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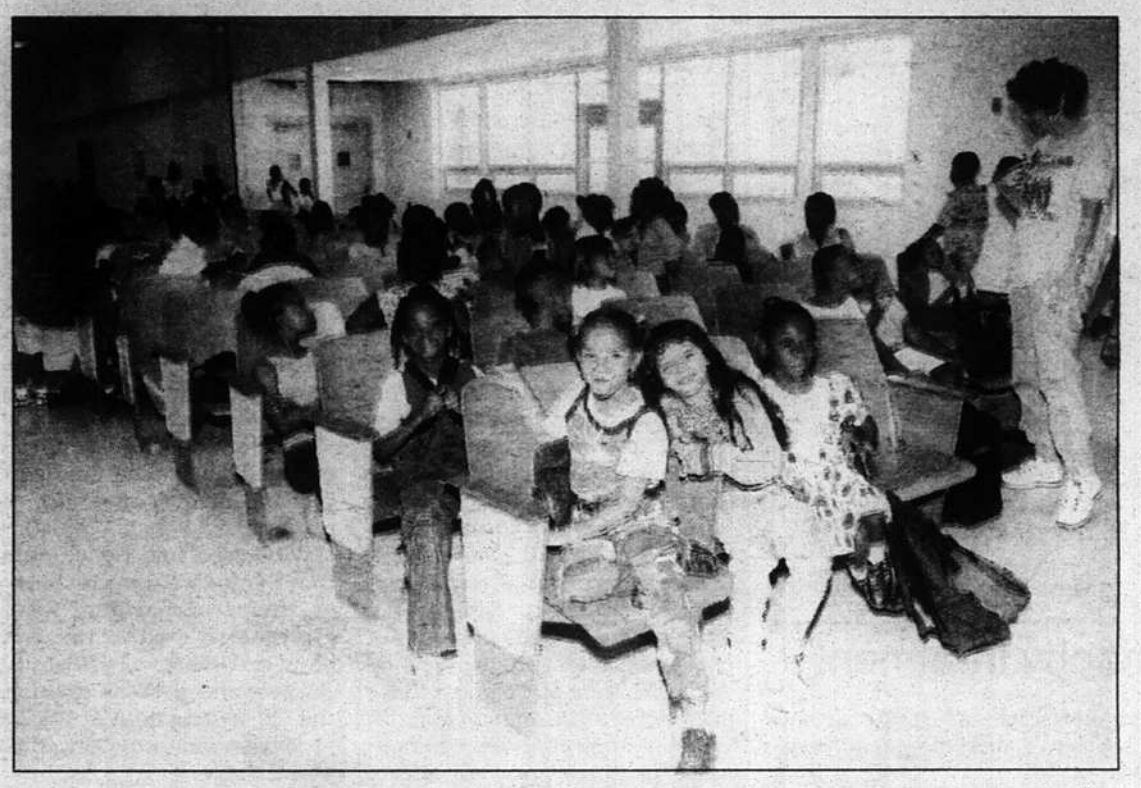
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Alda Anduze

Pearl B. Larsen Elementary School students are supervised Friday in the cafeteria while teachers stage an in-house protest.

STX teachers stage protest

ANGELA BORCHERT

ST. CROIX — Without offering any academic instruction, teachers supervised their students Friday at Pearl B. Larsen Elementary School.

The day began with a Black History Month program, during which Pearl B. alumni discussed their achievements since elementary school, while teachers sat in the rear of the auditorium.

After lunch, classrooms remained unoccupied and students — those who were not picked up early — stayed in the auditorium.

The teachers were staging a sit-in protest.

Sparking the demonstration was the government's delay in paying local American Federation of Teachers members their negotiated salary increases and retroactive wages dating back to Sept. 1, 2000.

"Teachers again felt like they were being disrespected, and we had to bring some awareness to our plight."

Angeli Ferdschneider, AFT building representative at Pearl B. Larsen Elementary

"Teachers again felt like they were being disrespected, and we had to bring some awareness of our plight," said Angeli Ferdschneider, an AFT building representative at Pearl B. Larsen. "It's not OK with us.

"We were looking forward to receiving our raises to make (teaching) feel worthwhile. And it's just disrespect upon disrespect building up."

After going on strike last October due to ill-fated contract negotiations, AFT members were forced back to work by a court order. A new contract was eventually ratified, but many teachers said they were insulted by the wage agreement.

Then last Tuesday, Chief Negotiator Karen Andrews announced that about 200 AFT members had begun receiving their salary increases, but the rest would be finalized between now and April 5. She said retroactive payments will be made in clusters of 500 and

TEACHERS, PAGE 2

Senate cracks down on press

Bryan, Liburd issue restrictions for credentials and 'proper dress'

WILL JONES

USVI — Although the U.S. Constitution clearly states that Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech or the press, the VI Legislature has come up with its own rules.

Senate Vice President Adelbert Bryan sent a memorandum Friday to all news media representatives on "proper dress attire and identification" that will take effect immediately for reporters covering legislative proceedings. It also mentioned restrictions on the general public photographing or recording legislative sessions.

That was followed by a two-page memo from Sen. President Almando Liburd — faxed to the Avis at 6:27 p.m. — decreeing that reporters must have Senate-issued press credentials and promise not to assist in the prosecution of any legislative business.

Under the new policy, only accredited press representatives will be granted access to the "media galleries" in the legislative chambers and conference rooms.

It said that nobody except "accredited" press representatives or duly authorized members of the Legislature's staff "shall be permitted to record, photograph, film or transmit live proceedings of the Legislature or any committee without being granted permission, in writing, by the Senate president."

In applying to the Senate president for credentials, the news reporter must state the name of

PRESS, PAGE 2

Legislative roster is finally released

Questions remain of report's accuracy

WILL JONES

USVI — Senate President Almando Liburd has finally released a list of the 24th Legislature's staff and employees for each senator — more than a month after The Avis requested the information.

The list shows that the total personnel budget for each senator ranges from a low of $39,000 for Sen. Emmett Hansen II to a high of $342,000 for Liburd.

The figures do not include the senators' allotments for travel, supplies and equipment nor the amount for each standing committee, which also was requested by this newspaper under the territory's Public Records Act, commonly known as the Sunshine Law, on Jan. 17.

The roster raises questions about its accuracy because several employees who are listed under the central staff — which means they work for the entire Legislature and are paid out of that budget — are wildly known to be employed by individual senators.

PERSONNEL, PAGE 2



Alda Anduze

Young explorers

Charles H. Emanuel third-graders, teachers, and parents prepare to travel to St. Thomas aboard a Seaborne plane Friday after raising enough funds for a class field trip to Coral World.

Santos guilty in Lawrence shooting death

Plea bargain struck; judge may give sentence of 20-30 years

KC BURGARD

ST. CROIX — Renaldo Santos pleaded guilty Friday to shooting and killing Vincent Lawrence Jr., 19, last October at a mobile-home community here.

Santos, 20, pleaded guilty in Territorial Court to second-degree murder and possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime of violence. As part of the plea agreement reached with prosecutors, Santos will be sentenced to a prison term of not less than 20 years but not more than 30 years for the murder. While serving his murder sentence, Santos will also serve a five-year term for the firearms charge.

Judge Edgar Ross immediately placed Santos into the custody of the Bureau of Corrections — over defense attorney Martial Webster's repeated objections — until his sentencing on March 14. Santos had previously been free on bail, placed on house arrest with electronic monitoring.

Santos, of Peppertree Terrace, was arrested Oct. 5, 2000, and charged with the first-degree murder of Lawrence, who died after being shot in the head at point-blank range.

Police investigators at the time said Lawrence, a groundskeeper at the trailer park, argued with Santos in the morning hours before the shooting.

Lawrence had reportedly chopped down a marijuana plant growing near Santos' No. 4-10 residence.

Witnesses told police officers that Santos went inside his trailer after a verbal and physical altercation with Lawrence, emerged with a .38-caliber revolver and shot the victim near the left temple area of his head. Lawrence was pronounced dead at the scene.

TEACHERS: Sit-in staged to protest shabby treatment

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will be distributed in payroll checks on April 19, May 17 and May 31.

The new AFT contract, however, stated that the salary increases and retro payments were to be made within 30 days of the contract being ratified by the governor, which occurred in early January.

Lariel Gerard, an AFT building representative at Pearl B., said many teachers took out personal loans to cover expenses during the three-week strike last year and were looking forward to their increases and retroactive pay to make necessary payments.

"They felt that they wanted to do things with their money," Gerard said. "They are downspirited right now and they felt like they must take some kind of action."

PERSONNEL: Number of people on payroll released

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For example, attorney Amelia Joseph — who also has a private law practice — and information research specialist David Cover are listed under the St. Croix legal counsel office at a salary of $60,000 and $50,000, respectively — but both work primarily for Sen. Alicia Hansen.

In fact, Hansen sent out a press release Friday saying that she had authorized Joseph to proceed with Hansen's lawsuit against the government and its Education Department over Education Commissioner Ruby Simmonds' plan last year to charge a fee to bus students to and from schools.

Another employee, Janet Foster, is listed as assistant chief researcher/analyst in the Post Audit Division at a salary of $40,000, but at a recent Senate Finance Committee meeting Foster said she was Hansen's liaison to the Tourism Department.

Hansen is chairwoman of the Finance Committee, which has authority over the Post Audit Division.

Llanval Crooke also reportedly works for Hansen, but is carried on the central budget in the archives division as "coordinator of visiting senators' office," earning $25,000.

Individual senator's total employee and personnel budgets are:

At-large

• Liburd — 10 employees in offices on all three islands, $342,000.

St. Croix district

• Sen. Adelbert Bryan, vice president and Economic Development, Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee chairman — seven employees, $256,728.

• Sen. Norman Jn. Baptiste, Education Committee chairman — eight employees, $232,500.

• Sen. Alicia Hansen, six employees, $164,000.

• Sen. Douglas Canton Jr., Health and Hospitals Committee chairman — three employees, $87,000.

• Sen. David Jones — three employees, $90,000.

• Sen. Vargrave Richards, Youth and Human Services Committee chairman — three employees, $77,500.

• Sen. Emmett Hansen II — three employees, $39,000.

St. Thomas-St. John district

• Celestino White Sr., majority leader and Housing, Parks and Recreation Committee chairman — five employees, $169,000.

• Sen. Carlton Dowe, Rules Committee chairman — eight employees, $240,000.

• Sen. Donald Cole, Government Operation, Planning and Environmental Protection Committee chairman — five employees, $167,000.

• Sen. Norma Samuel, Labor and Veterans Affairs Committee chairman — five employees, $169,000.

• Sen. Rooseveldt David — five employees, $94,932.

• Sen. Adlah Donastorg — three employees, $85,000.

• Sen. Lorraine Berry — three employees, $60,000.

PRESS: Dress code will be enforced

FROM PAGE 1

the media organization that employs him or her and any other occupation or employment the reporter might have.

"The press representative shall further declare in the application that he or she is not employed, directly or indirectly, to assist in the prosecution of the legislative business of any person, corporation or association, and will not become so employed while retaining the privilege of an accredited press representative," according to the policy.

It said that after the information is verified, the president will then issue a non-transferable media credential card which must be prominently displayed in order to enter the media galleries.

Liburd claimed that the policy is in accordance with the "standard practices in the U.S. Capitol and in state capitols around the world and is within the spirit and letter of the VI Sunshine Act."

Bryan's memo said that all media personnel must present and adequately display proper identification identifying them by their name and organization they represent.

"Proper dress attire must be worn at all times by media personnel and persons testifying before the legislature. (Short pants, slippers, or sleeveless shirts are not permitted). Compliance with this policy is expected in order to gain access to the conference room," Bryan's memo also said.

"You wouldn't go to the U.S. Congress wearing shorts. The Legislature here is our Congress."

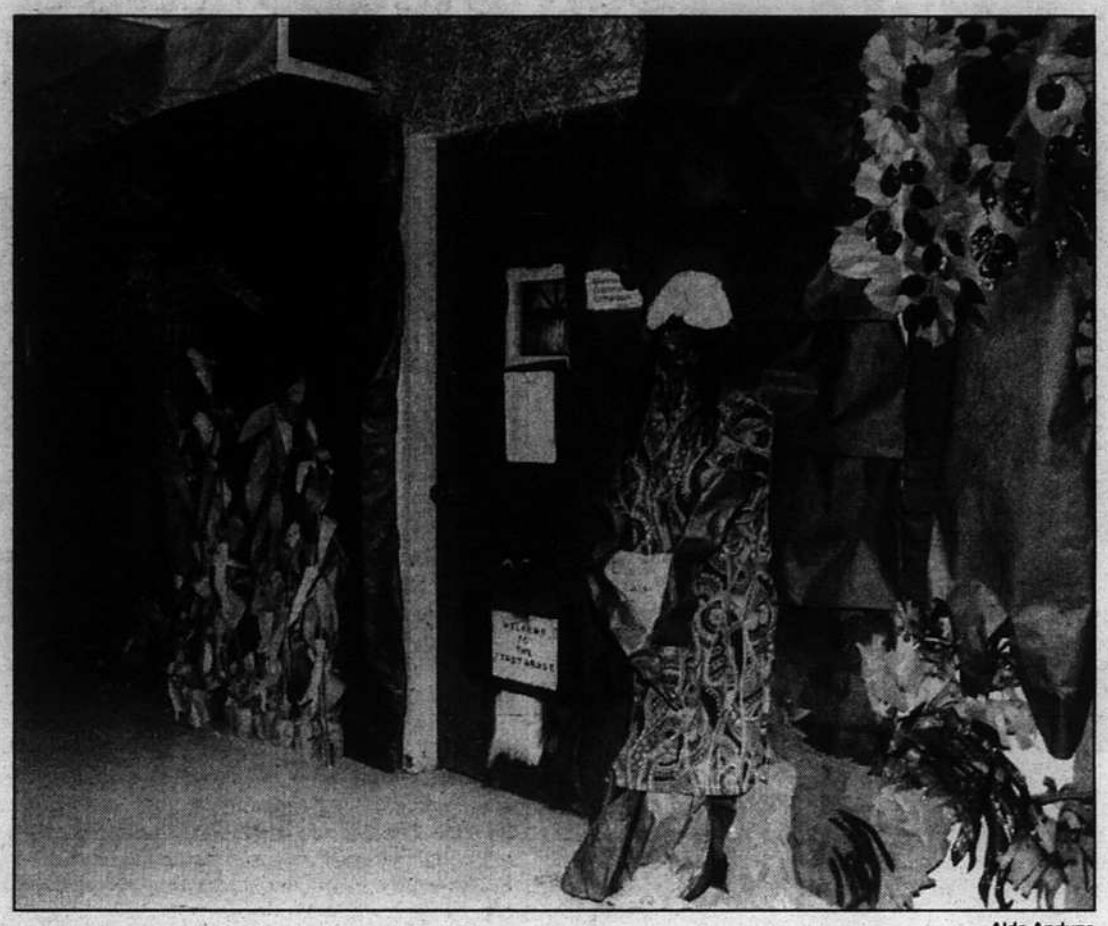
Almando Liburd,
Senate President

Liburd said Friday that the dress code is to ensure that the media and others show respect for the Legislature by wearing proper clothing.

"You wouldn't go to the U.S. Congress wearing shorts," Liburd said. "The Legislature here is our Congress."

Neither Liburd nor Bryan explained why only reporters are required to show identification in order to attend legislative sessions held in public buildings or what prompted the requirement that reporters have Senate press credentials.

Most media representatives already have press credentials issued by the VI Police Department.



Alda Anduze

Door decor

Diana Osborne-Richardson's first-grade classroom door at Pearl B. Larsen Elementary School is decorated with cultural motifs for Black History Month.

Teenage girl treated for knife wound in after-school incident

Weapon allegedly pulled from book bag, police say

KC BURGARD

ST. CROIX — A 16-year-old female student was sent to the emergency room Friday afternoon with a stab wound she received from a fellow student.

Deputy Police Chief Novelle Francis said police were called to the Seventh Day Adventist School area at 12:21 p.m. to a report of a stabbing.

"Fourteen and 15-year-old sisters were engaged in an argument with a 16-year-old female when it turned physical," Francis said. The elder sister allegedly took a knife from her book bag and stabbed the other girl in her right neck and shoulder area.

"The victim received a large laceration," Francis said, which apparently required several stitches at the Juan Luis Hospital.

Investigators with the VI Police Department's Juvenile Investigation Bureau temporarily detained the young suspect, who was charged with third-degree assault. She was subsequently released into the custody of her parents, according to Francis. Names of minors charged with crimes are not released by the department.

Police were unable to locate the knife used in the stabbing, which was apparently thrown into the bush area near the Christiansted school.

Francis said the girls involved in the stabbing, including the victim and the suspect, were students of Seventh Day Adventist.

"However, it happened in the roadway after school," Francis said.

The deputy chief did not have information about the school's operating hours and calls to the school Friday afternoon went unanswered.

CHS students get valuable lesson by planting trees in Princesse

ST. CROIX — Students from Central High School planted trees Monday at The Nature Conservancy's preserve in Little Princesse in a volunteer effort to rehabilitate the area with local, rare and endangered plants.

The students of Sharon Prudoff's applied physics class spent a large part of the morning planting coconut trees along one of the trails at the preserve.

They also planted soursop and sugar-apple trees in the area of the estate referred to as the "laborers' village."

Carol Burke of the St. Croix Environmental Association's Re-Leaf Program was on hand to teach the group about correct handling and transplanting of the trees. Re-Leaf is a program that promotes instruction on the benefits of trees, and encourages arborist education among tree-care professionals.

According to Prudoff, the students worked hard to solicit donations of plants from various agencies including the Department of Agriculture, the Anti-Litter and Beautification Commission and SEA.

After busying themselves with pick-axes, shovels and buckets of water to prepare new homes for the plants, the students' hard work was celebrated with a barbecue and a swim at The Nature Conservancy's beach.

"These plants will add to the richness of the flora and fauna of the preserve, and hopefully will also serve to attract other creatures that depend on these plants for survival," said Nick Drayton, The Nature Conservancy's director of conservation programs.



Submitted photo

Carol Burke of the St. Croix Environmental Association shows a Central High School physics student the proper technique for planting a tree Monday at the Nature Conservancy in Little Princesse.

Police blotter

ST. CROIX

Arrests:

5 p.m., Thurs., Efrain "Jing Jang" Ramos, 41, of no fixed address, was arrested for passing fictitious bills. Police said Ramos tried to purchase items from Pueblo grocery store in La Reine with a counterfeit $50 bill. Bail was set at $10,000.

10:47 p.m., Thurs., Eriberto Peredes Guerrero, 28, of no fixed address, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license. Guerrero allegedly led police on a high-speed chase on Hams Bluff Road before he was traffic-stopped on Queen Street in Frederiksted. Guerrero, of the Dominican Republic, was referred to the Immigration and Naturalization Services.

Assaults:

7:20 p.m., Thurs., Estate Humbug.

11:15 p.m., Thurs., Queen Street, Frederiksted.

Grand larcenies:

3:30 p.m., Thurs., WSB Laundromat.

4 p.m., Thurs., McDonald's in La Reine.

5 p.m., Thurs., Northside Road in the vicinity of La Reine.

11:17 a.m., Fri., Government parking lot in Christiansted.

Other:

7:57 p.m., Thurs., a disturbance and a discharging of shots reported in downtown Christiansted.

8:06 p.m., Thurs., a discharging of shots reported near the Campo Rico shanty.

9:32 p.m., Thurs., threats with a gun reported at Castle Burke Site II.

1:09 a.m., Fri., a discharging of shots reported at the Nicasio Nico housing community.

ST. THOMAS

Arrests:

8 p.m., Thurs., Aivis Raymond, 56, of Anna's Retreat, was charged with driving under the influence and negligent driving after being involved in an auto accident. Bail was set at $1,000.

10:05 a.m., Thurs., a 17-year-old boy was charged with petit larceny and trespassing after allegedly stealing a bag of peat moss from a near-by residence. He was released to his parents.

9 a.m., Fri., Franklin Varga, 22, of Gamble Gade, was charged with illegal entry at Brewers Bay. No bail was set.

Assaults:

5:36 p.m., Thurs., Lockhart Gardens.

9:13 p.m., Thurs., Nadir.

12:30 a.m., Fri., area unknown.

9:50 a.m., Fri., Kronprindsens Gade.

Burglaries:

4:10 p.m., Thurs., Oswald Harris Court.

10:35 a.m., Fri., Nazareth.

Grand Larcenies:

8:50 a.m., Fri., Bovoni.

9:45 a.m., Fri., Contant.

Other:

3:14 a.m., Fri., illegal discharge of a firearm, Contant.

VI students match wits in science competition

DAN KUEMMEL

ST. THOMAS — Which planet in our solar system has the strongest magnetic field? What is osmosis? And which two scientists are most recognized for their work with DNA and genetics?

Students from eight different high schools in the territory answered those questions and more at the Science Bowl competition at Charlotte Amalie High School on Friday.

From physics to genetics to astronomy and more, students in teams of four were asked questions by a moderator and hit a buzzer if they knew the answer.

The winning team at the double elimination tournament will win a new computer for their school.

Alan Woods, a chemistry teacher at Central High and the team's coach, said he was proud of his students who spent extra time studying a thick book of questions that would be used in the competition.

"The public schools are at a disadvantage because they were out of school for seven weeks. We started late and had a teacher strike, but all the kids have put in the time."

Meria Marcel was one of five students at Central High who volunteered to join the team this year.

"I like science and I like Mr. Wood's classes. He's the best. Any activities with him I probably want to join," she said.

One of the hardest parts of competing is that nagging feeling when you press your buzzer and don't know if the answer your about to give is correct, said Kamileese Rougier, a member of the Central High team. But she said it's better than not taking the chance.

"Knowing the right answer and not buzzing in, that's probably the most difficult thing," she said.

Although Central High lost their first match to Good Hope 70-8, they'll have a good night's rest at the Renaissance Grand Hotel in St. Thomas to rest up for tomorrow — not a bad reward for all that studying.

In Friday's competition, All Saints School lost a close match to Antilles School by a score of 54-38. But the highest scoring team of the night was the Charlotte Amalie High School team. The Chickenhawks were quick on the buzzer and racked up 110 points against St. Croix Educational Complex to move on to the next round, along with Country Day School, who beat Ivanna Eudora Kean High School.

The Science Bowl will continue today when all of the teams return for day two of the competition, and the team that knows what the acronym for the IUPAC organization is — and is quick on the buzzer — might bring back a new computer for their school.



Dan Kuemmel

Central High School Science Bowl Coach Alan Woods gives some last-minute advice to his students before the start of their match with Good Hope School at the Science Fair in St. Thomas. The students (from left) are David Fabio (standing), Cary Eaglin, Ashbel Benjamin, Kamileese Rougier and Meria Marcel.

Colombian president urges US to lift barriers for textile trade

WASHINGTON (AP) — While drug-fighting is still a priority, Colombia's President Andres Pastrana comes to Washington next week eager to press for better trade opportunities, too, his ambassador says.

With Colombia mired in a recession, Pastrana is expected to ask President George W. Bush and congressional leaders to lower U.S. trade barriers for textile manufacturers and other exporters from the Andean region.

"I think at this juncture this is definitely more important for Colombia right now," Ambassador Luis Moreno said in an interview. "It would send a message of hope."

Colombian officials have argued that lowering trade barriers would create more jobs at home, offering an alternative to Colombians who subsist on the lower rungs of the drug-trafficking industry.

A proposal to give Colombia trade benefits died in Congress last year despite support from then-President Bill Clinton and top congressional leaders.

U.S. textile workers, concerned about losing jobs to low-cost South American labor, would fight any new proposal.

"Apparel and textile jobs should not be the principal weapon of foreign policy," said Ann Hoffman, legislative director of the Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees.

Colombia is the third-largest recipient of U.S. military aid and last year was the main beneficiary of a $1.3 billion anti-drug package. Most of that money was for helicopters and other equipment to provide security for drug eradication missions in areas held by leftist guerrillas.

U.S. officials have said more money will be needed this year to maintain military equipment, promote alternative crops and boost social programs, as well as help neighboring countries so the drug trade and civil war don't spill across borders.

Teen pleads guilty to gun possession

KC BURGARD

ST. CROIX — Jose Velez, 18, pleaded guilty in federal court this week to a gun charge brought against him last October.

In exchange for Velez admitting to possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number, prosecutors dismissed additional charges of possession of a firearm in a school zone and possession of an unlicensed firearm. His sentencing date has not been set.

Velez, of the John F. Kennedy housing community, was arrested on Oct. 4, 2000, when local police officers responded to the complex to the report of a man brandishing a gun. Velez ran from the officer and attempted to hide the loaded gun on a balcony. Velez's case was transferred to the District Court because it is a federal crime to illegally possess a weapon within 1,000 feet of a school — the Juanita Gardine Elementary School is adjacent to JFK.

U.S. Magistrate Jeffrey Resnick allowed Velez to remain free on bail pending his sentencing under the same conditions previously set by the court, which require that he adhere to a 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew.

Briefs

Man found dead in Frederiksted

ST. CROIX — Police on St. Croix are investigating a possible homicide last night in Frederiksted.

Police reports indicate that a man — who was apparently the victim of an assault incident — was found dead in the vicinity of the former Smokey's Grocery & Bar shortly after 8:30 p.m.

The man was drinking with another person at a bar and left saying he would return, according to police.

The victim appeared to have suffered head and neck injuries.

League of Women voters to meet

USVI — The League of Women Voters of the Virgin Islands will meet for lunch at noon on March 5 at Chickie's Place in Frenchtown, St. Thomas.

John King of the VI National Park Service will speak about the newly-designated national-park expansion and the management plan for the monuments.

The public is invited to attend.

Call Eleanor Cerge at 776-9357.

Conference focused on OSHA standards

USVI — Acting Labor Commissioner Cecil Benjamin invites employers and employees to attend the biannual Safety and Health Conference from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Feb. 27 and 28, at the University of the Virgin Islands Sports and Fitness Center on St. Thomas; from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Feb. 28, at the St. Croix Curriculum Center; and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 1, at Gertrude's Restaurant on St. Croix.

The conference will focus Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards aimed at reducing workplace injuries.

Benjamin said Labor Department offices will be closed Feb. 27 and 28 on St. Thomas, and Feb. 28 and March 1 on St. Croix.

CHS library dedication planned

ST. CROIX — Central High School's new administration building and renovated library will be christened with a dedication ceremony, beginning at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 15.

Meanwhile, there is a need for updated Caribbean and black-history books as well as shelving, reference tables, computers and adequate staffing for the CHS library.

On Tuesday, Gov. Charles Turnbull and St. Croix Administrator Gregory Francis were taken on a tour of the library by Assistant CHS Principal Daryl Richards, who informed the governor of the facility's deficits.

"Education is a priority and students are our priority," Turnbull said in a prepared statement. "This administration is committed to addressing these concerns."

Smoke & Enjoy



Associated Press

Cuban Julian Gonzales, left, rolls a special 35-centimeter cigar, a special request from an Arabic country, Thursday in the "Por Larranaga" cigar factory of Havana, Cuba. Cigar aficionados from around the world descended on Cuba this week, visiting tobacco farms and factories and savoring new cigar brands during an annual celebration of the island nation's world-famous stogies.

Cigar aficionados from all over the world come to Cuba during week-long festival

HAVANA (AP) — Cigar aficionados from around the world descended on Cuba this week, visiting tobacco farms and factories and savoring new cigar brands during an annual celebration of the island nation's world-famous stogies.

