstein, Benham & Gillette, P.C., Certified Public Accounting, employed John for 31 years in their New York, Florida and St. Croix offices. As a senior accountant, he handled major audit and tax clients for the firm.

He lived in St. croix from 1980 to 1990, left and returned in 1994. He served on the St. C. Association Board for two three-year terms and part of another and served as treasurer twice. He served as president and treasurer of the St. Croix Navy League and at the time of his untimely passing was the treasurer of the St. Croix Golf Association.

Left to mourn him are his brother: Karl Wall; nephews: Robert, Thomas and Daniel Wall; niece: Kristine Wall; and best friend: Sally Lemmons. His co-workers and many friends mourn John also.

A memorial service will be held at 5:30 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Carambola Golf Course.

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LUCILLE MARIA THOMAS CHRISTIAN, age 80, of #109 Anna's Hope, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2000, at Henry Ford Hospital in Wyandotte, Michigan.

She was the former executive secretary to Governors Evans, King and Luis. She worked in the office of the St. Croix Administrator during their administration.

She is survived by her husband: Emanus Delmin Joseph Christian (aka "Popa"); daughters: Verna Christian Garcia, Myrtle Christian, Angela Christian Seeley and Anne Marie Christian-Jacobs; son: Delmin Anthony Christian; grandchildren: Delmin "Jerry" Garcia, Verna LeAnne Garcia-Clarke, Jeffery Seeley, Ronda V. Cooper, Janissa Lucille Garcia, Warren Jacobs Jr., Delson Anthony Christian and Marilyn Harris-Mayes; great-grandchildren: Anthony Darius Christian McDonell, Darius Parris Seeley, Jazminique W. Seeley and Ray Anthony Clarke II; nieces: Eileen Hall Borden, Rehenia Stevens Rodriquez, Juliette Stevens-Clarke and Sheryl Christian; nephews: Owen Hall and Austin L. Clendinen; daughters-in-law: Dawn Sampson Christian, Sherry Ann Janicek-Seeley; sons-in-law: Darius Seeley, warren A. Jacobs Sr. and Ray Anthony Clarke I; sisters-in-law: Eurica Christian Moorehead and Corlena Martin-Christian.

She was a member of the Golden Girls Group who meet to celebrate friendship on Myrtle's Tavern on the Green in Estate St. John.

Funeral services will take place on Friday, Jan. 28, at Holy Cross Catholic Church, at 11 a.m., with the viewing beginning at 10 a.m. Entombment will take place on her property at #109 Anna's Hope.

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

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RALPH JOHN WILSON SR., better known as Brother Ralph Muhammad, born March 13, 1932, of estate White Lady, passed away Saturday, Jan. 15, 2000, at home in Frederiksted.

Brother Ralph is survived by his wife: Marion L. Wilson; seven sons; three daughters; 18 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two brothers; six sisters; and a host of relatives and friends.

Brother Ralph will be cremated. Arrangements are being made by James Memorial Funeral Home, Inc.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, March 13, in celebration of his birth.

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LYDIA ESTHER RAMOS NATAL, age 63, of White Bay, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2000, in the Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital.

Mrs. Natal is survived by her children: David Ascencio, Alfredo and Antonio Natal, Marlene Rivera, Diane Rivera Robles, Samuel and William Natal; brothers and sisters: Ida and Ana Ramos and Roberto Suarez; daughters-in-law: Angela Natal, Norma Suarez and Lisa Natal; sons-in-law: Paulino Rivera and Santos Robles; grandchildren: Alfredo Jr., Richard, David, Martina, Antonio Jr., Tiffany, Ricardo and Bianca Natal, David Jr. and Lydia E. Ascencio, Felix and Esteban Ortiz, Paulino Jr., Luis Jr. and Amanda Robles; great-grandchildren: Gena, Yvette, Ezequiel and Benjamin Natal Jr., Kiariliz L., Ortiz, Samantha, Luis Jr. and Shyana Ribera; special friends: The Brothers and Sisters of God; and many other relatives and friends too numerous to mention.

There will be a viewing in the Thomas Hyll Memorial Chapel, at 129 Peter's Rest, on Thursday, Jan. 27, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Friday, Jan. 28, in the Iglesia Evangelica Misionera in La Grange. Pastor Jesus Nieves will be officiating. The viewing will be at 10 a.m., followed by the service at 11 a.m. Interment will be in the Kingshill Cemetery.

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

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KATHLEEN WILLIAMS SMITH, age 77, of Whim Gardens, passed away on Monday, Jan. 24, 2000, at Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital.

She is survived by her step-daughter: Cynthia Smith; step-sons: Lawrence and Raddie Smith; brother: Rupert Williams; nieces: Sabrina, Mildred, Janet, Sylvia and Josette Williams; nephews: Lionel and Ohanio Lang, Theodore and Charles Brow, Ohaldo, Bobbie and Douglas Williams; sisters-in-law: Evelyn, Augustine and Lucinda Williams; special friends: Ivana Etla Williams, Miriam King, Ms. Smith and friends at Whim Gardens; other relatives and friends too numerous to mention.

Funeral services will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 1, at Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Upper Love, at 11 a.m., with the viewing beginning at 10 a.m. Interment will take place in Kingshill Cemetery.

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

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RUTH V. MOORE, age 91, of St. Thomas, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1999, at Roy L. Schneider Hospital.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law: Sandra; 12 grandchildren including Joyce Ann Pressley; other family members and friends.

Professional arrangements are by Creque's Funeral Home, Inc.

WeatherOutlook



U.S. Temps

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Atlanta	36	22	clr
Baltimore	27	26	cdy
Boston	31	24	cdy
Chicago	22	8	cdy
Columbia,S.C.	41	32	clr
Dayton	40	1	cdy
El Paso	70	47	cdy
Fargo	21	2	clr
Great Falls	28	8	cdy
Honolulu	78	63	cdy
Indianapolis	21	2	sno
Jacksonville	51	33	clr
Kansas City	33	24	cdy
Las Vegas	65	61	cdy
Memphis	37	19	clr
Nashville	27	13	sno
Orlando	57	42	clr
Philadelphia	32	26	cdy
Richmond	31	27	mm
St Thomas	82	76	cdy
Tallahassee	50	32	mm
W.Palm Beach	59	46	clr
Yuma	79	58	cdy

World Temps

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Auckland	70	63	rn
Barbados	83	72	cdy
Bermuda	71	66	cdy
Caracas	78	64	cdy
Dublin	46	26	cdy
Frankfurt	27	14	cdy
Geneva	33	19	cdy
Havana	80	64	rn
Istanbul	53	29	sn
Jerusalem	59	46	cdy
Kiev	11	0	cdy
London	42	27	cdy
Moscow	10	0	cdy
Nassau	72	59	rn
Oslo	24	10	cdy
Paris	33	21	clr
Rome	49	30	clr
San Juan	83	69	clr
Tokyo	48	38	cdy
Vancouver	43	28	cdy
Warsaw	21	13	cdy
Zurich	24	14	cdy

VI Forecast

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

WEDNESDAY — PARTLY SUNNY AND BREEZY. A 40 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. HIGH 75 TO 85. WIND SOUTH TO SOUTHEAST 15 TO 20 MPH.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT — PARTLY CLOUDY WITH A 40 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. LOW 70 TO 75.

THURSDAY — PARTLY SUNNY WITH A 30 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. HIGH 75 TO 85.

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

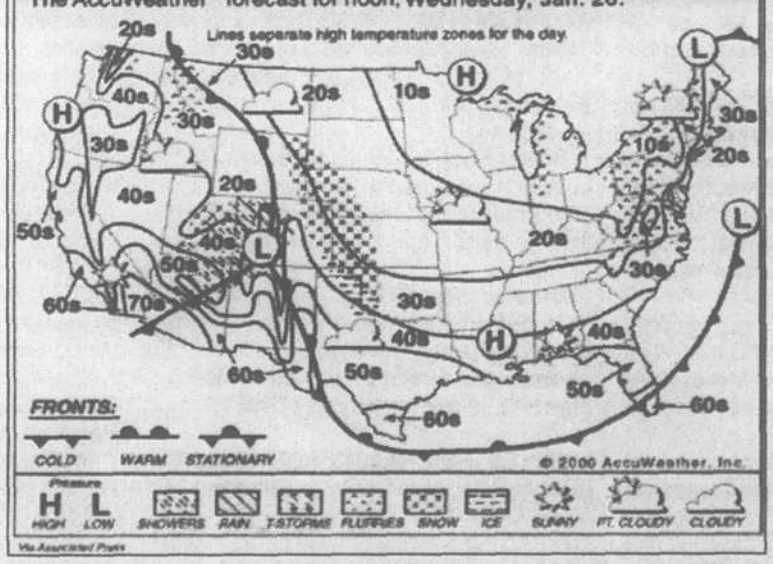
SYNOPSIS — SURFACE HIGH PRESSURE WILL EXTEND FROM THE CENTRAL NORTH ATLANTIC SOUTHWEST TO THE NORTHEAST CARIBBEAN THROUGH WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRODUCING A FRESH TO STRONG SOUTHEAST TRADE WIND FLOW ACROSS THE LOCAL WATERS. A COLD FRONT IS FORECAST TO MOVE SOUTHEAST ACROSS THE SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS AND INTO NORTH HISPANIOLA LATE WEDNESDAY.

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

THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY — SURFACE HIGH PRESSURE TO BUILD INTO THE LOCAL AREA FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AS THE COLD FRONT WEAKENS ACROSS NORTH HISPANIOLA AND MOVES WEST. WIND EAST TO SOUTHEAST 20 KNOTS OR LESS. SEAS 6 FEET OR GREATER.

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Wednesday, Jan. 26.



