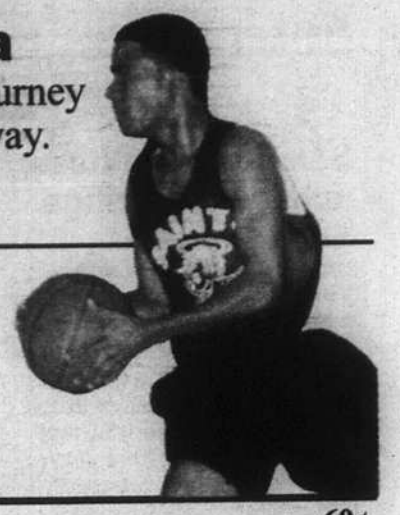


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Woman guilty of smuggling cocaine

Duct tape on shoes gives her away

WILL JONES

USVI — A District Court jury on Thursday convicted a woman of smuggling more than six pounds of cocaine into the territory from St. Maarten in platform shoes.

The jury — made up of an equal number of men and women — deliberated for about five hours before finding Meris Alvarez de Phillip, 42, guilty of possession of a controlled substance with the intent to distribute and importation of a controlled substance into the United States from a foreign country.

Chief District Judge Raymond Finch, who presided over the trial, ordered de Phillip taken into custody until she is sentenced. She had been free on bail.

After the jury's verdicts were read and the panel was dismissed, de Phillip's daughter, who appeared to be about 12 or 13 years old, began wailing as her mother was led out of the courtroom to a holding cell by a U.S. marshal.

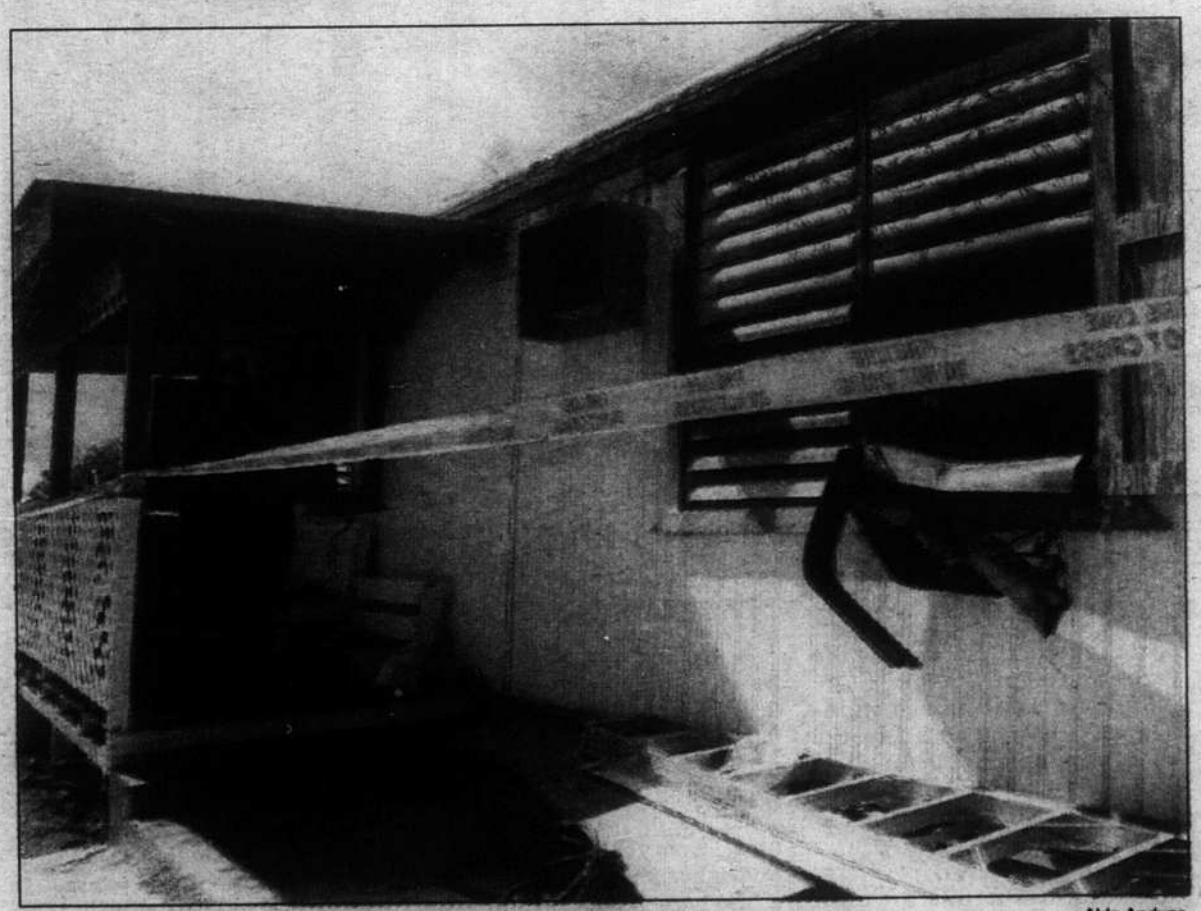
The girl, crying and muttering in Spanish, left the Almeric Christian Federal Building, stopped in the parking lot for several minutes, then walked across the street — accompanied by a man and a woman — and sat on the grass in front of McDonald's Restaurant in Golden Rock where she continued sobbing.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Denise Hinds, who prosecuted de Phillip, said she faces five to 40 years in prison for both counts.

Hinds would not comment on the verdicts, but said she took over the case after Assistant U.S. Attorney Tracey Christopher, who is assigned to the High Intensity Drug-Trafficking Area task force and was initially scheduled to prosecute the case, became ill.

"I want to commend Tracey for the job she did in preparing the

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Alda Anduze

Police tape blocks entry to a home that was burned Thursday in Mt. Pleasant while fire inspectors investigate the cause of the fire.

Fire could be arson, police say

Burglary also suspected

STEVE S. BULLOCK

ST. CROIX — Police and fire officials on St. Croix are investigating a blaze that completely destroyed a three-bedroom dwelling in Mt. Pleasant, Frederiksted Thursday.

The fire broke out shortly before 11 a.m. and by the time firefighters got to the scene around 11:05 a.m., the entire house was completely gutted, according to Lt. Edwin James.

Fire Chief Roberto Santos said the cause of the fire is under active investigation, but arson is strongly suspected.

Fire investigators said a back door was found open and some items in the house appeared to have been moved around, suggesting that the house was burglarized before it was set on fire.

Lt. James said the fire appeared to have started in the kitchen or in the living room and quickly spread to the entire structure.

"The fire was so intense that it gutted everything inside the

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Briefs

Senate committees schedule hearings

USVI — The Senate Committee on Labor and Veterans Affairs has scheduled a public hearing beginning at 10 a.m. Friday, March 9, on St. Thomas concerning the status of veterans' burial sites in the territory. The committee will receive testimony from government officials, private citizens and military veterans.

The Senate Committee on Government Operations, Planning and Environmental Protection scheduled another public hearing to address the territory's emergency services beginning at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 28, on St. Thomas. All parties who were invited to testify on Feb. 15 and 16 are asked to return.

Also invited are Finance Commissioner Bernice Turnbull and Office of Management and Budget Director Ira Mills.

Territory observes Girl Scouts Week

USVI — Girl Scouts in the U.S. Virgin Islands along with their national counterparts will celebrate the 89th anniversary of Girl Scouting in the United States from March 10-17.

In recognition, Gov. Charles Turnbull proclaimed "Girl Scouts Week." He stated how the Girl Scouts movement continues to emphasize leadership and personal and career development.

Guidelines for STX Alumina rec center

ST. CROIX — St. Croix Alumina officials said that effective March 1, the company's recreational center will not be available for night functions. Use of the facility is now limited to day activities only.

Applications for night use received by the company prior to Feb. 15, 2001, will be honored.

Use of the track, basketball court and soccer field will remain open to the public, and school groups are welcome to take educational tours of the mangrove area.

Call 778-2323, ext. 600 or 648 for reservations of the recreational center or educational tours.

COCAINE: Jury doesn't buy story

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case for prosecution," Hinds said.

De Phillip was arrested May 15, 2000, at the Henry E. Rohlsen Airport after getting off a flight from St. Maarten to St. Croix.

U.S. Customs inspectors became suspicious when they noticed a piece of duct tape sticking out from the sole of de Phillip's platform shoes.

The inspectors then searched the shoes she was wearing and the luggage she was carrying and found a total of about three kilograms of cocaine stuffed in plastic bags in the hollow of the seven shoes, whose soles had been glued.

In the morning session, Hinds and de Phillip's attorney, Beth Moss, gave final arguments to the jury.

Hinds told the jury that it was a case of "avoid, avoid, avoid" by de Phillip.

"She tried to avoid U.S. customs at the airport and in her testimony she tried to avoid prosecution," Hinds said.

The prosecutor also pointed to several inconsistencies in what de Phillip told federal authorities about the drugs and her testimony in court. He told the jury that the cocaine was worth between $30,000 and $58,000.

De Phillip testified Wednesday that a friend of her deceased mother gave her the luggage at the St. Maarten airport and asked her to bring it to St. Croix for the woman's sister, who lived on St. Thomas.

She said the woman, whom she knew only as "Celia," met her at the airport as she was leaving and handed her the luggage. She said the woman also insisted that she wear a pair of the platform shoes, instead of the wine-colored shoes de Phillip said she had on at the time.

But Hinds noted that de Phillip had told a U.S. Drug Enforcement Agent that she purchased the shoes at a store near a dumpster in St. Maarten.

Hinds also pulled out the other contents of the blue luggage, explaining to the jury that it contained six pair of pants and five blouses, all about the size that de Phillip wears.

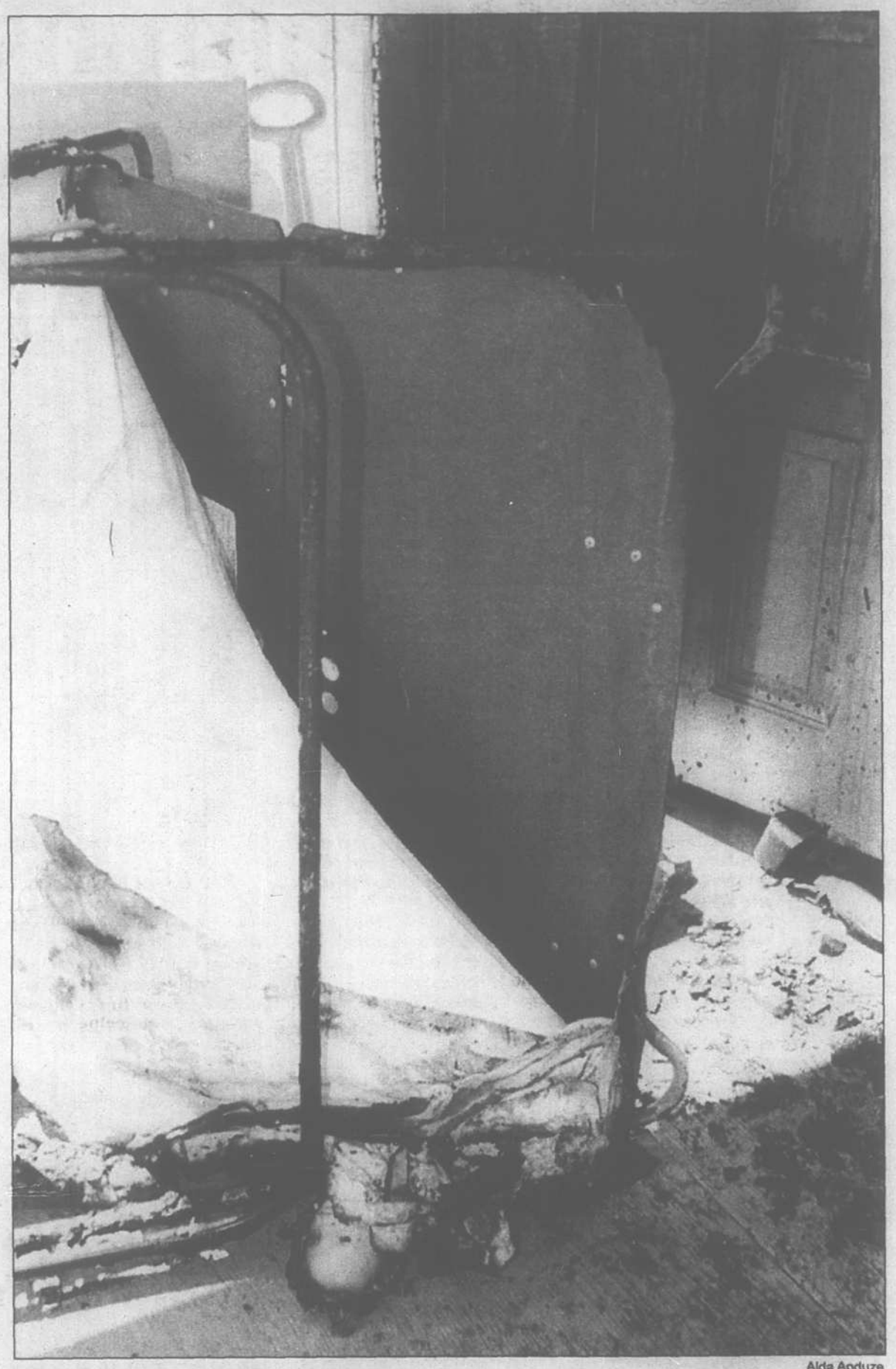
"That is her luggage and she put the cocaine in it," Hinds said. She also pointed out that rather than having shoes in pairs, de Phillip had three pairs and one extra shoe.

"After she had filled the seven shoes with cocaine, the eighth one was not needed," Hinds said.

Moss argued that there was too much reasonable doubt about de Phillip's role in the case for the jury to convict her, adding that it was more speculation than factual.

"There may be some small inconsistencies, but it doesn't prove that she was aware of the drugs in the shoes," Moss said. "That (putting the drug in the shoes) was a professional job and my client is naive."

She said the inconsistencies could be blamed on interpreting de Phillip's statements from Spanish to English.



Alda Anduze

A playpen and doll sit on the porch of a burned home Thursday in Mt. Pleasant.

BLAZE: Homeowner says she's devasted by destruction

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house within a few minutes," said Corporal U. Springer of the Grove Place Fire Station.

Springer said the eight firefighters who responded to the blaze were able to confine it to the interior of the house, preventing it from spreading to other nearby structures.

James said seven persons, including two adults and five children, have been left homeless. Olga Rodriguez, the owner of the home, said she had just arrived on the job when she received a call to say her home was on fire.

Rodriguez was so devastated by what had happened that she openly sobbed as investigators sifted through the evidence.

"I saw the children off to school and made certain everything was okay before I left, and now everything is gone," Rodriguez said.

She herself had no doubt that some one had broken into her home, since she was certain she had left the back door properly secured.

"It's bad enough they broke in and stole some stuff, but to go so far as to set the house on fire shows how wicked these persons are," she said. "I don't know what my four children and grandchild are going to do now."

Santos appealed to the general public to pitch in and assist the displaced family. He said the Fire Department has contacted the American Red Cross and the Virgin Islands Housing Authority to provide whatever assistance they can offer.

— Police blotter —

St. Croix

Arrests:

3 p.m., Wed., Brandon Duke, 30, of 211 Evangeline Place, New Orleans, La., was arrested for possession of stolen property. Bail was set at $500.

5:20 p.m., Wed., John Anthony Warrick, 40, of 4573 Oregon Street, Detroit, Mich., was arrested for welfare fraud and violation of probation. He was apprehended by the Port Authority at the Henry E. Rohlsen Airport. Warrick had an outstanding arrest warrant in Los Angeles, Calif.

Assaults:

3 p.m., Wed., Bassin Triangle.

4:05 p.m., Wed., Mt. Pleasant.

12:13 a.m., Thu., Queen Street, Frederiksted.

Grand larcenies:

6:30 p.m., Wed., Estate Richmond.

6:40 p.m., Wed., Upper Love.

7:48 a.m., Thu., reported at Schrader Command.

Burglaries:

12:15 p.m., Wed., Hovensa.

3:46 p.m., Wed., Tamarind.

9:39 a.m., Thu., St. Croix Christian Academy.

ST. THOMAS

Arrests:

2 p.m., Wed., A John Doe, age and address unknown, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and four counts of possession of stolen property after allegedly being caught with marijuana and stolen items. Bail was set at $1,000.

2:10 p.m., Wed., Otis Carmona Seveirano, 39, an inmate of the Bureau of Corrections, was charged with bringing marijuana into a prison. No bail information was available.

6:30 p.m., Wed., Eleanor Grant, 45, of Estate Mandahl, was charged with petit larceny after allegedly stealing bottles of alcohol. Bail was set at $500.

Assaults:

6:58 p.m., Wed., Estate Nadir.

9:40 p.m., Wed., Estate Nadir.

3:19 a.m., Thurs., Crazy Cow restaurant, Raadets Gade.

1:50 p.m., Thurs., Addelita Cancryn school.

Burglaries:

1:50 p.m., Wed., Altona.

5:58 p.m., Wed., Anna's Retreat.

12:31 p.m., Thurs., Ridge Road.

Larcenies:

2:07 p.m., Wed., Coki Point Beach.

5:22 p.m., Wed., Plaza Extra.

10:27 p.m., Wed., Red Hook Dock.

2:02 p.m., Thurs., Tutu Park Mall.

Other:

3:38 p.m., Wed., car fire reported in Estate Nadir.

Decomposed body found in STX cistern

Police say they suspect foul play

STEVE S. BULLOCK

ST. CROIX — Police are appealing to the public to help identify a partially decomposed body that was discovered late Thursday afternoon inside the cistern of an abandoned house in Estate Peter's Rest.

Lt. Gregory Bennerson, head of the Virgin Islands Police Department Investigation Unit, said the body appears to be that of a white, perhaps Hispanic male about 5-foot-11.

Bennerson said the person — who was fully dressed — was wearing a white tee shirt, blue jeans and black shoes.

Police were called to the building just after 2:30 p.m. when a resident of Estate Peter's Rest discovered the body while searching for his dog that had strayed into the area.

Bennerson said the age of the corpse would be determined after an autopsy, but other investigators estimated him to be over 30.

The body — with some of its skin tissue peeled off — was found lying face-down in about a foot of water and was bloated.

Personnel from the Medical Examiner's Office at Juan Luis Hospital used a rope to lift the body out of the cistern.

Juan Luis, the Peter's Rest resident who discovered the body, said he he smelled a strange odor coming from the cistern.



Steve Bullock

Virgin Islands Police Department personnel carry the remains of an unidentified man found in a cistern at an abondoned house in Estate Peter's Rest.

"At first, I though it was a dead animal, like a horse, so I told a friend to come with me to check it out," said Luis. He said he almost fainted when he saw the body floating inside the cistern.

"This is my first experience smelling and seeing a rotting human body and I tell you it wasn't a nice experience," the youngster said.

Luis's friend, Ritchie Accosta, who went with him inside the abandoned house, said he did not look at the body in the cistern. "I don't have the stomach to see those things," Accosta said.

Accosta, whose house is located directly across from where the body was discovered, said neighbors have complained smelling something foul for the past four or five days.

Accosta said his family didn't suspect anything and didn't take the smell to mean anything since his family is accustomed to odors emitting from the house, which was damaged by Hurricane Marilyn.

Another neighbor — who did not want to give his name — said the person was probably murdered outside the neighborhood and his body brought and dumped inside the cistern.

Although police have not classified the death as a homicide, Deputy Police Chief Novelle Francis said foul play is suspected, and VIPD investigators are soliciting the public's assistance in identifying the body.

Persons can contact the police at 778-2211 or 911.

Sen. Dowe says he didn't use full amount he requested for DC trip

WILL JONES

USVI — Sen. Carlton Dowe said Thursday that he spent only $1,776.81 during his nine-day trip to Washington, D.C. to attend President George W. Bush's inauguration and to meet with a lobbying firm hired by the Legislature.

Although Dowe's Jan. 10 letter to Senate President Almando Liburd requested an advance of $3,935.46 to cover the costs of airfare, hotel, transportation and meals for the trip, Dowe said he only received a cash advance of $3,039.36 and an airline ticket for $975.10.

Dowe also said he has already refunded $1,262.55 to the government.

"As long as I am a member of the Legislature, I pledge to be frugal with the people's money," Dowe said.

He explained that he and Liburd received $1,000 more in advance than other senators because they were away for nine days — from Jan. 18 to Jan. 27 — while most of the other legislators were away from the territory for about four days for the Jan. 20 inauguration.

"The additional time that Sen. Liburd and I spent on the trip was utilized in meetings with our lobbying firm and other federal officials to move the agenda for the 24th Legislature along," Dowe said.

