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Montserrat's nightmare

Fear, fascination dominate 5 years of eruptions

SALEM, Montserrat (AP) — From almost any vantage point on the island, the people of Montserrat can see the mark of the monster come to life in their backyard.

Smoke curls ominously from the tip of the Soufriere Hills. Red-hot boulders tumble down the scorched slopes at night. They are dramatic reminders that Montserratians live in the shadow of a volcano that has been erupting for more than five years.

"No, I won't look at it! It could go off any time — and it's hurt too many of my friends."
Carol Brade, of Montserrat

"Sometimes, in my sleep, I see it all happening again," says Thomas Lee, a tour operator whose home was obliterated in 1997 as he watched from the safety of a nearby mountain top.

He has climbed with a visitor to the top of Garibaldi Hill, with the former capital of Plymouth buried in ash spread before him and the simmering volcano across the valley.

"I see myself walking in Plymouth, talking to people I know, smiling, having good time. Then I'm up on a mountain, watching the cars and houses and animals — everything —

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Associated Press

Emmanuel Ryan, 2, looks to the darkened skies of Olveston, Montserrat, from his mother's arms in this April 8, 1996, photo. The volcano began to erupt on July 18, 1995, and has since claimed 19 lives and chased away more than half the population, leaving only 4,000 people on the Caribbean island.

Senator urges Turnbull to veto IDC bill

Donastorg says legislation would erode tax base

WILL JONES

USVI — Sen. Adlah Donastorg is urging Gov. Charles Turnbull to veto a bill that would make sweeping changes in the Industrial Development Commission's tax-benefit program and create a new governing board.

The bill, which also consolidates the IDC, the Government Development Bank, the Industrial Park Development Corp., the Bureau of Economic Research and the Small Business Development Agency, was approved by the lame-duck 23rd Legislature.

It gives up to 100-percent tax exemptions for several categories of businesses for up to 20 years, with two renewal periods up to 10 years.

In a Jan. 5 letter to the governor, Donastorg said the bill will essentially "destroy an already eroded tax base."

He said it was passed under the guise of IDC reform, but that it actually expands the program.

"It is clear to me and the vast majority of Virgin Islanders that this is exactly the opposite tack we should be taking," Donastorg said. "In this time of fiscal crisis, the IDC must work to limit, rather than increase, the benefits available to big business."

He also noted that the bill will be "expanded to better serve existing industries that have long abused the system."

Donastorg said the bill is a rehashed of one proposed by former Sen. Holland Redfield II, who now is vice president of corporate affairs for Innovative Communication Corporation, the owner of

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Judge to rule if man can be tried in murder case

High-profile shooting death caught between two courts

DAN KUEMMEL

ST. THOMAS — Documents and legal arguments have been filed in a murder case that will affect future court actions in which charges are dropped against defendants in Territorial Court and then refiled in District Court.

U.S. attorneys and legal counsel for Deshaune Harrigan have filed arguments in District Court over whether murder charges can proceed against the 24-year-old charged with the shooting death of Jason Carroll on Main Street the afternoon of May 23, 2000.

Harrigan, 24, faces charges in District Court of first-degree murder, possession of an unlicensed firearm, possession of a firearm within 1,000 feet of a school and possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime. The charges stem from the death of Jason Carroll, 18, a UVI student and son of Assistant U.S. Attorney James Carroll, after a struggle over a gun in Drake's Passage.

Immediately after the shooting, Carroll collapsed and died on a crowded Main Street busy with tourists and locals. Harrigan was seen fleeing the scene covered in blood, and a gun was found in a bus along Veteran's Drive. Harrigan was detained within hours of the shooting, released, and arrested within days of Carroll's death. He was first charged with murder in Territorial Court. The case was soon transferred to District Court after he was indicted by a federal grand jury.

In November, prosecutors moved to dismiss the charges against Harrigan with prejudice — meaning Harrigan could never be tried again for Carroll's murder in Territorial Court — so the charges could be moved to District Court. The request was granted reluctantly and with a stern lecture by Territorial Court Judge Edgar Ross.

While dismissing the charges in Territorial Court, Ross told VI Assistant Attorney Guy Mitchell that, when local cases are transferred to District Court, it gives the public the perception that the Territorial Court system is not capable of handling local matters.

The judge said he had grown weary of the practice, but added it was within the rights of the VI attorney to determine whether or not to prosecute a case in Territorial Court.

In a Nov. 9, 2000, ruling, District Court Judge Thomas Moore said the conduct of prosecutors in the case raised "significant questions" about the authority of the District Court to try a case that should be handled locally.

Moore asked both sides to file arguments answering specific questions as to whether the territorial attorney's office violated Harrigan's rights by filing murder and firearms charges against him in both Territorial and District Court, and whether prosecutors acted with misconduct by convening a federal grand jury to indict Harrigan while at the same time moving forward with the same charges against him in Territorial Court.

Since charges can never be filed against Harrigan in Territorial Court and charges can not go forward if Moore rules that prosecutors have acted improperly, Harrigan may be released.

In documents filed on Dec. 18, 2000, Michael Joseph, attorney for Harrigan, said charges against his client should not be allowed to go forward because the VI attorney's office dismissed murder charges with prejudice in Territorial Court.

"Because the (Territorial Court) charges were dismissed without prejudice, there is a complete bar to re-litigation. And because the double jeopardy applies ... the defendant cannot be further prosecuted for any alleged crimes arising from the same transaction for which a final judgment (dismissal with prejudice) was entered," Joseph said.

However, U.S. attorneys said Harrigan can still be charged with the same crimes in District Court because the constitutional protection against double jeopardy, a common term for being tried for the same crime twice, does not apply since the case never went to trial in Territorial Court.

"The defendant was never tried on any of the charges set out in the Territorial Court complaint and repeated in the indictment pending in (District Court)," U.S. attorneys said in a December response to Moore's ruling.

U.S. Attorney John de Pue said the reason the charges were moved is because prosecutors were considering charging Kershnoi Hewlitt, who also struggled with Carroll moments before his death. However, prosecutors were barred from bringing in new evidence into the case because Harrigan's trial had already been set for Dec. 18, 2000.

"The employment of the federal grand jury was the only mechanism available to effectively develop evidence concerning the possible involvement of Hewlitt in Carroll's murder," De Pue said. "The territorial prosecutor could not have continued the murder investigation through the instrumentality of a territorial grand jury."

No charges have been filed against Hewlitt.

U.S. Attorneys also defended accusations of "forum shopping," a term used when prosecutors file charges with both Territorial and District Courts to determine which court system would provide a better chance for success in obtaining a conviction or stiffer sentence. The move to drop charges with prejudice in Territorial Court was a move to prevent such an assumption, De Pue said.

"The use of the words 'to dismiss with prejudice' was done for the purpose of avoiding any appearance of forum shopping and to assure the defendant that the case would go forward in District Court," he said.

However, Joseph said the reason why charges were dismissed against Harrigan in Territorial Court and brought against him in District Court was to increase the chances of convicting Harrigan.