Crossword by Eugene Sheffer

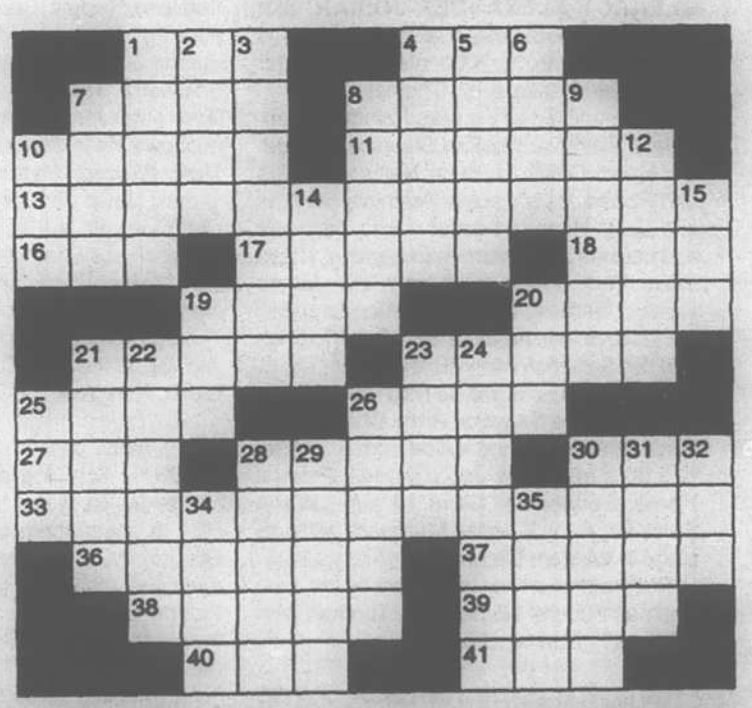
ACROSS
1 Corral
4 Spacecraft compartment
7 Threatener's final word
8 Rudimentary
10 Morsel
11 Kitchen implements
13 Opening line, maybe
16 Moo goo gai pan pan
17 California cager
18 Triple-A job
19 Piece of merchandise
20 Two-wheeler
21 Bob Cratchit, e.g.
23 Datum for Bob Barker
25 Bedouin
26 Refuse to relinquish
27 Staff
28 On the payroll
30 Bill
33 It may start with 13-Across
36 Muffle
37 In a snit
38 Greek consonant
39 Witnesses
40 Super Mario letters
41 Coop denizens

DOWN
1 De-feather
2 Girl in a Salinger story
3 Like space dust
4 "Common Sense" man
5 "Sesame Street" curmudgeon
6 Regimen
7 Cubesmith Rubik
8 Out of money
9 Siskel or Ebert
10 Intimidate
12 Papal election sign
14 Take up space?
15 Lamb dam
19 Charlotte's creation
20 Marceau portrayal
21 Three, they say
22 Lords' mates
23 Orange coat?
24 Like scarlet
25 Tony-winning play
26 Money of Sweden
28 Bet both ways
29 Particulars
30 Occupied
31 Pub quaffs
32 Foundation
34 First murderer
35 Genealogical chart

Solution time: 26 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 1-26



Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A SALESMAN TOLD ME THE PRICE OF A CARPET, I WAS FLOORED.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals A

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French Chef: must have graduated from French Culinary school. Must be 5 yrs. + experience in fine dining and french cuisine. Call **713-8394.**

HIV Specialist: Minimum degree in social work or in a Health Services field with special interest in and emphasis on HIV/AID education. Two years experience in counseling specifically related to substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. Knowledge of computer word processing. Bilingual, Spanish and English preferred. Call 719-9900 or Fax 719-9700.

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1/19,26, 2/2, 9, 2000

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CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION

CD-51-00

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 SULZER INTERMEDICS INTERNATIONAL FSC 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, SULZER INTERMEDICS INTERNATIONAL FSC 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 December 23,1999.

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 30th Day of December, A.D. 1999

GERARD LUZ JAMES II
Lieutenant Governor
1/26,2/2,9,16/2000

IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS DIVISION OF ST. CROIX ROSA DIAZ-ESCALERA, Plaintiff vs BIBIANO ESCALERA, Defendant Fam. No. D 6/2000 TO BIBIANO ESCALERA WITHIN THE TIME limited by law, thirty (30) days from the last date of service by publication, you are required to appear at the above Court to answer a complaint filed against you. If you fail to appear or answer, judgment by default will be taken against you. DENISE D. ABRAMSON, Clerk of the Territorial Court, Amelia B. Joseph, Esq., Attorney for Plaintiff, St. Croix Avis Building, PO Box 4324, Christiansted, VI 00822, (340) 773-6363. Done at Kingshill, St. Croix United States Virgin Islands, on this 10th day of January, 2000

1/26, 2/2,9,16/2000

GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

DEPARTMENT OF PROPERTY AND PROCUREMENT
SUB BASE, BUILDING NO.1
ST. THOMAS, VIRGIN ISLANDS 00801

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

DATE: January 24, 2000

Request for Proposal No: 0009-2000

Pursuant to Chapter 23, Title 31, of the Virgin Islands Code, The Government of the Virgin Islands. Department of Health is requesting Proposals for Professional Auditing Services to be performed by a Certified Public Acco unt (CPA) firm or individual.

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

until 4:00o'clock P.M. Atlantic Standard Time on February 15, 2000.

Bidding Documents may be obtained from this office.
Marc Biggs
Commissioner
1/27 & 2/2/2000

January 12, 2000

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Pumphouse Conversion to Tenant's Council's Office

Williams's Delight Villas - VQ001015

The Virgin Island Housing Authority is, at this time, offering an Invitation for Bids for the conversion of existing pumphouse to Tenant's Council's Office and addition of a handicap ramp. VQ001015.

Contractors interested in bidding may receive contract documents from the Office of Procurement at the Virgin Islands Housing Authority's Central Office, located at #402 Estate Anna's Retreat, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Bid packages will be available as of January 21, 2000 and will require a $125.00 deposit, refundable only to bidders submitting a formal proposal.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on February 1, 2000 at 10:00 A.M. at the Virgin Islands Housing Authority Central Office, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

Bids for the conversion of existing pumphouse and addition of a handicap ramp to Tenant's Council's Office will be received until 2:00 P.M. February 15, 2000.

Inquires may be directed to Mr. Llewellyn Phillips, Procurement/Contract Officer at 775-2741, extension 3061.

By: Conrad E. Francois, II
Executive Director
Date: 1/13/00

1/23-24, 25 & 26/2000

PUBLIC NOTICE
SCHOONER BAY CONDOMINIUMS

Water samples taken on November 29, 1999, indicate that the drinking water supply for buildings Weatherly-Vigilant had exceeded the maximum contaminant level for coliform bacteria.

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources sets drinking water standards and has determined that the presence of microbiological contaminants are a health concern above certain levels of exposure. If the water is inadequately treated, microbiological contaminants in that water may cause disease symptoms such as diarrhea, cramps and nausea. These symptoms, however, are not only associated with disease-causing organisms in the drinking water, but may also be caused by a number of factors, other than water.

Action was taken by Seven Seas Water Corp. to correct this situation. The problem was identified, corrected, and the water was verified to be pure by laboratory analysis at all of the affected buildings, on December 6th.

Anyone requesting information about this situation should contact Seven Seas Water Corp. at (340) 773-3121.

1/23+24, 25, 26/2000

VIRGIN ISLANDS HOUSING AUTHORITY

INVITATION FOR BIDS
GENERAL MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES

The Virgin Islands Housing Authority (VIHA) will receive bids for furnishing General Maintenance supply for delivery to the VIHA Central Warehouse, St. Croix, VI until 2:00 p.m. local time on February 15th, 2000, at the Authority's Central Office, located at #5 Aureo Diaz Heights, Kingshill, St. Croix VI at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on February 1st, 2000 at 11:30 a.m., at the Virgin Islands Housing Authority Central located at #5 Upper Bethlehem, Kingshill, St. Croix, VI.

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

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES:

Furnish the Virgin Islands Housing Authority with the commodities, supplies, and/or materials identified on the Material Bid Sheets, at the frequencies established by the Virgin Islands Housing Authority.

INFORMATION REGARDING BIDDING DOCUMENTS:

Bidding documents include the Public Notice, this Invitation to Bid. Instruction to Bidders Contractor's Qualification Statement, the Agreement between the Owner and Contractor. General and Supplemental Conditions, Non-Collusive Affidavit and Material Bid Sheet. All documents may be obtained from the Virgin Islands Housing Authority's Procurement Office. Copies of the documents may be obtained by depositing $25.00 with the Virgin Islands Housing Authority for each set of documents so obtained. This fee is non-refundable.

The Virgin Islands Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any irregularities on bids or reject all proposals, or to re-advertise.

Contracts will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidders not on HUD's list of ineligible contractors, provided the bid is reasonable, and in the best interest of the Virgin Islands Housing Authority, and the bidder has complied with all applicable laws. The Virgin Islands Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids wherever it is the best interest of the Virgin Islands Housing Authority.

EXAMINATION OF SPECIFICATIONS:

Before submitting a Bid, each Bidder shall carefully examine and read the Specifications and all other contract Documents. No allowance will be made to any bidder because of Jack of such examination, or knowledge. The submission of a Bid shall be construed as conclusive evidence that the bidder has made such an examination.

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

No Bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 90 days subsequent to the opening of Bids without the consent of the Virgin Islands Housing Authority.

VIRGIN ISLANDS HOUSING AUTHORITY
Date: 1/20/00

By: Conrad E. Francois, II
Executive Director

1/23+24,25 & 26/2000



Associated Press

Boston Celtics forward Calbert Cheaney (40) attempts to drive past Miami Heat guard Tim Hardaway, right, in the first quarter Tuesday in Miami.

Heat blazes Celtics

MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Heat, annoyed by the Boston Celtics' trash-talking in recent meetings between the teams, came up with an answer Tuesday night.

Miami ran off 16 consecutive points in the second period for a 25-point lead, then coasted to a 115-89 victory.

Boston had won four of the past five games in the series.

"There had been a little trash-talking in the losses we had against them, and guys had that in the back of their minds," Heat forward P.J. Brown said. "That was the reason for the intensity. You've got to do more than what they're doing to be trash-talking. They've got a long way to go."

Voshon Lenard scored 21 points and Alonzo Mourning 20 for the Heat, who shot 55 percent, including nine of 13 3-pointers. Miami's starters played only half the game and took the fourth quarter off.

The Celtics missed 13 consecutive shots early in the second quarter, which allowed the Heat to score 16 points in a row, their longest run of the season. That gave Miami a 47-22 lead.

The margin was 59-39 at halftime, and Boston was never closer than 18 points after that.

Miami coach Pat Riley said the series has become a heated rivalry in part because of verbal sparring that he professes to dislike.

"There was not much going on tonight, I'll tell you that," Riley said. "Both teams came to play. We didn't talk much. We just played and got the win." Celtics coach Rick Pitino declined to blame the absence of two injured starters, Paul Pierce and Adrian Griffin.

"The Miami Heat played a great game," Pitino said. "Obviously we did not. Our defense was not what you expect it to be in order to win on the road. Our defense was very porous."