The Legislature has retained the Dutco and Associates lobbying firm in an effort to convince Congress and the Bush administration to give the Virgin Islands a share of the taxes on Hovensa-made petroleum products.

Liburd requested $3,810.46 for the trip, including $1,839.36 for hotel expenses.

The other senators making the trip — and their cash advance requests — were Adelbert Bryan, $2,326; Douglas Canton Jr., $854.10; Alicia Hansen, $2,987.75; David Jones, $2,012.90; Donald Cole, $2,936.10; and Norma Pickard Samuel, $2,987.75.

The precise costs of the trip will not be known until senators file itemized expenses and receipts.

— Traffic report —

ST. CROIX — Seven crashes, including one hit-and-run, were reported to police from 4 p.m. Tuesday to 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Police said five people received injuries in those crashes.

Police said two people were injured when a Sports Utility Vehicle collided with a mini-van in the vicinity of the Barren Spot Mini Mall shortly after 2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Police said the SUV exited the Barren Spot Mini Mall and struck the van head-on.

The victims — who were not identified — were treated for head and chest injuries at the Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital.

Two others were injured in a two-vehicle crash on the Melvin Evans Highway shortly after 2 p.m. Wednesday.

There were also two reports of vehicle tampering or damage to vehicles.

St. John artists featured in Bajo el Sol Gallery

ST. JOHN — Through the month of March, Bajo el Sol Gallery in Mongoose Junction presents works by St. John artists Kimberly Boulon and Mark Hansen.

An opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 2, at Bajo el Sol. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Health professionals steeped with information about diabetes

ANGELA BORCHERT

ST. CROIX — "Is your waist size making you at risk for diabetes?" asked a placard at the entrance to Divi Carina Bay Resort's conference on Wednesday during a diabetes workshop for health professionals.

According to the sign, those at high-risk include men with waists 40 inches and above and women with waists 35 inches and above.

"We don't say a 'diabetic' anymore,'" said Anne Thurland Hatcher, director of the VI Bureau of Health Education and project director for the Diabetes Control Program. "We say 'a person with diabetes.'"

Such political correctness was an opening to her presentation on the prevalence of diabetes in the United States Virgin Islands.

Hatcher noted that diabetes has risen from the seventh-leading cause of death in the VI in 1986 to the third-leading cause in 1995.

The rate of mortality from diabetes in the territory more than doubled from 18.9 per 100,000 in 1985 to 43.2 per 100,000 in 1995.

Hatcher pulled her statistics from the VI's Behavioral Risk Factor Survey, which is a compilation of information from extensive, random telephone interviews.

Asked whether they had ever been told by a doctor or health professional they had diabetes, 5 percent of those surveyed answered "yes" in 1989 compared with 10 percent in 1997.

Of those who said in 1997 that they were diagnosed with diabetes, 11 percent were on St. Croix; 9 percent on St. Thomas; and 7 percent on St. John.

"This can be attributed, I believe, to the larger Hispanic population on St. Croix," Hatcher said, noting that diabetes is most prevalent in the VI among Hispanics, followed by blacks and whites respectively.

Asked how often they checked their blood-glucose levels, 31 percent of the 1997 respondents said they check their blood sugar daily.

"Only 31 percent is driving on the road with a map," Hatcher said. "The rest — swimming in the dark."

Symptoms of hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) include shaking, fast heartbeat, sweating, anxiety, dizziness, hunger, impaired vision, weakness or fatigue, headaches and irritability.

Symptoms of hyperglycemia (high blood sugar) include extreme thirst, frequent urination, dry skin, hunger, blurred vision, drowsiness and nausea.

AT A GLANCE

To control diabetes:

- Know your blood sugar numbers. Two tests that measure blood sugar are Hemoglobin A1C, which tracks blood-sugar control over the last three months, and a finger-stick test that can be done at home.
- Finger stick testing goals should be 80-120 mg/dl before meals and 100-140 mg/dl at bedtime.
- Keep a record of blood tests, medicines and daily events.
- Take diabetes medicine as prescribed.
- Eat foods to control blood sugar.
- Get physical activity regularly.
- Check feet for cuts, blisters, red spots and swelling; call a health-care provider immediately about any sores that do not heal.
- Stay at an appropriate weight.
- Treat low blood sugar quickly with special tablets or glucose gel.
- Do not smoke.
- Write down questions and talk with your health care provider at each visit.
- Think of all the reasons to control your blood sugar.

ICC warns cable service may go out

USVI — Within the next month, Innovative Communication Corporation officials warned, customers of St. Croix Cable TV and St. Thomas-St. John Cable TV could experience temporary service interruptions due to natural occurrences called "sun outages."

Innovative announced that "sun outages" or "sun fades" occur when the sun aligns directly behind orbiting satellites for a few minutes each day.

Satellite signals are then overwhelmed by the enormous amount of radio-frequency noise generated by the sun, and the result is the degradation or loss of programming signals.

"Sun outage activity is standard, and it occurs twice a year, in the spring and the fall," St. Croix Cable TV general manager Adrian LaBennett said Thursday in a printed statement. "Customers will notice that the sun outages affect different satellites at different times, which means that channels will be affected at various times in the late afternoon and evening hours."

According to St. Thomas-St. John Cable TV general manager Andrea Martin, sun outages are characterized by slight graininess in cable channels which gradually gets worse.

At some point, she said, the channel picture will disappear entirely and then gradually return.

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Alda Anduze

Blood drive

Lab technician Molinda Dostalie draws blood from Country Day School 12th-grader Cyril Daniel Thursday on the school campus. The blood drive, which continues through Friday, is hosted by the CDS National Junior Honor Society as a community service project.

WAPA names new executive director

TIM HAY

ST. THOMAS — The governing board of the VI Water and Power Authority on Thursday announced they had named Glenn Rothgeb as the utility's new acting executive director.

Rothgeb was assistant executive director of WAPA while Raymond George was in charge.

Board Chairperson Carol Burke presented George with a certificate of appreciation and a seven-day cruise, a statement from WAPA said.

Last summer's public hearings on whether to sell the authority to a private firm brought grievances from consumers on how WAPA was run and the reliability of its service.

Following the hearings — and the failure of the sale — the WAPA board demanded resignations from seven top executives pending a six-month review of their performance. Rutnik said that the board voted unanimously and was responding to the public's concerns.

Board member Andrew Rutnik told the Avis at the time that George was among the seven. George had been with the authority for more than 20 years.

Four hurt in early-morning crash

STEVE S. BULLOCK

ST. CROIX — Police on St. Croix were investigating a major traffic accident early Thursday morning in which four people were hospitalized after their vehicle overturned on the South Shore Road.

Police said the four victims — which included three children; ages 1, 12 and 15 — were taken by ambulances to the Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital where they were treated for head and neck injuries.

Police said the driver of the sport utility vehicle apparently lost control after he tried to pass a red Ford pick-up truck in the vicinity of Half Penny Beach shortly after 7:30 a.m.

The driver of the pick-up truck did not give his name but said the SUV — which was traveling west at a high rate of speed — saw an oncoming vehicle, which forced him to swing off the road.

"At that point, it appears that the driver lost control of the vehicle as he tried to pull the vehicle back unto the road — causing it to swerve across the road before flipping a number of times down into the cattle pasture," the driver of the Ford truck said.

Police said the driver of the SUV narrowly missed a utility pole.

Turnbull, Christensen meet Interior secretary

TIM HAY

USVI — According to a Government House news release, Gov. Charles Turnbull on Tuesday concluded the National Governors Association Conference in Washington, D.C. by meeting with several members of President George Bush's cabinet — including Gale Norton, recently appointed secretary of the interior.

"I am pleased to say that the new administration has expressed a great willingness to work with us as partners in our fiscal problems," the governor said, "and to ensure consideration of local interests in the development of administrative initiatives. With the continuing support of our friends in the Congress, I am hopeful for a successful partnership."

In his meeting with Norton, Turnbull discussed the national monuments Bill Clinton designated in his final days in office. The move restricts commercial activity in 30,000 additional acres of protected reef, and has caused an uproar in the local fishing community.

"Secretary Norton reaffirmed her position that local communities and local officials must be fully consulted before any management plans could be implemented that would restrict existing commercial or historical uses," the release said.

Also attending the meeting was VI Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen, who asked Norton to help her determine who actually owns the land. It has not yet been determined whether Clinton's monuments are part of the submerged lands that former President Gerald Ford turned over to the VI in 1974.

She asked that the designation of "no-take zones" — which restricts fishing — be delayed. Christensen said fishermen did not oppose replenishing fish populations, but that "a balance should be struck between preservation and the socioeconomic well-being of the community."

The following day, Christensen brought these same concerns before a meeting of the Coral Reef Task Force.

On Turnbull's trip, he also met with House and Senate leaders, and discussed economic matters — such as debt relief from Federal Emergency Management Agency loans and an extension of the rum-tax formula, which will expire at the end of the year.

The VI owes FEMA more than $200 million in disaster-aid loans following hurricanes Hugo and Marilyn. Last year, Turnbull was able to modify the loans under the Federal Credit Reform Act.

The news release said Turnbull's meeting with Sen. Joe Skeen, whose subcommittee must appropriate the funds to cancel the loans, was successful.

"I am very encouraged," Turnbull said, "by the support I received on both the Senate and House sides. "It is a complicated legal process, but I believe we are getting close to a favorable conclusion."

The governor also asked cabinet officials to extend the rum-tax formula he drew up two years ago. Turnbull got the VI a larger share of the taxes on rum exported to the states — from $10.50 per proof gallon to $13.25. This boost resulted in an additional $30 million for the territory this year, the release said.



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AA cancels flights at JFK as mechanics continue slowdown

NEW YORK (AP) — American Airlines canceled 39 more flights Thursday morning as a work slowdown by aircraft mechanics at Kennedy Airport stretched into a second day, the airline said.

The airline said it canceled 15 inbound and 24 outbound flights, in addition to the 90 flights canceled Wednesday. A regular flight schedule was to resume in the afternoon, American said in a statement. "We believe this activity is deliberate, illegal and unwarranted, and it is totally unexpected," the airline said. American spokesman Tim Kincaid had said that when the airline received word of the slowdown, passengers were contacted and offered flights on different days, from different airports or on different airlines. Some were given refunds, he said.

The slowdown was limited to American Airlines flights at JFK, but its impact was felt around the country.

The airline is in contract talks with the mechanics and airport ground workers, represented by the Transport Workers Union, as well as with its flight attendants. Kincaid said the airline and mechanics had been negotiating since October.

Officials at TWU Local 562 did not return calls seeking comment.

President goes on road trip to dispel spending 'myths'

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — President Bush is trying to set the record straight on his spending plan, crisscrossing the country to dispel "myths" that he says critics are using to distort his intentions.

Bush brought his campaign-style effort to Arkansas Thursday, touting his budget's Main Street appeal by shifting the focus to its education and health research components.

He went to Lakewood Elementary School, where half the pupils are economically disadvantaged and where annual testing has helped improve academic performance of fourth- and fifth-graders.

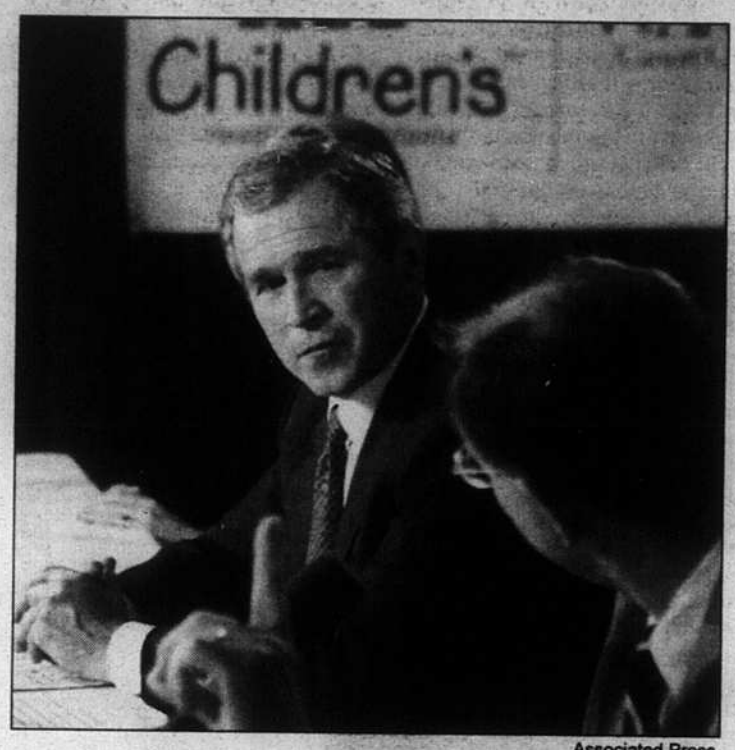
Asked by a fifth-grade pupil what her children would learn about his presidency, Bush said, "I hope they'll read about how politicians were able to discuss differences in a civil way, that there's not a lot of anger in the political process."

The president also is recruiting members of Congress to vote for his budget plan. He was accompanied to Little Rock by Sen. Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark.

He chafed about lawmakers who he accused of nitpicking his budget over one pet program or another.

"Those are sometimes the people who aren't responsible for viewing the budget in its entirety," he said. "I just want to assure you that the budget I submitted sets priorities, pays down debt, has a contingency fund and there's still money left over. And I'm going to argue vociferously anytime anybody will listen that at this point in our nation's history, the wise thing to do with that money is to remember who paid it in the first place and let the payers keep the money."

Bush was heading later to a children's hospital in Atlanta to highlight his request for $23.1 billion for the National Institutes of Health — a record $2.8 billion increase. Congress and the Clinton administration already had been allocating billions to the research facility in order to double NIH's funding by 2003, and Bush's proposed increase keeps that initiative on track.



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President Bush listens to Dr. Bill woods, chief medical officer at Egleston Children's Hospital in Atlanta Thursday after he visited young cancer patients there.

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Ventura backs off on press 'practical joke'

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Gov. Jesse Ventura says reporters will no longer be required to wear their new "Official Jackal" press passes.

Speaking on WCCO-AM, Ventura said Thursday that the press passes were "drawing too much attention — typical of the media not paying attention to what's important to the public but what's important to them, I guess."

Ventura's staff issued the new credentials on Jan. 20. They feature a full-body photograph of the governor, dressed all in black and pointing Uncle Sam-style at the camera. The credentials read "Official Jackal."

A few news organizations objected to having their reporters wear the passes.

"I've got a budget to deal with and I don't need to be distracted because the media gets a little out of kilter over a practical joke on them," Ventura said.

Tax-cut package sails through House committee

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans pushed the income-tax rate cuts at the heart of President Bush's economic program through the House Ways and Means Committee on Thursday, overriding vehement Democratic protests.

The committee vote was 23-15, strictly along party lines, and cleared the way for a vote in the full House next week as GOP lawmakers pressed for an early legislative success for the new president.

The committee's chairman, Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., said the legislation would provide a "stimulus for the unsteady American economy" while helping working taxpayers.

Even before he spoke, though, senior Democrats in both houses renewed their attack on the measure and unveiled their own, less costly alternative, adjusted to favor lower- and middle-income wage earners.

"This is the most irresponsible legislative act that I've ever seen, a rush to judgment," House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri said of Bush's plan, renewing his claim that it would shortchange debt reduction and vital government programs.

But the tax-writing committee rejected the Democratic alternative before voting on Bush's measure.

The president's package would cut income tax rates and collapse the current five tax brackets into four. When fully phased in by 2006, it would create a new low-rate tax bracket of 10 percent and cut the highest rates, now pegged at 36 percent and 39.6 percent, to 33 percent.

The GOP made changes in the president's proposal that would expand the relief by accelerating a cut in the lowest tax rate and making it retroactive to Jan. 1. Thomas said Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill had embraced the changes.

Republicans said their measure would cost $958 billion over 10 years, about $65 billion more than the equivalent portion of Bush's plan. Thomas said other elements of the president's recommended cuts, including repeal of the estate tax, would be acted on later in the year.

Thomas and other Republicans stressed Wednesday that they were moving swiftly to help stave off recession.

But their action also appeared designed to give a quick boost to Bush, who was on a two-day national swing to promote his tax cuts. Republican officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said House Speaker Dennis Hastert of Illinois spoke emphatically at a closed-door meeting of the rank and file of the need to support the president and act quickly to help the economy.

At the same time, officials acknowledged no legislation is likely to reach Bush's desk for months. Democrats have the ability to delay action on a tax cut until Congress has approved an overall tax and spending plan, a process that customarily lasts until April or May.



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Rep. J.C. Watts, R-Okla., left, accompanied by House Majority Whip Tom DeLay of Texas, center, and House Majority Leader Dick Armey of Texas, meets reporters on Capitol Hill Thursday to call for passage of President Bush's tax-cut package.

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EDITORIAL:

The sky is falling

The local breast-beating over the coming tax cuts hatched by the dreaded George W. Bush administration has begun. With furrowed brow and grave intonation, our senators and radio commentators and other pundits are predicting dire consequences for the territory. The Internal Revenue Bureau has estimated that the hit to the USVI will be around $30 million, more or less, to be reflected on the 2001 tax returns.

All the usual red buttons are being duly hit. Senator Liburd has said the loss from the cuts to the local coffers is all the more reason that the feds should hand over part of the gasoline excise taxes it collects for the Highway Trust Fund. Liburd thinks we should have our roads and eat them too.

Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen wants Washington to give us "special consideration because of our unique circumstances." Those would be, we guess, a bloated public sector, inept government operating practices, gross patronage and cronyism, hostility towards outside investors and a Legislature run by people whose idea of long-term planning is what to get the kids for Christmas.

Government by crisis is not a special circumstance; it is a scheme — intentional or not — that gives license to ask for that which you do not deserve. Louisiana, for example, would be hard-pressed to justify special treatment by Washington because it's governor was a crook. That's Louisiana's problem, not the country's.

You will note that whenever the question of why the territory is in a permanent fiscal emergency arises, the fingers of blame pop out like porcupine quills. The mess was "inherited." The feds are stealing our rum taxes and our gasoline taxes. The wicked airlines charge too much for seats to the territory. The hurricanes are coming. Cuba is pilfering our tourism base. Clinton screwed up our fishing industry. Rockefeller stole St. John. Jeffrey Prosser is responsible for everything. Southern Energy tried to swipe WAPA. There is, as they say, a kernel of truth in all of these. But just a kernel.

So there is no need to throw ourselves into the Caribbean because the rascals in Washington are giving money back to the people. The economics of the supply-side model work here just as they work up north: More money in the people's hands will drive investment and consumer spending.

And the truth is also that there is a tidy windfall of income taxes coming to the territory next year from people who have recently established residency here under the IDC programs — about $50 million or so that no one — especially our "crisis managers" — is talking about.

One of the meanest and commonest tricks in politics is to pretend things are much worse than they really are — and then make believe something drastic has to be done about the situation, for which you need the selfless services of that very politician. This is known as the Chicken Little Syndrome.

There is no shortage of severe and deeply troubling problems facing us. The tax cut is not one of them.



Letters to the editor

It's time to respect voters' mandate

Dear Editor:

Our worthy senators ought to know that true respect cannot be legislated. Offering respect to others is what generates it in return.

The voters in the U.S. Virgin Islands have respectfully asked the Senate to reduce its numbers on two separate electoral opportunities.

To this date, in return V.I. citizens have gotten more clamour, melee, infighting and self-serving, embarassing nastiness than ever. All this at an expense that is staggering to a government more than $1 billion in debt.

Change and accountability were mandated by majority ballot in two referendums precisely because of the negative behavior and free-spending habits of way too many senators. Where is the respect offered to the voters who elected this group of poppy shows?

What has to happen? Must we form a V.I. Economic Liberation Front to radically cast these chains from our necks?

Perhaps a guaranteed re-election to the first senator to slap the appropriate senate reduction bill on the table? Divisive, self-serving business is not the people's business. Respecting the mandate of the people is the right business of the V.I. Legislature. Now!

Please and thank you.

Mark Vinzant
St. Croix

Let's trade some senators for more services

Dear Editor:

I'm sure these opinions are shared by most Virgin Islanders.

I would like one less senator, and propane for every school. I would like another senator gone so we can have potholes filled.

Get rid of one more senator and we can have bush-cutting along all of the roads. Get rid of another and all of our road lights will work without the extra dollar charge on our WAPA bills.

Get rid of a radio program, and we'll save another batch of money for some library supplies. And on and on until we just have a maximum of five senators: two from St. Croix, two from St. Thomas and one from St. John.

Maybe the law enforcement officers may even want to enforce the laws we already have on the books and perhaps get money from citations to pay police better. Enforce some of the bigger laws and get bigger bucks to pay teachers better. Enforce the laws we have on the books, and we don't need any senators to invent new laws we don't need.

