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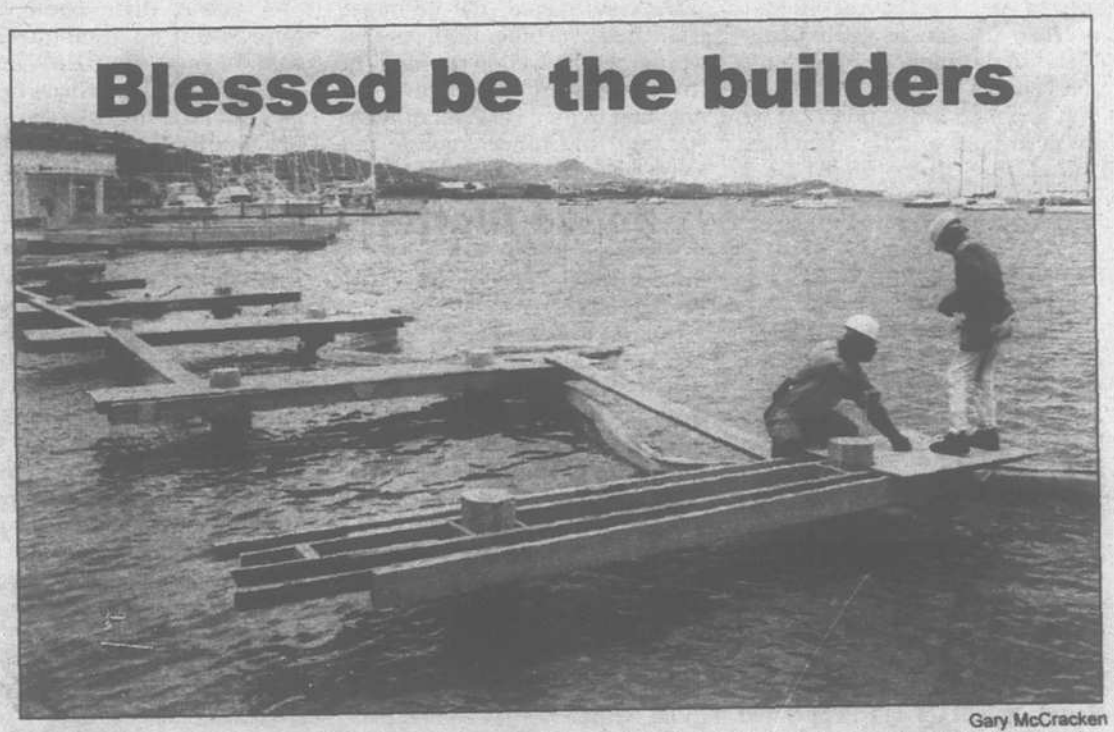
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Blessed be the builders



Gary McCracken

Carpenters from the 3V Construction company work on the foundation of the boardwalk in front of the Comanche Hotel Friday. Work in the area is continuing as lawyers from the VI government and the hotel try to determine the ownership of the land.

30 Public Works employees sacked

WILL JONES

ST. CROIX — About 30 employees in the embattled Public Works Department were given their pink slips, effective Friday, which could be the first wave of layoff of government employees.

Although Gov. Charles Turnbull, who signed the termination letters, said the employees were temporary workers, Sen. Alicia Hansen said many of them had been with the department since Hurricane Hugo in 1989.

In a letter to one of the employees, Turnbull said he had been advised by Public Works Commissioner Harold Thompson Jr. that they occupied temporary positions for which no funds existed to pay them.

"As the result thereof and in light of the government's financial problems, your termination has been recommended. Accordingly, I regret to inform you that your temporary appointment with the government will be terminated effective at the close of business on April 7, 2000," Turnbull wrote.

Hansen said the laid off employees worked in the road-and-highway-construction division and the solid-waste program.

She also said 90 percent of the workers who lost jobs were from St. Croix.

"Only four to five people were laid off on St. Thomas — and that is ridiculous," Hansen said.

Thompson discovered in January that the neither the administration nor the Senate majority included money in the Public Works budget for the temporary

SACKED, PAGE 2

Stateside businessman, family terrorized here

WILL JONES

ST. CROIX — A Washington state businessman, who is planning to relocate to St. Croix, got a rude awakening by a trio of burglars early Monday morning and a cool reception from police investigating the crime.

Fred Kamp said Friday that three men broke into his condominium apartment at Pelican Cove in La Grande Princesse while he and his wife were lying in bed, held a knife at his throat, kept a gun pointed at him and ransacked the apartment.

The burglars escaped with about $400 in cash they found under his daughter's mattress, a pair of prescription sunglasses, two cellular phones, two necklaces, two bracelets, a CD player and CD records.

Kamp, a regional manager for Interpacific Investment Service, said one of the burglars referred to one of his accomplices as "Shawn."

He said when police arrived on the scene in response to a call, logged in at 12:53 a.m. Monday, he and his wife gave officers a description of the suspects, including the one called Shawn who was wearing a blue bandana.

Kamp said one of the officers said he knew Shawn and, in fact, had stopped a car earlier that day with three men matching the description of the burglars.

He said the officer told him that Shawn was well known to police because he always wore a blue bandana and that he had been arrested several times.

The men also left behind a knife with fingerprints on them and the blue bandana was found on the grounds outside the apartment, Kamp said.

TERRORIZED, PAGE 2

Harwood workers protest conditions

ANGELA BORCHERT

ST. CROIX — Department of Health employees on Friday morning rallied together in protest of working conditions at the Charles Harwood Complex in Estate Richmond.

While many were outside voicing their concerns, their co-workers were inside taking care of patients.

About 300 people currently work at Harwood, which offers numerous public-health programs, but there is a shortage of nurses and no obstetrician/gynecologist on staff.

"It's terrible to tell a patient, 'I can't take care of you. I don't have a doctor,'" said registration clerk Eloise Hazel.

At least four nurses' Notices of Personnel Action (NOPAs) have been pending for months, protesters said.

"We used to go out into the field," registered nurse Magda Finch said. "Because of transportation and shortage of staff, we can't do that anymore."

Many Harwood employees complain of respiratory and skin ailments that they say are aggravated by conditions in the dilapidated facility. Also, the complex's telephone system has malfunctioned for weeks at a time.

"We've had building problems for years," DOH service coordinator Julia Bennerson said. "Our patients are frustrated when we can't answer our phones. They think we're providing bad service.

"The bottom line is we need money."

Bennerson said Health Department administrators are trying, but faster action is needed.

"We are a health facility that should be healthy," she said. "We're still trying to serve (clients) even though we work under these dire conditions."

Health Commissioner Wilbur Callender said help is on the way.

"My plan is to renovate this whole building," he said. "The plans need to be updated. We have some monies already appropriated."

About $4 million was appropriated for the renovation of Charles Harwood, but some was spent by the former administration on a construction plan that went sour. The plan was to build a new health facility around the corner from the Harwood complex.



Angela Borchert

Health Department employee Maren Roebuck, a prevention specialist at the Charles Harwood Complex, demands better working conditions during a protest on Friday.

HARWOOD, PAGE 2

Beleaguered Zone A Command offered short-term rent-free space

Property owner offers empty store in Vitraco to VIPD

JONATHAN HENRY

ST. THOMAS — Businessman Neil Weiss, whose B&W Reality Investment owns Vitraco Mall in Long Bay, has offered a 2,200-square-foot store to the VI Police Department rent-free for at least 60 days.

According to Weiss, he offered the space, which was once the Vitraco Bible Book Gift Shop, after meeting with Police Commissioner Franz Christian about the police administration's plan to vacate Nisky Center, which Weiss' company also owns.

The offer comes two weeks after Zone A officers set up a desk outside the front door of the dilapidated building; they are protesting the recent government announcement that their new home at the Criminal Justice Complex will not be ready for another year.

This week, Gov. Charles Turnbull met with police officials to find some way to end the impasse.

"We know it's a very bad situation. The community's got to help wherever they can," Weiss said.

Weiss said that the police brass was grateful for the offer, but neither Christian nor Territorial Police Chief Jose Garcia could be reached for comment.

There are some conditions: Although the storefront is offered without rent, the police will have to install lighting, Weiss said. After the 60-day period, the police can remain at the site, as long as no one else wants to move in.

"If the store stays empty, we'll let them stay there, as long as they recognize that on 30 days' notice, they'd have to relinquish the space," Weiss said.

Capt. Al Donastorg, commander of Zone A, said that he hopes that the government accepts Weiss' offer as soon as possible, as the current conditions are not only intolerable for his officers, but they also create a poor image of the department for residents and visitors.

"It gives an indication that we are in trouble, and there's a likelihood that there might be a breakdown of law and order," he said.

Donastorg said that in spite of the mall being located in the middle of the nearly-always-congested Estate Thomas/Sugar Estate area, police service would not be affected, as most of that service is provided by personnel already in the field.

"For March 1 through March 31, there were 1,981 calls for police service," he said. "Ninety percent of those were calls that were received from dispatch to units in the field."

Donastorg said that he hoped that the government offices that would be involved in making the final decision to approve the decision to move will act quickly. He said that officer morale has improved in the past week, as they have had reason to believe that their situation would improve.

"We know it's a very bad situation. The community's got to help wherever they can."

Neil Weiss of
B&W Reality Investment,
owner of Vitraco Mall
on St. Thomas

"I see a difference in the impression on their faces," he said. "I hope that the governor doesn't disappoint them, because he's built the hopes of the officers up, and to not come through — that would be devastating."

TERRORIZED: Visitors are victims

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The CD player also was located just outside the window.

But Kamp said that even though it has been a week since the incident, police have not made any arrests.

"Our lives were threatened at gunpoint, our property was stolen and the crime is being ignored by the police," Kamp said.

"Even the police report failed to mention the knife being found in our room," he said. "I would be very apprehensive of bringing my family or friends to a place that has no rule. I have heard the economy of St. Croix is very bad. If something isn't done the economy will surely get worse."

Kamp also said a police officer told him the case would be turned over to the FBI for investigation.

Deputy Police Chief Novelle Francis said he could not respond to Kamp's charges until he got more information from investigators. "There are always two sides to the story and I haven't received both sides," Francis said.

But he said there was no reason the case should be turned over to the FBI.

Francis said Pamela Richards, Tourism Department's assistant commissioner, also had contacted him about Kamp's complaints.

Kamp said he first noticed the burglars when he saw a hand coming over the rail of the balcony to his second-floor apartment. Kamp said he ran to the sliding screen and glass doors to chase the man away but was confronted by two other men who were already on the balcony.

He said they had climbed up a drainage pipe running down the side of the building to reach the second floor.

Kamp said while one of the burglars was holding the gun in his hand, his son, Dustin, 15, who had been visiting friends in another apartment, came to the door but that he told him to leave immediately.

Kamp said he and his wife also fled the apartment, leaving two of the burglars still inside. The third one had jumped over the balcony and run off.

His daughter, Aili, 16, who was visiting neighbors during the incident, said she called the cellular phone number Friday and someone — apparently the burglars — answered it.

Kamp said he is considering moving to St. Croix to work for his company's local office.

He said he would spend about six months here and six months at his home in Longview, Wash.

SACKED: Workers fired from PWD

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employees, Hansen said.

Thompson could not be reached after the news of the layoffs filtered out Friday evening.

He told the Senate Government Operations Committee Wednesday that his department also will drastically reduce Vitran service, which will result in the layoff of some Vitran drivers and other employees.

Hansen said the administration could be laying off employees to comply with an agreement Turnbull signed with the U.S. Interior Department to cut government spending and increase revenues.

Lt. Gov. Gerard Luz James II said earlier this year that more than 1,000 employees could be laid off so the government could continue to meet payroll through the end of the fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30.

The condition of the territory's public roads, which are already littered with potholes, could worsen with fewer workers, Hansen said.

The territory's landfills, which fall under the solid-waste division, are also near capacity and fires frequently erupt at the sites.

Police Blotter

ST. CROIX

Arrests:

5:30 p.m., Thurs., Jane M. Lock, 44, of Plot 11 West Longford, was charged with DUI and negligent driving after she allegedly failed a sobriety test. Bail was set at $1,000.

8:22 p.m., Thurs., Jermine Title, 23, of Bldg. 1, Apt. 2 Walter I.M. Hodge Pavilion, was charged with aggravated assault and battery for allegedly scratching his sister's eyes. Bail was set at $1,000.

10:50 a.m., Fri., Clarence "Kaie" Henry Jr., 39, of 1-4 Peppertree Terrace, was charged with aggravated assault and battery in an alleged domestic-violence incident. Police say Henry gave the victim lacerations on her arm and lip and injured her back. Bail was set at $1,000.

Assaults:

6:47 p.m., Thurs., Walter I.M. Hodge Pavilion.

1:20 a.m., Fri., a domestic-violence incident in Clifton Hill.

Grand larcenies:

3:13 p.m., Thurs., Brew Pub in King's Alley.

3:30 p.m., Thurs., Boys & Girls Club in Hannah's Rest.

6:50 p.m., Thurs., a purse snatching reported in Frederiksted.

6 a.m., Fri., Stoney Ground.

6:44 a.m., Fri., a tampering with a vehicle reported at Caesar's Auto Parts in La Reine.

9:28 a.m., Fri., Moonlight Superette in Hannah's Rest.

Burglaries:

7:46 a.m., Fri., School of the Good Shepherd in William's Delight. The school's alarm was activated at 8:45 p.m. on Thursday.

8:05 a.m., Fri., an attempted burglary reported at A-Plus Signs in La Reine.

10:33 a.m., Fri., La Reine.

Other:

7:15 a.m., Thurs., a stolen vehicle reported in Estate Whim.

11:35 a.m., Fri., a possession of a controlled substance reported at the St. Croix Educational Complex in Castle Burke.

ST. THOMAS

Arrests:

4 p.m., Thurs., a 17-year-old boy was arrested and charged with simple possession of a controlled substance after he was allegedly observed with marijuana in Bovoni. He was released into the custody of his parents.

12:45 p.m., Fri., Jerome Petty, 25, of Murphy Gade, was arrested and charged with attempted grand larceny after he allegedly tried to steal a chain from someone's neck on Back Street in January. Bail was set at $10,000.

2:45 p.m., Fri., Franklyn Harrigan, 22, of Frydenhoj, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault and resisting arrest after he allegedly hit his mother in front of a police officer. Bail was set at $15,000.

Assaults:

8:18 p.m., Thurs., Anna's Retreat.

2:10 a.m., Fri., Kronprindsens Gade.

10 a.m., Fri., St. John.

10:26 a.m., Fri., area of Marcelli School.

2:15 p.m., Fri., Charlotte Amalie High School.

Burglaries:

12:58 a.m. Fri., St. Joseph & Rosendahl residence.

4:35 a.m., Fri., Kronprindsens Gade.

7:04 a.m., Fri., Wintberg residence.

8:26 a.m., Fri., Mandahl residence.

Larceny:

4 p.m., Thurs., Anna's Retreat.

HARWOOD: Employees unhappy

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Callender said between $3.1 and $3.6 million remains of that funding, and the use of it may require reappropriation by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Estimates for the complete renovation of Charles Harwood range from $4.5 to $6.5 million.

Callender said he will seek funds from the federal tobacco settlement, the Department of the Interior and insurance settlements still pending from Hurricane Lenny.

Harwood employees have doubled and tripled up in offices, following severe roof damage caused by Hurricane Lenny. What used to be the community health wing is no longer habitable.



This sign was on a car outside the Harwood Clinic Friday.

The commissioner said a NOPA is also pending for a staff engineer to oversee the renovation of Charles Harwood and other Health Department facilities.

Friday's rally "was long overdue," Callender said. "They had a right to express their feelings. Hopefully, it will culminate in a meeting with the chief executive."

STT couple robbed in home invasion

ST. THOMAS — A St. Joseph & Rosendahl couple was attacked early Friday at home by a pair of masked gunmen who woke them up, demanded cash and assaulted the husband.

The victim, identified as John Garfield, was treated for lacerations at Gov. Roy L. Schneider Hospital. Before fleeing, the gunmen took $340 in cash.

No one was arrested for the crime, which happened at around 1 a.m. Anyone with information is urged to call police at 911 or 774-4050.

CAHS students treated to day of cultural traditions

JONATHAN HENRY

ST. THOMAS — Students at Charlotte Amalie High School got the opportunity Friday to learn about some of the VI's cultural traditions at an all-day demonstration on the school's campus.

The second annual event, called "De Big Yard," was produced by the school's Black History Committee, and began at 7:30 in the morning with a West Indian breakfast.

The program featured men and women, some of whom are members of the VI Committee to Revive Our Culture, who showed students the skills involved in weaving, caning, sculpture and cooking, among others.

And since the event coincided with what would have been former Gov. Cyril E. King's 79th birthday this year, a display of his accomplishments was also prominently featured. A student dressed as King, with painted white hair, came to the display to greet students.

The students played traditional games, such as tee-toe-tum and hoople races; they also watched quadrille dancers and listened to musical selections.

Committee member and event organizer Edney Freeman, an art teacher at the school, said that the demonstrations help students learn about the past in a way that may not be duplicated for them in the classroom.

"There's no particular class per se that deals with the cultural component in the educational experience," Freeman said. He added, however, that some of the teachers and classes at the school do educate students about certain aspects of the culture of the Virgin Islands.

Freeman said that he teaches a class called "Virgin Islands Visual Arts," a survey of the contributions of the islands' artisans and architects from pre-Columbian time until the present.





Jonathan Henry

(Above) Lucia Penn of the VI Committee to Revive Our Culture demonstrates hat-making for a student at "De Big Yard II," held at Charlotte Amalie High School Friday. (Right) A student dressed as former Gov. Cyril E. King stands next to a display honoring King's accomplishments. The event coincided this year with what would have been the former governor's 79th birthday.

Accused STX drive-by trio may yet be released

KC BURGARD

ST. CROIX — Three men accused of committing a drive-by shooting last December will have another day in court now that Chief District Court Judge Raymond Finch has sent back a magistrate's order to detain the men.

Carlos "Carlito" Martinez, Frank "Moody" Wilson and Marciano "Toots" Matta Ayala have been jailed since their arrest on Dec. 18, 1999, for allegedly shooting into the John F. Kennedy housing complex and injuring three people, including a 6-year-old boy. Indicted by a federal grand jury, the men are charged with attempted murder, possession of a crime of violence and discharging a firearm in a school zone.

U.S. Magistrate Jeffrey Resnick ruled in March to detain the men based on the seriousness of the crime, the substantial penalties they face if convicted and the "strong evidence" that he said exists that they acted with a callous disregard for human life.

But when Resnick stated in his decision that "the defendants may overcome these presumptions by presenting clear and convincing evidence assuring the court that they will appear for future court appearances," he prompted the men's defense attorneys to appeal the order.

"Defendants assert that they do not bear the burden of proof under the law," Finch's order stated. The judge agreed with that assertion.

"The magistrate placed too heavy a burden on defendants," Finch said. "Instead, defendants may overcome the presumption simply by producing some credible evidence that they will appear and will not pose a threat to the community."

Defense attorney Michael Joseph, representing Ayala, said Friday afternoon that he was pleased with the judge's decision, as well as the opportunity to again offer a proposed third-party custodian for his client.

"When I present (the custodian) ... the government will have to produce clear and convincing evidence that my client will still be a danger to the community," Joseph said.

Joseph maintained that it will be a difficult task for prosecutors.

"They don't have a strong case," Joseph said. "I don't see any connection of my client (to the shooting) other than him being in the car," he said.

"It is against the law to convict someone on mere presence," he said. "Keeping bad company is not a crime."

Martinez, Wilson and Ayala, all of the Ralph De Chabert housing complex, were arrested moments after the JFK drive-by shooting after leading police on a chase. Police confiscated a 12-gauge shotgun, a .357-caliber handgun and a .45-caliber pistol from them.

A fourth man, Raymond "Antiguan" Jarvis, of Bay Garden Apartments in Golden Rock, was also arrested but charged as an accessory after the fact. He is expected to testify for the prosecution against his co-defendants.

Murder charges against two local men dropped

'Without prejudice,' which means the charges could be refiled in the future

KC BURGARD

ST. CROIX — Murder charges against two local men — one from this year and another from 1997 — were recently dismissed in Territorial Court.

Michael Christensen Jr., 26, of 116 Mon Bijou, had charges of first-degree murder, possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime of violence, conspiracy to commit first-degree robbery and attempted first-degree robbery dismissed against him on March 27.

Deputy Attorney General Darryl Dean Donohue filed a motion to dismiss without prejudice stating the VI government "is unable to sustain the burden of proof" against Christensen.

Christensen was arrested in February and charged with shooting Melford Selkridge, 27, on Jan. 5 as he stepped out of his car at a Mon Bijou house. He was scheduled to begin trial for the crime on Monday, April 10.

Less than two weeks before the charges were dismissed, Christensen was ordered to undergo a psychiatric evaluation by Presiding Judge Maria Cabret at the request of his court-appointed attorney Ellen Donovan. According to court documents, Christensen has a history of mental illness.

The results of a psychiatric evaluation led to the dismissal of charges against another man accused of murder.

Swaheil Amin Joseph, 20, of Harrigan Court, was arrested on Sept. 14, 1997, after he allegedly killed his half-brother, Kihwaesi Joseph by shooting him four times — including once in the back of the head.

After the incident, which occurred about 11 a.m., Joseph barricaded himself in a vacant shack in Estate La Grange for a six-hour standoff with police. Joseph threatened suicide during the standoff, but eventually surrendered to police, who recovered a .38-caliber pistol from the man.

On Wednesday, Donohue filed a motion to dismiss without prejudice because Joseph does not have "the requisite *mens rea* necessary to commit the crimes charged." *Mens rea* is a legal term meaning criminal intent or guilty mind, according to Black's Law Dictionary. Cabret granted the government's motion on Thursday and dismissed the case.

Both cases were dismissed without prejudice meaning that charges could be brought against the men at a future time.

St. Thomas man gets two more years for 1996 crime

Original probation time must be served in jail

JONATHAN HENRY

ST. THOMAS — In a resentencing hearing Friday, Territorial Court Judge Soraya Diase ordered a St. Thomas man to a term of 10 years in prison for shooting and severely injuring a man in October 1996 in Savan.

The new sentence is an increase in Jamal "Sexiest" Rivera's original sentence of eight years' incarceration, followed by two years' probation. He was also ordered to pay the medical expenses of Edgar Phipps, his victim, which totaled $8,680. He was convicted of assault with intent to commit murder.

The original sentence, which was handed down on June 19, 1997, was thrown out after an appeals court judge ruled that probation could not accompany a prison sentence that was longer than six months.

The Attorney General's Office then recommended a straight 10-year sentence, while defense attorney Stephen Brusch argued that to do that would be, in effect, a penalty for his client's filing the appeal.

"Anything more than eight years, I think, would be seriously inappropriate," Brusch said.

However, Assistant Attorney General John Wilks argued that it was always the court's intention to have a sentence spanning 10 years, so the new term would not represent "additional" punishment.

"The court felt that the defendant should remain under penal supervision for 10 years," he said.

Rivera, 25, was living in Agnes' Fancy when he shot Phipps on Vester Gade in Savan on the evening of Oct. 4, 1996. According to a police officer's affidavit to the court, Rivera got into an argument with Phipps, then followed him to an abandoned building. Rivera drew a gun from his waist and shot Phipps twice in the abdomen.

Phipps required major emergency surgery and lost a kidney as a result of the attack.

Addressing Diase before his resentencing Friday, Rivera said that he was sorry for shooting Phipps, and asked for the court's mercy.

"I'd really like you to feel my pain and give me a chance," he said.

The judge, however was not moved.

"What the defendant did was a very deliberate act against the victim, Mr. Phipps," Diase said. "These were not minimal injuries to Mr. Phipps at all."

Canada's Gryphon Trio at Island Center tonight



Submitted photos

The Gryphon Trio consists of violinist Annalee Patipatanakoon, cellist Roman Borys and, pianist Jamie Parker. They chose the name of the creature with the head and wings of an eagle and the body of a lion because, according to legend, the gryphon symbolizes the coming together of psychic energy and cosmic force. The members of the trio are also serving as the judging panel for this year's 11th annual Arts Alive/Vitelco Classical Music Competition for young people in the Virgin Islands.



ST. CROIX — The piano trio that has named itself for a mythical creature we know as the "griffin" will perform Saturday night at Island Center on St. Croix and Wednesday night at Tillett Gardens on St. Thomas.

For the Gryphon Trio — which, being Canadian, uses the British spelling of the word — it's a return appearance on both stages. The group performed in the Virgin Islands in April of 1998 as well, to standing ovations on St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John.

This year's VI tour started out with a St. John concert on Thursday — which inspired "two or three standing ovations," St. John School of the Arts director Ruth "Sis" Frank said.

The program for the Virgin Islands performances consists of the Haydn Trio in A Major, Hob XV:18; the Schumann Trio in D Minor, Op. 63; and the Mendelssohn Trio in D Minor. The Gryphon Trio's CD recordings of the Haydn Piano Trios and Mendelssohn/Dvorak Trios won critical acclaim and were both nominated for Juno Awards.

The group consists of violinist Annalee Patipatanakoon, cellist Roman Borys and pianist Jamie Parker. Patipatanakoon and Borys joined forces in 1985 as two-thirds of another Canadian group, the Trio Lyrika. With Parker they formed the Gryphon Trio in 1993. They chose the name of the creature with the head and wings of an eagle and the body of a lion because, according to legend, the gryphon symbolizes the coming together of psychic energy and cosmic force.

The musicians felt this would be fitting for an ensemble that from its inception intended to make its mark performing both works by the traditional European masters and modern classical compositions. The trio has commissioned a number of new works, and its next CD, due out this spring, consists of contemporary pieces it has commissioned and premiered.

A commissioned work-in-progress, called "Constantinople," combines music and multimedia effects, Patipatanakoon says. "It will incorporate two singers — a traditional mezzo soprano and an Eastern-trained female Arabic singer," she said. "This composer also likes to use computer-generated sounds and some acoustics. On top of all that, we will be working with a multimedia designer. The piece will happen in two stages, music and images."

The music portion is to premiere in October, she said, "and we'll be workshopping portions of the piece when we return from this tour, presenting it to other people for their ideas."

Among them, the three musicians have studied at the Banff Centre, the Curtis Institute, Indiana University, the Juilliard School, the University of British Columbia and Yale University. The Gryphon Trio is the ensemble-in-residence for the Music Toronto series in Toronto. Borys and Patipatanakoon are on the string faculty of the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto and Parker teaches piano at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario.

In addition to their performance tour in the territory, the members of the trio are also serving as the judging panel for this year's 11th annual Arts Alive/Vitelco Classical Music Competition for young people.

They presided over the preliminaries Tuesday evening on St. Croix and Wednesday evening on St. Thomas and will return to St. Thomas to judge the final round on Sunday afternoon. Fifteen of 32 competitors made the cut at Island Center, as did 18 of 50 entries at Tillett Gardens. The 33 finalists, ranging in age from 6 to 17, will compete for a total of $5,000 in prize money Sunday in nine areas of judging — junior, intermediate and advanced levels of piano, voice and instrumental music.

Information on the concerts:

8 p.m., Saturday, April 8, Island Center: Tickets are $20 for general admission, $6 for students. Call 778-5271 or 778-5272.

8 p.m., Wednesday, April 12, Tillett Gardens: Tickets are $25. Pre-performance dinner with concert seating at tables is an additional $30 plus bar service and gratuity. Reservations are required for dinner and recommended for the concert. Call 775-1929, fax to 775-9482 or e-mail to tillett@islands.vi.

Work begins on F'sted pier this weekend

Residents can expect 'loud banging sounds'

ST. CROIX — Pile driving for the Ann E. Abramson Pier Expansion Project will begin Saturday, April 8. Misner Marine Construction, Inc., the contractor for the $3.6 million project, intends to work an average of six days a week for the next eight weeks.

Work hours during the week will be 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. On weekends they will only drive piles after noon. No noise-generating activity will be permitted after 6:30 p.m. daily. The VI Port Authority is asking for the indulgence and consideration of the public in the Frederiksted area because the pile-driving operation is going to produce very loud banging sounds.

Call St. Croix Engineering at 778-3757 to report your concerns.

Smith captures Geography Bee title

ANGELA BORCHERT



Urdley Smith

ST. CROIX — St. Thomian Urdley Smith, champion of the territory's 2000 Geography Bee, remembers gazing at a globe as a 5-year old.

"I used to think that the native Americans were from India," he said. "And I used to ask, 'Why is it called Greenland when it isn't green on the map?'"

His innate curiosity remained, but Smith is no longer naive about the physica' world. He is now a two-time winner of the territorial Geography Bee title.

The Addelita Cancryn eighth-grader captured first place in Friday's competition at the St. Croix Curriculum Center, and will represent the Virgin Islands at the National Geography Bee on May 23 and 24 in Washington, D.C.

He first won the territorial title as a fifth-grader at Ulla Muller Elementary School.

St. Croix Country Day eighth-grader Jamie Shuffleburger, the second-place finisher, gave Smith some brisk competition in the final rounds of Friday's competition.

They rallied, answering the same questions correctly and incorrectly as the tie-breaker persisted.

"In the early 1900s, a Norwegian became the first explorer to sail through a passage that connects the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans along the coast of North America. Name this passage that had long been sought by explorers," the moderator said.

Both answered, "The Northwest Passage," and were right.

"During which month of the year does Cape Town, South Africa, experience the day of the year with the longest period of daylight?"

Both answered, "December."

Right again.

Smith won by naming the English-speaking country in the Western Hemisphere that encompasses the island of New Providence and is known for its tourist resorts.

"Bahamas," he said. Shuffleburger thought it was Bermuda.

Third-place finisher was sixth-grader Jamal Baker of Lew Muckle Elementary School.

The other seven finalists were Maxwell Hoffman of Antilles; Zina Hutton of Joseph Gomez; Kelsha Williams of Calvary; Arlen Spitalnik of Sts. Peter and Paul; Divya Lulla of All Saints; John Dema of Good Hope; and Joshua Espinal of Good Shepherd.

The 2000 Virgin Islands Geography Bee was sponsored by the National Geographic Society and coordinated by staff of the VI Education Department.

IFG Program award checks in the mail

USVI — As of April 6, Individual and Family Grant Program award checks have been mailed to applicants who were notified of an IFG award between Feb. 1 and Feb. 19.

Sedonie Halbert, Human Services Commissioner, also indicated that checks were previously mailed for applicants who were notified of an award between Dec. 1, 1999, and Jan. 31, 2000.

However, because of erroneous addresses filed, it is possible that mail has been misdirected.

IFG applicants who have relocated since completing an application or were notified of an award prior to Feb. 1, but have not yet received their checks, are asked to contact the IFG Program at 774-0930 ext. 4133.

Applications are now being processed for the Feb. 20 and March 15 award recipients.

Proposed agreement between the USVI and Southern Energy on WAPA

Overview

The following sets forth the transaction highlights relating to the proposed public-private partnership between the United States Virgin Islands and Southern Energy in respect of the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority ("WAPA").

Specified assets and liabilities of WAPA will be transferred to a newly created company, Virgin Islands Electricity and Water, LLC ("VIEW" or the "Company") on closing, and Southern Energy Virgin Islands, LLC ("Southern") will purchase from the Government an 80% interest in VIEW for $105.35 million. The Government will hold the remaining 20% interest in VIEW, as well as 100% of WAPA.

The assets to be transferred to VIEW generally include all of the electricity generation and water production/distribution assets of WAPA.

The electricity transmission and distribution ("T&D") assets of WAPA are to be retained and leased to VIEW under a long-term lease. Evidence of continued FEMA coverage of the T&D assets is a required condition for the transaction to close. As a result, the assets of WAPA will continue to be eligible for FEMA coverage.

WAPA will be responsible for maintaining the T&D assets, but VIEW will provide funding for such maintenance.

VIEW will assume most of the liabilities of WAPA, except for certain specified liabilities. Specifically, liabilities assumed by VIEW will not include the amounts owing by WAPA to the Government in respect of the South Shore/IDE water system funding and amounts owed by WAPA to the Government in respect of FEMA.

Additionally, VIEW does not assume liabilities relating to termination of employees of WAPA who are not transferred to VIEW (although such costs have been factored into the determination of the purchase price and VIEW will indemnify WAPA for any additional costs), and any amounts owed for non-environmental penalties or fines levied against WAPA.