UVIWorkshops

The University of the Virgin Islands Cooperative Extension Service, Home Economics Program, St. Croix campus, will hold the following FREE workshops:

BEGINNERS CLOTHING CONSTRUCTION LEVEL II (DAY)

When: February 21 - March 30, 2000, Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and I p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where: UVI Research & Extension Center, Room 143

Contact: Mrs. Rosalind Browne at 692-4094/4097

HOME SAFETY FOR SENIORS

When: January 27, 2000, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Where: Ruby Center

Contact: Mrs. Dorothy Gibbs at 692-4094/4089

MONEY MANAGEMENT

When: February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28, 31, 2000, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Where: UVI Research & Extension Center, Room 133

Contact: Mrs. Dorothy Gibbs at 692-4094/4089

TAX WORKSHOP

When: February 25, 2000, from 10 am. to noon.

Where: UVI Research & Extension Center, Room 133

Contact: Mrs. Dorothy Gibbs at 692-4094/4097

PARENTING: PARENTS AS STUDENTS

When: January 28, February 2, 11, 18, 25, March 3, 10, 2000, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Where: Dept. of Human Services (Anna's Hope)

Contact: Mrs. Josephine Petersen-Springer at 692-4094

PARENTING: PARENTS AS STUDENTS

When: February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 2000

Where: UVI Research &, Extension Center, Room 133

Contact: Mrs. Josephine Petersen-Springer at 692-4094

CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING AND MONEY MANAGEMENT

When: February 2, 9, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 16, 2000, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Where: UVI Research & Extension Center, Room 133

Contact: Mrs. Josephine Petersen-Springer at 692-4094

THE BENEFIT OF AMERICAN MOTHERS, INC. TO FAMILIES

When: February 10, 2000, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: UVI Research & Extension Center, Room 133

Contact: Mrs. Josephine Petersen-Springer at 692-4094

PREPARING WOMEN FOR THE MILLENNIUM

When: February 24, 2000, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Where: UVI Research & Extension Center, Room 133

Contact: Mrs. Josephine Peterson-Springer at 692-4094

FOOD SAFETY & QUALITY

When: February 24, 2000

Where: UVI Research & Extension Center, Room 134

Contact: Ms. Alice Henry at 692-4092

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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 Islands 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

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

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 for certification by the Director of the IDC may be obtained by writing to:

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

1/21,23-24,26, 2000

NOTICE TO ESTABLISHED VIRGIN ISLANDS BUSINESSES

ST. THOMAS TRAMWAY, d.b.a. Tramway Properties Inc.; d.b.a. Tramcon, Inc., 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 and services:

- **Construction**
- **Office Supplies and Furnishings**
- **Janitorial Supplies**
- **Uniforms**
- **Legal Services**
- **Computer Services**
- **Hardware & Tools**
- **Fuel & Lubricants**
- **Electrical Supplies**
- **Batteries**
- **Accounting Services**
- **Travel Services**

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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

PAR SCORE 135-145 — JUDD'S TOTAL 212

M3	A1	N1	G2	Y4			R1	E1	I1	L1	O1	J8	RACK 4 =	14
B3	E1	L1	L1	I1	E1	D2	E1	G2	A1	T1	N1	E1	RACK 3 =	78
T1	E1	N1	T1	A1	G2	E1							RACK 2 =	58
													RACK 1 =	62

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Super Bowl now and then: statistics and records

Team Comparison

	Regular Season	
OFFENSE	**St.L.**	**Tenn.**
GAMES (Won-Lost)	13-3	13-3
FIRST DOWNS	335	294
Rushing 102	109	
Passing	207	167
Penalty	26	18
YDS GAINED(tot)	6412	5296
Avg per Game	400.8	331.0
(net)	2059	1811
Avg perGame	128.7	113.2
Rushes	431	459
Yards perRush	4.8	3.9
PASSING (net)	4353	3485
Avg perGame	272.1	217.8
Passes Att.	530	527
Completed	343	304
Pct Completed	64.7	57.7
Yards Gained	4580	3622
Sacked	33	25
Yards Lost	227	137
Had intercepted	15	13
Yards OppRet	266	227
Opp TDsonInt	2	2
PUNTS	60	90
Avg Yards	41.1	42.5
PUNT RETURNS	52	40
Avg Return	9.6	9.0
Returned forTD	1	1
KICKOFF RETURNS	54	56
Avg Return	25.1	18.6
Returned forTD	2	0
PENALTIES	113	114
Yards Penalized	889	1069
FUMBLES BY	30	17
Fumbles Lost	16	9
Opp Fumbles	21	39
Opp FumLost	7	24
POSS. TIME(avg)	31:50	31:30
TOUCHDOWNS	66	46
Rushing	13	19
Passing	42	23
Returns	11	4
EXTRA POINTS(tot)	66	44
Kicks Made/2Pt	64/2	43/1
FIELD GOALS/FGA	20/28	21/25
POINTS SCORED	526	392
DEFENSE		
POINTS ALLOWED	242	324
OPP FIRST DOWNS	263	300
Rushing	53	81
Passing	189	193
Penalty	21	26
OPP YARDS GAINED	4698	5245
Avg perGame	293.6	327.8
OPP RUSHING(net)		1189
1550		
Avg perGame	74.3	96.9
Rushes	338	383
Yards perRush	3.5	4.0
OPP PASSING(net)	3509	3695
Avg perGame	219.3	230.9
Passes Att.	596	557
Completed	319	312
Pct Completed	53.5	56.0
Sacked 57	54	
Yards Lost	358	305
INTRCPTD BY	29	16
Yards Returned	567	257
Returned forTD	7	1
OPP PUNT RETURNS	23	45
Avg return	6.7	7.4
OPP KICKOFF RET	85	76
Avg return	24.9	21.0
OPP TDs	26	39
Rushing	4	8
Passing	19	26
Returns	3	5

TV Ratings

Rating is the percentage of televisions tuned in to a program. Share is the percentage of televisions on at the time that are watching:

Year, Network	Rating	Share
1967 CBS	22.6	43
1967 NBC	18.5	36
1968 CBS	36.8	68
1969 NBC	36.0	71
1970 CBS	39.4	69
1971 NBC	39.9	75
1972 CBS	44.2	74
1973 NBC	42.7	72
1974 CBS	41.6	73
1975 NBC	42.4	72
1976 CBS	42.3	78
1977 NBC	44.4	73
1978 CBS	47.2	67
1979 NBC	47.1	74
1980 CBS	46.3	67
1981 NBC	44.4	63
1982 CBS	49.1	73
1983 NBC	48.6	69
1984 CBS	46.4	71
1985 ABC	46.4	63
1986 NBC	48.3	70
1987 CBS	45.8	66
1988 ABC	41.9	62
1989 NBC	43.5	68
1990 CBS	39.0	63
1991 ABC	41.8	63
1992 CBS	40.3	61
1993 NBC	45.1	66
1994 NBC	45.4	66
1995 ABC	41.3	63
1996 NBC	46.1	72
1997 FOX	43.3	65
1998 NBC	44.5	67
1999 FOX	40.2	61

All-time Records

Most Points, Lifetime — 42, Jerry Rice, San Francisco.

Most Points, Game — 18, Roger Craig, San Francisco vs. Miami, 1985; Jerry Rice, San Francisco vs. Denver, 1990 and vs. San Diego, 1995; Ricky Watters, San Francisco vs. San Diego, 1995; Terrell Davis, Denver vs. Green Bay, 1998.

Most Touchdowns, Lifetime — 7, Jerry Rice, San Francisco.

Most Touchdowns, Game — 3, Roger Craig, San Francisco vs. Miami, 1985; Jerry Rice, San Francisco vs. Denver 1990 and vs. San Diego, 1995; Ricky Watters, San Francisco vs. San Diego, 1995; Terrell Davis, Denver vs. Green Bay, 1998.

Most Points After Touchdown, Lifetime — 9, Mike Cofer, San Francisco.

Most Points After Touchdown, Game — 7, Mike Cofer, San Francisco vs. Denver, 1990; Lin Elliott, Dallas vs. Buffalo, 1993; Doug Brien, San Francisco vs. San Diego, 1995.

Most Field Goals, Lifetime — 5, Ray Wersching, San Francisco.

Most Field Goals, Game — 4, Don Chandler, Green Bay vs. Oakland, 1968; Ray Wersching, San Francisco vs. Cincinnati, 1982.

Longest Field Goal — 54, Steve Christie, Buffalo vs. Dallas, 1994.

Most Safeties — 1, Dwight White, Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota, 1975; Reggie Harrison, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, 1976; Henry Waechter, Chicago vs. New England, 1986; George Martin, New York vs. Denver, 1987; Bruce Smith, Buffalo vs. New York, 1991.

RUSHING

Most Attempts, Lifetime — 101, Franco Harris, Pittsburgh.

Most Attempts, Game — 38, John Riggins, Washington vs. Miami, 1983.

Most Yards Gained, Lifetime — 354, Franco Harris, Pittsburgh.

Most Yards Gained, Game — 204, Tim Smith, Washington vs. Denver, 1988.

Longest Gain — 74, Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, 1984.

Most Touchdowns, Lifetime — 5, Emmitt Smith, Dallas.

Most Touchdowns, Game — 3, Terrell Davis, Denver vs. Green Bay, 1998.

PASSING

Most Attempts, Lifetime — 145, Jim Kelly, Buffalo.

Most Attempts, Game — 58, Jim Kelly, Buffalo vs. Washington, 1992.

Most Completions, Lifetime — 83, Joe Montana, San Francisco.

Most Completions, Game — 31, Jim Kelly, Buffalo vs. Dallas, 1993.

Highest Completion Percentage, Lifetime — 70.0, Troy Aikman, Dallas.

Highest Completion Percentage, Game — 88.0, Phil Simms, New York Giants vs. Denver, 1987.

Most Yards Gained, Lifetime — 1,142, Joe Montana, San Francisco.

Most Yards Gained, Game — 357, Joe Montana, San Francisco vs. Cincinnati, 1989.

Most Touchdowns, Lifetime — 11, Joe Montana, San Francisco.

Most Touchdowns, Game — 6, Steve Young, San Francisco vs. San Diego, 1995.

Most Had Intercepted, Lifetime — 7, Craig Morton, Dallas-Denver; Jim Kelly, Buffalo; John Elway, Denver.

Most Had Intercepted, Game — 4, Craig Morton, Denver vs. Dallas, 1978; Jim Kelly, Buffalo vs. Washington, 1992; Drew Bledsoe, New England vs. Green Bay, 1997.