Please, community, get together to get rid of these selfish, extravagant, money-spending senators!

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Bling-bling rings hollow in courtroom



Clarence Page

WASHINGTON — Children seem to learn lessons more effectively when you show them than when you tell them. That's why I want to take this opportunity to thank Eminem and Sean "Puffy" Combs.

In no more time than it takes to flash a photographer's camera, they have taught an important lesson to my preteen son - and taught it more effectively than a week's worth of preaching from me.

The lesson has to do with the value of putting forth a proper appearance, as my elders used to say. There is value, I have tried to say, in combing your hair once in a while, putting on a nice, clean, pressed suit and tie and polishing your shoes with something besides chocolate bars.

To appreciate this lesson, you have to be clued in enough to know how these two young men usually dress.

Eminem, also known as Marshall Bruce Mathers III and "The Real Slim Shady," usually dresses like a walking garage sale — enormous moonwalker-sized gym shoes, baggy pants hanging precariously on his hips and a gigantic T-shirt draping down to his knees. You might call it the "full hip-hop" look.

Puffy usually goes to the opposite extreme. He usually looks, as my grandma used to say, "prosperous," to put it mildly. He can afford it. The multimillionaire rap and fashion mogul sometimes drips more jewelry than Tiffany's windows. He flashes "bling-bling," as the young folks like to say these days, imitating the jingle of a cash register.

But not in court.

No, when Eminem pleaded guilty in a Mount Clemens, Mich., courtroom to a weapons charge last week, stemming from a June 4 confrontation outside a Warren, Mich., bar, he wore a conservative suit, necktie, shirt and glasses. His usually bright blond topknot had been combed down. He wore little spectacles. Only a modest earring signaled the old Em.

Puffy has made similarly modest appearances in his high-profile trial to answer felony gun-possession charges stemming from a December 1999 nightclub shooting that left three people injured. In court photos, he's into Wall Street corporate style. Pin-striped suits. Conservative ties. No bling-bling.

I showed a news photo of Eminem to the guy who first told me about the young rapper, my son. Last year, when Eminem had the nation's No. 1 selling pop CD for several months, "everybody" in my son's fifth-grade class was into him, I was informed. It didn't matter that we would only buy the censored version of his CDs. He could hear the uncensored versions every day at recess on somebody else's Walkman.

When I showed news photos of Eminem in court to my son, his mouth dropped open and he uttered one of his most sincere indicators of amazement, "What's up with that?!"

"What do you think of his wardrobe?," I asked.

"I think," my son said as his astonishment broke into an impish chuckle, "he looks like he's trying to turn white again."

By this, my African-American son meant no racial disrespect. He merely was observing that Eminem's fame has come largely from living the bad-boy street punk image that usually is associated with black gangster-style rappers. Even when they actually grew up in affluent suburbs, gangster-style rappers want you to think they come from "the street."

That may help explain why Puffy allowed himself to get into his pickle with law. It does not do you much good to work your way up out of the streets if you fail to work the streets out of you.

Anyway, now that Eminem's hide is in the hands of America's criminal justice system, as Jay Leno quipped, "The last thing he wants is to be treated like a black man."

No, now that his hide is on the line, he is more than happy to just be white again.

"He usually looks cool, but now he's looking serious ... and conservative," my son said.

"Coolness" is the ultimate compliment in the vocabulary of today's youths. It determines who gets the biggest share of the $100 billion spent by today's 32 million teenagers.

Critics as diverse as Lynne Cheney and various gay and lesbian activist groups decry Eminem's raunchy, misogynist and gay-bashing lyrics and the industry that has nominated him for honors at the Grammys.

But, in my son's circle, Eminem already has fallen out of the heights of "cool," crowded out of the white rap pantheon by others like Kid Rock and Papa Roach. No, tastes often change. Money can come and go. But the simple virtues like honesty, character and integrity have staying power, long after the bling-bling goes kablooey.

US is not world power that we think it is



Charley Reese

Novelist Ayn Rand said something once that every American should keep in mind. She said, "We can evade reality, but we cannot evade the consequences of evading reality."

So true. People evade reality all the time by rationalizing, fantasizing or just refusing to think. One of the great literary examples was Scarlett O'Hara's oft-repeated phrase, "I'll worry about that tomorrow."

Procrastination is a form of evading reality. So is excessively watching television or reading novels. Or drinking. Or taking dope.

The reality we are trying to evade, of course, is our life, the only thing we have.

The really dangerous evasion of reality, however, is the delusion, shared by liberals and conservatives, Democrats and Republicans, that America is a special country that, because of its power and size, has a moral obligation to lead the world and shape it in our own image.

We are not a special country. We are a lucky country. We owe our size and prosperity to our ancestors. These ancestors were a rough-and-tough bunch, about as politically incorrect as you can be. But they seized the choice parts of the North American continent. They left the frozen tundra for Canada and the deserts for Mexico.

But our size and our power give us neither the moral right nor the ability to rule the world. If we do not shed this delusion, we'll follow the path of all previous empires and collapse sometime in the new century. Let us look at ourselves realistically.

Our military power is mainly nuclear, and nuclear weapons are suicidal. We have not won a real war since 1945. We had a stalemate in Korea and defeat in Vietnam. The Gulf War amounted to a mugging of the expeditionary force of a Third World country. It is no great military feat for 1,200 advanced warplanes, 600,000 troops and a fleet of modern ships to drive 200,000 draftees out of Kuwait, where they had neither air support nor cover.

We've become a nation that deludes itself with hype. We called that a great victory, and we conveniently forget that a truck bomber drove us out of Lebanon. The barefoot soldiers of a Somali warlord droves us out of Somalia.

We have since taken to using $1 million missiles to blow up an aspirin factory in Sudan and some tents and outhouses in Afghanistan.

The war against Yugoslavia was a failure. We bombed a little country of 10 million souls. Their army, however, emerged unscathed. And we drove out the people we intended to protect. In the end, Russian diplomacy saved our face.

Now our own inept diplomacy has American troops sitting in armed compounds for an indefinite period of time and with no hope of solving the political problems.

If we continue to pursue American hegemony, we will create our own opposition.

What we have to do is recognize that the rest of world is not going to accept American hegemony. Frankly, I don't think we have either the ability or the sand in our craw to impose it.

When the government is terrified of losing a single pilot, then we better not tangle with a country that will kill our soldiers by the thousands.

If we're scared to death of a terrorist, then we'd better not tangle with people who have the willingness and the ability to lay a nuke on Los Angeles or San Francisco.

We have too many academics and journalists in the so-called foreign-policy establishment. Most have no experience in either war or diplomacy. They live inside their heads. They read. They write.

But it's the reality outside their heads that can kill us.

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Beauty queen has her doubts

GARY, Ind. (AP) — Dana Powell is getting an insider's view for her college thesis on whether beauty pageants exploit women.

Powell is Miss Massachusetts and she will be trying just as hard as everyone else for the jeweled tiara at the Miss USA pageant Friday night.

At the same time, the senior at Emerson College in Boston will be tucking away tidbits for her senior paper examining the best — and worst — that pageants have to offer.

"The more knowledge I acquire, the older I get, the harder it is to just say, 'Pageants are fun,' and that's it. I have to see them for what they are and see that they can be negative," said Powell, who is from New York and whose family lives in Rockville Centre, N.Y.

Powell, 21, worries that women are degrading themselves by modeling swimsuits for judges and always comparing their looks. And though she loves the glamour, she's unhappy with the message beauty pageants can give to young girls about the ideal body image.



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Miss Massachusetts Dana Powell, left rear, sits with other Miss USA contestants Wednesday as they listen to stage instructions during a rehearsal for the Miss USA Pageant in Gary, Ind.

Miss Hawaii Christy Leonard isn't worried that Powell is studying her.

"If someone is watching me, I'm being myself, so however she wants to portray me is fine," she said.

Miss Michigan Kenya Howard, a model and engineer who works at General Motors Corp., said she's not worried about Powell because she always operates like she's on a stage.

"I actually think it's a good idea. It's a good thesis," Howard said.

Powell, who is majoring in broadcast journalism, decided to write her thesis on beauty pageants after becoming Miss Massachusetts.

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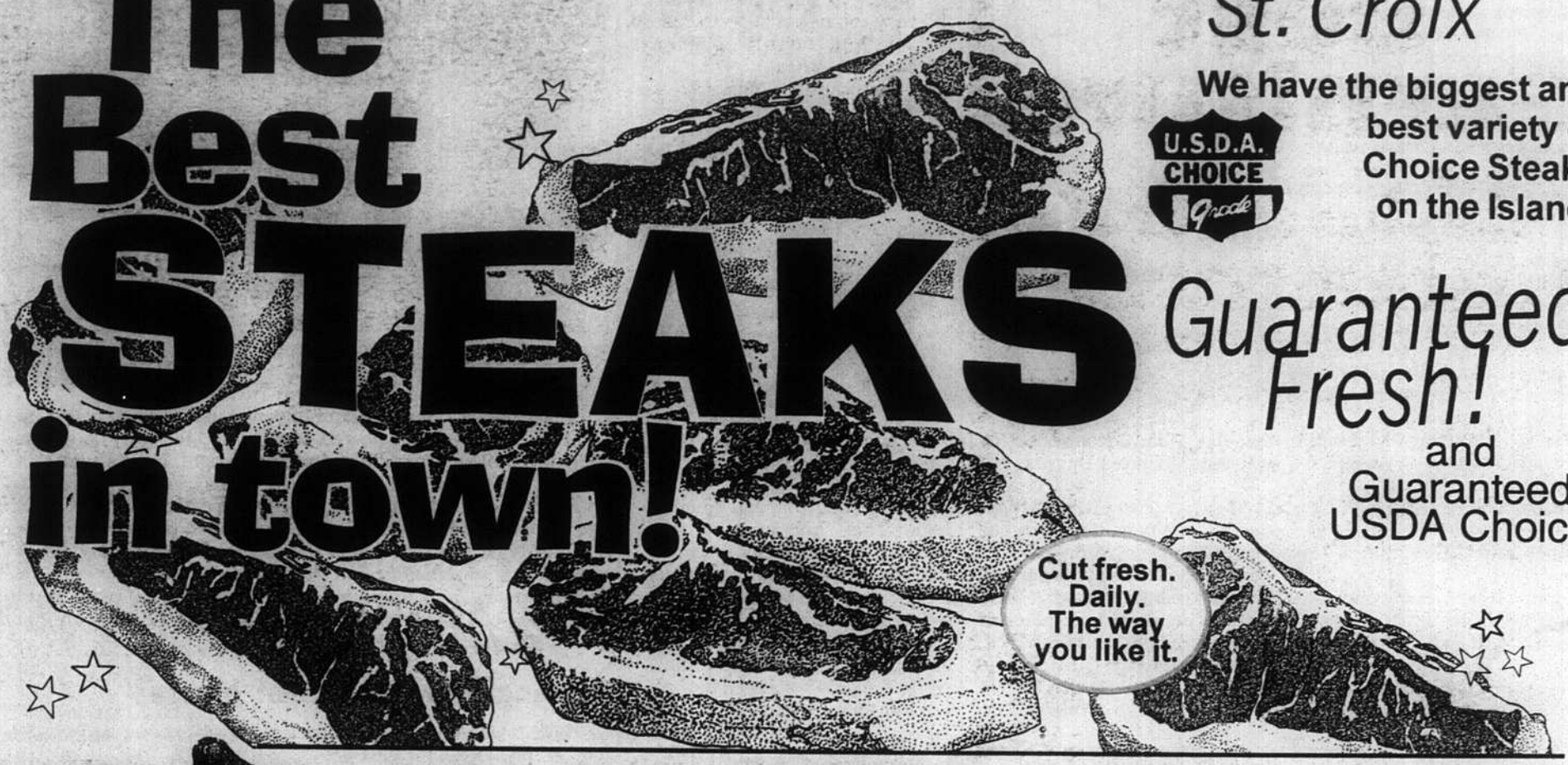
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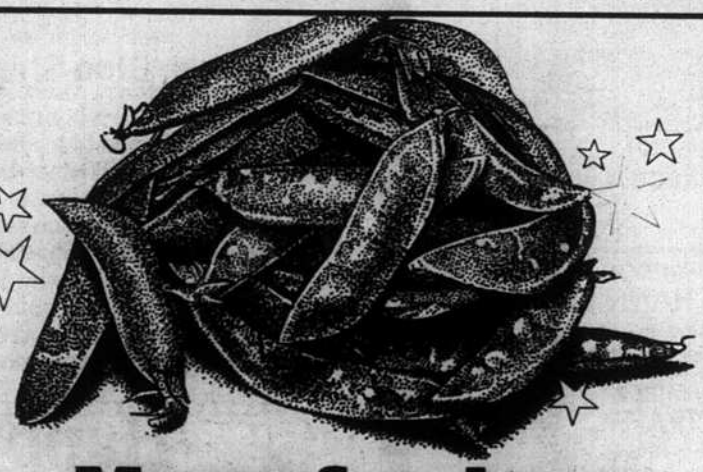
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New York wants $137 million from Rich

NEW YORK (AP) — State tax authorities went after fugitive financier Marc Rich for $137 million Thursday and warned the billionaire pardoned by President Clinton that his New York property — from real estate to bank accounts — will be targeted.

"Mr. Rich has avoided his tax payments in New York for nearly two decades while he was under federal indictment," state Tax Commissioner Arthur Roth said. "It is now time for him to pay the piper."

Clinton pardoned Rich on federal criminal charges accusing him of fraud, engaging in illegal oil deals with Iran and evading more than $48 million in taxes. But the pardon did not preclude civil litigation like that was brought Thursday in New York.

The state is seeking $26.9 million in back taxes for 1980-82 for money Rich earned from two companies later charged with fraud. It is also seeking $13.5 million in penalties and $97.4 million in interest.

"Marc Rich is to asset concealment what Babe Ruth was to baseball," Roth said.

A call to Rich lawyer Jack Quinn was not immediately returned. But Quinn has said his client is ready to return to face possible civil penalties. Rich has lived in Switzerland for years.



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New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance Arthur J. Roth addresses the media Thursday in New York.

Under the terms of his pardon, Rich was required to waive legal defenses he might have planned to use in any civil litigation.

His pardon by Clinton has prompted an investigation by U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White of New York and congressional committees. They are looking into whether contributions to Democrats by Rich's ex-wife, songwriter Denise Rich, and others may have led to the pardon.

Clinton has defended the move, saying civil rather than criminal charges should have been brought against Rich.

ONLY IN America

Couple almost misses $11 million deadline

UPLAND, Calif. (AP) — For nearly six months, Ruben and Michelle Montoya had no idea how lucky they were.

The couple struck it rich in September when a lottery ticket they bought hit all six numbers, but they didn't get around to checking the numbers until Wednesday, just hours before the ticket would have expired.

Michelle Montoya said she caught a news report Wednesday about the unclaimed $11 million prize.

"I couldn't believe it," she said. "There was the guy I buy my groceries from on TV."

That sent Ruben Montoya searching through a stack of old tickets, until he found the one with the winning numbers.

Haitian casts fate to winds, and loses

MIAMI (AP) — The curiosity of customs agents created a bad break for a man with a thick cast on his arm.

Agents said they selected Joel Calistan for a random search after he stepped off a plane from Haiti on Tuesday.

A search of his bags at Miami International Airport turned up nothing, but Calistan appeared nervous and his story about his supposed broken arm didn't sound quite right, agents said.

That's when they took a closer look at his cast.

Calistan eventually agreed to let the inspectors examine and drill into the cast, and the inside of the cast tested positive for cocaine. When the cast was removed at a local hospital, 2.3 pounds of cocaine were seized, Customs officials said.

Calistan now faces another bad break — up to 10 years in prison if convicted of unlawful importation of a controlled substance and possession with intent to distribute.

No dancing by the casket, please

CINCINNATI (AP) — Music played at funeral homes isn't always somber anymore.

"You can walk into a funeral home today and have as much chance of hearing Elton John or Celine Dion as Bach or Beethoven," said Kelly Smith, spokeswoman for the National Funeral Directors Association.

"I bet I played 'Go Rest High on that Mountain' (by Vince Gill) at least 10 times last year," said Cliff Hodapp, director of three funeral homes near Cincinnati. "And Bette Midler — 'Wind Beneath My Wings' — is another big one."

Joel Terbrueggen, who manages several Kentucky funeral homes, said families set the tone.

"We just had one last night," Terbrueggen said Wednesday. "The family brought in a stack of CDs they wanted us to play."

The selections included tunes by the country band Dixie Chicks.

Embattled 'Blue Shirt' gets another reprieve

MILWAUKEE (AP) — For now, county officials are giving the airport's much-maligned blue shirt project a chance.

A committee voted Wednesday not to terminate artist Dennis Oppenheim's $220,000 contract for the giant sculpture, which has generated controversy since a model of it was presented last month. The sculpture, as planned, will look like a giant blue shirt hanging on an airport parking garage.

The full County Board could still vote in March to end the contract.

Some officials wanted to pull the contract after seeing the design of the two-story sculpture planned for Mitchell International Airport.

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Sat.-Sun: 3:20, 5:15, 7:20, 9:15. "G"

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Sat.-Sun: 4:00, 6:50, 9:15. "R"

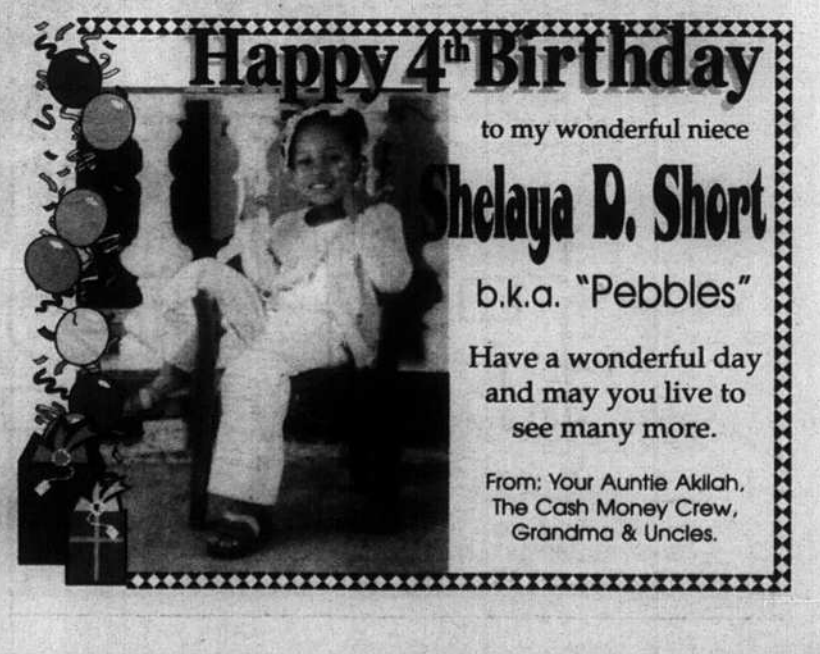
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Colombian President Andres Pastrana, left, meets with President Bush in the Oval Office at the White House Tuesday in Washington.

■ COLOMBIA

Pastrana: US role crucial to talks

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — President Bush's refusal to send an envoy to upcoming peace talks with leftist rebels is stirring criticism in Colombia and prompting an examination of the U.S. role in the war-torn country.

Critics fault Washington for providing combat helicopters and army trainers under a $1.3 billion anti-narcotics package, while boycotting negotiations to end the South American country's conflict. But others applauded Bush for declining to send a U.S. envoy to a March 8 meeting with other foreign envoys and rebels of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC. They say the United States has no business dealing with guerrillas who make huge profits from the drug trade and have kidnapped and killed American citizens during a 37-year struggle.

Visiting Washington this week, Colombian President Andres Pastrana urged the United States to participate in the upcoming meeting between the government, guerrillas and diplomats from dozens of countries and the United Nations. Bush declined, saying the talks are "an issue that the Colombian people and the Colombian president can deal with."

Bush was also maintaining a prohibition imposed under former President Clinton on U.S. contacts with the FARC. The ban came after rebels killed three American pro-Indian activists in Colombia in March 1999.

Pastrana said Thursday that there had been a misunderstanding, and the United States had never been directly invited to the talks.

"We never invited the U.S. to be in the talks. There was a lot of misinformation," Pastrana told The Associated Press during a visit to Malaysia. "It was not an invitation to participate directly on the negotiating table."

Pastrana is trying to solidify international support for peace talks that have been his administration's top priority.

Ciro Ramirez, the president of Pastrana's Conservative Party, urged Bush on Wednesday to reconsider.

"The United States is the world's power," Ramirez said on national radio here. "We hope ... the United States will change its mind in the coming days because it would be important to have them as monitors and verifiers of the peace process."