The yearly Habanos Festival wrapped up Friday evening with an elegant "cigar dinner" at the Tropicana nightclub, where a selection of some of Cuba's finest hand-rolled cigars accompanied the meal.

Cuban cigars "are perfect," Iranian businessman Manoucher Houshmand said with a smile. On his first visit to the Caribbean island, the 70-year-old is among about 500 foreigners who traveled here for the festival that began Monday.

"Still, after decades of smoking them I do not see the difference" between brands such as Romeo y Julieta and Partagas — two of 34 brands sold by Cuba's state-operated cigar company Habanos S.A.

Cigar enthusiasts from other countries who live in Cuba confirm that the distinctions between the brands are not as great as they used to be because of some deterioration in quality since the 1980s. Demand for Cuban cigars has increased, and older tobacco rolling experts are being replaced by less experienced people.

The growing demand for Cuban tobacco also has resulted in more cigar counterfeiting; illegal cigars are made from Cuban tobacco and sold to tourists and exporters as original Cohibas or other brands.

The counterfeits "aren't necessarily bad" because they are made with Cuban tobacco, said Jean-Ives Martinez, a French journalist and cigar smoker who has lived here 15 years. But they are not the same quality as the originals.

Manuel Garcia, vice president of Habanos S.A., which organized the festival, said all Cuban-grown tobacco is good and insisted the crop has maintained its quality over the years. "We produce the best tobacco, there is no doubt," Garcia said.

But he did admit a growing problem with falsification of his company's products, as well as the counterfeiting of high-quality cigars from Honduras and the Dominican Republic.

To help foreign cigar smokers learn the differences in taste, smell and color of Cuba's best brands, Martinez in 1997 helped found "Habanos Folies," a club of 18 men who meet at least once a month to try new cigar brands.

But for those who are not connoisseurs, it is easy to be tempted by whispered offers in the street of cheap Cohibas — probably Cuba's best-known cigar brand. On the 35th anniversary of the brand this year, Cohiba remains the most frequently counterfeited.

The cigar preferred by President Fidel Castro before he kicked the habit in 1986, a box of Cohibas is the most coveted gift for distinguished foreign visitors. A box of 25 Cohibas here costs about $500, while the price ranges between $800 and $1,000 in Europe, said Garcia.

"It's like Rolex, Vuitton, Chanel ... Cohiba is technically perfect," said Remy Madelin, a French businessman who belongs to the Habanos Folies smokers' group.

Because of its high cost, however, Cohiba's production and sales are not the highest among the various Cuban brands. Last year, just 6 percent of the Cuban cigars exported last year were Cohibas.

■ ANTIGUA

Passenger-levy reviews mixed

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua (CANA) - President of the Antigua Hotels and Tourism Association Rob Sherman expressed mixed views Friday on the government's proposed $10 levy on airline passengers.

The government has already approved the introduction of the tax to help finance the development of the VC Bird International Airport.

"We are competing against other destinations that are already less expensive than we are, (and) it just seems crazy to add more," Sherman said.

"(But) if it upgrades the airport, then it's worth it, I guess," Sherman added.

The new charge is in addition to the $13 departure tax for nationals of Caricom member states and $20 for non-Caricom nationals.

When approved by Parliament, funds from the hike would be used to help fund the construction of a new two-story terminal building at VC Bird that will be fitted with an escalator and new apron.

The new levy will form part of the cost of tickets and will be collected by airlines and travel agencies.

Though he is not against the upgrading of the airport, the AHTA boss said that the government should focus on making the Immigration and Customs services more customer-friendly and

"We are competing against other destinations that are already less expensive than we are, (and) it just seems crazy to add more."

Rob Sherman,
President of Antigua Hotels and Tourism Association

marketing Antigua & Barbuda as a top tourist destination.

He attributed the decline in stay-over visitors from 240,000 in the mid 1990s to 205,000 last year to an almost non-existent marketing drive over the past 20 years.

Tourism Minister Molwyn Joseph is already on record as saying that his ministry needed at least $2 million to start an aggressive marketing campaign.

Although there has been a decline in visitor arrivals, the AHTA president disagreed with government that there was no money to fund the tourism marketing campaign because funds were being collected from the existing departure tax.

Sherman said he was optimistic that with two per cent of the 8.5 per cent hotel service tax going to a marketing fund, Antigua & Barbuda can regain the spotlight as a top destination for stay-over visitors.

Two Cuban women die on boat carrying migrants

ISLAMORADA, Fla. (Reuters) — Two Cuban women died of unknown causes aboard a boat carrying migrants which arrived off the Florida Keys on Friday, sheriff's deputies said.

The group of about 18 Cubans arrived near Islamorada in the middle Florida Keys. Monroe County Sheriff's deputies said an 73-year-old woman aboard the vessel appeared to have been dead "for some time."

A 27-year-old woman believed to be from the same group was dropped off at a nearby hospital, where she was pronounced dead, sheriff's spokeswoman Becky Herrin said. It was unclear who took her to the hospital.

■ ST. MAARTEN

US sailor dies in car accident

PHILIPSBURG, St. Maarten (AP) — One U.S. Navy sailor was killed and another was seriously injured in a car accident on St. Maarten, the Navy said Friday.

They were among four sailors in an open-topped vehicle that veered off a road and into a ditch Thursday night near Philipsburg, the main town on Dutch St. Maarten, the Navy said in a written statement. One sailor, 22, was killed instantly.

Another passenger was admitted in serious condition to the St. Maarten medical center and was evacuated to the Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, the Navy said.

The other two sailors were treated for minor injuries on St. Maarten.



Associated Press
President Bush speaks to reporters during a meeting with Office of Management and Budget officials, Friday in the Roosevelt Room at the White House.

Bush want to boost funding for health research by $3B

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Friday he will ask Congress to increase funds for health research by nearly $3 billion for the coming fiscal year.

Meeting in the Roosevelt Room with top aides — his "budget review board," he called them — Bush said the budget blueprint he will send to Capitol Hill on Wednesday will "prioritize the health-care needs."

"We recognize the federal government plays a very important role in researching cures for disease and therefore our budget increases the (National Institutes of Health) budget for 2002 by $2.8 billion — the largest increase in that department's history," the president said.

The current NIH budget is $20.4 billion, the White House said.

Bush met with Vice President Dick Cheney, Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, chief economic adviser Larry Lindsey, Office of Management and Budget Director Mitch Daniels and other senior advisers before helicoptering to Camp David for meetings with British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Bush will outline his budget for the nation in a State of the Union-styled address to a joint session of Congress Tuesday night. "I'm very much looking forward for the American people to see and hear the budget presentation. It's a practical budget," Bush said.

"The people of this country are going to realize we spent a lot of time on it and they'll realize they've got an administration that is practical, full of common sense."

The White House is methodically winding up for Tuesday's prime-time address, Bush's first as president, and his formal budget transmittal the following day. Bush will use his weekly radio address on Saturday to promote his priorities — tax cuts and education spending — then take his message on the road Wednesday and Thursday with trips to Pittsburgh; Council Bluffs, Iowa; Little Rock, Ark.; and Atlanta.

During a similar campaign-style swing this week, Bush promised an 11.5 percent increase for the Department of Education. And he called a news conference Thursday to propose a 10 percent increase for Medicare.

But the higher Medicare budget is mostly automatic growth attributed to inflation and an increase in the number of people in the program. Only a fraction of the proposed increase represents planned improvements by Bush, principally a new state prescription drug benefit.

Critics say big splash for McVeigh plays into hands

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Constance Favorite offers a half-serious suggestion for how to accommodate the 250 people who want to watch Timothy McVeigh's execution: Hold it in the middle of an Oklahoma field.

Favorite says she wouldn't look, but she would be there for the sake of her daughter Lakesha Levy, a 21-year-old Air Force airman who was among the 168 people killed in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

"To see it happen is not the important thing to me," Favorite says. "It's not anything that I need for myself. Let the people see if that's what they need to heal."

"He wants to make a martyr out of himself. If they broadcast it publicly, if they did it nationally, they would play right into Mr. Timothy McVeigh's hands."

Martha Ridley, victim's mother

The New Orleans woman is among the hundreds of victims and family members who have notified the government they want to watch the Oklahoma City bomber die on May 16 — so many people, in fact, that the U.S. Bureau of Prisons is considering showing the execution on closed-circuit television.

The execution chamber at the federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind., where McVeigh will receive a lethal injection has room for eight only witnesses representing the victims.

Some feel a strong need to see McVeigh take his last breath.

"I'd like to go to Indiana" and witness the execution in person, says Kathleen Treanor, whose 4-year-old daughter and in-laws died in the bombing.

"But what are my chances? I'm not setting my expectations too high. As long as I get to view it, I'm a happy camper. To see it happen is going to help me realize that this is over."

McVeigh, 32, dropped all appeals last month without explanation. And last week he let the deadline pass for asking President Bush to spare his life, saying through a lawyer that it would have been a futile gesture.

That appeared to clear the way for the first execution by the federal government since 1963.

Several states have shown executions on closed-circuit television to small groups of people gathered near where the executions were held. The federal government has never done so.

Officials have not decided whether they would show the closed-circuit broadcast in Terre Haute or Oklahoma City, spokeswoman Linda Smith says. But she says officials have rejected McVeigh's suggestion, made in a letter to a newspaper, that the execution be broadcast nationally.

Martha Ridley, whose daughter was killed in the attack, is disgusted by the idea.

"He's so ego-tripping," she says. "He wants to make a martyr out of himself. If they broadcast it publicly, if they did it nationally, they would play right into Mr. Timothy McVeigh's hands."

Ridley is raising her 6- and 10-year-old granddaughters, who lost their mother, Kathryn Ridley, in the truck bombing. "He's been living six years longer than those people he took care of with that bomb," she says.

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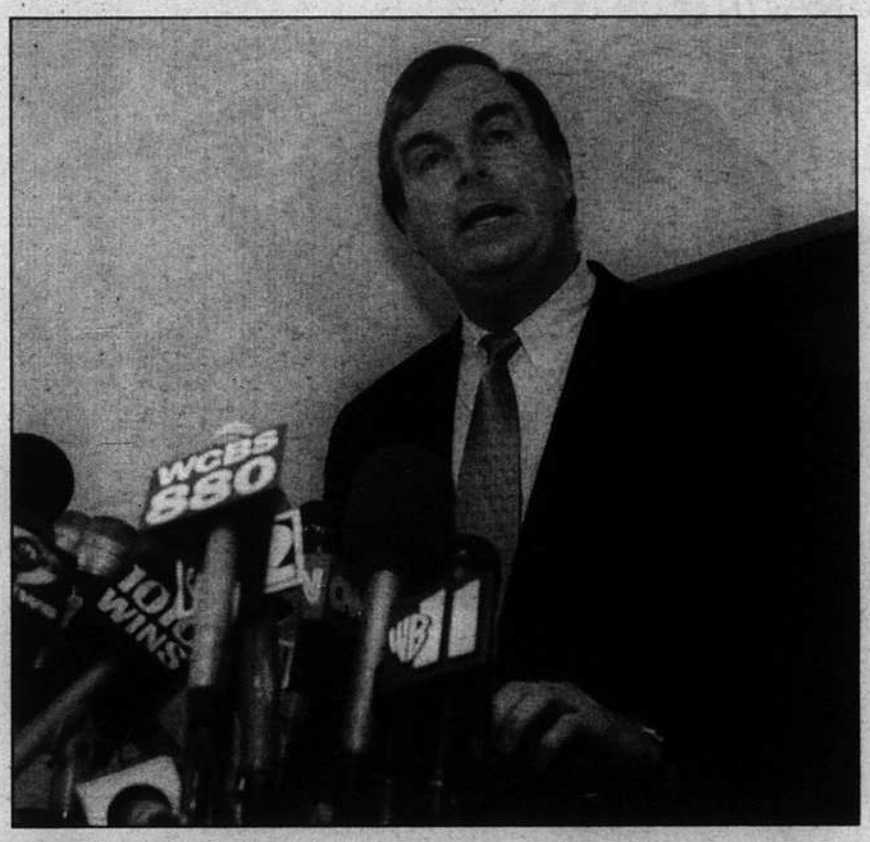
Judge orders prison escapees to Texas

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — A judge Friday ordered three of the escaped Texas convicts returned to Texas, rejecting arguments that the nation's No. 1 death-penalty state is akin to "a country without law."

State District Judge David Parrish said he did not have the authority "to consider the appropriateness of the Texas judicial system."

He stayed the order until Monday to allow the defense to appeal.

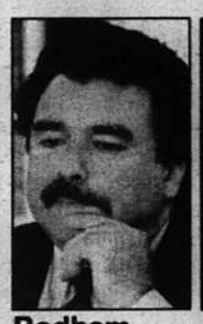
The men fighting extradition were among seven convicts who escaped from a maximum-security prison Dec. 13. Three have already been returned to Texas to stand trial in the Christmas Eve slaying of a police officer. A seventh convict killed himself rather than surrender.



William Cunningham III, former campaign treasurer for Hillary Rodham Clinton, discusses his role in two presidential pardons Friday in New York.

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Clinton scandal deepens


Rodham


Clinton


White

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. attorney's office is investigating whether former President Clinton commuted the sentences of four convicted swindlers in exchange for votes for his wife's Senate campaign from their community, The Associated Press learned Friday.

The Hasidic community, New Square in Rockland County, voted overwhelmingly for Hillary Rodham Clinton when she won her Senate seat in November.

Manhattan U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White and the FBI, in a joint statement last week, announced they were opening a probe into presidential pardons, but declined to provide any specifics.

A source familiar with the case, speaking on condition of anonymity, told the AP on Friday that the probe into the New Square votes was launched this month. The office is also investigating the pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich, whose former wife, Denise, is a major Democratic fund-raiser, a source has said.

The New York Post, quoting unidentified sources, had reported Friday that White's investigation could be expanded to include the New Square case. But the AP's source said that White intended from the beginning to include the commutations.

Friday, Mrs. Clinton's spokesman, Karen Dunne, said: "Senator Clinton has spoken about this pardon on several occasions and we do not have anything to add at this time." The former president's attorney, David Kendall, did not immediately return a phone message, and the lawyer for the four men, Samuel Rosenthal, said he had no comment because "we have not been made aware of any investigation."

The commutations are part of a burgeoning scandal into several of the 140 pardons the president made on his final day in office, Jan. 20. Also under study are two pardons in which Mrs. Clinton's brother Hugh Rodham received funds, and the possible role of the former president's brother, Roger Clinton.

Many Hasidic communities tend to vote in blocs, and because of that, politicians aggressively court their leaders. Mrs. Clinton received 1,400 votes in New Square; her Republican rival, Rick Lazio, received 12.

The four Hasidic men — Kalmen Stern, David Goldstein, Benjamin Berger and Jacob Elbaum — were convicted of stealing more than $40 million worth of Pell grants, small business loans and housing subsidies by creating a a fictitious religious school to receive government money.

Supporters of the four men have not denied their guilt but said they did not keep the money for themselves, and gave it instead to a school and residents of the village.

The president and his wife, then New York's senator-elect, met for about 45 minutes Dec. 22 with two leaders from the New Square Hasidim. The meeting took place in the White House Map Room.

Mrs. Clinton has said that she sat in on the meeting but said she played no part in her husband's decision to commute their sentences. She also has said she had no conversations about the commutations during meetings with Hasidic leaders before the election.

On Thursday, Mrs. Clinton reacted to the reports about her brother receiving $400,000 for his work on behalf of a requests for two other pardons. She called her brother Hugh's decision to take money to lobby for pardons a "terrible misjudgment."

Mrs. Clinton said she "did not have any involvement" in the pardons her husband granted on his way out of the White House. However, she said she was "very disappointed" with her brother.

Rodham returned the money to the families of the men.

Jeb Bush weeps as he praises staff's loyalty

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Gov. Jeb Bush wept before a black Baptist education group Friday as he introduced minority staffers and appointees he said have been ridiculed by other blacks for associating with him.

Bush's decision to abolish affirmative action in university admissions and state contracting prompted marches and demonstrations, including a sit-in by black lawmakers in the governor's office suite, last year.

Bush said he feels hurt by the criticism, not for himself but for people such as Leslie Steele, one of his press aides, and Lottery Secretary David Griffin, both black.

Afterward, Bush said he teared up when he looked at Steele in the audience.

"I saw her and I decided to speak from my heart about it," Bush said.

He had asked that Steele come to the podium. When she did, she handed him a tissue that he used to wipe his eyes.

"I'm not crying for me," Bush told Steele. "I'm crying for you, Leslie, and others who have to make the ultimate sacrifice."

Bush said the criticism was unfair because his initiative that replaced affirmative action has increased black enrollment at universities.

He also said that minority contracting with agencies he controls is up about 90 percent and that his administration is the most diverse in Florida history.

However, white as well as black enrollment at universities increased last fall, leaving the percentage of blacks about the same.

The Republican governor received a standing ovation when he was introduced at the Southern Regional Conference of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education and again when he finished speaking.

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Button up

His Eminence Adelbert Bryan, also a USVI Senator, has issued a *dictat*: From now on, the Media (initial capital his) and people who testify before the Legislature will be required to adhere to a dress code in order to gain admission the Conference Room. The members of the Media will also be required to present and display "proper identification," with the representative's name and the organization he or she works for. (Mario Moorhead, perhaps, will be exempt.)

We at the Avis were already on the phone with our haberdashers and fashion designers so we would not be in any danger of being apprehended by the clothing police at the door of the Legislature, but as we began to think about it, we had to let some chuckles fly.

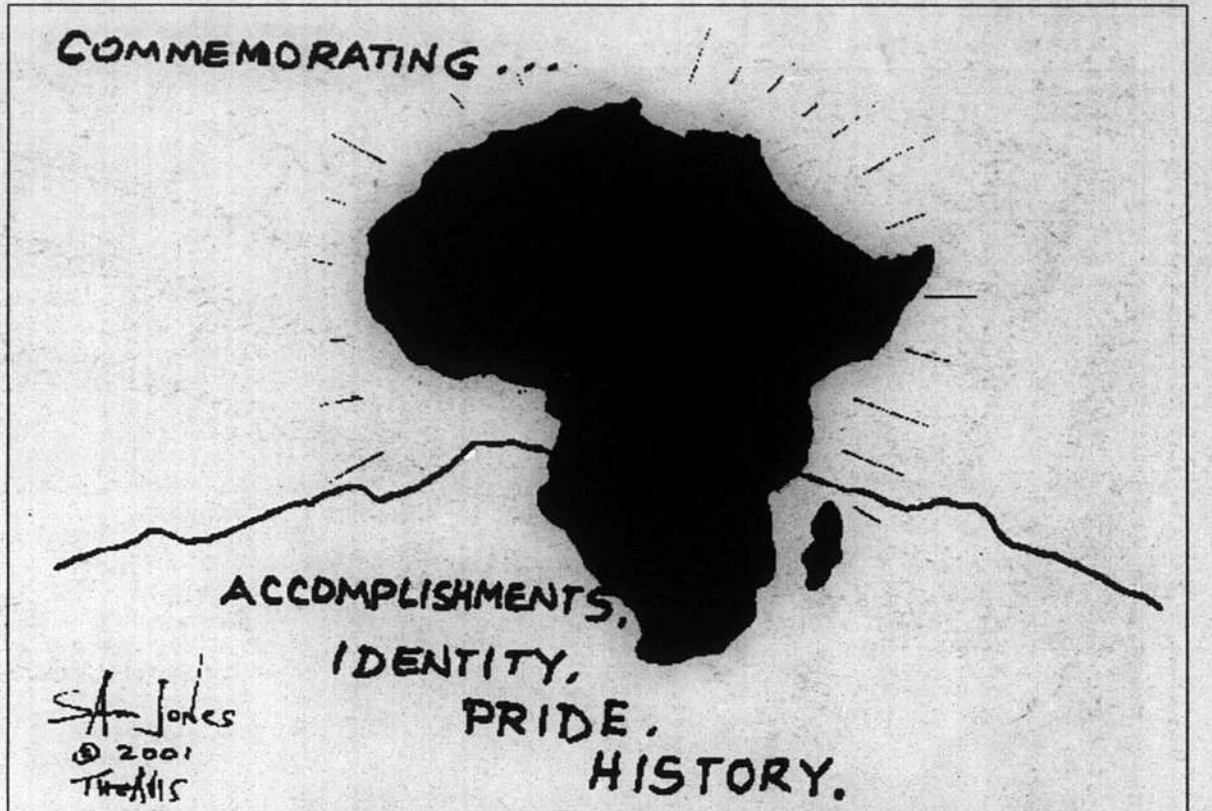
(We recall the famous remark of Mahatma Ghandi who, when asked if he thought he had enough on to meet with the King of England, said the king had enough clothes for both of them.)

The Legislature, to begin with, is a public place — perhaps the most public place in the territory. Everyone, citizen and alien, media person or taxi driver or fashion plate, has an absolute right to be in the Legislature during any time the people's business is being conducted. (Of course, you are not permitted to disrupt the proceedings, which would include showing up in a string bikini.) Not only does the Senator have no authority to set a dress code, nor to demand identification of any sort from anyone, he certainly has no standing to proscribe certain types of clothing. According to Bryan's humorous command, "short pants, slippers or sleeveless shirts" are taboo.

Assuming the Senator has not completely taken leave of his marbles and that the announcement is not some brainless hoax, we wonder if anyone would be allowed to dress, as Bryan is so fond of doing, in garb native to his roots. Will a McKenzie get away with kilts or a Schwartz be allowed *liederhosen*? Loin cloths, anyone? What is, exactly, a slipper? What are "short pants?" Since when is a sleeveless shirt so casual and disrespectful as to constitute inappropriate dress? Some of the most elegant *haute couture* is sleeveless. So, no Versace?

Aside from the sheer silliness of imposing an arbitrary dress code (hey, Senator, enough with those collarless shirts), the startling notion that our lawmakers are spending their time dreaming up ways to harass the media is disconcerting. Further, since when has the Legislature been a venue in which one could be assured of proper decorum? Bryan and some of his colleagues have from time to time turned the Conference Room into a stage for three-ring circuses, clowns and all. Will this inappropriate behavior now be proscribed? Nope.

Actually, we think the Senator did not go far enough. We suggest he revise the code to demand that media personnel wishing to attend the Legislative sessions shall be limited to dressing up like sheep; all testifiers will have to wear tuxedos or a least something resembling penguin suits; and all Senators will have to get into horse costumes. Each lawmaker may choose what end would be suitable.



Letters to the editor

Education is our community's greatest hope

Dear Editor:

I give to Good Hope School because I have been very lucky in my business career over the past 36 years and I like to share that good fortune with students who need financial assistance to reach their goals.

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My grandmother, an immigrant from Norway, was an educated, strong and smart woman. She divorced my grandfather early in their marriage and raised my father herself. She valued education and left the resources, upon her death, so that my father could attend college and go on to start his own business.

I have never forgotten the stories that my father told me of their life and my grandmother's sacrifices to provide a future for her family.

As I grew older and a little wiser I came to appreciate my father's hard work and commitment to provide a future for his family.

I especially appreciated his dedication to ensure that my sisters each received a college education. He was determined to make certain that my sisters were never dependent upon someone else as their provider. My father made sure that they had the tools to make a good living because of what he saw his mother experience.

At Good Hope School, I see quality people at all levels helping each other to deliver a quality education to the students.

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Maybe we should pardon Rich's pardon



Deborah Mathis

WASHINGTON — Having read former President Clinton's dissertation on his pardon of ex-patriot Marc Filthy Rich — as published Sunday in The New York Times — it's still hard to believe the favor was done irrespective of the Rich family's generosity to Clinton's library fund, his wife's senatorial campaign and the Democratic Party coffers.

Clinton said "There was absolutely no quid pro quo" and, for once, this was a denial that was neither equivocal nor ambiguous. Rather, it was so plain and straightforward, so emphatic, that it left no wiggle room for parsing and interpretation a la the "what is is" fiasco. Which means it is either the flat-out truth or a bald-faced lie, right?

Not necessarily. It is possible — maybe probable — that no explicit agreement was ever struck; no memos, no back-room whispers, no knowing winks, nothing that said, "Let's make a deal."

In the absence of a concrete arrangement, the no quid pro quo claim holds water.

But there's another actor in this play who is most dynamic, yet who remains invisible, leaving no footprints and no fingerprints. That means this player cannot be fingered, to the wrenching consternation and frustration of the Republican hit men who are obsessed with getting Clinton one way or another, today or tomorrow.

I do not know what it's like to be president of the United States. I am unfamiliar with the intricacies of the pardon process. Except from the distance of journalism, I have not dealt with top-of-their-game lawyers.

I am unacquainted with the super rich, who have millions to give away. And I darn sure don't know about billionaire fugitives who can skate over 65 counts of fraud and evasion.

But I know this unseen mover, this invisible hand who may, alas, be the real heavy in the Rich pardon ordeal. I know him because he shows up in my own comparatively dull and modest life from time to time. He is the human understanding that one good turn deserves another.

They can call that quid pro quo if they want, but it's something much less fancy than that. It's part of the basic interpersonal contract.

This understanding once appeared in the midst of rough times for my family. A friend came to the rescue, offering aid and comfort.

Naturally, then, when this friend got troubles of his own, I went to bat for him, taking on his enemies as vigorously as if they were mine even though the conventional wisdom was that my friend had brought the troubles upon himself.

Not once had my friend and I agreed that, in return for his assistance, he could count on mine should the need ever arise. An unsung understanding had brokered that deal with nary a word, a nod or a handshake.

Although the presidency, the pardon business and the billionaire world are in a far more major league, none of those stations is so high that it can immunize its participants to human nature. It is still the preeminent force, propelling the hoi polloi and the elite with equanimity.

However disgusting it is that a transparent rogue like Marc Rich got off the hook before he was even hooked; however foolish Clinton's decision was; and however difficult it is to believe that the millions poured into the Democratic machine, the Clinton campaign and the Clinton library were coincidental to Rich's pardon, it is conceivable that there was no quid pro quo in the formal, actionable sense while there was one in that indescribable, everyday way.

If such an understanding was the lobbyist, mediator and bag man in the Rich pardon, Dandy Burton and Arlen the Specter are wasting their time and ours.

If that was at work between Clinton and Rich, no one can ever say for sure. Maybe not even Clinton and Rich.

Got an opinion? Write a letter to the editor today.

Housing community's conditions must change

Cheryl Macedon
My Turn

The V.I. Housing Authority gave me an apartment to live in when I used to live in a shack with my first child. I really thank them, and I appreciate that they put me in a home when I didn't have a decent house to live in.

But I am writing because I am concerned about the living conditions and what goes on in the projects. I feel that all these things must come to a halt before it's too late. The Housing Authority might have to run from the tenants instead of helping them.

First, there are the incidents that occur in government projects with drugs — smoking crack cocaine and marajuana, as well as other drugs.

Secondly, the stealing of what residents work for, the taking of our hard-earned money. The Housing Authority should be responsible to reimburse tenants for stolen property.

Housing Authority representatives spoke about this issue in a meeting that I attended, and they spoke about tenants purchasing insurance for apartments.

When we pay rent, they should already have these apartments insured.

They also want the tenants to take photographs of the items in the tenants' apartments, yet they will not get back anything that has been stolen. All they will say is, "Sorry this happened, we hope you get your things back."

In addition, I believe that the Housing Authority should install a double deadlock, one that will open with a key. Housing Authority representatives say it is against lease rules and regulations to install such locks in case of fire.

Also, extermination in housing communities doesn't occur any longer. I don't know the reason it stopped, but we now see German cockroaches, centipedes and rats. Who knows what other creatures we might see in the apartments if they don't exterminate in these places?