Longest Completion — 81, Brett Favre (to Antonio Freeman), Green Bay vs. New England, 1997.

RECEIVING

Most Receptions, Lifetime — 28, Jerry Rice, San Francisco.

Most Receptions, Game — 11, Dan Ross, Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, 1982; Jerry Rice, San Francisco vs. Cincinnati, 1989.

Most Yards, Lifetime — 512, Jerry Rice, San Francisco.

Most Yards, Game — 215, Jerry Rice, San Francisco vs. Cincinnati, 1989.

Most Touchdowns, Lifetime — 7, Jerry Rice, San Francisco.

Most Touchdowns, Game — 3, Jerry Rice, San Francisco vs. Denver, 1990.

Longest Reception — 81, Antonio Freeman (from Brett Favre), Green Bay vs. New England, 1997.

FUMBLES

Most By, Lifetime — 5, Roger Staubach, Dallas.

Most By, Game — 3, Roger Staubach, Dallas vs. Pittsburgh, 1976; Jim Kelly, Buffalo vs. Washington, 1992; Frank Reich, Buffalo vs. Dallas, 1993.

INTERCEPTIONS

Most By, Lifetime — 3, Chuck Howley, Dallas; Rod Martin, Oakland; Larry Brown, Dallas.

Most By, Game — 3, Rod Martin, Oakland vs. Philadelphia, 1981.

TEAM RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points, Game — 55, San Francisco vs. Denver, 1990.

Fewest Points, Game — 3, Miami vs. Dallas, 1972.

Most Points, Both Teams, Game — 75, San Francisco (49), San Diego (26), 1995.

Fewest Points, Both Teams, Game — 21, Miami (14), Washington (7), 1973.

Largest Margin of Victory — 45 — San Francisco vs. Denver (55-10), 1990.

YARDS GAINED

Most Net Yards Gained, Game — 602, Washington vs. Denver, 1988.

Fewest Net Yards Gained, Game — 119, Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh, 1975.

Most Rushing Yards, Game — 280, Washington vs. Denver, 1988.

Fewest Rushing Yards, Game — 7, New England vs. Chicago, 1986.

Most Passing Yards, Game — 341, San Francisco vs. Cincinnati, 1989.

Fewest Passing Yards, Game — 35, Denver vs. Dallas, 1978.

FUMBLES

Most Fumbles, Game — 8, Buffalo vs. Dallas, 1993.

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Interceptions By, Game — 4, New York Jets vs. Baltimore, 1969; Dallas vs. Denver, 1978; Washington vs. Buffalo, 1992; Dallas vs. Buffalo, 1993; Green Bay vs. New England, 1997.

Winner and losers

1967—Green Bay (NFL) 35, K City (AFL) 10
1968—Green Bay (NFL) 33, Okland (AFL) 14
1969—NY Jets (AFL) 16, Baltimore (NFL) 7
1970—Kansas City (AFL) 23, Minn (NFL) 7
1971—Baltimore (AFC) 16, Dallas (NFC) 13
1972—Dallas (NFC) 24, Miami (AFC) 3
1973—Miami (AFC) 14, Wash (NFC) 7
1974—Miami (AFC) 24, Minnesota (NFC) 7
1975—Pittsburgh (AFC) 16, Minn (NFC) 6
1976—Pitts (AFC) 21, Dallas (NFC) 17
1977—Oakland (AFC) 32, Minn (NFC) 14
1978—Dallas (NFC) 27, Denver (AFC) 10
1979—Pitts (AFC) 35, Dallas (NFC) 31
1980—Pitts (AFC) 31, Los Angeles (NFC) 19
1981—Oakland (AFC) 27, Phila (NFC) 10
1982—San Fran (NFC) 26, Cincin (AFC) 21
1983—Wash (NFC) 27, Miami (AFC) 17
1984—LA Raiders (AFC) 38, Wash (NFC) 9
1985—San Fran (NFC) 38, Miami (AFC) 16
1986—Chicago (NFC) 46, N Eng (AFC) 10
1987—Giants (NFC) 39, Denver (AFC) 20
1988—Wasington (NFC) 42, Denver (AFC) 10
1989—San Fran (NFC) 20, Cincin (AFC) 16
1990—San Fran (NFC) 55, Den (AFC) 10
1991—Giants (NFC) 20, Buffalo (AFC) 19
1992—Wash (NFC) 37, Buffalo (AFC) 24
1993—Dallas (NFC) 52, Buffalo (AFC) 17
1994—Dallas (NFC) 30, Buffalo (AFC) 13
1995—San Fran (NFC) 49, S Diego (AFC) 26
1996—Dallas (NFC) 27, Pitts (AFC) 17
1997—Green Bay (NFC) 35, N Eng (AFC) 21
1998—Denver (AFC) 31, Green Bay (NFC) 24
1999—Denver (AFC) 34, Atlanta (NFC) 19

MVPs

1967—Bart Starr, QB, Green Bay
1968—Bart Starr, QB, Green Bay
1969—Joe Namath, QB, N.Y. Jets
1970—Len Dawson, QB, Kansas City
1971—Chuck Howley, LB, Dallas
1972—Roger Staubach, QB, Dallas
1973—Jake Scott, S, Miami
1974—Larry Csonka, RB, Miami
1975—Franco Harris, RB, Pittsburgh
1976—Lynn Swann, WR, Pittsburgh
1977—Fred Biletnikoff, WR, Oakland
1978—Randy White, DT and Harvey Martin, DE, Dallas
1979—Terry Bradshaw, QB, Pittsburgh
1980—Terry Bradshaw, QB, Pittsburgh
1981—Jim Plunkett, QB, Oakland
1982—Joe Montana, QB, San Francisco
1983—John Riggins, RB, Washington
1984—Marcus Allen, RB, L.A. Raiders
1985—Joe Montana, QB, San Francisco
1986—Richard Dent, DE, Chicago
1987—Phil Simms, QB, N.Y. Giants
1988—Doug Williams, QB, Washington
1989—Jerry Rice, WR, San Francisco
1990—Joe Montana, QB, San Francisco
1991—Ottis Anderson, RB, N.Y. Giants
1992—Mark Rypien, QB, Washington
1993—Troy Aikman, QB, Dallas
1994—Emmitt Smith, RB, Dallas
1995—Steve Young, QB, San Francisco
1996—Larry Brown, CB, Dallas
1997—Desmond Howard, KR, GBay
1998—Terrell Davis, RB, Denver
1999—John Elway, QB, Denver

Basketball
NBA
(Tuesday's games not incl.)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	25	14	.641	—
New York	25	15	.625	1/2
Philadelphia	24	17	.585	2
Boston	19	21	.475	6 1/2
Orlando	18	24	.429	8 1/2
New Jersey	17	24	.415	9
Washington	13	29	.310	13 1/2

Central Division

Indiana	26	15	.634	—
Charlotte	22	17	.564	3
Milwaukee	22	19	.537	4
Detroit	21	19	.525	4 1/2
Toronto	21	19	.525	4 1/2
Cleveland	16	25	.390	10
Atlanta	14	25	.359	11
Chicago	8	30	.211	16 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	27	12	.692	—
San Antonio	26	15	.634	2
Minnesota	22	16	.579	4 1/2
Denver	18	21	.462	9
Houston	16	24	.400	11 1/2
Dallas	14	26	.350	13 1/2
Vancouver	10	30	.250	17 1/2

Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers	33	9	.786	—
Portland	31	10	.756	1 1/2
Sacramento	25	13	.658	6
Seattle	27	16	.628	6 1/2
Phoenix	23	15	.605	8
L.A. Clippers	10	30	.250	22
Golden State	8	31	.205	23 1/2

Sunday's Games
Toronto 94, Seattle 77
Dallas 99, Detroit 91
Houston 101, Miami 88
Minnesota 99, Golden State 81
Orlando 102, L.A. Clippers 89

Monday's Games
New York 112, Seattle 106
Chicago 83, Indiana 82
Utah 105, L.A. Lakers 101, 2OT
Denver 110, Vancouver 98
Portland 101, New Jersey 87

Tuesday's Games
Phoenix at Indiana, 7 p.m.
New York at Washington, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Boston vs. Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Charlotte, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Phoenix at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Boston at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Utah, 9 p.m.
New Jersey at Seattle, 10 p.m.

NBA Leaders
Through Jan. 23

Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Iverson, Phil.	31	342	233	971	31.3
O'Neal, LAL	40	454	189	1097	27.4
Hill, Det.	39	379	285	1064	27.3
Malone, Utah	38	356	273	986	25.9
Webber, Sac.	35	354	149	871	24.9
Duncan, S.A.	41	364	281	1010	24.6
Carter, Tor.	40	373	193	963	24.1
Payton, Sea.	42	367	160	1002	23.9
Rider, Atl.	36	316	149	824	22.9
Mrning, Mia.	39	349	193	891	22.8
Grntt, Minn.	38	357	128	863	22.7
Rbnson, Mil.	40	361	137	908	22.7
Stckhse, Det.	40	279	318	906	22.7
Finley, Dall.	40	365	137	905	22.6
Marbury, N.J.	40	307	229	883	22.1
Allen, Mil.	41	318	186	905	22.1
A-Rhim, Van.	39	274	246	805	20.6
Hston, N.Y.	39	301	144	799	20.5
Walker, Bos.	40	306	150	801	20.0
Miller, Ind.	40	244	198	776	19.4

FG Percentage

	FG	FGA	PCT
O'Neal, LAL	454	800	.568
Mutombo, Atl.	153	272	.563
Ptterson, Sea.	181	335	.540
Mrning, Mia.	349	650	.537
Davis, Ind.	186	359	.518
Stckton, Utah	172	335	.513
Wallace, Port.	260	508	.512
Malone, Utah	356	696	.511
McDyss, Den.	270	529	.510
Hrrngtn, Van.	211	418	.505

Rebounds

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
O'Neal, LAL	40	183	406	589	14.7
Mutombo, Atl.	39	158	394	552	14.2
Duncan, S.A.	41	155	390	545	13.3
Garnett, Minn.	38	116	342	458	12.1
Feick, N.J.	39	168	288	456	11.7
Webber, Sac.	35	88	293	381	10.9
Williams, Det.	40	148	264	412	10.3
Davis, Ind.	40	151	252	403	10.1
Brand, Chi.	36	168	194	362	10.1
A-Rahim, Van.	39	108	280	388	9.9

Assists

	G	AST	AVG
Kidd, Phoe.	38	382	10.1
Cassell, Mil.	40	381	9.5
Brndon, Minn.	35	314	9.0
Payton, Sea.	42	366	8.7
Stckton, Utah	38	331	8.7
Van Exel,Den.	37	322	8.7
Marbury, N.J.	40	339	8.5
Jackson, Ind.	40	331	8.3
Williams, Sac.	37	299	8.1
Blaylock, G.S.	30	225	7.5

Monday's NBA Boxes

At New York
SEATTLE (106)
Baker 8-18 5-11 21, Patterson 2-4 6-8 10, Grant 4-5 1-2 9, B.Barry 8-16 1-3 21, Payton 2-4 0-0 4, Davis 4-8 2-3 11, McCoy 2-2 0-0 4, Williams 9-14 2-3 22, Lewis 1-4 1-2 3, Person 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 40-76 19-34 106.