FARC chief Manuel Marulanda said the group had already confessed and apologized for its role in the killings of the Americans, and punished the guilty rebels.

"If (the United States) does not want to come and speak with us, there's nothing more to do other than extend the invitation," Marulanda told reporters Wednesday in Los Pozos, the southern village where the March meeting will be held.

While keeping its distance from the peace process, Washington is fortifying Colombia's military. The $1.3 billion aid package is financing an offensive into guerrilla-dominated regions where cocaine production flourishes.

"The message received in Colombia will be that the United States has limitless resources and political will where military aid is concerned, but is unwilling even to take symbolic action to support Colombia's peace process," the Center for International Policy, a liberal Washington think tank, said in a statement criticizing Bush's decision.

Snow baby may not lose her extremities

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Baby Erika, who survived hypothermia and was suffering from frostbite, will walk again on her own two feet, her plastic surgeon said.

The 13-month-old Edmonton girl, whose heart stopped for two hours after she wandered outdoors in subzero temperatures during the weekend, will likely not lose her severely frostbitten feet, Dr. Gary Lobbay said.

Doctors initially feared Erika could lose major portions of her limbs, but Lobbay said Wednesday it appeared her frostbitten hands and feet were healing.

"She should be able to walk with maybe some, maybe no, or maybe minimal disability, but at least she will be able to walk on her feet," Lobbay said.

It is still too early to tell if Erika will lose any fingers or toes, he said, but the outlook is good.

"She was dead for two hours so obviously her heart has to be monitored," Lobbay said.

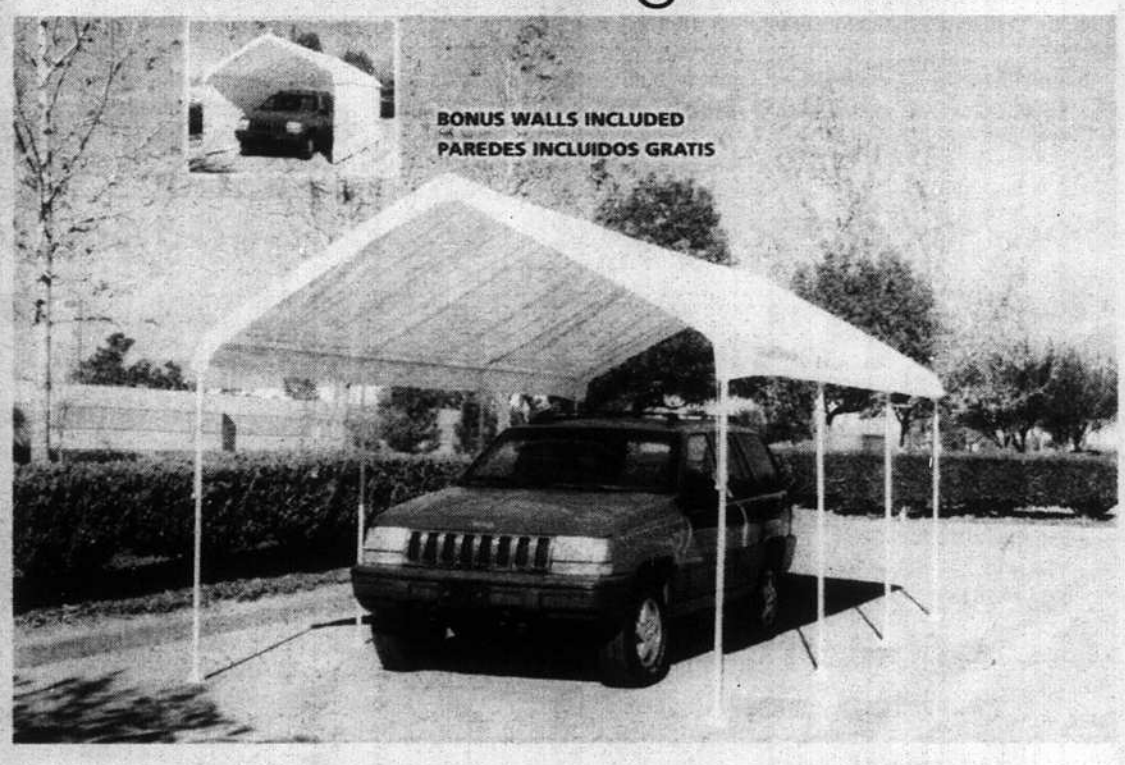
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13 more bodies pulled from train wreck

GREAT HECK, England (AP) — Rescuers working in wet and frigid conditions Thursday pulled the last known victims from a shattered express train, while the eerie sounds of mobile phones rang in the mangled wreckage.

Thirteen bodies were recovered from the site of Wednesday morning's accident in northeast England — when the passenger train collided with a car and a freight train in an improbable and catastrophic chain of events. Police said more bodies could be trapped underneath the wreckage.

The bodies were taken to a makeshift mortuary while emergency workers searched the wreckage of the train for possessions that could help identify the dead. As they worked, mobile phones inside the train rang sporadically.

"These may be from people trying to ring their loved ones to see if they are all right," said Chief Inspector Martin Hemingway of South Yorkshire Police. "It is quite an unnerving sound."

Seventy people were injured in the accident, and 33 remained in hospitals Thursday evening.



Associated Press

Firefighters work amid wreckage of a passenger train following the accident at Great Heck, England, Wednesday.

At the crash site, workers hurried to complete the difficult and dangerous task of recovering the bodies so that the corpses would not spend a second night in the open.

"The recovery operation is a matter of some urgency because there are a lot of foxes in the area, and grisly though it may sound, we do not want them contaminating the site," said Superintendent Tony Thompson of the British Transport Police.

Construction crews were shoring up the sodden ground around the site so heavy equipment could be used to clear the widely scattered wreckage of the two trains. It could take up to 10 days to haul away all the wrecked cars, Thompson said.

"It's got to be taken away piece by piece," he said.

The train operator, Great North Eastern Railway, said the driver of the express train, John Weddle, and onboard chef Paul Taylor were among those killed. One of two drivers on the freight train also died.

Relatives of passengers missing and presumed dead were gathering at two reception centers set up in nearby towns, and were to be allowed to visit the crash site later if they wished.

Colombia cans 135 cops for various errors

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — The police force fired 135 mostly low-ranking officers, but a top official said Thursday the purge had nothing to do with human rights violations or links to right-wing groups.

Officers were fired for offenses including abandoning their posts, mistreating suspects or drinking on the job, said Alfonso Arellano, inspector-general of Colombia's 100,000-officer police force.

"These are routine firings that come basically for common offenses committed while these officials were serving the public," Arellano said. The purge, one if the largest in recent years, was announced late Wednesday. The highest ranking officers let go were majors, and most were street cops.

Colombia's police force has undergone several purges in recent years, and has a cleaner reputation than the military, which is alleged to have ties to right-wing paramilitary groups fighting leftist guerrillas.

But indications of possible police ties to paramilitary groups emerged last month when authorities arrested police Capt. Carlos Gomez for the December shooting of a labor leader who was pushing for peace talks with the guerrillas.

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VALERIE LOVETT

ST. CROIX — Live jazz is rare on St. Croix. And live jazz from an internationally renowned musician is really rare. Tonight at Club 54, jazz vocalist Kenny Colman will be "bringing swing to the islands."

Colman has journeyed long and hard to become one of the world's most respected jazz artists and is dedicated to his career.

"You do something for this long because you love it," Colman said. "If you find something you love to do, and do it with passion, the reward may not be as much financial security as you'd like, but at least you love what you're doing."

Colman, a native of Vancouver, Canada, began his singing career in New York City. According to his biography, he spent his nights in the early sixties singing in small jazz and blues clubs. He was discovered there by Sarah Vaughan, who helped him get his first professional gig in the Las Vegas Flamingo hotel.

He began touring, signed a record contract and appeared on The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson.

However, in 1964, as Colman's career was taking off, the Beatles brought rock n' roll to the forefront — and jazz took a back seat.

Colman has worked at venues throughout the world over the years and has released two albums.

He said his visit to St. Croix is the result of a promise to sing at a friend's wedding, and he decided to do a show while on the island.

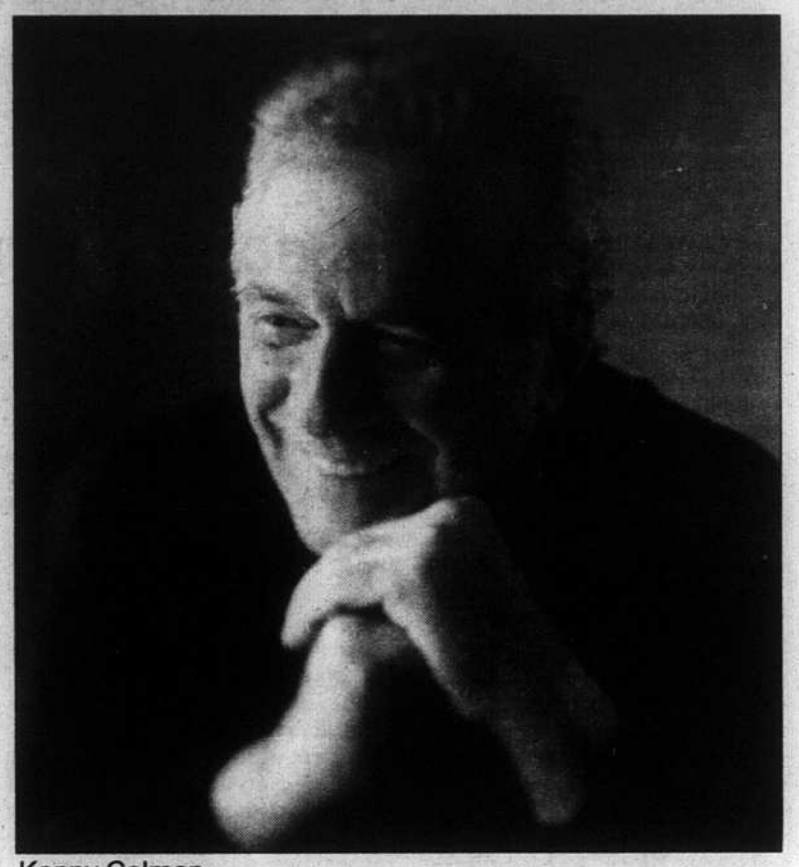
"In reality the islands have made a huge contribution to music through calypso, reggae, hip hop, rap and blues," Colman said. "But I'm bringing more of a swing and soft-jazz approach — Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett style."

Colman fine-tuned his skills under one of the best: Frank Sinatra was his friend and mentor.

"He was a beautiful guy," Colman said. "He was very philanthropic and very kind."

Colman said tonight's concert will be an opportunity for people to experience some laid-back swing music.

"If people feel like dancing, they should get up and dance," he said. "I want people to relax, swing and have a good time."



Kenny Colman

Buried treasures

New VI radio station aims to dig up hits

VALERIE LOVETT

ST. CROIX — Virgin Islanders will be given a new option in entertainment with the launch of newly formatted Pirate Radio 96.1. The station, formerly known as 96 Rock, will begin airing as Pirate Radio noon today.

"People should expect something fun and creative," radio station manager Brian Hollenbaugh said, "something that will hopefully get them excited about listening to the radio."

"I was reading somewhere about the legacy of pirates in the Virgin Islands. They all sort of go against the grain."

Brian Hollenbaugh, station manager

According to Hollenbaugh, Pirate Radio will feature a blend of classic rock, current hits and specialty programming, including blues, jazz and reggae — a combination he says is offered by no other station.

"It's a huge void I very strongly felt needed to be filled," he said. "For example, U2 and Steely Dan cleaned house in this year's Grammys, yet no station in the Virgin Islands has been playing the new music — until Pirate Radio. We're embracing these artists."

Hollenbaugh said the target audience consists of people who have moved to the territory in the last few years and may feel "out of the loop."

The programming will include local radio personalities, as well as shows like "Psychedelic Supper," which will provide a blend of classic rock and newer music Hollenbaugh says tends to go deeper than the typical cuts one would hear on the air. Or, for those who prefer heavier rock music, "Nocturnal Emissions" will play cutting-edge rock, Hollenbaugh said.

On Sundays, people can expect to hear plenty of lighter jazz and blues tunes, as well as cuts from artists like Bob Marley and Jimmy Buffet.

Hollenbaugh said he is working to enhance the signal quality to St. Croix, but people on all three islands will be able to pick up the station.

He said he chose to call the station "Pirate Radio" because he hopes to give the station a new image and attitude.

"I was reading somewhere about the legacy of pirates in the Virgin Islands," he said. "They all sort of go against the grain. They carved their own niche down here, and that's what we're doing with the radio station."

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Vibin' with Beres

Hammond talks about changing times in the reggae music business

DAN KUEMMEL

ST. THOMAS — A lot has changed since Beres Hammond started his long, successful climb up the reggae charts in the 1970's. But even in the 21st century, with the face of music and life changing all around him, Hammond still puts out roots-based reggae love songs that continue to draw audiences from all over the world.

"The world is moving too fast, man. I'm just going with the flow," Hammond said in a phone interview from his Kingston home Wednesday, where he was unwinding after a tour of England.

Hammond got hooked into the music business when he recorded his first song "The Wanderer" with a Jamaican group when he was 12 years old. Much has changed about music, technology and life in Jamaica since those days — when musicians would come together to just jam out on the spot, he said. Some for better, and some for worse.

AT A GLANCE
Beres Hammond will perform at the Reichhold Center on St. Thomas at 8 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are still available.

"(In Jamaica) we've got talents in abundance, but I don't see the interest like I see back in the seventies. When I came into the business, it used to be where people used to play and just jam, man. A lot of young folks used to be a part of it."

Today, everything is different — especially the music, Hammond says. Often, styles of Jamaican music such as dancehall and reggae are being lumped together, he said. Although the two are similar styles, the difference between them is like the difference between blues and rock and roll.

"The music has changed, (but) reggae remains where it is. Presently they are calling what is happening reggae and it's not reggae," Hammond explained. "What they are calling dancehall is not reggae. Reggae is a total different thing."

Dancehall originally referred to any large room where people gathered to dance at parties to live bands or sound systems during the 1950's in Jamaica. Dancehall has become much more electronic, but still remains the soul of Jamaican party music. Reggae didn't evolve until the late 1960's and is much more than party music, Hammond said.

"It's all Jamaican music but it is very different," he said. "Dancehall is for partying but (reggae) is not just for partying. It is for learning — it's much more educational."

Studio equipment and the attitudes of singers have also changed since the time when it was an honor and privilege just to walk through the gates of one of the few recording studios in Jamaica, such as the famed Studio One in Kingston, Hammond said.

"Just entering into a studio was like the biggest privilege for a singer. Just going through the gate, one would regard it as the biggest, sweetest ting that could have happened to you," Hammond said with a touch of nostalgia. "Now, it's kind of different."

Many studios are now run mainly by computers. Musicians and producers in the music business use computer programs to correct mistakes in songs being recorded by artists. In some cases, a misplaced beat or off-key note can be fixed with the click of a mouse — the musician doesn't even have to record over the mis-play.

Hammond says the use of electronics and computers can make a song feel hollow and emotionless. Hammond says the technology can also allow artists who may be gifted performers but poor musicians to enter the business for the wrong reasons.

On his new album "Music is Life," Hammond made every effort to avoid using such technology.

"With the computer and everything you are not getting the vibe out. It doesn't have any soul. Now the musicians use one finger and play one song," he said. "Even though this is the age of electronics I still try to keep it real, I try to keep it with more acoustic sounding instruments because they give out much warmer sounds."

Another sign the times are changing is that opportunities for musicians in Jamaica are getting better, he said. Hammond himself spends a great deal of time in his own studio working with up-and-coming talent, and says he much prefers spending time in his studio to being out on the road.

Despite his love for the studio, Hammond is most well known for the many love songs he's written over the years, and "Music Is Life" continues in that tradition.

"I can't get enough love — maybe that's the reason," quipped Hammond, followed by a slow, deep laugh. "I could sing about all kind of revolutionary stuff but I don't think that is the real purpose."

Hammond has put out more than 60 albums over the last thirty years. But don't ask him to list his favorite tunes. Picking favorite songs is like picking which of your children you love the most, Hammond said. The songs, he says, come from keeping his ears and eyes open.

"My life is basically a simple one. I never try to isolate myself from people and everything that is happening around me. I write basically out of everyday experience," he said.

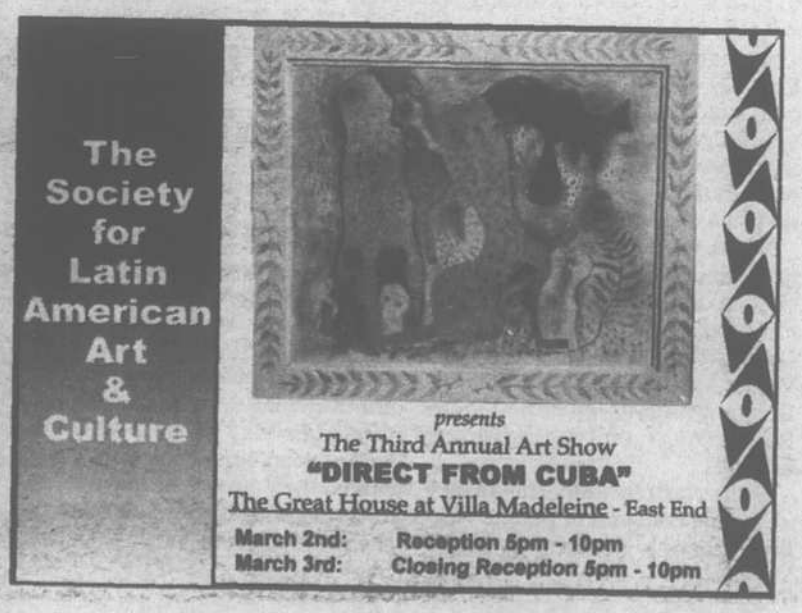
As for advise on love, Hammond says he can't help much other than though his deep, soulful love songs that have his fans singing along to every word at concerts all over the world.

"I don't have much advise on love because I need some myself," joked Hammond, "but those little tidbits I can leave to the youths are, above all, respect now."

In a world that is moving too fast, remember that there is more to life than increasing its speed, Hammond offers as a final note.

"Take it easy, man! Don't move so fast," he said. "To whatever thing you doing, just take your time, son."





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No-nonsense gardening books hit the stands

BY JANE BERGER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

British-born Pamela Harper has been gardening in the United States for over three decades, and gardeners in all parts of the United States have much to learn from her latest book, "Time-Tested Plants: Thirty Years in a Four-Season Garden" (Timber Press, $39.95 hardcover).

With a keen eye for observation and a mind both tolerant and unforgiving, Harper shares both her grand successes and failures with plants and offers hope for green and black thumbs alike.

Harper takes the reader through four seasons at her two-acre Virginia garden on a sheltered tidal creek off the Chesapeake Bay, offering detailed descriptions and stunning photographs of hundreds of trees, shrubs, and perennials that happily co-exist in her garden. All but two of the 250 photographs were taken in her own garden, and they are testament to her outstanding talent for beautiful and striking plant combinations (Mexican bush sage against the yellow autumn foliage of climbing hydrangea or holly fern with the red-flowered Fashion azalea).

Harper's philosophy of gardening is a no-nonsense one that is also ruthless, giving all gardeners the courage to pull out plants that simply do not work. "Thumbs down for purple-leaf plums," she declares, "which attract innumerable pests, including borers and Japanese beetles that turn their leaves to netting."

Gardening in England for 15 years or so before she moved to the United States gave Harper a different background and outlook toward horticulture. Her experience in Britain, she said, taught her to emphasize plants instead of design, to rely on thorough soil preparation before planting, and to favor chartreuse, purple, and cleanly variegated foliage instead of leaves with spots and streaks.

The climate in America is very different from England, however, and Harper was forced to change some of her preferences and methods. "For example, the gentle pastel colors that work so well in England look bleached out and insipid in brilliant sunshine, and I now use stronger colors. And in a region of great heat and fairly heavy rainfall, plants grow a lot faster and need much more frequent pruning."

Harper said she finds gardening in the United States exciting these days, particularly because of "the much greater variety of garden styles" and "a readiness to experiment."

Although "Time-Tested Plants" is specific to the mid-Atlantic region, any gardening enthusiast would be enchanted by this book, packed with engaging stories about both simple encounters and struggles with plants, as well as practical advice and firm opinions on the art of successful gardening.

Gardeners who are particularly enthusiastic about flowers will like "Flowers A to Z" (Abrams, $49.50 hardcover, March), by Cecelia Heffernan. It's a beautiful guide on how to keep them alive once you bring them inside. Heffernan, a floral designer from Jackson Hole, Wyo., gives specific instructions on how to buy and cut flowers to make them last longer, what kind of tools and techniques to use, how to encourage blossoms to open, and how to plant and care for flowers in the garden.