If they say they don't have the money to exterminate, what do they do with all the rent money they get from the working tenants? At least they should start exterminating for tenants who work and pay rent.

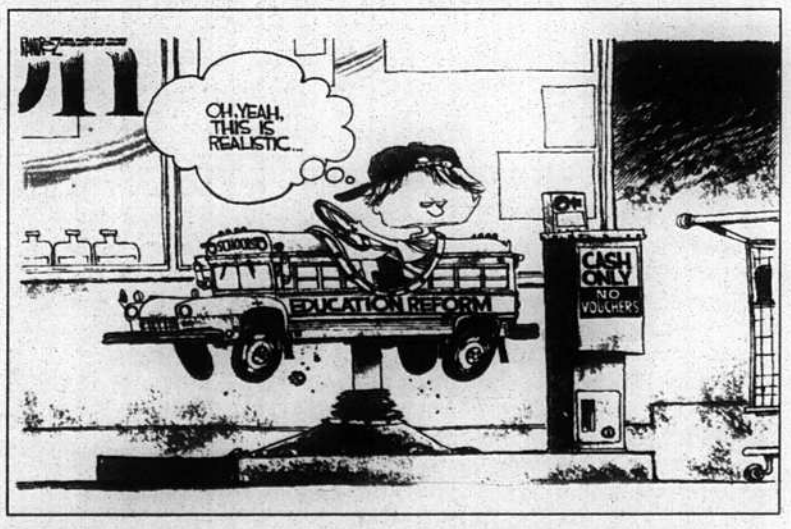
The most important thing of all, the tenants in Aureo Diaz Heights need to get together with the Public Works Department, sign a peition or a letter if they understand what I mean, and let Public Works know Aureo Diaz Heights needs speed bumps.

Every tenant in here, not only myself, can't get Public Works to do the jobs needed. Everyone needs to get together to make a change.

It's also up to us, the tenants, to be concerned about our government housing community as a whole, to make public housing a better place to live and to get the Housing Authority to take action on these problems or they will only worsen.

When our children see a change for the better in their housing, they will begin to get what they need to stay away from crime, drugs and theft.

Cheryl Macedon lives on St. Croix.



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Library scofflaw nabbed with ashes in urn

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Sheriff deputies raiding the trailer of a chronic library book scofflaw found more than they bargained for.

Amid the stacks of more than 830 overdue books, they discovered a stolen bronze urn with a fly fisherman on the outside — and inside, the missing ashes of a Colorado man.

A quick Internet search of the inscribed name and date inside led them to the man's widow. And on Wednesday, Frank Eaton's ashes were back home in Grand Junction, Colo., after being shipped UPS.

Apparently, John George Minea, 36, had taken a liking to the urn when he worked for Eaton's widow as a handyman over a year ago, Detective Todd Thompson said Thursday.

As for the $14,400 worth of overdue books, Thompson said Minea was "serial borrower" who preyed upon the Ramsey County library system.

"I really don't think he even read the books. He told us he just wanted them," Thompson said. The topics ranged from religion to tropical fish.

Minea was being held Thursday in Ramsey County on felony theft charges. Authorities said it was unlikely that he would be extradited to Colorado to face charges there.

Growth industry: stolen ladders ...

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind. (AP) — Someone has been preying on the kindness of neighbors in this southern Indiana town, and it's a rather unusual target: ladders.

More than 100 ladders have been reported stolen, and more people have called but were too embarrassed to file a report, said Detective Harold Kramer of the Clark County Sheriff's Department.

In each case, the scenario is the same: An unknown man knocks on the door and says he's a neighbor or construction worker who needs to borrow a ladder to do some work on a house nearby. The owner obliges and never sees the ladder again.

Kramer said police believe the ladders — worth $200 to $900 each — were probably sold to someone who then resold them.

One man was charged Tuesday in connection with 10 of the thefts. Police arrested Paul Holten, 37, after tracing him through a van he had borrowed from a Jeffersonville church, Kramer said.

Woman tosses $8,000 to Mardi Gras crowd

MANDEVILLE, La. (AP) — If Janelle Nethery has learned anything from Mardi Gras this year it's this: Don't get too excited when tossing beads and don't underestimate the hearts of children.

During the celebration's Krewe of Eve parade, Nethery was tossing 10-cent plastic beads into the crowd when she suddenly discovered her $8,000 diamond engagement ring had flown off with them.

But this story didn't end with revelers wrestling on the ground for some coveted prize.

Out in the crowd, 7-year-old Alex Boniewski saw the shiny diamond and grabbed it. With the help of his mother and teacher, he tracked down Nethery, and the following day, Nethery had it back.

"I knew the lady might be sad," Alex said. "I wouldn't want the lady to be sad."

Nethery, 51, rewarded the first-grader with a $100 bill.

"It gives you faith in people again," she said.

Or maybe it was one fantastic party

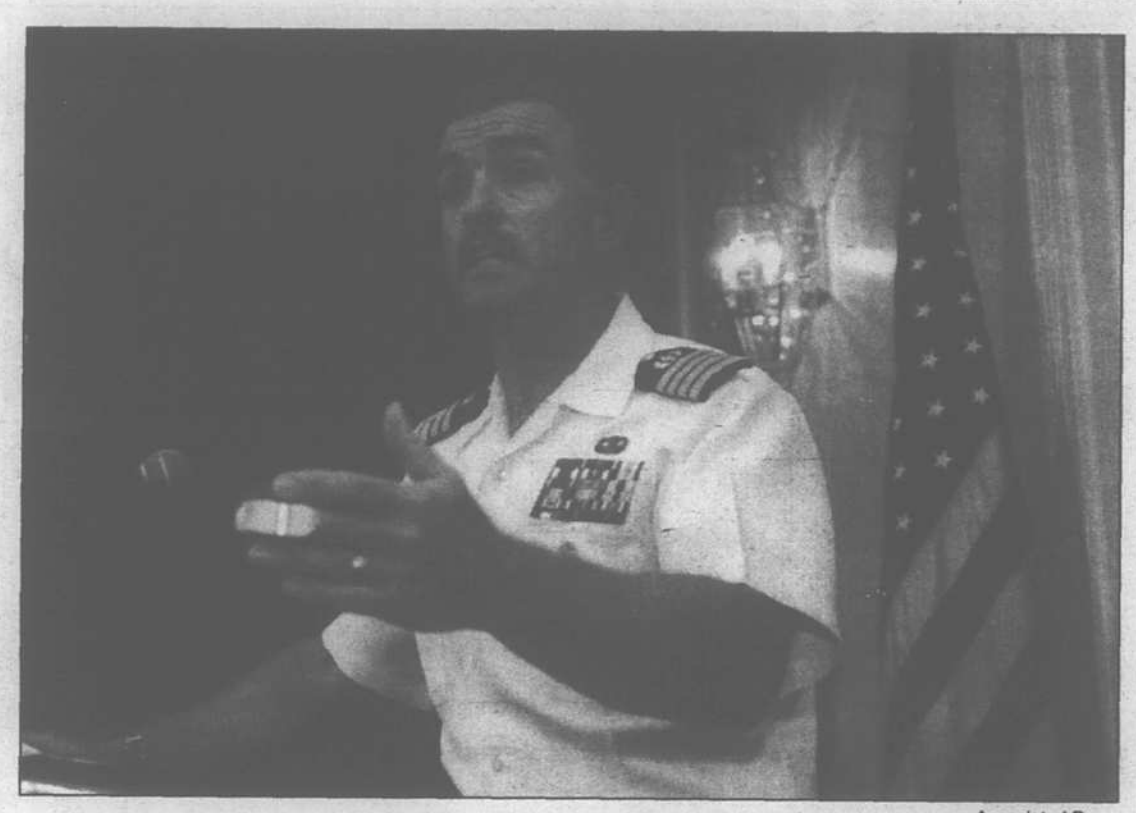
POTTSTOWN, Pa. (AP) — The nurses joke that it must be something in the air in the Pottstown Memorial Medical Center maternity ward.

Five of the ward's nurses are pregnant, all due within a week of each other, and a sixth nurse gave birth last month. The ward only has 19 nurses in all.

"We joke that there's something in the water — or maybe on the seats — that got us all pregnant at once," said Mary Alice Karpinski, one of the pregnant nurses.

Even though they make up about a third of the ward's staff, the nurses say their duties are spread out enough that operations there will go on just fine without them.

"It was just a big coincidence," said nurse Tara Schmid, another mom-to-be. "I guess it was in the air."



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U.S. Navy Capt. Mike Hinkley, a fleet judge advocate, addresses a news conference at Pearl Harbor Naval Base Thursday in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Hinkley was addressing the media about the procedures in a court of inquiry, which is scheduled to begin March 5, to look into the collision between the USS Greeneville and a Japanese fishing vessel. Nine people are still missing from the Feb. 9 accident.

Officers on sub might be held responsible for crash

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reports of serious crew errors aboard the USS Greeneville raise the possibility that blame for the submarine accident off Hawaii could be spread beyond the three officers who are subjects of a formal Navy investigation, officials said Friday.

The Washington Times and Washington Post reported Friday that a sailor known as the fire control technician, whose job was to plot the positions of surface vessels in the area, did not inform the sub's skipper that sonar readings indicated a ship was closing to within 2,000 yards.

The Times, quoting an unidentified Navy source, said that if the ship's estimated range had been conveyed to the sub's captain, Cmd. Scott Waddle, he would have conducted his periscope search of the surface differently. Shortly after Waddle did a periscope search, reportedly seeing nothing of concern, the Greeneville went ahead with an emergency surfacing drill and rammed the Ehime Maru, sinking it.

Nine Japanese students and crew members from the Ehime Maru are lost at sea and presumed dead.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, acting in response to the accident, ordered a moratorium Friday on permitting civilian visitors to operate any item of military equipment,

"This moratorium is not designed to restrict civilian visitors from observing their military; it is designed to ensure their visits are conducted as safely as possible."

Donald H. Rumsfeld, Defense Secretary

including ships, aircraft and vehicles "when such operation could cause, or reasonably be perceived as causing, an increased safety risk."

Two civilians were at control stations on the Greeneville at the time of the accident, although it has not been established that they caused it. Under the new Rumsfeld policy, civilians would be allowed aboard such a submarine but could not be seated at positions such as the helm and the ballast controls.

"This moratorium is not designed to restrict civilian visitors from observing their military; it is designed to ensure their visits are conducted as safely as possible," Rumsfeld wrote without mentioning the sub accident.

Navy and Pentagon officials declined on Friday to comment on the newspaper reports. The Times said its report was based on a confidential investigation report prepared by a Navy admiral, portions of which were provided to the newspaper. The Post said its account was based on a three-page statement that Waddle gave to Navy investigators who came aboard the Greeneville the day of the accident, Feb. 9.

Waddle, plus the submarine's executive officer, Lt. Cmdr. Gerald K. Pfeifer, and Lt. Michael J. Coen, the officer of the deck, are subjects of a formal Navy investigation, known as a court of inquiry, that is to begin at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on March 5. Waddle has been relieved of his command.

Navy officials have said it is possible that Waddle, and perhaps others, could face criminal charges. The court of inquiry is not a criminal probe, but it could lead to courts-martial, officials said.

Charles Gittins, a Washington-based civilian attorney who will represent Waddle at the court of inquiry, declined to discuss the case Friday.

Officials speaking on condition of anonymity said Adm. Thomas Fargo, who ordered the court of inquiry based on the results of a preliminary investigation, could add other members of the crew as subjects. This could include the fire control technician, the officials said.

Briefs

Winnie Mandela flies home suddenly

ATLANTA (AP) — Winnie Mandela, the ex-wife of Nelson Mandela, canceled appearances in Atlanta and returned home to South Africa, citing an emergency.

Mandela, in the midst of a four-city U.S. fund-raising tour, went to a downtown Atlanta hotel briefly on Thursday morning, then decided to catch a flight home, said Yafah Israel, president of the Divine Universal Sisterhood, a nonprofit organization sponsoring Mandela's trip.

Israel said she did not know specifically why Mandela left.

She is raising money for a memorial to the schoolchildren killed 25 years ago during the Soweto massacre under South African apartheid. Her ex-husband is the former president of South Africa.

Israel said Mandela would be back in the country Monday for appearances in Chicago, followed by a return to Atlanta later in the week.

Man who threatened abortionists escapes

CLINTON, Ill. (AP) — A man who once claimed he was on a mission from God to kill abortion doctors has escaped from jail.

Clayton Lee Waagner, 44, was being held at the DeWitt County Jail while he awaited sentencing for weapons possession.

Sheriff Roger Massey said Waagner was able to break out Thursday because of what he described only as a "design deficiency" in the 5-year-old jail.

Police used a helicopter, roadblocks and search dogs to try to find him. The Kennerdell, Pa., man was arrested in 1999 after crossing into Illinois with his wife and eight children in a stolen Winnebago with four stolen handguns under the driver's seat. He was convicted in December.

Two tons of cocaine seized on trawler

PORT ANGELES, Wash. (AP) — Federal officials seized a Canadian trawler with more than 2 tons of cocaine aboard and arrested five people.

Authorities boarded the vessel Wednesday and found 101 packages of cocaine, each weighing 45 pounds, with a total street value of $200 million, making it one of the biggest drug seizures in the Northwest, U.S. customs officials said.

Five Canadians were being held Friday by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The 100-foot boat was heading north when it was stopped by the Coast Guard. Officials said they did not know its destination.

No end in sight

Players in California power crisis reach deadlock in talks

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — As all California power alerts were lifted for the first day in nearly six weeks, talks between the government and the state's cash-strapped utilities apparently stalled without an agreement on a rescue plan.

Gov. Gray Davis planned to update the state on the plan Friday, but a utility spokesman said the two sides were far apart.

"These are complicated problems that will not be solved overnight," Ron Low, a Pacific Gas and Electric spokesman, said Thursday. "There are clearly some issues where we are very far apart."

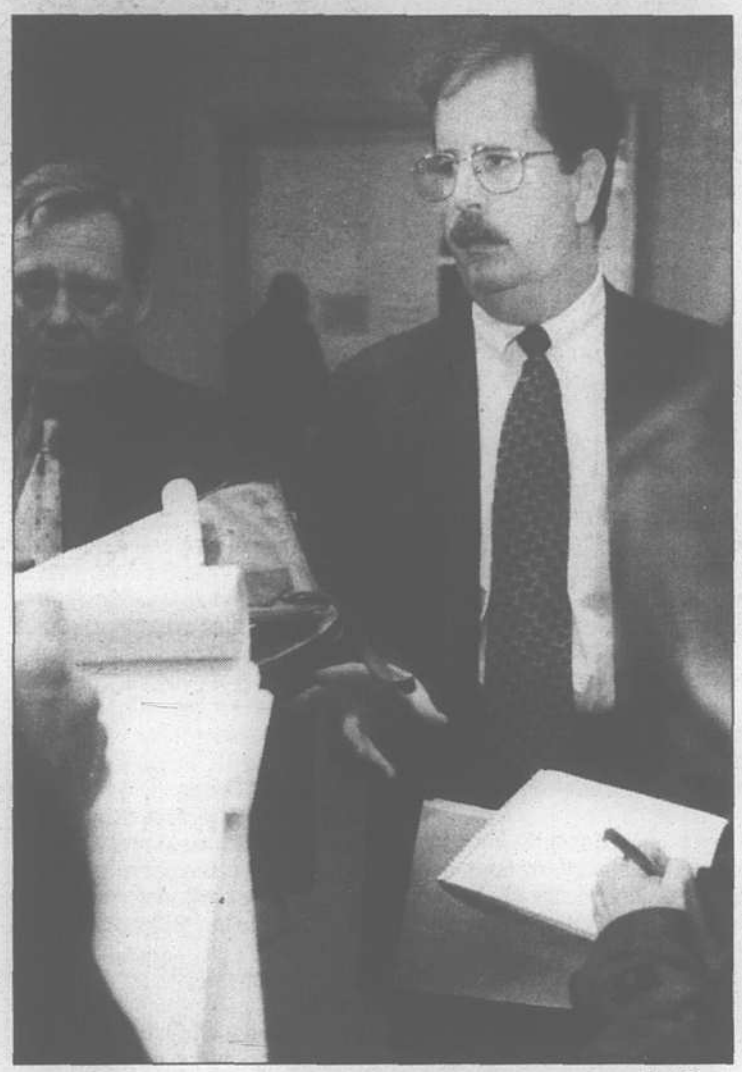
Davis has proposed buying 26,000 miles of transmission lines to give PG&E and Southern California Edison a much-needed cash infusion. He also has proposed allowing the utilities to issue $10 million in revenue bonds to be paid back by ratepayers over many years.

High electricity prices and the inability to pass those costs along to customers because of a rate freeze dictated in 1996 legislation has driven California's two largest investor-owned utilities $12.7 billion in debt. Also on Friday, a federal judge was expected to decide whether the Independent System Operator, the keeper of the state's power grid, can force wholesale generators to sell power to it, even without a creditworthy buyer.

A temporary order requiring three suppliers to keep selling power to the ISO — which buys emergency power for utilities to avoid blackouts — was set to expire Friday.

District Judge Frank C. Damrell Jr. had extended the order by two days to give attorneys and the generators more time to reach an out-of-court-settlement but no deal was completed by late Thursday.

Californians were enjoying the first day without power alerts in nearly six weeks on Thursday, thanks to the availability of more imported electricity and the return to service of plants that had been down for repairs.



Associated Press

Chris Warner, chief counsel of Pacific Gas & Electric Co., right, speaks to reporters after a Public Utilities Commission meeting in San Francisco, Thursday.

California had been under a power alert of one level or another since Jan. 13 because of dwindling reserves of electricity. For one 32-day stretch that ended over the weekend, the state was at Stage 3, the highest level of alert, when reserves are so low that blackouts are possible.

"The supply picture has improved and we are glad that we're able to come out of the emergency. However, we are looking at a long-term limited supply of electricity within the whole region," said Lorie O'Donley, spokeswoman for the Independent System Operator, keeper of the state's power grid.

The California Department of Water Resources, which has been buying power for the state's nearly bankrupt utilities, has also been able to buy more energy in advance, said Terry Winter, the ISO's chief executive.

Hanssen left many clues; former suspect may be cleared

WASHINGTON (AP) — Veteran FBI figure Robert Philip Hanssen left a trail of clues that led authorities to arrest him and charge him with spying for Moscow, say former co-workers and intelligence experts.

Russian documents and letters that Hanssen allegedly sent to his Soviet handlers contained hints of his identity — from his code name "B" (Hanssen went by Bob) to using the name of his hometown Chicago as a signal, these former associates said in interviews.

FBI officials would not publicly discuss how they came to pinpoint Hanssen as the agent whose alleged spying activities were detailed in internal Russian documents they obtained.

But two former FBI counterintelligence agents who worked with Hanssen said his letters and other bits of evidence made public in the 100-page affidavit filed in the case provided many clues about what had transpired.

"He increased his chances of getting caught" said Paul Moore, a former FBI counterintelligence analyst who has known Hanssen for 20 years.

Until Hanssen was targeted by the FBI last year, federal investigators focused on a CIA agent who may now be cleared because of Hanssen's arrest, The Washington Post reported.

The CIA official has been suspended on paid leave for the past 18 months, the newspaper said in a report for its Friday editions. He had passed several polygraph tests and some officials told the Post the evidence against him was marginal. An intensive search for spies began in 1994 when CIA officer Aldrich Ames pleaded guilty of spying for the KGB, the newspaper said. But there may have been loopholes in the investigation.

■ NASHVILLE

Meeting ponders slavery amends

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — From the campus of one of the nation's oldest historically black universities, politicians and activists are preparing another call for a government study on what the country should do to make amends for slavery.

Fisk University's Race Relations Institute is holding a conference that is part of an ongoing effort to get Congress to study the impact slavery has had on generations of blacks.

"Some believe the institution of slavery is long gone, and we shouldn't be considering reparation for it," said Melvin Black, a Nashville city councilman and panelist at the conference, which starts Friday. "It's an uncomfortable issue when it's centered around African-Americans — even more so than when the same issue is raised by other races like American-Indians and the Japanese."

The government issued formal letters of apology and $20,000 in reparations to Japanese-Americans interred during World War II, but Congress has repeatedly balked at proposals for amends to blacks whose ancestors were slaves.

Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich. has called for a commission to examine slavery's legacy and possible compensation.

Nashville is among about a dozen cities, including Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Dallas, Washington and Baltimore, that have urged Congress to pass Conyers' bill this year.

"We're certainly not putting forth any dollar amount," said Black. "We're asking for a study. And if the results of that proposed study indicate the necessity of some form of reparation — those reparations could possibly come not in dollar amounts, but through some other program."

CommunityCalendar

St. Croix

FEBRUARY 24

St. Croix Hiking Association will have there next hike at 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 at Krause Lagoon St. Croix Aluminum Recreation Center.

The St. Lucia Creole Dancers of the St. Croix Action Circle would like to invite the general public to a Dinner and Dance to celebrate its 12th anniversary, and also the 22nd anniversary of St. Lucia's Independence at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Drive Inn Convention Center.

Sisters Loving God and Each Other, St. Croix invites the public to join them for there monthly time of fellowship from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 24 at Gertrudes Restaurant. This month is our one-year anniversary and Paster Wayne Powell of New York has been invited to speak. Men are also invited, so bring your husband along.

Cambridge College in Cambridge Massachusetts invites you to attend an information session in your area to learn more about the National Institute of Teaching for Excellence (NITE) Master's Degree Completion program. The session will be conducted by a representative of the College from 3 - 5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24, at Princess Comorant Hotel. Call 1-888-868-1002, ext. 707 to RSVP or for more information.

VICARE is having a volunteer training that will start from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 at the VI Family Fitness center in Beeston Hill. For further information and registration please contact Natalie Joseph or Carolyn Forno at 692-9111.

FEBRUARY 25

The Kingshill Lutheran Church will host it's annual Jazz Vasper at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25 at the church located north of St. Croix Central High School. Refreshment will be served. This event will be an experience of a lifetime.

The Caribbean Martial Arts Alliance in preparation for the upcoming International Martial Arts Tournament will be conducting it's third in a series of refereeing and judging certification seminar's at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25. For more information contact Dr. Richard A. Bell at 713-8751.

The Ruins Ramble scheduled by the St. Croix Landmark Society for Sunday, Feb. 11, has been postponed to 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 25, at Estates Brookes Hill, Jolly Hill and Oxford. This is an opportunity to see unique wind, water and animal mills deep in the heart of St. Croix's most luxuriant forest. For more information call 772-0598.

FEBRUARY 27

VI Caribbean Friendship Organization will be holding its general meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27 at the New Drive Inn. For more information call Pastor James Chrisitan 778-1445.

Elena L. Christian Jr. High School will be dismissed at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb.27 in order for our Faculty and Staff to participate in a staff development/faculty meeting.

Evelyn M. Williams School will distribute report cards at their open house to be held from 1 - 3 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 27. All parents are invited to attend, get their child's report card and meet with the teacher. For more information call 772-2844.

FEBRUARY 28

Elena L. Christian Jr. High School is inviting parents and guardians to its Black History Program/Report distribution Thursday, Feb. 28. The theme is "Dreaming, Hoping, Rising, Black People on the Move." The Black History program is schedule to begin at 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and Report Cards will be distributed from 11:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Kingshill Lutheran Church invites the public to there Ash Wednesday service at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 28 at the church. Come join us for worship and fellowship.

MARCH 3

Tambourines to Glory, by Langston Huges auditions will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 3 and 4 th at the Sidney Lee Theater at Island Center. They need actors, singers who dance, singers, light technicians, and stagehands.

MARCH 5

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.

General Announcements

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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 afternoon.

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. For important information please call Judith at 778-3177 or Averil at 778-2784 after 6 p.m.

Camp Arawak job training program has a few spaces available. You must be 16-25 years of age to register. For more information call 773-7377.

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. Call 713-0337.

The Faith Moravian Health Ministry will be holding a Multi-Cultural family night and dinner with a Cultural Twist, at the Faith Moravian Church 302 Barren Spot. For further information call Mrs. Sonia Spencer at 778-8178.

Registration for Adult Basic Education, GED preparation, and English as a Second Language (ESL) evening classes is ongoing Wednesday and Thursdays from 6 - 9 p.m. at the St. Croix Educational Complex Adult Center. Interested persons 16 years and older are urged to register. Call the Office of Adult Education at 773-6401.

The 46th Annual St. Croix Landmarks Society House Tours begin Wednesday, Feb. 7. Pick up your copy of the program book at hotels, gift shops and restaurants around the island and pick your favorite tours. Call 772-0598.

The Department of Human Services' Youth Promotion and Delinquency Prevention Unit invites youths in Junior and Senior High Schools to come out and join the Dynamix Steel Orchestra. Registration sheets can be picked up at our office located in Kingshill (next to Herbert Grigg Home for the Aged).

Alcoholics Anonymous meets seven days a week in the USVI and four days a week in the BVI. For times and directions call 773-7171 or 776-5283.

Department of Tourism would like for all cultural vendors to contact them at 773-0495, to sign up for a vendor spot for an upcoming Tourism event.

The Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation would like to inform the general public that the D.C. Canegata Baseball field will be closed, Due to the renovation of the stadium roof. For information about practices and use of the playing field, Call 773-3850.

Caribbean Dance Company invites all housing community youths who want to dance to pick-up applications for the limited Rohn Dance Scholarship Endowment scholarships that will be awarded for the winter and spring trimesters. Ages 4-16 are welcome to apply. For more information call 778-8824.

USDA-FSA announces that the request for a Noninsured Crop Disaster program (NAP) area for St. Croix, St. Thomas-St. John, Virgin Islands due to Hurricanes Georges and Lenny has been approved. Call 773-9146

Queen Louise Home For Children is seeking male special friends to serve as role models for the boys at Queen Louise Home. Call 772-0090 between 2 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Agriculture and Food Fair Committee (2001) announces that applications for booths can be obtained from the Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m., to 3 p.m. For more information call 778-0997/8 Ext. 231.

My Brothers' Table needs volunteers to help serve those who are hungry in Frederiksted. Call 778-0520.

Obituary

Leatrice Ethlyn Benjamin, age 69, of #74 Est. Mon Bijou, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2001 at Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital.

She is survived by her sisters: Merle Benjamin-Webster (NY), Marilyn Benjamin-Petersen, Doris Benjamin-Miller, Nadine Sherill Benjamin-Ryan and Sharon "Faffy" Benjamin-Dennis; brothers: Heartsill Benjamin, Sr. and Marvin Benjamin, Sr.; nieces: Joyce M. Encarnacion, Alda Benjamin, Leova Edney, Sherri Poree, Daidre Heath, Shawn Miller, Tracie Gallian, Trenia Fincher, Christiana Serieux, Michelle Guerrero, Shantel Dupree, Keisha Dennis, Brandi Symes, Jeslyn and Elisa; nephews: Delroy Iles, Chester, Heartsill, Jr., Heartsill, III., Ulric, Jr., Ronald, Kevin, Marvin, Jr., and Jamal Benjamin, Daryl and Gregory Miller, Jr., Dwayne and Orsil "Emmett", Samuel and Kevin Dennis; sisters-in-law: Ianthe, Pauline and Bessye Benjamin; brother-in-law: Gregory E. Miller, Sr.; special nephews-in-law: Keithly O. Health, Vincent G. Fincher (TX); adopted grandchildren: Imani and Ian "Orie" Heath, Vincent, Jr., Vrianna, Vashaad and Vrittany Fincher; close friends and neighbor: Agnes Shanderson and Anna Ayala; Christiansted Golden year of the Class of 1951; other relatives and friends to numerous to mention.