Assets of WAPA that will not be transferred to VIEW include cash of WAPA in excess of $3.876 million, $23 million from the escrowed bond reserve funds of WAPA which will be used towards repayment of the tax-exempt bonds, WAPA accounts receivable owing from the Government, and any balances in the self-insurance fund.

Within 90 days of closing, a specific working capital adjustment will be determined based on audited financial statements to determine the difference between the expected (and valued) amount of working capital to be transferred to VIEW, and the amount actually transferred.

As part of the closing, Southern will cause VIEW to issue approximately $133 million of debt to be used, along with the escrowed bond reserve funds, to defease the $152 million principal amount of tax-exempt bonds of WAPA.

The Government will issue VIEW a franchise to generate and distribute electricity, and to produce and distribute potable water. This franchise agreement will provide for detailed terms of the franchise, and VIEW will also continue to be subject to regulation under Title 30 of the Virgin Islands Code ("VIC").

Financial Highlights

•Provides approximately $148.85M of immediate value in cash or avoided liabilities:

•Cash purchase price: $105.35M

•Projected net GoVI receivables written off: 27.80M

•Projected WAPA cash & working capital:15.70M

•Provides approximately $380M to $400M of new real value ($105M in cash + projected $15M cash & working capital adjustment + $152M WAPA debt extinguished + projected $28M in net liabilities extinguished + approximately $50M (present value) in new future taxes paid over 25 years + approximately $40 M (present value) in dividends paid over 25 years)

•Eliminates $152M from Government's consolidated liabilities by defeasing existing WAPA debt

•Allows for reinvestment of $110M (subject to the final calculation of the working capital adjustment) of the Government's capital in physical, economic, and social infrastructure, including schools, heritage funds and scholarships, to begin the renewal of Virgin Islands with new economic and social programs

Employment Highlights

• Provides for protection and enhancement of employee and pension rights, as well as commitment to honor all union agreements

•Union contracts assumed

•Pensions continued in GERS, if approved

•Two year employment commitment to management transferred to VIEW

•401(K) plans

•Introduction of performance-based bonus plan

•Commitment to staff training

Rates and Service Highlights

•Provides for real dollar reduction in electricity rates and charges (over the first seven years), since prices go up less than inflation

•Water rates also decrease in real dollar terms, as non-fuel charges increase by 10% in year two and remain constant for the duration of the 25-year initial franchise term

•Provides for measurable standards and service to improve frequency and duration of outages, customer service, and other aspects of customer care, with economic incentives to improve

Governance Highlights

•Provides Government with direct influence over VIEW as a result of consent and voting rights, as well as direct ownership over transmission and distribution assets (compared to WAPA autonomy right now).

•Government control enhanced as landlord and regulator, rather than owner and operator;

•Contracts allow for Government to buy back at 80% of fair market value ("FMV") in the event of prolonged failure by new company, or at 110% of FMV with no fault.

In summary, the proposed transaction addresses the major stakeholder interests identified by the Government as policy objectives, namely by providing:

•Funds for investment in the Virgin Islands

•Guaranteed efficiency and service improvements for users with no real dollar rate increases

•Enhanced control over system for regulator and Government

•Protection of, and enhanced opportunity for, employees

•New revenue streams to support general government operations

•$380M to $400M of total value enhancement

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED TRANSACTION TERMS

The following provides and summarizes the primary transaction documents relating to the public-private partnership between the United States Virgin Islands and Southern Energy relating to the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority ("WAPA"). This summary should be read in conjunction with the full text of the primary transaction agreements.

A. Primary Transaction Agreements

The following describes the key purpose of each of the four primary transaction agreements. Set out below is an overview of the terms of each primary agreement.

•Participation Agreement – provides for sale of assets, assumption of liabilities from WAPA to a newly created company, Virgin Islands Electricity and Water, LLC ("VIEW" or the "Company"), and terms for closing the transaction (includes schedules of detailed assets, liabilities, and claims which are transferred).

•Franchise Agreement — provides for licensing privileges and obligations, pricing rules, service standards, customer care rules, and enhanced regulatory powers through the PSC.

•Operating Agreement — provides for governance of VIEW, veto rights and special consents for the Government over material decisions, dividends, and business planning.

•Lease Agreement — provides for the lease of T&D assets, provision of rent to WAPA, provision of capital to maintain the wires and improve the distribution system, and responsibility to repair in event of disaster.

B. Major Elements of Material Agreements

i) Participation Agreement

1. Creation of VIEW

Section 2 — provides for the creation VIEW.

2. Transfer of Assets and Liabilities to VIEW

Sections 2 and 3 — provides that specified assets and liabilities of WAPA will be transferred to VIEW on closing and Southern will purchase from the Government an 80% interest in VIEW for $105,350,000.

The Government will hold the remaining 20% interest in VIEW, as well as 100% of WAPA.

•The assets transferred to VIEW generally include all of the electricity generation and water production and distribution assets of WAPA. The electricity distribution assets of WAPA are to be retained and leased to VIEW under a long-term lease.

•All of the identified liabilities of WAPA, except for specified liabilities as set out below, will be assumed by VIEW.

Liabilities assumed by VIEW will not include the amounts owing to the Government from WAPA in respect of the South Shore/IDE water system funding (approximately $3.5 million), amounts owed by WAPA in respect of FEMA ($5.3 million), any liabilities relating to termination of employees of WAPA who are not transferred to VIEW, (although Southern has increased its purchase price to cover these costs to the Government, and is indemnifying the Government for costs in excess of this amount) and any amounts owed for (non-environmental) penalties or fines owed by WAPA.

•To the extent liabilities are identified prior to closing, VIEW will assume such liabilities and relieve WAPA and the Government of responsibility. The exception to this rule is in relation to contingent liabilities, such as outstanding lawsuits. For these liabilities, Southern has agreed that VIEW will assume liabilities up to the amount identified at the time of the signing of the Participation Agreement plus additional, unidentified liabilities up to $500,000 or as further agreed between the parties.

•Other assets of WAPA which will not be transferred to VIEW include any cash of WAPA in excess of $3.876 million (this excess is projected to be approximately $5 million), $23 million from the unused bond proceeds representing escrowed reserve funds of WAPA which will be used towards the defeasance of the tax exempt bonds, and all WAPA accounts receivable owed by the Government which shall be written off (projected to be approximately $28 million as at March 31, 2000, net of the South Shore/IDE funding if no further payments are made), and any balances in the Self Insurance Fund which shall be retained and used by WAPA pursuant to the Lease Agreement for the purposes for which such reserve was established.

3. Closing

Section 4 — The transaction will only close and become effective if the Virgin Islands Legislature approves it and passes legislation, and certain conditions precedent are met (i.e. HOVENSA, FEMA).

•Within 90 days of closing, a specific working capital adjustment will be determined based on audited financial statements to determine the difference between the expected (and valued) amount of working capital to be transferred to VIEW, and the amount actually transferred. It is projected that this working capital adjustment will result in additional consideration to the Government of approximately $10 million (on top of the $105.350M), assuming WAPA operates in the normal course of business, and that no unplanned major capital projects are undertaken.

4. Representations and Warranties

Section 5 — Both Southern and the Government provide representations to each other as part of the transaction. Importantly, the Government provides representations to Southern as to various assets and liabilities of WAPA.

These are intended to provide comfort to Southern that it is investing in the business which it is assuming it is investing in.

The Government will be liable to Southern to the extent that any representations are materially untrue and cause damage to Southern in excess of $200,000.

5. Covenants

Section 7 — Both parties provide covenants to each other. The Government provides covenants as to the operation of WAPA between the effective date of the agreements and closing.

These covenants generally provide that WAPA will be operated in the normal course of business and that no material changes to the business will be undertaken.

•Other specific covenants include that certain levels of inventories will be transferred to VIEW to ensure no disruption of service, and that the payables of WAPA transferred to VIEW will not be greater than 60 days in arrears.

•Both parties will have the right to appoint two representatives each to monitor the operations of WAPA prior to closing, and the parties agree to work together to obtain all necessary consents for the transaction.

•The Government also covenants to use its best efforts to obtain and allocate to WAPA the $14.9 million authorized by FEMA for hazard mitigation projects.

6. Employees

Section 7.9 — VIEW will offer employment to all unionized employees and honor all collective agreements, including benefit plans.

•VIEW will offer employment to all non-union employees other than up to 15 persons, and will notify the Government of such employees who will not be offered employment 30 days prior to closing.

•No non-union employee hired by VIEW will be terminated (other than for cause) for two years from the closing date.

•Non-union employees will be given full credit for service under all benefit plans and VIEW will maintain all benefit plans for at least one year.

•All current employees of WAPA transferred to VIEW will continue to participate in GERS with new employees participating in a new and separate plan, if the required approvals are obtained. If GERS approval is not obtained, VIEW will establish a separate "wrap-around" plan for employees which will provide comparable benefits to the extent permitted by law.

7.Defeasance of Tax Exempt Bonds

Section 7.12 — WAPA currently has a principal amount of approximately $152 million of tax-exempt bonds outstanding. On closing, these bonds will be defeased, and thus eliminated as a liability of WAPA.

•WAPA will be responsible for contributing $23 million in current escrowed bond reserve funds (i.e., unspent proceeds from 1998 WAPA bond issue) towards bond defeasance.

•Southern is responsible for raising all additional amounts required for defeasance through a new bond financing. The new bond financing will be guaranteed by VIEW and not by the Government.

8. Conditions of Closing

Section 8 — There are various conditions required to be fulfilled prior to closing. Key conditions include; a letter from FEMA confirming that WAPA will continue to be eligible for FEMA assistance; the extension of the HOVENSA agreement to VIEW; no material adverse changes occurring at WAPA; no injunctions prohibiting the transaction; and approval by the Senate.

ii) Operating Agreement

This agreement provides for and regulates the operation of VIEW after closing, as well as the ongoing relations between Southern and the Government, including any desire to sell an interest in the future.

1.General Provisions

Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 — provide for the formation and nature of VIEW, principal office, nature of business permitted, members of VIEW, and accounting records.

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2. Governance

Section 6 — establishes a Manager's Committee to manage the business of VIEW, comprised of seven members, four of whom will be appointed by Southern and three of whom will be appointed by the Government, as long as the Government holds at least a 10% interest in VIEW.

•The Manager's Committee will meet quarterly and make decisions on a majority basis, other than for specified matters that will require either unanimous consent or supermajority (five of seven, meaning at least one Government member must approve) consent.

•Matters requiring unanimous consent (and hence Government concurrence) are those matters which are fundamental changes to VIEW and hence to the Government, and these include any amendment to articles of VIEW, the sale, lease or exchange of all or substantially all of the assets of VIEW, and the merger of VIEW with another entity.

•Other less material matters require approval of five of seven representatives on the Manager's Committee (and thus still provide the Government with material control and input on major decisions). These matters include a change in the nature of the business of VIEW, the creation of subcommittees to the Manager's Committee other than the Executive Committee, any capital call, any change to the initial business plan of VIEW, and the appointment of auditors.

The Operating Agreement contains detailed provisions on how to handle transactions between the Company and any affiliate of a member of the Company.

•If a member has a financial interest in any transaction, such member shall disclose the interest and the transaction must be approved by the majority of disinterested members. This will avoid unnecessary management fees or other forms of profit stripping.

•A de minimus exception to this rule is that Southern may enter into consulting arrangements with affiliates for an aggregate of up to $75,000 per year, provided such arrangements are for no longer than 6 months and are at a price of no greater than documented reasonable cost plus 5%, where such arrangements are properly disclosed.

The General Manager of VIEW will be nominated by Southern and approved by supermajority of the Manager's Committee, provided that the Government cannot reject more than three consecutive candidates.

3. Executive Committee

Section 7 — The day-to-day management of VIEW will be overseen by an Executive Committee that will meet on a monthly basis. The Executive Committee will be comprised of: the General Manager; an officer appointed by the Manager's Committee; a representative of the Government from the Manager's Committee; and a representative of Southern from the Manager's Committee.

4. Business Plan

Section 6.16 — An initial draft business plan for VIEW will be attached to the Operating Agreement. This plan will provide for various operational aspects of VIEW including; employee matters; key business and service objectives; and projected capital expenditures.

This initial plan may be modified within 90 days after closing after Southern has had an opportunity to review the actual operations of the business, provided that supermajority approval is required for any changes.

The business plan will also provide for the creation of a human resources committee that will include union representation.

5. Capital Contributions

Section 9 — By supermajority approval, the Manager's Committee may make a capital call from the members of VIEW if the Company cannot obtain the necessary financing from third party lenders on commercially reasonable terms. In the event that a capital call is made, the Government may either elect to make its required capital contribution, have its membership interest diluted, or have Southern advance such capital on behalf of the Government as a loan.

In the latter case, the distributions otherwise payable to the Government will be used to repay such loan, and, if such loan is not repaid within 4 years (either through allocation of Government distributions or the Government raising the financing from a third party), the Government's interest will be diluted.

If the Government has not otherwise sold any of its interest in the Company, any dilution pursuant to these provisions shall be deemed not to dilute the Government below its Threshold Percentage for the purpose of the Government's right of first refusal on the sale of Southern's interest in VIEW.

6. Distributions

Section 10 — At the direction of the Manager's Committee, VIEW will make distributions on a quarterly basis of all cash that is not required for the operation of the business. As a 20% owner, the Government will be entitled to 20% of such distributions, subject to a set-off for amounts outstanding as a customer of VIEW and/or repayments of contribution loans as outlined above.

7. Restrictions on Transfer

Section 11 — No member may transfer its membership interest to a third party (other than an affiliate or a lender as collateral) without the approval of the other member, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld.

Grounds for refusing approval include, but are not limited to: the creditworthiness of the transferee (as determined by the non-transferring member); that the transfer would expose the non-transferring member to adverse publicity or material damage of reputation, if such transfer would result in VIEW's non-compliance with any statute, rule, regulation, or governmental policy and lack of industry expertise in the event of majority member transfers.

Each of the parties also has a right of first refusal to purchase the interest of the other party if that party is trying to sell its interest, provided that such party continues to hold its Threshold Percentage.

The Threshold Percentage is 10% in the case of the Government (5% specifically in regard to right of first refusal), and 51% in the case of Southern.

The Government also has a 30-day "tag-along" right to sell its interest on the same terms and conditions if Southern elects to sell its interest to a third party.

8. Put and Call Rights

Section 11.5 — In the event the Government breaches one of the transaction agreements which results in a reduction of 20% or more in the value of Southern's interest in VIEW, the Government will have the obligation to purchase Southern's interest for 110% of its fair market value but for the breach.

In the event that Southern or VIEW breaches one of the transaction agreements which results in a reduction of 20% or more of the value of the Government's interest in VIEW or the franchise agreement is terminated by the Government for cause, the Government may purchase Southern's interest for 80% of its fair market value following the breach.

The Franchise Agreement is the agreement by which the Government allows VIEW to operate its business.

1. Monopoly Rights and Carve-outs

Section 2 — This agreement provides VIEW a monopoly to generate and distribute electricity and to produce and distribute water in the USVI, subject to several important exceptions. These exceptions include: a grand-fathering of all existing generation of electricity and distribution and water production and distribution; self-supply; self suppliers selling to users on a contiguous piece of property (such as a hotel selling electricity to shops on its property or condominium electricity/water systems); the selling of water other than through a pipeline; and certain specified co-generation and small power production facilities under Virgin Islands Code ("VIC") Title 30, Chapter 2.

2. Regulation

Section 2.3 - VIEW will be regulated as a public utility under VIC Title 30. In addition to the rights of the Public Services Commission ("PSC") under VIC Title 30, PSC approval will be required for: the sale, exchange, lease or transfer of more than 10% of the net fixed assets of VIEW; the purchase of assets in excess of 10% of the net fixed assets of VIEW; the issuance of debt by VIEW which would result in a debt to debt plus equity ratio of greater than 66-2/3%; and a change in the nature of VIEW's business, or the cessation of all or substantially all of VIEW's business.

3. Service Obligations

Section 2.4 — This section states that VIEW shall provide service to customers in accordance with VIC Title 30, in accordance with specified standards for electricity service and water service as appended to the Franchise Agreement, and in accordance with Good Utility Practices in the United States.

4. Legal Requirements

Section 4 — The Government shall not support legislation which materially breaches any provision of the Franchise Agreement.

5. Rates for Electricity

Section 5 — The non-fuel rates currently in place for electricity will be maintained for two years, with no increases.

The existing emissions, waste heat boiler, emergency, and asbestos surcharges will be rolled into the base non-fuel rates.

The LEAC fuel adjustment will continue in its current form for the duration of the 25-year initial term.

From year three to year seven after closing, non-fuel electricity rates will increase at a maximum of three-quarters of inflation, subject to penalties which lower these increases for failing to meet specified performance standards. This means that in real dollar terms, rates will decline during this period.

The performance standards are subject to approval by the PSC and will be based on VIEW's performance in the relevant year in comparison to baseline using data collected between closing and June of 2001. The standards will focus on: the number of customer outages; the duration of outages; and the number of customer complaints.

Depending on how well VIEW meets these performance targets, it may be penalized up to the full amount that rates would have otherwise increased based on inflation.

After 2007, rates will be re-based by the PSC in its current normal way, and a new performance-based regulation regime with new baseline data will be implemented. A similar re-basing will occur every five years thereafter.

6. Rates for Water

Section 5 — Current non-fuel water rates will be maintained for 2 years and thereafter a one-time increase in non-fuel water rates of 10% will be implemented.

No further water increases will then be allowed for the duration of the initial term of the franchise, resulting in decreases in water rates in real dollar terms.

In year six of the agreement, the existing water PILOT surcharge will be discontinued. The LEAC fuel adjustment mechanism will continue in its current form throughout the 25-year initial term.

7. Self Insurance Reserves

Section 6 — There will be two self-insurance reserves in the amount of $6 million each established to assist in the insurance of the electricity system.

The first such reserve will be held by WAPA for the repair of the transmission and distribution assets, and will initially be funded from any balances currently held by WAPA ("Wires Reserve"). The second will be held by VIEW for remediation of other assets ("Non-Wires Reserve").

These reserves will be funded by continuation of the existing self-insurance surcharge, with proceeds first being used to fund the Wires Reserve and then to fund the Non-Wires Reserve. Only $6 million will be collected in each reserve.

8. Other

Section 5 and Schedules to Franchise — VIEW will have the right to recover through rates increased costs associated with changes in law (in excess of $200,000 annually) and pre-existing environmental liabilities (in excess of $700,000 over the first two years after closing) until December 31, 2006, subject to PSC approval. In year three, a public street lighting surcharge will be assessed and the Government will discontinue paying for same.

9. Taxes

Income Taxes

Section 7.1 — For a period of 10 years, VIEW and its members shall be exempt from income taxes.

Thereafter, income taxes shall be phased-in at a rate of 10% per year, with VIEW having the right to recover such taxes through rates.

If and to the extent that re-basing of electricity rates in year 8 would otherwise result in a rate decrease, income taxes will be phased in at that time.

Property and Fuel Taxes

Section 7.2 — VIEW will make a payment in lieu of property and fuel taxes ("Property/Fuel PILOT") of $350,000 in years six through twenty, with such amount escalating at 2% per year. In years one to five, the amount of such Property/Fuel PILOT will depend on the financing cost of the new bonds VIEW will issue. These taxes will be recoverable through rates in accordance with the current PILOT paid by WAPA.

After year 20, VIEW will be subject to full property and fuel taxes.

Excise Taxes, Withholding Taxes on 'Passive Income', and Customs Duties

Section 7.3, 7.4, and 7.5 — VIEW will be exempt from these taxes for 20 years.

Gross Receipts Taxes

Section 7.6 — For five years, VIEW will be exempted from gross receipts tax. From year five to the end of the initial term, VIEW will make a payment in lieu of gross receipts tax escalating from $250,000 in year 6 to $1,554,000 in year 24. These taxes will not be recoverable through rates.

10. Economic Development

Section 7.11 — VIEW will provide economic development financing to local businesses up to an aggregate of $1,000,000, subject to matching funds from the Government.

VIEW will also establish the Investment Promotion Program and the Community and Civic Charitable Program to be funded by 1% of VIEW's net income on an annual basis.

VIEW will also establish a Vendors/Suppliers Credit Assistance Program will consist of a line of credit at a local bank in an amount of $1,000,000 to assist local vendors and suppliers.

VIEW shall also ensure not less than 80% of employees are residents, provide health insurance to employees, and provide a defined contribution plan to all employees not participating in GERS.

11. Franchise Fee

Section 7.12 — During any renewal term of the franchise, VIEW will pay an annual franchise fee of $5,000,000.

12. Rights of Set-Off

Section 8 — VIEW shall be entitled to set off against all distributions to the Government any amounts owed to VIEW from the Government as a customer, other than amounts owed from autonomous instrumentalities.

13. Suspension of Service

VIEW will have the right to suspend service to the Government for failure to pay its accounts other than for: any building occupied by the police (or public housing police); the fire department; hospitals; jails; public schools and public health clinics.

14. Default, Penalties and Termination

Section 11 — The franchise may be terminated if: VIEW fails to comply with any material term for 60 days (unless it is diligently pursuing a cure); if it fails to comply with the agreement more than three times within a six-month period; or an event of default has occurred under the lease agreement; or in the case of certain acts of insolvency or bankruptcy.

In addition, the PSC may impose penalties of up to $5,000 per day for non-compliance. In the event of a termination by the Government for cause, it may buy the Franchise Facilities for 80% of their fair market value following the breach.

VIEW may terminate the franchise if the Government defaults under its obligation under the Franchise Agreement and cause the Government to purchase the Franchise Facilities for 110% of their fair market value but for the breach.

15. Abandonment and Step-in Rights

Section 11.5 — In the event VIEW suspends operations or abandons all or a significant portion of the Franchise Facilities, the Government may step in on an emergency basis to operate VIEW, at VIEW's cost.

16. Term

Section 19 — The initial term of the Franchise is 25 years. The Franchise shall be automatically renewed for successive 15-year periods unless either party provides written notice to the other party one year before the end of a term.

In the event the Franchise is not renewed, the Government is to purchase any portion of the Franchise Facilities not already owned by the Government for fair market value.

Lease Agreement

1. Term and Rent

Section 3 — Under the lease, WAPA leases its transmission and distribution assets to VIEW for an initial term of 25 years for an annual base rent payment of $180,000. The lease will automatically be renewed for 15 years, provided there has not been an event of default, for an annual base rent of $400,000 (plus the annual franchise fee of $5,000,000).

The purchase price being paid by Southern in part reflects prepaid rent under the lease. In other words, while the annual rent payments may not reflect market value, the Government is, in fact, receiving the value of providing these assets to VIEW through the purchase price it will receive from Southern.

2. Contributions in Aid of Construction

Section 3.4 — VIEW will submit specified payments to WAPA to be held by an appointee for the funding of alteration and modifications to the T&D assets ("Contribution Account"). Such funds will be released to VIEW as it needs such funds for alteration and modifications.

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Eliancito nearer return to home in Cuba

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government next week will move to reunite Elian Gonzalez with his father, Attorney General Janet Reno said Friday, after meeting with Juan Miguel Gonzalez.

Reno said the boy's Miami relatives have been asked to meet Monday with psychologists and psychiatrists to determine how — not if — the transfer should take place.

"The law is very clear," she said at a news conference. "A child who's lost his mother belongs with the sole surviving parent."

Gonzalez appeared confident as he left his meeting with Reno and Immigration Commissioner Doris Meissner, saying he is sure "I am going to have my child soon."

Reno said: "All you had to do was look at him and listen to him and see how much he loves this little boy."

She pledged "to take every step to ensure that a transfer occurs in a fair, prompt and orderly manner" to the father who wants to take the boy home to Cuba.

Acknowledging the opposition of anti-Castro Cuban-Americans and Elian's Miami relatives to the boy's return to Cuba, Reno said: "I wholeheartedly reject Cuba's system of government.

"Mr. Gonzalez and I do not share the same political beliefs. But it is not our place to punish a father for his political beliefs or where he wants to raise his child."

She said that early next week the Miami relatives would receive instructions on where and when Elian is to be turned over.

Gonzalez was accompanied at the Reno meeting by his second wife, infant son and lawyer. Renc emphasized that no Cuban officials were present at the session, which she called "open and honest."

Speaking briefly in Spanish afterward, Gonzalez said, "I have been able to explain the suffering that I have been going through and the suffering my son Elian has been going through for the last months."

"Mr. Gonzalez and I do not share the same political beliefs. But it is not our place to punish a father for his political beliefs or where he wants to raise his child."

Janet Reno

Gonzalez hugged Reno and Meissner at the end of the meeting, Justice aides said.

Saying he was confident of retrieving his son soon, Gonzalez said, "The United States has assured me that it's going to be that way, and I am sure that it's going to be that way, and I am going to have my child soon."

Reno said the government could have moved much more quickly but chose instead to give the Miami relatives a chance to challenge the immigration decision affirming that the boy should be returned to his father.

"All we asked for was a pledge that the Miami relatives would turn over Elian voluntarily," she said.

"They were unwilling to provide us with that assurance."

Meanwhile, two of Gonzalez's Florida relatives — Delfin Gonzalez, an uncle, and Alfredo Martell, a cousin — flew to Washington Friday to try to arrange a visit with Elian's father and persuade him to come to Miami.

Reno is facing her worst fear in the 4-month-old saga: an impasse with the Miami relatives who refuse to relinquish custody of the boy. Government talks with them broke down Thursday.

Earlier, Reno upheld an immigration ruling that Elian should be returned to his father and won a federal district court ruling affirming that decision over the objections of the Miami relatives. They have been caring for Elian since he was rescued from the Atlantic after his mother drowned fleeing Cuba.

Fervid Cuban exiles in Miami have portrayed the struggle over Elian as a battle with Cuban leader Fidel Castro, whose rule they fled. Reno says she's merely trying to send a small boy home with his father.

Thursday in Miami, the lawyers representing Elian's great-uncle Lazaro Gonzalez, who has temporary custody, broke off transfer talks that had dragged on for days with immigration officials.

Jose Garcia-Pedrosa, an attorney for Lazaro, said the government refused to promise that it would not "take Elian away in the middle of the night."

Linda Osberg-Braun, an attorney for the Miami relatives, said those relatives would be willing to come to Washington "in a heartbeat" to meet with Juan Miguel Gonzalez."

But handing the boy over "has to be done right, not fast, and ... the Department of Justice does not wish, or has not yet engaged their own psychologists to meet with Elian," she said on NBC's "Today."

But later, Reno said the government has appointed three such experts to determine how best to achieve the transfer.

Justice officials said only the next two steps were clear. The Miami relatives will get a letter advising them of the date on which custody of Elian would be legally transferred to his father.

A second letter shortly thereafter would instruct them where and when to give up custody, officials said.

If the relatives refused, the government had two options. It could return to federal court for an order reinforcing its instructions.

Or the government could try to remove the boy from Lazaro's home in Miami's Little Havana section.

But that was the least favored option, because of the prospect for conflict with Cuban exiles.



Associated Press

Elian Gonzalez looks at a statue of the Virgin Mary that has been placed outside his Miami home Friday.

Haiti officials resign

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Two high-ranking Haitian officials have resigned to protest the government's inability to set a date for local and parliamentary elections, an opposition coalition said Friday.

Environment Minister Yves Cadet and Jean Ronald Joseph, the labor undersecretary at the Social Affairs Ministry, resigned earlier this week. Recommended by the center-left opposition coalition, they had served in those posts since March 1999.

Last week, the Space for Concord coalition asked all four of its supporters in the government to resign; the other two — Culture Minister Jean-Robert Vaval and Population Undersecretary Jean Andre — are close to resigning, said coalition official Mischa Gaillard.

"The government was set up to hold elections in a nonviolent environment. The government has not respected its commitment," he said.

Preval appointed Premier Jacques-Edouard Alexis by decree after shutting down Parliament in January 1999. Preval also appointed an electoral council, but elections have been postponed three times.

In March, Preval refused to recognize the council's authority to set a new date. Discussions between Preval and the council, overwhelmed by organizational difficulties, have dragged on with no new date in sight.

"No pressure, no matter where it comes from, will make (me) precipitate the country into the trap of a badly prepared election," the president wrote in a March 14 letter to the electoral council published this week by the Haitian Press Agency, a local wire service.

21 massacred in Colombian village

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Suspected paramilitary gunmen executed 21 unarmed residents of a small town in an oil and cocaine-producing region near the Venezuelan border on Thursday, officials said.

The shootings by men in camouflage uniforms occurred in two poor barrios of Tibu, said Ruben Sanchez, the local delegate of the federal human-rights ombudsman's office. Police confirmed the official's account.

"They came and dragged the people from their homes and massacred them right in front of their families," Sanchez told The Associated Press by telephone from the town of 15,000 residents in Norte de Santander State.

"The town has completely shut down. The people are staying in their homes."

Witnesses said there were nine assailants, eight of them in camouflage uniforms and one in civilian clothes, Sanchez added.

The victims were shot repeatedly, 19 of them dying immediately and two in hospitals, said a Tibu police official who asked not to be named. Five people were seriously wounded.

The killings bore the trademark style of rightist paramilitary groups, who routinely massacre unarmed villagers they accuse of collaborating with leftist guerrillas, the officer said.

Meanwhile, army aircraft sighted the wreckage of a police helicopter apparently shot down by rebels with seven officers aboard Wednesday near the southwestern town of Barragan.

Combat continued in the area Thursday, preventing troops from inspecting the site.

But a guerrilla commander from the Revolution-ary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, told Caracol television that three police died in the crash and the others had fled on foot.

Violence has risen sharply in Norte de Santander in the past year, as both sides vie to control lucrative "war taxes" on the region's burgeoning coca crop, the plant used to make cocaine.

Suspected paramilitary groups massacred 36 villagers in Tibu and the nearby town of La Gabarra last August.

The killings forced nearly 3,000 people to flee into Venezuela and prompted the firings of the regional army and police commanders for failing to prevent the incursion.

Human-rights groups allege the Colombian military gives tacit, and sometimes direct support to the paramilitary groups, who are also backed in their anti-guerrilla campaign by wealthy landowners and drug traffickers.

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Network news

Although actor Leonardo DiCaprio went down with the ship in the blockbuster movie "Titanic," he resurfaced to become an international star and heartthrob to the Tiger Beat set. ABC News apparently thinks that qualifies the 25-year-old to interview the president of the United States.

As part of the Earth Day celebration later this month, ABC will broadcast a one-hour, prime-time program on the environment.

Since DiCaprio is chairman and emcee of the main Earth Day festivities in Washington April 22, the network thought it could attract younger viewers if it taped a White House interview between the actor and President Clinton for the special.

"It's a little bit of an experiment," Phyllis McGrady, the show's producer, told The Washington Post last Saturday. "It's a little different for us."

Indeed, it's not every day a network news division uses its precious time with a president to boost a celebrity fluff piece in which an avowed advocate is allowed to pontificate on his pet cause. It blurs an increasingly fuzzy line between news and entertainment, journalism and politics.

What's next — Madonna interrogating Secretary of State Madeleine Albright on Kosovo?

Some network staffers reportedly shared the same concerns and raised a big stink with ABC News President David Westin, who promptly spun himself silly backing away from the story.

On Monday Westin claimed the DiCaprio-Clinton interview was all the president's doing, that the actor was only supposed to go on a White House tour with the president showing him environmental improvements made to the residence.