Heffernan guides the reader through various stages of a flower's life, and with detailed, close-up photographs shows how to support cut flowers and prolong vase life, how to handle thick and thin stems, how to trim leaves and thorns, how to use special floral tools.

Each flower has its own special section, listing varieties, growing tips, the meaning of the flower's name, and hints on how to prolong the blooms and how to use them in arrangements.

According to Heffernan, the most long-lasting arrangements are those that contain the same type of flower. "If you buy all tulips or all roses or all gerber daisies," she said, "they're going to last longer than if you mix all three types together." The book does tell the reader, however, how to successfully mix flowers and which ones work best together.

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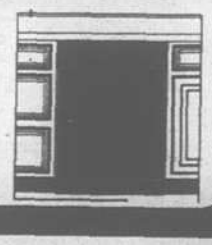
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BLONDIE By Dean Young and Stan Drake



BEETLE BAILEY By Mort Walker



REDEYE By Bill Yates and Mel Casson



MOOSE AND MOLLY By Bob Weber



HERB & JAMAAL By Stephen Bentley



FRED BASSET By Graham



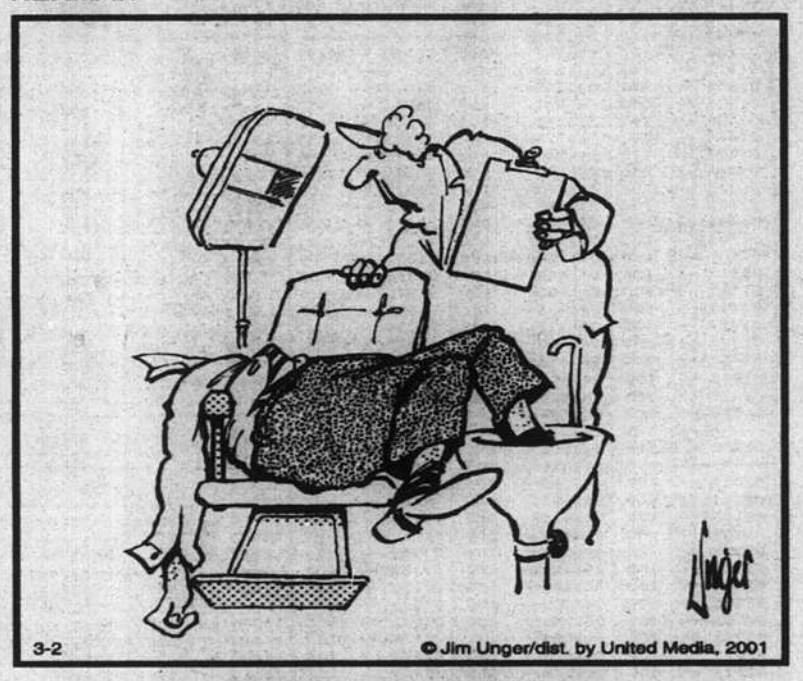
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KIT & CARLYLE



HERMAN



"Dr. Burns says you need two more appointments."

RIPLEY'S



Blood donors' generosity gives family more time with grandpa



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My grandfather is an amazing man. He served his country during World War II. He postponed his dreams to give his five children a better life. He and my grandmother sacrificed and saved so that their children would have the chance to go to college and emerge debt-free. He is the kindest and gentlest person I have ever known.

Last summer, at the age of 84, he almost died of a still undiagnosed blood disorder. What saved his life were multiple transfusions of donated blood. Since that time, he has returned to the hospital for further transfusions and is doing fine.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who gave their time and their blood so that my grandfather could live. Thank you for giving him the opportunity to meet and fall in love with his first great-grandchild. Thank you for giving Grandpa his 62nd wedding anniversary and his 85th birthday. Thank you for allowing his extended family to gather in celebration of Christmas. Thank you for every day that you have given our family the chance to absorb more of his wisdom.

Abby, please ask your readers to take the time to save a grandpa, a child, a stranger or a relative. Give blood. — **KRISTA L. THORNTON, NASHVILLE, TENN.**

DEAR KRISTA: Thank you for your eloquent letter. A pint of blood is easy and painless to give, and it can literally mean the difference between life and death. Readers, if you won't do it for yourselves, consider doing it in the memory of a loved one who didn't make it.

Contact the nearest Red Cross Center by looking in your telephone book or asking the information operator, or call 1-888-256-6388 for the location of your nearest community-focused blood center.

DEAR ABBY: As a child protective social worker and parent-education instructor, I would like to add to your advice to "Concerned Knoxville Mom" whose 10-year-old daughter answers the door when she shouldn't and leaves the door unlocked. None of this is unusual for a 10-year-old left unsupervised for even short periods.

"Concerned Mom's" daughter is saying by her behavior that she is not ready to handle the responsibility of supervising herself for even a short time. A 10-year-old child should not be left unsupervised. It's often too tempting for a child that age to take advantage of his or her "freedom" and try to get away with things they wouldn't get away with when a parent is around.

You should have advised "Concerned Mom" to ask a trusted relative, a friend or neighbor to allow the child to stay at his or her home for the brief period before "Concerned Mom" comes home from work. She should also check with her local welfare department or child protective services about financial assistance for child care. These agencies can direct her to after-school care programs or, if necessary, can even certify a relative, friend or neighbor, after completing a background check and evaluating his or her home, making this alternative caregiver eligible to receive compensation through state child-care funds.

If "Concerned Mom" looks hard enough, she can find alternatives to leaving her 10-year-old daughter at home alone. — **CHILD PROTECTIVE SOCIAL WORKER IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR SOCIAL WORKER: What a helpful letter. I'm sure it will interest many parents of latchkey children from coast to coast who are unaware of the potential help that is available to them.

Horoscope

By Francis Drake

ARIES
(March 21 to April 19)
Remember that freedom sometimes carries a hefty price tag. Seek what you most desire, but make sure that your methods of obtaining it are honest.

TAURUS
(April 20 to May 20)
You are as believable as you are idealistic. This is an excellent time to pull out your pet project or start a new one. People are listening, so make the most of it.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)
If you are bored, you have no one to blame but yourself. A great deal of good fortune is at your fingertips — make sure you're not looking the other way.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)
Subconscious thoughts might be interfering with your common sense. If you feel overwhelmed at work, don't be shy about asking for assistance.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)
Being honest about your hopes and dreams will help pave the way to a far better future. Someone close to you is in more of a position to help than you realize.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
A promise made might be harder to keep than you had anticipated, so make sure that your intentions are genuine. Try to see the bigger picture rather than getting caught up in self-doubts.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
The world is a much smaller place than it appears; try not to get so overwhelmed. Someone you meet might dramatically alter your view on a philosophical matter.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Counterfeits and forgeries are doomed by early discovery. You will be far better off in the long run if you keep your intentions and actions honest.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Free yourself of a burden that has been overtaxing you of late. You might need to save your reserves of energy for more important battles to come.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Knowing exactly what you want finds you feeling impatient with delays. While others might not share your haste, no one doubts your sincerity.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Think carefully when tackling any legal matters — someone might not be as honest as you would like to think. If single, someone you have long desired might be waiting for you with open arms.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to March 20)
All experiences are valid. Even if you don't care for the people involved, you ought to respect their opinions. Put a little distance between yourself and someone taxing.

YOU BORN TODAY With your good looks, dry sense of humor and gregarious spirit, you are often the life and soul of social gatherings. While you are altruistic almost to a fault and love to help humanity as a whole, you are far less giving when it comes to intimate relationships./

BIRTHDATE OF: Alexander Graham Bell, inventor; Jean Harlow, actress; Jackie Joyner-Kersee, Olympic athlete.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Window is smaller. 2. Light is missing. 3. Hat is different. 4. Post is thicker. 5. Pail is smaller. 6. Flag is added.

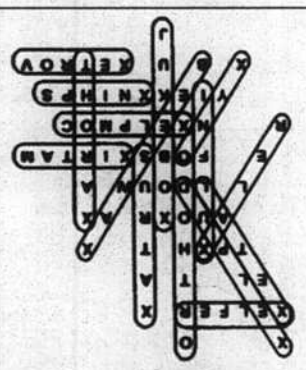
WORD SLEUTH • ENDING IN "X"

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Thursday's unlisted clue: PAIGE

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

Beeswax	Jukebox	Orthodox	Surtax
Complex	Latex	Reflex	Thorax
Duplex	Matrix	Relax	Vortex
Influx	Onyx	Sphinx	



ENDING IN "X"

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

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

ARRIB

PAADT

MELING

FLANEL

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

Answer: SHE " " " "

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SHOWY HENNA NOVICE MENACE
Answer: Too many of these can make you sick on a cruise — OCEAN WAVES

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N1	H4	R1	P3	A1	E1	S1	Double Word Score	RACK 3
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PAR SCORE 165-175
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

GRAMS SOLUTION BY JUDD

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PAR SCORE 165-175 JUDD'S TOTAL 264

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Rap duo denies involvement in shooting

NEW YORK (AP) — Two rappers linked to a shootout outside a Greenwich Village radio station broke their silence Wednesday, saying they were not involved.

"We're very sorry this situation occurred," Capone-N-Noreaga said in brief a statement released by their publicist. "(We) had nothing to do with the shooting."

Kiam "Capone" Holley and Victor "Noreaga" Santiago added they "are cooperating fully with the police, and hope that whoever is responsible for this is brought to justice."

Capone-N-Noreaga previously refused to comment about the alleged clash between their entourage and that of rapper Lil' Kim. Earlier this week, Lil' Kim's manager said her client knew nothing of the incident.

Police have said they believe the shooting happened Sunday as Lil' Kim was leaving the studios of Hot 97, WQHT, and Holley was arriving. More than 20 shots were fired from five guns, leaving one man in Capone-N-Noreaga's group wounded, police said.

No arrests have been made.

Detectives were investigating reports that the gunfight stemmed from a simmering feud — and a war of rap lyrics — between Lil' Kim and Foxy Brown, another rapper featured on Capone-N-Noreaga's latest release, "The Reunion."

TV GUIDE

FRIDAY EVENING — MARCH 2, 2001

		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
FOX	5	Judge Joe Brown (N)	Divorce Court (CC)	Judge Judy (N)	Home Improve-	Simpsons (CC)	Blind Date	Movie ★½ "Soldier" (1998, Science Fiction) Kurt Russell, Jason Scott Lee. (CC)				Fox Report		Simpsons (CC)	Blind Date
TBS	6	Full House "Danny in Charge"	Full House "Working Girl" (CC)	Roseanne "The Test" (CC)	Roseanne (CC)	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	(:05) Movie ★★★ "Ghost" (1990, Fantasy) Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore, Whoopi Goldberg. A murder victim returns to save his beloved fiancee.						(12:10) Movie ★★★½ "Basic Instinct" (1992, Suspense)	
WGN	7	7th Heaven "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" (CC)		Full House (CC)	Clueless (CC)	Fresh Prince	Suddenly Susan (CC)	Movie ★★ "Fatal Attraction" (1980, Drama) Sally Kellerman, Stephen Lack, John Huston.				News (CC)		MacGyver "Gold Rush"	
WSVI	8	All My Children (CC)		News	ABC World News Tonight (CC)	It's Showtime at the Apollo (N)		Two Guys and a Girl (CC)	Norm "Norm Is Fat" (N)	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (CC)		20/20 (CC)		News	(:35) Nightline (N) (CC)
WSEE	9	Inside Edition (CC)	News	News	CBS Evening	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (CC)	Diagnosis Murder "Being of Sound Mind" (N)		Miss USA Pageant (Live) (CC)				News	(:35) Late Show (N)
WNBC	11	News (CC)		News (CC)	NBC Nightly News (CC)	Extra (N) (CC)	Access Hollywood (CC)	Providence "Parenthood" (N) (CC)		Dateline (N) (CC)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Runaway" (N) (CC)		News (CC)	(:35) Tonight Show (N) (CC)
TLC	12	Home Again	Home Again	Paramedics "On the Streets"		Ancient Technologies		Beware! Conmen (N)		Ultimate Ten, the Stings (N)		Eye Spy: Caught in the Act		Beware! Conmen	
WTJX	13	Teacher Is In	Tony Brown	Newshour With Jim Lehrer (CC)		Business Rpt.	Behind the Headlines	Washington Week	Wall treet Week (N)	Kennedy Center Presents "The Irish Gala" (N) (CC)			Seven Crows	Charlie Rose (CC)	
CSPAN	14	(5:00) House of Representatives (Live) (CC)				Close-Up on C-SPAN		Prime Time Public Affairs						Public Affairs	
ETV	16	Letters of St. Therese	Angel Force	Stations of the Cross	One-Hearts	Our Lady of the Angels Monastery Daily Mass		World Over: Catholic News Current news.		Worth Living	Rosary-Land	Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz			Council of Faith
WPIX	17	7th Heaven "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" (CC)		Sabrina-Witch	Fresh Prince	Friends (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Sabrina-Witch	Popstars (N) (CC)	Popular "It's Greek to Me" (N) (CC)		WB11 News at Ten W/ Kaity, Jim, & Mr. G		Friends (CC)	Frasier (CC)
WKAQ	20	Abrázame Muy Fuerte		Yo Soy Betty la Fea		Los Seijo-Diaz	Susa y Epifanio	Estudio 6-9		Telenoticias		La Corte del Pueblo		Programa Pagado	La Corte del Pueblo
CNN	21	Inside Politics (N) (CC)		Worldview	Moneyline Newshour		Crossfire	Blitzer	The Point	Larry King Live (CC)		Tonight	Spin Room	Sports	Moneyline
ESPN	22	Women's Final Four	Up Close (N)	Sportscenter (CC)		Outside the Lines (N) (CC)		NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Rangers. From Madison Square Garden in New York. (Live) (CC)						Sportscenter (CC)	
FAM	24	Edgemont (CC)	Edgemont (CC)	Two of a Kind (CC)	Who's the Boss?	Two of a Kind (CC)	Who's the Boss?	Movie ★★ "The 'Burbs" (1989, Comedy) Tom Hanks, Bruce Dern. A suburbanite's vacation is ruined by weird, new neighbors.				Early Edition "A Regular Joe" (CC) (DVS)		700 Club (CC)	
USA	25	PGA Golf: Genuity Championship		Walker, Texas Ranger "Codename: Dragonfly"		JAG "The Stalker" (CC)		Nash Bridges "Revelations" (CC)		Movie ★½ "The Stalking of Laurie Show" (2000, Drama) Jennifer Finnigan. (CC)				Farmclub.com (N) (CC)	
NICK	26	Rocket Power	U Pick Nicktoons	Pinky & the Brain	Catdog	Hey Arnold! (CC)	Rugrats (CC)	Rugrats (CC)	Hey Arnold! (CC)	Thornberrys	Rocket Power	Three's Company	Three's Company	All in the Family	Jeffersons (CC)
WGVI	27	Headline News	Infotainment	Entertainment	American Athlete	Source: All Access		Gary & Mike (CC)	Celebrity Death	Gary & Mike (CC)	Celebrity Death	Headline News (CC)	Infotainment	Infotainment	(Off Air)
A&E	28	Magnum, P.I. "The Jororo Kill" (CC)		Night Court	Newsradio (CC)	Law & Order "The Corporate Veil" (CC)		Biography: Ray Kroc: McMillionaire		Competition "Swamp Buggy Races" (N) (CC)		Poirot "The Adventure of the Western Star"		Law & Order "Big Bang" (CC)	
E!	29	True Hollywood Story "Mamma Cass"		Fashion Emergency	News Weekend	Celebrity Homes	Talk Soup (N)	Mysteries & Scandals	Mysteries & Scandals	True Hollywood Story "Dr. Laura"		What Women Want		Howard Stern (N)	Howard Stern
COM	32	Gallagher: Melon Crazy		Saturday Night Live (CC)		Daily Show (CC)	Stein's Money	Com.-Presents		Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Movie ★½ "Kissing a Fool" (1998, Comedy) David Schwimmer, Jason Lee, Mili Avital.			
DISCH	33	Medical Diary	Medical Diary	Children's Hospital		Operation "Reconstructive Hand Surgery"		Hospital "E.R. to O.R." (N)		Surviving Disaster "Tornadoes and Hurricanes"		Skeleton Key: Curing Fibrodysplasia		Hospital "E.R. to O.R."	
MTV	34	(5:00) TRL (N) (CC)	2gether: The Series	Say What? Karaoke	Say What? Karaoke	Daria (CC)	Daria "Fizz Ed" (CC)	Real World	Real World	Diary	Ultra Sound "One Hit Wonders"				All Star Update
BET	35	(5:00) Rap City: Tha Bassment		106 & Park: BET's Top Ten Live Top music videos.			Sparks (CC)	Movie ★½ "Hidden Blessings" (2000, Mystery) Kim Fields, Cynda Williams, Marc Gomes.				Comicview		BET News	BET Tonight
DISC	36	Your New House		Wild Discovery "Great Siberian Grizzly"		Wild Discovery "Extreme Alaska"		U.S. Navy SEALs -- Direct Action		Marine Corps Boot Camp		Casino Diaries (N)	After Midnight (N)	Justice Files "Presumed Innocent?"	
CNNFN	37	N.E.W.		Biz Buzz	Moneyline Newshour (CC)		Moneyline Weekend	Street Sweep	Business Unusual	Biz Buzz	Moneyline Newshour (CC)		Moneyline Weekend	Street Sweep (CC)	
AMC	38	(5:05) "Snow White and the Three Stooges"		Three Stooges		Hollywood Lives and Legends (CC)		Movie ★★★ "Dragonslayer" (1981, Fantasy) Peter MacNicol, Caitlin Clarke. (CC)				Cinema Secrets	Movie ★★★★ "Frankenstein" (1931) Boris Karloff, Colin Clive. (CC)		
VH1	40	20 to 1 "Guitar Superstars"		Before They	Before-Rock Stars	Greatest TV Moments: The Grammys		Top 10 Countdown		Cheers & Jeers		Behind the Music "Ozzy Osbourne"		Black Sabbath: The Last Supper (N)	
TRAV	41	Adventure Bound "The Great Atlantic Crossing"		Hunt for Treasures	Vacation Video	Curious World (CC)		Ghostly Castles		Croc Hunter Holiday		Wild California "Risk Takers"		Ghostly Castles	
LIFE	42	Murphy Brown (CC)	Murphy Brown (CC)	Golden Girls (CC)	Golden Girls "The Auction"	Intimate Portrait "Ava Gardner" (CC)		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie "Precious Victims" (1993, Drama) Park Overall, Robby Benson. A mother claims her two infants were kidnapped. (CC)				Division An investigation into the death of a college student. (CC)	
TNT	43	Pensacola: Wings of Gold A friend's visit tests Spoon's values.		ER "House of Cards" (CC)		Pretender "Hazards" (CC)		Movie ★★ "Lost in Space" (1998, Science Fiction) William Hurt, Mimi Rogers, Heather Graham. A spy sabotages a family's space mission for humanity.					Movie ★★ "Lost in Space" (1998, Science Fiction) William Hurt, Mimi Rogers, Heather Graham.		
SCIFI	46	Star Trek (CC)		Hercules-Jrnys.		Babylon 5		Black Scorpion (N) (CC)		Farscape "The Locket"		Jules Verne		Black Scorpion (CC)	
BRAVO	47	Movie ★★½ "Love! Valour! Compassion!" (1997) Jason Alexander. Gay friends share candid musings at one's country estate.				Weird Weekends "Hypnotist"		Movie ★★½ "Spanking the Monkey" (1994) Jeremy Davies, Alberta Watson. A college student and his bedridden mother become intimate.				Smack the Pony	Cold Feet		"Spanking the Monkey" (1994)
DISN	48	Famous Jett Jackson (CC)	Boy Meets World (CC)	Lizzie McGuire (CC)	Boy Meets World (CC)	Even Stevens (CC)	Movie "Brink!" (1998) Erik von Detten. An in-line skater deserts his pals to join a rival team. (CC)			(:10) Movie ★★ "Airborne" (1993, Comedy) Shane McDermott, Seth Green. A teen's skating skills save his new school's hockey team.				Lizzie McGuire (CC)	Even Stevens (CC)
HIST	49	FBI: The Untold Stories	History's Crimes & Trials	Black Sheep Squadron "Sheep in the Limelight"		History's Lost & Found (CC)	History IQ	Free a Man to Fight		This Week in History (N) (CC)		Haunted History Ghosts of the Pacific Northwest. (N) (CC)		Abominable Snowman (CC)	
TOON	50	Endless Waltz				Cartoon Cartoons				Sheep	Cartoon Cartoons			ToonHeads	Clampett
SOAP	51	Knots Landing "Do Not Attempt to Remove"		Ryan's Hope	Ryan's Hope	Soap Center	Port Charles	All My Children (CC)		One Life to Live (CC)		General Hospital (CC)		Soap Center	Port Charles
ESPN2	53	ESPNews	Wrecked	Bassmasters (N)		RPM 2Night (N)	Strongest Man	NFL's Greatest Moments (N)		Boxing Friday Night Fights -- Alex Bunema vs. Jose Luis Lopez. (Live) (CC)					NHL 2Night (N) (CC)
COURT	54	Hollywood	Hollywood	Hollywood	Cops (CC)	Wanted	Forensic	Profiler (CC)		"The Rockford Files: Punishment and Crime"				Homicide: Life	
RMNC	55	Tea With Fl "Fifteen Streets." (Part 2 of 2)		Movie ★★½ "The Pick-Up Artist" (1987, Comedy) Molly Ringwald.		Mulligans		Cool Women	Great Romances	Movie ★★½ "Fresh Horses" (1988, Drama) Molly Ringwald, Andrew McCarthy.				Movie ★★½ "Enchanted April" (1991)	

People *in the* News

Rich appears on radio show with Cole

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (AP) — They talked about her new hit song and her makeup, but the subject of pardons never came up during Denise Rich's appearance on a morning radio show Wednesday with singer Natalie Cole.