Funeral services will take place on Monday, Feb. 26 at St. John's Anglican Church at 11 a.m. with viewing beginning at 10 a.m. Interment will take place at Christiansted Cemetery.

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

St. Thomas-St. John

FEBRUARY 24

The Saint Thomas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. invites the public to a Black History Program at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Cruz Bay Park in St. John. Please try to attend.

FEBRUARY 27

Announcement for all Customs Explorers training is at 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 27, at the airport. Please bring with you a jacket or a sweater and be on time. Call 774-4554.

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General Annoucements

Saint Thomas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc is having an Oratorical Contest for students enrolled in grades 6th - 12th. Contact Ms. Kay Cooper 776-0700 or Ms. Clemmie Moses 776-6658.

National Scrabble Association of the VI Club 190 plays Scrabble every Thursday evening at the Frenchtown Deli from 5-9 p.m. Call 776-2035.

The Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency will be holding an Earthquake Poster Contest all public, private elementary, middle and high school students are invited to participate. Winning posters will be a part of VITEMA's Calendar that we are in the process of developing. Call 774-2244.

The Elskoe and Associates Carnival Troupe meets each Thursday at 6 p.m. at Percy's Bus Stop. Old and new members are asked to come out and participate in the Carnival 2001 planning activities. Call 776-2746 or 774-5993.

Rotary II — St. Thomas meets on Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. at Marriott's Frenchman's Reef. Call 776-0677.

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New nuclear plant opens in Russia

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia (AP) — More than 20 years after its conception, Russia's first new nuclear power plant since the Soviet era was launched Friday by top officials who called it a breakthrough for the industry after years of opposition.

Operators switched on the first reactor at the Rostov Atomic Energy Station to minimal output and will gradually bring it to full power over the next several months.

Plant and government officials insist the reactor is Russia's safest and will provide jobs and much-needed electricity to the Rostov province and the surrounding North Caucasus region.

But environmental groups and many residents of the nearby forested region strongly oppose it, and say its designers have ignored lessons of the 1986 explosion at the Chernobyl plant, the world's worst nuclear accident.

Atomic Energy Minister Yevgeny Adamov promised the Rostov plant would observe all necessary precautions. "The main thing is the safe operation of the plant," he said at the ceremony.

Violence in Borneo escalates; 165 dead

° SAMPIT, Indonesia (AP) — Thousands of people were fleeing brutal ethnic clashes on the Indonesian part of Borneo island Friday as police said the violence — which has so far claimed at least 165 lives — was getting worse.

A navy landing craft and two transport ships were speeding to the river port at Sampit to pick up refugees from the fighting between native Dayak people and immigrants from Madura island, officials said. The ships, which were due to arrive Friday night, can accommodate 7,000 people. The refugees, mostly Madurese and other non-native groups, were to be evacuated to the port of Surabaya on Java island, officials said. Other refugees were heading overland to other parts of the province to flee the fighting.

In Sampit, a town about 480 miles northeast of Jakarta, the bodies of about 30 adults and children lay outside the hospital in a bloody heap. Some of the corpses were headless.

Komaruddin Sukhemi, a doctor at the hospital, said 165 people had been confirmed dead. Officials said the death toll was likely to rise.

Many houses in Sampit were on fire as trucks full of armed Dayaks patrolled the streets. Dayak gangs armed with machetes and daggers have paraded the severed heads of Madurese victims around the town. Two joint police and military battalions were being deployed to reinforce overwhelmed local security forces.

"The situation is getting worse," said regional police chief Brig. Gen. Bambang Pranoto. "The riots are spreading to other towns where there are still many Madurese."

This week's killings on Borneo, shared between Indonesia and Malaysia, began Sunday. They are the latest in a series of bloody outbreaks of violence there: In the past several years, hundreds have died in clashes in the area, most sparked by land disputes between the Dayaks and the Madurese immigrants.

On Wednesday, the U.S. State Department urged American citizens not to travel to Indonesia, warning that unrest and violence could break out at any time. And as the slaughter continued, the World Bank warned on Friday that Indonesia could be headed for an economic collapse unless the government stops rampant violence and restores political stability.

"Regional unrest, and political and ethnic tensions threaten national unity," the bank said in a statement.



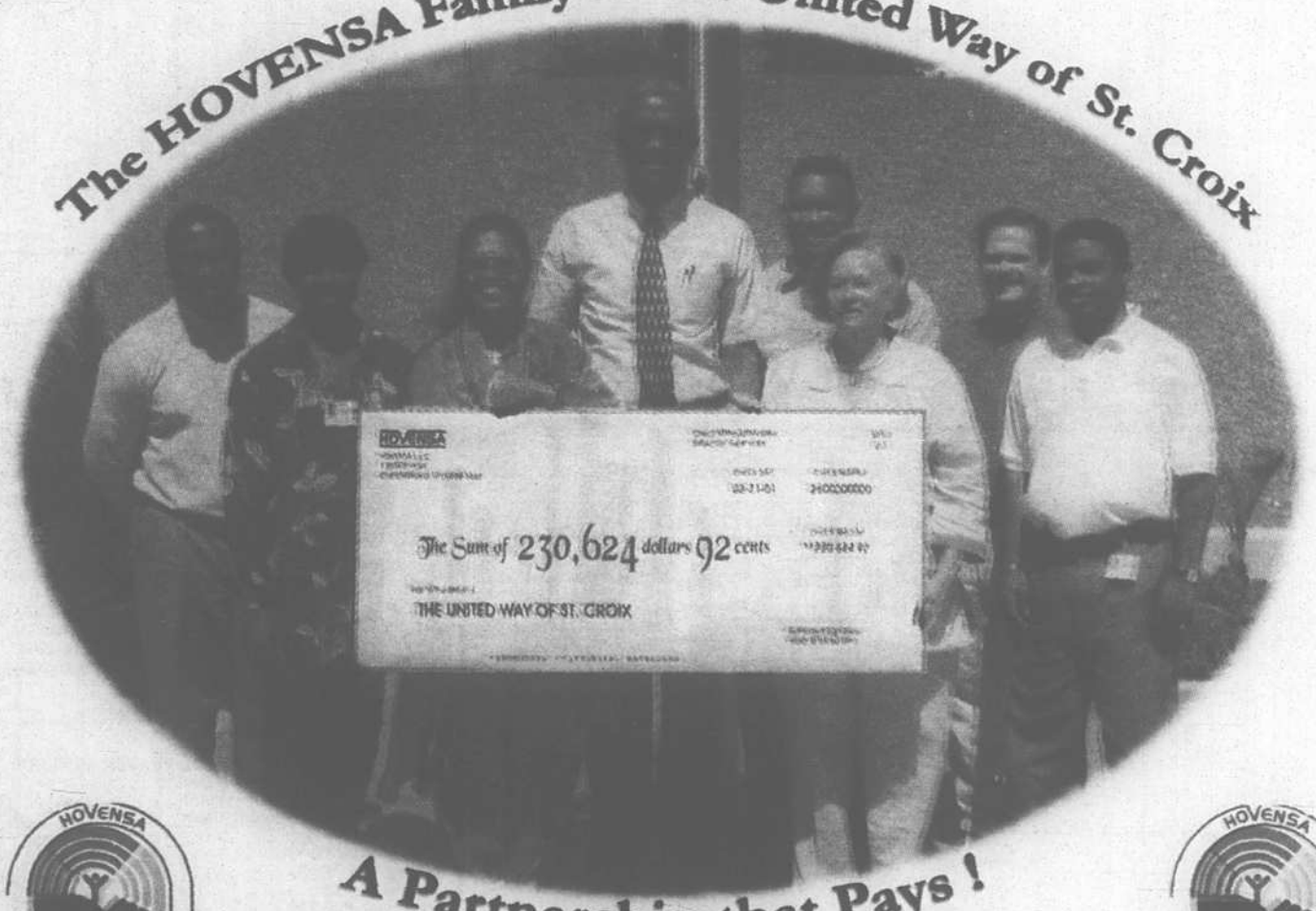
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Indigenous Dayaks, brandishing spears and machetes, roam the streets on a truck looking for Madurese settlers in the outskirts of Sampit, central Kalimantan province, on Borneo Island, about 800 kilometers northeast of Jakarta, Indonesia, Friday.



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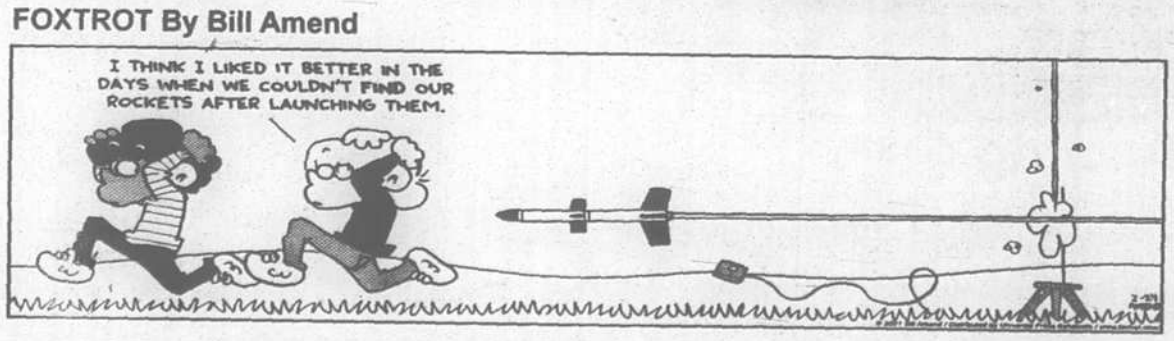
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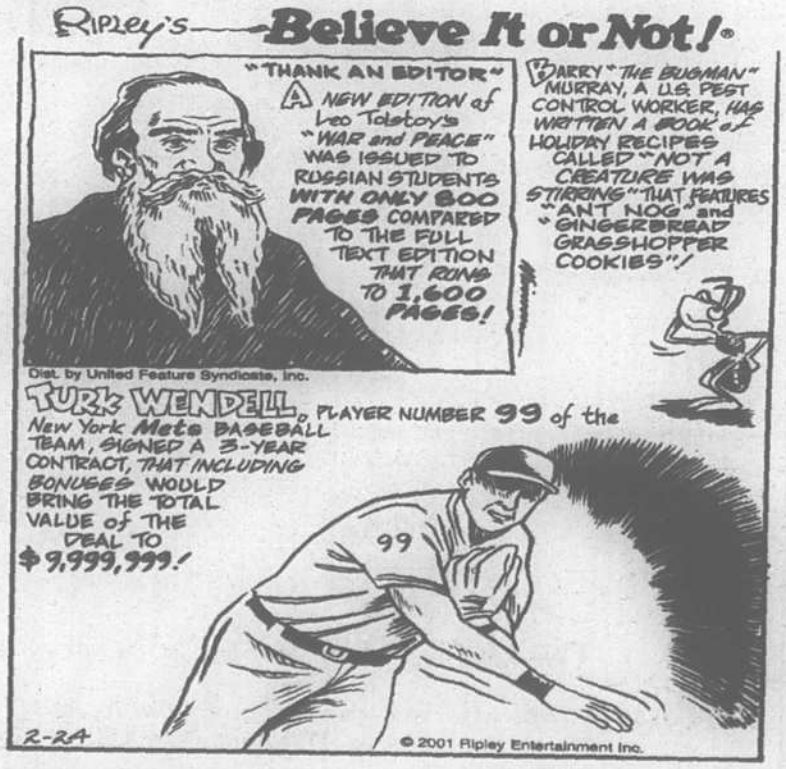


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"A guy tipped me 20 bucks once!"

RIPLEY'S



Friendship is on the rocks over case of wedding wine



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My new husband and I had a beautiful wedding and reception in our home last September. We left our home with the caterers and their staff to clean up and clear out our guests. Two of the wedding guests took it upon themselves to invite our families and other friends to their home after the reception. We considered it a nice gesture since we were leaving the next day for our honeymoon and had said our goodbyes to everyone.

Upon our return from our honeymoon, we learned that the couple had also taken it upon themselves to remove a case and a half of wine from our home! Several people, including the caterers, saw them take it. This couple also became intoxicated and were quite rude to the family and friends they invited to their home. My husband and I feel violated. They have never mentioned taking the wine.

What is the appropriate thing to do in a situation like this? We're not sure we want to continue a relationship with a couple who stole from our home. Please advise. — **VIOLATED IN SAN DIEGO**

DEAR VIOLATED: Your friends appear to have an alcohol problem. They probably felt that since they were entertaining your guests and the wine was left over, you wouldn't mind if they used it. They may not have considered what they did to be stealing. If they have been close friends in the past, give them the benefit of the doubt this time.

DEAR ABBY: I love my boyfriend dearly. He's my soul mate. However, he does something that really bothers me. He goes into my e-mail and other messaging systems. He claims it's to "protect me." (I am 50-plus and can take care of myself!)

If he's looking for signs of cheating, he will never find them. I don't cheat. I have nothing to hide from him. He knows my passwords and can log onto my PC whenever he wants. When he does, he's been known to misconstrue messages and get upset over them. This creates long, tearful discussions about why I didn't tell him this or that.

Abby, this is driving me crazy. Please help. — **CONFUSED VIRGINIAN**

DEAR CONFUSED: Your "soul mate" is extremely insecure and controlling. Healthy relationships are based on trust. By invading your privacy and forcing "long, tearful discussions," he is putting you on the defensive. He's not trying to "protect you;" his demands to be told everything are control techniques.

Change your password to "takeahike!" Don't let him intimidate you — make it clear you deserve your privacy. If he refuses to change, delete him from your life. You'll be doing yourself a big favor.

DEAR ABBY: Some months ago, you printed a letter from a reader who was disturbed that the spark was gone from her marriage. I asked my husband if the spark was gone from our 18-year marriage.

His response: "A spark lasts only a second. It lights a fire. When the flame burns down, we are left with the hottest part of the fire, the embers, which burn the longest and keep the fire alive."

I'm fortunate to have a great guy with a great mind. — **BETTY IN CAPE MAY, N.J.**

DEAR BETTY: Your husband is wise indeed. He's right that the embers (mature love that outlasts the spark of infatuation) provide the glow that sustains committed relationships. The spark is only the beginning. Perhaps that wife should bask in the warmth of the embers instead of fretting over the missing "spark."

Horoscope

By Francis Drake

ARIES
(March 21 to April 19)
Some things might be frustrating today, but keep your head and you will be better off. Group efforts prove to be beneficial, and you find that making a contribution proves to be rewarding.

TAURUS
(April 20 to May 20)
There are many options available to you, and you might find it difficult to choose. Doing the research and predicting outcomes will pay off in the long term.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)
This is a great time to show your appreciation for your friends and loved ones. They could have input that might be valuable to you on a project you're currently working on.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)
If people are behaving inappropriately, you might have to step up and say something. Being yourself and keeping your cool will help you handle any potentially difficult situation.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)
You might be eager to move forward, but make sure all of your ducks are in a row first. Your energy is running high. If you choose wisely, you can make the best possible contribution.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
If others are too demanding of your attention, remember that you can ask them to be patient. If you're focused, you can get a lot of things done.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
If you're feeling that your limitations are too severe, think about what you can do to get around them. Make an effort to accept yourself as you are, and other people can learn from you.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Take time to find the method in the madness. Clarity will come only when you have earned it.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
This could be a time when you're feeling young at heart, regardless of your age. Seeing things through the eyes of a child can prove enlightening. There is beauty even in the bland.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Anticipating the future doesn't always make things happen. There are elements you can't control, so don't bother trying. You might benefit from accepting some of your limitations.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Sometimes clarity can be achieved by taking notice of the simplest things. Boil down confrontations to their smallest parts, and a better, deeper understanding might be achieved.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to March 20)
If you remember your dreams, you might be burdened by what they mean to you. Try to avoid overanalyzing, and make an effort to be good to yourself. If people are too demanding, put some distance between you and them.

YOU BORN TODAY You are a born escapist, but not like Houdini. You find it easy to slip into the depths of your mind, but what have you got when you emerge? Plenty. You have a special capacity for understanding what those around you are experiencing, and that means a lot to you. Make sure you take care of yourself, too.

BIRTHDATE OF: Pierre Auguste Renoir, painter/sculptor; George Harrison, singer/songwriter; Anthony Burgess, author.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hand is not showing. 2. Chair is higher. 3. Phone is missing. 4. Light is smaller. 5. Glasses are removed. 6. Papers are missing.

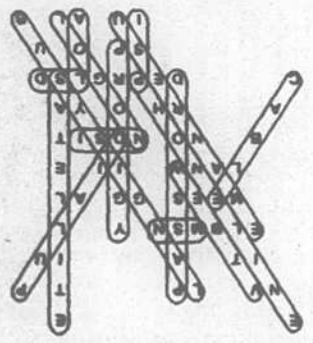
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Friday's unlisted clue: LAUNDRY

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Saturday's unlisted clue hint: Sends Data Over Phone Lines

AOL	DSL	MSN	Satellite
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Dial-up	Logon	Prodigy	



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JUMBLE

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by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

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

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

Ans: THE _____ _____

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: POUND VALET SLUICE TALKER
Answer: Why the botanist bought the factories — HE LIKED "PLANTS"

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Real Estate for Sale

249 William's Delight- Solid, well built concrete home with roof. Gated carport, paved roads and corner lot. Only $88,500.00! Seller wants offers. MLS #99001234. Call Richards & Ayer Assoc. at **(340) 772-0420** or stop by the office at 340 (13) Strand St. F'sted.

Christiansted Gems. Several lots in Christiansted historic district, some with partial structure, reduced for fast sale. Asking from $22,500.00 to $39,500.00. Owner will consider all offers. Call Sandy Bastian-Carty, CPS Hamilton Real Estate Pan Am Pavilion. **773-3300** or **7731464**.

Enfield Green beautiful 0.600 acre corner lot, across the street from beach, asking $32,500.00. All offers considered. Call Sandy Bastian-Carty, CPS Hamilton Real Estate Pan Am Pavilion. **773-3300** or **773-1464**.

Hotel/Casino Beachfront Site. For sale by owner. 22.68 acres zoned R-3. Five Corners area, close to town, easy access. Utilities, pool, cottages, boat dock. Price drastically reduced, owner financing possible. Serious inquires only! **340-713-8521**.

Investment Opportunity in Christiansted, two bedroom, one bath upstairs, office, apartment or store downstairs. Heavy traffic area. Excellent condition. Asking $175,000.00. All offers considered. Call Sandy Bastian-Carty, CPS Hamilton Real Estate Pan Am Pavilion. **773-3300** or **7731464**.

Looking for a homesite in a quiet neighborhood, on a street called Pinetree Drive. Available now is 1/4 acre plot, 1/3 of an acre plot and a little more than a 1/2 acre plot for sale. Ranging from $19,800.00 to $32,000.00. If interested call **692-1549** or **692-5814**.

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House for Sale

House for Sale: Beautiful clean renovated Mahogany Welcome Townhouse. Two bedrooms, bath, country kitchen, back room, new flooring, new furniture, east of town. Must sell $89,000.00. **713-1799**.

For Rent

1 Apartment for rent at 369 Strawberry St. Croix. Furnished plus TV, VCR, phone, light and water included. $400.00 per month. Phone **778-3984** call after 5 p.m.

2 bedroom apt. for rent. Furnished, utilities included. $600.00/month and $600.00 deposit firm. 20-A La Grande Princess, behind Yadira's Restaurant and Backyard Studio. Call **514-8128**. Serious inquires only.

Apartment for rent. One large air-conditioned bedroom with queen-size bed. Furnished or unfurnished apartment with use of washer and dryer. Located in LaGrange overlooking Frederiksted town and harbor. Daily views of stunning sunsets are a major benefit. $600.00 per month plus one month security. Includes utilities. Call **772-2386** or see pictures: http://www.homelandcollections.com/st_croix_apartment.htm. **For Sale**: Queen size bed headboard frame mattress-$300.00.

Apartment for Rent: Spacious one bedroom apartment is available for occupancy. Asking $500 monthly. Located in the Sunny Acres area. Contact **778-0660** for more inquires.

Contractors: Rooms for rent 5 Corner furnished apts wkly/monthly rental; AC, washer/dryer, phone & cable, utilities. Call **778-5561** or **773-8830**.

Executive two bedroom apartment. Quality furnished. Breezy hilltop location. Magnificent ocean views. Utilities included. $1,600.00 monthly. Also three bedroom, two bath duplex. Unfurnished. $900.00. One bedroom, ground floor apartment. Range, refrigerator. $450.00. **(340)773-1851**.

For immediate rental. Efficiency, furnished. Utilities incl., safe, quiet + peaceful. First + last month's rent-$475.00. Telephone **1-340-773-4852**.

For Rent: 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. Semi-furnished, laundry room, large porch, swimming pool with Buck Island view. Estate Seven Hills $1,850.00. Call **773-9173.**

For Rent: One 2 bedroom 2 bath apartment. Stove & frig. included. #122 Peters Rest. Tel No. **773-0394**.

Frederiksted Condo-large living room, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths- for long term rent. Directly on beach, close to pier, Upper level with long veranda facing the sea to watch sunsets. Call **772-2681.**

Hillside Properties 11 Montpellier. 2-bedroom, 2-bath, furnished house with unfurnished large extra room, pool, lovely view, on 3 1/2 acres center Island, available March 1; $2,000.00 includes cable, pool & yard maintenance. Broker interest **778-9444**.

Judith's Fancy: Furnished 3 br. 3 bath family home in gated community. Den area could be 4th bedroom or office. Pool, lovely landscaped yard, separate laundry room. Rent $1,900.00 p/month includes pool and lawn service. You pay utilities. Absolutely no pets. Lease 1st months rent, 2 month security required. Freshly painted, immaculate and ready for occupancy. Please call **778-2099** to view.

Maison Depoincy-1 bdrm./1 1/2 ba. garden condo, furn. no util.-$1200/mo. **Peter's Rest**-1 bdrm./1 ba. apt. w/pleasant view, on cul-de-sac, exc. neighborhood, no util.-$550/mo. Call Agent Mrs. Lordi **778-2909**.

Mid island location Queen Quarters. Beautiful one bedroom apartment semi furnished, cable & phone ready. Private entrance and parking. Call Jaime 778–9656, 513-8312.

SEA VIEW- Overlooking North Shore in Princess. Furnished large one bedroom apt. Very spacious. Clean. Full -size bathroom and kitchen. Very secure. Private entrance, driveway. Covered patio with grill, table & chairs. Breezy with ocean view. Hurricane ready with shutters, generator, etc. 5 minutes to Christiansted & Sunny Isle. $695.00 month all utilities & full cable TV. Available March 1st or before if necessary. **773-3830**.

House for Rent

3 bedroom, 1 bath house for rent located in St. Georges. Washer, dryer and major appliances included partially furnished. Asking $900.00 security required plus first and last month rent. Call **690-6130** or **719-0496.**

3 bedroom, 2 baths house with carport. Union & Mt. Washington. Fully furnished including washer, dryer, dishwasher, telephone & cable ready, large back yard, beautiful ocean view. $1,650.00 monthly, security deposit required. Call **773-1826** leave message.

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Beautiful 3 bedroom, 3 bath house, safe. East End neighborhood, fully furnished, pool, hurricane shutters, generator, pool and lawn maintenance. One month security, $2,000.00/month. Call **773-4875.**

House for Rent: Sion Farm area. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Close to Plaza Shopping Center. Very secure and safe. $575.00 per month plus deposit. Call **778-1996** for appt.

House for Rent: Two bedroom, two bathroom in William's Delight. For more information please call **692-0121.**

For Sale

BACKHOE FOR SALE: 1988 Case 580D. Good condition, runs well. $16,500.00. Call Tim **773-3830**.

For Sale: Stihl HS45 hedge shears, lawn mower, homelite weed wacker, ear & face gaurd tools, paint brushes, protective glasses. Heavy duty trailer frame + much more. Call for info. **778-0661**.

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Armery Industries Valentines sale. Forget flowers or chocolates! 10% discount on all contracts for kitchens, baths or any type of cabinetry signed up during the month of February. 5047 Mizzen Court, Gallows Bay. Telephone **778-8313.**

Yard Sale

4-piece Wicker set; Freezer; 9-piece Outdoor set; chase lounges; tables; 4-drawer lateral file cabinet; assorted office supplies; deck chairs; sand chairs; fan; bookcase; small table saw; power hand saw; weed eater; extension ladder; large workbench; assorted house & work items; B-B-Q Grill; shop-vac.

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
No Early Birds
Saturday Feb. 24
323 Judith's Fancy

BEST PRICES for the best quality wind shield glass. For all types of cars, trucks, buses & pick-ups. Safety/glass /door glass. Also specializes in car/ seat interior/upholstery. Some w/shields install $250.00. Call Adam 773–5862. **Most glass in stock!**

Furniture Lovers Sale: All stock furniture less 10% selected furniture from 15-40% off at Patalidis/Designers 126 Gallows Bay (South East section behind Schooner Bay Market) or call **778-6560** for directions.

Loose weight or build muscles naturally and safety with Herbalife. For more information call Dayna at **713-0416**. 30 day money back guarantee.

New potable shampoo bowl. Take it with you house to house. $150.00. Tel. **773-9519**.

Garage Sale #42 Mt. Pleasant East on February 23-24. Baby clothes, crib, carrier, stroller, walker, bassinet, adult clothes, shoes and lots more. Call **773-7439** for directions. Don't miss this once in a lifetime g-sale.

Huge yard sale at Armrey Industries. 47 Mizzen Court Gallows Bay on Saturday, **February 24th** 8 a.m - 4 p.m. Miscellaneous cabinets, doors, Corian, plastic laminate, cabinet hardware, plumbing, new stainless steel wall oven and more.

Guyana Heritage outdoor furniture of Courbaril "green compliant" sustained managed, selectively felled hardwood, incredibly durable & heavy) Special net cash introductory prices at Patalidis/Designers 126 Gallows Bay (South East section behind Schooner Bay Market) **778-6560**.

Partly used hooked on phonics. 2 grown female rabbits. Laying hens + ducks. Grown roaster + drakes. Call **692-6428** for more information.

Sale: six used refrigerator $225.00 to $275.00. Six used auto washers $195.00. Six freezers $200.00 Warranty included. Phone **692-1153** or **692-0904**.

Yard Sale-Huge yard sale Saturday February 24th. Kids, women & men clothing for sale, plants, toys and misc items. Estate St. Johns, Christiansted. 9 a.m. Be there!!!

Yard Sale-Sat. 2/24 -9a X 12N. Compressor-5 gal. paint sprayer. Electric + hand tools. Some household items. 275' from Cotton Valley Firehouse. Follow arrow at mailboxes.

Photo Lab System-develop film and make prints. Start your own business! $30,000.00 or b.o. Call Tom at **778-6240 x 29.**

Yard Sale at 2T Whites Bay. Sunday February 25 from 9 to 4. Check out our bedroom sets, dining room sets, chest of drawers, cribs, strollers, centertables, lamps, bookshelves, ornaments, room divider. Call **772-0491** for info.

Yard Sale Sat. Feb. 24 #17 Strand St. F'sted. Blue Moon Bldg. 250 sq. ft. tiles, mahogany doors, sofa bed, futon, chairs, bar stools, fryolator iron gates, shoes and bags, tables, misc. tools, stuff, etc. **772-1220** 9:00-2:00.

Wanted to Buy

Wanted to Buy: Swing set for toddler. Must be sturdy, safe and clean. Please call **773-6960** (day) **773-9639** (evening).