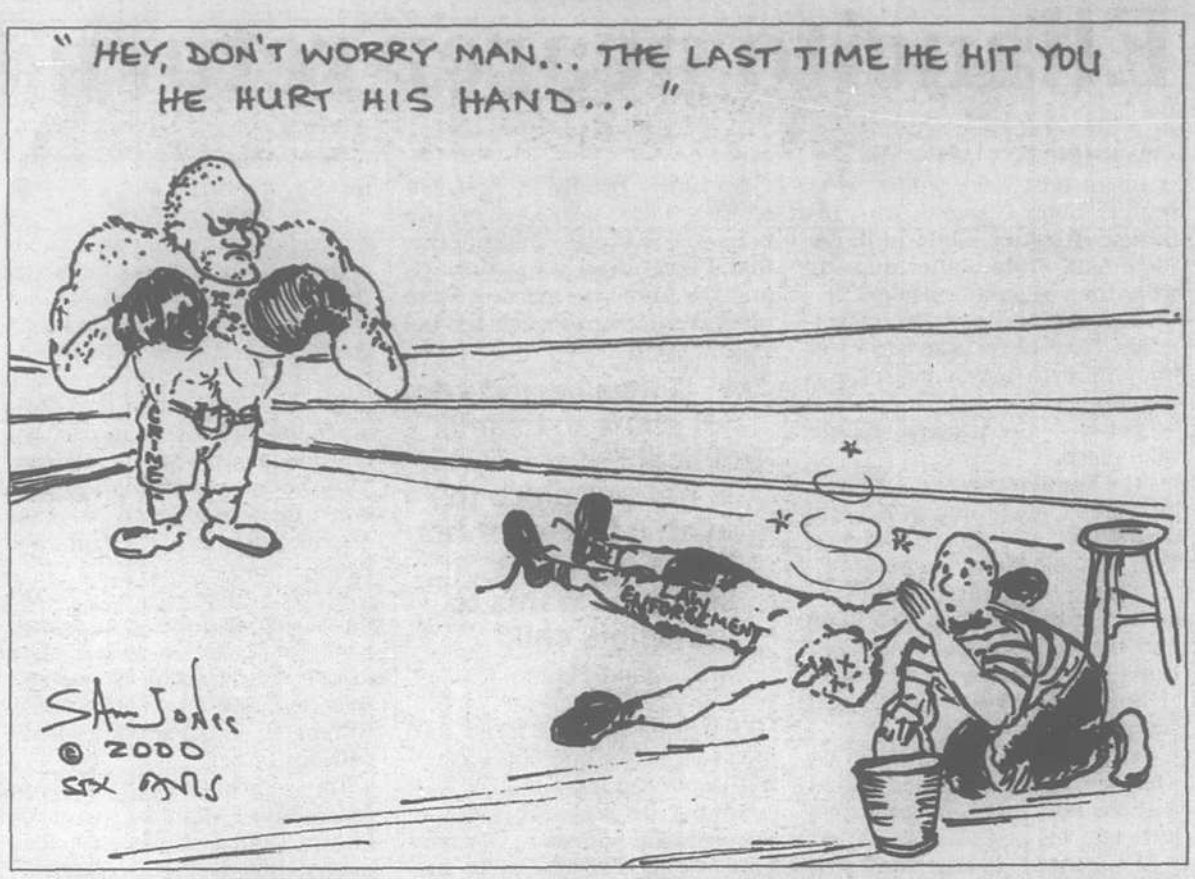
Clinton, however, "insisted" on sitting down for an interview with the young star. Westin added that "all roles of journalists must be played by journalists" and that "it's quite possible" that ABC will use none of the interview footage.

The White House disputes that version, however. It says the network submitted an official request for an interview last February and that Mr. DiCaprio was always understood to be the interviewer.

For once, the Clinton administration sounds truthful, because it has nothing to gain from offering a false alternative.

It seems obvious that ABC got caught sacrificing professionalism to the almighty pursuit of ratings. So-called entertainment programming is vapid enough, what with "Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire" and "World's Scariest Home Videos of Animal Attacks During Police Chases."

When supposedly straight news stories succumb to that same desire to pander, it erodes public confidence in journalism and creates a more cynical, less informed citizenry.



Letters to the Editor:

Who is really to blame for the high gas prices?

Dear Editor:

Just when we thought the stage was set, and the issues of campaign reform, character and education would dominate this year's presidential campaign, here comes oil issues and soaring gasoline prices stealing center stage. The fact that the Virgin Islands, like the other territories, is a mere spectator to this quadrennial presidential shuffle ought not to lessen our vigilance to those events which affect the quality of life here in America's Paradise.

Character and campaign reform have never been qualities demanded by the voters of candidates for elected office, and I do not now expect that there is about to be a change in attitude. The absence of a stance against the skyrocketing price of gasoline by any elected official is typical reaction by the people's representatives to crisis. It is ironic that the largest oil refinery on American soil is here in the Virgin Islands, and we are burdened with the highest gasoline prices in the nation.

When are we going to stop tolerating this consumer abuse? The current oil crisis, which is a result of last year's agreement by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries oil ministers to decrease oil production, thereby increasing world oil prices by 25 percent, cannot be blamed for the unconscionable gasoline prices that have been a fixture in the local economy.

Therefore, let us not be lulled into believing that OPEC is the cause of gasoline price-gouging in the territory. The real culprits are a toothless governmental regulatory agency and an out-of-control mercenary gasoline industry. The steady rise in the price of gasoline has elected officials, of all political persuasions and parties, searching for some measure of stabilization at the pump.

Sadly, this national sense of urgency has not gotten the attention of those to be viewed as being on-the-job, the most can be heard is the same old tired promise to go after the gasoline excise tax. Inertia has become the landmark of these protectors of the people's interest.

Without a sense of purpose, a lack of leadership withstanding, no hope of relief has been spotted on the horizon. The only solution, for the time being, seems to be car-pooling, driving less, walking or taking the bus (if you have the time or patience).

Victor O. Frazer
Washington, D.C.

Modernize WAPA to help people enjoy the movies

Dear Editor:

As a boy, I dreamed of owning my own theatre. After years of hard work and dedication, today I am the proud owner of Sunny Isle and Diamond Theaters, the only theatre outlets on St. Croix.

Unfortunately, my boyhood dream has turned into a nightmare because of WAPA's inability to manage its equipment, supplies and labor efficiently. Far too frequently, right in the middle of a movie, there is a power outage. This causes moviegoers, out for enjoyable entertainment with their families, to become frustrated and demand their money back.

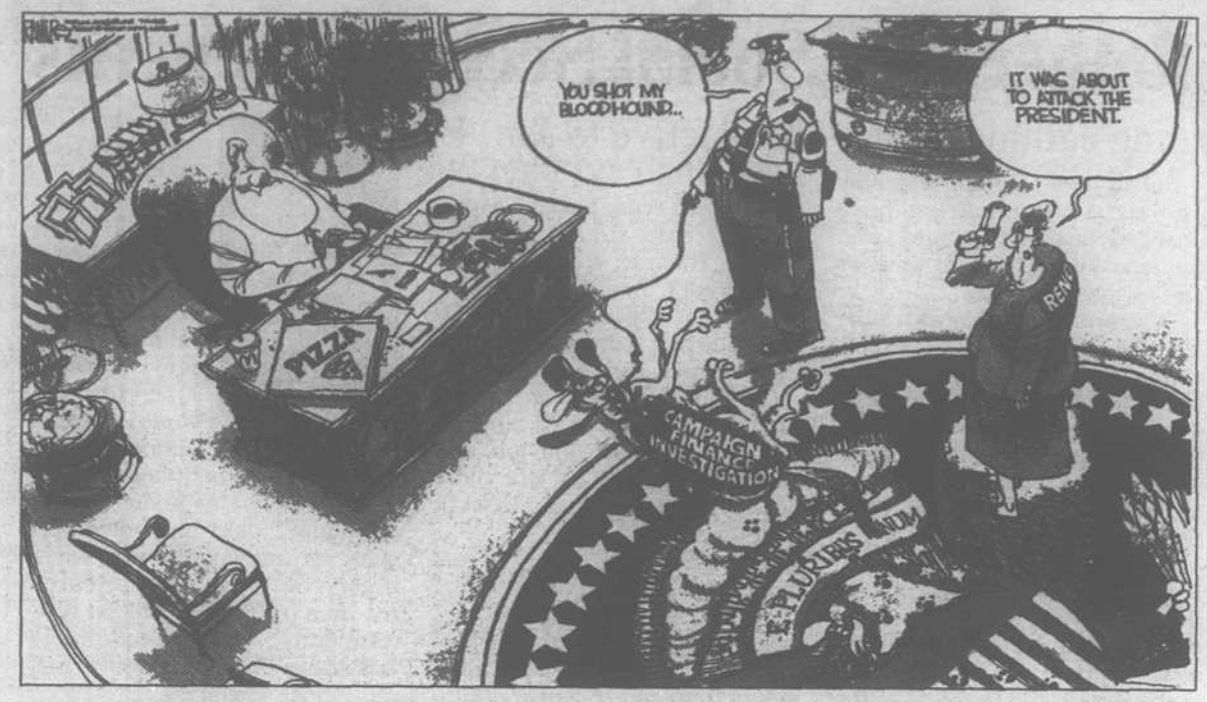
As a businessman whose business depends greatly on WAPA services, I am acutely aware of the need to have reliable and cost-efficient services — particularly since I pay dearly both in gross-receipts taxes and electricity bills.

I look forward to privatizing WAPA in order to modernize the plant, to better manage and train staff and to improve customer services. I do not believe in holding onto things merely to destroy them. Over the years, WAPA has deteriorated and little has happened to reverse this decline. Let's shed some light on the issue and move forward. I applaud the governor for going public with the proposal and I encourage the Senate to approve it.

Foregoing any power outages, enjoy the movies. It is the best inexpensive form of family entertainment.

See you at the movies.

David Browne
St. Croix



Get an education first and a family later

Linesha Davis
My Turn

It is important to acquire an education first and a family last because in today's society an education is vital to success in every aspect of life. Parents are required by law to feed, clothe, shelter and educate their children. Children depend on their parents for love and the basic necessities of life. But how can an uneducated parent possibly provide any of these necessities for their children satisfactorily? Take the example of Jane Doe. After her high-school graduation, Jane and her boyfriend decided to have a child. However, after the child was born, Jane's boyfriend deserted her. Now she is left with nothing but a high-school education to support herself and her child. However, in today's society a high-school education is not enough to succeed. Additional education is needed to attain a successful career, maintain a functional family, and enhance life in general.

First of all, education is the key to all things in life. A modern society cannot survive without education. Education is more important today than ever before. It helps people to acquire the skills they need for such everyday activities as reading a newspaper or shopping at a local store. It also gives them the specialized training they may need to prepare for a job or career. For example, people must meet certain educational requirements and obtain a license or certificate before they may practice law or medicine. Many other fields, such as computer operation or police work, require completion of special training courses. Education is also important because it helps people get more out of life. It increases their knowledge and understanding of the world. This knowledge helps to make life more interesting and enjoyable.

Education is also a major factor in determining one's career. Similarly, the kind of career one has reflects how much education he or she has and determines the amount of money he or she may earn. With a steady career, parents can meet the basic physical and psychological needs of their children. A steady career will most likely ensure a constant salary. With a constant salary, parents can provide regular, nourishing meals, proper clothing and a clean, comfortable home for their families. Also, a steady career prevents one from having to work at several part-time jobs. This will guarantee that parents are free to spend quality time with their children. When parents spend time with their children, it encourages them to adopt a certain behavior.

Parents serve as models of appropriate behavior. Children model themselves largely on their parents. Children who see mainly positive qualities in their parents will likely learn to see positive qualities in themselves.

On the other hand, without a solid educational background, maintaining a functional family will be extremely difficult. First of all, the task of finding a job will become a very tedious one. Without additional education, the only available jobs will be minimum-wage jobs.

These however, are not enough to adequately support a family. One will have to take up two or three of these minimal jobs which may still not be enough to support a family. This lack of money, and the increased obligations to one's children, will create the need for welfare. Additionally, one will become isolated from their children because of all the time spent away from home. This isolation could cause the bond between parent and child to weaken.

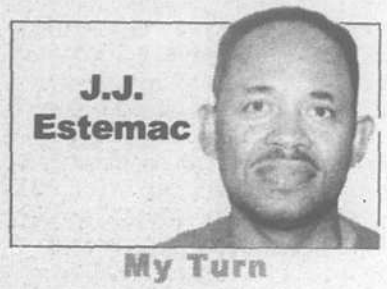
When a man and woman love one another, they usually want to get married, start a family, and spend the rest of their lives together. But a successful marriage involves more than just being in love. Being married and raising children requires a couple to be mature enough to accept and handle new responsibilities. They must be ready to make many adjustments in their ways of living, and be financially able to support themselves. With the birth of children, a couple's life changes greatly. A baby is helpless and depends on its parents for the love and care it needs. The child is best assured of healthy, happy development if the parents are educated and financially stable. So it is especially important that couples pursue a higher education before taking on the tremendous responsibility of raising a family.

Education is as old as humanity. Prehistoric people needed education to survive. Parents taught their children how to hunt wild animals for food. Prehistoric people also had to learn to cooperate with one another and to live together peacefully. They discovered that they could not live together peacefully for long unless they learned to act in certain ways. Education taught them how to act and so helped make society possible.

Just like the prehistoric people needed education to maintain a functional society, so do we. However, today education has become a more integral part of life.

Linesha Davis, a student at Charlotte Amalie High School, took first place in the essay contest entitled "Education First and Family Later" as part of the 6th Annual Youth Symposium last month.

Get involved to help solve educational crisis



My Turn

It appears that there is a consensus that there is a crisis in our educational system: namely, shortage of good teachers, shortage of educational materials, deterioration of the physical plants of our schools. This situation did not develop overnight. It took a period of time to reach this level in our educational system. Some of our young people are succeeding in spite of the deplorable state of our system. How do we address the stated crisis in our educational system?

I believe we should start by identifying the source of the problem and the responsible persons who contributed to the development of this state of affairs. I would start by saying that we as a democratic society are responsible for our own government. We elect our representatives, and we keep electing the same people to represent us, whether in the executive branch, the legislative or the Board of Elections and the Board of Education.

We criticize the performance of our elected and appointed representatives, but do very little of anything to replace them. That being the case, who is ultimately responsible for our state of affairs? How do we correct this state of affairs? By beginning to communicate with each other, starting with our neighbors. We should share our concerns with our neighbors, whether it be lack of street lights or the poor conditions of the roads in our neighborhoods.

Next, we should seek out to nominate and support our selected candidates to ensure their election. After they are elected we should then monitor their performance, and continue to communicate with them about our concerns and suggestions.

The Board of Education is an elected board, but how much attention have we as a community paid to their performance or lack thereof? Do we know who the members of the Board of Education are, and how long they have been on that board? Democracy gives us a lot of freedom, rights and responsibilities. Too many of us only remember our freedoms and rights and forget our responsibilities — the most important element of a successful democratic society. Therefore, I plead with my fellow citizens to assume their democratic responsibilities: Get involved in civic programs within our community. Get involved in the politics of our territory, since it controls our lives, whether you like it or not: That is the reality.

I would propose that we explore alternatives to our current education system to include the curriculum. I believe the system I observed in the British West Indies, where students were allowed to study at their own pace, could be incorporated into a revised curriculum.

Additionally, closed-circuit television could be used in subject areas where there is a shortage of teachers. Distant teaching, where several schools could share skilled teachers in the subjects that are critical to the learning process, such as science, mathematics and languages, could be allowed.

I also would propose we establish a board of regents at our university to set and monitor educational standards and teaching standards and techniques. Our elected Board of Education should be given more responsibilities, more authority, to include their own budget.

District boards of education should be given the authority raise funds for education in their respective districts. The Board of Education should be given the responsibility and authority to administer the school system, including naming the district superintendents.

We, the citizens of this U.S. territory, should stop passing the blame and assume our responsibility for electing capable and effective representatives in our government. This is my present contribution to the ongoing discussion on the crisis in our education system. I invite you to join me in the neighborhood-based civic organization, Citizens Coalition for Better Government.

J.J. Estemac lives on St. Thomas.

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Working seniors will no longer lose Social Security benefits

Clinton signs law repealing earnings test — retroactive to Jan. 1

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of Americans age 65 through 69 will be able to earn as much money as they want without losing Social Security benefits under a bill signed Friday by President Clinton repealing a Depression-era penalty.

The elimination of the so-called earnings test will mean a bonanza averaging an additional $6,700 in payments this year for some 800,000 recipients who are working and another 100,000 who haven't sought benefits because they have jobs, the Social Security Administration says.

In addition, the repeal was retroactive to Jan. 1, meaning that about 415,000 seniors who lost Social Security benefits this year will receive a refund. It will average $3,500 and be mailed out in May.

"Conventional wisdom says that nothing important happens in Washington in an election year," Clinton said at a ceremony Friday. "Today we have proved the conventional wisdom wrong."

The measure repealed a law in which people age 65 to 69 lost $1 in Social Security benefits for every $3 in wages above an annual limit of $17,000. The cost of the repeal was estimated at $22 billion over 10 years.

The earnings penalty was a remnant from an era of high unemployment when policy-makers wanted to encourage older Americans to retire and make room for younger workers.

But today's booming economy and tight labor market have changed the picture. Clinton said the repeal would benefit workers and companies alike.

"It means companies with labor shortages will have a fresh supply of experienced workers, increasing our ability to grow without inflation," Clinton said. "In the future, it will mean more baby boomers working longer, contributing more to the tax base and to the Social Security trust fund."

With Democrats and Republicans both eagerly courting the senior vote, the repeal sailed through Congress without dissent, approved by a 100-0 vote in the Senate and by 422-0 in the House.

"Common sense has finally prevailed," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. "For too many years, America's working seniors have been getting penalized. Starting today they will get the paycheck they deserve."

Clinton said that one in four Americans between 65 and 69 has at least a part-time job, and that 80 percent of the baby boomers say they intend to work past 65.

Social Security is the largest federal benefit program, sending checks to 44 million Americans. Besides payments to retirees, Social Security also makes payments to disabled people and to survivors of workers who die young.


Clinton

Clinton also unveiled a new Internet service offered by the Social Security Administration for younger Americans who want to get an online estimate of future retirement benefits.

The simplest estimate, "quick calculator," asks only for a person's age and current-year earnings. The most sophisticated requires users to download software onto their home computers and allows them to try out various retirement scenarios.

Mail truck mishaps mean more letter carriers go on foot

New England has seen rash of rollaways

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Letter carriers around New England are being forced to walk more of their routes and make fewer stops because of repeated accidents in which parked mail trucks rolled away.

By May, mail carriers will also be issued blocks that they will have to put under their wheels every time they get out of their vehicles.

"A lot of carriers were not following the procedures and we were getting rollaways and runaways," said Christine Dugas, a Postal Service spokeswoman in Providence.

Under longstanding postal regulations, when mail carriers get out of their trucks to deliver letters, they must turn off the ignition, put the vehicle in park, turn the wheels toward the curb and put on the parking brake.

But New England has seen an increase in incidents in which trucks rolled away or drove off.

The southeastern New England district, which includes Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts, has had seven incidents in the past 18 months, Dugas said. No one was injured, but that was up from three incidents the year before and none at all in the preceding four years, she said Friday.

As a result, over the past year, the Postal Service in New England has been reducing the number of stops, on the theory that the fewer times a vehicle has to be parked, the less likely it is that the carrier will violate procedure.

"We have not had a fatality," Dugas said, "but we don't want to take that chance."

Letter carriers will also have to walk longer sections of their routes.

In one recent incident, Dugas said, a tree stopped a rolling truck before it plowed into a room where children were playing. Another truck hit the side of a house.

"We've even had a situation where the carrier will lean out of the truck to put a letter in the box, fall out of the vehicle because they weren't wearing their seat belt, and have their vehicle run away," Dugas said.

City pays Muslim women arrested for wearing veils

PORTSMOUTH, Va. (AP) — The city has agreed to pay $100,000 each to two Muslim women who were arrested for wearing religious veils in public.

Najla E. Doran and Sherma D. Humphrey were arrested in 1996 and charged with violating a state law prohibiting the wearing of masks in public. But people who wear masks for religious reasons are exempt under the law, which was aimed at Ku Klux Klan marches.

"We wish it had never happened," city attorney Timothy Oksman said Thursday.

"I don't think it's a reflection of the Portsmouth Police Department" but the act of one insensitive police officer, said the women's lawyer, Martin A. Thomas.

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THEATRE 2
"ANY GIVEN SUNDAY"
Mon-Fri: 7:30 ONLY;
Sat.-Sun: 3:30, 6:15, 9:00. "R"

THEATRE 3
"FINAL DESTINATION"
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Sat.-Sun: 3:20, 5:15, 7:20, 9:15. "R"

THEATRE 4
"Erin Brockovich"
Mon-Fri: 7:05, 9:15;
Sat.-Sun: 2:35, 4:50, 7:05, 9:15. "R"

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Florida jury gets tough on tobacco

Industry must pay 2 smokers $6.9 million — and punitive damages could go much higher

MIAMI (AP) — A jury ordered the tobacco industry Friday to pay two smokers $6.9 million, opening the door to a possible multibillion-dollar punitive-damages verdict that cigarette makers fear could send them into bankruptcy.

The jury in the landmark case awarded a third smoker $5.8 million but decided he couldn't collect because the four-year statute of limitations had run out. The judge said he would decide later how to handle that award.

"I'm smiling, I'm smiling, I'm smiling," plaintiff Frank Amodeo said after the verdict, even though the jury blocked his award.

The verdict — in a class-action lawsuit involving an estimated 500,000 sick Florida smokers — represents just compensatory damages, which are meant to compensate victims for their medical expenses, pain and suffering.

But once a jury decides compensatory damages are warranted, it can consider ordering punitive damages, which are meant to punish. The industry has said it fears the punitive-damage phase could bring a ruinous $300 billion verdict covering all 500,000 smokers.

As a result, this case represent what could be gravest threat yet to Big Tobacco.

Circuit Judge Robert Kaye told the jurors he would call them back in a couple of weeks to start the punitive-damage phase.

Martin Feldman, an analyst who follows tobacco stocks for Salomon Smith Barney, said that given Friday's verdict, it appears "the jury is going to go in there with some tough attitudes about tobacco" during the punitive-damage phase.

After the verdict, tobacco stocks were mixed in late trading.

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco, the maker of Camel and Winston cigarettes, said: "The errors committed by the trial judge during this trial are too numerous to mention, but all of them will be raised during our appeal."

The jury deliberated for more than two days during the compensatory damages phase after hearing the life stories and medical histories of Inglis nurse Mary Farnan, 44; Orlando clockmaker Amodeo, 60; and New Port Richey housewife Angie Della Vecchia, who died last year at 53.

Both women started smoking at 11. Della Vecchia smoked for 40 years and Farnan for 29. Amodeo started smoking at 14 and kept it up for 34 years.

The industry contended that Amodeo's cancer was caused by exposure to wood dust at his job and argued that the women suffered a form of lung cancer not attributed to smoking.

But the jury gave the three smokers close to the $13.2 million they asked for. Farnan got $2.85 million and the estate of Della Vecchia was awarded $4.023 million. The jury awarded $5.831 million to Amodeo — a record for compensatory damages.

The same jury, which began hearing the case 18 months ago, ruled last July that five cigarette companies and two industry groups conspired to produce a dangerous, addictive product that causes 29 illnesses, including cancer and heart disease.

Around the country, juries have awarded damages to individual smokers only six times. Three verdicts were overturned, two are on appeal, and one was returned last month with a then-record $1.72 million in compensatory damages. The industry has yet to pay anything in a smoker's case.

However, the industry has started paying out $246 billion in a settlement with the states. That settlement did not bar lawsuits by individual smokers.

The Florida state court lawsuit was the first smokers' class-action to come to trial. Later, there will have to be mini-trials to determine compensatory damages for each smoker who signs on as part of the class.



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Plaintiff Mary Farnan of Inglis, Fla., hugs her 10-year-old daughter, Kay Lynne Farnan, at Dade Circuit Court in Miami Friday, after the jury in the Florida smokers trial awarded Farnan compensatory damages of $2.85 million.



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Air rescue

A Los Angeles Fire Department helicopter pulls a woman up during a rescue operation Thursday north of Pt. Fermin in San Pedro, Calif. The woman reportedly broke her ankle as she was hiking along the shoreline below the Paseo Del Mar cliffs.

Cutting-edge surgery saves infant's life

Baby's lungs were blocked at birth

BOSTON (AP) — A baby who would have been unable to breathe after birth because a cyst was growing in her lungs went home healthy with her parents Friday, weeks after a cutting-edge operation was performed in mid-delivery.

Doctors at Children's Hospital delivered and operated on Sarah Savage over five hours March 22. The team of 20 doctors, nurses and technicians performed a modified Caesarean section, removing only the baby's head and shoulders at first.

"We couldn't remove the mass fast enough in a normal delivery," said Dr. Russell Jennings, director of fetal surgery. "There would have been no way to get the kid to breathe."

Surgeons examined the cyst and put the baby on a heart-lung machine before fully delivering her. They then cut the umbilical cord and removed the cyst, which was benign.

Sarah's condition had caused fluid to build in her lungs and in the mother's womb, causing Lucie Savage to go into labor more than a month early.

Savage and her husband, John, took Sarah home Friday. "We're ready for her at home. We can't wait," she said.

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Defense witness puts blame on sergeant in Marine training-death trial

Final arguments set for today in Capt. Victor Arana's court-martial

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — A Marine reservist who died of heatstroke after a hike had told his sergeant, "I can't make it, I can't go any further," but was forced to continue anyway, a witness testified Friday.

It was the first time in the court-martial of Capt. Victor Arana that a witness put the blame on someone other than Arana.

Lance Cpl. Giuseppe "Joey" Leto, a 21-year-old college student from New Milford, Conn., died last July after an eight-mile night hike in 80-degree heat at Camp Lejeune.

Lance Cpl. Ted Casler testified that a noncommissioned officer in the 180-man company, Sgt. William Hornsby, ordered Leto, who was lagging behind the formation, to catch up.

"I heard him say, 'I can't make it, I can't go any further,'" Casler testified.

"We were trying to egg him on, motivate him," said Casler, who was riding in a truck picking up packs dumped by the straggling Marines. "Sergeant Hornsby then said, 'Grab my pack,' and dragged him (piggyback) back to the formation."

Later, when the hike ended, Leto "seemed very sluggish. His words were very slurred," Casler said.

Arana, 28, is charged with dereliction of duty and failure to obey an order and could get up to nine months in prison.

Another defense witness testified Friday that Hornsby berated his platoon after the hike for its poor performance and ordered his men to turn their shirts inside out, saying they were unworthy to wear Marine uniforms.

"He was upset about the hike," Pfc. Jesus Romero said. "A lot of people fell out. Some sat."

The defense rested its case Friday. Closing arguments are scheduled for today.

Prosecution witnesses, including Hornsby, testified that for much of the march Arana pushed the 180 men under his command at a pace too fast and with too few breaks despite complaints and questions from other hike supervisors. Leto's body was found two hours after the march ended.

Staff Sgt. Ramone Nash, who participated in a similar hike about a week earlier, testified Friday that Arana did not hesitate to halt that march when told the unit had become disorganized.



Arana

Nash also said Arana met with his commanders on July 5, two days before the hike in which Leto died, and announced that any Marine who fell behind by 10 meters or more was to be put on a vehicle.

A judge is hearing the case without a jury.

First dance

Oklahoma's tiny Graham High School makes history by putting on a prom





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(At top) Melissa Puckett, 17, watches for her prom date Friday in Weleetka, Okla. (Immediately above) Cheryl Smith, 17, has her photo taken by her mother, Vicky Smith, before the Graham High School prom.

WELEETKA, Okla. (AP) — Through 14 presidents, there was absolutely no fox-trotting or twisting at Graham High School, and no disco or moonwalking.

Generation after generation had mistakenly believed the deed for the land on which the school stands contained a ban on dancing. No one really knew for sure why dancing was banned, but no one seemed to question it.

Until this year. A group of juniors petitioned for a prom, faculty and local clergy approved, and Graham Superintendent Dusty Chancey even located the original deed — there was no ban after all.

For the first time in its 85-year history, tiny Graham High dressed itself for a dance Friday, with more than 100 yards of gossamer, 100 spray-painted stars, and 20 strips of lights dangling over the basketball court.

"I'm about as excited as the kids," said Debbie Puckett, member of the class of 1971 and mother of Melissa, a 17-year-old student at Graham. "I'm finally getting my prom."

Students took dance lessons, traveled miles to the nearest town for flowers and made sure the pickup trucks were shiny as Graham prepared to end the ban.

The school serves a rural area of scattered homes and sits alone next to a cornfield about an hour outside of Tulsa. It's 10 minutes on a curvy road to the nearest town — Weleetka.

Graham is known for its basketball, 4-H and Future Homemakers of America, said Principal Alfred Gaches, who also teaches history and coaches girls basketball.

About 10 years ago, some parents rented a room at a hotel in another town and had a small gathering with dancing. But it wasn't a prom for the whole school. Last year, students held a bonfire party, but there was no dancing.

On Thursday, students practiced dance steps in the gym with a volunteer instructor. Clumping around in tennis shoes and boots, the two-stepping teen-agers giggled as they took one step forward, one step back.

All but one of Graham's 25 juniors and seniors signed up for the dance. Their dates had to be a high school graduate or currently enrolled in high school.

Cheryl Smith and two friends drove 10 miles Friday to get sparkles and curls put in their hair. Just hours before the dance, the 17-year-old looked in the salon mirror and tugged a curl.

"It looks real nice," she said. "Just what I always wanted."

Mike Gray, 17, got the OK for his date despite disapproval from one faculty member. His 19-year-old fiancee, who is eight months pregnant, graduated from Graham.

"She may not be dancing much," said Gray, who ditched his usual jeans for a $65 tuxedo with a top hat and cane.

The junior said he has been waiting a long time to finally hit the dance floor.

"Slow music, I'm a good dancer. But fast music, that's a little tricky," he said. "It may not look good, but it'll be me out there."

"We really want to thank the world. But we kind of want it to be a private day."

Mike Sheehan, student body president

Columbine survivors ask for understanding

As anniversary of shooting rampage nears, many say their best support is from each other



Associated Press

Columbine High School senior Sarah Bay, left, listens as classmate Sergio Gonzales, right, responds to reporters' questions Wednesday in Littleton, Colo.

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — Students and teachers have a message for the outside world as the anniversary of the Columbine High School massacre approaches: Thank you for everything. Now please leave us alone.

Mike Sheehan, student body president, urged well-wishers to send donations to other causes, rather than flooding nearby Clement Park with flowers again.

"We really want to thank the world," Sheehan said. "But we kind of want it to be a private day."

A group of 26 students and faculty members met with media members Wednesday night in an event set up by the school district. It was to be the only organized meeting for reporters before April 20, the one-year anniversary of the rampage that left 12 students, one teacher and teen gunmen Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold dead.

Tears flowed freely during the 90-minute session, at which counselors sat behind a curtain, ready to come to students' aid.

"It's hard to move on when you have a vanload of people coming into the parking lot and taking pictures of where the library used to be, or coming up to you and asking you where the library is," senior Sarah Bay said. "Having pictures taken of where people died makes it hard."

Authorities have said tens of thousands of people could converge on the park outside the high school for the anniversary.

Some of the 23 people wounded in the attack, as well as some relatives of the dead, have told friends they plan to leave before the anniversary to avoid requests for interviews.

"It's becoming harder and harder as we approach April 20. I have knots in my stomach. It's hard to sleep," said Courtney Shakowski, a senior.

Shakowski and several students and teachers made clear the school — where reporters are not normally allowed — has become a sort of sanctuary.

Technology teacher Rich Long recalled seeing Anne-Marie Hochhalter in the halls with a smile on her face. Hochhalter remains paralyzed from her wounds, and her mother committed suicide last fall.

"Our family is the school. When I go there I know I am going to get support," said math teacher Alma Moore.

Sheehan said, "Sometimes it's tough just to walk down the halls. But when someone falls down, someone picks them up."

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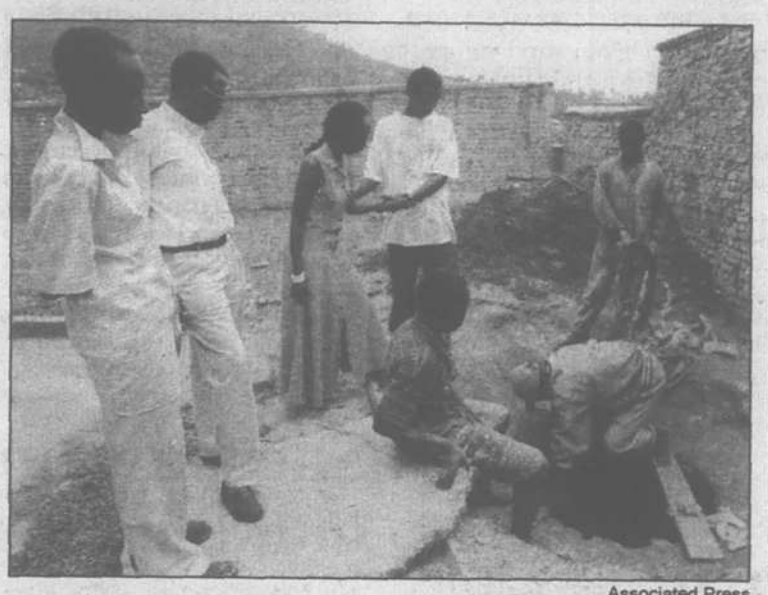
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For victims of 1994 massacre, burial with dignity — at last

Formal reburials come as Rwanda mourns on sixth anniversary of ethnic slaughter



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Josine Kayiranga, third from left, holds back tears Thursday as she and other family members watch workers trying to locate the remains of her mother in the septic tank behind the house where she was shot six years ago.