Rich

Cole has a new song out that she wrote with Rich, called "Livin' for Love," which was played several times during their 45 minutes on WKTU-FM. In the chorus, Cole sings that no matter how much she's "tore down, wore down, fed up, messed up, I still get up livin' for love."

Questions have been raised about whether Denise Rich's generous contributions to the Democratic Party and Hillary Rodham Clinton's Senate campaign influenced former President Clinton's decision to pardon Rich's ex-husband, fugitive Marc Rich. But none of the disc jockeys mentioned the pardon scandal. One of them told Rich: "You're so different and so much more beautiful than they're portraying you. Denise is a really good person."

NY woman says singer Houston is her mom

MORRISTOWN, N.J. (AP) — A judge has issued another restraining order against a New York City woman who believes Whitney Houston is her mother.

Superior Court Judge Kenneth MacKenzie issued the order Tuesday against Desiree Weeks, whose most recent letters to Houston included a threat against the singer's 7-year-old daughter.

The judge also reinstated a lawsuit Houston had filed against Weeks last year. Houston, who lives in Mendham Township, had dropped the suit and another temporary restraining order after Weeks was involuntarily committed to a psychiatric hospital in New York.

But Houston returned to court earlier this month after Weeks briefly escaped from a Bronx psychiatric hospital on Jan. 26.

Weeks began sending rambling letters to Houston's management company, Nippy Inc. of Fort Lee, in August 1999, calling Houston "Mommy" and the "supernatural reincarnation" of her mother, sending her gifts including underwear, a makeup kit, candy and cake, Houston has said.

CommunityCalendar

St. Croix

MARCH 2

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America invites the public to there World Day of Prayer 2001 which will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, March 2, at Lord God of Sabaoth Lutheran Church. Everyone is invited to attend. Call all 773-1320.

MARCH 3

The Business and Professional Women's Organization of St. Croix is inviting interested persons and organizations to a workshop on Parliamentary Procedures, presented by John Abramson from 3 -5 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at Midland Bar and Restaurant. To register, please call 713-9148 or 778-7464.

St. Joseph High School Home School Association announce a food sale and fun day to held at 11 p.m. Saturday, March 3 at the school. The annual raffle will be drawn in the afternoon.

The AARP Chapter 3167 of St. Croix regular monthly meeting will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 3 in the Cafeteria of the Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital. The guest speaker will be Mr. Dennis Brow of Chase Manhattan Bank.

MARCH 4

The Family of Universal Love will be conducting "The Love Exchange" at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 4 at the VI Family Sports and Fitness Center at Beeston Hill in the Conference Room. For further information call 713-0321.

The Montserrat Emerald Association of St. Croix, Inc. will meet at 5 p.m. Sunday, March 4 at Midlands Restaurant. Please make a special effort to attend.

Are you from Northside? Have "cousins" who are family, but you don't know how? Reclaiming our "Northside" Roots: A Family History Workshop can help you discover family connections at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 4 at St. Gerard's Hall. For more information call Carol Wakefield at 772-0598.

Mary's Fancy West Homeowners committee will hold their next monthly meeting at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 4, at #272 Mary's Fancy. All Homeowners are encouraged to attend and to be on time.

MARCH 5

Interfaith Coalition of St. Croix invites all members and friends to their annual meeting and election of directors at 6 p.m. Monday, March 5 at United Methodist Church by Williams Delight traffic light. Refreshments will be served. Call 778-7880.

The Church of God Prophecy youth and children ministries, invites the general public to attend our annual international youth week at 7:30 p.m. nightly Monday, March 5 to Friday, March 9 at # 171 Richmond. Theme: Intimacy with the Invisible God. For more information contact Pastor Lenord Hamilton 7724686 or Sis. Francine DeLande 773-2518.

MARCH 6

Special Olympics of the Virgin Islands will be having a very important meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 6 at Wendy's. Volunteers need to call Janice Lee at 772-2277 or P. McFarland 779-3499.

MARCH 9

St. Croix Central High School Class of 1991 will be holding a class meeting at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 9 at The Caravelle Hotel meeting room.

MARCH 10

St. Joseph High School Alumni Association will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 10, at Villa Morales. Please be on time. For more information call 692-2455.

The Family is Holy and Sacred will be having a discussion on courtship, marriage, premarital sex, gossip, parenting and much more at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 10 in the conference room, 2nd Floor at U-Travel. Admission and Food is free. Call 692-5274.

MARCH 18

Church of God, Sun of Justice invites all the Virgin Islands Churches and the general public to join them at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 18 at Budhoe Park, Frederiksted for a "St. Croix for Jesus Prayer, Praise and Worship Rally." for more information contact Pastor Carmen Semper or Pastor Israel Cruz Taylor at 772-9872 or 692-1227.

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General Announcements

J & J Fun Troupe & Associates will be taking part in St. Thomas Carnival adult parade on April 28. All interested members and new members are welcome. Call Judith at 778-3177 or Averil at 778-2784.

Are you in debt up to your neck? Do you want "a dream house?" We have the answer Consumer Credit Counseling Course offered free of charge beginning Thursday, March 6 through April 5 at the St. Croix Vocational High School, Room H109. Call 713-0337 to register.

A Taste Of St. Croix - All restaurants/caterers interested in participating in "A Taste Of St. Croix" April 19th held at Divi Carina Bay Casino banquet area. A night of food, wine & jazz. Show off your "Best of St. Croix" attire. For information please call Katherine at 692-9922.

The Youth Department of the Church of God of Prophecy invites all children (5-11), teens (12-15), and single young adults (16+) to a District Youth Conference, March 2-4 at the Sugar Beach Resort, Golden Rock, St. Croix. Weekend highlights include: Youth Rally, Children's conference, Informational workshops, Singles' Breakfast, Evangelistic services etc. Guest speakers Evangelists David and Jennifer Deveaux will be ministering the word of God. Call Francine DeLande at 773-2518 or Olga Santos 776-7674.

Stepping Stones Inc., a community housing preservation and development organization, is seeking members for its Housing Advisory Committee. Individuals must be interested in working for affordable housing. Must be willing to attend monthly meetings and/or mini-workshops. Telephone or fax your name, number and time to be reached at 713-0337.

St. Thomas-St. John

MARCH 4

The Virgin Islands Resource Center for the Disabled, Inc. will hold a special commemorative brunch - "Happy 10th Birthday" to honor the VIRCD from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 4 at the Renaissance Grand Beach Resort.

MARCH 5

Saint Thomas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will hold it monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, March 5 at the Curriculum Center. All members are urged to attend.

MARCH 9

The Nisky Moravian Church - Christian Education Committee, invite all youth organizations to a symposium entitled, "Youth Challenges" at 7 p.m. Friday, March 9, at Nisky Moravian Church Fellowship Hall. COme out and be a part of this worthwhile experience.

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General Announcements

KATS, St. John, Inc. (Kids and The Sea) meets every Saturday morning at Coral Bay, St. John.

Obituaries

Namesia Paula Parrilla aka "Negrita", age 67 of Mutual Homes passed away on Monday, Feb. 26, 2001 at the Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital on the Island of St. Croix.

She is survived by her husband: Pedro Cornelio Parrilla, Sr.; son: Vicente Montano, Sr.; grandson: Vicente Montano, Jr.,; close friends: Juaquina De Leon, Barbina Salas, Sara Salas and Candida Acosta (Raiza); many other friends and relatives too numerous to mention.

Funeral services will take place on Monday, March 5, in the Kingshill Cemetery Chapel at 10 a.m. with viewing beginning at 9 a.m. Interment will follow in the Kingshill Cemetery.

Professional arrangements are entrusted to Thomas Hyll Memorial Funeral Chapel of St. Croix.

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Myron Elias Johannes aka "Micro", age 66, of Estate Calquohoun passed away on Wednesday, February 21, 2001 at Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital.

He is survived by his daughter: Yvette West (KY); sons: Roberto Rivera, Marcelino Ventura, Sr., Ray Johannes, Sr., Myron Johannes, Jr., (STX) and Jose Johannes (PR); grandchildren: Mario, Rashad and Renita (KY), Gail, Roberto, Jr., Christina, Sara, Eliezar, Marcelino, Jr., Marcelina, Myles, Ray, Jr., Angela, Ivanna, Robin, Raymond, Akeem Elias, Akeem Alijawon, Jahmali and Elijah (STX), Iveliz, Jonathon, Jose, Jr., Eric and Janice (PR); sister: Anna Johannes Lindo; nieces: Kimberly Jean-Marie, Pamela "Pam" Harris and Horolyn "Lyn" Lindo; nephew: Howard E. Harris; great nieces and nephews: Kahalima, Kianna, Khamal, Jamal, and Rashawn; daughters-in-law: Andrea Rivera, Aretha Ventura, Beulah "Bea" Johannes, Jacqueline "Jackie" Springer and Judith Garcia-Rohena; sons-in-law: Edward Bibb; special cousins: Ruby Simmonds and Professor Ruth Beagles; friends and families: The Johanne's, Urgent's, Ventura's, Walcott's, James's, and William's, The Horsemen's Association Racing Protective Syndicate, The New Drive-In, Larry Oliver, Derby, Macedon, Dwayne Thomas, Mighty Grover, Eddie Bramble and Sarah James; other relatives and friends too numerous to mention.

Funeral services will take place on Tuesday, March 6 at St. Ann's Catholic Church at 10 a.m, with viewing beginning at 9 a.m. Interment will take place at Kingshill Cemetery (Veteran Section). A family and friends gathering will take place at the New Drive Inn following the Burial.

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

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Martha Herrick Jung, age 75, of Sierra Verde, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2001 at the Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital.

She is survived by her daughter: Karen Stanton Rebecca Darrington Higgins (New Hampshire); son-in-law: Walter Stanton; grandsons: Christopher, Scott and Peter Stanton; stateside son: Herbert Charles Jung (South Carolina); sisters-in-law: Joanna Jung and Katherine Herrich Wister; nieces: Darri Wister, Betsy Kahn, Cheryl, Laura and Wendy Jung; brother-in-law: Richard Jung; nephews: Wynne Wister and Rick Horrick; special friend: Ada Golden; other relatives and friends too numerous to mention.

A seaside burial will take place on Saturday, March 10.

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Roger Lee March, 73, of Potsdam NY, formerly of St. Croix, died Saturday Feb. 3, 2001, of cancer.

He is survived by his wife: Pam; sons: Jonathan and Japheth; daughter: Amy; brother: Andrew: former wife: Lark; five grandchildren.

Roger grew up in New Haven CT, Swarthmore PA, and Guilford VT, served as a Coxswain in the US Navy, and graduated from Swarthmore College in 1951 in English, math, and astronomy. He and his classmate Lark Hargraves were married in 1951. He served in the US Merchant Marine until 1953.

Roger moved to New York City in 1974 and received his Master of Social Work degree from Yeshiva University in 1976. For the rest of his life, he worked as a psychotherapist in private practice, accepting any patient, and payments such as a sack of potatoes. At Roosevelt Hospital, he pioneered breathing, relaxing, and "being in the moment" in phobia treatment. He and fellow dancer Pam Roberts were married in 1981; they moved to Potsdam NY in 1987. He was Associate Director of North Star Mental Health Services in Malone NY from 1988 until 1994.

Over the years, Roger also worked as a radio repairman, export executive, architectural draftsman and construction foreman, playground supervisor, and NY City taxi driver. He was a competent house builder, auto mechanic, locksmith, and beekeeper. He loved knots, celestial navigation, hurricane tracking, electronic tinkering, mathematics, words and word origins, and spoke French, Spanish, and German. He practiced yoga, meditation, and Tai Chi, and was a 56-year member of the Swarthmore Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).

A memorial service will be held on April 22, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton NY.

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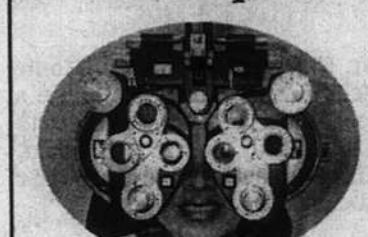
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DIVISION OF ST. CROIX

THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
ANGELO SMITH and ROYETTE V. SMITH,
DEFENDANTS.

CIVIL NO. 143/2000
ACTION FOR DEBT AND MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY ON EXECUTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of 5 V.I.C. §471 et seq., the V.I. Marshal shall sell at public auction on April 20, 2001, at 10:00 a.m., at the Office of the V.I. Marshal in the Hall of Justice Building, Kingshill, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, the following real property situate in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands in the name of Defendants ANGELO SMITH and ROYETTE V. SMITH, to satisfy the execution issued herein for Judgment entered on October 23, 2000, against defendants in this matter. The below described property shall be sold as stated herein:

Plot 24 Estate Canaan, Northside Quarter "B", consisting of .631 U.S. acres, more or less, as more fully shown on PWD Drawing No. 1561, dated May 6, 1964 and revised March 27, 1984.

TOGETHER WITH all of the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto is belonging without any representation or guarantee. The above described property is a residential dwelling of approximately 1,092 sq. ft., consisting of a single-family house, with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths.

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

DATE: February 15, 2001

By: SOBERS JOSEPH
V.I. MARSHAL

SAMUEL T. GREY, Esq.
NICHOLS NEWMAN LOGAN & D'ERAMO, P.C.
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02/23,03/02,9,16, 2001

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Plaintiff
vs.
JUAN C. RIVERA, ET AL.
Defendant

CIVIL NO. 121, 2000
ACTION FOR DEBT AND FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE

TO: Juan C. Rivera
No. 55 Estate Sion Farm, Christiansted, St. Croix, VI,
DEFENDANT

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

Witness my hand and the Seal of this Court this 26th day of January, 2001.

DAVID L ATKINSON
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

WILFREDO F. MORALES
Clerk of the Court

By: Ernest F. Batenga/AFM
Attorney for Plaintiff
1108 King Street, Suit 201
Christiansted, VI 00820
(340) 773-3920

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

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

MORTGAGELINQ CORPORATION,

PLAINTIFF, CIVIL NO. 493/2000

vs.

PEDRO E. ENCARNACION, JOSE A. ENCARNACION, EDWARDO ENCARNACION, and JUAN O. ENCARNACION, ACTION FOR DEBT AND MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

DEFENDANTS.

SUMMONS

TO: Jose A. Encarnacion
Plot No. 7J and 7K Sion Hill
Christiansted, St. Croix
U.S. Virgin Islands 00820

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

Witness my hand and seal of this Court this 20th day of February 2001.

DENISE D. ABRAMSEN
Clerk of the Territorial Court

By: RITA JOHANNES
Deputy Clerk

SAMUEL T. GREY, Esq.
Nichols Newman Logan & D'Eramo, PC
No. 1131 King Street
Christiansted, St. Croix
U.S. Virgin Islands 00820

03/02, 09, 16, 23/2001

THE VIRGIN ISLANDS PORT AUTHORITY WISHES TO INFORM THE PUBLIC THAT THE DEADLINE DATE FOR SUBMITTING BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING COMPETITIVE PROPOSALS AT THE HENRY R. ROHLSEN AIRPORT, ST. CROIX, VI. WILL BE EXTENDED PRIOR TO 5 P.M. ON FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2001.

1. OPERATION OF A BAR AND LOUNGE CONCESSION
2. OPERATION OF THREE FOOD AND BEVERAGE CONCESSIONS
3. OPERATION OF AN AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE/UNMANNED BANK DEPOSITORY.

GORDON A. FINCH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

02/11-12, 16, 18-19, 23, 25-26, 03/02, 4-5, 9, 11-12, 16, 2001

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

MORTGAGELINQ CORPORATION,

PLAINTIFF, CIVIL NO. 493/2000

vs.

PEDRO E. ENCARNACION, JOSE A. ENCARNACION, EDWARDO ENCARNACION, and JUAN O. ENCARNACION, ACTION FOR DEBT AND MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

DEFENDANTS.

SUMMONS

TO: Juan O. Encarnacion
Plot No. 7J and 7K Sion Hill
Christiansted, St. Croix
U.S. Virgin Islands 00820

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

Witness my hand and seal of this Court this 20th day of February 2001.

DENISE D. ABRAMSEN
Clerk of the Territorial Court

By: RITA JOHANNES
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SAMUEL T. GREY, Esq.
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03/02, 09, 16, 23/2001

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

RICHARD P. HARRIS and JOHN J. CONNOR Civil No. 227/2000

Plaintiffs. ACTION FOR DEBT AND MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

vs.

THE J.M. STANLEY FAMILY TRUST,

Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY ON EXECUTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provision of 5 V.I.C. §471 et seq., the V.I. Marshal shall sell at public auction on April 20, 2001, at 10:00 a.m., at the Office of the V.I. Marshal in the Hall of Justice Building, Kingshill, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, the following real properties situate in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands in the name of Defendant THE J.M. STANLEY FAMILY TRUST, to satisfy the execution issued herein for Judgment entered on September 21, 2000, against defendant in this matter. The below described prop-erties shall be sold as stated herein:

Plot 348 (0.817 U.S. acre) of Estate Whim Estate, West End Quarter, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands as shown on Public Works Department Drawing No. 4531, dated April 6, 1989.

Plot 356 (0.612 U.S. acre) of Estate Whim Estate, West End Quarter, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands as shown on Public Works Department Drawing No. 4531, dated April 6, 1989.

TOGETHER WITH all of the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto is belonging without any representation or guarantee. The above described properties are unimproved lots.

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

DATE: February 6, 2001 By: SOBERS JOSEPH
V.I. MARSHAL

SAMUEL T. GREY, ESQ.
NICHOLS NEWMAN LOGAN & D'ERAMO, P.C.
1131 King Street
Christiansted, St. Croix

2/9, 16, 23, 03/2, 2001

VIRGIN ISLANDS WATER AND POWER AUTHORITY

BID NOTICE

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

IB-10-01 TO SUPPLY BOILER CHEMICAL ADDITIVES AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR VI WAPA FACILITIES, ST. THOMAS, ST. JOHN AND ST. CROIX, USVI.

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

SIX (6) SEALED COPIES OF THE BID WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 2:00 PM LOCAL TIME, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2001 IN THE EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, VIWAPA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON ST. THOMAS AND AT THAT TIME PUBLICLY OPENED.

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

NICHOLAS ALEXANDER — FAM. NO. D 148/2000
Plaintiff
vs.
GLADYS T.C. ALEXANDER — ACTION FOR DIVORCE
Defendant

TO: Mrs. Gladys T.C. Alexander, DEFENDANT
ADDRESS: #28 Queen Street, Frederiksted St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands 00840

Within the time limited by law (see not below) you are hereby required to appear before this Court and answer to a complaint filed against you in this action. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment by default will be taken against you as demanded in the complaint, for Divorce.

Witness my hand and the Seal of this Court this 23th day of February, 2001.

JOMO MEADE, ESQ.
Attorney for Plaintiff
Address:# 112 Queen Street
Frederiksted, St. Croix
U.S. Virgin Islands 00840

DENISE D. ABRAMSEN
Clerk of the Court
By: MONICA EMMANUAL
Deputy Clerk

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

03/02, 09, 16, 23/2001

VIRGIN ISLANDS PORT AUTHORITY
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS/PROPOSALS (RFQ/P)

THE VIRGIN ISLANDS PORT AUTHORITY IS REQUESTING SUBMISSION OF STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS FROM ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS WHO PERFORM ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION WORK TO SUBMIT QUALIFICATIONS AND COST PROPOSALS FOR THE TRANSPLANTATION OF CORALS FROM AND WITHIN TURNER BAY, ST. JOHN, VIRGIN ISLANDS. THIS WORK IS REQUIRED AS A CONDITION OF A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PERMIT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MARINE CARGO TERMINAL AT ENIGHED POND. THE CORALS MUST BE TRANSPLANTED PRIOR TO INITIATION OF ANY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES.