NEW YORK(112)
L.Johnson 5-12 3-3 14, Sprewell 7-15 10-10 24, Ewing 8-14 2-4 18, Houston 11-17 3-3 27, Ward 3-11 3-4 11, Childs 0-4 0-0 0, Camby 5-10 3-4 13, Thomas 2-5 1-1 5, Dudley 0-0 0-0 0, Wallace 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-88 25-29 112.

Seattle 28 23 28 27 — 106
New York 28 28 22 34 — 112

3-Point Goals—Seattle 7-12 (B.Barry 4-6, Williams 2-3, Davis 1-1, Baker 0-1, Person 0-1), New York 5-16 (Houston 2-3, Ward 2-7, L.Johnson 1-4, Childs 0-1, Sprewell 0-1). Fouled out—B.Barry, Camby. Rebounds—Seattle 60 (Baker 12), New York 42 (Houston 9). Assists—Seattle 14 (Williams 5), New York 21 (Childs, Houston 4). Total fouls—Seattle 24, New York 31. Technicals—Payton 2, Seattle coach Westphal, New York Illegal Defense. Ejected—Payton. A—19,763 (19,763).

At Salt Lake City
L.A. LAKERS(101)
Rice 8-17 3-4 20, Green 1-2 0-0 2, O'Neal 16-31 4-6 36, Harper 2-4 3-4 7, Bryant 9-24 7-8 26, Fisher 3-10 1-1 8, Horry 1-4 0-0 2, Fox 0-3 0-0 0, Shaw 0-1 0-0 0, Knight 0-1 0-0 0, George 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 40-98 18-23 101.

UTAH (105)
Russell 3-12 6-6 13, Malone 13-24 5-7 31, Polynice 2-4 0-0 4, Stockton 7-10 3-3 18, Hornacek 3-8 4-4 11, Eisley 3-10 0-0 6, Lewis 3-8 5-6 11, Vaughn 1-2 0-0 2, Gilliam 0-0 2-2 2, Ostertag 2-5 1-2 5, Keefe 0-0 2-2 2, Padgett 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-83 28-32 105.

LA Lakers 26 17 18 20 10 10 —101
Utah 17 27 22 15 10 14 —105

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 3-14 (Bryant 1-2, Fisher 1-3, Rice 1-3, George 0-1, Shaw 0-1, Horry 0-2, Fox 0-2), Utah 3-12 (Russell 1-3, Stockton 1-3, Hornacek 1-3, Eisley 0-1, Malone 0-1, Lewis 0-1). Fouled out—Russell, Eisley. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 58 (O'Neal 9), Utah 55 (Ostertag 14). Assists—L.A. Lakers 23 (Harper 8), Utah 22 (Stockton 15). Total fouls—L.A. Lakers 32, Utah 31. Technicals—Harper, Ostertag. A—19,911 (19,911).

At Chicago
INDIANA (82)
Rose 9-14 0-0 18, Davis 3-9 1-2 7, Smits 4-14 0-0 8, Jackson 3-9 5-6 13, Miller 3-14 0-0 6, Croshere 3-7 0-0 7, Perkins 5-11 2-2 13, Harrington 3-5 0-0 6, Best 1-2 2-2 4. Totals 34-85 10-12 82.

CHICAGO (83)
Kukoc 6-18 3-11 15, Brand 14-21 0-3 28, Simpkins 0-2 2-4 2, Brown 2-8 0-0 4, Artest 5-11 7-8 17, Antsey 0-0 0-0 0, Maloney 1-4 0-0 2, Hawkins 0-3 0-0 0, Ch.Carr 5-8 4-4 15. Totals 33-75 16-30 83.

Indiana 27 24 14 17 — 82
Chicago 17 20 29 17 — 83

3-Point Goals—Indiana 4-20 (Jackson 2-5, Croshere 1-2, Perkins 1-5, Rose 0-2, Harrington 0-2, Miller 0-4), Chicago 1-9 (Ch.Carr 1-2, Maloney 0-1, Kukoc 0-2, Artest 0-2, Hawkins 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 57 (Davis 11), Chicago 52 (Brand 8). Assists—Indiana 30 (Jackson 12), Chicago 23 (Artest 7). Total fouls—Indiana 28, Chicago 19. Flagrant fouls—Davis. A—21,911 (21,711).

At Denver
VANCOUVER (98)
Abdur-Rahim 7-17 10-13 24, Harrington 6-11 3-5 15, Reeves 2-6 1-1 5, Dickerson 6-16 0-0 13, Bibby 7-16 4-6 18, Scott 3-7 2-2 8, Long 0-1 0-0 0, Carr 0-0 0-0 0, Palacio 1-1 0-0 2, Lopez 5-7 3-4 13. Totals 37-82 23-31 98.

DENVER (110)
Clark 1-2 2-2 4, McDyess 7-11 2-4 16, LaFrentz 6-16 5-8 17, Mercer 9-17 5-5 24, Van Exel 6-14 5-5 18, Posey 3-8 4-4 11, Jones 6-12 0-0 12, Herren 1-2 0-0 3, Stith 0-3 0-0 0, McCloud 2-4 0-0 5, Bowen 0-1 0-0 0, Alexander 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-90 23-28 110.

Vancouver 23 25 28 22 — 98
Denver 27 23 36 24 — 110

3-Point Goals—Vancouver 1-10 (Dickerson 1-4, Bibby 0-1, Abdur-Rahim 0-2, Scott 0-3), Denver 5-16 (McCloud 1-1, Herren 1-2, Mercer 1-2, Van Exel 1-3, Posey 1-4, Stith 0-1, LaFrentz 0-3). Fouled out—Reeves, McDyess. Rebounds—Vancouver 50 (Abdur-Rahim 13), Denver 57 (LaFrentz 10). Assists—Vancouver 22 (Bibby 9), Denver 29 (Van Exel 9). Total fouls—Vancouver 26, Denver 27. Flagrant fouls—Van Exel. A—10,884 (19,099).

At Portland, Ore.
NEW JERSEY(87)
Gill 4-14 6-8 14, Van Horn 6-15 4-5 17, McIlvaine 0-0 0-0 0, Kittles 3-6 0-0 8, Marbury 9-21 2-3 21, Feick 3-5 0-0 6, Eschmeyer 1-1 0-0 2, Harris 4-5 0-0 11, Newman 4-8 0-0 8, Perry 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 34-77 12-16 87.

PORTLAND (101)
Pippen 4-8 0-0 8, Wallace 6-16 5-6 17, Sabonis 9-14 3-3 21, Smith 6-10 4-4 16, Stoudamire 5-12 0-0 11, B.Grant 0-2 0-0 0, Anthony 3-3 0-0 9, Wells 4-7 1-2 10, Schrempf 3-5 3-5 9. Totals 40-77 16-20 101.

New Jersey 22 28 18 19 — 87
Portland 26 17 28 30 — 101

3-Point Goals—New Jersey 7-14 (Harris 3-3, Kittles 2-2, Van Horn 1-2, Marbury 1-2, Gill 0-2, Newman 0-3), Portland 5-8 (Anthony 3-3, Wells 1-1, Stoudamire 1-3, Pippen 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—New Jersey 40 (Feick 6), Portland 48 (Sabonis 13). Assists—New Jersey 19 (Van Horn, Marbury 4), Portland 30 (Pippen 10). Total fouls—New Jersey 20, Portland 15. Technicals—Portland Illegal Defense. Flagrant fouls—Van Horn. A—19,980 (19,980).

Football
NFL Playoff Glance
All Times EST

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 23
Tennessee 33, Jacksonville 14
St. Louis 11, Tampa Bay 6

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 30
At Atlanta
St. Louis vs. Tennessee, 6:25 p.m. (ABC)

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

Super Bowl Lineups

Projected starting lineups and depth charts for the 34th Super Bowl:

Tennessee Titans

Offense
WR—82 Yancey Thigpen; 83 Isaac Byrd
LT—72 Brad Hopkins; 76 Jason Mathews
LG—74 Bruce Matthews; 71 Zach Piller
C—60 Kevin Long; 74 Bruce Matthews
RG—75 Benji Olson; 66 Jason Layman
RT—69 Jon Runyan; 76 Jason Mathews
TE—89 Frank Wycheck; 88 Jackie Harris
WR—87 Kevin Dyson; 81 Chris Sanders
QB—9 Steve McNair; 14 Neil O'Donnell
HB—27 Eddie George; 20 Rodney Thomas
FB—41 Lorenzo Neal; 80 Michael Roan

Defense
LE—90 Jevon Kearse; 94 Mike Frederick
LT—91 Josh Evans; 78 John Thornton
RE—92 Henry Ford; 99 Kenny Holmes
RT—97 Jason Fisk; 95 Joe Salave'a
LLB—55 Eddie Robinson; 54 Phil Glover
MLB—52 Barron Wortham; 59 Doug Colman
RLB—58 Joe Bowden; 50 Terry Killens
LCB—25 Denard Walker; 37 Dainon Sidney
RCB—21 Samari Rolle; 30 Donald Mitchell
FS—31 Marcus Robertson; 33 Anthony Dorsett
SS—23 Blaine Bishop; 35 Perry Phenix

Specialists
PK—3 Al Del Greco
P—15 Craig Hentrich
PR—85 Derrick Mason
KR—85 Derrick Mason
KC—74 Bruce Matthews
PC—60 Kevin Long
H—15 Craig Hentrich