KIGALI, Rwanda (AP) — Josine Kayiranga held back tears as she watched barefoot workers scoop mud and filth out of a backyard septic tank, where six years ago killers dumped the body of her Tutsi mother.

"I hope it'll be intact. So we can bury her properly," said Josine's father, Isaac.

Across this Central African nation, survivors of the 1994 genocide are excavating pits, yards and septic tanks, retrieving corpses of some of the more than half-million victims for a dignified reburial.

Friday, thousands gathered at an open field in the middle of Kigali — a spot that will become a national memorial site for victims of the genocide. Similar observances were taking place around the country in the culmination of an annual week of mourning.

Speaking to the silent crowd, Belgian Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt apologized for his country's share of responsibility for failing to stop the slaughter. Belgium's 1,500 peacekeepers had formed the bulk of the U.N. peace mission for Rwanda. They pulled out after the slaughter of 10 Belgian paratroopers at the onset of the genocide.

"For Rwanda to be able to look toward the future, toward reconciliation, we must first of all assume our responsibility and recognize our faults," Verhofstadt told the silent crowd. "I don't know if I will ever know if those terrible events of 1994 could have been avoided. But I am convinced that we could have done more and could have done better."

In Kigali, Rwanda's most densely populated city, the government has ordered all suspected killing sites eventually exhumed and remains reburied under government auspices or returned to families.

Authorities say the remains of at least 200,000 people already have been extracted, most scooped out from pit latrines, construction sites and the grounds of churches, schools and restaurants.

Although there will be burial ceremonies around the country, Kigali is where most victims — Tutsi men, women and children as well as Hutus opposed to the massacres — found their death.

The slaughter began after April 6, 1994, when a plane crash killed President Juvenal Habyarimana, a Hutu. Many Tutsis in Nyamirambo, Kigali's bustling Muslim quarter, sought shelter at a local orphanage, thinking they would be protected from marauding Hutu militiamen.

Josine Kayiranga's mother, 44-year-old Trifine Mukwende, worked as an administrative assistant at the orphanage. After the soldiers came with tanks, separating men from the families on April 10, 1994, she was left behind with her three children.

"Men were led in groups of five and killed. They're buried everywhere," survivor Jean-Francois Gisimba said.

In May 1994, as the Tutsi-led rebels of the Rwandan Patriotic Front closed in on Kigali, heralding the defeat of the Hutu extremists, militiamen came back, looking for Josine's mother.

"They took her out. They first shot her dead. Then they dumped the body in the septic tank," said Josine, 22. "Just because she was a Tutsi."

Isaac Kayiranga said he knew the killers: They were his neighbors, now hiding in Congo, where Rwanda has sent troops to track them down.

"There were four of us in the family before. Now there are three," he said. "And we're considered lucky, because most families have perished.

"It's hard to have a normal life after this. It's hard."

Elizabeth II the billionaire becomes dot-com millionaire

LONDON (AP) — Britain's newest dot-com millionaire probably won't blow the money on a new car, diamonds, antiques or a big house.

Queen Elizabeth II, who made nearly $1.5 million with Friday's public offering of Getmapping.com PLC, is not lacking in worldly goods.

The queen had invested $160,000 last year for a 1.5 percent stake in the company, which is taking aerial photographs of the whole of Britain. The stock closed at $3.58 a share after Friday's public offering, making the queen's stake worth $1.6 million — more than nine times her initial investment when computed using British pounds.

The stock was up 38 cents in Friday's trading, from an opening price of $3.20.

The queen became involved with Getmapping.com after she agreed that its facsimiles of the Domesday Book, the 11th-century survey of England commissioned by William the Conqueror, could be dedicated to her.

The company, set up in 1998, says it has photographed 85 percent of England and expects to complete the whole of the United Kingdom this year.



Elizabeth

A million dollars won't move the queen any higher in the list of Britain's richest women. With an estimated fortune of $440 million, she was ranked No. 8 this year by The Sunday Times.

But estimating the queen's wealth is notoriously difficult.

Buckingham Palace complained to the Press Complaints Commission in 1995 when Business Age magazine estimated her wealth at $3.4 billion, up from $245 million the previous year. The difference? Business Age decided to add in the royal art collection, Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle and other properties.

"Legally, she might have problems actually selling Buckingham Palace," the magazine conceded.

In July, EuroBusiness magazine estimated that Britain had the third-richest royal family in Europe, behind Liechtenstein and Luxembourg. It estimated the royal family's wealth at $4.2 billion — again, by lumping in all the properties, estates and royal collections.

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Suspects in Tijuana cop killing have ties to police dept.

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — When six men accused of killing Tijuana's police chief were transferred from a police station to a local prison, eight police cars drove alongside. Only seven were on official business.

"I love you! I love you! Count on me for everything!" a woman — a top police official herself — could be heard screaming to one of the suspects from inside the eighth patrol car.

The case serves as another example of the porous boundary between police and criminals in this ultraviolent border city.

The woman was Miriam Marmolejo Ortega, who was in charge of the Baja California state police's sexual crimes division. She also was the girlfriend of Carlos Gabriel Garcia, a liquor inspector with the city government — and one of the alleged gunmen being taken away.

Since then, she has been fired and has gone missing while investigators seek to interview her about any possible links to the drug-smuggling group believed to have ordered the hit on Police Chief Alfredo de la Torre and at least 14 others.

Two additional suspects being sought are city police officers and investigators haven't discarded the possibility that de la Torre himself was on the smugglers' payroll.

De la Torre was gunned down in a hail of at least 99 bullets as he drove down a highway on a sunny Sunday morning.

Authorities have arrested six men and charged them with the 15 killings, which also include those of a prominent lawyer, his wife and his son.

State police officials say the six have confessed to all the crimes, and admitted that they formed a hit squad paid by the drug-smuggling organization of Vicente Zambada Niebla, who wanted to destabilize Tijuana and move in on the dominant Arellano Felix drug gang.

Investigators began to suspect a link between Garcia and Marmolejo from the minute he was arrested on March 8. State police officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they found a police jacket with her name on it in his car.

And they said that in December, when the sex crimes unit held its annual Christmas party at Tijuana's Grand Hotel, Garcia picked up the tab for the mariachi band.

Marmolejo's tearful arrival when Garcia was being transferred to prison on March 10, witnessed by reporters, only confirmed the investigators' suspicions.

On March 22, state police asked Marmolejo to come in to give a declaration about her possible links to the assassins, who were known as the "Death Squad," said the undersecretary of the state police, Olga Jimenez Munoz.

Jimenez said Marmolejo admitted that Garcia — who is married and has a daughter — was her boyfriend, but said she didn't know about any illegal activities.

She was fired the same day, and asked to return for more questions.

Marmolejo has since disappeared, and her former office says it has no idea where she is.

Far-north territory marks its first year of existence

Nunavut, Canada's name means 'our land' in Inuit language

IQALUIT, Nunavut (AP) — No one expected miracles a year ago when a fifth of Canada became the Inuit homeland called Nunavut.

Widespread poverty, unemployment, crime, substance abuse and a high suicide rate continue to beset the Arctic region as large as Western Europe with a population of 25,000.

Yet the head of Nunavut's 19-seat legislature, the first in Canada or the United States to be dominated by native Americans, says tiny steps toward growth and development have occurred.

"I saw my first group of Japanese tourists in Rankin Inlet this year," Premier Paul Okalik said. "That's a good sign."

Nunavut lobbyists argue in the United States to ease restrictions on seal exports and in Ottawa to increase the territory's share of the turbot off its coasts. Projects to exploit natural resources have begun.

Government construction projects to clean up abandoned military sites and build infrastructure offer some jobs. Okalik said his government managed a $23 million surplus from its first-year budget of $425 million, which is heavily subsidized by Canada's federal government.

But Okalik, a 35-year-old lawyer, knows good intentions only go so far among people facing 22 percent unemployment, a housing shortage that forces overcrowding and social ills exacerbated by the harsh Arctic climate.

Despite the joy and hopes expressed at the April 1, 1999, ceremony that created the territory named "our land" in the Inuit language, all involved knew significant change would take generations. The problems remained evident as Nunavut observed its first birthday with a low-key ceremony in Iqaluit, the capital situated on Baffin Island, 1,600 miles north of New York.

Most of Nunavut's people are Inuit. Their traditional lifestyle, centered on hunting, endured largely intact until the 1950s and '60s, when Canadian authorities forced them to settle in permanent communities.

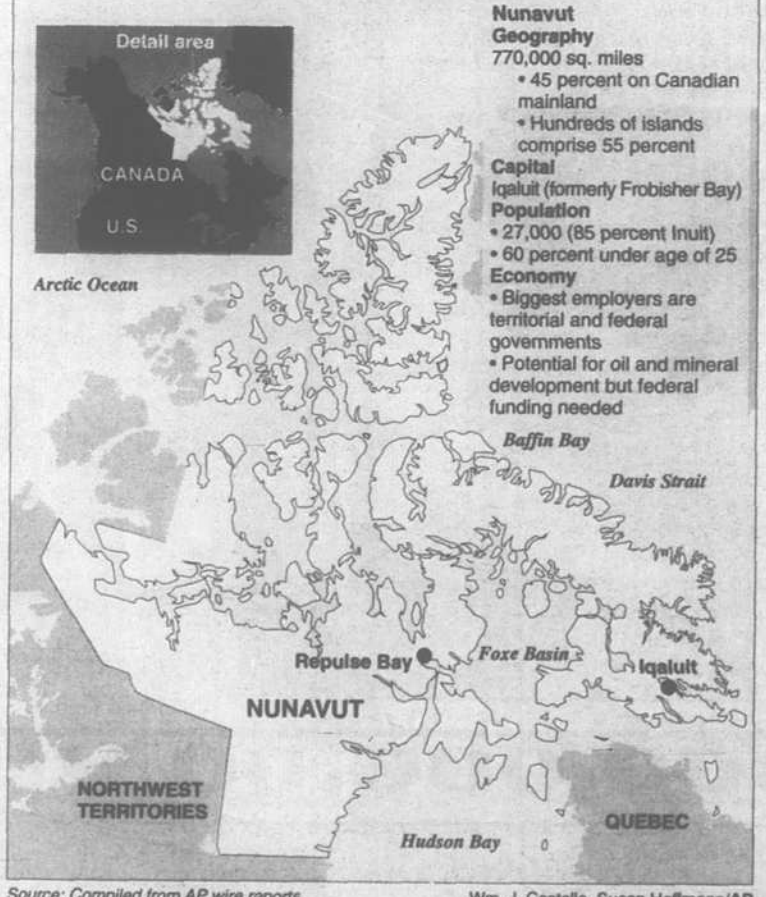
About a third of the population is on welfare, with the per capita income at $7,500 in the territory, where living costs are high due to its remoteness in what used to be the eastern 60 percent of the Northwest Territories.

The big economic hope is mining what are believed to be good deposits of gold and diamonds, and reaching large gas reserves in the High Arctic islands.

But over half the territory lacks basic maps needed for industry exploration, said Dave Scott, chief geologist in the Canada-Nunavut Geoscience Office.

One-year anniversary

It's a year since Canada's new territory, Nanavut, was created. Leaders say tiny steps toward growth and development have occurred, but there still remain the problems of unemployment and housing shortages that lead to the social ills that plague other communities.



Nunavut
Geography
770,000 sq. miles
- 45 percent on Canadian mainland
- Hundreds of islands comprise 55 percent

Capital
Iqaluit (formerly Frobisher Bay)
Population
- 27,000 (85 percent Inuit)
- 60 percent under age of 25

Economy
- Biggest employers are territorial and federal governments
- Potential for oil and mineral development but federal funding needed

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Sherpa women to make Everest bid



Yangje

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Five Sherpa women are trying to break the stranglehold of Nepalese male mountaineers on Mount Everest.

The team led by Migma Yangje, a 33-year-old hotel owner, plans to scale the mountain along with a dozen Western teams. They leave Katmandu today on their quest to become the first team of Nepalese women to scale Everest.

Although Sherpas have won international fame as Everest guides, Sherpa women have been limited to cooking, cleaning and carrying climbing gear to lower camps. The only Sherpa woman to scale Everest was Pasang Lhamhu. She climbed the 29,035-foot peak with a male team in 1993 and died on her way down.

"We have had many of our men scale the mountain, tell us heroic and tragic tales but they have always discouraged us from climbing, telling us we are not good enough to face the harsh conditions on the mountain," Yangje told The Associated Press. "We are tired of being in the shadow of our men. ... If they can do it so can we."

Yangje runs a lodge for trekkers at Thangboche village, en route to the peak. She said her dream began when the first woman climber stayed at her lodge.



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Holiday of Annunciation

Russian Orthodox Patriarch Alexy II releases white doves in the Kremlin in Moscow Friday to mark the Russian Orthodox Holiday of Annunciation.


Karmapa

Waiting
for a touch of grace


Dalai Lama

American monastery hopes for a visit from Tibetan Buddhism's 17th Karmapa

WOODSTOCK, N.Y. (AP) — The placid face of a towering Buddha and the sonorous sound of chants lend this mountainside monastery an air of tranquility. But lately the Buddhists here are abuzz. They are convinced His Holiness will come.

His Holiness is a strapping 14-year-old Tibetan boy revered as the 17th incarnation of the Karmapa, the third most important leader in Tibetan Buddhism.

After making a daring escape from Tibet into India, the young monk is now expected to visit North America, a journey likely to boost the profile of Buddhism in this country.

"We have been expecting this for 12 years," said Chojor Radha, an interpreter at the monastery. "I never really lost hope. I knew it would come."

The Karmapa has remained in India since his escape from Chinese rule in January. The Indian government has been urged to grant refuge to the Karmapa by the Dalai Lama, who is viewed as the spiritual leader of all Tibetan Buddhists.

The government has not ruled on the request. But the Karmapa could possibly travel on documents issued by Tibet's government in exile.

Although no travel plans have been announced, the Karmapa's followers here are certain he will come. After all, the 16th Karmapa — the boy's previous incarnation — spent a lot of time stateside. And some Buddhists see a sign in the Karmapa's millennium prayer for peace, which gave tidings "especially, throughout the land of America."

Bardor Tulku Rinpoche, a resident lama at the Woodstock monastery, about 85 miles north of New York City, says a visit by the Karmapa is "definite." It could be within a year.

The monastery is the main seat in North America — where about 250,000 practice Buddhism — for the Karma Kagyu sect of Tibetan Buddhism. About two dozen Tibetans and Westerners live here year-round. Many more people come to pray and learn from resident lamas, who teach around the continent.


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Bardor Tulku Rinpoche, a lama at Karma Triyana Dharmachakra Retreat Center, poses in late March in the main shrine of the monastery in Woodstock, N.Y.

A low-slung central temple houses a spacious shrine watched over by an 11-foot, gold-leaf Buddha. Shoeless monks pad through airy spaces decorated with vivid silk tapestries and infused with the sweet smell of incense.

The 16th Karmapa chose this site near the village of Woodstock in the 1970s. He died in 1981, leaving the 17th Karmapa to witness the fruits of his vision. A suite for the Karmapa with a cushioned throne and a bed stands ready. Or almost ready, considering that he is a growing boy.

"His Holiness' bed we have to replace," said Tom Schmidt, a monastery administrator. "It's too small."

Anticipation over a visit is stoked by the Karmapa's star power. The son of Tibetan nomads was recognized in 1992 as an incarnation of a line of lamas dating to the 12th century. His picture has appeared in newspapers around the world since his improbable escape from under the watchful eyes of the Chinese government.

Followers say he embarked on an eight-day trek to India after sneaking out a monastery window. The Karmapa reportedly walked, rode a horse and flew in a helicopter in a journey over snowy mountain passes.

The fact that the escape came 40 years after a similar flight from Tibet by the Dalai Lama has added to the Karmapa's mystique.

Bardor Tulku Rinpoche said he expects thousands of people to be drawn to the Karmapa when he comes stateside.

A number of scholars of Buddhism agree that the Karmapa is likely to visit and to attract attention. Charles Prebish, professor of religious studies at Penn State, said the growth in Buddhism's popularity over the past decade in this country gives the Karmapa a built-in audience.

"It will be an event, to say the least," he said.

Bardor Tulku Rinpoche says the United States continues to be a fertile ground for Buddhism. He sees amid the materialism of America a thirst for learning that can be slaked through the teachings of Buddhism.

"The analysis and reasoning aspects of Buddhism attracts a lot of Westerners," said monastery administrator Schmidt, who became attracted to Buddhism in the 1970s.

The visit would have special meaning for the Bardor Tulku Rinpoche, who was dispatched to America by the 16th Karmapa in 1978. The lama — who didn't even speak English at the time — was given the mission of cultivating the monastery and spreading the teachings of Buddhism.

Bardor Tulku Rinpoche can now show his accomplishments to the reincarnation of the lama who sent him here: "The only difference is his body. His heart is the same."

ON THE NET:
Karma Triyana Dharmachakra: www.kagyu.org.

'There is nothing that separates us from the love of God.'

Project Rachel
Church wants women who've had abortions to renew their faith

BOSTON (AP) — The Roman Catholic Church has begun a nationwide campaign urging women who have had abortions — and now feel estranged from the faith — to undergo counseling and return to the fold.

Because the Vatican considers abortion the taking of a human life and a mortal sin, some women who have terminated a pregnancy feel unwelcome in church. The church's goal is to reassure these women and bring them back to Catholicism.

"Many people think that abortion is the unforgivable sin, and that they have severed their tie with the church forever. In fact it is the complete opposite," says Barbara Thorp, of the Archdiocese of Boston. "We want people to understand that there is nothing that separates us from the love of God."

The campaign also is the church's first widespread effort to encourage all women, not just Catholics, to seek spiritual help after having abortions.

For that reason, the radio and billboard ads do not mention the Catholic Church but instead have the slogan "Something inside dies after an abortion."

The ads include a toll-free number for Project Rachel, the church's post-abortion counseling service that began 15 years ago. It is named for a Biblical figure who mourns the death of her children.

Michelle Ringuette, spokeswoman for the Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts, wondered if the ad campaign was timed to coincide with Supreme Court arguments April 25 over the procedure abortion foes call partial-birth abortion.

Ringuette also said the campaign could exaggerate the number of women who suffer severe emotional distress after abortions. Out of 1,000 abortions a month in Massachusetts, she said, only two to four women call for counseling, mostly over religious or cultural shame.

"They used to blot out the sky, there were so many."

Lester Nanan, tour guide

Coming home

Though still threatened by poachers and pollution, the scarlet ibis is returning in ever-greater numbers to Trinidad's Caroni Swamp

CARONI SWAMP, Trinidad (AP) — The show starts with a single slash of brilliant scarlet against the low sky, noticed by only a few in the waiting boats. Then another slash. And another. Now the birds come in twos and threes, small flocks swooping in, tourists pointing and exclaiming, camera shutters clicking.

The national bird of Trinidad, the scarlet ibis, is coming home.

"They used to blot out the sky, there were so many," says Lester Nanan of Nanan Tours, a guide who specializes in the daily twilight invasion of the Caroni Swamp. "My dad told me about it."

That was in the 1950s, when the wildlife sanctuary — 15,000 acres of marsh, tidal lagoons and mangrove in the southwestern corner of Trinidad — was the most popular nesting place for the bird widely known here as the flamingo.

Loss of habitat, industrial pollution and poaching — the birds were prized for their brilliant feathers and meat — caused most of them to migrate to Venezuela, seven miles to the south at the nearest point.

But old habits died hard. For decades, many persisted in returning to the swamp each day at dusk, to the delight of tourist birders and Trinidadian patriots alike.

And now the presence of the ibis is on the rise again — thanks to an increasing tendency by the birds to remain and nest in the swamp, as well as breeding efforts by the Pointe-a-Pierre Wildfowl Trust.

The 34-year-old group has been breeding scarlet ibis on its 60-acre wetlands — located on the sprawling grounds of the Petrotrin petrochemical plant off the swamp's southern fringes — and has released many back into the wild.

"We're starting to see evidence of nesting in the swamp again," enthuses Trust President Molly Gaskin.

"The numbers are increasing," concurs Nanan.

He says there are currently up to 12,000 scarlet ibis in the swamp — perhaps half of the population at its peak.

Scarlet ibis are born mostly black, but turn bright red as adults because of their diet, mainly crabs and the roots of the red mangrove, which are rich in carotene.

Their resurgence is symbolically important for Trinidad & Tobago, which has some 400 bird species and is known as a bird-watcher's paradise.

The twin-island nation is the southernmost in the Caribbean and was once part of the South American continent, giving it flora and fauna that are at once richer than what is generally found on Caribbean islands and more accessible than in South America, where penetration into remote rain forests can be difficult.

But the country's environmentalists have struggled with poachers and others who trade in rare and endangered species, as well as with vague environmental laws and poor enforcement.

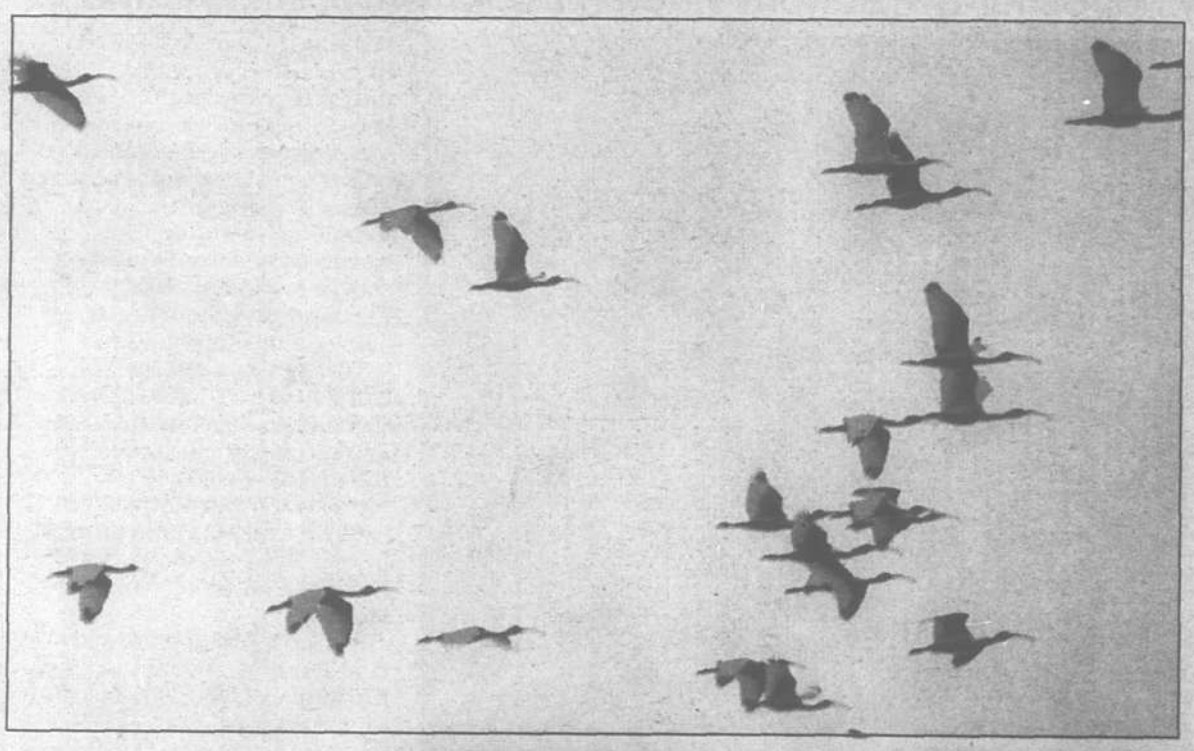
Government efforts to control poaching at the swamp — a patrol was set up last year, and illegal trading of the ibis is punishable by up to six months in jail — have been successful only in part.

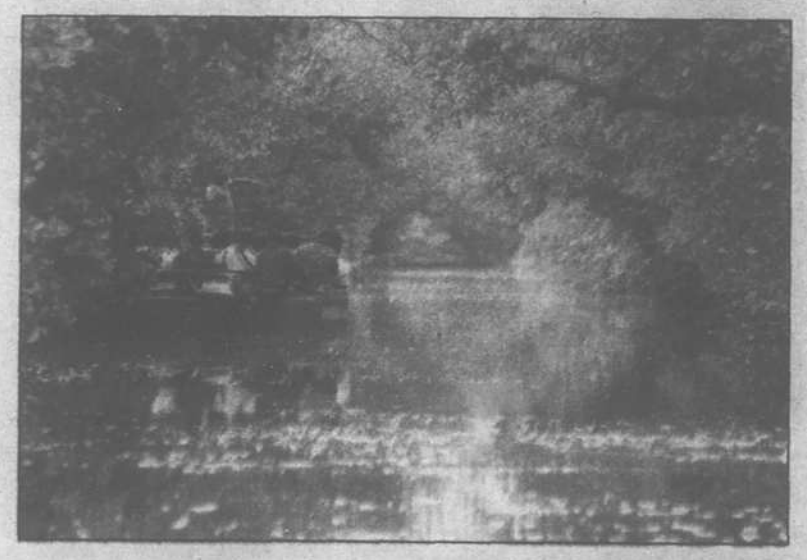
"The poachers shoot them at night," says Winston Nanan, Lester's father. "And the patrols aren't armed. To me, it's a very inefficient way to try to control the poachers."

The Trust's director, Karilyn Shephard, says poachers sometimes steal threatened or endangered species, such as the white-faced whistling duck and the blue-and-gold mackaw, from the grounds of the trust.

The trust has an active breeding program involving several threatened species, including anhinga, the macaw, wild muscovy duck and others. They also nurse sick or injured birds and release them into the wild.

"Before we got here, birds were just left to die," Gaskin says.





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(At right) A tour boat makes its way through the narrow passageways of the Caroni Swamp in the southwest corner of Trinidad. (Above) A flock of scarlet ibis swoop across the sky at twilight on their daily return from Venezuela to the Caroni Swamp. The national bird of Trinidad now numbers up to 12,000 in this wildlife sanctuary with 15,000 acres of marsh, tidal lagoons and mangrove. Scarlet ibis are born mostly black, but turn bright red as adults because of their diet, mainly crabs and the roots of the red mangrove, which are rich in carotene.

From tony to trashy: Guide to New York nightlife has it all

NEW YORK (AP) — Club-hoppers, pub-crawlers, all-night partiers and serious imbibers — rejoice.

A new A-to-Z guide to New York nightlife has the lowdown on just about every sleazy dive, oak-paneled hotel bar or funky downtown dance spot to while away an evening in the city that never sleeps.

The Zagat Survey of New York City Nightlife, from the company that compiles the popular Zagat restaurant surveys, is an opinionated listing of Big Apple nightspots.

Entries include a beery midtown hangout known for "freaks, foxes and franks," a chic hotel lounge whose ambiance is "like walking into a Calvin Klein commercial," and a rowdy Brighton Beach cabaret described as "authentic Russo-Brooklyn."

Lists of popular spots appear in a wild array of 60 categories that cover uptown, downtown and everything in between — from beer specialists, biker bars and places labeled "enter at your own risk" to dinner cruises, cigar bars and cyber scenes. Gay and lesbian, frat house and expense account are just a few of the other ambiance alternatives.

As any barfly might have told New York's first family of food, this is not a city with a shortage of watering holes. In the end, the Zagats came up with more than 1,000 spots.

Like all their guidebooks, the nightlife guide, is essentially a compendium of individual reviews — 3,200 people filled out surveys rating bars and clubs, and the Zagat team compiled the responses.

The reviewers are not afraid to be honest, but most seem willing to evaluate a nightspot on its own terms. Dives are among the most lovingly described hangouts in the book — the 119 Bar near Union Square is a "small, dark dump," but recommended anyway for its cheap drinks and dartboard. Midtown drinkers worry that Rudy's Bar and Grill, beloved for its cheap beer and free hot dogs, is being "overrun with suits."

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This being New York, nighttime fun can sometimes go to extremes.

Visitors to Rasputin, a vodka cabaret in Brooklyn's Russian immigrant section, should know what they're getting into: "Ask for water and you still get vodka," says the guide.

The younger Zagat, who has visited more than 100 of the spots in the new book, says this guide's priorities are not the same as those of his family's previous books — because drinking is not the same as eating.

"People are looking for something different when they go to a restaurant than when they go to a bar or club," he explains. "It's really the sense of atmosphere that people appreciate, ... and the vibe of the place. The food could be awful, and people could still have a great time."

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Off the beaten path

It's the rare tourist who shows up for the floating market on Kashmir's Dal Lake

SRINAGAR, India (AP) — Before dawn peeks over the snowswept Himalayas, the floating vegetable market on Dal Lake in the heart of Kashmir's summer capital is already bustling.

Men in calf-length woolen tunics kneel or squat on straw mats, perched on the bows of their flat boats, called "shikaras," laden with turnips, kale, green onions and the specialty of the lake, lotus roots.

To keep warm, they hold pots of coal, insulated in hemp baskets, under their tunics, making them appear pregnant. They haggle and shout as the boats bump and slide.

Remarkably, no one falls into the icy, blue lake.

The scene looks medieval as vegetables are weighed against a stone. When deals are finally struck, produce is hoisted up to a roadway and loaded onto three-wheel trucks for distribution to the villages around Srinagar.

Most sellers don't take cash, but trade their produce with each other, trying to get a range of the best vegetables, for sale from hand-drawn carts on the streets of the city.

But it is winter and prices are low.

The tourists who come floating by, sipping tea and munching flaky Kashmiri bread as they watch the morning show, are few and far between.

Except for a glancing stare or request for a cigarette, the vegetable traders ignore their observers.

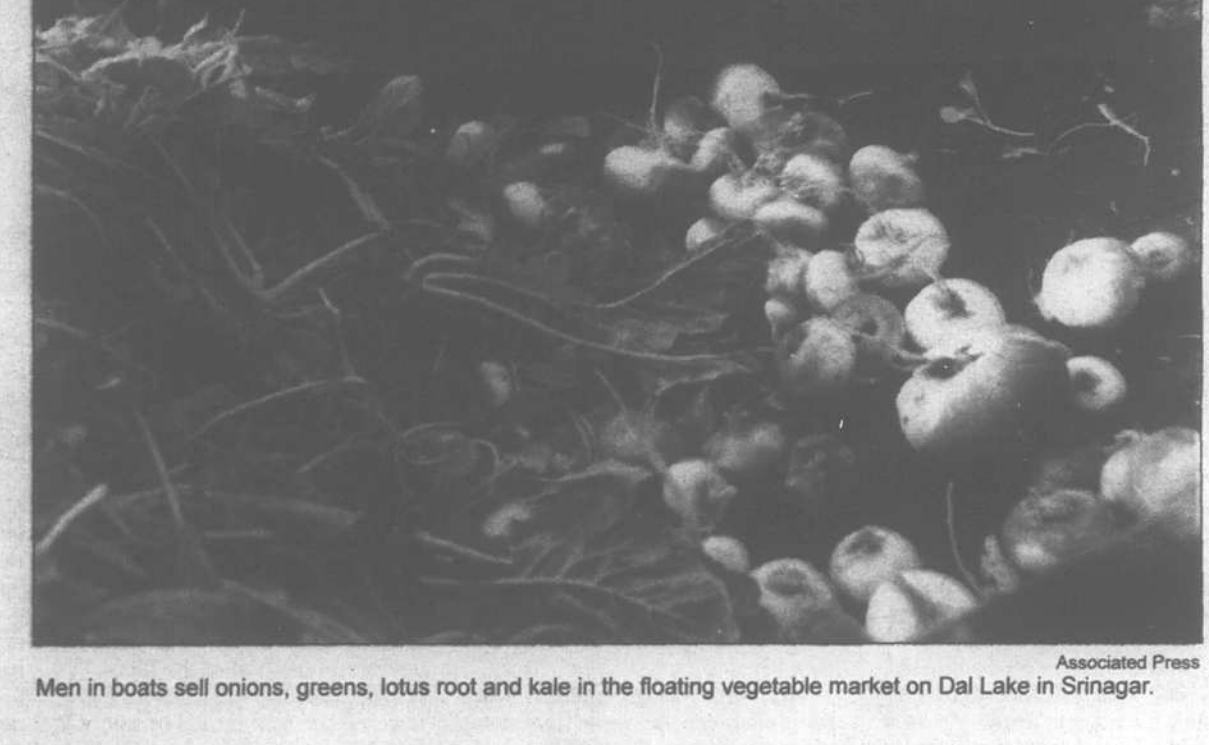
Because of a decade-long insurgency by Islamic separatists that has worsened since Pakistan and India fought an 11-week war along the cease-fire line dividing Kashmir last summer, there are fewer visitors than ever on Dal Lake.