Boats for Sale

44' Marine Trader 1977. 2 Ford-Lehman 120 hp motors 7.5 k northern lights (1990) generator, 2 heads with 1/2 tubes. All in excellent mechanical condition. Great cruising boat. Asking $85k **719-1990** (days) **778-1695** (evenings).

1972 27' Coronado newly rebuilt 15HP Evinrude new sails extra set two spineicker, hurricane mooring and all equipment on board. Also two fiberglass dingys one 2.3HP Evinrude. **Dive gear complete** with carrying bag and full suite. Good condition $600.00 **778-3335.**

Boat Items-Yard sale-Saturday, Feb. 24 at Green Cay Marina parking lot. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 15 hp outboard motor, folding prop. short wave radio, life raft, 2 & 3 speed winches, plus many other items.

Autos for Sale

1988 Nissan Pickup (auto) strong motor $2,500.00 O.B.O. 1991 Mitsubishi Mirage (auto) 4 dr. $2,700.00 O.B.O. good cond. 1987 Isuzu Imark (mech) special $300.00 O.B.O. Call Mrs. Soto **778-2271**.

1991 Eddie Bauer Ford Explorer AC, leather, clean. Call **773-1019.**

92 Chrysler New Yorker. AC, AM, FM, CD. Excellent running condition. Priced to sell. $3,500.00. Also Jeep Cherokee, chrome wheels, 4 wheel dr. 1986 AC, AM, FM will negotiate. Phone **778-2426.**

2000 Dodge Neon. Low mileage, A/C, AM/FM, cassette player. Asking $10,900.00. 1995 Convertible Chrysler Le-Baron, fully loaded, low mileage. (Leaving Island) Asking $7,500.00 \ O.B.O. Call John at **713-1148.**

1991 Toyota Corolla, black, A/C. Very good condition. 140,000 miles. $1,200.00 or best offer. **778-7688.**

1993 Isuzu Rodeo V6 4wd. cold A.C. Asking $6,500.00. 1992 Toyota Tercel DX for parts. Call Francis at **626-9504** or **778-7432.**

1999 Honda Civic LX. Excellent condition, Low mileage. Call **712-1962.** Please leave a message if no answer.

93 Camero T-top. 25th original red-black stripe on top. Garage kept need moto & trang. **513-1078.**

For Sale: Rare 89 GMC Jimmy 2 dr., 5 speed. Runs great many extras. $4,200.00. Heavy trailer frame. Many other lawn & other items. Call **778-0661.**

Must sell: 1993 F-250 longbed, PS, AC, PW, 4.9L 6 cyl., bedliner, toolbox, step-bars, custom wheels, tow hitch, visor. Runs and looks great. No rust, strong, dependable workhorse. $7,800.00 O.B.O. **690-4612.**

For Sale:1997 Chevy Silverado. 4X4, leather seats, power everything, CD player. Z71 package $11,000.00 O.B.O. **778-7347**. Very good condition.

For Sale: 1995 Dodge Ram Taxi Van 360, engine in very good condition, AC as well. Asking $8,000.00, will lease the plate with term on one year contract. Call **692-2824** leave name & phone #.

96 Toyota Corolla. Good condition, low mileage. $6,700.00. Call **772-1784** for more info.

BMW 1995 low miles model 470il. Black-8 cyl. loaded-showroom condition. **719-2118.**

Bus. Opportunity

Advertising business: very well established brochure distribution & yearly publication. Priced below market value. Partial financing possible to right buyer. Call **773-1641.**

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SG Auto Parts. We order rebuilt engines and transmission straight from the rebuilders in the US. Also ordering Honda & Acura GSR, type - R V -Tec engines direct from Japan & US. Used clean parts also available. Can order any parts for any vehicle. **772-5006**-Scott.

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Attorney at Law
St. Croix Avis Building
36AB LaGrande Princesse
773-6363

Help Wanted

Female singer required for gig work on St. Croix. Telephone **773-5243** to arrange an audition.

Professional Nursery man wanted- 10 yrs. exp. a must. Knowledge of grafting, cutting and seed propagation a must. Please call "Shady Lane" at **719-2118** for appt.

GAF Security & Consulton Services is looking for security officers. Must be able to work on weekends & holidays. Experience preferable but is willing to train. Call **773-7233** from 8-5 M-F on weekend 7-10.

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CHENAY BAY BEACH RESORT
Apply in person
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Immediate Opening: Legal secretary part-time 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for small law practice. Must have secretarial, computer and telephone communication skills, plus a pleasant personality. I need a competent professional person who does not require constant supervision. Accuracy and attention to detail are absolutely required. Call Amelia Joseph at **713-0760** or **712-2260** and leave a message.

FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGER
Divi Carina Bay Casino is seeking an experienced F&B Manager for a busy Café & Bar. Must be well versed in food prep., purchasing, sanitation, safety, and customer and employee satisfaction.
Fax resume to Human Resources, 773-6555 or register and apply at the VI Department of Labor.
Divi Carina Bay Casino is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

3 position available. Assistant Manager, flexible schedule. Shift Supervisor & Sales Clerk to work nights, weekends & holidays. Must be serious, self motivated and a team player. Serious inquiry only. Please fax resume to **778-3676.**

Sales position and Administrative Assistant, for International Tour Co. in Frederiksted. Excellent communication skills required. Full time with benefits. Fax resume to **772-1392**

Wanted: driver auto-related work. Must have a minimum of five years driving experience. References needed. Apply at Olympic Rent-A-Car next to Richmond Post Office.

Divi Carina Bay Casino is accepting applications for the following positions.
Bartender
Beverage Server
Cage Cashier
Club Attendant
Cook
Payroll Clerk
Slot Attendant
For these positions please register and apply at the VI Department of Labor in Sunny Isles or Frederiksted.
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X-ray Technologist needed for busy Orthopaedic Practice. Claims and administrative duties included. Some cast room experience preferred. Please fax resume to **(340)778-2919.**

Program Assistant- Seeking motivated individual with exp. in tree care and greenhouse mgmt. for growing non-profit program. Arborist certification a plus. Clean driving record required. Pay commensurate with exp. Please submit resume to: St. Croix Environmental Association The Arawak Bldg, Suite #3 Christiansted, VI 00820 or fax 773-7545. Please no phone calls.

Miscellaneous

Local Nursery needs your cuttings. Please call **719-2118.**

Miss Universe Contest Puerto Rico- May 11, 2001. All interested person(s) in air/hotel/ground transportation package. Call Vicky **773-2521.**

Rug Concert
Popular at Botanical Garden in 1980's, Revived!
Sunday, Feb. 25, 1-6 p.m. at St. George Village Botanical Garden
Music by Stanley and the 10 Sleepless Knights and DJ Larry
West Indian Food by Angie Morales
Wine sales, Cash bar
Adults $5, Children $3
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All Greek Specials! Moussaka, Slovaki, Spanokopita, Grape Leaves etc.
Sunday, February 25th.
Call 773-0553

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Thurs. **SPLASH** Pop Rock Dancing & Pork Nite
Fri. **X-ITEMENT BAND** Reggae, Soca & BBQ
Sat. **Llewellyn & Dem** Calypso & Prime Rib Nite
Sun. **X-Itement Band** Reggae & Dancing
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EAT ALL YOU CAN $22.95
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HAPPY HOURS!
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2 drinks for 1 price!
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CHENAY BAY BEACH RESORT
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Messages

I Corinthians 6:18
Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

Notices

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House Tour Change. On tour 4 Wednesday Feb. 28, Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Edwards are taking the place of Ms. Mary Simpson and Mr. Allan Neal is taking the place of Mr. and Mrs. William Lane. The Lane's will be on tour 7.

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. Who killed Alexander Hamilton in a duel?
a) BENEDICT ARNOLD
b) PAUL REVERE
c) SAMUEL ADAMS
d) AARON BURR

2. Who was Hitler's chief architect?
a) HIMMLER
b) SPEER
c) RINEHOLD
d) BRAUN

3. When did Innocent I become pope?
a) 112
b) 402
c) 888
d) 1011

4. Who called his political agenda "The New Frontier"?
a) THOMAS JEFFERSON
b) JOHN KENNEDY
c) DWIGHT EISENHOWER
d) RICHARD NIXON

5. When did Lou Gehrig die?
a) 1923
b) 1941
c) 1951
d) 1970

6. Match the Balkan city in this paragraph to its nation in the following paragraph. Score one point for each correct answer.
a) Belgrade
b) Zagreb
c) Sofia
d) Sarajevo
e) Tirane

v) Croatia
w) Bulgaria
x) Albania
y) Yugoslavia
z) Bosnia

ANSWERS
1. Aaron Burr 2. Speer 3. 402 4. John Kennedy 5. 1941 6. (a) Belgrade - (y) Yugoslavia; (b) Zagreb - (v) Croatia; (c) Sofia - (w) Bulgaria; (d) Sarajevo - (z) Bosnia; (e) Tirane - (x) Albania

TV GUIDE

Barbra Streisand receives lifetime-achievement award

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — The stars came out for Barbra Streisand's Life Achievement Award from the American Film Institute, and what a lovefest it was.

Thursday night was the 29th presentation of the AFI's highest honor, which has gone to such greats as John Ford, Fred Astaire, James Cagney, Bette Davis, Barbara Stanwyck and Billy Wilder.

The Streisand tribute attracted the largest number of stars of any of the previous events, with speakers including other AFI honorees: Sidney Poitier, Elizabeth Taylor, Clint Eastwood, Dustin Hoffman and Jack Nicholson. Others ranged from Lauren Bacall and Shirley MacLaine to Phyllis Diller and Bill Clinton, who appeared on film.

Hoffman recalled meeting Streisand in the early 1960s, when they worked as janitors at a Manhattan drama school to pay for their tuition.

"I cleaned the men's room, and she cleaned the women's room," the actor recalled. Both appeared on a New York television station show hosted by Mike Wallace, where she sat on a high stool, placed a wad of gum under the seat and sang.

Hoffman said it was the first time he'd heard her sing. "Her talent was so big that I vowed never to speak to her again," he joked.

The International Ballroom of the Beverly Hilton Hotel was decked out in art deco, a style Streisand is well-known for loving. Each table featured a lighted Tiffany-glass lamp shade, and a big, round replica of Tiffany shade hung over the stage, where a huge photo of Streisand peering through a movie camera lens hung.

Scattered laughter erupted during Clinton's tribute when the former president said, "I'm sorry I can't be with you tonight, but I've been busy back here." He received solid applause at the end of his speech.

SATURDAY DAYTIME — FEBRUARY 24, 2001

		9AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
FOX	5	Power Rangers	Digimon-Digital	Digimon-Digital	Los Luchadores	Zack Files (CC)	Digimon-Digital	Spider-Man	NASCAR Racers	Golf Magazine	American Athlete	Paid Program	Paid Program	WWF Metal		Cleopatra 2525 (N) (CC)		Blind Date	Blind Date
TBS	6	Family Matters (CC)	Family Matters (CC)	Family Matters (CC)	Family Matters (CC)	Ripley's Believe It or Not!		Movie ★★★★ "Sounder" (1972, Drama) Cicely Tyson, Paul Winfield. Black sharecroppers in 1930s Louisiana face a harsh life.				(:15) Movie ★★½ "Bustin' Loose" (1981) Richard Pryor. An ex-con and a teacher take eight children to a new home.				(:15) Movie ★★★★ "In the Heat of the Night" (1967) Sidney Poitier. A Southern sheriff and a black detective team up on a case.			
WGN	7	Farm Report	Pro Active 5	Fit Ab 529	Murad 8	TFal Express.	As Seen on TV PC	Video Computer Store		Soul Train 112; Jaheim; "Dark Blue."		Movie ★★ "History of the World: Part I" (1981) Mel Brooks, Madeline Kahn. (CC)				Lost World "The Guardian" (CC)		Earth: Final Conflict "Street Chase" (N)	
WSVI	8	Sabrina, the Animated	Weekenders (El) (CC)	Recess (El) (CC)	Recess (El) (CC)	Lloyd in Space (El) (CC)	Buzz Lightyear of Star	Teacher's Pet (CC)	Doug (El) (CC)	New Winnie the Pooh	House of Mouse (CC)	Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix Final -- Men's Free Skate. From Tokyo. (Taped) (CC)				College Basketball Regional Coverage -- Miami at Connecticut or Oklahoma at Maryland.			
WSEE	9	Saturday Early Show (N) (CC)				Little Bill (El) (CC)	Little Bear (CC)	Franklin (El) (CC)	Kipper (El) (CC)	Awesome Adv.	Paid Program	College Basketball Duke at Wake Forest. (Live) (CC)				PGA Golf Nissan Open -- Third Round. (Live) (CC)			
WNBC	11	(8:00) Today (N) (CC)		Saturday Today in New York (CC)			NBA Inside Stuff (El)	Hang Time (El) (CC)	One World (El) (CC)	City Guys (N) (El) (CC)	Just Deal "Washed Up" (CC)	City Guys "Get to Prep-pin"	U.S. Olympic Gold	World Cup Skiing World Nordic Championships. (Taped)		Skiing Bumps & Jumps. From Lake Placid, N.Y. (Taped)		Gymnastics American Cup. From Orlando, Fla. (CC)	
TLC	12	Paid Program	Paid Program	Home Savvy	Home Savvy	How-2 Crew	How-2 Crew	Home Again	Home Again	Hometime (CC)	Hometime (CC)	Hometime (CC)	Hometime (CC)	Super Structures of the World		Blast Off -- True Stories From the Final Frontier			
WTJX	13	Bookworm Bunch Elliot Moose plays detective when things start disappearing; Five finds a wallet in the park. (N) (CC)						This Old House	Vegetarn Table	Baking	Victory Garden	Digital Duo	Ship Shape TV	MotorWeek	Standard-TV	Nature "Triumph of Life: The Survivors"		Nova "The Truth About Impotence"	
CSPAN	14	(8:00) Saturday Journal (Live Phone-In)				Saturday Journal						Public Policy Conference						Public Policy	
ETW	16	Our Lady of the Angels Daily Mass		Faith Factory		Are One Body	My God-My	Fr. Apostoli	Scriptural Rosary	Our Lady of the Angels Daily Mass		Cardinal Newm	Luke: Scribe	Cheserton	Super Saints	Divine Mercy	Rosary Intern.	Web of Faith	
WPIX	17	X-Men: Evolution	X-Men: Evolution	Jackie Chan	Jackie Chan	Pokemon	Pokemon	Zeta Project (CC)	Zeta Project (CC)	Soul Train 112; Jaheim; "Dark Blue."		Parent 'Hood	Wayans Bros.	Beastmaster "Centaurs" (N) (CC)		Lost World "Under Pressure" (N) (CC)		Movie ★★½ "Blood Sport" (1989)	
WKAQ	20	(8:00) Telecómicas		Jellabies	Programa Pagado	Programa Pagado	Programa Pagado	Programa Pagado	World-Wildlife	International Wrestling Association		Wrestling		Sabrina-Witch	Goose-bumps	Ay Caramba	Casa-Giovanna	Sábado Sensacional	
CNN	21	Saturday Morning				Showbiz	He Said	Travel	PageOne	CNN Saturday (CC)			Science	Dot com	Pinnacle	Saturday	Health	Saturday	Money
ESPN	22	Sportscenter (CC)		Sportscenter (CC)		Life (N) (CC)	Sportscenter (CC)			College Basketball Dayton at Temple. (Live) (CC)				Wtr. X-Games	Thrills & Spills	Formula One	NHL Superskills Competition From Denver.		
FAM	24	Kids-Room 402	Angela Anaconda	Two of a Kind (CC)	Great Pretenders	H.S. Countdown	Total Access 24/7 (N)	S Club 7 in L.A. (CC)	Big Wolf on Campus (CC)	Weird Science (CC)	Edgemont (N) (CC)	Front Row Center With Pink (CC)		Movie ★★ "Ice Angel" (2000) Nichelle Tom, Thomas Calabro. A hockey player is killed and reborn as a figure skater. (CC)				Movie ★★½ "Swing Shift" (1984) Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell.	
USA	25	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Veronica's Cl.	Movie ★★½ "Clover" (1997, Drama) Elizabeth McGovern, Ernie Hudson. (CC)				Movie ★★½ "The Color of Courage" (1999, Drama) Linda Hamilton, Lynn Whitfield.			Movie ★★★½ "Eve's Bayou" (1997) Jurnee Smollett. A girl's family life unravels in 1960s Louisiana. (CC)					
NICK	26	Rocket Power	Rocket Power	Rugrats (CC)	Rugrats (CC)	Spongebob Sq.	Spongebob Sq.	Catdog	Catdog	Thornberrys	Thornberrys	Pinky & the Brain	Pinky & the Brain	Rugrats (CC)	Thornberrys	Hey Arnold!	Catdog	Rugrats (CC)	Nicktoons TV
WCVI	27	(8:30) Entertainers	Ever Wonder?	Legal Notebook		Kickin' It Latest in music and trends.		Hunting-Woods	Table for Two	Source Sound Lab (CC)		WWF Metal		Infotainment	American Adv	Techno 2100	Animal Advent.	X-Files "Brand X" (CC)	
A&E	28	(8:00) Movie "Angel and the Badman"		America's Castles "Equestrians"		House Beautiful (CC)		Travels-Harry	Travels-Harry	Night Court	Newsradio (CC)	Northern Exposure "Animals R Us"		Competition "Memphis BBQ" (CC)		Love Chronicles (CC)		Investigative Reports (CC)	
E!	29	Myst.-Scandals	Myst.-Scandals	Myst.-Scandals	Myst.-Scandals	Fashion File (N)	Video Fashion	Shabby Chic	Fashion TV	News Weekend	Talk Soup	Celebrity Profile		Behind-Scenes	Coming Attr.	Oh Baby! Melissa's Guide to Pregnancy		True Hollywood Story	
COM	32	Movie ★★½ "Just One of the Guys" (1985, Comedy) Joyce Hyser, Clayton Rohner.				Stein's Money	Turn Ben Stein On	Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Saturday Night Live		Movie ★★★ "Heaven Help Us" (1985, Comedy) Donald Sutherland, John Heard.				Movie ★★★ "Romancing the Stone" (1984) Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner.			
DISCH	33	Greatest Spas	Healthy Home	She TV	She TV	Children's Hospital		Birth Day	Birth Day	Medical Diary	Medical Diary	Human Performance Lab		Making the Grade		Chicago's Lifeline		Hospital "Small Miracles"	
MTV	34	Ultra Sound "NSYNC"		NSYNC's Greatest MTV Moments				NSYNC Tour	Access-NSYNC	Cribs	Cribs	Fear		Sports Illustrated Uncensored		News at Grammys	Real World	Real World	Real World
BET	35	Paid Program	Paid Program	Cita's World Top 20				Madd Sports	Sports Cldown	Hits From the Street		Teen Summit		BET: INY		Heart & Soul	Lift Every Voice	Amen	Guthy Renker
DISC	36	Paid Program	Paid Program	SciSquad (CC)	Mechanics-Kids	Hunter's Croc	Outward Bound	Real Kids	Incredible Stry	Deadline Discovery		Wax Museum		Egypt Uncovered "Age of Gold"		Humans -- Who Are We?		Into the Unknown "Ancient Puzzles"	
CNNFN	37	(Off Air)																	
AMC	38	(8:30) ★★½ "The Ghost of Frankenstein"		Three Stooges		Cinema Secrets	Movie ★★★ "The Curse of Frankenstein" (1957) Peter Cushing.			H'wood Fashn	Movie ★★★★ "The Black Swan" (1942) Tyrone Power.			Movie ★★½ "The Shooting" (1967, Western) Millie Perkins.			Movie ★★★★ "Splendor in the Grass" (1961) Natalie Wood.		
VH1	40	Music Money Power		Video Collect.	Top 10 Countdown "Lift Ticket to Ride"		Movie "Friends 'Til the End" (1997) Shannen Doherty, Jennifer Blanc.				Movie ★★★ "Urban Cowboy" (1980) John Travolta, Debra Winger. A Texas oil worker looks for love at a popular honky-tonk.						Movie ★★ "Staying Alive" (1983, Drama) John Travolta.		
TRAV	41	Paid Program	Paid Program	Curious World (CC)		Curious World (CC)		Best Places to Pop the Question		Vacation Video	Vacation Video	Treasures	Treasures	Journeys to the Ends of the Earth		Tiger Next Door		London Uncovered	
LIFE	42	Paid Program	Guthy Renker Presents	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Designing Women	Designing Women	Golden Girls (CC)	Golden Girls (CC)	Murphy Brown (CC)	Murphy Brown (CC)	Movie "Victim of the Haunt" (1996) Sharon Lawrence. A malevolent spirit comes after a couple's young son. (CC)				Movie "A Mother's Fight for Justice" (2001, Drama) (CC)	
TNT	43	Movie ★★★½ "Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes" (1984, Adventure) Christopher Lambert, Andie MacDowell. Based on the Burroughs novel about a man raised by apes.						Movie ★★½ "Conan the Barbarian" (1982, Fantasy) Arnold Schwarzenegger, James Earl Jones. A warrior fights snake worshipers to free a princess.				Movie ★★ "Mortal Kombat" (1995) Robin Shou, Linden Ashby. Three warriors fight to save Earth from the forces of evil.				Movie ★★½ "Rumble in the Bronx" (1995, Adventure) Jackie Chan, Anita Mui.			
SCIFI	46	Paid	Paid	Alien Nation (CC)		Mystery Science Theater 3000 (CC)				Movie ★★ "Scanners II: The New Order"				Movie ★★ "Scanners III: The Takeover"				★½ "Scanner Cop"	
BRAVO	47	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Movietelevision	Inside the Actors Studio Robert De Niro.		Movie ★★★ "The Boys From Brazil" (1978, Suspense) Gregory Peck, Laurence Olivier, James Mason. Former Nazis plot to rise again to world power.					Movie ★★★ "To Sir With Love" (1967) Sidney Poitier. An idealistic teacher takes on some tough London youths.			
DISN	48	Bear in House	PB & J Otter (CC)	PB & J Otter (CC)	Rolie Polie Olie (CC)	Book of Pooh (CC)	Out of the Box (CC)	Jersey (CC)	Jersey (CC)	Boy Meets World	Even Stevens (CC)	Movie "Horse Sense" (1999, Drama) Joey Lawrence. Two cousins put aside their differences to save one's ranch. (CC)				Lizzie McGuire "Pilot"	In a Heartbeat (CC)	So Weird "Destiny" (CC)	Famous Jett Jackson
HIST	49	Road to Infamy: The Countdown Years		Weapons at War "Fighters"		Secrets of World War II Black sailors.		Black Sheep Squadron "The Last Mission Over Sengai"		History of Stock Car Racing (CC)				Wrath of God "Shipwrecks of the Great Lakes" (CC)		Suicide Missions "Human Guinea Pigs" (CC)		Big House "Angola" (CC)	
TOON	50	Bugs & Daffy		Bugs & Daffy		Bugs & Daffy		Thun	Tenchi	Dragon-Z	Sailr	Scooby	Scooby	Scooby	Scooby	Flint	Flint	Flint	Flint
SOAP	51	The Colbys "The Outcast"		The Colbys "The Wedding"		The Colbys "The Honeymoon"		Soap Center	Port Charles	All My Children (CC)		One Life to Live (CC)		General Hospital (CC)		Soap Center	Port Charles	Port Charles	Port Charles
ESPN2	53	Jim Houston	Fishin' Hole (N)	Sportsman's	Fly Fish World	Walker's Cay	EXPN 2Day -- Winter X-Games 2001		Wtr. X-Games	Wtr. X-Games	Snowmobile Racing: Snocross World		Ultimate Sailing	College Basketball College of Charleston at Davidson. (Live) (CC)				College Basketball	
COURT	54	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Choices-Conseq		Movie "Terror on Track 9" (1992, Drama)				"The Sister-in-Law"	
RMNC	55	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Movie ★★★ "Malibu" (1983) (Part 1 of 2) William Atherton.		(:45) Movie ★★★ "Malibu" (1983, Drama) (Part 2 of 2) William Atherton, Susan Day.				Women and Shoes: A Love Story		Movie ★★½ "A Touch of Class" (1973, Comedy) Glenda Jackson, George Segal.				★★½ "Sleep With Me"	

TV GUIDE

Cartoon Network to release four new shows

ATLANTA (AP) — If old episodes of "Scooby-Doo" and "The Flintstones" seem too last millennium, some new cartoons are on their way.

The Cartoon Network announced four new original shows this week, which will appear on TV over the next year.

"Time Squad," a half-hour comedy that debuts in June, is about events from the past unraveling and changing the future in the year 100 million.

"Samurai Jack," a half-hour action-adventure series that begins in August, follows a warrior sent to the bleak, distant future by an evil, shape-shifting wizard.

"Grim & Evil," a half-hour comedy, starts in October. It consists of two shows: "The Grim Adventures of Billy and Mandy," about two kids who become friends with the Grim Reaper; and "Evil Con Carne," which is about — and this is a quote from the news release — "a criminally insane brain, the bear he is attached to, and his disembodied stomach."

And in November, look for episodes of "Justice League," a one-hour action-adventure show based on the DC Comics series. Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman and others fight villains and supernatural creatures. The show marks the first time these characters have come together in a TV series since "Super Friends," which ran on ABC from 1973-85.