Joseph also alleges that crack cocaine and drug paraphernalia was found on Carroll by police investigators at the scene. In legal documents filed in December, he said that the FBI confirmed that drug paraphernalia was found on Carroll, but that the evidence has never been turned over or made available to the defense.

He said the VI government at times "harassed" a key witness in the case because they were dissatisfied with his account of Carroll's behavior before the shooting. However, a motion detailing accusations of missing evidence and witness harassment was withdrawn in what Joseph described in court documents as a "gentlemen's agreement" reached with prosecutors.

The death of Carroll sparked media attention and focused community awareness on violent crime, particularly involving young people. Gov. Charles Turnbull and Carroll's family led hundreds in a candlelight vigil down Bunker Hill and to Emancipation Gardens after Carroll's funeral.

NLRB close to ruling on ICC-union dispute

WILL JONES

ST. CROIX — The National Labor Relations Board's regional office has wrapped up its investigation of the labor dispute between Innovative Communication Corporation and Our Virgin Islands Labor Union.

NLRB attorney Angel Valencia-Aponte said Tuesday that his San Juan office and the NLRB's Contempt and Litigation Division in Washington, D.C., are analyzing the reports of the investigation and will soon make recommendations to the board on what action it should take.

Valencia-Aponte said the recommendations could include seeking a contempt of court citation against ICC, filing a complaint alleging violations of labor laws or finding that there were no violations.

He said that if a contempt of court is recommended, it would be for ICC allegedly violating District Judge Thomas Moore's preliminary injunction issued in October 2000 which bars ICC and its subsidiaries from recognizing the United Steelworkers of America as bargaining agent for the 24 St. Croix Cable TV employees who were represented by OVILU. ICC is solely owned by St. Croix businessman Jeffrey Prosser.

While stressing that the NLRB staff is still analyzing the investigative reports, Valencia-Aponte said it appears that ICC-owned Vitelco violated labor laws in forcing Cable TV employees to sign USWA's check-off forms so that union dues are automatically deducted from employees' paychecks.

"It is against the law to force employees to sign union check-off forms," Valencia-Aponte said. "We could issue a complaint on that as a separate issue even if we find that the employer is right on other issues."

Valencia-Aponte said the NLRB normally has five members who are appointed by the president of the United States, but the current board has only three members.

The NLRB's Puerto Rico-based staff began investigating ICC and Vitelco in November after ICC moved most of its companies into its new Innovative Communication Center in Estate Diamond near the Juan Luis Hospital and locked out Cable employees unless they joined the USWA.

ICC officials said employees who refused to join USWA and report to work were not fired, but would not be paid for the time they were off the job.

After staging a protest which lasted about two weeks, the employees reluctantly agreed to join the USWA, which included signing union dues check-off cards, according to Terrence Nelson, president of OVILU.

Nelson said the employees were coerced and intimidated into joining the USWA.

ICC officials maintained that as part of ICC's merger-consolidation plan, some job functions of St. Croix TV, St. Thomas-St. John Cable TV, Vitelcom and VitelCellular — all ICC companies — were consolidated and are now part of the Vitelco family.

They said that, because Vitelco's employees have been represented by USWA for 27 years, all employees whose job functions were part of the merger are now represented by that union.

A labor contract signed by ICC and USWA officials includes a "closed shop," which means that all non-management Vitelco employees must become members of the USWA in order to continue working for the company.

Nelson said Tuesday that Vitelco has been deducting union dues from the Cable TV workers for both the UVILU and USWA.

He also said that he is confident that the NLRB will side with his union in the ongoing dispute.

IDC: Senator has lawsuit pending

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Vitelco.

The telephone company is one of the territory's largest beneficiaries of IDC benefits.

Donastorg has a lawsuit pending in Territorial Court against the Turnbull administration and the IDC to get documents from IDC relating to Vitelco's tax benefits.

The Senator has maintained that Vitelco abuses its benefits by transferring employees from other ICC-owned companies to the telephone company's payroll to meet Vitelco's requirement that it must have at least 421 employees to receive tax exemptions.

"I will be the first to say that IDC needs reform, however, this bill is not the reform we so desperately require," Donastorg said. "The IDC program must be tightened and geared toward new industries and small businesses that plan expansion. The IDC must not serve as a glaring example of fiscal irresponsibility and corporate welfare."

The bill creates four categories of company eligible to receive IDC benefits. They are:

- Category I — rum production, milk/dairy production and watch and jewelry manufacturing and assembly;
- Category II — product assembly, manufacturing (other than jewelry and watch), agriculture/food processing, food processing, marine industry, raw-materials processing, hotels/-guest houses, transportation and telecommunications;
- Category IIA —service businesses not limited to but including investment management and advisors, research and development, business and management consultants, software developers, e-commerce businesses, call centers, high-tech businesses, international public relations firms, international trading and distribution, and any other businesses serving clients outside the Virgin Islands;
- Category III — regulating utilities, banking and health-care facilities, recreational facilities and other such industries or businesses as may be deemed appropriate by the commission.

Beneficiaries in all categories would get 100-percent exemption from various taxes for 20 years; Category I would receive 100 percent for another 10 years on first and second renewals; businesses in the other categories would get 75-percent exemption for another 10 years for the first renewal and 50-percent for the second renewal.

College student faces charges in girl's murder

Police say suspect's story of robbery doesn't hold up

DAN KUEMMEL

ST. THOMAS — Territorial Court Judge Audrey Thomas-Francis found probable cause Tuesday to charge a 19-year-old college student with the murder of his girlfriend.

Ian Tracy is being held by the Bureau of Corrections on $300,000 bail. Motions by his legal counsel to have his bail reduced were denied.

Delbert Phipps, an investigator with the Virgin Islands Police Department, testified during the hearing that police were called to Vessup Bay at 4:51 a.m. on Dec. 31, 2000, where they found the body of Adassa Rolle, of Thomasville, in the back seat of a blue Isuzu trooper.

Phipps said when police arrived Rolle was lying on top of a spent casing from a 9 mm handgun, and a 9 mm semi-automatic handgun was found under the driver's seat. He said medical examiners have determined that Rolle was shot just above her forehead at close range, but did not die immediately after the shooting.

Tracy told police that he and Rolle were in the back seat of the parked vehicle near Green Cay Plantation when at least one gunman approached the vehicle and pointed a gun through an open window, demanding money. Phipps testified that Tracy told investigators after the shooting that he attempted to grab the gun from the man and, in an ensuing struggle, a shot went off that struck Rolle in the head.

After the struggle, Tracy told police he managed to get into the driver's seat, speed away, and then drive down Donkey Hill where he flagged down a passing car and asked the occupant to phone 911 and help him get Rolle to a hospital, Phipps testified.

Phipps said, however, that certain elements of Tracy's account of what happened did not match forensics evidence and witness accounts compiled by police.

Police have determined that at least two shots were fired, while Tracy has said 3 or 4 shots were fired. Police also said forensics evidence and an analysis of where the bullets were fired from contradicts Tracy's account of the shooting.