The vegetables are grown on floating islands of bulrushes and mud dredged from the lake and built up after countless trips paddling across the water in the shikaras.

The floating gardens are not marked in any obvious way, but the women who tend them know which one belongs to each. The gardens can be tethered to a shikara and towed to another location. But locals say no one ever steals another's garden.

When summer comes, neon green algae blooms along the edges of the lake.

But the mirror-like waters reflecting the mountains are still full of crabs, shrimp and small fish that draw kingfishers, dabchicks, terns and scores of other birds.



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Men in boats sell onions, greens, lotus root and kale in the floating vegetable market on Dal Lake in Srinagar.



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A gardener grimaces during a slow day at the market.



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A bird lands at daybreak as a man in a shallow boat, called a shikaras, searches for lotus roots on Dal Lake.

Museums made for car lovers

A California visitor was so taken by the classic Dodges, Chryslers, Plymouths and Jeeps at the new Walter P. Chrysler Museum, he returned for a second day to spend more time among the exhibits.

"Typically, a visit is about 90 minutes to two hours," said Barry Dressel, manager of the museum. "But for real, die-hard fanatics, it can take all day."

Just in time for its first summer visitors, the museum at DaimlerChrysler headquarters in Auburn Hills, Mich., is gearing up its first major ad campaign.

Dressel hopes it brings even more awestruck auto buffs to the showplace that opened last October with 65 vehicles on display.

But the museum — the first company-operated museum that's open to the public six days a week, with no reservations needed — has plenty of competition from other new automaker-funded facilities.

In March, General Motors Corp. opened a GM World Exhibit at its headquarters on the Detroit riverfront.

The showcase has interactive displays highlighting 26 vehicles, including international GM brands such as Opel and Vauxhall.

"The GM World showcase reinforces GM's commitment to its employees and as a visitor destination for the city of Detroit," said Joe Meagher, manager, strategic projects, GM's marketing services.

Ford Motor Co.'s Spirit of Ford, which in May marks its first birthday in another part of metropolitan Detroit, came about in part because so many Detroit-area visitors want to go on auto factory tours.

So the $25-million Spirit of Ford building across from the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Mich., is designed to help visitors "experience" the auto business.

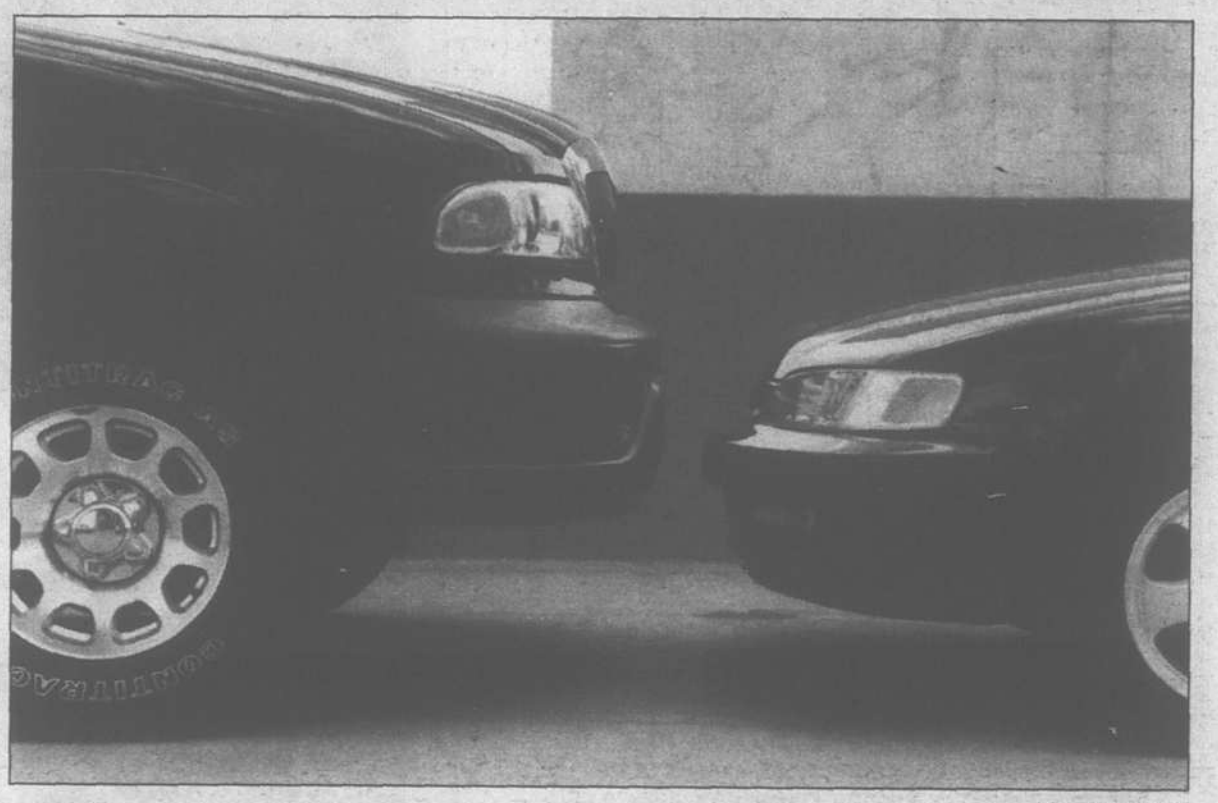
Rather than viewing rows of vintage or new autos, they see how cars and trucks are designed and built today.

In the Turbo Tour Theater, visitors get to feel what it's like to be a vehicle going down the assembly line and get welded, stamped and painted.

There's even a "pit crew challenge" where volunteers can try their hand at quick pit crew duties like those at a real racetrack.

SUV Safety by design

Feds and automakers agree: Something must be done to make the popular models less risky — for the guy in the other car



A 1998 Lincoln Navigator's bumper, left, looms over the bumper of a Honda Accord. Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A desire to feel safer is one reason many consumers have traded their cars for sport utility vehicles over the past decade. Now automakers and federal regulators agree that SUV safety is a concern — for those in the vehicles and for those in cars involved in collisions with SUVs.

Automakers started to make changes to some SUVs on last year's models — trimming weight or lowering bumper or frame rail heights so they are less prone to override cars in crashes. But some of those changes were touted as helping fuel economy and providing a better ride, not necessarily as safety improvements.

In late March, however, automakers confirmed that more SUV models will be redesigned over the next few years to reduce their threat to make them safer in crashes.

"It is GM's opinion that improvements in compatibility represent an opportunity for the type of safety improvements that we have to have if we are going to continue to reduce the fatality rate," Terrence Connolly, director of General Motor's safety center in Warren, Mich., said in an interview prior to the Tuesday announcement.

It's a switch from automakers' initial responses when federal regulators began to question SUV safety in 1998.

Then, "you would have thought we shot their dog," Dr. Ricardo Martinez, the former head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, said earlier this month. "I think things have changed tremendously for the better. I'm quite pleased with where we are."

Still, some disagreement remains over what exactly needs to be done. Some safety experts and automakers say making passenger cars safer would save more lives than changes in SUV design.

Domestic automakers argue that the laws of physics dictate that vehicles that weigh more — such as SUVs and other light trucks that weigh an average of 1,000 pounds more than cars — will fare better in crashes. But safety experts say the height and stiffness of light trucks also matter, especially in side-impact crashes.

In side-impact crashes, the taller light truck frames, 21 inches to 28 inches off the ground in most SUVs, can punch through about 7 to 8 inches above the sturdy car frame, into the softer car door.

That frame is "your last best hope to keep a striking vehicle from hitting you directly in the chest," said Clay Gabler, co-author of an NHTSA study on the topic and an associate professor at Rowan University in New Jersey.

In addition, the SUVs' stiff frames transfer more crash energy to whatever they are hitting rather than absorbing the impact.

The NHTSA study estimated that in 1996, at least 2,000 car occupants would not have died had their cars collided with other cars instead of light trucks of the same weight. Automakers called that an oversimplification of the facts.

Last year, General Motors Corp. lowered the frame rails by about 2 inches on its Suburban, Yukon and Tahoe SUVs and the Silverado and Sierra pickups. That puts their frames about 19 to 20 inches off the ground, much more in line with car bumpers which are 16 to 20 inches from the pavement, GM engineers said.

And Ford last year placed a steel beam below the bumper of its largest SUV — the Excursion — to block cars from slipping below the SUV's 23-inch-tall rail frame during a crash.

Ford spokeswoman Sara Tatchio said this week that it would consider installing the device on other models. She also said Ford is likely to lower the height on many of its SUVs when new versions come out.

DaimlerChrysler AG is studying the Mercedes M-class SUVs to see if Chrysler or Dodge models might benefit from their innovative design, company officials said. The M-class is able to absorb more crash energy because of its front-end crumple zone design and a frame that is less than 19 inches above the ground.

"This really isn't rocket science," said Mercedes spokesman Fred Heiler. "Crash structures need to meet squarely, otherwise there is override."

And while studies by federal researchers show that in crashes between cars and light trucks, including SUVs, 80 percent of the deaths are to car occupants, SUVs are not without their own problems. The taller suspension makes them more prone to rolling over in an accident.

The vehicles have a higher ride that allows motorists to take them off road — though surveys indicate the vast majority of SUV drivers don't do that. But the SUVs' higher center of gravity means they are more than three times as likely to roll as cars.

SUVs have the highest rate of fatal crashes involving rolling over — 36 percent. About 60 percent of the deaths occur in roll-over crashes when passengers are ejected.

Small SUVs and pickups roll over the most because their frames are not as long or wide as their bigger cousins.

Last year, the NHTSA started requiring most new SUVs to carry illustrated warning labels declaring they have a higher roll-over risk than standard automobiles. The agency continues to work on a vehicle roll-over rating system, which is expected to be proposed later this year.

Automakers argue that driver behavior, such as speeding and losing control of the vehicle, is the most important factor in roll-over crashes.

Still, automakers say they are trying to improve SUVs' braking and traction control systems.

And within the next three years, Ford Motor Co. is phasing in side airbag curtains on all its SUVs. They are designed to cover the windows to prevent the ejection of passengers in rolls; a sensor located between the passenger and driver seat can measure the amount of vehicle tilt and trigger the air bag curtain.

While these measures may save lives, some researchers have suggested other approaches that might cut fatalities even more.

In a study released earlier this month, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety called on automakers to put more emphasis on improving safety in passenger cars, especially smaller ones, saying such moves would save more lives than redesigning pickups and SUVs.

"The highest priority should continue to be improving the protection vehicles offer to their own occupants," researchers said.

■ UN WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL

Massacre survivor paints grim scene for court

Muslim man lived through Srebrenica killings

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — A 62-year-old Muslim told a U.N. genocide trial Friday how he survived a mass execution by Serb soldiers, pretending to be dead for hours while column after column of refugees were gunned down around him.

In the gripping testimony at the trial of a Bosnian Serb general, the witness detailed his escape across a field strewn with bloody bodies after the Serbs' seizure of Srebrenica — an event that focused world attention on the brutality of the Bosnian war.

Up to 1,500 refugees may have been killed in the massacre at Branjevo farm that day in July 1995, said the survivor, whose identity was concealed in his testimony before the U.N. war crimes tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

"They mowed them down and they fell to the ground," said the witness. "You could hear the bullets hitting the bodies ... the air was filled with dust." Refugees who survived and tried to flee were hunted down and killed, he said.

In July 1995, Serb forces broke through U.N. defense posts around Srebrenica and slaughtered at least 7,500 Muslim men and boys, prosecutors say. The remaining refugees escaped or were deported to Muslim-held territory.

The overrunning of the enclave, which the United Nations had declared a "save haven," galvanized international action to put an end to the 1992-95 Bosnian war.

Gen. Radislav Krstic is accused of heading the Bosnian Serb army's Drina Corps, which carried out the slaughter. He has been charged with genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions.

Krstic, who has pleaded innocent, could spend the rest of his life in jail if convicted.

The witness testified as the trial completed its fourth week. Earlier testimony has come from other massacre survivors, forensic experts and U.N. peacekeepers.

The witness said that after Serb troops swept over Srebrenica, he was taken on July 12 to the town of Pilica, where he was held with about 250 men and boys in a small room. There, detainees as old as 80 were starved, beaten, killed and intimidated by a few Serb soldiers.

"They threw bread crumbs at the people," he said. "One man drank his own urine."

After two or three nights, the men were bound and driven by bus to a military agricultural center known as Branjevo farm, where a Serb soldier led an execution squad.

"We were ordered to turn our backs and lined up," the witness said. "Then he ordered us to lie down and, at that moment, a burst of fire came."

Grazed by a bullet, the witness lay quietly among the dead, while the soldiers finished off others who were still breathing. One cried out, "I'm still alive, kill me," before being dispatched with a single bullet to the head, the witness said.

The witness said he remained motionless for hours while six busloads of refugees arrived and were systematically killed, until he was able to stumble across the field and escape into the woods.

"I estimate between 1,000 and 1,500 were dead when the shooting stopped," he said. "One man tried to flee, because he preferred a bullet in the back."

Earlier Friday, the most senior Bosnian war crimes suspect in custody, Momcilo Krajisnik, pleaded innocent to genocide and other atrocities in his first public appearance since his arrest by NATO troops on Monday.

Krajisnik, 55, is close associate of former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, who is also wanted by the tribunal for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Prosecutors consider Krajisnik and Karadzic the masterminds of the "ethnic cleansing" campaigns that killed thousands of civilians and drove non-Serbs from wide swaths of northern and eastern Bosnia that now form part of the Bosnian Serb Republic.

The tribunal was established seven years ago by the U.N. Security Council to prosecute those responsible for atrocities in the Balkans following the disintegration of Yugoslavia in 1991. It has handed down prison sentences of up to 45 years to 14 Serb, Muslim and Croat defendants.

Nearly 40 suspects are in custody. Still at large are the wartime Bosnian Serb military chief, Ratko Mladic, Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic and dozens of other predominantly Serb suspects.

European Union opens anti-racism center in Vienna

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Gathered in Austria, where Adolf Hitler was cheered in 1938 and a far-right party now shares power, European Union representatives denounced racism Friday and called for tolerance across the continent.

The ongoing clash between Austria and the 14 other EU partners colored comments at the opening ceremony for the European Monitoring Center on Racism and Xenophobia. The other countries have declared sanctions against Austria to protest the far-right Freedom Party's participation in its government.

European Parliament President Nicole Fontaine, European Commission President Romano Prodi and Austrian President Thomas Klestil addressed the opening ceremony. Unlike heads of government, Klestil and other heads of state were invited.

The center's aim will be to observe and combat racism and other forms of discrimination across Europe.

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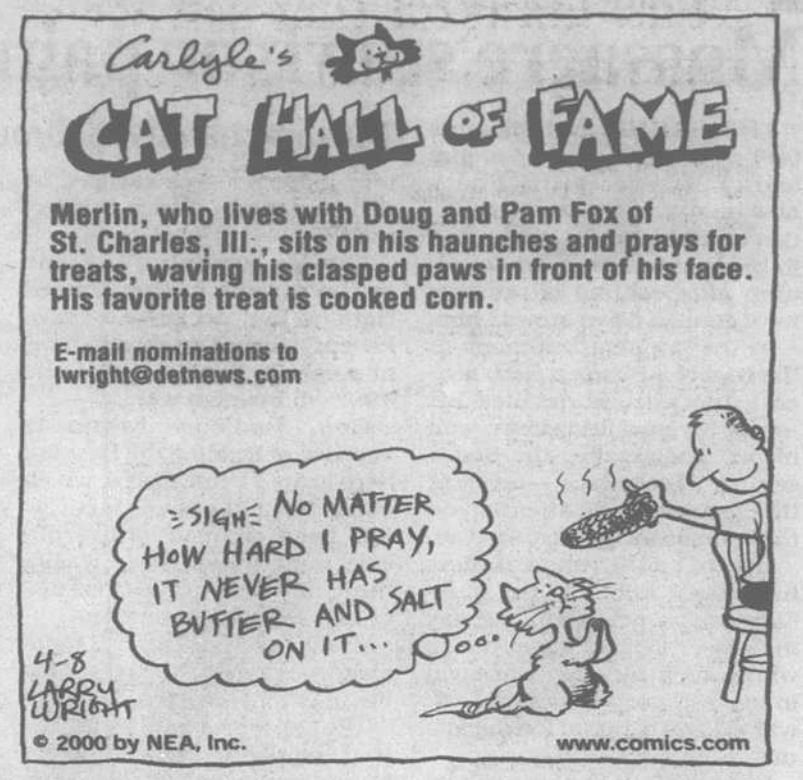
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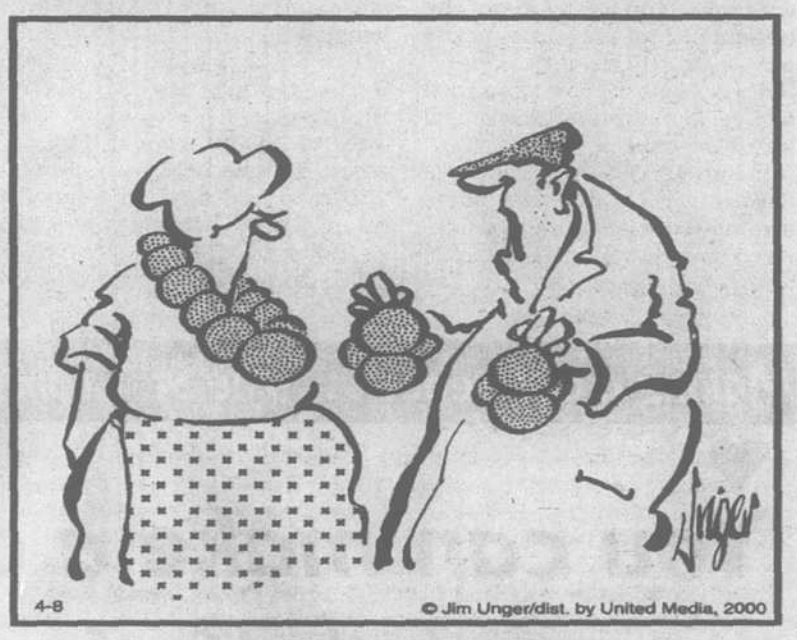
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"At least try the earrings! This lot cost me $6."

RIPLEY'S



Mom thankful that son views marriage as equal partnership



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I feel the need to respond to "Curious," regarding who should write thank-you notes. When my son and his wife were married, they decided that it would be a joint effort, with each responding to the gifts from their own family and friends, and working together on those for mutual friends. I had several of my friends and family members compliment me on what wonderful thank-you notes they received — and they were very impressed that he had written them.

When he was young, I impressed upon him the fact that household responsibilities are for all who live in the home, not designated to certain genders. I came from a home with all sisters, and we helped with all duties. His father came from a home with all brothers, and I know he would never write a thank-you note because this would have never been expected in his family. I am proud and pleased that my son assumes and shares all responsibilities with his spouse. The husband of "Curious" needs to get a clue! — PROUD MOTHER IN OGDEN, UTAH

DEAR PROUD MOTHER: Orchids to you. You have done your job well, and you deserve to be proud. Whether it's conscious or unconscious, mothers have tremendous influence on the attitudes they impart to their sons — and you seem to have imparted a sense of gender neutrality to yours.

DEAR ABBY: Last summer, my Cadillac "died" amidst busy traffic in a rundown area of town. I had to walk quite a ways before finding a telephone to summon help. When I returned to the car, I "directed" traffic around it for at least 45 minutes.

During that time, 17 people stopped and offered to push my vehicle to the curb or phone for assistance. I thanked them all, but said help was on the way. One lady even offered to let me sit in her air-conditioned car to wait, as it was a hot day. When I refused with thanks, she handed me a cold can of pop!

Finally a nice man parked on a side street, walked back and said he wanted to help me, even though I said help was coming. He replied, "If my mother were in trouble, I would want someone to help her!" Then he got my car started and insisted on following me all the way to the Cadillac agency (at least 10 blocks). These wonderful good Samaritans all stopped during their busy day to help a stranger!

I am a 67-year-old Caucasian woman, Abby, and 16 of those 17 people who stopped were black. When my local paper chose not to print this, I hoped that you would. It is a true testament of compassion, when all we seem to read about is the bad side of life. — ANN ALDRICH, COLUMBUS, OHIO

DEAR ANN: Thank you for pointing out that there are caring, concerned people in every neighborhood. The level of affluence has nothing to do with it, and neither does the skin color of the residents.

CONFIDENTIAL TO "LIVING LIFE TO THE FULLEST": "Live all you can; it's a mistake not to. It doesn't so much matter what you do in particular so long as you have your life." (Henry James, 1843-1916)

Horoscope

By Francis Drake

ARIES
(March 21 to April 19)
Life is passing you by at the speed of light today, Aries! Get your head in the game and see how many points you can score before the day is over.

TAURUS
(April 20 to May 20)
Your friends and family members might not recognize you today, Taurus. You feel and act like a different person as the Moon enters Gemini.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)
Frustration sets in as you realize there aren't enough hours in the day to finish everything you've started. Take your time and leave the rest for tomorrow.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)
Talking to yourself might be the only way you can relate to anyone today, Cancer. Spending time alone with your thoughts is the best way to get the answer to a nagging problem.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)
Spend time with people who are on the same wavelength as you today, Leo. There's no use trying to explain something if you know it will go in one ear and out the other.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
A lot of time today is spent untangling something that isn't your fault, Virgo. Enlist the help of your friends and co-workers if necessary.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
A lot of positive energy surrounds you as the Moon moves into the house of Gemini today. Spend free time with friends who make you feel good about life.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Be very cautious when dealing with new business associates today, Scorpio. Everything might not be as it seems. Signing legal documents is not advised.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
The day's outcome is up to you. Try to keep a positive attitude, and everything will turn out as planned. Don't lose sight of the main objective.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Be prepared for Plan A to fall through today, Capricorn. Make sure you have a back-up plan, especially if you are relying on other people to keep up their end of the deal.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
A spark could be ignited between you and a co-worker today as the Moon moves into the house of Gemini. Make sure your secret is safe before proceeding.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to March 20)
You might feel a bit overwhelmed with all that you are supposed to accomplish today. Take it one step at a time, and take plenty of breaks if you get tired.

YOU BORN TODAY If you are going to do something, you never do it halfway! Once your mind is set, no one has much luck changing it. You also have the power of persuasion on your side, and you are often successful at swaying people over to your side of the argument or cause.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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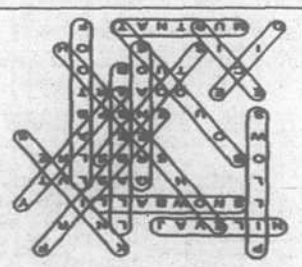
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Friday's unlisted clue: TONIGHT

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Saturday's unlisted clue hint: Thrown By A Ventriloquist

A party	Football	Javelin	Snowball
Baseball	Frisbee	Knives	Stones
Bouquet	Grenade	Pillows	Tantrum
Dice	Horseshoe	Rice	



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(Answers tomorrow)

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Answer: What the computer novice did when the boss said, "Use e-mail." — GOT THE MESSAGE

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SATURDAY DAYTIME — APRIL 8, 2000

		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
(WAPA)	4	Chicola y la Ganga		Remi	Tarzán	Super Estrellas de la Lucha Libre				Película Se Anunciará				Película Se Anunciará				Bienvenidos	
(TBS)	6	Ripley's Believe It or Not! (R)		Movie ▷ "Meatballs 4" (1992, Comedy) Corey Feldman, Jack Nance, Sarah Douglas.		(:45) Movie ‖ "Hiding Out" (1987) Jon Cryer, Keith Coogan. A 30-ish stockbroker must pose as a high-school student.				(:45) Movie (r "The Hard Way" (1991, Comedy) Michael J. Fox. An actor latches onto a policeman to prepare for a film.				(:45) Movie (r "Overboard" (1987, Comedy) Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell, Edward Herrmann. An amnesiac millionairess is duped by a cunning carpenter.					
(ENC)	7	Image of God	In Beginning	Saints for Today	Ghetto Priest	Fr. Apostoli	Scriptural Rosary	Our Lady of the Angels Daily Mass		Mission-Messh	Refurbishg	Cardinal Newm	Super Saints	Divine Mercy	Rosary Intern.	Web of Faith		Mother Angelica Live (R)	
(WSVI)	8	Doug (El) (CC)	Recess (El) (CC)	Weekenders (El) (CC)	Sabrina, the Animated	Bugs Bunny & Tweety	Winnie the Pooh	Mickey Mouse-Works	Squigglevision (CC)	Pressure 1 (El)	Golf Michael Douglas & Friends Celebrity Tournament. (Taped) (CC)				Figure Skating World Championships. From Nice, France. (Taped) (CC)				
(FOX)	9	Digimon-Digital	NASCAR Racers	Beast Machines	Digimon-Digital	Flint-Detective	Avenger (CC)	Honey, I Shrunk the Kids (R) (CC)		Animal Rescue	American Athlete	Paid Program	Paid Program	Baywatch Hawaii (R) (CC)		To Be Announced		Horse Racing Santa Anita Derby. (CC)	
(WSEE)	10	(8:00) Saturday Early Show (CC)		Rescue Heroes	Flying Rhino	Cryptkeeper	Mythic Warrior	Awesome Adv.	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Story of Golf (Part 1 of 2) (CC)			Golf The Masters -- Third Round. From Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga. (Live) (CC)				
(WNBC)	11	Saturday Today in New York			NBA Inside Stuff (El)	Saved by Bell: New Class	Hang Time (El) (CC)	City Guys (El) (CC)	One World (El) (CC)	City Guys (El) (CC)	Ronco Rotisserie	Amer. Dumbest Criminals	Baseball: Latino Style (CC)		NBA Special (CC)	Skiing Tomba. From Beaver Creek, Colo. (Taped) (CC)		Skiing U.S. Alpine National Championships. (Taped) (CC)	
(WTJX)	12	Barney & Friends	Teletubbies (CC)	Reading Rainbow	Arthur (El) (CC)	Sesame Street (El) (CC)		Baking	Victory Garden	Woof-Dog's	This Old House	Cartooning	Ship Shape TV	MotorWeek	Anyplace Wild (CC)	Nature "Wisdom of the Wild" (R)		Prairie Homes of Frank Lloyd Wright	
(WKAQ)	13	(8:00) Telecómicas		Thumbelina	Programa Pagado	Programa Pagado	Programa Pagado	Programa Pagado	Wildlife Chron.	International Wrestling Association		El Chavo del Ocho	Beverly Hills, 90210		Casa-Giovanna	Sábado Sensacional			
(VH1)	14	Pop-Up Quiz	Pop-Up Video (R)	Before They	Rock of Ages (R)	Rock-Roll Jeo.	Rock-Roll Jeo.	Mariah Carey: Around the World		Divas Live 1998 -- Popped-Up (R)		Best of Divas Live '99 (R)		Where Are They Now? (R)	Where Are They Now? "Girls II" (R)			Behind the Music "Alanis Morissette"	
(WGN)	15	Video Computer Store		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Good Fishing	Soul Train Blaque, Rome, Eve. (R)		Major League Baseball Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds. From Cinergy Field in Cincinnati. (Live)						Cleopatra 2525 (R)	Jack-All Trades	Beastmaster "The Last Unicorns" (R)	
(MTV)	16	Blame Game	Say What Krke	News (R)	Music Videos	Road Rules	Road Rules	Spring Break Revisited						Spring Break Revisited					
(GEMS)	17	Sabor Latino	QuéPasa	Conga Caribe	Deportes	Almería Cine	Perfect Image	El Menú del Día	Mujeres	Computel	EntreMúsica	Hollywo-Acción	Show Business	Gems Jamz		Película "El Amor de Ahora" (1987, Drama) Clara Badinia, Pabd Bisquert.			
(BET)	18	Jam Zone Music videos.				All Top 10		Hits From the Street		Teen Summit		Madd Sports	Black College	Heart & Soul	Guthy-Renker	Videolink		Teen Summit	
(CNN)	19	Saturday Morning		Showbiz	Style	Travel	PageOne	Saturday	Dot com	Saturday	Science	Saturday	Health	Money	Movers	Saturday	Money	Saturday	Evans
(FAM)	20	Kids-Room 402	Angela Anaconda	Great Pretenders	Countdown	S Club 7 in Miami	Big Wolf on Campus (CC)	Two of a Kind (CC)	Kids-Room 402	Angela Anaconda	S Club 7 in Miami	Movie ‖ "Spring Fling!" (1995, Comedy) James Eckhouse. Two children plot to prevent the sale of their dad's motel.				Higher Ground (CC)		My So-Called Life (CC)	
(USA)	21	Paid Program	Paid Program	WWF Live Wire		Walker, Texas Ranger "Branded"		Crush (CC)	Friends or Lovers	Movie ‖ "The Langoliers" (1995, Suspense) Patricia Wettig, Bronson Pinchot, Dean Stockwell. Ten airplane passengers awake to find everyone else gone.								Movie ‖ "Wishmaster" (1997) (CC)	
(LIFE)	22	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Designing Women	Designing Women	Golden Girls (CC)	Golden Girls (CC)	Next Door (CC)	Next Door (R) (CC)	Movie "Visions of Terror" (1994) Barbara Eden, Michael Nouri. Psychic psychotherapist Jesse Newman trails a killer.				Movie "Visions of Murder" (1993) Barbara Eden, James Brolin. A woman believes she has psychically witnessed a murder.			
(TLC)	23	Home Savvy (R)	Home Savvy (R)	How-2 Crew (R)	How-2 Crew (R)	Hometime	Hometime	Home Again (R)	Home Again (R)	Showgirl Stories (R)				Paramedics "Desert Sirens" (R)		Trauma Center		Mars -- Pioneering a Planet (R)	
(ESPN)	24	Sportsman's	N.A. Outdoors	Fly Fish Amer.	Sportscenter			Golf U.S. Collegiate Championship. From Los Cabos, Mexico. (Live)				Auto Racing NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series -- NAPA 250. (Live)				Bikes, Blades and Boards Bikes.		Tennis: Davis Cup -- Czech Rep. at U.S.	
(ESPN2)	25	Sportscenter (R)		Snowmobile Racing: Snocross World		Snowboarding	Surfing X-Surfing.	Girls High School Basketball WBCA All-American Game. From Hartford, Conn.				NHL Hockey Boston Bruins at Philadelphia Flyers. From the First Union Center in Philadelphia. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)						Horse Racing	Auto Racing
(TBN)	28	(8:00) Praise-A-Thon				Praise-A-Thon Continues						Praise-A-Thon Continues						Praise-A-Thon	
(NICK)	30	Rugrats (CC)	Rugrats (CC)	Spongebob Sq.	Hey Arnold!	Thornberrys	Rocket Power	Angry Beavers	Kablam!	Kenan & Kel	Kenan & Kel	Kenan & Kel	Kenan & Kel	Kenan & Kel	Kenan & Kel	Kenan & Kel	Kenan & Kel	Kenan & Kel	Kenan & Kel
(DISC)	31	SciSquad (R)	Movie Magic	Hunter-Croc	Real Kids	Outward Bound	Incredible Stry	Discovery News	Discover Magazine	Invisible Places "Subtropolis" (R)		Into the Unknown (R)		Survive IV (R)		Ultimate Guide "Horses" (R)		UFOs Over Phoenix (R)	
(HBO)	33	(8:00) Movie (r "Small Soldiers" (1998) (CC)		Cancer: Evolution to Revolution An overview of cancer, including information for those who wish to participate in their own health care and maintenance. (R)					Replacement Killers	Movie ((("Bye Bye, Love" (1995, Comedy) Matthew Modine, Randy Quaid. (CC)			Twenty Eight Days	Tracey Takes On... (R)	Movie ‖ "Doctor Dolittle" (1998, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Oasie Davis. (CC)		Making of The Matrix (R)	Movie (r "Feds" (1988)
(SHOW)	34	Movie ((r "Run the Wild Fields" (2000, Drama) Joanne Whalley, Sean Patrick Flanery. (CC)		(:45) Movie ((("Young Frankenstein" (1974) Gene Wilder. Dr. Frankenstein's grandson returns to Transylvania.				(:45) Movie (r "Company Business" (1991) Gene Hackman. Two former spies learn they have been marked for murder.				Movie ((("Rudy" (1993) Sean Astin, Ned Beatty. A working-class teen dreams of admission to Notre Dame. (CC)			Movie ‖ "My Giant" (1998, Comedy-Drama) Billy Crystal, Kathleen Quinlan. (CC)		
(DISN)	35	PB & J Otter (CC)	Out of the Box (R) (CC)	Bear in House	Rolie Polie Olie (CC)	PB & J Otter (CC)	(:40) Movie "The Brave Little Toaster to the Rescue" (1998, Adventure)			Movie "The Thirteenth Year" (1999, Fantasy) Chez Starbuck, Justin Jon Ross. (CC)			(:45) Music Videos	Z Games (R) (CC)	Flash Forward (R) (CC)	Growing Pains (CC)	Bug Juice-High	Smart Guy (CC)	Smart Guy (CC)
(MAX)	36	(8:15) Movie (r "The Indian in the Cupboard" (1995)		Movie (r "Brainstorm" (1965, Drama) Jeff Hunter, Anne Francis, Dana Andrews. (CC)			(:45) Movie ‖ "Disorganized Crime" (1989) Corbin Bernsen. Four would-be criminals try to rob a small-town bank. (CC)				(:45) Movie ((r "When a Man Loves a Woman" (1994, Drama) Andy Garcia, Meg Ryan. Alcoholism threatens to tear a San Francisco family apart. (CC)				Movie ((("City of Angels" (1998) Nicolas Cage. An angel becomes involved with an L.A. heart surgeon. (CC)			
(A&E)	37	Guide to Historic Homes of America		America's Castles "The Confederacy"		House Beautiful Futuristic trends. (R)		New Explorers (R)		Ancient Mysteries "Voodoo" (R)				Investigative Reports (R) (CC)		American Justice (R) (CC)		City Confidential (R) (CC)	
(TNT)	38	Wild, Wild West "Night of the Surreal McCoy"		Adventures of Brisco County, Jr. "Wild Card" (CC)		Tour of Duty "Blood Brothers"		Tour of Duty "Doc Hock"		Movie ((("Beetlejuice" (1988) Michael Keaton, Geena Davis. Two ghosts try to scare away their home's new tenants.				Movie ((r "The Secret of My Success" (1987, Comedy) Michael J. Fox, Helen Slater. An ambitious youth climbs Manhattan's corporate ladder.				"Witch-Eastwick"	
(SCIFI)	39	Mystery Science Theater 3000 (R)				Space-Beyond		First Wave (CC)		Good vs. Evil (R)		Farscape (CC)		Movie ‖ "The Demolitionist" (1996)				"Eve of Destruction"	
(BRAVO)	40	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Movie ((r "Faraway, So Close!" (1993, Fantasy) Otto Sander, Nastassja Kinski, Peter Falk. An angel saves a child and returns to Earth as a human.						Movie ((("Slacker" (1991, Satire) Richard Linklater, Rudy Basquez. The art of living life without direction is examined.				Profiles "Dancing for Dollars" (R) (Part 2 of 2)		Movietelevision	Kiri Te Kanawa: Outback
(TOON)	41	Thun	Thun	Dragon	Gundam	Gundam	Warriors	Thun	Thun	Thun	Thun	Batman-MrFrz		Sailor M.	Sailor M.	Power	Power	Dragon	Dragon
(COURT)	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Choices-Conseq		Movie (r "Legacy of Lies" (1992, Drama)				Movie (r "A Cop for the Killing" (1990)			
(FLIX)	43	(8:30) Movie ((("Outlaw Blues" (1977, Drama) Peter Fonda, Susan Saint James. (CC)		Movie ((("Love With the Proper Stranger" (1963) Natalie Wood. A woman becomes pregnant after a night with a stranger.				Movie (r "Haunted Honeymoon" (1986, Comedy) Gene Wilder, Gilda Radner.		Movie (((("The Emigrants" (1971, Drama) Max von Sydow, Liv Ullmann. Swedish peasants endure hardship on the American frontier. (Dubbed) (CC)				Movie (r "The Norseman" (1978, Adventure) Lee Majors, Cornel Wilde, Jack Elam.			
(FOXSP)	44	Wooden Award		Sports	Baseball	Baseball	Baseball	Boxing Fight Time. From Las Vegas. (R)				Basketball: Globetrotters vs. Col. All-Stars				College Baseball: USC at UCLA			
(TMC)	45	"A King in New York"		Movie ((("Modern Times" (1936, Comedy) Charles Chaplin, Paulette Goddard.		Movie (r "Lone Star" (1952, Western) Clark Gable, Ava Gardner. Two men lock horns over the annexation of Texas.				Movie ((("Dark Passage" (1947, Mystery) Humphrey Bogart. A prison escapee uses plastic surgery to become a free man.				Movie (((("Ziegfeld Follies" (1946) William Powell, Judy Garland, Lucille Ball. MGM's finest talents salute the master showman.				Movie ((r "The Odd Couple" (1968) Jack Lemmon.	
(HBO+)	46	Movie ((r "Nobody's Fool" (1994, Drama) Paul Newman. A 60-year-old handyman revels in his irresponsibility. (CC)				Movie ‖ "The White Raven" (1998, Suspense) Ron Silver, Joanna Pacula. (CC)			Movie ((("The Falcon and the Snowman" (1984) Timothy Hutton. Two friends conspire to sell U.S. secrets to the U.S.S.R.			(:45) Movie ‖ "The Evening Star" (1996, Comedy-Drama) Shirley MacLaine, Bill Paxton. Aurora Greenway deals with three troubled grandchildren. (CC)					Movie ((("Lethal Weapon" (1987) Mel Gibson. (CC)	
(SHOW2)	47	(8:30) Movie ((("The Millionairess" (1960) Sophia Loren.		Movie ‖ "Frog and Wombat" (1998, Adventure) Katie Stuart, Emily Lipoma. (CC)			(:35) Movie ((("As Good as It Gets" (1997, Comedy-Drama) Jack Nicholson, Helen Hunt. A mean-spirited New York author finds love with a waitress. (CC)				Movie ‖ "Dead Man on Campus" (1998) Tom Everett Scott, Mark-Paul Gosselaar. (CC)			(:45) Movie ‖ "A Midwinter's Tale" (1995) Michael Maloney. An out-of-work actor stages an unusual "Hamlet." (CC)			(:35) Movie ‖ "Illtown"	
(CNBC)	53	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Guthy-Renker	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	CNET News.com		Ushuaia	
(E!)	54	Myst.-Scandals	Myst.-Scandals	Fashion File	Video Fashion	Shabby Chic (R)	Fashion Emer.	News Weekend	Talk Soup (R)	Celebrity Profile "Sharon Lawrence"		Behind-Scenes	Coming Attr.	Academy Awards Fashion Review (R)		Movie ‖ "Best Actress" (2000, Comedy) Thomas Calabro, Loretta Devine.			
(KNOW)	55	(Off Air)																	
(GOOD)	56	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Stained Glass	For Your Home	Country Crafts	Quilting '90s	Quilt in a Day	Wok With Yan (R)	Cooking-Kent	Monterey Cook
(FOOD)	57	Paid Program	Good Eats (R)	Emeril Live (R)		Cooking Live (R)		Martha-Kitchen	Ultimate Kitchens	Two Fat Ladies	Calling All Cooks	Best Of (R)	In Food Today	Emeril Live (R)		Legendary Hangouts: And		Hot Off the Grill	East Meets
(TRAVEL)	58	Travels in Europe	Travels in Europe	Amazing Destinations (R)		Castles-Europe	Great Palaces	Great Railway Journeys (R)		Lonely Planet "Alaska" (R)		Lonely Planet "The Deep South" (R)		Adventure Bound "Komodo Dragons"		Adventure Bound "Africa-Lake Kariba"		To Be Announced	