St. Louis Rams

Offense
WR—88 Torry Holt; 81 Az-zahir Hakim
LT—76 Orlando Pace
LG—61 Tom Nutten; 71 Cameron Spikes
C—60 Mike Gruttadauria; 50 Ryan Tucker
RG—62 Adam Timmerman; 64 Andy McCollum
RT—73 Fred Miller
TE—86 Roland Williams; 84 Ernie Conwell
WR—80 Isaac Bruce; 87 Ricky Proehl
QB—13 Kurt Warner; 16 Paul Justin
FB—25 Robert Holcombe; 42 James Hodgins
RB—28 Marshall Faulk; 31 Amp Lee

Defense
LE—93 Kevin Carter; 96 Jay Williams
LT—99 Ray Agnew; 90 Jeff Zgonina
RT—75 D'Marco Farr; 95 Nate Hobgood-Chittick
RE—98 Grant Wistrom; 96 Jay Williams
LLB—52 Mike A. Jones; 57 Leonard Little
MLB—59 London Fletcher; 51 Lorenzo Styles
RLB—54 Todd F. Collins; 58 Mike Morton
LCB—41 Todd Lyght; 20 Taje Allen
RCB—21 Dexter McCleon; 32 Dre' Bly
SS—22 Billy Jenkins; 35 Keith Lyle
FS—23 Devin Bush; 38 Rich Goady

Specialists
PK—14 Jeff Wilkins
P—2 Mike Horan
H—2 Mike Horan
PR—81 Az-zahir Hakim
KR—82 Tony Horne
PC—45 Jeff Robinson
KC—45 Jeff Robinson

Dick Vermeil Record

Regular Season

Year	Team	W	L	T	Pct
1976	Philadelphia	4	10	0	.286
1977	Philadelphia	5	9	0	.357
1978	Philadelphia	9	7	0	.563
1979	Philadelphia	11	5	0	.688
1980	Philadelphia	12	4	0	.750
1981	Philadelphia	10	6	0	.625
1982	Philadelphia	3	6	0	.333
1997	St.Louis	5	11	0	.313
1998	St.Louis	4	12	0	.250
1999	St.Louis	13	3	0	.813
Totals		77	73	0	.513

Post-Season

1978 Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000
1979 Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500
1980 Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667
1981 Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000
1999 St.Louis	2	0	0	1.000
Totals	5	4	0	.556

1978 — Lost wild-card to Atlanta 14-13.
1979 — Won wild-card against Chicago 27-17; lost divisional playoff to Tampa Bay 24-17.
1980 — Won divisional playoff against Minnesota 31-16; Won NFC championship against Dallas 20-7; lost Super Bowl to Oakland 27-10.
1981 — Lost wild-card to New York Giants 27-21.
1999 — Won divisional playoff against Minnesota 49-37; won NFC championship against Tampa Bay 11-6.

Jeff Fisher Record

Regular Season

	W	L	T	Pct
1994 Houston	1	5	0	.167
1995 Houston	7	9	0	.438
1996 Houston	8	8	0	.500
1997 Tennessee	8	8	0	.500
1998 Tennessee	8	8	0	.500
1999 Tennessee	13	3	0	.813
Totals	45	41	0	.523

Post-Season

	W	L	T	Pct
1999 Tennessee	3	0	0	1.000
Totals	3	0	0	1.000

1999 — Won wild-card against Buffalo 22-16; won divisional playoff against Indianapolis 19-16; Won conference championship against Jacksonville 33-14.

Sports on the air
Wednesday, Jan. 26
All Times EST

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
ESPN — Maryland at North Carolina
9 p.m.
ESPN — Florida at DePaul

NHL HOCKEY
7:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — Toronto at Detroit

SAILING
10:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — America's Cup Challenge Rounds, challenger finals, race 3, at Auckland, New Zealand (same-day tape)

TENNIS
1 p.m.
ESPN — Australian Open, men's quarterfinal match, at Melbourne, Australia (same-day tape)
1 a.m.
ESPN2 — Australian Open, women's semifinals, at Melbourne, Australia (delayed tape)

Game-by-Game Results

TENNESSEE TITANS
Regular Season
WON 13, LOST 3

36	Cincinnati	35
26	Cleveland	9
20	atJacksonville	19
22	atSanFran	24
14	Baltimore	11
24	atNewOrleans	21
24	St.Louis	21
0	atMiami	17
24	atCincinnati	14
16	Pittsburgh	10
33	atCleveland	21
14	atBaltimore	41
21	Oakland	14
30	Atlanta	17
41	Jacksonville	14
47	atPittsburgh	36

Wild-Card Playoff

22	atBuffalo	16

Divisional Playoff

19	at Indianapolis	16

AFC Championship

33	at Jacksonville	14

ST. LOUIS RAMS
WON 13, LOST 3

27	Baltimore	10
35	Atlanta	7
38	atCincinnati	10
42	SanFrancisco	20
41	atAtlanta	13
34	Cleveland	3
21	atTennessee	24
27	atDetroit	31
35	Carolina	10
23	atSanFran	7
43	NewOrleans	12
34	atCarolina	21
30	atNewOrleans	14
31	NYGiants	10
34	Chicago	12
31	atPhiladelphia	38

Divisional Playoff

49	Minnesota	37

NFC Championship

11	TampaBay	6

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Briefs

Lettsome gets 11 points, 7 rebounds

BOONE, N.C. — Appalachian State's women's basketball team improved its unbeaten streak to three games and moved into a three-way tie for fourth place in the Southern Conference with a 70-60 victory over Wofford. The three consecutive wins matches the Mountaineers longest winning streak of the season. Natasha Lettsome of St. Thomas finished with 11 points and seven rebounds to lead the ASU post players.


Lettsome

Appalachian jumped out to a 12-2 run in the first 3:57 of the contest and never looked back. Wofford cut the led down to five points with 12:52 left in the first half, but would come no closer. ASU led by nine, 36-27, at the intermission and stretched its advantage to 20 points in the second half, never letting the lead slip below nine points in the second stanza. The Mountaineers (9-9 overall, 5-4 SoCon) move to .500.

Tombi Bell called 'fierce competitor'

COLUMBIA, SC — All five starters recorded double-figures as Florida snapped its four-game losing skid with a 76-62 victory over South Carolina at Frank McGuire Arena. The victory improved the Lady Gators' record to 11-6 overall, 2-3 in the Southeastern Conference.


Bell

Tombi Bell of St. Croix and Tiffany Travis combined to score Florida's last 19 points of the game after the Lady Gators survived a furious rally that saw UF's 12-point lead shrink to one point, 57-56, with 7:54 remaining. Bell tallied a career-high 18 points with five assists, six rebounds and three steals.

"Tombi Bell is such a fierce competitor," Florida's head coach Carol Ross said of the 5-foot-5 junior point guard. "She refused to lose this game. She had terrific energy and transferred that over to her teammates. She showed great leadership tonight."

Rodman may be a Maverick

Problem child of basketball will make his decision after the Super Bowl, he says; Dallas owner hints signing is near

DALLAS (AP) — Dennis Rodman is thinking about joining the Dallas Mavericks, but he won't make up his mind until after the Super Bowl.

Rodman told Mavericks owner Mark Cuban on Tuesday that he's interested in signing on for the rest of the season, but his calendar is booked through the weekend. He previously said he wanted to delay a decision until after the Super Bowl and the Pro Bowl.

"I didn't get into the details of his schedule, but he can't be back before Monday," Cuban said, smiling. "Nothing's been signed on the dotted line yet, but we're really confident we can get to the point that we can work something out."

If Rodman arrives Monday, he could debut Tuesday at home against Philadelphia. A roster spot is open because starting power forward Gary Trent went on injured reserve before Tuesday's game against Golden State.

Rodman was not at Reunion Arena on Tuesday, but agent Steve Chasman was.

"Nothing has changed," he said. "We're still in discussion with several teams. Dennis will be making a decision in the next two weeks as to which team he will play for."

Cuban, a longtime season-ticket holder who made billions off the Internet, has been after Rodman since agreeing to buy the team from Ross Perot Jr. a few weeks ago.

Rodman had said he preferred to play for a title contender, which would have eliminated Dallas. But few other teams have pursued the 38-year-old whose checkered past is often matched by checkered hair.

Should another team be interested and have some salary cap space, they could get Rodman by offering more money. Because Dallas is over the salary cap, the most it can offer Rodman is about $475,000 for the rest of the season.

"Until you get a name on a dotted line, anything can happen," Cuban said.

Rodman has played just 23 games the last two seasons. He's made more headlines for his off-court behavior, including scrapes with the law in November and December.

But for all the risk he brings, his rebounding and defense are exactly what the Mavericks need. Dallas averages 8.7 fewer rebounds than opponents, more than double the next-worst average, while allowing a league-worst 103.6 points per game.

Rodman also would give the Mavericks a boost in attendance.

"Dennis doesn't come with any secrets," Cuban said. "You know Dennis is about marketing who he is and what he's trying to accomplish. I told him I'll do whatever I can to help.

"He knows that Brand Rodman is going to suffer if he doesn't produce on the court. Nobody is going to care about what he has to say or what he dresses like or what he looks like if he's not pulling down a lot of rebounds. He's the first to realize that."

Rodman was a poster child for bad behavior when he was on really good teams, so it would be interesting to see how he would handle being on a losing team.

Dallas, which hasn't won a playoff game since 1988, is 11th among the 14 Western Conference teams and nine games behind Minnesota for a playoff spot.

But he's been watching them on television and apparently likes what he sees. He cited several close losses to Cuban and spewed out several of the team's statistics he thinks he could improve.

"I was really impressed," Cuban said. "He wants to go out a winner. He wants to go out producing and he wants to show poeple the champion that he is."

Rodman grew up in Dallas and still has family in the area, which have long made him an intriguing candidate to play for the Mavericks.

But the team never seriously pursued him until Cuban came along.

"We have a very liberal owner who wants excitement and wants to win and doesn't really care about off-the-court kinds of things," coach and general manager Don Nelson said. "I think everybody is kind of ready for a bit of a gamble."

Soccer star attacks journalist

Maradona smashes car window in Cuba

HAVANA (AP) — Diego Maradona, apparently angered by constant media coverage during his stay for cocaine rehabilitation, punched and broke a reporter's car window on Tuesday. Photographers and cameramen say they were trailing Maradona outside a Havana supermarket when he got out of the black Mercedes Benz lent to him by the Cuban government.

He confronted a TV cameraman and photographer of Reuters and struck the vehicle's window with his hand, shattering the glass. Photographer Heriberto Rodriguez sustained a slight injury to his eye from the broken glass.