Phipps said the witness who was flagged down by Tracy said she observed him driving at a slow rate of speed with the dome light on in the vehicle.

She also said that she could hear Rolle groaning in the background after she approached Tracy. Phipps said the witness had a cell phone that could only reach 911 in Puerto Rico, and not on St. Thomas, so Tracy gave the witness his cell phone.

Tracy is also alleged to have told police he did not know Rolle had been shot until moments before he stopped to flag down a passing car on Donkey Hill. However, the witness allegedly told police that Tracy was covered in blood when she stopped to help.

Police also said the medical examiner concluded the fatal shot that killed Rolle was fired within two feet of her, which Phipps said is inconsistent with Tracy's statements to police investigators.

Legal counsel for Tracy said the charges are unwarranted, and pointed out that Tracy cooperated with police, flagged down a passing car after evading his attackers and attempted to get Rolle to a hospital.

Tracy is scheduled to be formally arraigned on charges of first-degree murder on Jan. 18.



Valerie Lovett

Raw sewage flows from a manhole behind Charles Harwood Health Clinic on Monday afternoon.

Raw sewage flowing from manhole near health clinic

Calls to officials go unanswered

VALERIE LOVETT

ST. CROIX — Despite numerous complaints to officials at the Department of Public Works and at the Department of Planning and Natural Resources, raw sewage continues to flow from a manhole behind Charles Harwood Health Clinic.

An employee of the clinic, who wished to remain anonymous, said the sewage had been flowing from the manhole every day for about two weeks.

When she complained to officials, she said she was told the Department of Public Works did not have enough employees to fix the broken sewer.

Calls from this paper to DPW Commissioner Wayne Callwood were not returned on Monday. On Tuesday, calls to the commissioner's office were referred to Randy Germaine, DPW acting assistant commissioner, on St. Croix. No calls were returned.

Additionally, calls to Dean Plaskett, commissioner of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources, were not returned on Monday or Tuesday.

Government House spokesperson Lee Vanterpool said officials at the DPW on St. Thomas said the phones had not been working properly on St. Croix, and that they had faxed over notice of the problem at the clinic.

He said the water from the sewer would be tested to determine what hazards it might hold for the public, and the issue should be resolved soon.

The government is required, by law, to notify the public of any potential environmental hazard.

Additionally, the Virgin Islands government is currently under a court order to repair broken sewer lines in a timely manner as the result of a lawsuit brought by the United States against the VI government.

Former Carnival shooting suspect did time for weapons at 1998 J'ouvert

TIM HAY

ST. THOMAS — One of the men cleared of involvement in a 1999 Carnival killing previously served time in prison on charges of bringing a loaded gun and machete to J'ouvert festivities in 1998, court records show.

Prosecutors dropped first-degree murder charges last week against Kahli Ubiles and another man in the fatal shooting of Ferlin Harris at Carnival Village. The two were accused of aiding and abetting Abijah Brown, who witnesses say shot Ferlin once in the head.

Brown is being held in Florida, where he is charged with attempted murder of a police officer. Prosecutors here are expected to extradite Brown back to the territory to face murder charges in the 1999 incident.

Witnesses said Alvin Charles and Ubiles were with Brown at the time of the shooting but fled the scene. When police later picked them up, they were reportedly found with gunshot residue on their bodies.

Assistant Attorney General Lofton Holder asked that charges against Ubiles and Charles be dismissed because the evidence was not sufficient to get convictions. Territorial Court Judge Rhys Hodge granted Holder's motion Thursday.

It was the second time Ubiles faced charges stemming from incidents at Carnival celebrations.

Acting on an anonymous tip at around 9 a.m. on April 30, 1998, police reportedly approached Ubiles on Veterans Drive during J'ouvert and found a Jennings Long Rifle — with its serial number filed off — in his possession.

Ubiles, 20 at the time, was sentenced to six months in prison with four-and-a-half years of supervised probation when his term was completed.

After Ubiles served the six months, the Third Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals vacated his conviction, ruling that he was illegally searched.

"It is not necessarily a crime to possess a firearm in the Virgin Islands," the Appeals Court Judge wrote at the time. "... For all the officers knew ... Ubiles was just another celebrant lawfully exercising his right under Virgin Islands law to possess a gun in public."

Ubiles was also reportedly carrying a machete at the time.

On July 10 of last year, gun charges were dropped against a man named Kahli Ubiles, age and address unknown, because key evidence in the case was not turned over to the court in a timely manner.

Ubiles and three other men were reportedly pulled over by police on Nov. 11, 1999. A search of their car turned up a loaded 9 mm pistol, a knife, a ski mask, a black stocking cap and latex gloves.

Territorial Court Judge Ishmael Meyers refused to let the items be entered as evidence because attorneys were not given time to prepare a defense.

Judge won't let disgruntled defendant and lawyer split

KC BURGARD

ST. CROIX — Despite a defendant's request for the appointment of a new attorney, as well as the attorney's request to be relieved as counsel, Judge Edgar Ross denied their wishes Tuesday in Territorial Court.

During a trial-readiness hearing, attorney Hap Washington of the Territorial Public Defenders Office asked not to represent Jimmy Navarro, 26, when he is retried for unauthorized possession of a firearm. Navarro's first trial ended with a mistrial in December after he allegedly tampered with a juror.

"He doesn't want me and I don't want him," Washington said, referring to a conversation with his client in which Navarro allegedly told him he didn't want an "old, colored, incompetent lawyer."

"This particular person does not have confidence in me ... and I don't feel his interests will be served by me representing him," Washington said.

Ross, who was in receipt of a letter from Navarro requesting a new lawyer, refused to appoint alternative counsel. Instead, he suggested that Washington find a colleague in his office to handle the case.

Navarro, of Walter I.M. Hodge Pavilion, was arrested on Aug. 1, 2000, for allegedly having a .25-caliber revolver on him which he tossed when he was approached, and subsequently chased, by police. After a one-day trial, however, Ross declared a mistrial before jurors could begin deliberations when a jury member told him her son was approached by Navarro and a friend about the case.

VOLCANO:
Eruptions have chased away half the population

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swept away."

Even though the remaining islanders are now in safe zones, they are on alert for more eruptions. Scientists at the Montserrat Volcano Observatory say recent elevated seismic activity could be the harbinger of further momentous eruptions.

Sweet "Julie" mangoes and papaya once grew in abundance in the southern hills before the Soufriere Hills volcano began to erupt on July 18, 1995.

The volcano has since claimed 19 lives and chased away more than half the population, leaving only 4,000 people on the "Emerald Isle," where descendants of slaves still speak with a hint of the lilt of the Irish who first settled here.

Soufriere destroyed almost the entire southern half of Montserrat, laying waste to hospitals, businesses, government buildings and the airport, where a flow of superheated rock melted the departure lounge. Eruptions occasionally hurl sizzling rocks into the sea just yards from where airplanes used to land.

Most people now come by ferry from Antigua. A daily helicopter service from Antigua has long waiting lists.

The volcano has insinuated itself into every conceivable aspect of life, inspiring dozens of T-shirts, signs and books.