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(WAPA)	4	Sábado Gigante Internacional						Sábado Gigante Internacional		Noticias		Boxeo Estelar (Grabado)		Película Se Anunciará	
(TBS)	6	(:05) WCW Saturday Night (CC)		(:05) Major League Baseball San Francisco Giants at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta. (Live) (CC)						(:05) Movie (PG) "Corrina, Corrina" (1994, Comedy-Drama) Whoopi Goldberg, Ray Liotta, Tina Majorino. A housekeeper brings joy to a troubled child and her dad.					
(ENC)	7	Religious Catalogue	Bookmark	Our Lady of the Angels Monastery Daily Mass		Little Margaret of Costello The inspirational story of Margaret of Costello. (R)				In Concert: Mozart's Mass in C Minor (R)		Defending Life	Catholic News	Our Lady of the Angels Monastery Daily Mass	
(WSVI)	8	ABC World News Saturday (CC)	Week in Review	It's Showtime at the Apollo Coko, Kevon Edmonds. (R)		Movie (PG) "First Knight" (1995, Adventure) Sean Connery, Richard Gere, Julia Ormond. The evil Malagant threatens the peace of Camelot. (CC)						Comedy Showcase D.L. Hughley, Kevin Brennan.		Oneworld Music Beat T-Boz, Da Brat.	
(FOX)	9	WWF Metal		Xena: Warrior Princess "Little Problems" (R)		Cops "Fort Worth"	Cops "Indianapolis"	America's Most Wanted-Fights Back		Fox Magazine		Mad TV (CC)		Motown Live Earth, Wind & Fire, Lou Bega.	
(WSEE)	10	News	CBS Evening	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (CC)	Early Edition "The Play's the Thing" (CC)		Walker, Texas Ranger "The General's Return"		Falcone "That's Amore" (CC)		News	(:35) Your Big Break (CC)	(:35) Beastmaster (R)	
(WNBC)	11	News	NBC Nightly News (CC)	Access Hollywood (CC)		3rd Rock From the Sun (R)	NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Los Angeles Lakers. From the Staples Center in Los Angeles. (Live) (CC)					News (CC)	Saturday Night Live (CC)		
(WTJX)	12	McLaughlin Group	Think Tank	In the Mix (CC)	To Be Announced			Adventure Divas -- Cuba: Paradox Found		Mystery! "Hetty Wainthropp Investigates"		To Be Announced	Short Cuts	(Off Air)	
(WKAQ)	13	Película Se Anunciará				Película Se Anunciará				Shock Television		Sólo Estrenos, Sólo Estrellas		Programa Pagado	(Off Air)
(VH1)	14	BTM2 (R)	Video Timeline	Behind the Music "Selena" (R)		Where Are They Now? "Girls, Girls, Girls" (R)		Behind the Music Exploring the many phases of Madonna's career.			Behind the Music "Stevie Nicks" (R)	BTM2 "Tori Amos" (R)		Hard Rock Live "Tori Amos/Beth Hart" (R)	
(WGN)	15	Earth: Final Conflict "In Memory" (R) (CC)		Fresh Prince	Illinois' Luckiest	Movie (PG) "House Party" (1990, Comedy) Christopher Reid, Robin Harris.				News (CC)		Bzzz!		Movie "A Force of One" (1979) Jennifer O'Neill, Chuck Norris.	
(MTV)	16	Spring Break Revisited				Road Rules	Road Rules	Tom Green (R)	Lyricist Lounge (R)	Celebrity Death	Senseless Acts	Music Videos		Loveline	
(GEMS)	17	Show Business	Hollywood en Acción	Gems Jamz		Grandes Especiales (Parte 1 de 3)		Perfiles Intimos		Película (PG) "Otra Vez Soltero" (1971, Comedia) Hal Holbrook.			Hollywood en Acción	¿Qué Pasa Miami?	EntreMúsica
(BET)	18	Rap City Top 10		Madd Sports	Sparks (CC)	Out the Box		Comicview		Live From LA		Movie "High Freakquency" (1998, Comedy) Deon Richmond, Marcus Chong.			
(CNN)	19	Worldview	Sources	Capital	Sports	Worldview	Movers (R)	Larry King Weekend		Worldview	Capital	Sports Tonight (CC)		World Beat	Money
(FAM)	20	Movie "The Face on the Milk Carton" (1995) Kellie Martin, Jill Clayburgh. A teen is shocked to discover she has a long-lost family.				Movie "The Spiral Staircase" (2000) Nicollette Sheridan, Judd Nelson. A mute nurse becomes wrapped up in a family's deadly secret. (CC)				Movie "While My Pretty One Sleeps" (1997, Mystery) Connie Sellecca. An expose on the fashion industry leads to murder.				Higher Ground (CC)	
(USA)	21	(5:00) Movie ("Wishmaster" (1997)		Movie (PG) "Serial Mom" (1994, Comedy) Kathleen Turner, Sam Waterston. (CC)				Movie "Cry Baby" (1990, Musical) Johnny Depp, Amy Locane. (CC)				Movie "Weird Science" (1985) Anthony Michael Hall, Kelly LeBrock. (CC)			
(LIFE)	22	Movie "Fear" (1990, Suspense) Ally Sheedy, Lauren Hutton, Dina Merrill. A psychic specializes in tracking serial killers. (CC)				Movie "From the Files of Unsolved Mysteries: Voice From the Grave" (1996, Mystery) Kevin Dobson, Megan Ward, John Terlesky.				Oh Baby Tracy hires a nanny.	Golden Girls (CC)	Any Day Now "It's About the Heart" (R) (CC)		Movie "Trade Off" (1995, Suspense) Adam Baldwin. (CC)	
(TLC)	23	Super Structures of the World (R)		Greatest Space Explorer		Secret World of Sitcoms (R)		Tim Allen: Just for Laughs (R)		America's Favorite Commercials		Secret World of Sitcoms (R)		Tim Allen: Just for Laughs (R)	
(ESPN)	24	Tennis: Davis Cup -- Czech Rep. at U.S.		Sportscenter (CC)	College Hockey NCAA Division I Tournament Championship -- Boston College or St. Lawrence vs. Maine or North Dakota. From Providence, R.I.						Baseball Tonight	Sportscenter (CC)		Baseball Tonight	
(ESPN2)	25	Auto Racing	Auto Racing: CART -- Bosch G.P. Qual.		RPM 2Night (CC)	Auto Racing: NASCAR Happy Hour		Women's Soccer Iceland at United States. From Pasadena, Calif. (Same-day Tape)				Strongest Man	NHL 2Night (CC)	NBA 2Night (CC)	NBA Matchup
(TBN)	28	(5:00) Praise-A-Thon				Praise-A-Thon Continues						Praise-A-Thon			
(NICK)	30	Oh Yeah! Cartoons!	Hey Arnold! (CC)	Cousin Skeeter	Rugrats (CC)	Rugrats (CC)	Amanda	Deeds of Eddie	All That	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	Lucy and Desi Comedy Hour		Laverne & Shirley	Happy Days
(DISC)	31	Are You Being Watched? (R)		Storm Warning! "Breeding Ground" (R)		Wild Discovery "Crocs Down Under" (R)		Building Hoover Dam (R)		Justice Files Romances turned deadly. (R)		New Detectives "Flames of Justice" (R)		Wild Discovery "Crocs Down Under" (R)	
(HBO)	33	(5:30) Movie ("Feds" (1988) Rebecca De Mornay. (CC)		Movie "Small Soldiers" (1998, Action) Kirsten Dunst, Gregory Smith. Technologically advanced toy soldiers wreak havoc. (CC)				Movie (PG) "The Matrix" (1999, Science Fiction) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss. A computer hacker learns his world is a computer simulation. (CC)				Best of Real Sex: How to Be a Better Lover (CC)		(:25) Sopranos (R) (CC)	
(SHOW)	34	(:15) Movie ("Hush" (1998, Suspense) Jessica Lange, Gwyneth Paltrow. A young woman faces off against her evil mother-in-law. (CC)				Movie "Varsity Blues" (1999) James Van Der Beek, Jon Voight. A second-string quarterback is propelled to sudden glory. (CC)				Boxing Fabrice Tiozzo vs. Valery Vikhor. (Same-day Tape) (CC)				(:45) "Deep Impact"	
(DISN)	35	Famous Jett Jackson (CC)	Jersey "The Magic Jersey" (R)	So Weird "Drive" (R) (CC)	2 Hour Tour "98 Degrees"	Movie "The Thirteenth Year" (1999) Chez Starbuck. A youngster undergoes a "fishy" transformation.			(:35) 2 Hour Tour "98 Degrees"	(:05) 'N Sync in Concert (R) (CC)		Bug Juice: Camp Highlander	So Weird "Drive" (R) (CC)	Zorro "An Affair of Honor"	New-Spin and Marty
(MAX)	36	Movie ("You've Got Mail" (1998, Comedy) Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan. Two bitter business rivals conduct an online love affair. (CC)				Movie ("The Substitute 2: School's Out" (1998, Drama) Treat Williams, B.D. Wong. (CC)			Movie ("Toy Soldiers" (1991, Drama) Sean Astin, Wil Wheaton, Keith Coogan. Colombian terrorists seize a Virginia prep school.				Passion Cove "Payday" (R)	Movie "Pleasurecraft" (1999) Juan Carlos, Billy Riverside. (CC)	
(A&E)	37	Investigative Reports (R) (CC)		Love Chronicles "Sexual Chemistry" (R) (CC)		Biography "Peter Lorre: The Master of Menace"		Midsomer Murders "Beyond the Grave" Vandalism in a museum paves the way to a murder.				Top 10 "Exotic Destinations" (R) (CC)		Biography "Peter Lorre: The Master of Menace"	
(INT)	38	(5:30) Movie ("The Witches of Eastwick" (1987) Jack Nicholson, Cher. Three divorcees try to conjure up their "dream man."				Movie ("The Devil's Advocate" (1997, Horror) Keanu Reeves, Al Pacino, Charlize Theron. An attorney goes to work at a law firm run by Satan.						Faces of Evil (R) (CC)		Movie ("The Stepfather"	
(SCIFI)	39	"Eve of Destruction"		Movie "The Minion" (1998, Horror)				Movie "Kull the Conqueror" (1997)				Movie "Kull the Conqueror" (1997)			
(BRAVO)	40	(5:30) Kiri Te Kanawa: Opera in the Outback (R)		Twin Peaks (Part 2 of 2)		Movie ("The Last Temptation of Christ" (1988, Drama) Willem Dafoe, Harvey Keitel, Barbara Hershey. Spiritual conflict and doubt plague Jesus of Nazareth.							Movie ("Afraid of the Dark" (1992, Suspense) Ben Keyworth, James Fox, Paul McGann.		
(TOON)	41	Dragon	Gundam	Gundam	Warriors	Dragon	Dragon	Dragon	"Batman: Mask of the Phantasm"			Dragon	Dragon	Dragon	Powerpuff
(COURT)	42	Mugshot (R)		Crime Stories (R)		Crime Stories (R)		"Perry Mason: The Case of the Lethal Lesson"				Wiseguy		Wiseguy	
(FLIX)	43	Movie ("Love With the Proper Stranger" (1963) Natalie Wood. A woman becomes pregnant after a night with a stranger. (CC)				Movie "Phantoms" (1998, Horror) Peter O'Toole, Rose McGowan. A Colorado town is besieged by an ancient evil entity. (CC)				Movie "Timebomb" (1991, Suspense) Michael Biehn, Patsy Kensit. A watchmaker traces his hallucinations to a CIA experiment. (CC)				Movie ("Spike of Bensonhurst" (1988) Sasha Mitchell.	
(FOXSP)	44	College Baseball		Geniuses	Geniuses	Geniuses	Geniuses	Geniuses	Geniuses	FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(TMC)	45	(5:00) Movie ("The Odd Couple" (1968, Comedy)		Hollywood: The Pioneers		Movie ("The Nun's Story" (1959, Drama) Audrey Hepburn, Peter Finch, Dame Edith Evans. A nun finds her work cut out for her in the Belgian Congo.				(:45) Movie ("Lilies of the Field" (1963, Drama) Sidney Poitier, Lilia Skala. A man helps five nuns build a chapel in a barren wasteland.				Movie "The Singing Nun"	
(HBO+)	46	(5:00) Movie ("Lethal Weapon" (1987) Mel Gibson. (CC)		Reverb Moby, Cornelius, Calexico. (R)		Movie ("Titanic" (1997, Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet, Billy Zane. Oscar-winning account of the doomed 1912 ocean liner. (CC)						(:15) Movie ("The Pentagon Wars" (1998, Comedy) Kelsey Grammer. A faulty battlefield vehicle leaves a colonel in the lurch. (CC)			
(SHOW2)	47	(5:35) Movie "Illtown" (1996, Suspense) Michael Rapaport, Lili Taylor, Adam Trese. (CC)			(:25) Movie ("Stir" (1997) Traci Lords. A woman uncovers the secret behind her husband's murder.			Movie ("As Good as It Gets" (1997, Comedy-Drama) Jack Nicholson, Helen Hunt, Greg Kinnear. A mean-spirited New York author finds love with a waitress. (CC)					Movie ("A Man in Uniform" (1993, Drama) Tom McCamus, Brigitte Bako, Kevin Tighe.	
(CNBC)	53	Tim Russert		Market Week (R)	Olympic Show	National Geographic Explorer Crocodiles and alligators throughout various parts of the world. (R)				Tim Russert (R)		National Geographic Explorer Crocodiles and alligators throughout various parts of the world. (R)			
(E!)	54	Fashion Television	Fashion Emergency	Celebrity Profile "Jennifer Tilly" (R)		Making of a Supermodel (R)		True Hollywood Story (R)		Wild On "Wild on the Islands" (R)		Wild On "Wild on the Bermuda Triangle" (R)		Wild On "Wild on the Sunset Strip" (R)	
(KNOW)	55	(Off Air)												(Off Air)	
(GOOD)	56	Movie "Flying Wild" (1941, Comedy) Leo Gorcey, Bobby Jordan, The East Side Kids.				From the Archives "The Air Force Story" (R)		Garrison's Gorillas (CC)		Combat! "Ollie Joe" (CC)		12 O'Clock High "Pressure Point" (CC)		Bonanza: The Lost Episodes	
(FOOD)	57	Ready-Cook!	Best Of (R)	Two Fat Ladies (R)	Door-Dinners	Emeril Live (R)		Good Eats (R)	Extreme Cuisine (R)	Iron Chef		Emeril Live (R)		Good Eats (R)	Extreme Cuisine (R)
(TRAVEL)	58	To Be Announced		American Journey		Lonely Planet Sharing tea in Timbuktu. (R)		Geraldo Rivera's Sail to the Century II (R)		Journeys to the Ends of the Earth (R)		Lonely Planet Sharing tea in Timbuktu. (R)		Geraldo Rivera's Sail to the Century II (R)	

Names *in the* News

Turner buys more acres in Nebraska

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Ted Turner has acquired another chunk of Nebraska land.

The media mogul paid $3.13 million for 14,345 acres in the state's panhandle, according to a deed filed Tuesday.



Turner

Turner bought the land from Peter Decker of Denver, a former Colorado agriculture commissioner. In late February, Turner bought the adjoining 64,620-acre ranch for about $12.4 million. The latest purchase brings Turner's holdings on five Nebraska ranches to about 204,000 acres.

Nugent boycotted by Latinos for remarks

HOUSTON (AP) — The League of United Latin American Citizens is organizing a national boycott of rock star Ted Nugent over remarks he made about Latinos during concerts last week in Houston and San Antonio.

While performing as the opening band for KISS on April 1 in Houston, Nugent was critical of Latinos who can't speak English, telling them in a profanity laced tirade to leave the United States and return to their native countries.

"We're not objecting to his right to free speech," said Charles Flores, director of the LULAC office in Houston. "The way it was said we feel it was directed in hatred at Hispanics. I'm sure he could have worded it better."

Nugent remains unapologetic.

"How can you be a benefit to your family, neighborhood or country if you can't speak to your fellow citizens? C'mon, if you can't speak English, get out of America," Nugent said in Friday's Houston Chronicle.

Section of Berlin Wall placed in Illinois

EUREKA, Ill. (AP) — A piece of Cold War history has been placed on the lawn of Eureka College, the alma mater of Cold War warrior Ronald Reagan.

On Thursday, workers hoisted a box containing a 5-foot-by-4-foot section of the Berlin Wall onto the lawn at the college that graduated Reagan in 1932.

The section, which weighs more than a ton, will be placed in the Ronald Reagan Peace Garden, to be dedicated May 9.

CommunityCalendar

APRIL 8

RESIDENT LEADERS OF THE VI HOUSING AUTHORITY are advised that there will be a workshop entitled "Managing Meetings/Parliamentary Procedures" at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 8, in the Authority's conference room in Aureo Diaz Heights.

CLINTON JUNIOR COLLEGE OF SOUTH CAROLINA invites VI students to their recruitment fair at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Beulah AME Zion Church (next to the National Guard armory) Est. Bethlehem. Dr. Cynthia Russell will present a video and distribute application packages which include state aid and scholarships. Call 773-1915.

ST. CROIX CHAPTER OF THE UVI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION will be selling tickets for their spring celebration luncheon by Terry's at Sunny Isle Shopping Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 8. Call 692-4023.

ISLAND CENTER presents The Gryphon Trio in concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, playing the music of Haydn, Schummann and Mendelssohn. Call 778-5272 or 778-5271.

CHS CLASS OF 1958 will hold its regular meeting at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 8, at the Sunny Isle senior citizen housing.

AGLOW FELLOWSHIP ST. CROIX CHAPTER invites the women of the community to their monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at Gertrude's (no cover charge). Come and share praise and fellowship.

FISHERMEN are advised that fiberoptic cable will be installed offshore of Estate Northside, Frederiksted on April 12. Please take precautions with fishpots, etc.

QUEEN LOUISE HOME FOR CHILDREN will be holding another great yard sale from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 8. Everyone is welcome. There will be a wide variety of items to choose from.

RUMI CHILDREN'S POETRY CLUB will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. every Saturday at The Gazebo in the historic Fort Christiansvaern Park, Christiansted. Only serious students please! Suggested grades 3 to 12.

ALL VETERANS are invited to join the members of the Veterans Service Organization at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 8, in the Kingshill Cemetery. Members have adopted the veterans section and will clean it once a month. All families who have loved ones buried in the VI are also invited to participate. Bring the necessary tools along.

NEST FAMILY SHOWCASE invites all churches, nonprofit organizations, private and parochial school administrators, day care centers, youth organizations and parents to a new kind of entertainment for the entire family from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at Youth with a Mission. Registration is free. Call 773-8491, 773-3201 or 778-9831.

INTERFAITH/VI CARE VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS TRAINING will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Juan F. Luis Hospital, third floor classroom. a continental breakfast will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. Pre-register for free training at 778-6263.

APRIL 9

BEULAH & MEDFORD AME ZION CHURCHES welcome the community to fellowship at their 83rd Session of the VI Annual Conference Sunday, April 9, at the Beulah Church in Estate Bethlehem. Daily schedule includes bible study and teaching. Call 773-1915.

ADOPT-A-CLASS will have its monthly meeting at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the American Legion Hall, Post 85 Hospital Street. All members are expected to attend; all guests are welcome. Call Stephanie Schuck at 773-8985.

UTARIAN-UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF ST. CROIX will meet at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 9, at The Nature Conservancy's Little Princess Estate. Sunday School will be held simultaneously. A coffee hour follows. Call 773-7461.

ELENA L. CHRISTIAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PTA will hold its monthly meeting at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 9, in the school's auditorium. Parents are asked to make an effort to attend. Guest speaker will be Lt. William Harvey Jr.,

DIALYSIS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center cafeteria. Activities will include: discussions, reports, Lions Club presentation, unit update, beach party report, drawing of the raffle and elections of officers.

ST. CROIX LIBRARY ASSOCIATION will host a book signing party from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Hibiscus Beach Hotel in La Grande Princesse. Our local, featured author, Melody Walcott, will autograph her novel, Mae's Promise, which will be on sale. Contact any member or the author for further information.

FREDERIKSTED ASSEMBLY OF GOD announces their sixth annual Missions Convention April 9 to 16. The speaker will be Rev. Martin McDowell of Trinidad & Tobago. Services on Sundays will be 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. During the week services will be at 7:30 p.m. There will be a grand concert on Friday, April 14. Call 772-0809 or 772-0852.

CHRISTIANSTED HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1950 will hold a Golden Jubilee Reunion Luncheon at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Gertrude's Restaurant. They will be honoring their teachers. Tickets are available at: Brady's Restaurant, Harvey's Restaurant, Terry's Children's Wear and Our Town Frederiksted office.

NATIONAL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB WEEK will kick off with church attendance and a beach barbecue at noon Sunday, April 9, in Frederiksted, for friends and families of club members.

CRUCIAN COALITION MOVEMENT will hold their next general public meeting at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Penthouse Rooftop in Castle Coakley.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH invites the community to their Spanish mission at 7 p.m. each night from Sunday, April 9 to Thursday, April 13, at the Holy Cross Catholic Church. Guest speakers will be Rev. Fr. Alex Ortiz, C.Ss.R. and Rev. Fr. Dick Boner, C.Ss.R.

APRIL 10

CERTIFICATION OFFICES IN CHRISTIANSTED AND FREDERIKSTED will be closed on Monday, April 10, and Tuesday, April 11. The staff will be attending a two-day training session. The office will resume regular business hours on Wednesday, April 12.

Obituaries

ELEANOR FALKENTHAL, passed away on Friday, March 24, 2000, on St. Thomas.

Eleanor was the widow of Fred and is survived by her devoted daughter: Lynn Falkenthal and Monica, a beloved granddaughter.

Eleanor through unstinting encouragement and material effort, was an unceasing motivating force beneath the wings of the Victim Advocate Program. She was a good friend and counselor for all who sought her help and a most beloved mother. She will be sorely missed.

There will be a celebratory gathering on Saturday, April 8, from 4 to 6 p.m., at Lynn's Inn in Compass Point Marina.

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MARGARET ELFIN CHARLES, 1936-2000, devoted to God, her family and her many friends, passed away on Sunday, March 5, 2000, after an eight-month battle with cancer.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years: George M. Charles; six children; 9 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 8, at 10 a.m. at Grace Baptist Church Central, #8C Mt. Pleasant, Centerline Road.

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CARL EDWARD HODGE, aka "Hippy," passed away on Sunday, April 2, 2000.

He is survived by his mother: Gladys Hodge; father: Garfield Hodge; daughter: Carlene Hodge; brothers: Mike and Franklin Hodge; sister: Ione Hodge; 4 grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends too numerous to mention.

Viewing will be held at 8 a.m. Wednesday, April 12, at Christ Church Methodist. Services will be held following at 9 a.m. Interment will be in Western Cemetery.

Professional arrangements are by Creque Funeral Home.

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CHRISTIAN LEWIS, aka "Long Bread," age 94, of Whim Gardens, passed away on Tuesday, April 4, 2000, at his residence.

He is survived by his grandchildren: Dr. Anita Gordon Plaskett, Roderick Gordon Sr. and Marie Daniels (Texas); great-grandchildren: Osman Gordon, Shakima Sanders, Roderick Gordon Jr., Khalilah, Karima, Eugene and Khadijah Gordon, Cyndee Ible Frontal and Medina Rivera; several great-great-grandchildren, great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews too numerous to mention; son-in-law: Patrick Gordon; granddaughter-in-law: Anna Ible Gordon; grandson-in-law: Victor Plaskett Sr.; great-grandson-in-law: Louis Frontal; cousins: the Herbert family; close friends: Victor Somme Sr. and Victor Harry.

Funeral services will take place on Monday, April 10, at James Memorial Chapel at 10 a.m. with the viewing beginning at 9 a.m. Interment will take place at Frederiksted Cemetery.

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

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ALICE MAUDE MARTIN, aka "Manning," age 72, formerly of Antigua, a resident of St. Croix for 45 years, passed away on Friday, March 31, 2000, in New York. She was the wife of the late Aska Martin.