SATURDAY EVENING — FEBRUARY 24, 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	Queen of Swords "Runaways" (N) (CC)		Xena: Warrior Princess "To Helicon and Back"		Simpsons (CC)	Simpsons (CC)	Cops "Animals" (N)	Cops "New Jersey" (N)	America's Most Wanted-Fights Back		Maximum Exposure (N) (CC)		Mad TV Regis Philbin, Tony Hawk. (N) (CC)	
TBS	6	(4:15) "In the Heat of the Night"	(:20) Movie ★★ "Ghosts of Mississippi" (1996, Drama) Alec Baldwin, Whoopi Goldberg, James Woods. A prosecutor reopens the case against Medgar Evers' killer.					(:05) Trumpet Awards Individuals are honored for their public service and civic leadership. (N)				(:05) Movie ★★★★ "Glory" (1989, Drama) Matthew Broderick, Denzel Washington. A young Union officer leads an all-black regiment.			
WGN	7	Xena: Warrior Princess "Path of Vengeance"		Andromeda "Harper 2.0" (N) (CC)		Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Movie ★★★★ "Mary Poppins" (1964, Fantasy) Julie Andrews, Dick Van Dyke. A magical nanny happily disrupts a stuffy British family. (CC)						Tales-Darkside	"Dick Tracy"
WSVI	8	College Basketball: Reg. Coverage -- Miami at Conn. or Okla. at Md.		ABC World News Saturday (CC)	Caribbean Vision	Stargate SG-1 "Pretense" Shaara and Klorel put on trial. (CC)		Movie ★★½ "Phenomenon" (1996, Drama) John Travolta, Kyra Sedgwick, Forest Whitaker. A small-town mechanic is gifted with amazing mental powers. (CC)						Outer Limits Boarder makes youth suspicious. (CC)	
WSEE	9	(4:00) PGA Golf Nissan Open -- Third Round.		News	CBS Evening	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (CC)	That's Life "Banister Head" (N) (CC)		Kate Brasher "Kate" (N) (CC)		District "A Southern Town" (N) (CC)		News	(:35) Your Big Break
WNBC	11	(5:00) Gymnastics American Cup. From Orlando, Fla. (Live) (CC)		News (CC)	NBC Nightly News (CC)	Access Hollywood (CC)	XFL Gameday	XFL Football New York/New Jersey Hitmen at Chicago Enforcers or Birmingham Thunderbolts at Orlando Rage. (Live) (CC)						News	Saturday Night Live (N) (CC)
TLC	12	Bermuda Triangle: Secrets Revealed		Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries		Best Kept Secrets of Paranormal		Operation Curing chronic heartburn.		Operation "Limb Reconstruction"		48 Hours People who suffer from phobias. (N)		Operation Curing chronic heartburn.	
WTJX	13	McLaughlin	Think Tank	In the Mix (CC)	To the Contrary	Masterpiece Theatre "Anna Karenina" (Part 1 of 2) (CC) (DVS)				Mystery! "The Remorseful Day" (N) (CC) (DVS)				(Off Air)	
CSPAN	14	(5:00) Public Policy Conference			President	America and the Courts		American Perspectives (N)						American Perspectives	
ETW	16	Mother Angelica Live		Religious Catalogue	Bookmark	Our Lady of the Angels Monastery Daily Mass		Edith Stein			Rosary-Land	Pope Fiction	Defending Life	Journey Home	
WPIX	17	(5:00) Movie ★★½ "Blood Sport" (1989)		Earth: Final Conflict "Trapped by Time" (N)		Andromeda "Forced Perspective" (N) (CC)		Xena: Warrior Princess "To Helicon and Back"		Cleopatra 2525 (N) (CC)		WB11 News at Ten -- Weekend Edition (CC)		Seinfeld (CC)	Movie "Colors"
WKAQ	20	(5:00) Sábado Sensacional		New Viper		Película "Red Sun Rising" (1994, Aventura) Don "The Dragon" Wilson, Michael Ironside.				Sólo para Adultos		Shock Television		Wrestling	
CNN	21	Saturday	Evans	Tonight	Sources	Capital Gang (CC)		Tonight	Movers	Larry King Weekend (N)		Tonight	Capital	Sports Tonight (CC)	
ESPN	22	2000 World's Strongest Man Competition		Sportscenter (CC)		College Basketball Michigan State at Penn State. (Live) (CC)				College Basketball Iowa State at Texas. (Live) (CC)				Sportscenter (CC)	
FAM	24	(5:00) Movie ★★½ "Swing Shift" (1984, Drama) Goldie Hawn.		Great Magic of Las Vegas		Movie "The Face on the Milk Carton" (1995) Kellie Martin, Jill Clayburgh. A teen is shocked to discover she has a long-lost family.				Bon Jovi Crush Tour				Movie ★★★ "Amazing Stories: The Movie" (1989)	
USA	25	Huntress "Generations" (CC)		Cover Me: Based on-FBI Family		Movie ★★½ "Hoodlum" (1997) Laurence Fishburne. A Harlem gangster and the infamous Dutch Schultz go to war.						Movie ★★★ "Carlito's Way" (1993) Al Pacino. An ex-con finds it hard to escape his former life of crime. (CC)			
NICK	26	Hey Arnold! (CC)	Brothers Garcia (CC)	Pelswick (CC)	Thornberrys	Hey Arnold! (CC)	Rugrats (CC)	Spongebob Sq.	Amanda (N)	Deeds of Eddie	All That	Facts of Life	Facts of Life	Three's Company	Three's Company
WCVI	27	Headline News	American Athlete	New York Undercover "The Promised Land"		Thunderbox		WWF Jakked		NYPD Blue "Along Came Jones" (CC)		Headline News	Crime Strike	Movie ★★½ "Doctor Blood's Coffin"	
A&E	28	American Justice "Deadly Force" (CC)		City Confidential (CC)		Behind Closed Doors (CC)		Biography "Ann Miller: I'm Still Here" (CC)		Movie "Last Seen Wearing" (1988) John Thaw. Inspector Morse probes a girl's disappearance.				100 Centre Street "Things Change" (CC)	
E!	29	True Hollywood Story "Carmen Electra"		Behind the Scenes		Celebrity Profile "Scott Baio"		Celebrity Profile "Mary-Kate & Ashley"		True Hollywood Story "Jerry Garcia" The life and career of singer-musician Jerry Garcia.				Wild On "Wild on the Beach 2000"	
COM	32	Battlebots (CC)	Battlebots (CC)	Saturday Night Live Bill Paxton, Beck.		Mark Farrell	Movie ★★ "The Road to Wellville" (1994) Anthony Hopkins. A turn-of-the-century doctor practices unusual medicine.					South Park (CC)	Man Show (CC)	Battlebots (CC)	Battlebots (CC)
DISCH	33	Nurses "Battling for Babies"		Nurses "Touch of Mercy"		Nurses Psychiatric nurses.		Headaches: The Painful Truth		Incredible Medical Mysteries		Science of Sex: Why Is Sex Sexy?		Headaches: The Painful Truth	
MTV	34	Real World	Diary "Outkast"	2gether: The Series	To Be Announced						To Be Announced	Cribs	Diary "Outkast"	To Be Announced	Celebrity Death
BET	35	Teen Summit		BET: Next		Rap City Top 10		Madd Sports	Sports Ctdown	Comicview		BET Live		Movie ★★★ "Passing Glory" (1999)	
DISC	36	Mega-Tsunamis		Casino Diaries	After Midnight	Prosecutors: In Pursuit of Justice "Fatal Error"		Totally Out of Control -- People		Body Secrets: Hormone Hell (N)		Justice Files "Small Town Trouble" (N)		New Detectives "Missing"	
CNNFN	37	(Off Air)													
AMC	38	"Splendor-Grass"	Backstory	(:05) Movie ★★★ "Harlow" (1965, Biography) Carroll Baker, Martin Balsam, Peter Lawford.				(:15) Movie ★★★ "Angel and the Badman" (1947, Western) John Wayne, Gail Russell.				(:05) Movie ★★½ "The Pleasure Seekers" (1964, Comedy) Ann-Margret, Tony Franciosa.			
VH1	40	★★ "Staying Alive"	Movie ★★★ "That Thing You Do!" (1996) Tom Everett Scott. Small-time rockers hit it big with a catchy single.					Movie ★★ "Blues Brothers 2000" (1998, Comedy) Dan Aykroyd, John Goodman. Elwood Blues tries to start up a new Blues Brothers band.						Behind the Music "Journey"	
TRAV	41	Hidden Harrods		Haunted London		Underground London		Intimate Truths of the Canela Tribe		Warrior Island "Yali of Moon Mountain"		Last Warriors		Intimate Truths of the Canela Tribe	
LIFE	42	(5:00) Movie "A Mother's Fight for Justice" (2001) Meredith Baxter.		Movie ★★★★ "Dances With Wolves" (1990, Western) Kevin Costner, Mary McDonnell, Graham Greene. A U.S. Cavalry officer's vision of the American frontier. (CC)								Beyond Chance (CC)		Once and Again Eli has enough of his struggles in school. (CC)	
TNT	43	(4:30) "Rumble in the Bronx"	Movie ★★ "Road House" (1989, Drama) Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch, Sam Elliott. A legendary bouncer agrees to tame a notorious gin mill.					Movie ★★½ "Murder at 1600" (1997, Suspense) Wesley Snipes, Diane Lane. The president's son is implicated in a secretary's death.				(:15) Movie ★★ "Surviving the Game" (1994, Suspense) Ice-T, Rutger Hauer. A homeless man is set up to be the quarry for six hunters.			
SCIFI	46	(5:00) "Scanner Cop"		Movie ★½ "Scanners: The Showdown"				Movie ★★½ "Iceman" (1984) (CC)				Movie ★★½ "The Clan of the Cave Bear"			
BRAVO	47	Anne-Sophie Mutter		Ballet for Life		Inside the Actors Studio Robert De Niro.		Movie ★★★½ "Papillon" (1973, Adventure) Steve McQueen, Dustin Hoffman, Anthony Zerbe. Two Devil's Island convicts plan their escape.						Movie ★★½ "The Browning Version" (1994) Albert Finney.	
DISN	48	Famous Jett Jackson (CC)	Boy Meets World (CC)	Lizzie McGuire "Rumors"	Boy Meets World (CC)	Even Stevens "Luscious	Movie "Horse Sense" (1999) Joey Lawrence. Two cousins put aside their differences to save one's ranch.			(:15) Movie "P.U.N.K.S." (1999, Adventure) Randy Quaid, Tim Redwine. Children steal a device that delivers supernatural strength. (CC)				(12:05) Lizzie McGuire	(:35) Totally Hoops (CC)
HIST	49	Tales of the Gun "Sharpshooters and Long Range Weapons"		Modern Marvels "The Erie Canal" (CC)		Modern Marvels "Panama Canal" (CC)		Crossing the Bridge (N) (CC)		Unfinished Civil War Weekend warriors continue to keep the memory of the Civil War alive. (CC)				Lawbreakers "Guns of the Civil War" Test firing Civil War guns. (N) (CC)	
TOON	50	Flintstones	Flintstones	Dexter	Sheep	Scooby Doo and the Witch's Ghost			Scooby	Acme Hour				Bullwinkle	Dudley
SOAP	51	Port Charles	Port Charles	Soap Center	General Hospital (CC)		General Hospital (CC)		General Hospital (CC)		General Hospital (CC)		General Hospital (CC)		Soap Center
ESPN2	53	College Basketball: Indiana St. at SW Mo. St.		College Basketball Pacific at California-Santa Barbara. (Live) (CC)				Wtr. X-Games		NHL Hockey Boston Bruins at St. Louis Blues. From Savvis Center in St. Louis. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) (CC)					NHL 2Night (N) (CC)
COURT	54	"The Sister-In-Law"		Crime Stories		Crime Stories		Crime Stories				"Perry Mason: The Case of the Defiant Daughter"		Crime Stories	
RMNC	55	(5:30) Movie ★★½ "Sleep With Me" (1994)		Movie ★★ "Little Darlings" (1980, Comedy) Tatum O'Neal, Kristy McNichol, Matt Dillon.				Style World	Everyday Elegance	Movie ★★½ "All Night Long" (1981, Comedy) Barbra Streisand, Gene Hackman.				Movie ★★★ "Flirting" (1990) Noah Taylor.	

People in the News

Singer Williams gets pushed off stage

STUTTGART, Germany (AP) — Robbie Williams suffered bruises but was otherwise uninjured after a man pushed the pop star from the stage during a concert, a spokesman for his record label said Thursday.


Williams

The former Take That star fell just over 5 feet into the pit below the stage during his concert in Stuttgart Wednesday night, after a young man who police said was psychologically disturbed got onto the stage and pushed him from behind.

Williams picked himself up and returned to the stage, said Frank Bender, a spokesman for EMI records. After a few jokes, he continued the concert.

"He will continue the tour as planned on Friday in Paris," Bender said.

It was unclear how the young man, whose name was withheld, got onto the stage, police said.

Griffin says 'I do' to Mathew Moline

NEW YORK (AP) — Kathy Griffin is suddenly married.

The actress and comedian, who played Brooke Shields' sidekick on the defunct NBC sitcom "Suddenly Susan," said "I do" to computer administrator Matthew Moline on Feb. 18 at a Hollywood restaurant, People magazine reports. She met Moline, 32, almost two years ago after becoming friends with his sister on a flight.

Shields was the maid of honor and guests included Bill Maher, "Ally McBeal's" Jane Krakowski and Camryn Manheim from "The Practice."

Griffin, 37, walked down the aisle in a knee-length Richard Tyler gown to the strains of Night Ranger's '80s headbanger ballad "Sister Christian."

The Kenneth Cole outfit she wore at the reception and everything else at the wedding had been donated. In return, the bride gave to charity in the amount of the items — about $60,000 to amfAR, an AIDS research group, and Planet Hope, which helps homeless families.

Griffin is the host of MTV's new show, "Kathy's So-Called Reality."

8,000 orphans

India's children cope with loss of parents, uncertain future

ANJAR, India (AP) — Three-year-old Richa clings to her grandmother and buries her wet face in the old woman's weathered neck, rocking and whimpering for her mother, "Mammi, Mammi."

Richa can't understand that her parents were among more than 19,000 people killed in an earthquake a month ago.

Now, Richa Ramniklal Pithadia lives in a blue tent in Anjar's sports stadium with her grandmother, who is in her 60s.

"As long as I am alive, I will look after her," says Richa's grandmother, Parvati Pithadia. "But how long is that?"

Early estimates put the number of children orphaned by the Jan. 26 quake at up to 8,000. So far, state officials have counted only 350 earthquake orphans.

And even though the count has been rising, there are no orphanages filled with wide-eyed babies waiting to be adopted; the close-knit extended families and caste communities that comprise India's 1 billion people have taken in the quake orphans.

The orphans have the state government on their side. It has banned any adoptions for at least three months and is building group homes for orphans and widows.

"Uprooting a child for adoption, that would be absolutely harmful to their psychological stability," said S.K. Nanda, the Gujarat state official in charge of earthquake orphans.

"Well-meaning people around the world might think international adoption is in the best interests of a child who has lost his or her parents," said Maria Calivis, UNICEF representative in India. "But adoption within the extended family or community is recognized as the first and best option."



Associated Press

Richa Pithadia clings to her grandmother Parvati Pithadia at a field hospital in Anjar, India.

Bhavik Dahyalal Rathud has his extended family.

The 18-month-old boy with black rings of kohl around his eyes — a preparation of mustard oil and ash intended to ward off the evil eye — jabbers and plays with his grandfather outside their concrete house.

Bhavik seems oblivious to the loss of his left arm, which was amputated by Belgian doctors. His grandfather, Jayaram Kanji Nathani, says the toddler also appears to have blocked out the loss of his parents.

German exec tries to save Mitsubishi

TOKYO (AP) — Rolf Eckrodt, the chief operating officer sent by DaimlerChrysler AG last month to help fix Mitsubishi Motors Corp., made a point of handing out to the Japanese executives little pieces of the Berlin Wall.

The souvenirs from Germany, Eckrodt said, symbolized his hope for cross-cultural unity and his determination to "leave no stone unturned."

He will likely need both — and probably some luck as well in his effort to lead a turnaround at the automaker struggling to restore its credibility after acknowledging a 20-year cover-up of driver complaints last summer.

Mitsubishi Motors is announcing a reform plan Monday — the same day DaimlerChrysler, which owns 34 percent of Mitsubishi Motors, lays out a plan to put Chrysler back on track.



Eckrodt

Analysts say Mitsubishi Motors would need to trim its 65,000-person work force, likely closing a plant, if it hopes for recovery — various reports have put the number of job cuts as high as 8,000. Chrysler has already said it will slash 26,000 jobs, or one-fifth of its workers, over the next three years.

Besides the need for cost-cutting and a streamlined car lineup, Mitsubishi Motors faces problems of a far more serious kind for an automaker: dubious quality control and eroding consumer trust. Japanese were stunned last summer when Mitsubishi Motors acknowledged it had been systematically hiding thousands of complaints about possible auto defects for more than 20 years.

Government inspectors, acting on a tip from a whistle-blower, found documents on driver complaints stashed away in a company locker. Mitsubishi Motors recalled 620,000 vehicles for failing brakes, leaking fuel, malfunctioning clutches and other flaws.

Earlier this month, Mitsubishi Motors announced a worldwide recall of 1.3 million vehicles, 961,000 of them in the United States — the very same vehicles from last summer's recall being recalled for the second time.

Crossword

by Eugene Sheffer

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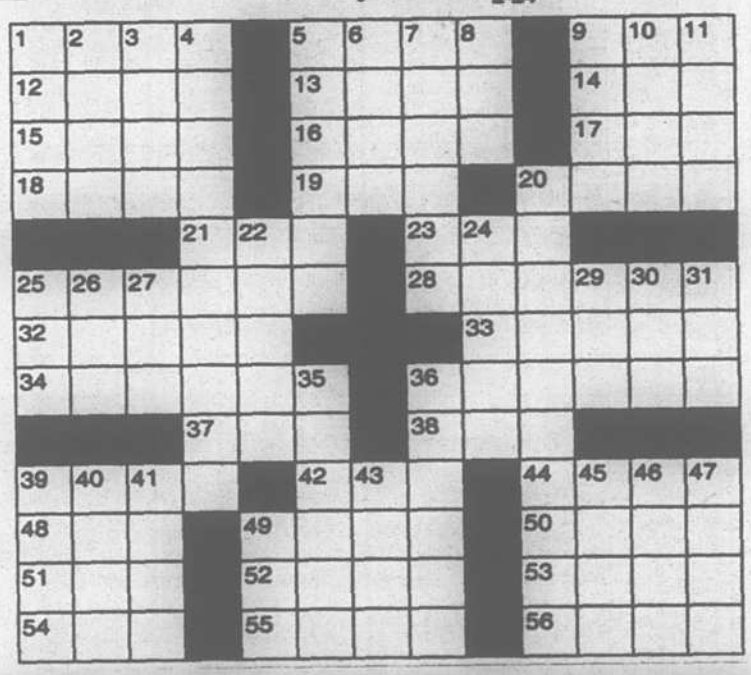
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Yesterday's answer 2-24



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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN CAN I EAT SOME RAW MEAT? ON THOSE RARE OCCASIONS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals W

TV SportsWatch

(All Times EST)

Saturday, February 24

AUTO RACING
10:30 a.m.
FOXSN — NASCAR, Winston Cup, qualifying for Kmart/Dura Lube 400, at Rockingham, N.C.
1 p.m.
FX — NASCAR, Busch Series, Alltel 200, at Rockingham, N.C.
3 p.m.
FX — NASCAR, Winston Cup, "Happy Hour Series," final practice for Kmart/Dura Lube 400, at Rockingham, N.C.

BOXING
10 p.m.
HBO — Champion Roy Jones, Jr. (43-1-0) vs. Derrick Harmon (20-1-0), for undisputed world light heavyweight championship; champion Derrick Gainer (36-5-0) vs. Victor Polo (29-2-2), for WBA world featherweight championship, at Tampa, Fla.

GOLF
2 a.m.
TGC — European PGA Tour, Singapore Masters, third round, at Singapore
9 a.m.
TGC — ANZ Tour of Australasia, Tour Championship, third round, at Sydney, Australia (same-day tape)
1:30 p.m.
TGC — Canadian PGA Tour, Myrtle Beach Open, third round, at Myrtle Beach, S.C.
3 p.m.
CBS — PGA, Nissan Open, third round, at Pacific Palisades, Calif.
6 p.m.
CNBC — Senior PGA, Mexico Senior Classic, second round, at Puebla, Mexico (same-day tape)

GYMNASTICS
4 p.m.
NBC — American Cup, at Orlando, Fla.

HORSE RACING
1 a.m.
ESPN2 — Thoroughbreds, "2Day at the Races," Las Flores Handicap, at Arcadia, Calif.; John B. Connally Breeders' Cup Turf, Sam Houston Turf Cup Sprint, and Jersey Lilly Stakes, at Houston (delayed tape)

MEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL
Noon
ESPN — Dayton at Temple
1 p.m.
CBS — Regional coverage, Wisconsin at Indiana or Duke at Wake Forest
2 p.m.
ESPN2 — Coll. of Charleston at Davidson
3:30 p.m.
ABC — Regional coverage, Oklahoma at Maryland or Miami at Connecticut
4 p.m.
ESPN2 — Indiana St. at SW Missouri St.
6 p.m.
ESPN2 — Pacific at UC Santa Barbara
FOXSN — UCLA at Oregon St.
7 p.m.
ESPN — Michigan St. at Penn St.
8:30 p.m.
FOXSN — SMU at Tulsa
9 p.m.
ESPN — Iowa St. at Texas

NHL HOCKEY
8:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — Boston at St. Louis

TENNIS
2 p.m.
FOXSN — ATP, Kroger St. Jude Indoor, semifinal 1, at Memphis, Tenn. (may be pre-empted by women's basketball)
8 p.m.
FOXSN — ATP, Kroger St. Jude Indoor, semifinal 2, at Memphis, Tenn.

WOMEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL
2 p.m.
FOXSN — Texas Tech at Texas (may be pre-empted by women's tennis)
4 p.m.
FOXSN — Stanford at Washington

XFL
8 p.m.
NBC — Regional coverage, NY/NJ at Chicago or Birmingham at Orlando

Broken belt may have cost Earnhardt his life

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt might have survived slamming into a concrete wall at the Daytona 500 if his lap belt had not broken, a NASCAR doctor said.

Earnhardt, who died instantly Sunday, probably was thrust into the steering wheel because he wasn't fully supported, said Dr. Steve Bohannon, head of emergency medical services at the Daytona track.

The seat belt problem — which officials said they had never seen in a half-century of NASCAR racing — was disclosed Friday.

"Mr. Earnhardt more than likely contacted the steering wheel with his chest and his face," said Bohannon, among several safety workers who tried to save Earnhardt's life as the driver sat slumped in the wreckage. "It appears that probably his chin struck the steering column in such a way that the forces were transferred ... into the base of the skull.

"If his restraint system — his belts — had held, he would have had a much better chance of survival."

A skull fracture ran from the front to the back of Earnhardt's brain. His sternum, eight ribs on the left side and left ankle also were broken by the impact of hitting the wall at about 180 mph on the last turn of the last lap.

The belt the seven-time Winston Cup champion was wearing as part of his harness came apart near a buckle.



Associated Press

Gary Nelson, NASCAR Winston Cup director, shows a lap belt similar to the one driver Dale Earnhardt was wearing when he died in a crash during last Sunday's Daytona 500, during a news conference at the North Carolina Speedway, near Rockingham, N.C., Friday.

"We don't know how, when or where, yet," NASCAR president Mike Helton said at a news conference. "We will continue our investigation."

The belts are designed to withstand crashes of well over 200 mph, although all restraint systems stretch at least a few inches on impact.

Earnhardt's harness was made by Simpson Safety Products in Mooresville, N.C., said his former crew chief, Larry McReynolds. Owner Bill Simpson, a former Indy car driver, did not immediately return several phone calls for comment.

The company is a leading manufacturer of auto racing safety equipment.

"The Simpson belts have always been fine, never a problem," said McReynolds, who worked with Earnhardt in 1998 when the driver won the Daytona 500 in his 20th try.

Winston Cup director Gary Nelson held up a similar lap belt and described how the webbing that attaches the belt onto the car frame came apart.

He wouldn't say how the material came apart or whether it was cut, frayed or damaged in any other way.

Thomas skips White Sox's practice again

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Frank Thomas, unhappy with his contract, stayed away from the Chicago White Sox's spring training camp again Friday.

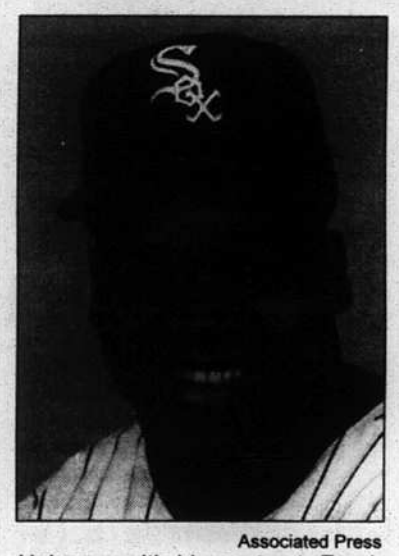
Thomas phoned manager Jerry Manuel on Thursday night to tell him he wouldn't be coming to camp and that "it's contract related," the White Sox said.

The mandatory reporting date is next Tuesday.

"We are continuing to talk to Frank and White Sox management in an effort to resolve this issue," said Mike Moye, Thomas' agent.

Thomas arrived on Wednesday when position players reported, unpacked his bags and took a physical. He left, however, before a team meeting addressed by general manager Kenny Williams. Thomas also missed the opening workout and a second one Thursday.

Manuel said Thomas had been excused from the first two days of camp because he always tries to give players at least six days off during the spring and Thomas wanted to take his early. But Thomas had been expected to practice Friday.



Associated Press

Unhappy with his contract, Frank Thomas, shown in this 2000 season photo, is a no-show at the Chicago White Sox's spring training camp Friday.

Thomas, who batted .328 with 43 homers and 143 RBIs last season after two sub-par years, had dinner with Chicago White Sox teammates Ray Durham and James Baldwin and vented Wednesday night. Durham said Thomas did most of the talking.

"He's a little upset. All around baseball, guys are upset about their contracts," Durham said. "It filters down. A lot of guys are wanting new deals because of the deals that are out there."

Thomas said Wednesday he'd live by the deal he signed after the 1997 season, a contract that runs through 2006. It could be worth $85 million and he is scheduled to make a base of $9,927,000 in each of the next six seasons.

But with the recent $252 million, 10-year contract signed by Alex Rodriguez, Thomas says he and others such as Barry Bonds and Gary Sheffield are lagging behind.

"You see the pay scale is getting out of whack," Thomas said. "You can't have A-Rod making 25 million and we're coming in at 7, 8, 9 million. It's a business. It's just like Hollywood. You can't have the top actor making 25 million and the rest making 10 million."

Hingis advances to the finals

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Top-ranked Martina Hingis of Switzerland overcome some bad moments in the first set, then recovered to beat No. 7 Tamarine Tanasugarn of Thailand in the semifinals Friday at the Dubai Open.

Hingis a 7-6 (6), 6-1 winner, will oppose Nathalie Tauziat on Saturday for the championship of the $565,000 tournament. Tauziat outlasted Australian qualifier Rachel McQuillan 7-6 (5), 6-4.

Hingis had to come from behind in the first set, fighting off three set points and winning the tiebreaker. Hingis is seeking her second straight title after winning the Qatar Open last weekend.

"Winning the first set was the key," Hingis said. "It was hard to get concentration and keep it. I always have little problems playing in new tournaments."

Tanasugarn said Hingis lifted her game in the second set and was very aggressive.

"When I had three sets points in the first set I had to do something different but maybe I tried too hard," she said. "I played well today but I lost a little bit of concentration and then maybe I got rushed a bit."

NBAStandings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	41	14	.745	—
New York	31	22	.585	9
Miami	32	23	.582	9
Orlando	28	24	.538	11 1/2
Boston	24	31	.436	17
New Jersey	19	37	.339	22 1/2
Washington	13	42	.236	28

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	32	20	.615	—
Charlotte	29	26	.527	4 1/2
Toronto	28	26	.519	5
Indiana	23	28	.451	8 1/2
Cleveland	21	31	.404	11
Detroit	21	33	.389	12
Atlanta	18	36	.333	15
Chicago	8	45	.151	24 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	36	16	.692	—
San Antonio	35	18	.660	1 1/2
Dallas	34	21	.618	3 1/2
Minnesota	32	23	.582	5 1/2
Houston	29	26	.527	8 1/2
Denver	28	28	.500	10
Vancouver	18	37	.327	19 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	38	17	.691	—
Sacramento	35	17	.673	1 1/2
L.A. Lakers	35	18	.660	2
Phoenix	32	21	.604	5
Seattle	29	26	.527	9
L.A. Clippers	19	38	.333	20
Golden State	15	39	.278	22 1/2

NBASchedule

Thursday's Games

Sacramento 114, Washington 110
Charlotte 93, Golden State 91
Utah 90, Portland 84
L.A. Clippers 93, Chicago 80
Dallas 98, Boston 91

Friday's Games

Sacramento at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Atlanta at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Denver, 9 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Sacramento at New York, 12:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Indiana, 3 p.m.
Utah at Phoenix, 3 p.m.
Golden State at Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m.
Orlando at L.A. Lakers, 5:30 p.m.
Washington at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 8 p.m.

Sheets seeks roster spot

Olympic gold medalist tries out for Milwaukee Brewers

PHOENIX (AP) — Ben Sheets doesn't even know where his gold medal is, only that his mother is safeguarding it.

What he does know is that his three-hitter to beat Cuba at the Sydney Olympics six months ago won't do him any good when he begins facing major league hitters next week.