It sprouts new spines of molten rock at its tip weekly, sometimes daily. They appear like gargoyles, ever changing the face of the mountain, only to collapse and careen down hillsides that once boasted idyllic scenes of sheep, cattle and farmers.

These "pyroclastic flows" — superheated air and red-hot boulders the size of cars — descend at up to 200 mph and incinerate everything in their path.

Roiling ash clouds — called "hot hurricanes" — often spew thousands of feet into the air, then spread over the countryside, burning houses, plants, animals and people. Ash drifts far afield, sometimes to Antigua, 30 miles to the northeast, and even as far as Puerto Rico, 250 miles to the west.

People living within the volcano's reach have had to move off Montserrat or to the less lush northern part of the island. Scientists say the risk is minimal for those in the north, though the area is occasionally pelted with gravel from violent explosions and the volcano's sulfurous fumes drift over them.

With help from London, the British colony erected housing for hundreds of people. The homes are neat and colorful with a good view of the sea, but there is a numbing sameness to the resettled areas.

Some say this uprooting of community life has caused worse psychic scars than fear of the volcano or actual damage from ash — respiratory problems have been relatively minor though they are still being studied.

"We have quite a lot of psychological problems," says Montserrat's chief medical officer, Dr. Gordon Avery.

"So many people have had a complete change in their lifestyle, which was basically a good one. They owned their own houses, had reasonable space, gardens to tend. They had their friends around them, and extended family. All that's been totally disrupted."

A health survey found close to 66 percent of those studied suffered some form of anxiety or depression. In schools, teachers complain about a breakdown of discipline, and there is anecdotal evidence of a rise in violent crime. The government has recently imported two psychologists to offer counseling for emotional problems.

In the worst cases, Avery says, some people cannot even look at the volcano.

"No, I won't look at it!" Carol Brade exclaims as she emerges from church. "It could go off any time — and it's hurt too many of my friends."

Others are obsessively attentive, studying minute changes to the landscape and dispatching sketches and reports to the volcano observatory, where they are logged and filed.

Some people, however, seem to take the situation in stride. "I'm not scared," says Laretta Joseph, owner of the Desert Storm Bar in Salem, where patrons can sip Carib beer while watching smoldering Soufriere out the back window.

"What will be, will be," Joseph says. "Sometimes the ash blows over in the middle of the day and it's just like nighttime, all darkness. We just shut our windows and wait for it to blow over. Then we open our windows and get on with our lives."

The loss of most of the tourist economy, combined with the loss of farm land, have left people with few options for earning livings.

Perhaps saddest is the loss of Plymouth, where the island held its festival every December. Thousands of people would don costumes, sing and hold "jump-ups" as they wound through the quaint old capital's streets.

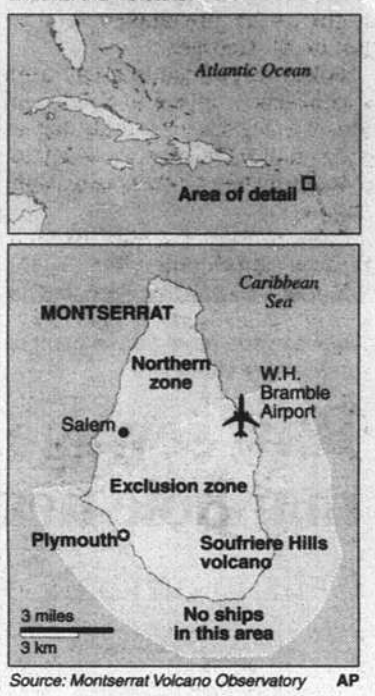
After Plymouth died a slow death, engulfed in pyroclastic flows over several weeks, officials tried to resurrect the celebration at a small, fenced-in yard near the ferry terminal on the north coast, but it's been a bust.

People speak of Plymouth wistfully: "Over there is the best part of the island. You could cultivate over there — mango, papaya, sweet potato, anything," says James Farrell, who has lived in a government shelter for two years.

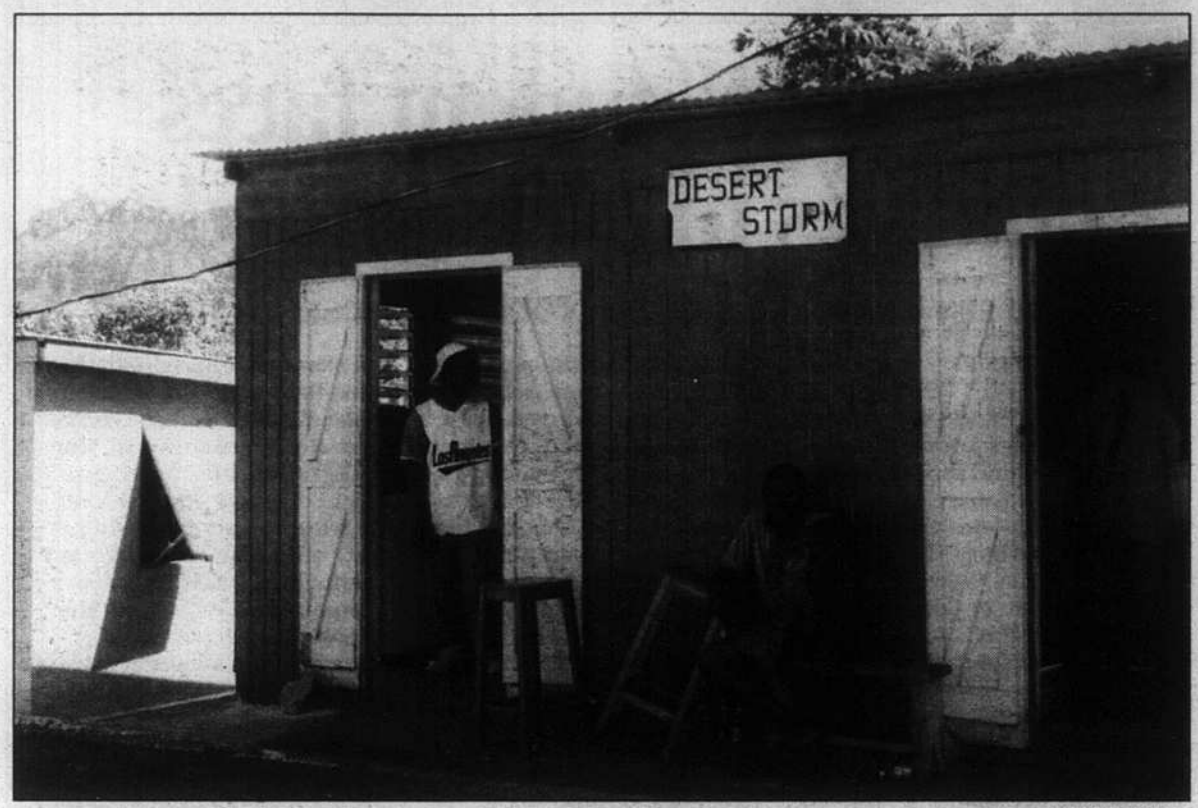
He points to a spindly acacia tree: "Only thing grows good here is that prickly thing over there."