ALL INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS, CAN OBTAIN THE DOCUMENT RELATED TO THIS RFQ-P AT THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ADJACENT TO THE CYRIL E. KING AIRPORT TERMINAL, ST. THOMAS, VIRGIN ISLANDS. THE RFQ-P RESPONSES MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2001.

GORDON A. FINCH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

02/28, 03/02, 04&05, 10, 14/2001

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

THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK,

PLAINTIFF, — CIVIL NO. 642/2000

vs. — ACTION ON PROMISSORY NOTE

ARRILYN QUEELEY,

DEFENDANT.

SUMMONS

TO: ARRILYN QUEELEY
ADDRESS: 211 Estate Paradise, Frederiksted, St. Croix

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

Witness my hand and the seal of this Court this 23rd day of February 2001.

DENISE D. ABRAMSEN
Clerk of the Territorial Court

By: MARTHA ACOSTA
Deputy Clerk

SAMUEL T. GREY, Esq.
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No. 1131 King Street
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03/02, 09, 16, 23/2001

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

ALCOME REALTY CORP.,

Plaintiff, — CIVIL NO. 692/2000

v. — ACTION TO QUIET TITLE

SAUNDRA L. MATTSON,

Defendant.

SUMMONS

TO: SAUNDRA L. MATTSON
Plot No. 6 of Estate North Star
Christiansted, St. Croix
U.S. Virgin Islands 00820

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

Witness my hand and the seal of this Court this 23rd day of February 2001.

DENISE D. ABRAMSEN
Clerk of the Territorial Court

By: MARTHA ACOSTA
Deputy Clerk

SAMUEL T. GREY, Esq.
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03/02, 09, 16, 23/2001

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
FRANCES ELCOCK CHRISTENSEN — PROBATE NO. 89/1993

Deceased.

ORDER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the final account has been filed with the Territorial Court in the administration of the estate of said deceased. All interested persons objecting to the final accounting are directed to appear in said Court at 2:00 P.M. on March 26, 2001, when the final hearing shall be held. All objections, if any, shall be served in writing upon the attorney for the estate before the above date for final hearing.

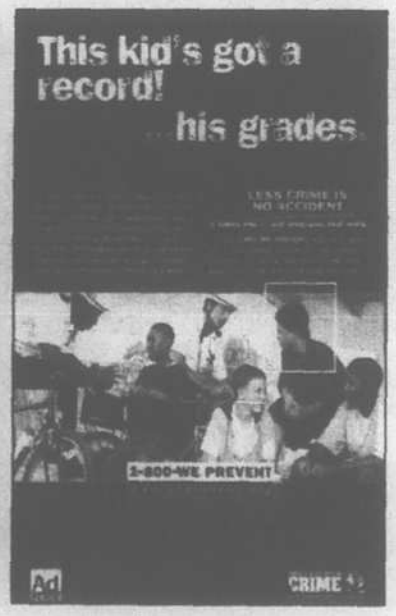
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PATRICIA D. STEELE, JUDGE

ATTEST:
DENISE D. ABRAMSEN
Clerk of the Court
By: Deloris A. Copemann
Sen. Deputy Clerk
2/2/01

02/09,16,23, 03/02, 2001





Test Your Horse Sense

By Mark Skoneki

Score one point for a correct answer to each of the first five questions. The last question counts five points. Score yourself as follows: 0-1, poor; 2-4, average; 5-6, above average; 7-8, superior; 9-10, very superior.

1. Which human organ makes the hormone called gastrin?
a) HEART
b) STOMACH
c) LIVER
d) BRAIN

2. The novel "The Cider House Rules" focuses on what controversial issue?
a) SUICIDE
b) ABORTION
c) WAR
d) RACISM

3. For whom did Hercules do "womanly tasks" for three years as a way to appease the gods?
a) HERA
b) OMPHALE
c) ATHENA
d) HELEN

4. When did Nelson Rockefeller become U.S. vice president?
a) 1964
b) 1974
c) 1978
d) HE NEVER WAS VICE PRESIDENT

5. When was the Magna Carta adopted?
a) 1088
b) 1215
c) 1492
d) 1848

6. Match the poker hand in this paragraph to the odds against getting it in the following paragraph. Score one point for each correct answer.
a) Royal flush
b) Full house
c) Three of a kind
d) Two pair
e) Four of a kind

v) 649,739 to 1
w) 4,164 to 1
x) 693 to 1
y) 46 to 1
z) 20 to 1

ANSWERS
1. Stomach 2. Abortion 3. Omphale 4. 1974 5. 1215
6. (a) Royal flush - (v) 649,739 to 1; (b) Full house - (x) 693 to 1; (c) Three of a kind - (y) 46 to 1; (d) Two pair - (z) 20 to 1; (e) Four of a kind - (w) 4,164 to 1

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Associated Press

Golfer Tiger Woods takes a shot from the rough during the Dubai Desert Classic at the Emirates golf course in Dubai, Thursday. Woods finished with a score of 8 under par.

Woods, Bjorn share Dubai Desert Classic lead

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Tiger Woods finally found himself back on top of a leaderboard, half a world away from his usual haunts.

Trying to snap a five-tournament winless streak, the two-shot lead at the Dubai Desert Classic Thursday was about the only thing different for Woods. That, and the thoroughbred horse.

Followed by a sellout crowd on a still, warm day by the Persian Gulf, Woods shot an 8-under par 64 Thursday to share the first-round lead in the Dubai Desert Classic with Thomas Bjorn of Denmark.

It was Woods' lowest round of the season, although he said he'd played better.

Spain's Jose Manuel Lara and Ireland's Padraig Harrington were at 66, with 42 players — including Mark McNulty of Zimbabwe at 6-under after 16 holes — still on the course when darkness set in.

Despite a 25½-hour trip to get here and a two-hour fog delay before play began, Woods looked right at home .

He should be. He compared the weather conditions to his native Southern California in the summer.

To make things even more comfortable, Woods is receiving about $2 million in appearance money to play in this oil-rich country. That's $500,000 more than the total prize money and dwarfs the winner's share of about $250,000.

The lush fairways, true-rolling greens and the dry desert air left the 7,127-yard Majlis Course exposed to Woods and Bjorn, and the two Ryder Cup players turned in bogey-free rounds.



Associated Press

Denmark's Thomas Bjorn tees off during the first day of the Dubai Desert Classic at the Emirates golf course in Dubai, United Arab Emirates Thursday.

Woods went 8-under on the final hole, dropping a 20-foot putt for a birdie followed by a clenched right fist and a crowd-waving stroll to the hole. The early lead may help Woods end what some have called a "slump," a streak of five tournaments this season without a victory. His last win was in November.

"I played good today and hit a lot of good, solid shots," Woods said. "It's really nice to putt on some greens that are this smooth and this true. I got up and hit the ball within birdie range and converted."

Despite awakening at 3 a.m., Woods looked at ease in this commercial center and tourist enclave on the southern tip of the Arabian peninsula.

"The temperature was exactly like Southern Cal in the summer where I grew up," Woods said. "You get the ocean breeze coming in at about 11:30, 12 o'clock and it just feels like home. The difference is you look out there and it looks more like Palm Springs."

Despite a 10,500-fan sellout in this nontraditional golfing nation, the crowds seemed felt small and subdued. The most frequent sound was that of the marshals following Woods: "Please put the camera away. No photos, please."

"I was nice and quiet out there. I like that," Woods said. "Once they (fans) learned that they should not have cameras, they tired to police it themselves, which was pretty neat."

"We're very keen to keep him happy," tournament organizer Bob Wilkinson said.

Bjorn, who played with Woods in the third round of last year's U.S. Open at Pebble Beach, said he's adjusting to the crush of fans, bodyguards and high-expectations that accompany teeing off alongside the world's No. 1 golfer.

"You have to get used to playing with him," said Bjorn, whose family winters in Dubai. "There are a lot of guys on this tour (European). If you put them out with him, they would not be able to perform."

Crossword

by Eugene Sheffer

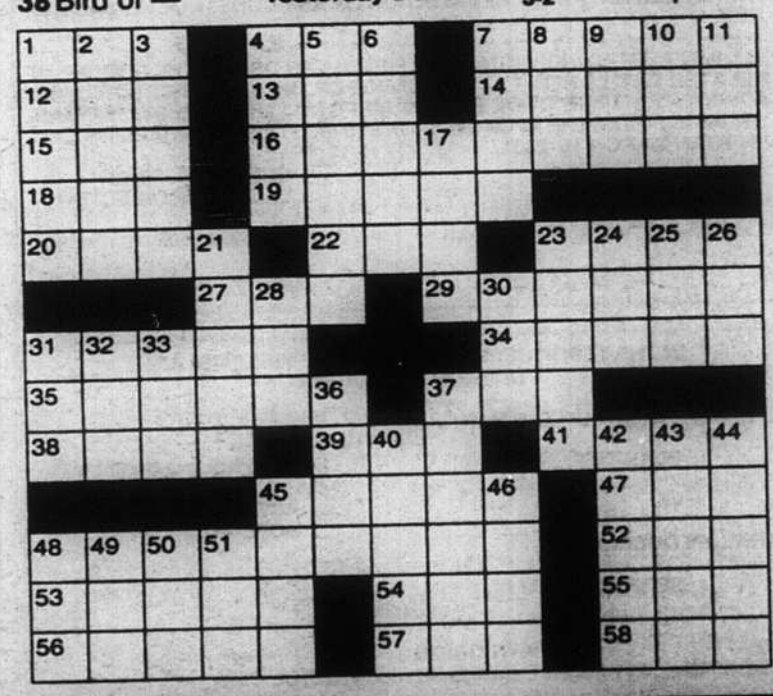
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6 Osmond sister
7 Abhor
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24 Knock
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40 Figure of speech
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Yesterday's answer 3-2



Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: LONG AGO I KNEW A SHOEMAKER WHO RAN A ONE-MAN SHOP: HE WAS THE SOLE PROPRIETOR.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals D

Diamondbacks retain 'Unit' for $12 million

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The Arizona Diamondbacks exercised a $12 million option to retain Randy Johnson for the 2003 season, when he will be 39 years old.

"A young 39," Diamondbacks managing general partner Jerry Colangelo said in announcing the move Thursday.

Johnson, winner of the Cy Young Award in both of his seasons with Arizona, signed a $52.4 million, four-year contract before the 1999 season.

"We're two years away from my option even needing to be picked up," Johnson said after pitching two innings against Colorado in the Diamondbacks exhibition opener. "I'm very appreciative of what Jerry's done. I've deferred more than half of my salary, so we've worked well together in the time I've been here.

"I'd be the first to say that me making that kind of money, I know I'm overpaid at what I do."

Johnson's salary for 2003 could go up. If he finishes second through fifth in the Cy Young Award voting in 2002, his salary would rise to $13.5 million the follow year. If he wins the Cy Young Award next year, he would get $15 million.

The buyout for the fifth year was $3 million, so the Johnson's five-year deal is now worth a guaranteed $61.4 million.

Johnson receives $12.35 million each of the next two seasons.

"We chose to do that because he has been a great return on our investment," Colangelo said. "Here's a guy who's gone out and won two Cy Youngs with 300 strikeouts a year. This is a way of rewarding him for what he's already accomplished, as well as for what we anticipate he will accomplish over the next two years."

In his two seasons with Arizona, Johnson is 36-16 with a 2.56 ERA. He has 711 strikeouts and 146 walks in 520 1-3 innings. With 1,045 strikeouts over the past three seasons, Johnson he joins Nolan Ryan (1972-74) as the only pitchers to top 1,000 strikeouts in three consecutive seasons.

Fifty percent of Johnson's salary initially was deferred for future years. Johnson was among 10 Arizona players who agreed in the off-season to defer even more of their salaries to help out the financially strapped franchise.

The new deferrals will save the Diamondbacks $16 million this year, and will continued to save money in the next several years, Colangelo said.

He said that the decision to exercise the option year of Johnson's contract was not made in exchange for the big left-hander's agreement for more salary deferral, but the two obviously were related.

"The deferment discussion took place way before the discussion about the option," Colangelo said. "Randy agreed to do what I asked him to do. We then got into conversations with his agents about what it means to his contract, so we started talking about that option year and decided it was something we wanted to do."

Johnson threw just 26 pitches Thursday — 22 strikes and four balls. He allowed one run on four hits and struck out two.

"I felt pretty good,'" he said. "The first inning I worked on all my pitches. I actually got an out on a changeup, and that's encouraging. I didn't walk anybody, so I'm pleased about that."

Johnson will be 40 in September of 2003, but Johnson has been at his best the last two years. He said that working in the weight room since his 1996 back surgery has helped him immensely.

"I've prided myself the last six or seven years of being in great shape," he said. "I think that reflects in the way I've been able to pitch — the ability to go out there and throw 230 to 270 innings, just working hard and trying to be one of the anchors on the pitching staff."

Will this be Johnson's last contract?

"I don't know," he said. "I'm just thinking about my next spring training start."

Tigers lose to Pirates 6-3 in new strike-zone's debut

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — With a video camera monitoring home plate umpire's Marty Foster's calls, baseball's new strike rule got one of its first tests as the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Detroit Tigers 6-3 Thursday.

Except for a very-high called third strike in the first inning on Jason Kendall, there were no controversies resulting from baseball's newfound resolve to enforce the rule book strike zone.

As it turned out, the game was decided by a pitcher who couldn't throw strikes under any interpretation of the strike zone, Detroit's Shane Heams, who walked in two runs in a go-ahead Pirates four-run eighth.

The rule book says a strike is any pitch over the plate from the top of the knees to the midpoint between the top of the shoulders and the top of uniform pants. Umpires also have been told to quit calling strikes on pitches 3-4 inches off the plate.

"I didn't notice any difference, except that one pitch to Jason was high," Pirates first baseman John Vander Wal said.

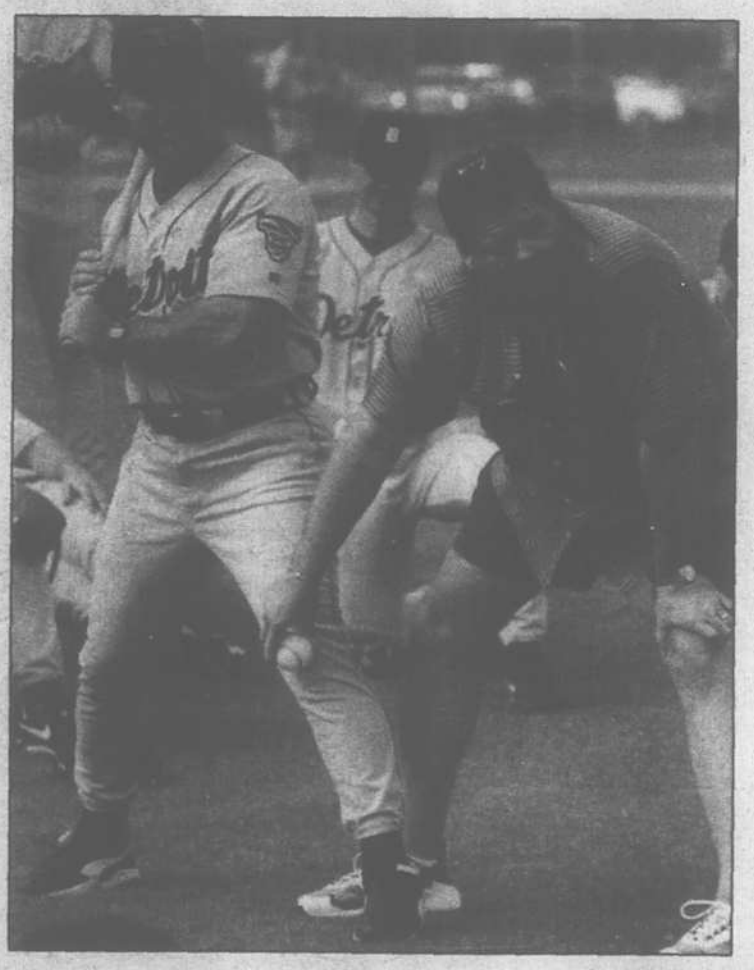
Major league baseball seemed to place extra emphasis on the game, assigning a full crew of regular umpires — Foster, Mark Hirschbeck, Terry Craft and Paul Emmel. Katy Feeney of the commissioner's office was on hand, and umpires supervisor Marty Springstead watched from the first row behind the Pirates dugout.

A cameraman taped the game and will forward the tape to Foster. By the end of the 2002 season, baseball plans to install such cameras in every ballpark.

"I didn't see too many (too) high strikes called, there was the one to Kendall and another one," Springstead said.

The crowd of 4,491 reacted strongly only to the chest-high called strike to Kendall by Tigers knuckleballer Steve Sparks.

"That was pretty ridiculous. It was by my chest. It was a ball. But it shows they're really going to do it," Kendall said.



Associated Press

Major League umpire Jerry Layne demonstrates the bottom of the strike zone on Detroit Tigers manager Phil Garner during training camp Monday in Lakeland, Fla.

Reds, Indians play to 3-3 tie

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. and Barry Larkin each homered in their first at-bats of the spring on Thursday and the Cincinnati Reds tied the Cleveland Indians 3-3 before running out of pitchers.

Larkin, who has agreed to experiment as the Reds' leadoff hitter and could wind up there this season, drove Cleveland starter Dave Burba's second pitch of the game over the wall in left field.

One out later, Griffey hit a 1-2 slider from Burba over the wall in straightaway center.

"I just threw a couple of bad pitches and I didn't get them back," said Burba, who allowed three runs and five hits in two innings. "It's kind of depressing when your second pitch of the spring leaves the park. It's like, 'Oh no, where do we go from here.'"

Reds starter Osvaldo Fernandez, one of seven pitchers getting a chance to win a spot in Cincinnati's rotation, gave up one hit in three innings.

Russell Branyan hit a two-run homer in the fifth inning for Cleveland off Jared Fernandez.

Cincinnati had trouble with the leadoff spot last season as former manager Jack McKeon tried several players there without success. New manager Bob Boone wants Larkin to give it a try, and the All-Star shortstop seemed perfect for the role in his first trip to the plate.

Larkin said he didn't notice much of a change in the strike zone in his three at-bats. Umpires are supposed to enforce calling higher strikes this season.

Yanks lose exhibition opener

DUNEDIN, Fla. (AP) — Joe Torre did not find much to like about this start to spring training, either.

Dwight Gooden gave up a leadoff home run, Chuck Knoblauch made a throwing error and the New York Yankees lost to Toronto 6-4 Thursday in their exhibition opener.

Buck Martinez won his debut in the Blue Jays' dugout, with Shannon Stewart homering and former NBA player Mark Hendrickson earning the victory.

"It was a lot different than being in the broadcast booth," said Martinez, a former ESPN announcer.

Torre, coming off his third straight World Series championship, wished Martinez luck before the game. The Yankees' manager, looking tanned, also hoped his early fortunes had changed from last spring.

Last year, the Yankees dropped their first six exhibition games. Outscored 56-21 in that span, they played so poorly that owner George Steinbrenner made things unpleasant for Torre and his team.

"I told them in our meeting that we were 0-6 and you made my life miserable," Torre said prior to the first pitch. "It really cut into my enjoyment of spring training."

The Yankees had all winter — well, at least 125 days — to savor their fourth title in five years, capped by their Subway Series triumph over the New York Mets.

"It seems like it was forever ago, and yet you could remember every pitch," Torre said. "People say to me, 'Boy, the offseason is really short.' And I say, 'Yeah, but it's a nice problem to have.'

"But now I'm recharged and I'm ready to go. We're here to start the season," he said.

TV SportsWatch

(All Times EST)

Friday, March 2

AUTO RACING
5 p.m.
FOXSN — NASCAR, Winston Cup, qualifying for UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, at Las Vegas
10 p.m.
TNN — World of Outlaws, Silver State Shootout, at Las Vegas
BOXING
9 p.m.
ESPN2 — Junior middleweights, Jose Luis Lopez (44-4-2) vs. Alex Bunema (18-2-1), at Las Vegas
GOLF
4:30 a.m.
TGC — European PGA Tour, Dubai Desert Classic, second round, at Dubai, United Arab Emirates
1:30 p.m.
TGC — Canadian PGA Tour, Barefoot Classic, second round, at Myrtle Beach, S.C.
2 p.m.
PAX — Senior PGA, Toshiba Senior Classic, first round, at Newport Beach, Calif.
4 p.m.
USA — PGA, Genuity Championship, second round, at Miami
NHL HOCKEY
8 p.m.
ESPN — Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers

Briefs

Speedway mails Indy 500 entry invitations

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indianapolis Motor Speedway mailed Indy 500 entry invitations to race teams on Thursday.