Maradona, 39, arrived in Cuba on Jan. 18 to undergo treatment for drug addiction at a medical-oriented hotel on the outskirts of Havana.

Maradona, who has dyed his dark hair a light shade of orange while in Cuba, is accompanied by a large entourage of friends, family and trainers. President Fidel Castro visited Saturday.

Maradona has had troubles obtaining a visa to travel to the United States since testing positive for stimulants during the 1994 World Cup, which led to a 15-month suspension by FIFA, soccer's governing body.

U.S. State Department officials earlier said they were not aware of any visa application by Maradona prior to his medical trip.

Mike Tyson sued for breach of oral contract

NEW YORK (AP) — The boxer who took a late punch from Mike Tyson in the ring charges in a $2 million lawsuit that the former heavyweight champion has hit him financially outside the ring.

Orlin Norris, 34, claims Tyson's manager, Shelly Finkel, promised an immediate rematch if he would say he believed Tyson's punch after the first-round bell in their Oct. 23 fight in Las Vegas was accidental.

Norris, who reluctantly spoke up for Tyson, detailed the arrangement in papers filed Monday in Manhattan's State Supreme Court. Tyson's camp denies that any such deal was ever made.

Norris' lawyer, Judd Burstein, said he has at least four witnesses who heard Finkel, afraid that Nevada boxing officials would suspend Tyson again, make the offer in Norris' dressing room after the fight.

Nevada suspended Tyson and fined him $3 million for biting off part of Evander Holyfield's ear during a 1997 bout in Las Vegas.

The Oct. 23 fight was stopped and declared "no contest" after Norris went down, got up and limped back to his corner with an injured knee that he apparently hurt when he hit the canvas.

Burstein said Tyson is trying to back out of the deal with Norris because he's scared.

"Tyson's afraid to fight Norris, who hit him very hard two times as the first-round bell rang," Burstein said. "Now that he knows he can expect a real fight from Norris, he's ducking him."

Tyson is in England preparing for his Saturday fight with Britain's Julius Francis in Manchester.

Burstein says his client's lawsuit asks for $2 million because that is what he was promised for his next fight with Tyson.

Norris' lawsuit asks the court to order Showtime, the cable network that carries Tyson's matches, to freeze $2 million of the fighter's Saturday purse.

Meanwhile, Tyson's lawyer, Jim Jimmerson, says he has asked the U.S. District Court in Las Vegas to declare that no oral agreement exists between Tyson and Norris.

"My client wants to be free to fight whomever he chooses," Jimmerson said. "It's not so much that he doesn't want to fight Norris. He just doesn't want to be bound by some non-existent agreement."

A few days after the Oct. 23 fight, boxing officials voted against punishing Tyson for the late hit on Norris and released his $8.7 million purse that they had held since the fight.

Norris officially got $800,000 for the Oct. 23 fight, but because of liens and taxes, he actually collected a little more than $200,000.

Tyson's Nevada boxing license expired Dec. 31. Officials there have warned that he will have a difficult time getting it renewed anytime soon.


Associated Press
Former world heavyweight champion Mike Tyson is being sued by Orlin Norris, the boxer who was punched after the bell by Tyson last year, charging that Tyson broke an oral agreement to a rematch.

Belichick files antitrust suit against NFL

Ex-Jets coach wants freedom to seek new position

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A federal judge Tuesday heard Bill Belichick's request for a restraining order that would free the coach from a decision by NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue and allow him to seek a new job.

At a hearing before U.S. District Judge John W. Bissell, Belichick's lawyer, Jeffrey Kessler, said the league is unfairly restricting his client's ability to make a living.

Bissell's ruling on the request for a temporary restraining order was expected later Tuesday.

Kessler, who also has represented NFL, NBA and Major League Soccer players in antitrust cases, said Belichick has a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to become head coach of the New England Patriots and that there was no guarantee he would ever be offered another head coaching job in the NFL.

"This would be a unique opportunity for the coach, never replaceable again," Kessler said.

The Jets' lawyer, Glenn Kurtz, responded that allowing Belichick to coach the Patriots, a division rival, would cause serious harm to the Jets due to Belichick's intimate knowledge of the Jets' players and the organization.

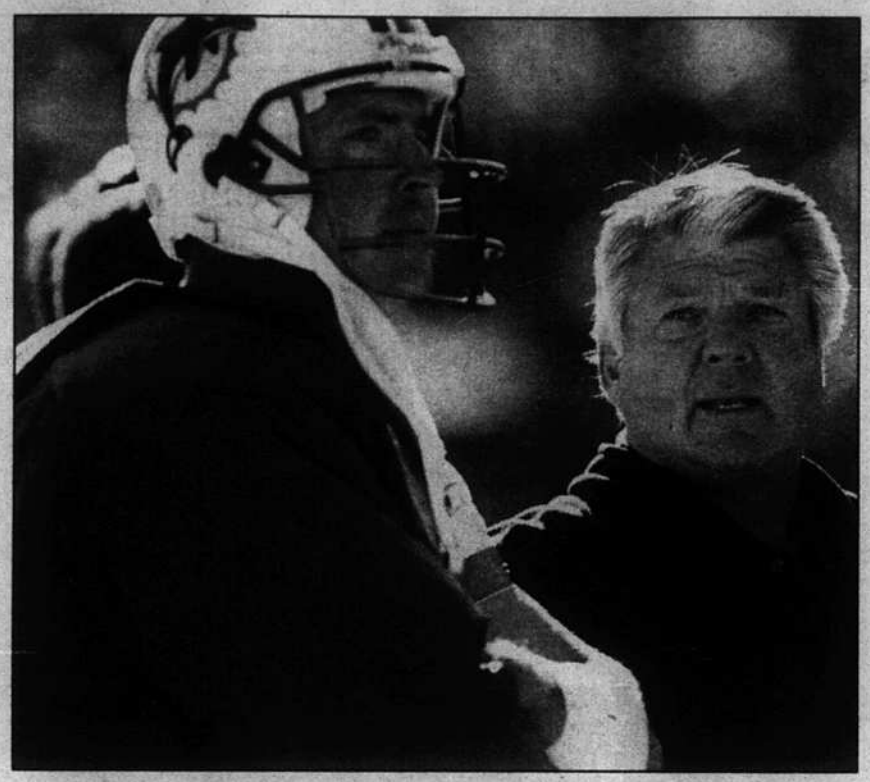
Belichick, who filed the antitrust suit Monday, did not attend the hearing.

Belichick, who lost Friday in an administrative proceeding before Tagliabue, asked for a temporary restraining order against the league that would prohibit the NFL or the Jets from stopping negotiations between Belichick and any team.

Bill Parcells quit as Jets coach on Jan. 3, a day after an 8-8 season ended.

Belichick, Parcells' defensive coordinator and handpicked successor, quit as head coach the following day, saying Parcells' status and the ownership picture was too confusing. Belichick filed a grievance with the NFL, claiming the team was not allowing him to look for work elsewhere.

The estate of late Jets owner Leon Hess then agreed to sell the team to Robert Johnson IV, who unsuccessfully attempted to persuade Parcells to return as coach. The Jets hired linebacker coach Al Groh as head coach Monday.



Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino watches from the sidelines with coach Jimmy Johnson at his side during the fourth quarter of Miami's 62-7 loss to the Jacksonville Jaguars in the AFC playoffs Saturday, Jan. 15, in Jacksonville, Fla.

Associated Press

Shula on JJ? Don't ask

MIAMI (AP) — Four years into retirement, Don Shula still bristles at the mention of his successor's name.

Shula endorses the hiring of Dave Wannstedt as the Miami Dolphins' new coach. But when asked where Jimmy Johnson went wrong in his reign that ended 10 days ago, Shula turns curt.

"I'm not going to get into that," he says with an intimidating growl.

Johnson retired Jan. 16 and was replaced by Wannstedt, his assistant head coach and a former head coach with the Chicago Bears.

"They made a logical choice in Dave," Shula says. "He's had head-coaching experience. He's had a year to get acquainted with the organization, and they've had a year to look at him. That's why they made the move as fast as they did."

Johnson compiled a 38-31 record in Miami with no division titles, lasting only four years in a job Shula held for 26. Johnson announced his retirement one day after the worst defeat in franchise history, a 62-7 playoff loss at Jacksonville.

"It seemed like everything that could go wrong that day went wrong for them," Shula says. "At no time were they in the game. It was similar to what happened the year before when they got knocked out."

The 1998 Dolphins were eliminated from the playoffs at Denver, 38-3.

There has long been tension between Johnson and Shula, who was pushed into retirement after a disappointing 9-7 season in 1995.

Now it's Johnson's coaching career that has ended in disappointment. But when announcing his retirement, Johnson said the franchise was in better shape than when he replaced Shula, in part because Miami is $6 million under the salary cap.

Shula hedges when asked whether the Dolphins are close to Super Bowl contention, noting that they shared the NFL's best record at midseason.

"They looked awful strong at 7-1," the Hall of Fame coach says. "They beat Tennessee 17-0, and their two games against Indianapolis were three-point games.

"And then they played some games they weren't very proud of."

Shula says quarterback Dan Marino is taking the correct approach regarding whether to return for an 18th season at 39. Marino, who is expected to meet soon with Wannstedt, has indicated he's in no rush to make a decision.

"Dan has to step back and take some time," Shula says. "With all of the things going on now, the worst thing he could do would be to make an impulse decision."

Rose receives 'living legend' award

CHERRY HILL, N.J. (AP) — Pete Rose might be making some progress in his bid for reinstatement into baseball. That doesn't mean he's toning down his act.

Adding another accolade to a collection that still lacks the one he wants most, Rose received the "living legend" award Monday night from the Philadelphia Sports Writers Association. Gracious in thanking the fans and the city, Rose had some pointed words for the game that banned him following a gambling probe in 1989.

"Allen Iverson didn't make the Olympic team. I've got that figured out," Rose said. "Baseball must have selected that team."

When a cell phone rang during Rose's brief acceptance speech, he said, "Quick, answer that. It's probably Bud Selig calling me. It's January. They said they were going to call me. They'll probably make me wait another nine years."

In fact, there was some news regarding Rose's bid for reinstatement, which he applied for in 1997. According to Rose's agent, Warren Greene, the commissioner's office has proposed several dates next month for a meeting between Rose attorney Roger Makley and baseball lawyer Bob DuPuy. To this point, Rose has received no formal response on his application.

"All we want is a dialogue," Greene said.