She is survived by her daughters: Genevieve Alberta Orr, Sylvanita Martin-Hosier and Roselyn Martin; sons: Esworth Saul Martin and Glenmore Martin; grandchildren: Elvis, Kitsy, Lenroy, Jermaine, Patrice, Kinard, Dorn, Conroy Jr., Jamaar, Marsha, Nathalie, Glenmore Jr., Malcolm, Maisha and Jackee; 10 great-grandchildren to include: Kadeeja, Rashaad, Naja, Marcus, Jennifer, Shaieem and Alva; sisters: Victoria Joseph, Ethlyn Thomas, Ruth Sebastian and Camella Francis; brothers: Charles Frederiks and Rufus Erskine; numerous nieces and nephews to include: Samuel Jacobs, Nelderine Mussington, Sarah and Yolanda Rawlins, Eric and Vincia Richards, Worrell, Oscar, Sobers and Ivan Frederiks, Garfield, Nancylyn, Jim, Candace, Austin, Lornell, Andy, Shennette, Sharon, Rosita, Genevieve and Esworth; sons-in-law: Conrad Orr and Conroy Hosier Sr.; cousins: Martha Aaron and family, Ruth Sheridan and family, Mae Rose Josiah and family, and the Pertersons of Cashew Hill (Antigua); special friend: Geraldine Nicholas (St. Croix).

Funeral services will take place on Saturday, April 8, at Holy Cross Episcopal Church at 1 p.m. with the viewing beginning at noon. Interment will take place in Kingshill Cemetery.

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

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LUIS RAYMUNDO SANTIAGO, aka "Chino," age 40, of Louis Brown Villas, passed away on Saturday, April 1, 2000, at Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital.

He is survived by his mother: Margarita Lugo; father: Gregoria Santiago; daughter: Blanca M. Santiago; grandchild: Nicholas Raheem Philogene; sisters: Maria Marin, Carmen M. Santiago, Juana Santiago, Angelina Santiago, Maria L. Santiago, Yomaira Marie Santiago, Marie Yomaira Santiago; brothers: Luis Gregorio Santiago and Hector Luis Marin; nieces: Inia I. Rivera, Ingrid M. Abraham, Jahkesha Abraham, Carmen M. Soto, Kimarie Joubert, Ginette M. Joubert and Feleshca Rentas; nephews: Gregory Rivera, Ommi Rivera, Roy Rosario, Wilfredo Joubert, Luis A. Rentas and Hector Luis Rentas; aunts: Carmen M. Vargas and Migdalia Vargas; son-in-law: Marvin Philogene; brothers-in-law: David Stevens, Wayne Hurley and Glyne Charles; cousins: Fransisca Oviedo and Diana Rodriquez; close friend: Isidro; special friend: Tita De Jesus; other relatives and friends too numerous to mention.

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WeatherOutlook



U.S. Temps

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Atlanta	75	52	cdy
Boston	58	44	cdy
Chicago	64	42	rn
Denver	74	31	clr
El Paso	83	67	clr
Fairbanks	22	10	cdy
Green Bay	56	30	sno
Houston	81	62	cdy
Indianapolis	62	46	rn
Jacksonville	78	47	clr
Kansas City	64	48	clr
Los Angeles	68	56	clr
Miami Beach	76	66	cdy
New YorkCity	71	51	cdy
Orlando	79	52	cdy
Philadelphia	73	51	cdy
Pittsburgh	67	37	rn
Richmond	80	48	clr
Seattle	50	39	clr
Washington,D.C.	82	53	cdy
W.Palm Beach	75	61	cdy
Wichita	73	47	clr
Wichita Falls	87	60	clr

VI Forecast

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

SATURDAY — PARTLY CLOUDY AND BREEZY. A 40 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. HIGH 80 TO AROUND 85. WIND EAST 15 TO 20 MPH.

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

SUNDAY — PARTLY CLOUDY AND BREEZY. A 50 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. HIGH 80 TO AROUND 85.

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

SYNOPSIS — HIGH PRESSURE LOCATED OVER THE EASTERN BAHAMAS WILL CONTINUE BUILDING INTO THE LOCAL REGION FROM THE NORTH THROUGH SATURDAY NIGHT.

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

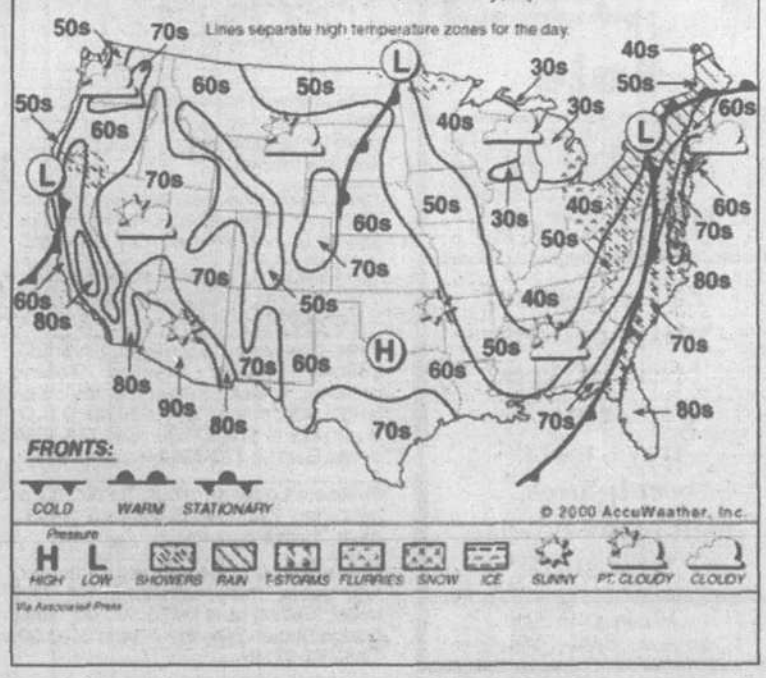
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World Temps

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Bermuda	70	60	clr
Caracas	79	67	cdy
Dublin	51	31	cdy
Frankfurt	52	33	cdy
Geneva	50	37	cdy
Havana	81	63	clr
Istanbul	68	67	cdy
Jerusalem	86	55	clr
Kiev	56	39	cdy
London	54	36	clr
Montreal	38	32	rn
Nassau	79	67	clr
Oslo	48	26	cdy
Paris	55	32	clr
Rio	81	72	clr
San Juan	83	75	cdy
Tel Aviv	90	63	cdy
Vancouver	51	35	clr
Warsaw	43	28	cdy
Zurich	48	30	cdy

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Saturday, April 8.



Crossword

by Eugene Sheffer

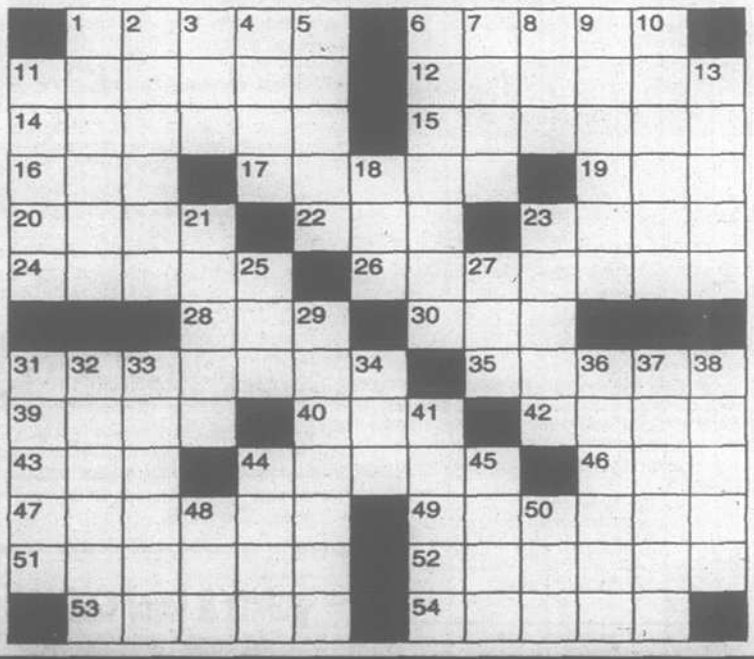
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12 Laughed loudly
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15 Pointed
16 Jan. honoree's monogram
17 Posh
19 Mule of song
20 Begged
22 Cap
23 Do some plastering
24 Auto style
26 Election Day newscast
28 Thanksgiving veggie
30 Snitch
31 From head to toe
35 Putin's coin
39 Slender
40 Titanic message
42 Scheme
43 *Skill*
44 Flat-bottomed boats
46 Great Lakes prov.
47 Colanders
49 Without delay
51 In decline due to age
52 Do
53 Trusty horse
54 Suit material

DOWN
1 "Planet of the Apes" author
2 Lay *hiding*
3 Narcissus' problem
4 "The walls have —"
5 Speak slowly
6 More majestic
7 Elvis' specialty
8 French water
9 It's far from the point
10 Arrest
11 Bivouacs
13 Secluded valleys
18 Melody
21 Israeli military *leader*
23 Laugh-a-minute guy
25 Siesta
27 Deckhand
29 Applied wrongly
31 Elegance
32 High perches
33 Inventor's protection
34 1 billion years
36 Brunette's opposite
37 Speared
38 Stage *direction*
41 Turn the ignition key
44 Soccer legend
45 Mulligan, e.g.
48 Compete
50 Wallet item

Solution time: 23 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 4-8



Cryptoquip

K D P W J K Y J P A W D P M A I O K D F G F G I H Y O G R W F C D L I H C M J P P I L O J P R G H Y.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: ON HIS SMALL FEET, THE FISHERMAN'S BABY ALWAYS WORE BOATIES.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals R

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Applications can be obtained from our office, which is located at 64 A&B Queen Street, Frederiksted, St. Croix, across from the vegetable market. Available Wednesdays and Thursdays (9 to 3) or Friday (9 to 5). Licensed contractors should submit their applications on or before April 19, 2000.

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Dated: March 16, 2000

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Briefs

Lady Caribs thrash Lady Falcons 18-1

ST. CROIX — The Central High Lady Caribs slaughtered the Good Hope Lady Falcons 18-1 in varsity softball Thursday in Estate Whim.

Jahkesha Abraham was the winning pitcher with nine strikeouts; she went 3-for-3 with an RBI from the plate. Her teammate Sophia Maxwell chipped in by also going 3-for-3; she took home a pair of RBIs.

Top hitter for the Lady Falcons was Jenna Castro, who was 1-for-2 and had her team's only hit. Lady Falcon Lauren Larsen pitched for her team and made four strikeouts.

St. Thomas soccer leagues continue

ST. THOMAS — The Ivanna Eudora Kean High School Devil Rays shocked the Antillean Football Club Lightning Strikers with a 2-0 win on Thursday at the University of the Virgin Islands Field. Shantal Nelson scored both goals for IEKHS.

On Saturday, the Lightning Strikers will meet the UWS Upsetters Queens at 4 p.m. at the UVI field. This is the second time these two teams will meet this year. On Sunday, the St. John Wolfpack will come up against the Devil Rays at 4 p.m. at the UVI Field.

For younger players, the St. Thomas Youth Soccer Association is practicing for a tournament in Puerto Rico over the weekend of April 15. The Under-12 and Under-14 teams will travel there; teams from St. Croix and St. John are also expected to participate.

This weekend there will be a mini soccer tournament at the UVI Field to help players prepare for the Puerto Rico games. The Under-12 and Under-13 players will combine to play against junior varsity teams from Cancryn, Bertha Boschulte School and IEKHS. These games will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Call 776-2237 or 693-2213.

St. Thomas to host April tennis events

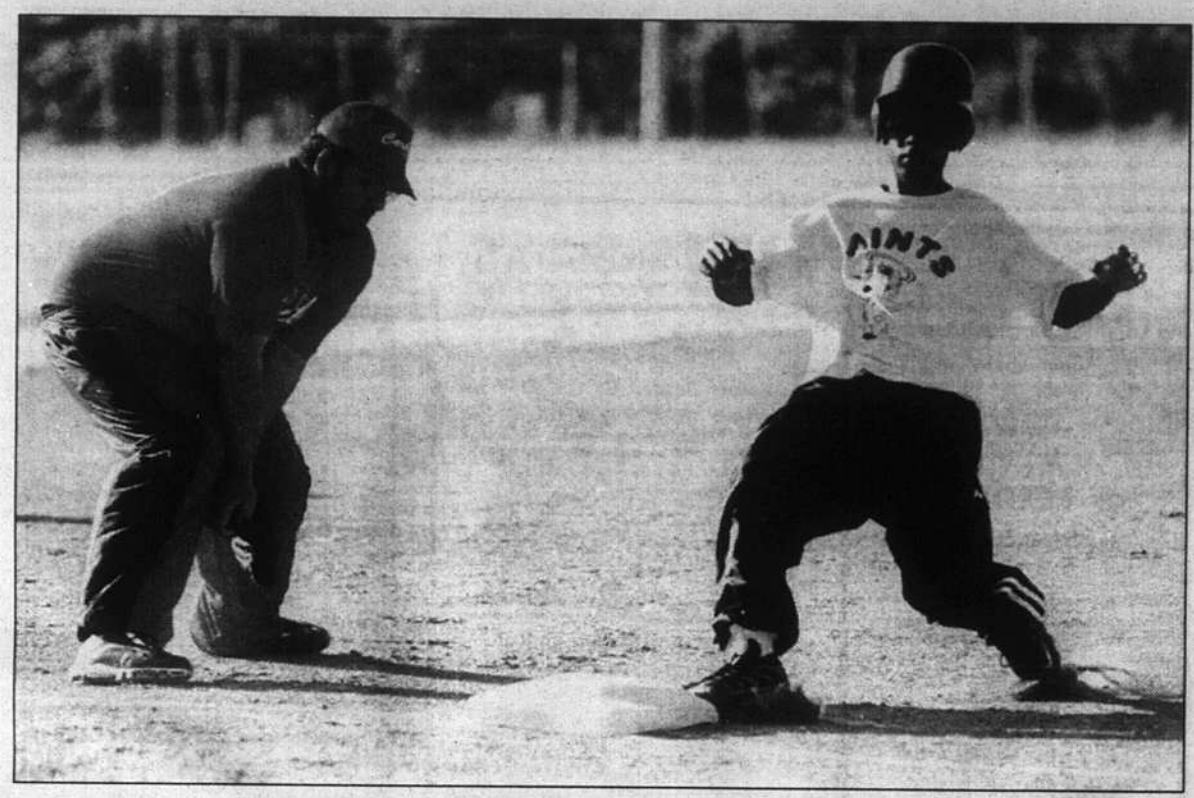
ST. THOMAS — The St. Thomas Racquet Club has scheduled a pair of events for the month of April.

For April 13-16, ladies' singles matches will be played at the Sub Base tennis courts.

For April 19-23, Dejongh Associates family doubles matches will be played at the same location.

Deadline to sign up for the ladies' singles is April 12 and for the family doubles, April 18.

Call 775-0833 or 775-5578.



Gary McCracken

St. Joseph's No. 4 Norlando Jackson skids into third base on a steal in the first inning against Central High School Friday as No. 21 Santiago Garcia takes the throw. Central had to forfeit the game because of a lack of players.

Caribs forfeit first varsity game of season, play anyway

JEREMY EKBERG

ST. CROIX — The first varsity game of the baseball season ended in a forfeit in favor of the St. Joseph Saints, when not enough Central High Caribs showed up at Canegata Ball Park Friday.

Both coaches agreed to have a "friendly" two-inning practice game in which Caribs coach Morgan Quigley had to borrow Saints players Arriell Guirty and Rolando Cruz to fill empty spots at first base and center field, respectively.

Although the Saints were allowed just two hits in the exhibition and the Caribs scored six runs to the Saints' two, St. Joseph coach Gus Henderson said he thought the game was good practice for his players, as this is the first year the school has had a varsity team.

"Most of the guys are new at the game so we'll see how it goes," Henderson said. "I think they did well considering they haven't played before."

Juan Santana had two of the three hits the Caribs totaled for the day. One was on an inside-the-park four-bagger that got him a pair of RBIs in the first inning. The play came just after Raymond Kean Jr. stole home on a wild pitch from St. Joseph's Kareem Hodge to end the top of the first, 3-0 Caribs.

Hodge came back in the bottom of the inning with a double for an RBI that got his team on the board, followed closely when Byron Charles was walked with bases loaded to end the second, 3-2 Caribs.

Santana got his second hit of the day when he smacked a pop fly to center field for another RBI and teammate Alphonso Garvey singled for another run.

Garvey also got two strikeouts as pitcher for the Caribs before walking two batters in the second and being relieved by Kean, who allowed just one hit. The hit was off the bat of Hodge, who singled for an RBI with bases loaded as Norlando Jackson was tagged out at third on the sacrifice play.

Varsity baseball continues today at Canegata.

UConn's El-Amin headed to NBA

STORRS, Conn.(AP) — Khalid El-Amin, who led Connecticut to its only men's national title, will skip his senior year to enter the NBA draft.

"I'm a 20-year-old man and I have to take care of my responsibilities," he said Friday. "The time is right for me to meet the next challenge and play basketball at its highest level."

He and his wife have a 1-year-old son. He also has a 3-year-old son from a previous relationship.

El-Amin, a stout 5-foot-10, is one of the nation's top point guards. He finished his college career averaging 15.3 points and 4.4 assists a game.

Coach Jim Calhoun has talked to more than 20 NBA teams and feels sure El-Amin will be taken in the first round.

"He has an incredibly competitive heart," Calhoun said. "I am supremely confident in his ability to play in the NBA."

El-Amin figured prominently in the three most successful years in UConn history. The Huskies were 91-17 with El-Amin at the point and became the first school to win back-to-back Big East regular-season and tournament championships in 1998 and '99.

The Huskies won the 1999 title, beating Duke 77-74 in St. Petersburg, Fla. Calhoun said El-Amin was the first player to embrace him after that win.

"He's an incredible kid who came here and led us to the greatest three years in the history of the school," Calhoun said.



Associated Press

UConn basketball player Khalid El-Amin announces his eligibility for the NBA draft as he decided to forgo his senior year at UConn and turn pro.

CALENDAR

ST. CROIX GIRLS ALL STAR SOFTBALL TEAM is having a big car wash at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 8, at KFC parking lot at Sunny Isle Shopping Center. Proceeds will help the team travel to the Miami Tournament on June 17.

ST. THOMAS 18+ TROPICAL WAVES BASEBALL TEAM will begin their weekly Saturday practices at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 8, at the UVI baseball field. After practice there will be a very important meeting. All members that are interested in traveling are urged to attend.

AFRICA UNITED SOCCER CLUB FOR THE YEAR 2000 is welcoming new applicants for membership. Contact Elridge Baltimore at 692-1741 or Yasu David at 778-5765.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, PARKS AND RECREATION, DIVISION OF SPORTS & RECREATION announces that the recreation center at Isaac Boynes Complex in Grove Place will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 8, for a Fun Day. The complex center is open 1 to 7 p.m. weekdays.

VIRGIN ISLANDS BASKETBALL FEDERATION will be holding a general meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, at the Election Office on St. Croix, and at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 14, at the Legislature conference room on St. Thomas. The agenda will provide an update on preparations for the 15th Caricom Basketball Championships to be held in Barbados and the Central American and Caribbean University Games in P.R. All organizations and individuals interested in improving the state of basketball in the VI are invited. Call 772-9524.

FOURTH ANNUAL RUBY RUTNIK MEMORIAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT ON ST. JOHN will be held Friday, April 14 through Sunday, April 16. There will be interscholastic girls' teams from all three islands and Men's Modified Slowpitch games between St. Thomas and St. John teams. The girls' varsity games start Friday at 3 p.m. in the Winston Wells Ballfield with simultaneous JV games in the National Park ballfield. Welcoming ceremonies will start at 6:30 p.m. followed by a round of 3 men's games. Call Gayle Deller at 774-0352 (eve.) for a more complete schedule.

VI delegates travel to Martial Arts Hall

ST. CROIX — The World Martial Arts Hall of Fame hosted a group of Virgin Islanders on March 25 at its annual banquet in Akron, Ohio.

Enrique Moore, 10th-degree black belt; Richard Bell, 10th-degree black belt; Stanford McNiel, 10th-degree black belt; Scott Sykes, 10th-degree black belt; Arthur Dennery, ninth-degree black belt; Frank Vargo, ninth-degree black belt and others were in attendance.

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Charlotte	42	32	.568	8
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Denver	30	45	.400	21 1/2
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Vancouver	21	53	.284	30

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x-Sacramnto	43	31	.581	20
x-Seattle	42	32	.568	21
Golden State	17	58	.227	46 1/2
L.A. Clippers	14	61	.187	49 1/2

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Thursday's Games
Miami 76, Charlotte 70
New York 101, Washington 92
Chicago 90, Milwaukee 88
Utah 105, Phoenix 85
Dallas 116, Denver 115, OT
Vancouver 89, Portland 87
Minnesota 112, L.A. Clippers 90

Friday's Games
Philadelphia at Boston, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Utah at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Vancouver at Portland, 3 p.m.
Atlanta at Washington, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Indiana at Charlotte, 12:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Orlando, 12:30 p.m.
Utah at Houston, 3 p.m.
New York at Miami, 5:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Sacramento, 5:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Denver at Golden State, 9 p.m.

NBA Leaders

Through April 6
Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
O'Neal, LAL	75	902	406	2210	29.5
Iverson, Phil.	63	665	406	1817	28.8
Hill, Det.	69	673	452	1830	26.5
Carter, Tor.	74	716	406	1919	25.9
Malone, Utah	74	692	532	1917	25.9
Webber, Sac.	69	696	280	1699	24.6
Stckhse, Det.	74	563	579	1777	24.0
Payton, Sea.	74	661	281	1770	23.9
Garnett, Minn.	75	716	279	1745	23.3
Duncan, S.A.	71	602	436	1641	23.1
Finley, Dall.	75	685	240	1691	22.5
Bryant, LAL	60	493	303	1331	22.2
Marbury, N.J.	74	569	436	1640	22.2
Mourning, Mia. 1572	71	593	386	22.1	
Allen, Mil.	75	588	324	1656	22.1
Robinson, Mil.	74	629	210	1544	20.9
Walker, Bos.	75	597	289	1553	20.7
Jones, Char.	64	430	328	1302	20.3
A-Rhim, Van.	74	529	410	1492	20.2
Houston, N.Y.	74	585	258	1486	20.1

FG Percentage

	FG	FGA	PCT
O'Neal, LAL	902	1571	.574
Mutombo, Atl.	289	519	.557
Mournng, Mia.	593	1087	.546
Pattersn, Sea.	329	613	.537
Wallace, Port.	497	958	.519
Willimsn, Sac.	290	565	.513
Robinsn, S.A.	477	935	.510
Potpnko, Bos.	292	573	.510
Malone, Utah	692	1358	.510
McDyss, Den.	571	1124	.508

Rebounds

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Mutombo, Atl.	74	282	772	1054	14.2
O'Neal, LAL	75	311	710	1021	13.6
Duncan, S.A.	71	252	626	878	12.4
Garnett, Minn.	75	208	679	887	11.8
Webber, Sac.	69	181	549	730	10.6
Brand, Chi.	74	318	415	733	9.9
A-Rhim, Van.	74	191	540	731	9.9
Mournng, Mia. 692	71	200	492	9.7	
Davis, Ind.	67	231	420	651	9.7
Williams, Det.	74	256	462	718	9.7

Assists

	G	AST	AVG
Kidd, Phoe.	67	678	10.1
Payton, Sea.	74	673	9.1
Cassell, Mil.	74	670	9.1
Van Exel, Den.	72	650	9.0
Brandn, Minn.	65	579	8.9
Stocktn, Utah	74	640	8.6
Marbury, N.J.	74	622	8.4
Jackson, Ind.	74	605	8.2
Bibby, Van.	74	592	8.0
Snow, Phil.	74	559	7.6

NBA Today

SCOREBOARD
Saturday, April 8
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers (8:30 p.m. EDT). Tim Duncan and the defending NBA champion Spurs take on NBA leading scorer Shaquille O'Neal and the Lakers, winners of 29 of 30.

STARS
Thursday
— Alonzo Mourning, Heat, had 26 points, 17 rebounds and six blocks as the Miami beat Charlotte 76-70.
— Patrick Ewing, Knicks, scored a season-high 30 points in New York's 101-92 victory over Washington.
— Dirk Nowitzki, Mavericks, tied his career high with 32 points as Dallas edged Denver 116-115 in overtime.
— Kevin Garnett, Timberwolves, had 28 points, seven assists and six rebounds as Minnesota routed the Los Angeles Clippers 112-90.

STIFLING
During its 76-70 victory Thursday night, Miami held Charlotte to just 30.9-percent shooting from the field. The Hornets' 70 points tied the team's season low.

SIDELINED
New Jersey point guard Stephon Marbury will miss the next week because of tendinitis in his left knee. An MRI of the knee on Thursday showed nothing more than patella tendinitis, and no surgery would be required, Nets orthopedist Michael Kelly said. Marbury, who leads the team with 22.2 points and 8.4 assists per game, missed his first game of the season Wednesday because of the knee problem.

STRIPE STARS
During their 101-92 victory over Washington on Thursday night, New York shot 34-for-39 on free throws. Over the past seven games, the Knicks are shooting 89 percent from the line.

SIGNED UP
Vancouver Grizzlies coach Lionel Hollins, still being paid an assistant's salary despite his additional duties, reached a tentative agreement Thursday on a cash settlement with the team's ownership group. Hollins threatened to step down if the salary situation wasn't resolved this week.

SEASON'S FIRST
Chicago's 90-88 victory over Milwaukee on Thursday night was the Bulls' first in four meetings with the Bucks this season.

SWEEPING THE BOARDS
Utah's Karl Malone had six rebounds during the Jazz' 105-85 victory over Phoenix on Thursday night and passed Charles Barkley (12,545) for 14th place on the NBA's career list. Malone's total is 12,548.

STREAKING
Dallas' 116-115 overtime victory against Denver on Thursday night was its 17th road win of the season, its most since winning 17 in 1994-95. The Mavericks have won 13 of their last 20 road games.

SNAPPED
The Grizzlies got their first franchise win against the Trail Blazers in their first game in the NBA. Since that game, Portland won 13 of 17 against Vancouver until Thursday night's 89-87 loss to the Grizzlies.

SUCCESSFUL
The Timberwolves, who began play in 1989-90, are going to the playoffs for the fourth consecutive season. The Clippers have made the playoffs just three times since 1978. Minnesota beat Los Angeles 112-90 Thursday night.

SPEAKING
"It feels good. I mean, for the past two years I've been hurt — oh, let me knock on wood. We still have eight more games to go, so hopefully I can go into the playoffs feeling good and have a great playoffs." — Knicks center Patrick Ewing, who had a season-high 30 points as New York defeated Washington 101-92 Thursday night.

Baseball

American League standings

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	2	1	.667	—
New York	2	1	.667	—
Tampa Bay	2	2	.500	1/2
Toronto	2	2	.500	1/2
Boston	1	2	.333	1

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	2	2	.500	—
Kansas City	2	2	.500	—
Minnesota	2	2	.500	—
Cleveland	1	2	.333	1/2
Detroit	1	2	.333	1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	2	1	.667	—
Seattle	2	1	.667	—
Texas	2	2	.500	1/2
Anaheim	1	2	.333	1

Thursday's Games
Kansas City 9, Toronto 3
Tampa Bay 7, Minnesota 6
Baltimore 6, Cleveland 2
Chicago White Sox 6, Texas 2
Seattle 5, Boston 2
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games
Minnesota at Kansas City, 2:05 p.m.
Detroit at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 7:15 p.m.
Toronto at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Seattle, 10:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
Boston at Anaheim, 10:05 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Detroit (Nomo 1-0) vs at Baltimore (Mussina 0-1), 1:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 0-1) vs at Kansas City (Suppan 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 1-0) vs. at Seattle (Meche 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 0-1) vs at Oakland (Mahay 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Burba 15-9) vs. at Tampa Bay (Trachsel 1-0), 4:15 p.m.
To onto (Wells 0-0) vs. at Texas (Rogers 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Rose 0-0) vs. at Anaheim (Hill 0-1), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Detroit at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.
Minnesota at Kansas City, 2:05 p.m.
Toronto at Texas, 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Boston at Anaheim, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Seattle, 4:35 p.m.
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.

National League standings

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	2	1	.667	—
Florida	2	2	.500	1/2
Montreal	2	2	.500	1/2
New York	2	3	.400	1
Philadelphia	0	3	.000	2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	3	0	1.000	—
Houston	2	1	.667	1
Milwaukee	2	1	.667	1
Cincinnati	1	2	.333	2
Pittsburgh	1	2	.333	2
Chicago	1	4	.200	3

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	3	0	1.000	—
San Diego	2	1	.667	1
Los Angeles	2	2	.500	1 1/2
San Francisco	2	2	.500	1 1/2
Colorado	1	2	.333	2

Thursday's Games
Florida 5, San Francisco 4
St. Louis 13, Chicago Cubs 3
Pittsburgh 10, Houston 1
Montreal 11, Los Angeles 3
Cincinnati 5, Milwaukee 1
San Diego 8, N.Y. Mets 5
Arizona 3, Philadelphia 2, 11 innings
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games
San Diego at Montreal, 7:05 p.m.
Colorado at Florida, 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Atlanta, 7:40 p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Arizona, 10:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Los Angeles (Brown 1-0) vs. at N.Y. Mets (Mahomes 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Tapani 0-1) vs. at Cincinnati (Bell 0-0), 1:15 p.m.
San Diego (Hitchcock 0-0) vs. at Montreal (Hermanson 0-1), 2:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Woodard 0-0) vs. at St. Louis (Kile 0-0), 2:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Brach 0-0) vs. at Houston (Gooden 0-0), 3:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 0-0) vs. at Arizona (B.Anderson 0-0), 4:35 p.m.
Colorado (Karl 0-0) vs. at Florida (Fernandez 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Hernandez 0-1) vs. at Atlanta (Maddux 1-0), 7:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Colorado at Florida, 1:05 p.m.
Los Angeles at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Atlanta, 1:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, 1:15 p.m.
San Diego at Montreal, 1:35 p.m.
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 2:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 3:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Arizona, 4:35 p.m.

Baseball Today

SCOREBOARD
Saturday, April 8
Toronto at Texas (8:05 p.m. EDT). Former Yankees teammates, and perfect- game pitchers, David Wells and Kenny Rogers go head-to-head in Arlington.

STARS
Thursday
— Brian Giles, Pirates, went a career-high 5-for-5 with two solo homers and a triple in Pittsburgh's 10-1 rout of Houston.
— J.D Drew, Cardinals, hit two homers, including a grand slam, in his first two at-bats as St. Louis defeated the Chicago Cubs, 13-3.
— Cliff Floyd, Marlins, hit a two-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning as Florida rallied to beat San Francisco 5-4.
— Orlando Cabrera, Expos, went 3-for-4 and drove in a career-high four runs in an 11-3 victory over the Dodgers.

SEEKING 3000
Cal Ripken went 1-for-3 in Baltimore's 6-2 win over Cleveland on Thursday night, moving within seven hits of 3,000.

SENIOR CIRCUIT SINGLE
Cincinnati's Ken Griffey Jr. got his first hit for his hometown team, a run-scoring single in the first inning of the Reds' 5-1 victory over the Brewers on Thursday night.

SO CLOSE
Pittsburgh's Francisco Cordova held Houston hitless for 7 1-3 innings Thursday night, before allowing two hits in the eighth inning of the Pirates' 10-1 victory. Cordova teamed with Ricardo Rincon for the only two-pitcher, extra-inning no-hitter in major league history in 1997 — against the Astros.

SEE YA AGAIN
Cleveland manager Charlie Manuel was ejected Thursday for the second straight game for arguing with the home plate umpire about the strike zone in the Indians' 6-2 loss to Baltimore.

SLUGGER'S START
St. Louis' Mark McGwire started for the first time Thursday after sitting out the first two games of the season with a lower back strain. McGwire walked three times and fouled out in the Cardinals' 13-3 win over the Chicago Cubs.

SLOPPY PLAY
Montreal third baseman Michael Barrett made his fourth error of the season in the Expos' 11-3 win over the Dodgers on Thursday night.

STARTING IT OUT RIGHT
Chicago's Ray Durham homered on the first pitch of the game Thursday night as the White Sox defeated the Rangers 6-2.