Divided island

Much of Montserrat is restricted because of the unpredictable activity of the Soufriere Hills volcano. Only scientists may enter the exclusion zone around the volcano.

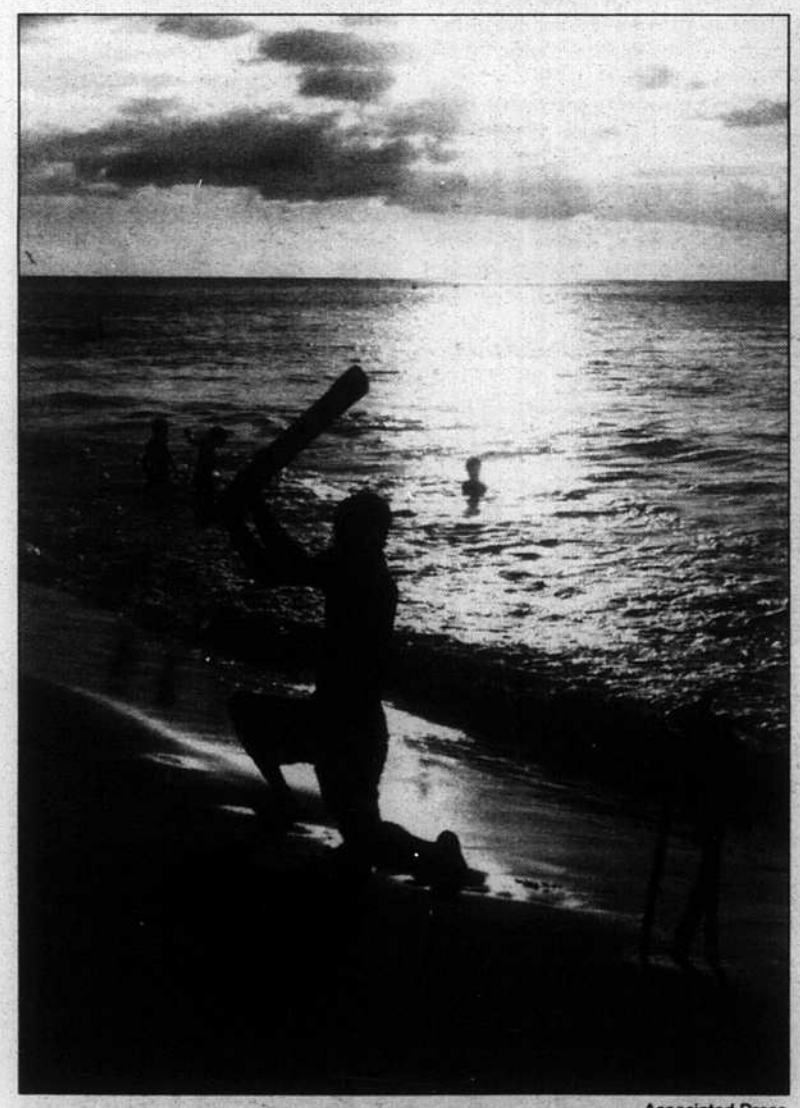


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In the shadow of the Soufriere Hills volcano, left, customers pass the time outside of the Desert Storm bar in Salem. "What will be, will be," says Laretta Joseph, the owner of the bar. "Sometimes the ash blows over in the middle of the day and it's just like night time, all darkness. We just shut our windows and wait for it to blow over."



Associated Press

Boys play cricket on a black sand beach as the sun sets on Montserrat. In the five years since the Soufriere Hills volcano began erupting, it has destroyed virtually the entire southern half of the island, including the former capital Plymouth.



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A man prays while attending a service at the Shiloh Pentecostal Church.

Cramped quarters

Sen. Berry says new office too small

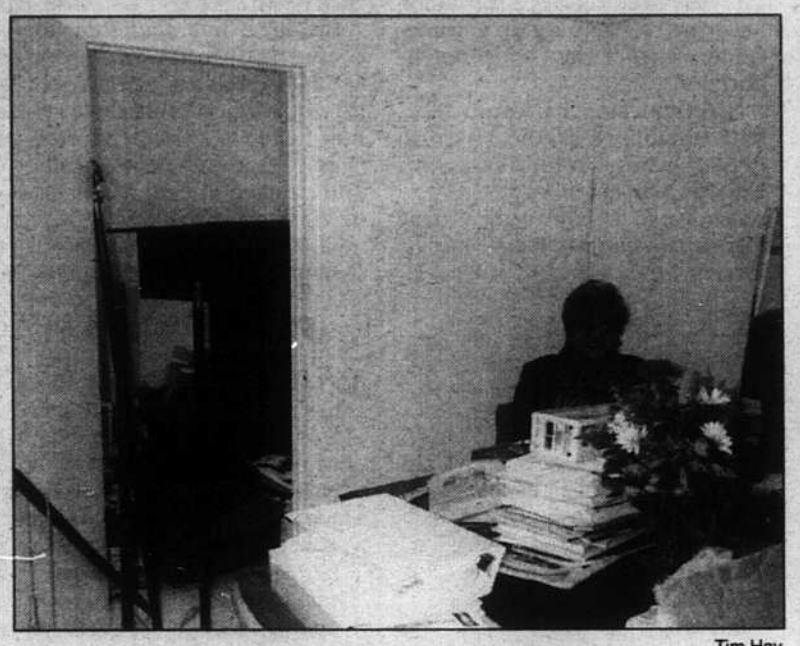
TIM HAY

ST. THOMAS — Sen. Lorraine Berry sat in her new office Tuesday surrounded by unpacked boxes, stacks of paperwork and computer equipment.

Outside, in the hallway of the Legislature, there were enough filing cabinets and boxes to fill a second office.

Berry said Sen. Celestino White ordered the maintenance department to remove everything from her office while she and other senators were in the chamber attending the swearing-in ceremonies for the 24th Legislature Monday night.

"By the time I came down," she said, "they had removed everything from my office. My personal office was already demolished." She said she had not been notified that her effects would be removed.



Tim Hay

Sen. Lorraine Berry sits amid the clutter in her new office on Tuesday.

White could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

She said all of her files, furniture and equipment were loaded on wheelbarrows and taken down the hall to the office previously used by Sen. Donald Cole — a considerably smaller space.

"I am a senior senator with 18 years of service," she said. "I've accumulated more files than anyone in this Legislature. ... There will not be sufficient room to keep my cabinets."

Berry's old office will be used by Sen. Norma Samuel, a freshman lawmaker. A staffer in Berry's office said it was the first time in the Legislature's history that a senior senator was made to make room for a newcomer.

Berry said Almando Liburd, the new Senate president, authorized the move. Liburd was also unavailable for comment.

A similar disarray could be seen down the hall in Sen. Adlah Donastorg's office. He said a staffer and all of his files were abruptly moved into his office from a room he once occupied.

"I was surprised to see a wheelbarrow going down the hall," he said. "This type of practice has to come to a halt."