"Big league hitters aren't going to let you strike them out just because you won a gold medal," Sheets said. "It's something to be proud of, but it doesn't mean anything up here."

And it won't help the 22-year-old hard-throwing right-hander earn one of two available spots in the Milwaukee Brewers' rotation, either.

"I've got to go out and prove myself all over again," Sheets said. "It's something that will be nice to look back on, but it's time to turn the page."

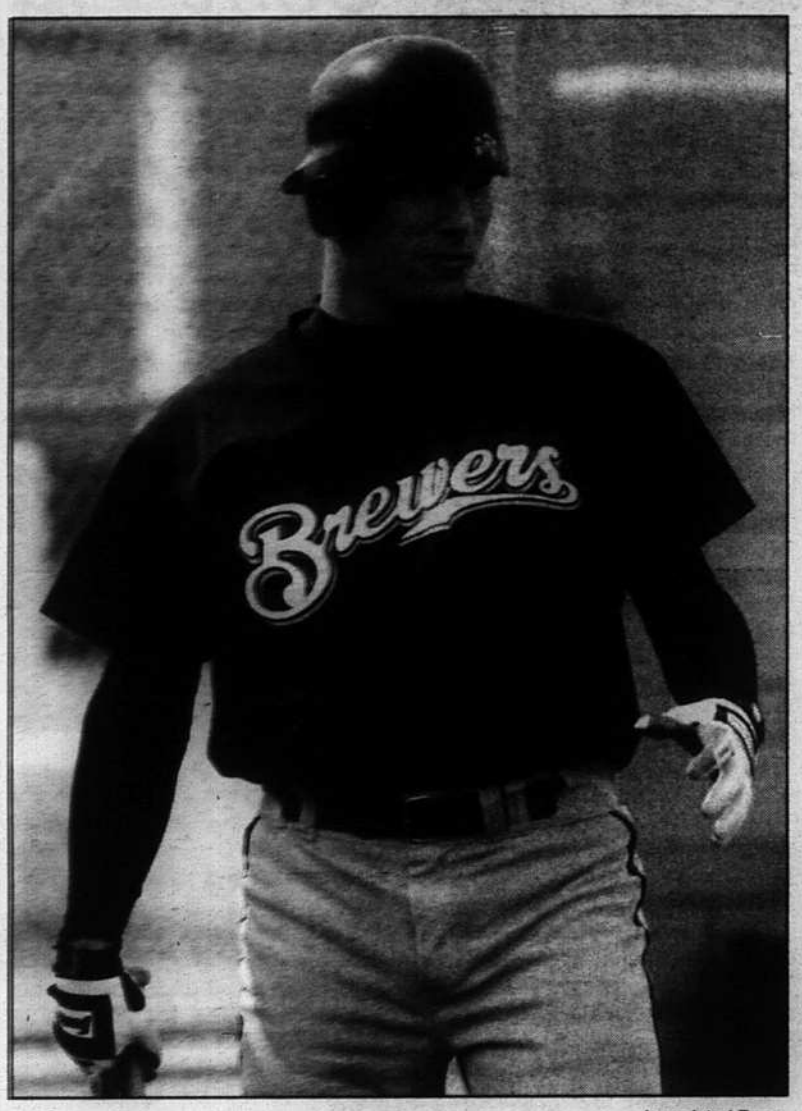
Brewers manager Davey Lopes doesn't know as much about Sheets as Tommy Lasorda, whose club of minor league players defeated Cuba 4-0 for the American's first-ever gold medal.

"To be honest with you, I really haven't seen much of Ben Sheets. I watched him throw today, but that's batting practice," Lopes said. "I saw him throw last spring, he threw in one game for us. He did very well, showed both the physical tools and the intangibles that you like to see in a pitcher: very poised, very confident, not intimated. Plus, quality stuff. Other than that, I really can't tell you much."

Sheets made three Olympics starts, surrendering just one run in 22 innings for an ERA of 0.41.

"I saw a couple of pitches on TV," Lopes said. "That's a tremendous honor and a tremendous accomplishment. But that really doesn't mean anything to making this ball club. He knows that, and he doesn't expect any special favors.

"So, if he makes this club it's because he deserves to make this club, not because of what he did in the Olympics."



Associated Press

Milwaukee Brewers pitcher Ben Sheets wears his batting helmet backwards while taking bunting practice during spring training Thursday, in Phoenix.

Sheets is among nearly a dozen pitchers vying to join Jeff D'Amico, Jimmy Haynes and Jamey Wright in the Brewers' rotation.

Sheets and Paul Rigdon, who had 12 solid starts for Milwaukee after coming over from Cleveland last year, are the early favorites to emerge from a group of 11 pitchers all hoping to break camp with the club and head to its new, $400 million retractable-roofed Miller Park.

After beating the two-time defending champion Cubans last year, Sheets jetted to Milwaukee to participate in the closing festivities at County Stadium, where he received a rousing ovation from 56,000 fans.

Jones deems Harmon as worthy opponent

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Roy Jones Jr. says he could envision Derrick Harmon as a champion, though not any time soon.

And certainly not at his expense.

Jones will defend the undisputed light heavyweight title Saturday night against the little-known Harmon, who has won 20 of 21 fights against boxers who are equally obscure as him.

The champion has been criticized for settling for a potential mismatch instead of fighting a tougher opponent such as Dariusz Michalczewski of Germany, Bernard Hopkins or Felix Trinidad, although Hopkins is a middleweight (160 pounds) champion and Trinidad is a super welterweight (154) champ. The light heavyweight limit is 175 pounds.

> **"I love to see people like Derrick who are coming up, who I know would be a great champion ..."**
>
> Roy Jones Jr.,
> light heavyweight champion

Jones, however, said Harmon, who's yet to beat a top contender, deserves a shot at his undisputed crown.

"I love to see people like Derrick who are coming up, who I know would be a great champion if they ever got the opportunity," Jones said.

"If somebody ever beats me, I would hope it would be somebody like that. But I ain't ready to lose yet, so I ain't planning on giving up anything no time soon."

Jones (43-1, 35 knockouts) originally was eyeing a rematch at catch weights with Hopkins, who he beat on a 12-round decision for the vacant IBF middleweight title in 1993 at RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C.

When talks stalled, he turned to Tampa's Ice Palace, where Jones won a unanimous decision over Mike McCallum, a former champion in three weight classes, in light heavyweight title bout in 1996.

Briefs

Kansas City Chiefs let go RB Anders

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Running back Kimble Anders, a three-time Pro Bowler, was released by the Kansas City Chiefs Friday.

Anders, who had spent his entire 10-year career with the Chiefs, never recorded more than 400 rushing yards in a single season but went to the Pro Bowl as a fullback for his blocking and receiving.

Anders, 34, is 12th on the Chiefs' all-time rushing list with 2,261 yards. His 369 receptions are the most ever by a Chiefs running back.

Anders played in 15 games in the 2000 season, rushing for 331 yards and two touchdowns.

Sumlin quits Purdue for Texas A&M job

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Kevin Sumlin, wide receivers coach at Purdue the past three years, resigned Friday to become assistant head coach and wide receivers coach at Texas A&M.

Sumlin, a linebacker at Purdue in 1983-86, also was an assistant at Minnesota, Wyoming and Washington State. He will replace Larry Kirksey, who recently left the Aggies to join the staff of the NFL Detroit Lions.

Mamadou N'diaye on Raptors' injured list

TORONTO (AP) — The Toronto Raptors placed rookie center Mamadou N'diaye on the injured list Friday with a strained right groin.

N'diaye, acquired Jan. 12 from Denver in a six-player deal, has appeared in three games this season. The 7-footer has four points and had four rebounds in 10 minutes.

Magic inks Alexander for rest of the season

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Orlando signed guard Cory Alexander for the rest of the season.

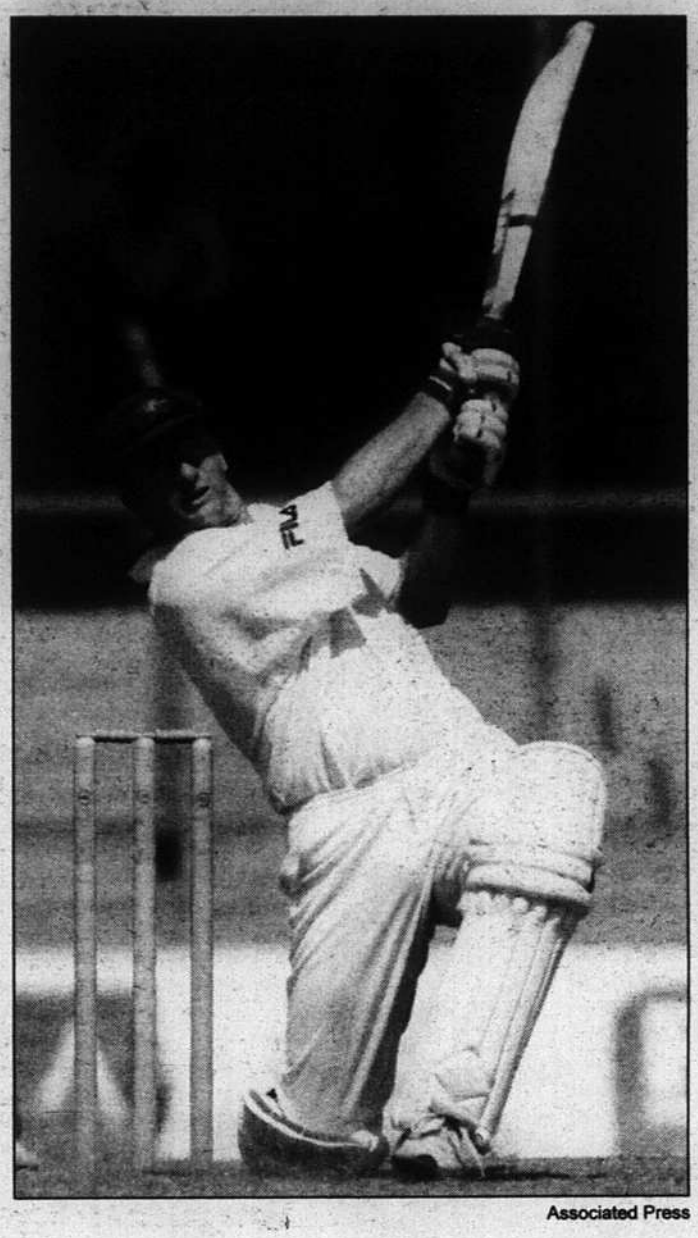
Alexander has appeared sparingly in six games this season for the Magic. He's played in 271 NBA games with three teams, averaging 5.8 points, 2.8 assists and 1.6 rebounds.

Kournikova out of action with injury

WASHINGTON (AP) — Anna Kournikova will miss her next two tournaments because of a broken foot.

She'll skip events in Acapulco, Mexico, and Indian Wells, Calif.

Kournikova, ranked eighth by the WTA Tour but still in search of her first career title, will be out of action for a month because of a stress fracture in her left foot.



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Cricket action

Australian captain Steve Waugh, who scored a century, hits a mighty six on the second day of the three-day match against Bombay Friday. The Australians were all out for 202 runs in the first innings against Bombay's first innings-score of 328 for 9 declared.

STX youth baseball kicks off

ISAAC CAUSEY

Two St. Croix youth baseball leagues will start this weekend as the season swings into high gear.

Luis Alicea, the president of the Virgin Islands Pony League, said he is excited about his third-year league, which is a rival to the more established leagues.

The Pony League will kick off with a 1 p.m. ceremony at Pedro Cruz Ballpark in Estate Profit.

"The league is increasing in players and divisions," said Alicea, a long-time league organizer until he branched off into the Pony Leagues in 1998. Alicia said the St. Croix Pony League will dedicate the season to Julio Carmona, a youth baseball-league manager.

The Plaskett West Little League will also get underway today, starting with an 11 a.m. parade from the Frederiksted Post Office to the Terrance Martin Ballpark. The first game is at 1 p.m.

Joe Samuel, the district coordinator of the Virgin Islands Little Leagues, said the Latin America region will be divided into two divisions this year. The winner of each division will earn a spot in the World Series in Williamsport, Pa. The new format will enhance the Virgin Islands' 11-12 champions chance of earning a spot in the nationally televised series.

The Plaskett East League started several weeks ago and will continue this week. Three St. Croix East games are scheduled for today. Mongoose Dem will take on Tune Squad in the 5-6 division; the Mets go against Young Stars in the 7-8 division; and Mongoose Dem III will rival the Stars in the 9-10 division. All of the East games are at D.C. Canegata Ballpark.

Little League action is also scheduled for St. Thomas this weekend.

Champagnes, 40-Caliber face off

AVIS STAFF

ST. CROIX — Heading into the second week of the playoffs, the defending champion Champagnes are in the winners' bracket of the Bob Owens Slow Pitch Softball postseason.

The Champagnes will take on 40-Caliber in the 8:45 p.m. third game Monday night at D.C. Canegata Ballpark. MSF will play Anchor Dive in a losers' bracket game and the Guidance will take on the Stealers in the second game of the night.

Champagnes advanced to the winners' bracket Thursday with a 10-3 victory over Anchor Dive. Martin Charles, Jesus Saldana and Jeff Elvin all hit homers for Champagnes.

Also on Thursday night, Tropical Plumbing eliminated Cartel 15-5 as Leroy Simmonds Jr. hit two homers. Edgardo Sanes and Wade Roserie each had a homer for Tropical Plumbing.

In another game on Thursday at the D.C. Canegata Ballpark, 40-Caliber beat MSF 16-12. Michael Schjang, who was 3 for 3, hit a grand slam for the winners and teammates Robert Ramsingh and Angel Torres also came away with over-the-fence shots.

For MSF, Sylvester Blake had two homers.

Briefs

Lewis aids high school victory

RIVIERA BEACH, FL — Akil Lewis of St. Thomas led Hallandale to an 52-47 victory over Suncoast High School in boys' 4A regional quarterfinals at Suncoast High School. Lewis, the former Ivanna Eudora Kean star, finished with 28 points to lead both teams. Hallandale shot 19 of 35 (56 percent). Hallandale (20-9) advances to a regional semifinal game.

White not effort enough for win

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands — Calvert White of St. Thomas scored 21 points and collected four steals, even though Gunco Rotterdam lost to Dutch Eredivise on Thursday night. Gunco's record drops to 10-14 overall and 0-2 in Pool B.

SoftballSchedule

(Owens league)

Monday night

MSF vs. Anchor Dive, 6:15 p.m.

Guidance vs. Stealers, 7:30 p.m.

40 Caliber vs. Champagnes, 8:45 p.m.

GAME: Complex defeats Good Hope

FROM PAGE BACKPAGE

The varsity-girls game highlighted a day of basketball action on St. Croix. In other contests:

Complex 78, Good Hope 28

Educational Complex came one step closer to finishing the regular-season boys league unbeaten.

"That's our goal," said Abijah Knight. "Our coach has never finished undefeated and we want to be the team to do it."

Knight led the Barracuda charge with 15 points. Karim Jackson also had 15 as Complex improved to 13-0 . Complex has one game remaining.

Danridge Henry paced Good Hope with eight points.

Larsen 29, Freewill Baptist 22

Craig Williams scored eight points as the Larsen Dolphins remained unbeaten in St. Croix Elementary boys basketball. Larsen improved to 9-0.

Freewill's Lenroy Cambran had a game-high 12 points.

Emanuel 19, Good Hope 15

Samantha Motta had eight points and Hadassah Emanuel had another great all-around game in the elementary girls league. Emanuel scored seven points and grabbed seven rebounds as Emanuel improved to 5-1.

Lisa Derweer paced Good Hope with six points.

Good Hope 19, Emanuel 16

Kyle Fleming led a balanced attack for the Good Hope elementary boys, who led 17-6 at the half.

Chris Floyd scored all five of his points in the first half and Sharif Hodge added four points for Good Hope. Elvis Edwards paced Emanuel with seven points.

BasketballScores

VARSITY

(Boys)

EdComplex 74, Good Hope 28

COMPLEX — N. Rodgers 8, O. Jacobs 3, K. Jackson 15, A.Chelcher 9, A. Knight 15, J. Richards 4, J. Maynard 5, J. Noel 1, S. Samuel 3, C. Blythe 11.

GOOD HOPE — D. Henry 8, P. Cole 4, N. Coleballa 2, C. Vanterpool 7, L. Gissel 4, L. Malanga 3.

(Girls)

Good Hope 50, EdComplex 31

GOOD HOPE - B. Larsen 4, J. Daniel 26, J. Jones 15, A. Talib 5.

EdCOMPLEX — S. Bell 2, N. Ebo 2, K. Fawkes 2, E. Jones 5, K. Joseph 2, S. Lake 5, E. Lynch 2, N. Nicholas 6, K. Sheppard 5.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Arthur Richards 55, Good Hope 39

GOOD HOPE - Rojas 6, Locke 1, Sweeney 4, Dema 1, Cissel 2, Charles 2, Ashwash 2, Lowman 17, Cannon 4.

AA RICHARDS — Castillo 10, Lake 2, Henry 11, Charles 6, Figueroa 4, McFarlande 6, Doward 14, Weekes 2.

ELEMENTARY LEAGUE

(Boys)

Good Hope 19, CH Emanuel 16

GOOD HOPE — Kyle Fleming 7, C. Floyd 5, S. Hodge 4, D. Locke 2, A. Scotland 1.

EMANUEL _ E. Edward 7, B. Archibald 5, M. Cabrera 2, A. Powell 2.

Larsen 29, Freewill Baptist 22

LARSEN — C. Lang 4, J. Johnson 5, C. Williams 8, A. Burke 2, N. Chaparro 4, R. Prince 2, O. Eastman 4.

FREEWILL BAPTIST - E. Henry 2, C. Rogers 4, O. Davila 4, Lenroy Cambran 12

(Girls)

CH Emanuel 19, Good Hope 15

Good Hope - H. Emanuel 7, D. D'Paula 4, S. Motta 8.

Emanuel — L. Derweer 6, I. Davis 5.

MEN LEAGUE

(Wednesday's games)

Hoyas 88, Exodus 73

HOYAS (7-4) — T. Woodley 21, K. John 20, K. John 17, L. Weeks 14, T. Turbe 6, C. James 6, S. Lee 4.

EXODUS (2-9) - J. Fenner 17, C. Guzman 14, E. Richardson 16, W. Williams 11, S. Canton 11, G. Nicholas 4.

Man-Dem 102, Showtime 66

MAN-DEM (10-1) — D. Martin 21, F. Romain 18, K. John 17, H. Milligan 15, J. Applewaite 12, R. Robinson 11, D. Heywood 8

SHOWTIME (1-10) - T. Shoy 19, C. Fawkes 13, G. Southwell 10, E. Charles 8, F. Warden 8, K. Milligan 5, E. Brandy 3.

SportsSaturday

Today's weather

Partly sunny and breezy. Scattered showers. Highs 80 TO 85

Love looking good, Jimenez shares lead

LOS ANGELES (AP) — That $500,000 bonus for winning the West Coast Swing is an afterthought for Davis Love III, who suddenly has a better prize in mind.

Love, who went 34 months without winning and now can't seem to do anything wrong, had a 4-under 67 at soggy Riviera Country Club on Friday to share the lead with Miguel Angel Jimenez of Spain after two rounds of the Nissan Open.

"Winning at Riviera is the focal point," said Love, who was at 7-under 135.

Jimenez, part of the European invasion on the PGA Tour this year, was leading by two strokes late in the afternoon until bogeys on the par 3s dropped him back to tie for the lead. He wound up with a 66.

Tiger Woods briefly flirted with missing the cut until starting his back nine with back-to-back birdies. He was still on the course, still trying to cut into a five-stroke deficit.

Love is playing the kind of golf everyone expected out of Woods, and he has temporarily replaced Woods as the hottest player on tour. In his last three tournaments, Love won at Pebble Beach with a final-round 63 (breaking Woods' record), lost in a playoff at Torrey Pines and finds himself in great position going into the weekend once again.

He's even starting to sound like Woods.

"I was playing good golf, now I'm playing pretty good golf," Love said. "I'm not playing great golf. I'm not playing perfect, but I am playing determined and confident. There are times when I've hit it better, been more 'on' when I've won. I'm still leaving a few strokes out there."

No one left more strokes out on Riviera than Kirk Triplett. The defending champion was one of four leaders after the first round at 5 under, made four birdies on Friday and still missed the cut. He also had three double bogeys in his round of 81.

In fact, none of the other leaders were much better.

Brent Schwarzrock, the 13th alternate who got in with 15 others withdrew, was 3 over for his round and trying to limit the damage on the back nine. Sergio Garcia had a 72 and was at 4-under 138. And Tom Scherrer was 1 over for his round.

Love was at a slight disadvantage teeing off so early on Friday. Rain overnight soaked the course, and it was still raining as Love warmed up and played his first two holes. A strong, swirling breeze shooed away the clouds, but made the course play tough early on.

For example, Love hit driver and a 1-iron on the 503-yard opening hole, just short of the green. On Thursday, he reached the par 5 with a 3-wood and a 6-iron.

But as it warmed up, so did Love. He picked up a stroke on the field with a 3-iron into 4 feet on the 236-yard fourth hole, and briefly pulled away from the field with four birdies on a five-hole stretch starting on the back nine.

His momentum finally shut down when he hit into the left bunker on the par-3 16th and failed to save par.



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Davis Love III acknowledges the applause of the gallery after making birdie on the 14th hole in the second round of the Nissan Open at Riviera Country Club Friday, in Los Angeles' Pacific Palisades area.

Good Hope girls score over league champions

ISAAC CAUSEY

ST. CROIX — The Good Hope Lady Falcons graduated from team of the future — to the team of now.

The young but veteran squad made a bold statement Friday evening, beating the regular-season champion Educational Complex Barracudas 50-31 in St. Croix varsity girls basketball.

Good Hope, which has four 10th-grade starters, used a career-high performance from Jada Daniel to complete one the school's best games of the season.

"We've been bonding," said Daniel, who scored 26 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. "We knew we had to beat them to make a statement. This proves the private schools can beat the public schools."

Good Hope, playing with postseason intensity, downed Complex for the first time in three league games. The Lady Falcons are 5-3 and will finish the regular season next week against the Central High Lady Caribs. Complex, on the other hand, sealed the regular-season league title after learning earlier Friday that Country Day would not play in their final scheduled game. Complex is 7-2.

"We're not worried about this loss," said Complex coach Derrik Miller. "We are still in first place. They won this game, but we'll be ready when we play again."

The Lady Falcons, playing in front of their home crowd, started with an 11-4 run, and Complex never got any closer. Daniel, who had several family members cheering her on, stole the show. The 10th-grader scored five-straight points during one third-quarter stretch to give Good Hope a 36-21 lead. Every time Complex made a rally, Daniel would answer. Her jumper with 4 minutes, 25 seconds remaining gave Good Hope a 38-25 lead. After making the shot, she smiled shyly before trotting back down the court. The basket was the start of an 8-0 run that gave Good Hope a 44-25 advantage, to all but seal the victory.

For the past two seasons, Complex had been a nemesis for the Good Hope 10th-graders, who have been playing varsity basketball since 7th-grade.

Another Good Hope 10th-grader, Jade Jones, had a double double, grabbing 10 rebounds to go along with 15 points.

"We got the monkey off our back for the day," said a relieved Good Hope coach John Jones. "We've worked hard over the last couple of weeks. Today, we were missing a top player and they were missing some top players."

Lauren Larsen, another Good Hope 10th grader, sat out the game with an injured ankle. Complex's Samaria Lake limped through part of the second and third quarters with an aggravated ankle. Complex's Latihma Warrell has missed the entire season.

"I hope when we play again, they have everybody ready to go and we have everybody ready to go," Miller said.

Complex had problems defending Daniel, who has scored 20 or more points in three straight games. She drove the lane for layups and she hit the jumpers.

"She has been on a roll," Coach Jones said. "She's taken up the slack since Lauren has been out."

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UVI conquers San Juan Tech

ISAAC CAUSEY

ST. THOMAS — Dashell Freeman scored 25 points Friday night as the UVI Bucs defeated San Juan Tech 80-64 in ODI college basketball.

Freeman was 11 of 17 from the field and three of six from the free-throw line as UVI improved to 2-0 in the league.

UVI coach Cyril Benjamin said the addition of four top freshmen will make this year's squad more competitive than last year.

"This is our best team to make a statement," Benjamin said. "This is our deepest team. I feel we can finish at least third."

The Bucs were seventh in the Puerto Rico conference a year ago.

Two other Bucs scored in double figures Friday night. Kevin Abbott, another freshman, had 10 points as did Milton Connor.

Benjamin said Abbott, Freeman, Torian Henry and John St. Luce played with him on a Housing, Parks and Recreation team that played in a youth world championship over the summer.

Asnel Fernandez paced San Juan Tech with 21 points.

UVI will play two games today at the UVI Fitness Center. At 1 p.m., the Bucs take on the University of Puerto Rico-Carolina. The Bucs will take on UPR-Utoado at 8:30 p.m.