Sports on the air

Saturday, April 8

All Times EDT

AUTO RACING
2 p.m.
ESPN — NASCAR, Craftsman Truck Series, Napa 250, at Martinsville, Va.
4 p.m.
TNN — NASCAR, Busch Series, BellSouth Mobility 320, at Nashville, Tenn.
6:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — CART, pole qualifying for Bosch Spark Plug Grand Prix, at Nazareth, Pa. (same-day tape)
8 p.m.
ESPN2 — NASCAR, Winston Cup, "Happy Hour Series," final practice for Goody's Body Pain 500, at Martinsville, Va. (same-day tape)
9 p.m.
TNN — ASA, Discount Auto Parts 300, at Gainesville, Fla.

COLLEGE GOLF
Noon
ESPN — U.S. Collegiate, at Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

COLLEGE HOCKEY
7:30 p.m.
ESPN — NCAA tournament, division I, championship, Boston College vs. North Dakota, at Providence, R.I.

GOLF
3:30 p.m.
CBS — PGA, The Masters Tournament, third round, at Augusta, Ga.

HORSE RACING
5 p.m.
ESPN2 — Thoroughbreds, Flamingo Stakes, at Hialeah, Fla.
FOX — Thoroughbreds, Santa Anita Derby, at Arcadia, Calif.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
1:20 p.m.
WGN — Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati
1:30 p.m.
WPIX — Los Angeles at N.Y. Mets
7:05 p.m.
TBS — San Francisco at Atlanta

NBA BASKETBALL
8:30 p.m.
NBC — San Antonio at L.A. Lakers

NHL HOCKEY
2 p.m.
ESPN2 — Boston at Philadelphia

PREP BASKETBALL
Noon
ESPN2 — Phoenix WBCA High School All-American All-Star Game, at Hartford, Conn.

SOCCER
9 p.m.
ESPN2 — U.S. women's national team vs. Iceland, at Charlotte, N.C.

TENNIS
5 p.m.
ESPN — Davis Cup, quarterfinal round, doubles match, Czech Republic vs. U.S., at Los Angeles (same-day tape)

MajorLeague Baseball

Royals 10, Twins 6

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Listening to the roar of the fans, Jermaine Dye wondered if he was in Kansas City.

A noisy, high-energy crowd of more than 40,000 — Kauffman Stadium's biggest in 12 years — went wild Friday as the Royals rallied from a six-run deficit to beat Minnesota 10-6 in their home opener.

After Dye's wind-aided home run off Bob Wells made it 6-5, Mike Sweeney fouled off six two-strike pitches before hitting a solo shot that tied it 6-all.

In the eighth, Carlos Febles scored the go-ahead run when catcher Matt LeCroy failed to handle a throw from shortstop Cristian Guzman on Dye's slow roller. A moment later, Sweeney got a ball up in the powerful wind that carried 452 feet for a three-run shot off Travis Miller (0-1).

Cubs 10, Reds 6

CINCINNATI (AP) — Sammy Sosa visited Junior's new home and showed him how it's done.

Sosa hit a two-run homer deep to center field in his first at-bat and added a sacrifice fly to the warning track as the Chicago Cubs beat the Cincinnati Reds 10-6 on Friday night.

Sosa outshined Ken Griffey Jr. in their first head-to-head meeting in the regular season since 1991. While Sosa broke out of an 0-for-16 slump with his first homer of the season, Junior struck out, grounded out twice, popped out and hit a sacrifice fly with the bases loaded in the ninth.

Rick Aguilera got the final out for his second save.

In five games for his hometown team, Griffey has gone 1-for-18, hitting only two balls out of the infield. He heard a couple of boos — a first in Cincinnati — after he grounded out in his fourth at-bat.

Sosa wasn't the only Cub to break out as Chicago emerged from a four-game losing streak. The Cubs scored a season-high in runs and Andrew Lorraine (1-0) beat the Reds for the first time in three career starts.

The Cubs hadn't won since beating the Mets 5-3 in their opener in Tokyo. Their offense was horrid during a three-game sweep in St. Louis, getting outscored 30-8, outhit 33-18 and outhomered 9-1.

It broke out against Pete Harnisch (0-1), who was pitching on three days' rest for the first time since June 1996.

Harnisch came back a day early after throwing 81 pitches in Monday's opener, a 3-3 tie in the rain.

In your face!

Mets overcome hitting problems to beat Dodgers 2-1 in Big Apple

NEW YORK (AP) — Rick Reed overcame the Mets' early season offensive funk Friday night, allowing four hits one run in 7 2-3 innings to give New York a 2-1 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Reed (1-0) threw strikes early in the count and held the Dodgers to four hits and one walk in an efficient 111-pitch outing. The only run he allowed came on Gary Sheffield's solo homer in the fourth inning.

The Mets, who entered the game hitting .193 with 15 runs in five games, gave Reed all the support he needed in the first inning against Darren Dreifort (0-1). Jon Nunnally, filling in for the struggling Rickey Henderson, drew a leadoff walk, and one out later Edgardo Alfonzo also walked.

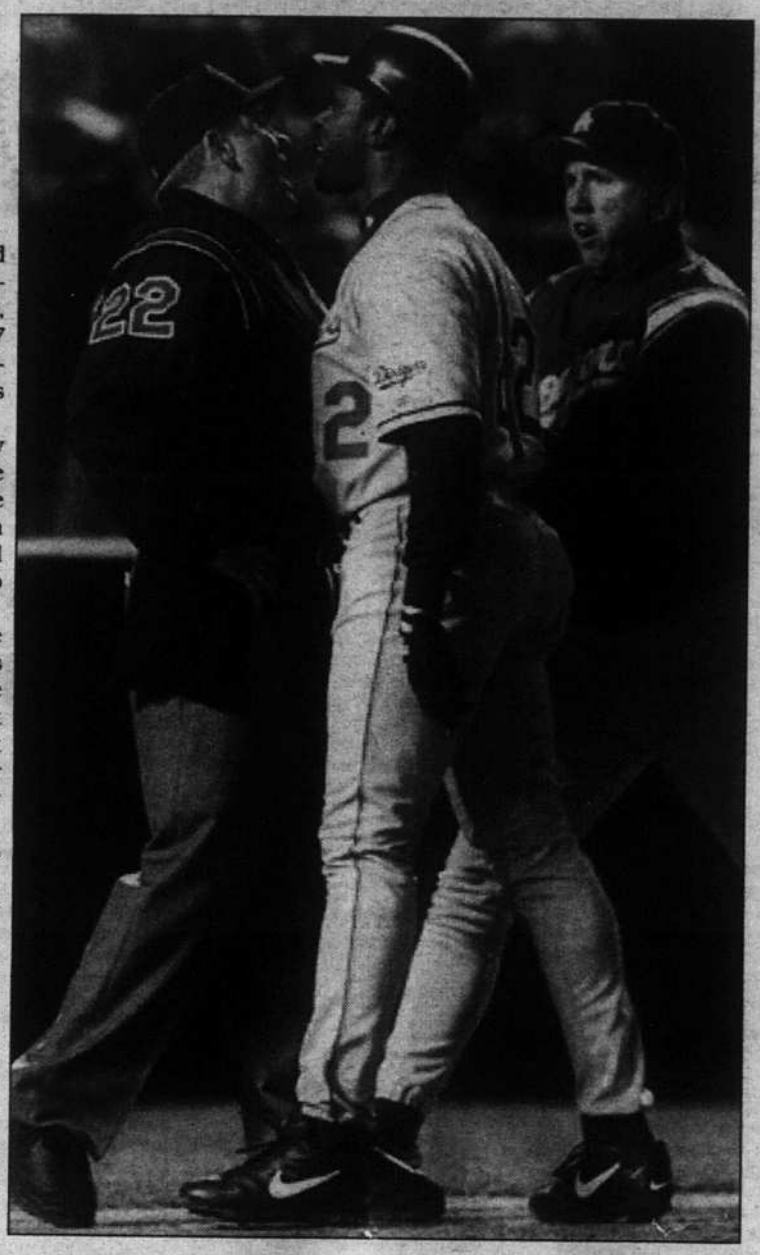
Mike Piazza, who entered the game 3-for-19 with two RBIs, then hit a towering fly to right field that Shawn Green could not track down and fell for an RBI double. Robin Ventura drove in his first run of the season on a groundout to second base.

The Mets couldn't capitalize on Dreifort's wildness. He walked eight and hit a batter in five innings but didn't allow a run after the first. The Mets stranded eight runners and had only one hit in seven at-bats with runners in scoring position, falling to 5-for-46 in the clutch through six games.

Jay Payton, filling in for the injured Darryl Hamilton, flied to center with runners on first and third to end the first and grounded out with the bases loaded to end the third.

The heart of the Mets lineup — Alfonzo, Piazza and Ventura — still haven't gotten started this season. The three are hitting .145 (9-for-62) with six RBIs this season after hitting .303 with 332 RBIs in 1999.

Armando Benitez got four outs for his second save.



Associated Press

Los Angeles Dodgers Devon White (22) argues a called third strike with home plate umpire Mike Everett in the fourth inning against the New York Mets Friday in New York. White was ejected. Manager Davey Johnson approaches on the right.

Notes: The Dodgers brought up OF Geronimo Berroa from Triple-A Albuquerque and sent LHP Carlos Perez to the minors. Perez, who lost Thursday in Montreal, will make two starts in the minors and is scheduled to brought up to pitch April 21 in Cincinnati. ... Dodgers OF Devon White was ejected in the fourth inning after arguing a called third strike with umpire Mike Everett. ... Hamilton was placed on the 15-day DL with a sprained left foot. The Mets recalled reliever Eric Cammack from Triple-A Norfolk, who will likely be sent back down Sunday to make room for fifth starter Glendon Rusch. ... Sheffield has extra-base hits in all five games. ... Pat Mahomes will start for the Mets on Saturday, his first start since June 8, 1996 for Minnesota against Oakland. His last win as a starter came on Aug. 6, 1994, for Minnesota against the Yankees.

Cuban pitcher says he's signed with Yankees

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Cuban defector Adrian Hernandez said Friday he had agreed to a four-year contract with the New York Yankees.

The 25-year-old right-hander, nicknamed "El Duquecito" because his pitching motion is similar to that of Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez, throws 93 mph. Adrian Hernandez, who isn't related to "El Duque," said he will leave for New York on Saturday.

"I feel extremely emotional right now. I said I would play for any team that wanted to sign me and the best team in baseball came here with a contract," said Hernandez, who has been in Guatemala training since early February. "New York is now the city for me."

Yankees representatives in Guatemala refused comment. Yankees spokesman Rick Cerrone, with the team in Seattle, said he knew nothing about any signing.

Adrian Hernandez defected from Cuba on Jan. 2, sneaking aboard a flight to Costa Rica.

MajorLeague Baseball

Marlins 4, Rockies 3

MIAMI (AP) — Brad Penny, backed by Kevin Millar's tiebreaking three-run triple, won in his major league debut as the Florida Marlins beat the Colorado Rockies 4-3 Friday night.

Masato Yoshii (0-1), acquired from the New York Mets during the offseason, made his Colorado debut and led 1-0 until the sixth when Luis Castillo and Alex Gonzalez walked, and Preston Wilson hit a game-tying, opposite-field double.

Stan Belinda relieved and walked Mike Lowell, loading the bases. Millar then drove the ball into the right-center field gap.

Mike Lansing homered twice for Colorado, including a two-run shot off Dan Miceli in the eighth that pulled the Rockies within a run.

Antonio Alfonseca pitched a hitless ninth for his second save in three chances.

Giants 6, Braves 2

ATLANTA (AP) — Barry Bonds hit a two-run homer, one of three home runs off Terry Mulholland, and the San Francisco Giants beat the Atlanta Braves 6-2 Friday night.

Bonds, who also hit a home run in a 5-4 loss at Florida on Thursday, connected off Mulholland (0-1) in the first inning after a one-out single by Bill Mueller. Bonds has seven homers in 49 career at-bats against the left-hander.

San Francisco's Bobby Estalella hit a solo homer in the second, and Jeff Kent hit another bases-empty shot in the fourth.

The Giants added a run in the fourth on a bases-loaded passed ball by Javy Lopez with two outs. Russ Davis had singled and moved to third on singles by Rich Aurilia and Mark Gardner (1-0).

Padres 10, Expos 5

MONTREAL (AP) — Phil Nevin hit a three-run homer and Ryan Klesko added a two-run drive Friday night to lead the San Diego Padres to their third straight win, 10-5 over the Montreal Expos.

Brian Meadows (1-0), making his first start for the Padres, led 9-0 before he was chased in a four-run sixth.

Montreal third baseman Michael Barrett had two errors, giving him six this season. The Expos had five in all and have 12 in five games this season. Last year, Montreal led the major leagues with 160 errors.

Damian Jackson got a career-high four hits for the Padres, an RBI double in the third and three straight singles, after striking out in the first.

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3. Operations, Maintenance and Repairs

Section 5 — VIEW will be responsible for all operation, maintenance, service and repair for the T&D assets in accordance with Good Utility Practices.

4. Alterations and Modifications

Section 5 — WAPA will have the responsibility to make all alterations and modifications to the T&D assets, subject to funding by the Contribution Account or otherwise by VIEW. VIEW will perform such alterations and modifications.

Such alterations and modifications shall become additions to the T&D assets, and therefore owned by WAPA.

VIEW may also make additions to the T&D assets which additions will become additions to the T&D assets unless VIEW provides prior written notice to the contrary (and such additions are not essential to the proper functioning of the T&D assets).

5. Risk of Loss

Section 7 — The risk of loss and damage to the T&D assets remains with WAPA except to the extent caused by VIEW or otherwise resulting from normal day-to-day operations, provided that any loss shall not relieve either party of their obligations under the Lease Agreement.

6. Required Repairs

Section 7 — When the T&D assets require repair, WAPA has first responsibility to make such repairs subject to receipt of funding from VIEW, but VIEW will have the right to make the repairs itself.

7. Costs of Repairs, Replacement and Environmental Liabilities

Section 7.3 — VIEW will have primary responsibility under the Lease Agreement to effect any repair or replacement of the T&D assets.

The costs of such repairs, replacements or payments of environmental liabilities shall be made: first, from any available insurance proceeds; second, from any monies held in the self-insurance account; third, from any PSC-approved surcharge; and fourth, from a loan from VIEW to WAPA.

In the event VIEW is required to make a loan to WAPA for the costs of repairs, the annual rent payment to WAPA from VIEW shall be increased to cover all interest and principal payments under the loan.

Thus, none of the operating or repair costs associated with the T&D assets will ultimately be payable by WAPA.

8. Pole Rentals

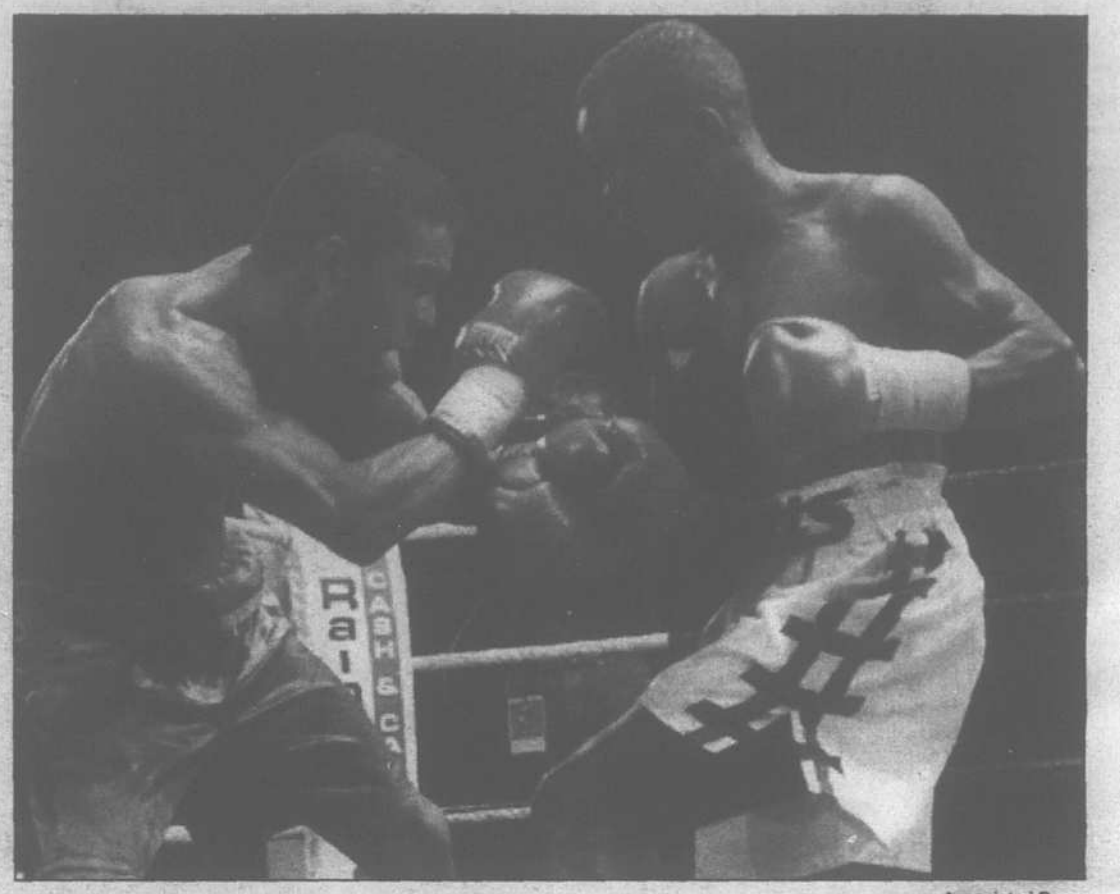
Section 15 — WAPA will continue to have the right to use the T&D assets for other purposes and earn all revenues therefrom, including renting such poles to the cable and telephone companies and collecting the rents, subject to non-interference with VIEW's use of the assets.

9. Default

Section 18 — In the case of specified events of default and upon the termination of the Franchise Agreement, the Lease Agreement will terminate.

10. Insurance

Section 8 — WAPA shall obtain damage insurance to the extent that it is commercially reasonably available. If there is no commercially reasonable insurance, then insurance will not be required. VIEW shall pay for any commercially reasonable insurance.



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Still the champ

South Africa's Lehlohonolo Ledwaba, right, battles Colombian Ernesto Grey during their IBF World Super Bantamweight Championship fight in Bristol, England,100 miles west of London, Friday. Ledwaba retained his title after knocking out Grey.

Heat punishes Nets 103-85

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Tim Hardaway scored 13 of his 15 points in the first quarter and extended Miami's NBA-record streak of hitting a 3-point field goal to 500 games in leading the Heat to a 103-85 win over the New Jersey Nets on Friday night.

Jamal Mashburn added 21 points and Alonzo Mourning had 15 points and 11 rebounds as Miami won a season-high sixth straight and eliminated the undermanned and overmatched Nets from playoff contention for the fifth time in six years.

Playing without guards Stephon Marbury and Kerry Kittles, New Jersey was no match for Miami in losing its fifth straight game. Kendall Gill and Elliott Perry had 18 points apiece for New Jersey.

The Nets stayed close for the opening 8 1/2 minutes before Hardaway and Mashburn keyed a 13-0 run to end the first quarter that allowed the Heat to coast into Sunday's crucial Atlantic Division showdown with the New York Knicks.

Mashburn started the spurt with a 3-pointer from the left wing and Hardaway, who had extended the long-range streak in the opening minute of the game, followed with two straight 3-pointers from the top of the key and the rout was on.

P.J. Brown added a layup and Mashburn closed out the quarter with a 15-foot jumper to give Miami a 33-19 lead. The Heat hit 13 of 18 from the field in the quarter (72.2 percent), including all five of their 3-pointers.



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New Jersey Nets forward Keith Van Horn, left, dunks the ball over Miami Heat center Alonzo Mourning during the first quarter Friday.

Celtics keep losing, this time to 76ers, 102-97

BOSTON (AP) — Matt Geiger came off the bench to score 20 points Friday night as the Philadelphia 76ers beat Boston 102-97 Friday night, extending the Celtics' losing streak to 10 games.

The streak is the team's longest in three seasons under coach Rick Pitino and three shy of the team record.

The 76ers, getting 16 points from Allen Iverson, broke a three-game road losing streak and stayed in fourth place in the Eastern Conference playoff race.

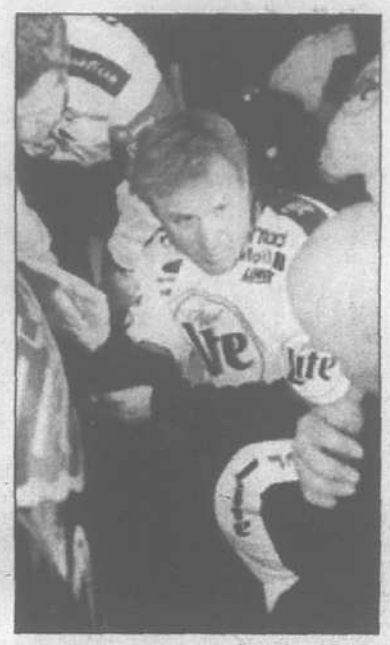
Kenny Anderson led Boston with 28 points while Paul Pierce scored 18 and Antoine Walker 16.

Philadelphia went on an 8-0 run in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter to take its first lead since midway through the first quarter.

Iverson made the first of two free throws with 2:38 remaining to give the 76ers a 100-91 lead — their largest of the game.

The 76ers held the Celtics to four points in the last four minutes of the third quarter as they went on a 9-4 run to cut their deficit to 80-78. Geiger scored the final four points on a dunk and a jump shot.

The Celtics opened a 34-23 lead after one quarter behind 10 points from Anderson, but Geiger came off the bench to score 10 points for the 76ers to cut the Celtics' lead to 60-55 at halftime.



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Rusty Wallace, center, of St. Louis, talks in the garage area at Daytona International Speedway, in Daytona, Fla., in this Feb. 11, photo. Two weeks after finaly reaching the half-century mark in Winston Cup victories, Wallace tries for No. 51 on Sunday in the Goody's 500 at Martinsville Speedway.

Wallace to race in 500th Winston Cup this weekend

MARTINSVILLE, Va. (AP) — Rusty Wallace is off to quite a start on the weekend marking his 500th career Winston Cup race.

Just two weeks after reaching a milestone with his 50th career victory, Wallace assured that his 500th start would be especially memorable by winning the pole for Sunday's Goody's 500 at Martinsville Speedway. Wallace posted a lap of 94.827 mph in a Ford.

Wallace's lap was just 11 hundredths of a second faster than younger brother Kenny and completed a dominant day for the family. Earlier, middle brother Mike won the pole for Saturday's NAPA 250 Craftsman Truck Series race.

"Geez, what a great deal," Rusty Wallace said after clinching his 28th career pole in NASCAR's premier series. "Kenny's on the outside of the front row, and Mike won the pole for the truck race. ... It's an all-Wallace week."

Rusty Wallace joined Dale Jarrett as the only drivers to win more than one pole through the first eight qualifying sessions of the season, and said two days of testing at the .526-mile oval a few weeks ago helped him in his run.

It also helped when Wallace could do no better than 15th in practice.

"When we weren't real strong off the bat, I think it made me really dig down deep and struggle to find some more, and we were able to find some more," he said.

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Derby choice loosens up at Aqueduct

NEW YORK CITY (AP) — Fusaichi Pegasus, the current favorite for the Kentucky Derby, galloped a mile at Aqueduct on Friday morning about 36 hours after arriving from the West Coast.

"He went well," exercise rider Nuno Santos said. "He really likes the track."

Fusaichi Pegasus, a $4 million yearling purchase by Fusao Sekiguchi, shipped to New York from Hollywood Park to prepare for next Saturday's $750,000 Wood Memorial, in which he is expected to be favored over Red Bullet.

Neil Drysdale decided to send Fusaichi Pegasus east because he also trains War Chant, the favorite for Saturday's $1 million Santa Anita Derby.

"No point in running two horses in the same race," Drysdale said from Santa Anita Park. "It's a matter of timing, too."

Fusaichi Pegasus won the San Felipe Stakes on March 19, and Drysdale figured the Wood was the perfect final Derby prep for the son of the late Mr. Prospector, who died last year at 29.

War Chant, the second choice for the Kentucky Derby on May 6, won the San Rafael Stakes on March 4.

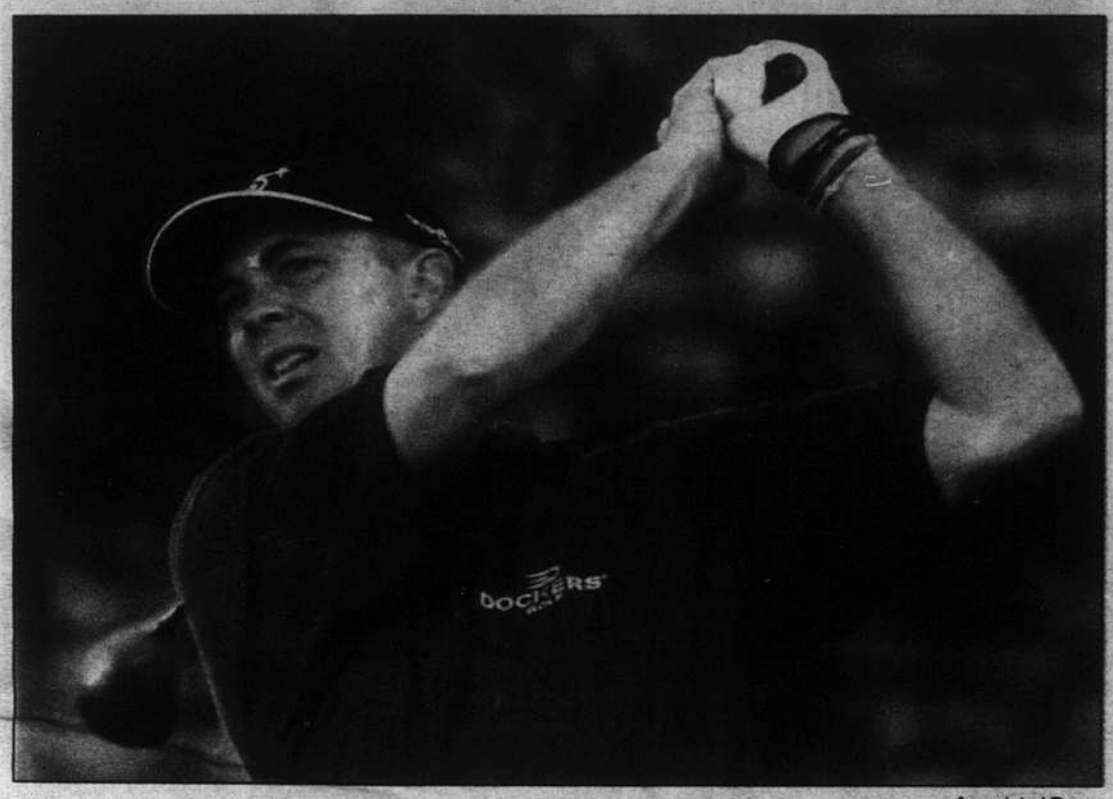
On Monday, Fusaichi Pegasus worked six furlongs in 1:14 3-5 at Hollywood Park, and arrived late Wednesday at Newark Airport. He was vanned to Aqueduct, where he will be stabled at trainer Rick Violette's barn.

Enrique Larios, Drysdale's foreman, will handle the horse until Drysdale arrives in New York next week. Fusaichi Pegasus, ridden by Kent Desormeaux, will have a final workout before the Wood early next week.

The colt may be the Derby favorite based on three victories in four career starts, but he is the temperamental type and tends to get nervous around large fields and big crowds. That may not be a problem in the Wood, but it could be with 20-horse field and a crowd of 100,000-plus on Derby day.

This year, New York Racing Association officials will pay a bonus of $250,000 to the owner and trainer of any horse who wins the Wood and the Kentucky Derby.

In other Wood news, Gotham Stakes winner Red Bullet breezed six furlongs in 1:11 1-5 on the Belmont training track Friday morning under exercise rider Keith Ricks.



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Tom Lehman, from Scottsdale, Ariz., watches his tee shot on the second hole during second round play of the 2000 Masters at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., Friday. Lehman trailed by just three shots with two rounds to go.

The old Bear roars

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — While Jack Nicklaus tantalized his fans by moving into contention, David Duval made an eagle and four birdies on the back nine Friday to take the lead in the second round of the Masters.

Nicklaus drew the roars from the crowd that thrilled to see him on the leaderboard, but it was Duval who had the best early round of the day, a 7-under 65 that put him in the lead alone at 6-under 138.

It was the best round ever in a major for Duval, who hasn't won in more than a year but has geared his season around the four majors in the hopes of winning his first.

"I've devoted a lot of time the last six months to this week," Duval said. "I feel like everything is coming together."

Duval, who was in the lead on the back nine two years ago and in contention last year, made a 10-footer for birdie on the 18th hole to cap a back nine of 30 on an Augusta National course playing more benign in light breezes.

Duval, looking for his first win in a major, started the day 1 over and was even par when he birdied the par-3 12th. He followed it with another birdie two holes later, then eagled the par-5 15th. Duval added a birdie at No. 17, and finished



Nicklaus

with a flourish with the birdie 3 on 18.

Sergio Garcia, 40 years the junior of Nicklaus, was two shots behind Duval through nine holes, while Vijay Singh was another stroke back.

Tiger Woods, who had an opening 75, had a late tee time and was 1 under for the day through 10 holes, but 2 over for the tournament.

Nicklaus shot a 33 on the front nine and at one point was only two shots off the lead. But the 60-year-old bogeyed the 18th hole to finish with a 70 that left him at even par.

Playing in a nostalgic grouping with Arnold Palmer and Gary Player, the six-time Masters champion showed he can still play the course where he last won in 1986 at 46.

"I believe in myself when I play here," Nicklaus said.

Nicklaus birdied the fourth hole, and added birdies on Nos. 7 and 9 to get under par. The birdie on nine came on a long curling downhiller that had Nicklaus gesturing to the crowd after it dropped.

"It gives us all hope," said Bernhard Langer, who was in at 2-under 142. "It's wonderful."

Garcia, who was 6 years old when Nicklaus last won in Augusta, had a later tee time and started quickly, with back-to-back birdies.

Tom Lehman, meanwhile, made a double bogey on the par-5 15th, his only mistake of the day, to shoot a 72 that left him at 3-under 141. It was reminiscent of Lehman's first round, where he was 5 under through 17 before making a double bogey on the last hole.

"Everybody is going to have a bad hole here and there," Lehman said. "I take those double bogeys with a grain of salt."

A mild day with little wind brought scores down, as did greens that didn't seem as slick as the first day.

"They put more water on the greens today," said Bob Estes, who was at 143. "They were just a little softer, but don't get me wrong, they were still very fast."

Novak stuns Sampras in Davis Cup

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — For the first time in years, Pete Sampras didn't know what to do on a tennis court.

The Czech Republic dealt the United States a severe jolt in Davis Cup on Friday when Jiri Novak swept Sampras 7-6 (1), 6-3, 6-2.

"This is a big surprise for us and especially for the U.S. team because they thought after Saturday the match would be over," Novak said.

Andre Agassi, the world's No. 1 player, leveled the best-of-5 World Group quarterfinal at 1-1 when he defeated Slava Dosedel 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 in the second singles.

Saturday's doubles pits Jared Palmer and Alex O'Brien against Novak and David Rikl, although Czech captain Jan Kukal has up to an hour before play begins to change his lineup.

Sunday's reverse singles will send Agassi against Novak and Sampras against Dosedel, although either team can substitute before the start of play.

This was supposed to be an easy Davis Cup round for the United States. The Americans had Sampras in the lineup after a hip injury forced him out of the opening round in Zimbabwe.

Sampras and Agassi appeared to give U.S. captain John McEnroe an unbeatable combination. Now, McEnroe has a far more tougher task on his hands.

"I just got outplayed," said Sampras, the world's third-ranked player. "I haven't said that too often throughout my career, but today I ran into someone that was pretty much in the zone."

His famous serve couldn't bail him out, and his volleys found the net in the worst loss of Sampras' seven-year Davis Cup career.

He hadn't been in similar trouble since Henri Leconte of France beat Sampras 6-4, 7-5, 6-4 when the U.S. lost the 1991 Cup final.

"It's been a while since I felt I was getting outplayed like that," said a subdued and shocked Sampras. "Right now I'm trying to figure out why and what happened."

Sampras had plenty of chances, but he failed to convert 11 break points on Novak's serve in the 1-hour, 28-minute match. The partisan crowd had little opportunity to wave their American flags and at times sat in stunned silence.

"I felt under the gun a little bit throughout the whole match," he said.