Liburd sent letters to Donastorg and Berry last month, asking that they vacate their offices by Dec. 27, 2000.

Teen stabbed in Frederiksted

KC BURGARD

ST. CROIX — A 19-year-old was attacked by two juveniles Monday night as he purchased food in Estate St. Georges.

Police responded to a call from a concerned citizen at 9:56 p.m. Monday reporting a stabbing at the Paradise Pate Factory — a free-standing eatery off the Queen Mary Highway.

Deputy Police Chief Novelle Francis said Dennard Bannis, 19, told police that he was injured by two people while at the food establishment.

"He was attacked by two juveniles who he's had an ongoing feud with," Francis said. Bannis said he was struck from behind by one of the suspects while the other hit him in the front.

"He was stabbed from behind by one of the suspects and received a non life-threatening stab wound," Francis said. Bannis, of the Louis E. Brown Villas, was treated at the Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital.

Investigators know the identity of the two young suspects, according to Francis, but attempts to locate them were futile as of Tuesday afternoon.

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BVI opposition pressing to remove ban on hippies and Rastafarians

ROAD TOWN, British Virgin Islands (AP) — The opposition said it will press for the government to remove a regulation banning Rastafarians and "hippies" from entering the British Caribbean territory, which is still in effect 15 months after the legislature voted to remove it.

The 1980 regulation requires immigration officers to turn away Rastafarians and hippies, although it does not say how to identify them. Over the years, immigration officers have refused entry to people with Rastafarian dreadlocks and men with long hair.

Since it was an executive order, the government ministers must remove the ban, but Chief Minister Ralph O'Neal said he needed to poll islanders on the issue. That poll was submitted to O'Neal six months ago, opposition leader Orlando Smith said.

"I don't know the results of the poll," Smith said this week. "We're awaiting the executive council (the ministers) to deal with the issue."

Smith said he would bring up the issue at the next legislative meeting, which has not yet been scheduled.

Many Rastafarians in the Caribbean have complained they face discrimination in their homelands.

AG: progress being made on Savan cleanup

TIM HAY

ST. THOMAS — Attorney General Iver Stridiron said Tuesday that his office is making progress on cleaning up a crime-ridden area of the Savan neighborhood.

Stridiron said he would meet with members of the Historic Preservation Commission on Friday to determine whether the abandoned Community Guest House on Gamble Gade can be torn down.

"I've made contact with the owner of the building," he said, adding that the woman had given him permission to tear the structure down.

Stridiron has said that abandoned buildings and wooded areas in Savan are breeding grounds for criminal activity. He has called a certain stretch of Gamble Gade a "shooting gallery," and pledged an interdepartmental cleanup of the area.

There have been numerous shootings in the area, the most recent of which claimed the life of a young man on Dec. 28, 2000. According to police records, gunshots are fired in the neighborhood almost every night.

Because Savan is a historic neighborhood, the attorney general must consult with the commission before ordering buildings torn down or areas bulldozed.

Stridiron said he would also meet with the commission on Feb. 22 to discuss historic neighborhoods on both St. Thomas and St. Croix.

Police blotter

ST. CROIX

Assaults:

12:42 p.m., Mon., a domestic-violence incident reported in La Grande Princesse.

11:30 a.m., Tues., King Street, Frederiksted.

Burglaries:

Noon, Mon., Mount Pleasant.

1:34 p.m., Mon., White Bay.

11:27 a.m., Tues., Paradise Mills.

Other:

10:50 a.m., Tues., a vehicle reported stolen from Ali Hardware, William's Delight.

ST. THOMAS

Arrests:

8 p.m., Mon., Clive Joseph, 39, of Estate Tutu, was charged with third-degree assault after allegedly striking his stepson in the eye. Bail was set at $25,000.

11:09 a.m., Tues., Allen "Debo" Stevens, 18, of Bournefield, was charged with first-degree robbery, grand larceny and possession of stolen property after allegedly robbing a victim at gunpoint. Bail was set at $120,000.

Burglaries:

5:30 p.m., Mon., Estate Bolongo.

7:52 p.m., Mon., Lindberg Bay.

7:20 a.m., Tues., Addelita Cancryn school.

8:27 a.m., Tues., Smith Bay.

10:40 a.m., Tues., Anna's Retreat.

2:28 p.m., Tues., Anna's Retreat.

Grand Larcenies:

9:52 a.m., Tues., gamecocks reported stolen in Estate Brookman.

10:30 a.m., Tues., Havensight.

Other:

10 a.m., Tues., a Santa Maria man reported shooting a vicious dog.

Police report juvenile arrests

ST. CROIX — The VI Police Department reported the following arrests of minors by the Juvenile Investigation Bureau:

A 16-year-old male was arrested on Dec. 26, 2000, for third-degree assault after he allegedly shot another minor in the chest with a spear gun in the Ralph De Chabert housing community.

A 13-year-old Ralph De Chabert female was arrested on Dec. 26, 2000, for contempt of court and destruction to property for allegedly violating a court order by running away from home. The girl cut off an electronic monitoring device that was placed on her foot pursuant to a court order. She was remanded to the Youth Rehabilitation Center.

A 16-year-old male was arrested on Dec. 28, 2000, for grand larceny. He allegedly took Christmas presents from a Nicasio Nico housing community apartment without permission of its occupants.

A 16-year-old male was arrested on Jan. 1 for burglary for allegedly breaking into a neighbor's house in Adventure Hill, while the owner was at home, and stealing several items.

A 14-year-old male was arrested on Jan. 1 for third-degree burglary and grand larceny for allegedly breaking into his neighbor's house in Montpellier.

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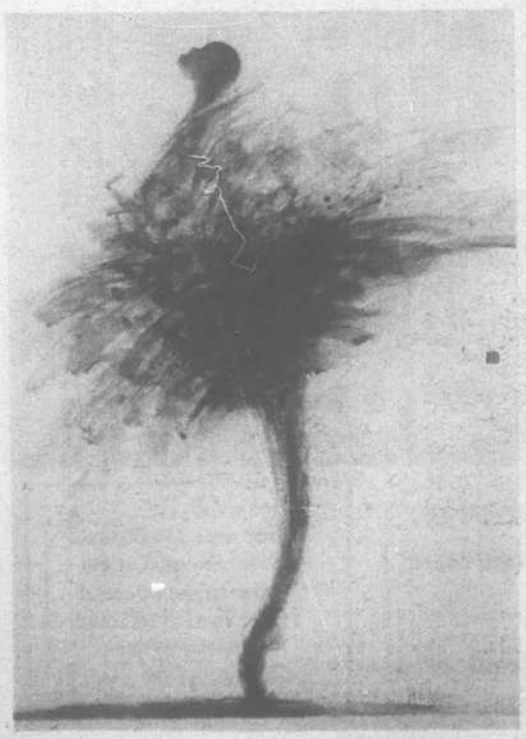
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Offshore havens meet with rich countries to discuss taxes

ST. MICHAEL, Barbados (AP) — Wealthy countries aiming to recover billions of dollars lost to offshore tax havens are trying to convince small countries to give up the banking secrecy that has helped their fragile economies survive.