The entry deadline is April 11, two days before the start of the annual Rookie Orientation Program.

Drivers expected to enter the May 27 race include two-time winners Al Unser Jr. and Arie Luyendyk, who is coming out of retirement. Among the IRL rookies is Casey Mears, nephew of four-time Indy winner Rick Mears.

Earnhardt photo hearing is delayed

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt's widow will have to wait another week before trying to stop a newspaper from obtaining copies of her husband's autopsy photos.

A hearing set for Thursday among attorneys for Teresa Earnhardt, The Orlando Sentinel and Volusia County on releasing autopsy photos of the NASCAR driver was postponed because of a scheduling conflict.

Teresa Earnhardt sued Volusia County on Feb. 22 to stop the release of its medical examiner's autopsy photos taken after Earnhardt's fatal wreck at the Daytona 500 on Feb. 18.

Spurs handle Suns



Associated Press

The Phoenix Suns Jason Kidd, left, drives on the San Antonio Spurs Derek Anderson (1) during the first quarter Thursday in the Alamodome in Sn Antonio. Tim Duncan scored 25 in the 91-71 Spurs win.

NBAStandings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	43	16	.729	—
New York	33	23	.589	8 1/2
Miami	34	24	.586	8 1/2
Orlando	30	26	.536	11 1/2
Boston	25	32	.439	17
New Jersey	20	39	.339	23
Washington	13	45	.224	29 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	35	21	.625	—
Charlotte	32	26	.552	4
Toronto	31	27	.534	5
Indiana	26	29	.473	8 1/2
Cleveland	22	33	.400	12 1/2
Detroit	21	36	.368	14 1/2
Atlanta	18	40	.310	18
Chicago	9	47	.161	26

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	39	17	.696	—
San Antonio	37	19	.661	2
Dallas	36	22	.621	4
Minnesota	34	24	.586	6
Houston	31	27	.534	9
Denver	30	29	.508	10 1/2
Vancouver	18	41	.305	22 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	40	18	.690	—
Sacramento	38	18	.679	1
L.A. Lakers	37	19	.661	2
Phoenix	34	22	.607	5
Seattle	29	29	.500	11
L.A. Clippers	20	40	.333	21
Golden State	16	42	.276	24

NBASchedule

Wednesday's Games
Indiana 99, Milwaukee 86
Toronto 95, Atlanta 88
Charlotte 91, New Jersey 88
Minnesota 111, Detroit 100
Philadelphia 79, Miami 69
Houston 95, Chicago 78
Utah 101, Vancouver 83
Orlando 97, Phoenix 91
Sacramento 122, Golden State 101
Denver 107, L.A. Lakers 101

Thursday's Games
Seattle 101, Cleveland 99
Boston 88, New York 95
Phoenix 71, San Antonio 91
Houston 108, Milwaukee 91
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 10 p.m.

Friday's Games
Seattle at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Utah at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Detroit, 8 p.m.
New York at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
L.A. Lakers at Vancouver, 3:30 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Portland, 10 p.m.

■ NFL

Titans release Pickens, Del Greco, others

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Place kicker Al Del Greco, blamed by many fans for Tennessee's playoff loss to Baltimore, was one of nine players cut by the Titans on Thursday as the team faced a midnight deadline to get under the NFL's $67.4 million salary cap.

Also cut were safety Marcus Robertson, and wide receivers Yancey Thigpen and Carl Pickens.

Other players who were cut included starting fullback Lorenzo Neal, linebacker Terry Killens, tight ends Michael Roan and Larry Brown and running back Rodney Thomas. All but Neal were reserves.

Del Greco, a 17-year veteran, was criticized after Tennessee's 24-10 loss to Baltimore in the AFC playoffs. He bounced one field goal off an upright and had two others blocked, including one returned for a touchdown.

In a regular season game at home against the Ravens last year, he missed an extra point and a late field goal in the Titans' first loss at Adelphia Coliseum after 13 victories.

Last season, Del Greco made 27 of 33 field goal attempts and kicked game-winning field goals against Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Kansas City.

Del Greco, who had one year left on his contract, is seventh in all-time NFL career scoring with 1,584 points.

Frank Murtha, Del Greco's agent, called the cut "an unfortunate turn of events."

"For a person and player of the quality and character of Al Del Greco, and what he's meant to team over the years, it's temporarily a sad day," said Murtha, who had not yet spoken with Del Greco.

"These salary cap cuts are taking their toll around the league," he said.

"Obviously a lot of teams are cutting veterans in cost cutting moves to make way for marquee players," said Kenneth Zuckerman, Robertson's agent. "He fell into that group as did some of the other top players around the league. There will be a lot of interest in him around the league."

Robertson, a 10-year veteran safety with 22 career interceptions, last season had 92 tackles, forced two fumbles and recovered one. He paired with Blaine Bishop to give the Titans two of the best pair of safeties in the NFL.

Pickens, a nine-year NFL veteran receiver and two-time Pro Bowler, spent one year with the Titans after leaving Cincinnati where he began his career. He was plagued by a hamstring injury and finished the season with just 10 catches for 242 yards.

Pickens was due a $4.5 million roster bonus and a $1 million salary in 2001.

Thigpen, a nine-year veteran receiver and two-time Pro Bowler, was injured during most of his three seasons with the Titans. Last year he caught 15 passes for 289 yards and two TDs.

Neal, a seven-year veteran, primarily was a blocker for quarterback Eddie George. He caught nine passes for 31 yards and two TDs.

Thomas, a running back, was a backup behind George. He played in all 16 games, rushing 61 times for 175 yards.

RacingCard

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2. Don Gregy
3. Novio Latino
4. Pyrite Ensign
5. According to Matt
6. Spa Special
7. Stra. El Comandant
8. Dana Star

RACE 2
5 furlong, $3,000
6. Weesie
8. That's Ellie
1. Calypso Gold
2. Gambo The Best
3. Bod King
4. Don't Give A Dam
5. Count on Me
7. Converyor's Cowboy

RACE 3
Native/Imports 5 furlong, $3,400
1. Esperanza Czar
2. Selo's Choice
3. Super Highway
4. Bubbling Star
5. More For Nicky
6. Call Me Nick
7. Pedro Felix R
8. Claimer Tumiga

RACE 4
7 furlong, $3,500
1. Peluzo Panzipanzi
2. Villa Marina
3. See Jane Run
4. Armed Crusader
5. Bettis
6. Don Javier
7. Future Connection
8. Contrabajo

RACE 5
7 1/2 furlongs, $3,500
1. Cielo Mar
2. Papa's Star
3. red Night
4. Frosted Socks
5. River Ride
6. Not To Tiny

RACE 6
7 furlongs, $4,200
1. Barchetta
2. Silvery Cyclone
3. Resonate
4. Flak Man

Mussington, Caribs shock Good Hope Falcons 42-40

ISAAC CAUSEY

ST. CROIX — Roshella Mussington scored four points in the final eight seconds as the resurgent Central High Caribs shocked the Good Hope Falcons 42-40 in the girls division of the Good Hope Invitational Basketball Tournament.

With Central trailing 40-38, Mussington took an inbound pass with 16 seconds left, dribbled up court, and hit a running shot off the backboard with eight seconds remaining. Central stole the inbound pass and with two seconds remaining, and Mussington fired another 12-foot shot — almost from the same location. The ball bounced from the backboard into the net, giving the Lady Caribs a win on the first day of the tournament.

"I didn't want to lose," said Mussington, who was mobbed by teammates and other Central students after the shot. "I'm tired of losing. I want to bring my team back for the crown."

Central, which struggled earlier in the season, fought off a strong rally from host Good Hope, which was coming off a big victory against regular-season champion Educational Complex last week. Good Hope also had the services of guard Lauren Larsen, who missed most of February with an ankle injury. J'Nelle Springer, the other Good Hope starting guard, missed the game with a knee injury.

Larsen came into the contest to start the second half with her team trailing 25-14. Larsen teamed with Jada Daniel to stage a comeback much to the delight of the Good Hope cheering section. Daniel finished with a game-high 16 points, including 10 of her team's 14 first-half points.

Good Hope built a 38-33 lead with 3:35 remaining when Daniel scored a layup. Even as the momentum shifted toward Good Hope, the Central players kept cool.

Mussington and Anna Ayala led Central with eight points.

Elena Christian takes top spot

AVIS STAFF

ST. CROIX — The Elena Christian Simbas secured the top seed in the St. Croix junior varsity boys basketball league Thursday with a 64-25 victory over Country Day Tigers.

The Simbas finished the season with only one loss and will receive a first-round bye in next week's playoffs.

Joelfrey Polanco and Dennis Liburd each scored 15 points for Elena Christian, while teammate Michael Ford added 12 points.

Country Day was paced by Koffi St. Cyr, who had 16 points.

Arthur Richards, which was awarded a forfeit victory on Thursday, is the second seed.

Elementary

Emanuel 30, Good Shepherd 28

Elvis Edwards scored 10 points and received big help from two girls as Emanuel Elementary nipped Good Shepherd in a coed game.

Hadassah Emanuel, a descent of Charles H. Emanuel, the school's namesake, chipped in six points, and Dharyvette D'Paula grabbed 10 rebounds and had six points.

Andrews 19, Good Hope 17

Victor Matthias scored 12 points to lead Alfredo Andrews Elementary. Good Hope was paced by Christopher Floyd, who had eight points.

BasketballScores

VARSITY
Girls
Central 42, Good Hope 40
CENTRAL — B. Larsen 5, J. Jones 8, J. Daniel 16, A. Talib 4, S. Rivera 1, L. Larsen 6.
GOOD HOPE - A. Ayala 8, R. Camacho 5, R. Gardner 4, C. James 2, C. James 2, L. Knight 4, U. Lockhart 10, R. Mussington 8.

Boys
Country Day 63, St. Joseph 57
COUNTRY DAY - M.C. Hendrickson 10, S. Dalton 11, G. Garcia 2, S. Hodge 25, S. Hutchins 2, S. Macedon 12.
ST. JOSEPH - T. Lake 11, S. Joseph 2, G. Thurland 9, I. Ventura 2, J. Overson 5, N. Rivera 24, E. O'Neal 2.

Good Hope 50, Manor 32
GOOD HOPE - D. Henry 15, C. Brown 3, K. Hensley 7, P. Cole 6, N. Colabella 4, D. Buncombe 4, A. Qattum 1.
MANOR — M. Harvey 13, C. Muller 16, D. O'Neal 5, A. Williams 4, G. Polydore 4.

JUNIOR VARSITY
Boys
Elena Christian 64, Country Day 25
ELENA CHRISTIAN - J. Polanco 15, D. Liburd 15, W. Wesserhoft 6, M. Ford 12, J. Murray 4, S. Morales 6, O. Lewis 2, S. Charles 2.
COUNTRY DAY - J. Cipriani 7, K. St. Cyr 16, J. Shillingford 2.

ELEMENTARY
Coed
Emanuel 30, Good Shepherd 28
EMANUEL — Hadassah Emanuel 10, D. Paula 6, E. Edwards 10, A. Powell 2, M. Cabrera 3, A. Quinones 3.
GOOD SHEPHERD - D. Lynch 14, M. Mohammed 6, I. Mohammed 8.

Briefs

Trimmingham's team loses rare game

BELGRANO, Argentina — Leon Trimmingham of St. Croix scored 27 points as Boca Juniors five-game win streak was snapped by Belgrano de San Nicolas, 83-79, Wednesday night in the Argentina Basketball League. The 6-foot-7 forward is averaging 24.3 points and 8 rebounds per contest. The loss drops Boca' record to 25-13 overall. Boca returns to action Sunday night against Penarol.

Trimmingham is a member of the Virgin Islands National Team.

SHANE: Hodge, Dalton shine

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first-round playoff victory against Good Hope on Wednesday. In that game, St. Joseph's took a big lead and allowed Good Hope to make a run, but the Saints were able to hold off Good Hope by one point in the end.

"We always do that," St. Joseph's forward Norberto Rivera said. "We get the lead and let is slip away."

Rivera had 24 points Thursday, but was held to only two points in the final quarter when nothing went right for the Saints. Themal Lake added 11 points for St. Joseph's.

"This is not done," Rivera said. "We plan to make it back to the final."

St. Joseph is the defending St. Croix varsity league and Good Hope tournament champs. The team, however, is missing the entire starting five from last season, including Cuthbert Victor, the St. Croix Athlete of the Year. Victor is currently the starting swing man for Murray State University of the Ohio Valley Conference.

The double-elimination Good Hope Tournament will resume today with three games at Good Hope School. Four varsity boys' teams are competing in the private-school invitational, sponsored by attorney Joel Holt.

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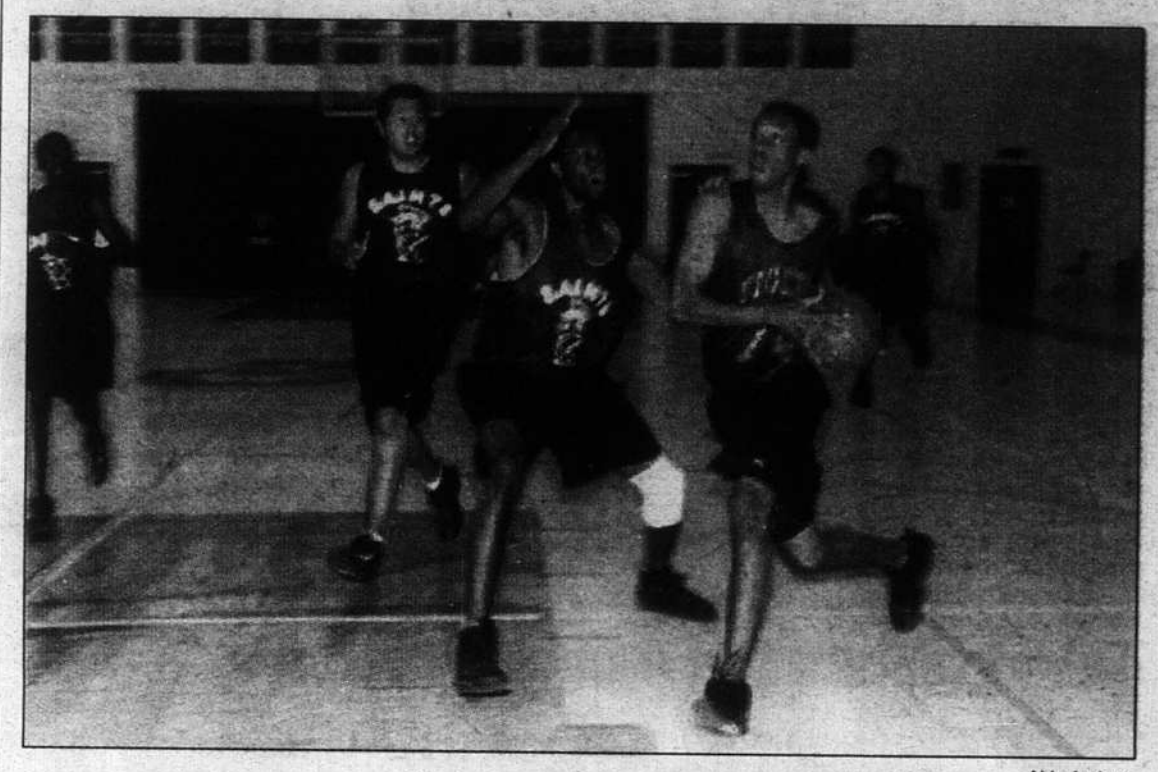
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Today's weather

Partly cloudy with 20 percent chance of showers. Highs 88 to 90.

Shane show



Alda Anduze

Country Day School player Shane Hodge (74) drives past defenders before taking a shot.

Hodge, Dalton shine in tourney

ISAAC CAUSEY

ST. CROIX — It was a Shane how the Country Day Tigers were able to come from behind and beat the defending champion St. Joseph's Saints on Thursday evening in varsity boys basketball.

Yes, a Shane — not a shame.

Shane Hodge scored a game-high 25 points and teammate Shane Dalton added 11 points as Country Day rallied from an 11-point fourth-quarter deficit to down St. Joseph's 63-57 in the first round of the Good Hope Invitational Tournament.

Hodge scored nine points in the final period and Dalton had seven points down the stretch as Country Day finished the game on a 24-7 run.

"In the end, we forced the tempo and got some turnovers," said Country Day coach Dan Tupaj. "We fought back and hit some shots and the two Shanes stepped up."

With six minutes remaining, St. Joseph's led 50-39. Country Day went on a 17-4 run to take a 58-54 lead with 55 seconds remaining. Hodge had five straight points during the rally, including the go-ahead basket with 2:50 left.

"We had a little doubt," Dalton said of how he felt before the rally. "We knew if we played hard we could come back. Shane started to hit his shots and we feed off him."



Alda Anduze

St. Joe's player Norberto Rivera (11) goes up high for the shot against defenders Thursday during action in the Good Hope Invitational Tournament at the Good Hope gym.

Dalton hit two three-pointers in the fourth quarter and Hodge caused havoc driving to the basket and shooting from the outside. Selah Macedon, who scored 12 points, and Marcus C. Hendrickson, who totaled 10 points, also chipped in.

St. Joseph's was coming off a

SHANE, PAGE 31

Flak Man up for the next challenge

Thoroughbred will carry 123 pounds in his next race

HORCE RACING
When: Sunday, post time 1:30 p.m.
Where: Randall "Doc" James Racetrack

ISAAC CAUSEY

ST. CROIX — The co-owner of the territory's top thoroughbred said races only two weeks apart will not hinder Flak Man's performance. However, Darrel "Kefee" Jackson said the weight added to his horse will make Sunday's competition more interesting.

Flak Man, which won the feature race convincingly on Feb. 18, will go back into action again Sunday carrying more weight than the other horses in the 7-furlong run.

"That's what they have to do," Jackson said. "That's their way of handicapping."

Flak Man will carry 123 pounds in the $4,200 featured sixth race. Flak Man will be challenged by Barchette, carrying 115 pounds; Silvery Cyclone, carrying 111; and Resonate, with 113. Added weight is a form of handicapping better horses to make the race more even.

Jackson said Flak Man has not carried 123 pounds before, but he feels the Florida import can handle it. "I have strong feelings he can win, but we will have to see when the time presents itself."

The Selah Macedon-trained horse is coming off an impressive victory two weeks ago when it ran the 1-mile in 1:37⅘, the fastest time at the track since the installation of a new running surface.

"That was an easy run," said Jackson, who co-owns the 7-year-old gelding with St. Croix attorney Lee Rohn. "He is used to running every week. In the States, they run every week."

Post time is 1:30 p.m. Six races are on the card, promoted by Virgin Islands Racing Inc.

The card is the third this season for VirCorp, the Randall "Doc" James racetrack promoters.

Under a recent agreement reached between VirCorp and the St. Croix Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, the promoters will hold 13 live races a year with a $24,000 purses per card.

Flak Man has competed on all cards this year and has won every time. In four races in the Virgin Islands, Flak Man has three wins and one place. In his debut, Flak Man finished second to Saratoga Squall over 1⅛ mile. On Jan. 14, Flak Man beat Saratoga Squall in a 7-furlong race. And two weeks ago, Flak Man won the 1-mile feature in 1:37⅘, the fastest time on the track since it was resurfaced.

Barchette is very familiar with Flak Man. He finished second to Flak Man in the Cruzan Rum Classic on Dec. 26. Barchette was the show horse in two races featuring Saratoga Squall and Flak Man. On Sept. 24, Barchette finished first ahead of Saratoga Squall in a 1-mile race.

Resonate won his debut on Aug. 13, and finished third behind Saratoga Squall and Barchette on Oct. 15.

St. Croix native makes Second Team All-SEC

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Senior guard Tombi Bell of St. Croix was named Second Team All-SEC by the Southeastern Conference coaches in the postseason awards.

Bell, a 5-foot-5 guard, ranks second on the team in scoring this season, contributing 12.5 points to go along with 5.0 rebounds and a team-high 5.0 assists per game. She ranks No. 3 all-time for assists, dishing 416 during her career. Bell also ranks among UF's top-10 all-time for steals (eighth), made free throws (seventh) and free throws attempted (seventh).

Bell grew up on St. Croix, but left for the mainland after Hurricane Hugo.

She is the younger sister to Raja Bell of the CBA. Raja Bell also played the preseason with the San Antonio Spurs before he was released.