Also among those honored at the association's 96th annual banquet were former NBA star Charles Barkley (career achievement), NBA scoring leader Iverson (pro athlete of the year) and golfer Jay Sigel (most courageous athlete.)

Rose received support from several speakers, including current Phillies manager Terry Francona, who played with Rose in 1984.

Briefs

Sun Kings get help from Bell in win

YAKIMA, Wash. — The Yakima Sun Kings ran their record to 19-11 with a 99-73 victory over the Sioux Falls Skyforce Saturday night. The win improved the Sun Kings home mark to 12-4, and moved them a full game ahead of the idle Quad City Thunder. Raja Bell of St. Croix scored 10 points, grabbed five rebounds and dished out three assists for Yakima. Yakima outscored the Skyforce in the paint, 48-28.

Claxton leads Bears in 60-97 loss

MANCHESTER, England — Manchester Giants enjoyed their second win of the weekend with a 97-60 victory over Driver Brighton Bears in the Dairylea Dunkers Championship. Although the visiting Bears started well, the Giants broke the game open with 16 unanswered points at the start of the second half, which put them up 50-35 . Manchester went on to outscore the visitors 33-13 in the final period, the result was certain. Charles Claxton led the Bears' with 14 points. Brighton fell to 5-14 on the season.

Gleason is double winner in swim meet

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Yale topped Lehigh 177-130 on Saturday at Kiphuth Pool in NCAA swimming action. Junior George Gleason of St. Croix was a double winner for the Bulldogs, taking the 100m (0:51.825) and 200m (1:52.64) backstroke. The team of Gleason, Brett Rubin, Peter Baldwin and Brendam McBreen came in second in the 200 medley relay with a time 1:36.55. Yale improves to 6-0 and 1-0 in the Ivy League.

Meryl leads Lander over Pembroke

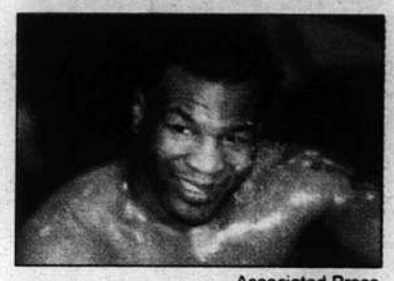
GREENWOOD, S.C. — Cliff Meryl of St. Croix scored 12 points and pitched in with four rebounds Saturday night to lead the Lander men's basketball team to a 78-64 Peach Belt Athletic Conference victory over UNC Pembroke in Horne Arena. Lander improves to 14-6 overall and 5-2 in the PBAC.

Sheppard has another strong game

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Virgin Islands native Kevin Sheppard coming off his career high of 19 points, scored eight points, dished out eight assists, chipped in with three rebounds and three steals while committing only one turnover in Jacksonville University's 82-63 victory over Florida Atlantic Saturday Night in Trans American Conference Action. Jacksonville improves to 5-11 overall and 2-6 in TAC.

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Associated Press
Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson smiles during a pause in his training at his central London hotel Tuesday.

All the world's a stage for Tyson

LONDON (AP) — Mike Tyson is no longer the world champion, but he's still a world attraction.

As he prepares for British heavyweight Julius Francis in Manchester on Saturday, Tyson is getting offers to fight from all corners of the globe.

His boxing adviser, Shelly Finkel, said calls have come from Germany, France, Russia, Austria, South Africa, Japan, China, Wales and, of course, England.

First, he has to beat Francis, a 16-1 underdog. Francis, a former kickboxer, is undergoing hypnosis and has also sold the sole and heel of his boxing shoes to The Mirror. The London newspaper expects such a purchase to come in handy when Francis lands flat on his back from a Tyson punch.

Tyson has been relaxed, talkative and good-humored since arriving in London a week ago. He has been hounded whenever he steps from his five-star Park Lane hotel across from Hyde Park.

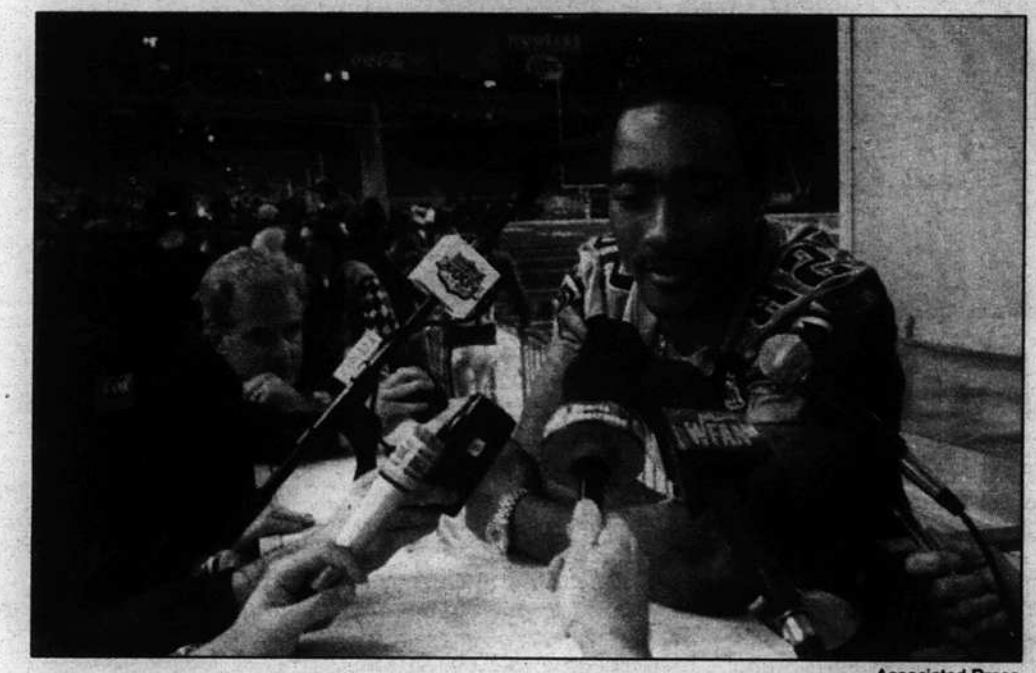
"It became like Beatlemania and just escalated from there," said Finkel, recalling mob scenes in Brixton, a chaotic airport reception and wild shopping trips for jewelry and cars.

Somehow Tyson managed to train despite the threat of being arrested for jogging at 3 a.m. in Hyde Park. And he's looked sharp enough to talk about getting his undisputed title back.

On Tuesday, Tyson went through his final London workout before heading to Manchester. He pounded combinations into the girdle-protected midsection of trainer Stacy McKinley and treated familiar footwork like new dance steps.

"I was working on my balance, my feet. Going through repetitions," Tyson said.

Rams SUPER BOWL XXXIV 2000 Titans



Associated Press
Tennessee Titans wide receiver Yancey Thigpen is the center of attention from several reporters during Super Bowl XXXIV Media Day activities at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta Tuesday.

New strategy:

Leave the assistant coaches behind

ATLANTA (AP) — Here's a new strategy for preparing to play the Super Bowl: Leave the assistant coaches at home.

The St. Louis Rams did it. So did the Tennessee Titans.

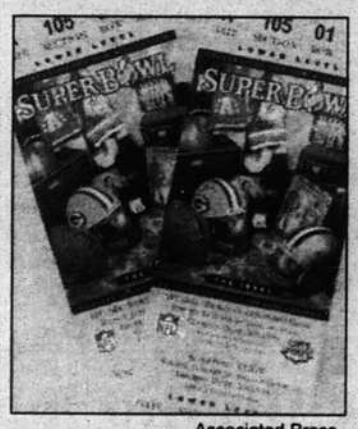
All of the assistants were breaking down film Monday and planed to put together game plans Tuesday before heading to Atlanta on evening flights.

"I think it's a great idea," said Rams receiver Ricky Proehl, who caught the winning touchdown pass in the NFC championship game Sunday. "They don't have to come here and set up in a hurry and they can just do their job."

That job has been complicated by the lack of a one-week break between the title games and the Super Bowl. While both teams and the head coaches were required to be here on Monday, the NFL gave the Rams and Titans permission to leave the assistants behind.

Further complicating matters for Tennessee were logistics. The Titans won the AFC crown at Jacksonville on Sunday, then flew home. They attended a celebration at Adelphia Coliseum that drew more than 30,000 fans, then had a light workout Monday before traveling to Atlanta.

"We left the staff back in Nashville to game-plan," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said. "We don't have much time to think about this one. We want to get into a normal routine as fast as we can."



Associated Press
Two tickets for Super Bowl XXXIV to be played this Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

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The Rams weren't quite so put out, because they won their title at home. They also ran lightly and lifted weights Monday before heading to the site of Sunday's big game.

"We're here to start a work week totally different than we have at any time this year," Coach of the Year Dick Vermeil said. "Most of you probably recognize that football coaches are terrible creatures of habit and feel very insecure outside their normal routine.

"So right now I feel a little bit insecure, because I'm not working in our normal routine. But hopefully, it won't show on Sunday. Other people are being forced to do the same thing."

Fisher, like Vermeil, said he prefers the one-week break, but has no control over it.

"With the extra week, you get everything done, then have the next week to rehearse it," Fisher said.



Associated Press
Dr. Frank Eismont of the University of Miami Jackson Memorial Medical Center shows a model of the spine and talks about the injury to Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Derrick Thomas, in Miami, Tuesday.

Thomas gets good news on spine

MIAMI (AP) — Derrick Thomas underwent more than four hours of surgery Tuesday to rebuild part of his spine and doctors said his spinal cord was not damaged as badly as feared.

Thomas' spinal cord was severely bruised, neurosurgeon Barth Green said.

Doctors originally thought it might have been severed when Thomas, 33, was thrown from his car Sunday after losing control on an icy highway near Kansas City, Mo. Thomas broke his spine and neck and wound up semiconscious with no feeling in his legs.

Though the NFL star remained paralyzed from the chest down at Jackson Memorial Hospital, doctors expressed hope he'd walk again.

"There have been cases of people with similar injuries who have recovered and there have been people who haven't recovered," Green said. "Anybody who knows Derrick knows that you don't bet against him. But it's too early to tell right now. We just have to see how he does."

The Kansas City Chiefs linebacker's operation included decompressing the spinal cord, stabilizing the spinal column with screws, titanium rods and hooks, and implanting bone grafts from Thomas' hip.

Doctors said surgery went as planned and that Thomas, who remained sedated Tuesday afternoon, could be transferred to a rehabilitation facility in about two weeks. He already has begun working with therapists.