Officials from about 40 countries and territories met Tuesday for a second and final day of discussion about what the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development calls "harmful tax practices."

The organization's 30 member nations, which include the world's wealthiest nations, have set up international standards that they want all nations to abide by, and are threatening sanctions against governments that don't transform their no-tax and low-tax regimes.

Caribbean leaders, whose countries are some of the most popular tax havens, say the standards could take away revenues from their islands.

"There's still a chasm to be brought together," Robert Mathavious, director of financial services for the British Virgin Islands, said after meetings on Monday. "The OECD has their view, we have our view, and we haven't been able to merge them as yet."

The British Virgin Islands is among 15 Caribbean territories and nations on a list of 35 allegedly unfair tax havens released in July by the organization. It has urged targets of the list to give commitments toward changes by the end of July.



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Cook Islands Prime Minister Terepai Maoate, left, speaks to Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Deputy Secretary-General Seiichi Kondo, center, during a meeting with officials from about 40 countries and territories at the Sherbourne Conference Center in Two Mile Hill, Barbados Tuesday.

Jeffrey Owens, the organization's head of fiscal affairs, said he believes Caribbean governments would actually attract new business by adopting more stringent standards, thereby enhancing their reputations.

"Our members are not afraid of fierce competition, as long as it's fair," he said.

Last year, an OECD-related organization called the Financial Action Task Force issued a list of 15 countries considered uncooperative in fighting money laundering. Five of the jurisdictions are in the Caribbean.

Many Caribbean leaders, although disturbed by the outside judgments, are anxious to avoid the stigma of being on the lists. A few have since changed their laws to open records to foreign investigators.

On Monday night, delegates gathered for an outdoor reception at the Barbadian prime minister's residence, where they chatted at an open bar to the sounds of a band. The discussion grew passionate when Caribbean officials got on the subject of the organization's description of their taxes as "harmful."

"Harmful is not our word. It's their word," snapped Maurice Odle, an economic adviser for the Caribbean Community Secretariat.

"When we beat them at something, they say it's unfair competition," said Isaac Legair, a delegate from St. Lucia.

■ ST. LUCIA

Former AG doubts church attack defendants will receive fair trial

CASTRIES, St. Lucia (AP) — A former attorney general said she has doubts the two men accused of an attack at a Catholic church, killing a nun and injuring 13 people with clubs and torches, could receive a fair trial.

"(My concern is) whether there is possibility of finding 12 persons who have not yet made up their minds about the guilt, or who do not have preconceived notions about the guilt of the accused persons," Lorraine Williams said Monday night on a television talk show.

However, she said it was unlikely the trial would take place outside St. Lucia because there is no such provision in the country's laws. Williams served as attorney general under the United Workers Party administration that lost power in 1997.

Kim John, 20, and Francis Phillip, 34, pleaded innocent to arson for the New Year's Eve attack during Sunday Mass. They also face murder charges; but are not required to enter a plea for that until the court conducts its preliminary inquiry.

The men claimed to be Rastafarian prophets out to stop corruption in the Catholic Church, but Rastafarian leaders have denounced the attack and denied the men were true followers.

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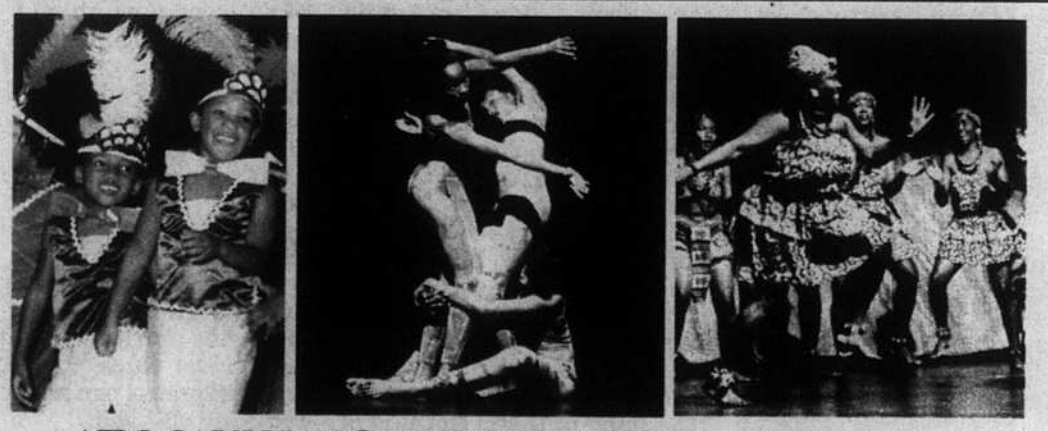
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EDITORIAL:

Charity begins at home

The Congressional Black Caucus staged a "walkout" during the confirmation of George W. Bush as president-elect on Saturday, reportedly because the leadership of the caucus wished to register its objection to the Florida vote outcome. It was a message that, we guess, the members of the caucus think that Bush's victory was an illegitimate one. Vice President Al Gore declined to support that action, since he has called for reconciliation and cooperation. Our opinion is that it was exactly the wrong message to send, but it's really none of our business.

USVI Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen said she would have joined the walkout, but she had already returned to the territory to attend St. Croix's Three Kings Day celebration. If you will recall, when Christensen was criticized for not campaigning back home for her own reelection and the election of more Democrats to the Senate here, she responded that the work of Congress was more important — even though she was actually working the hustings for Democrats in Virginia or Maryland or wherever. We think that excuse was, therefore, disingenuous.

Significantly, if our sources are correct, Senator Donald Cole recently visited Washington and met with members of the Black Caucus (along with, we hope, other members of Congress). And on Monday, Cole was named as the Legislature's liaison to Congress. We wonder if he would have supported the walkout — a snub to the new administration on whom much of the fortunes of the territory depend.

Senator Alicia Hansen was named the Legislature's liaison to the White House at the same time. Would she have joined the walkout? Would she have torpedoed an already fragile relationship between the black community and the Bush administration? One never knows about Sen. Hansen, but we think she's too good a politician to have insulted the president-elect before she even had a chance to meet and talk frankly with Mr. Bush.

We also hear that someone from the VI Attorney General's office, perhaps Mr. Stridiron himself, last week visited with Janet Reno concerning the forgiveness of about $13 million owed by the VI to the US Bureau of Prisons. Why in heaven's name would we be importuning lame-duck Reno for a favor, when the person to deal with would be the embattled nominee for her job, the staunchly conservative John Ashcroft, who has everything to gain and nothing to lose by doing whatever he can to help out the Virgin Islands?

Furthermore, as we mentioned on his page recently, and favorably, Sen. Hansen had specifically admonished Christensen to avoid — at our peril, if not hers — annoying or alienating the new administration, since whether we like it or not they will be running the show for the next four years.