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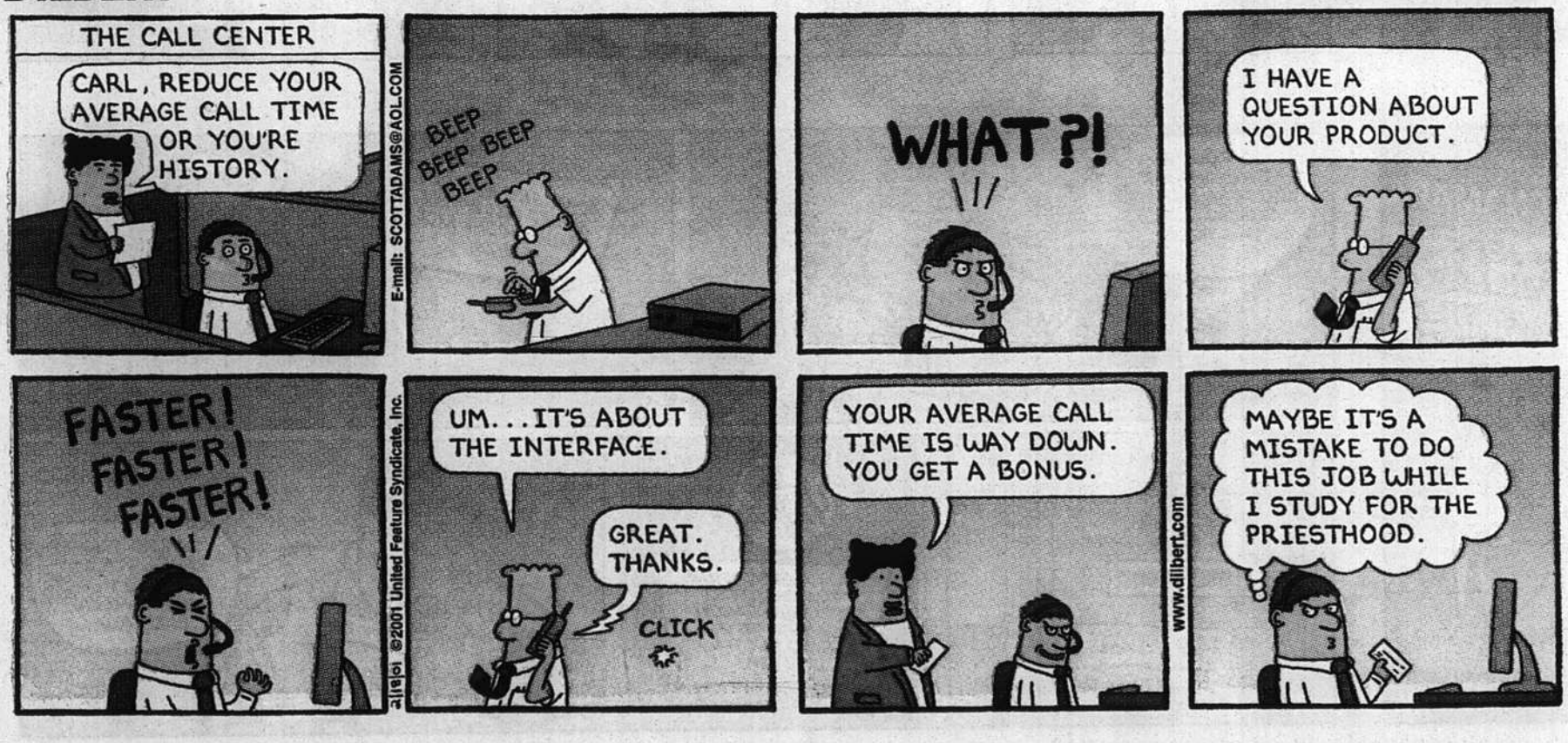
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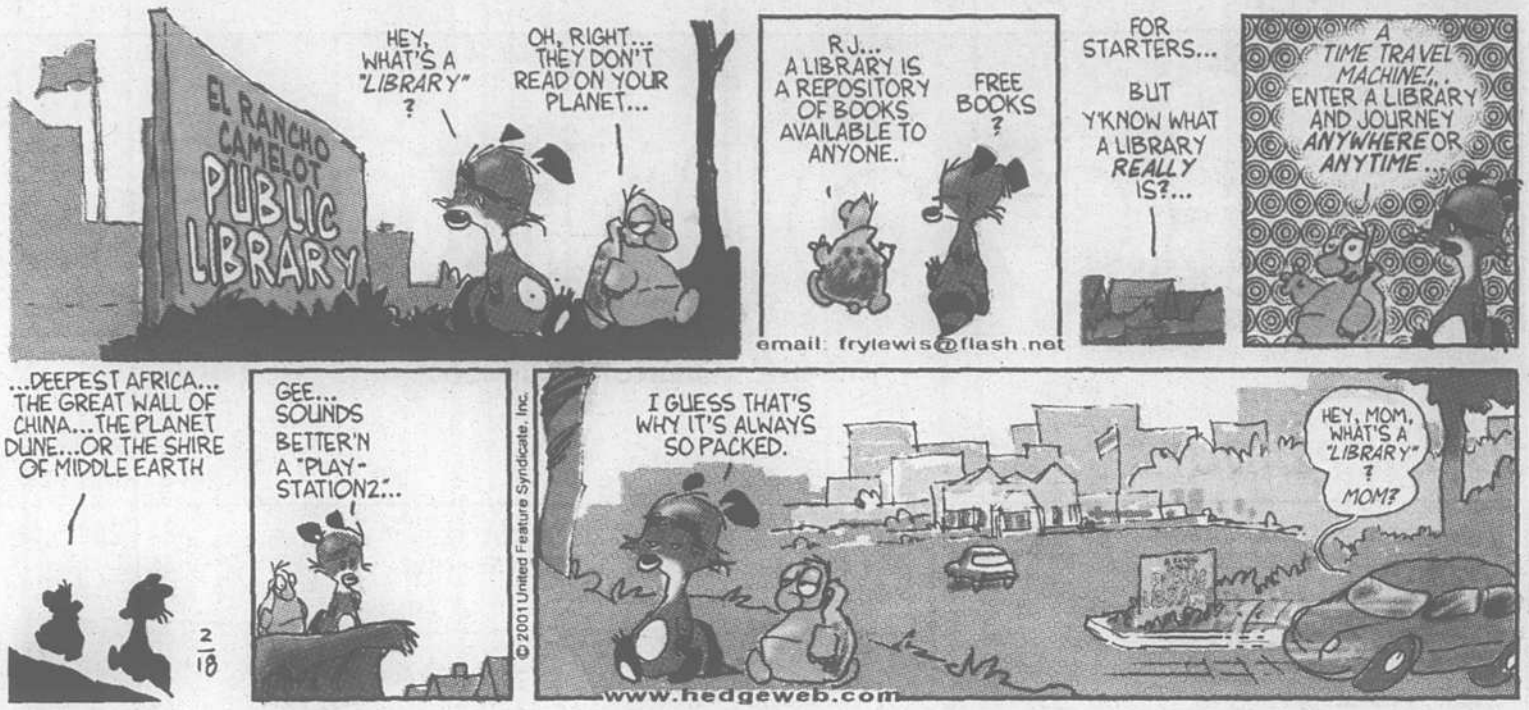
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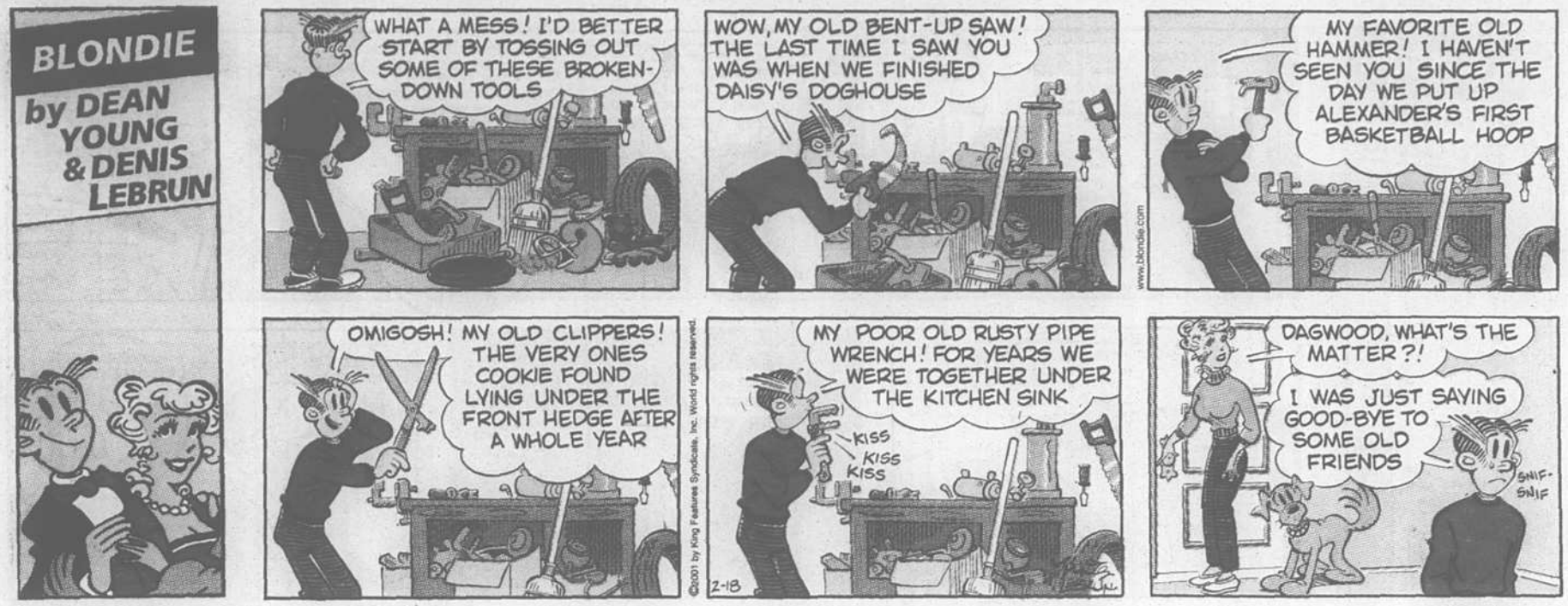
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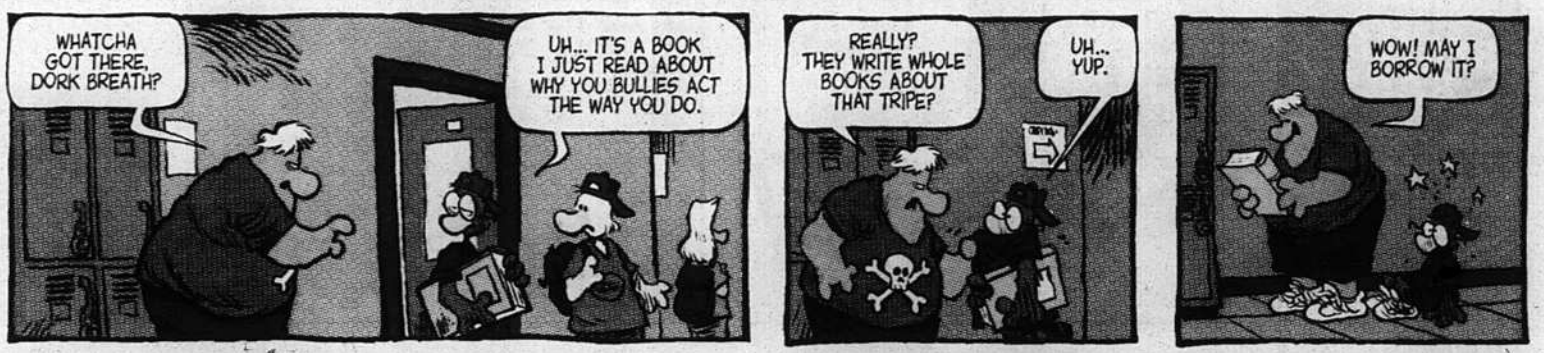
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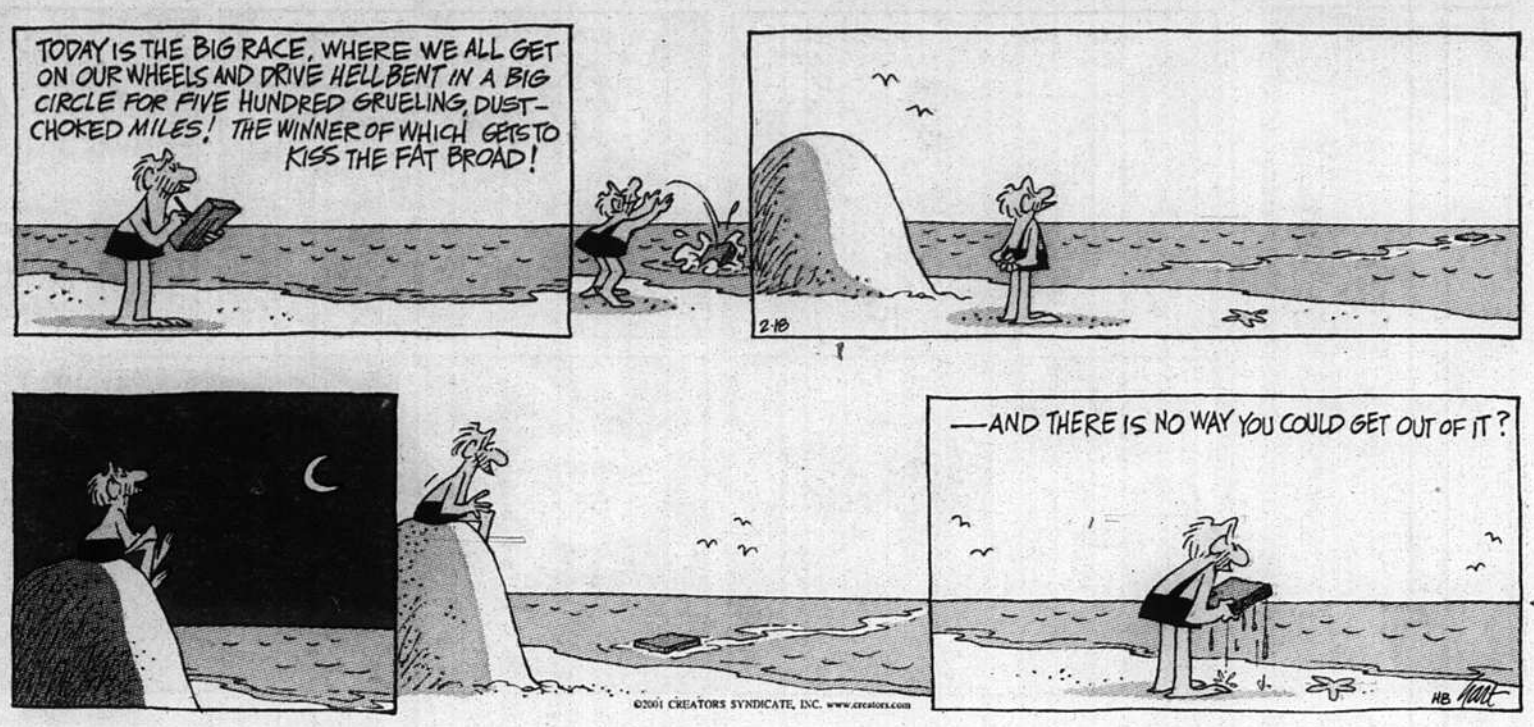
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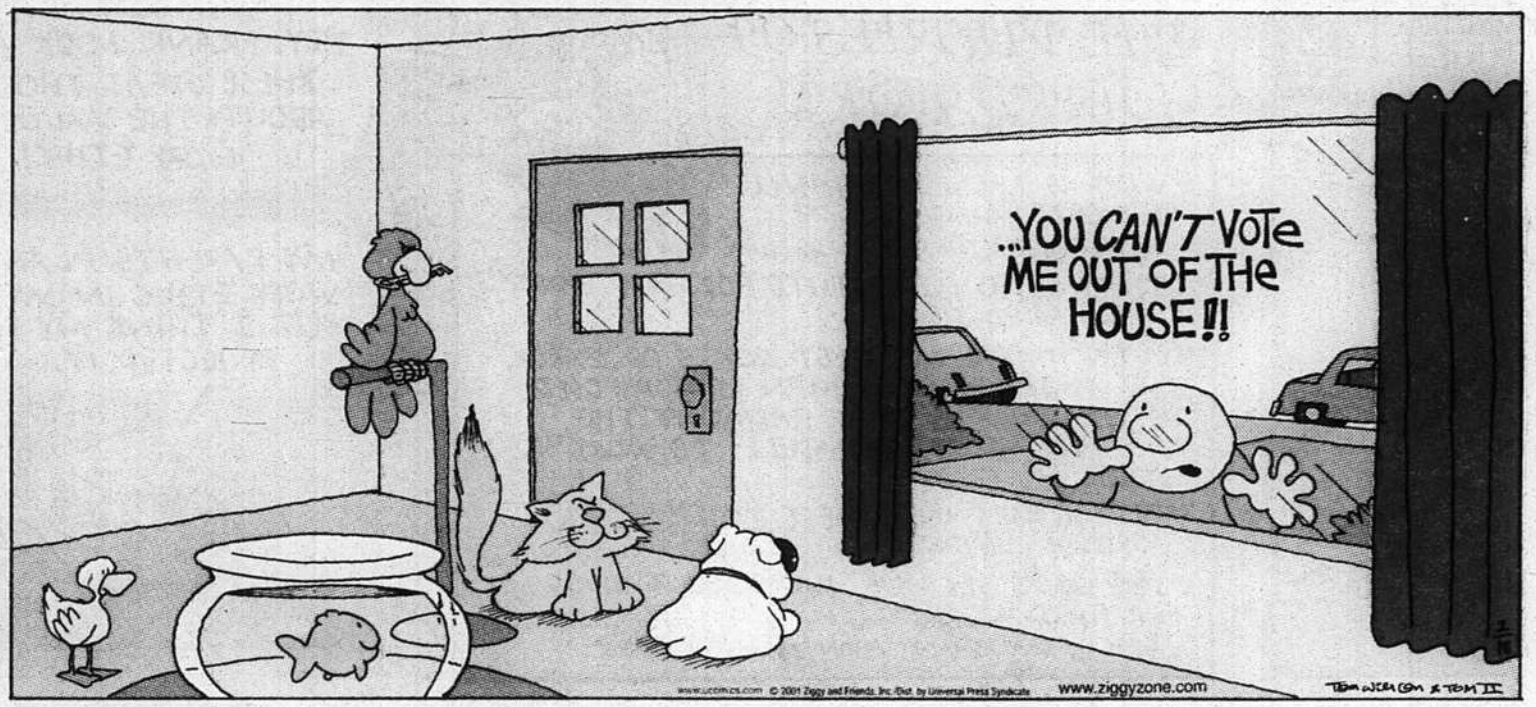
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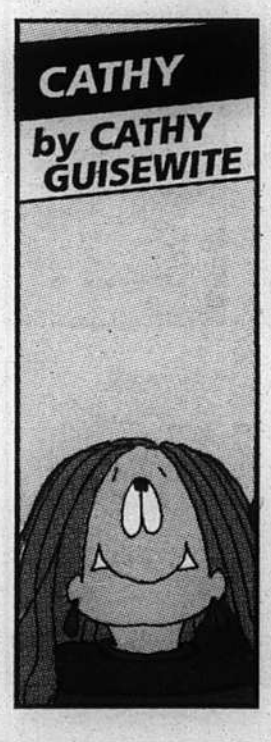


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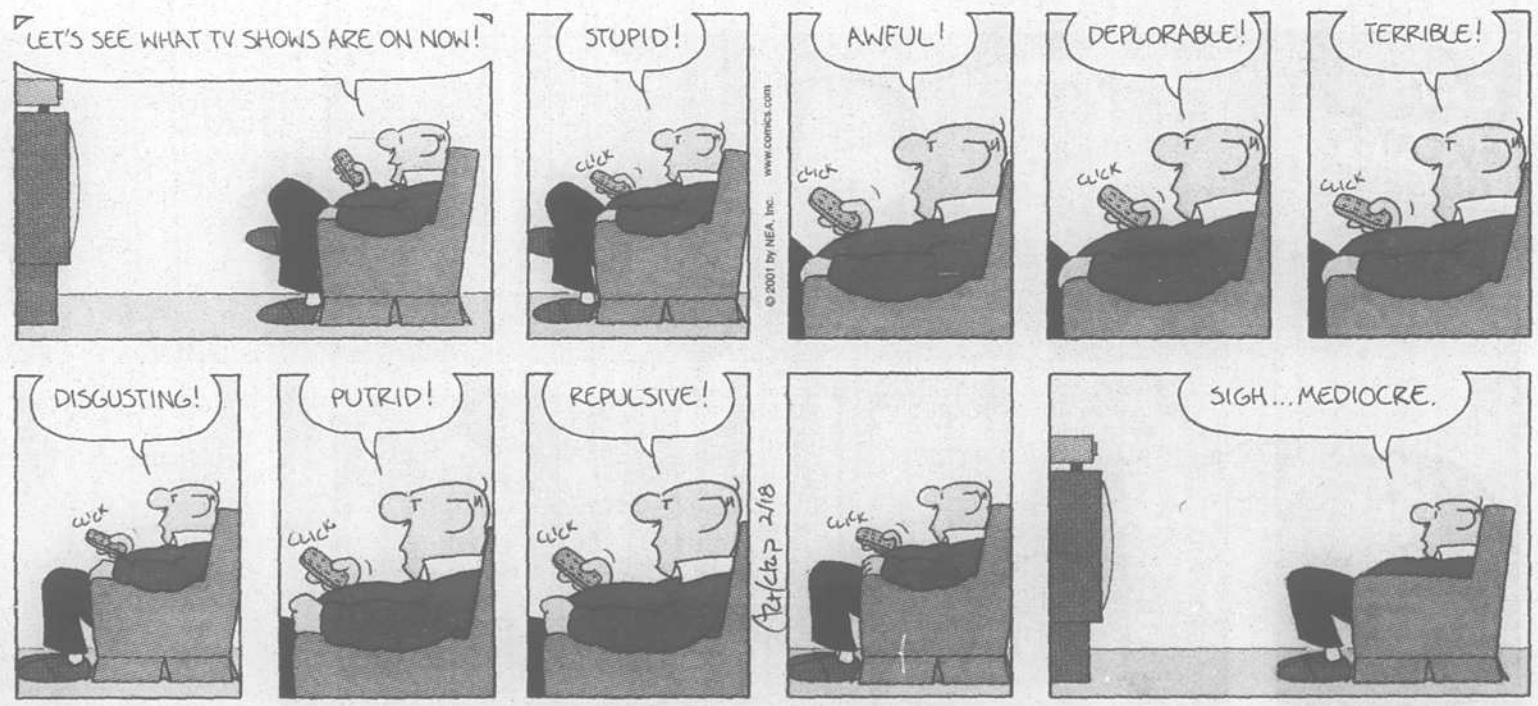
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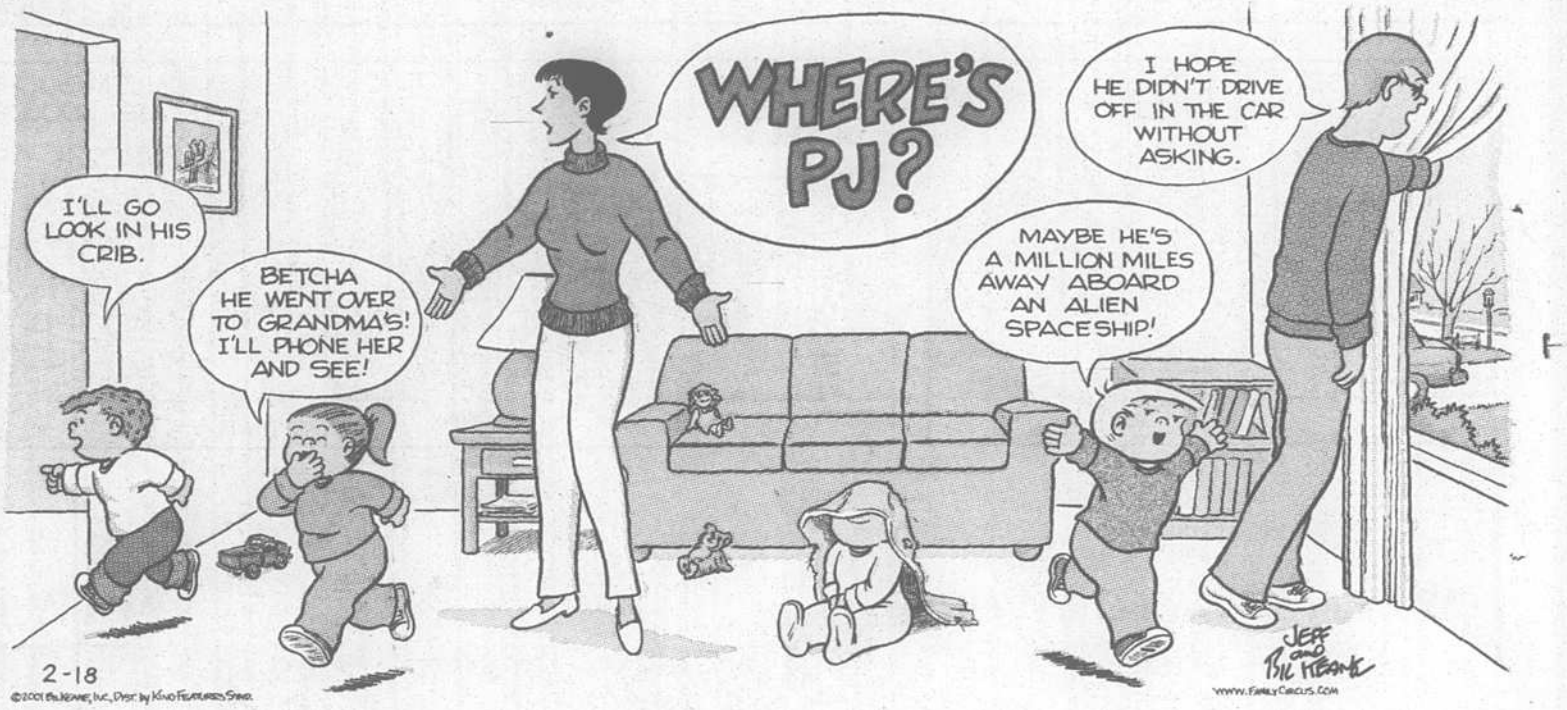
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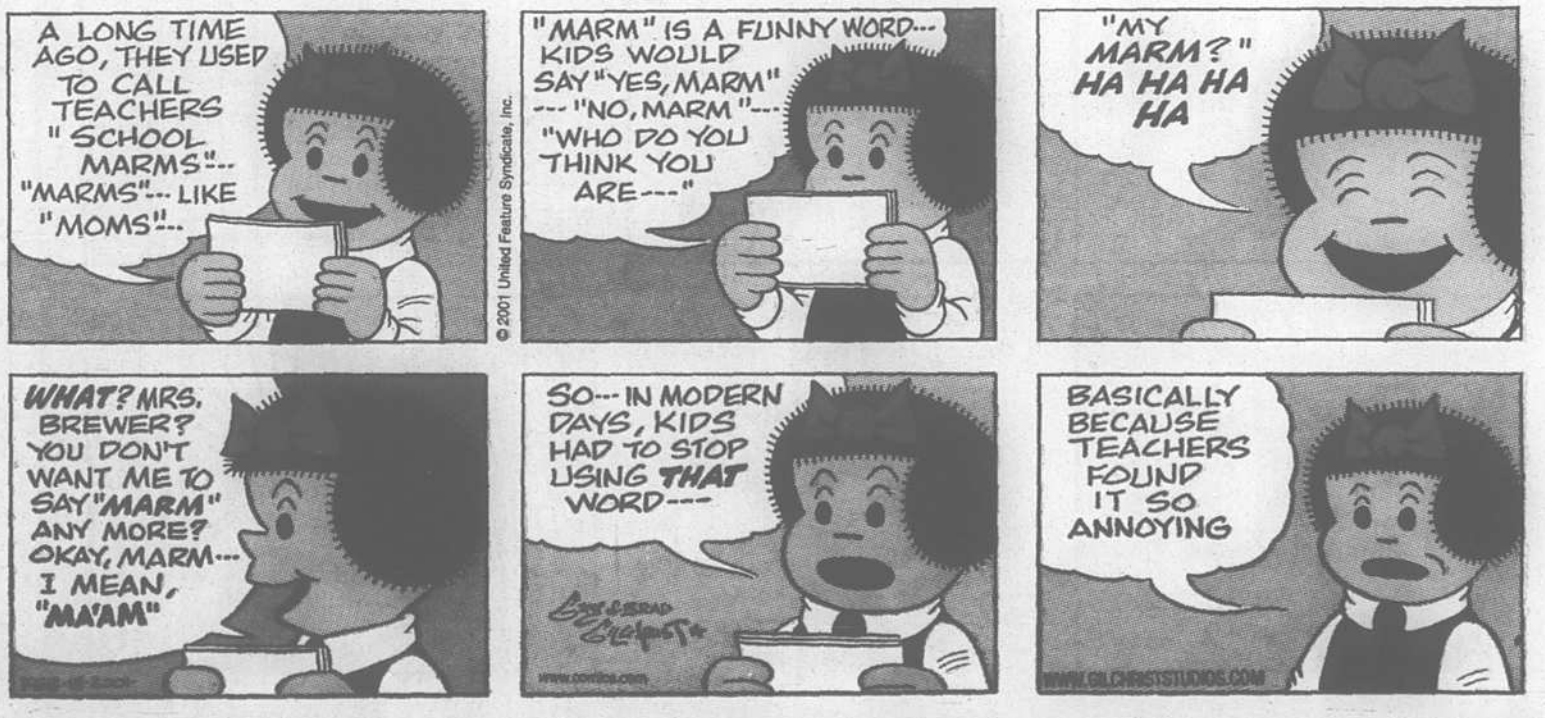






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