We can sympathize with the members of the Black Caucus over their frustration and in their belief that some minorities didn't get a fair shake in the Miami-Dade County election booths. That is a problem to be rectified, and no doubt will be. But Virgin Islanders have other fish to fry at this moment. We need to speak softly and play the ticklish game of politics with deftness and aplomb. We would wager that Hansen and Cole understand exactly what we are talking about.



Focus on the Family

Most strong-willed children turn out just fine


Dr. James Dobson

QUESTION: What are the long-range implications of raising a strong-willed child? What can we expect as the years go by?

DR. DOBSON: Well, I can give you a few encouraging conclusions from our study. The tendencies of strong-willed children (SWCs) are to return to parental values when they reach adulthood. Parents told us that 85 percent of their grown SWCs (24 years of age and older) came back to what they had been taught — entirely or at least "somewhat." That is good news. Only 15 percent were so headstrong that they rejected their family's core values in their mid-20s. In those exceptional cases, I'll wager that other problems and sources of pain were involved.

What this means, in effect, is that these tough-minded kids will argue and fight and complain throughout their years at home, but the majority will turn around when they reach young adulthood and do what their parents most desired. That should be reassuring. Furthermore, if we could have evaluated these individuals at 35 instead of 24 years of age, even fewer would still be in rebellion against parental values.

Second, raising a strong-willed child (or a house full of them) can be a lonely job for parents. You can begin to feel like yours is the only family that has gone through these struggles. Don't believe it. In another study of 3,000 parents, we found that 85 percent of families had at least one strong-willed child. This is parenthood. This is human nature.

Third, I urge you as parents of strong-willed children not to feel "cheated" or depressed by the assignment of raising such individuals. You are not an exception or the butt of some cruel cosmic joke. All human beings arrive with a generous assortment of flaws, including the compliant child. Yes, it is more difficult to raise an independent little fellow or gal, but you can do it! You can, through prayer and supplication before the Lord, bring him or her to that period of harmony in early adulthood that makes the effort worthwhile. I also believe that you can increase the odds of transmitting your values to these individuals by following some time-honored principles found in Scripture.

So hang in there! Nothing of value in life comes easy anyway.

Hold tightly to Solomon's encouraging words, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6; KJV).

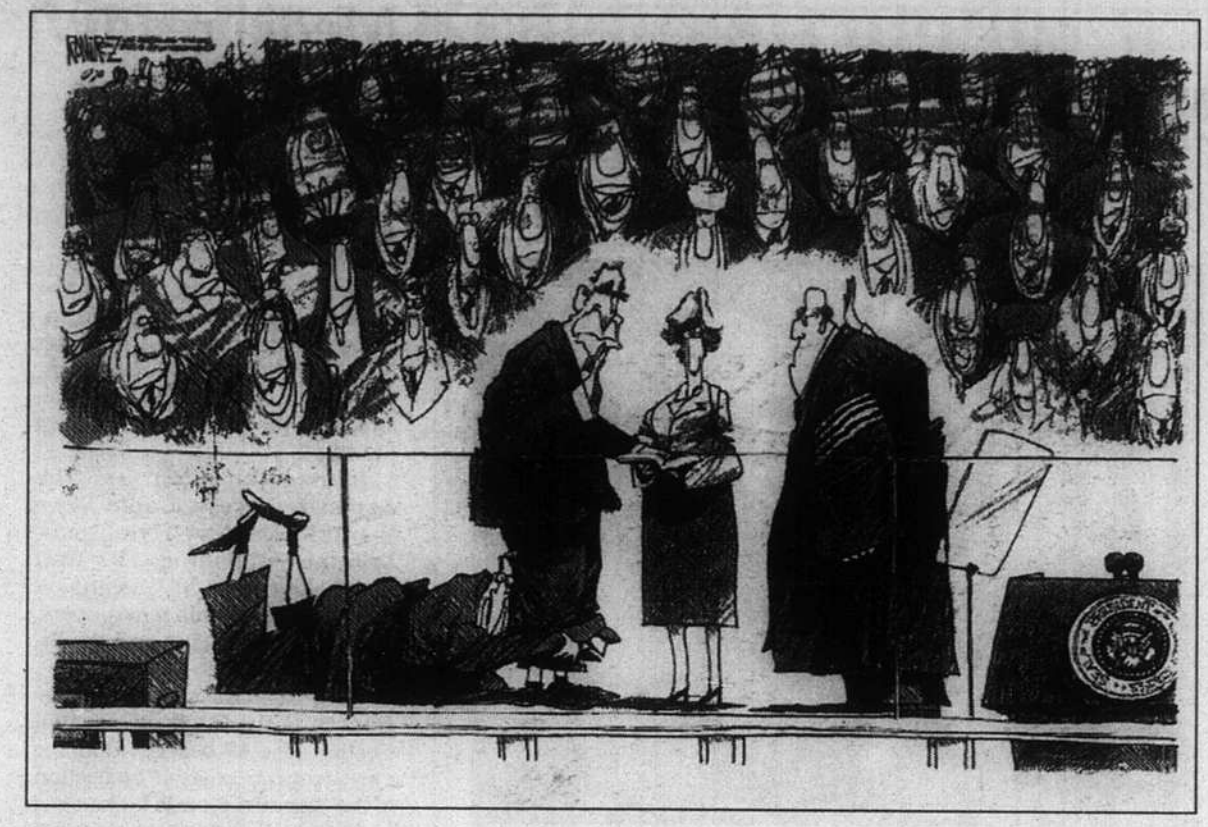
QUESTION: My husband is a good man, but he gets angry at the kids and says things that he later regrets. Help me convince him to be careful about these off-the-cuff comments.

DR. DOBSON: Psychologist and author Abraham Maslow once said, "It takes nine affirming comments to make up for each critical comment we give to our children." I believe he is right. All normal human beings respond negatively to criticism and rejection. Conversely, some of us crave affirmation so much that we'll do almost anything to get it.

Children are especially vulnerable to those who use affirmation to manipulate them. As someone said, "Whoever gives your kids praise and attention has power over them." That could be a drug dealer, a gang member, or anyone who could harm them. People with evil intentions know how to use praise to get what they want from lonely kids. This is, in fact, the technique routinely used by pedophiles to abuse their victims sexually.

All human beings have deep psychological needs for love, belonging and affection. If you don't meet those longings in your children, I can assure you someone else will.

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Castro's new neighbor, Alec Baldwin?



Charley Reese

One of the things that decent Americans can look forward to in the coming year is the departure of the Hollywood leftists who said they would leave the country if George W. Bush was elected president.

You don't think they were just kidding, do you?

Personally, I don't know of any country that would especially want Alec Baldwin, an immature and mediocre actor who, on national television, called for the murder of Rep. Henry Hyde.

Perhaps Cuba would take Baldwin, who is one of those who promised to leave.

Frankly, I think they will stay. Even America's socialists enjoy capitalism. We're probably one of the few countries in the world where, when socialists and communists meet, the parking lot is full of expensive cars.

Even Hanoi Jane Fonda enjoys her millions, however much she despised American prisoners of war during the Vietnam War, and however much she admired the North Vietnamese communists. I knew the country had gone to hell when she came back from posing at a North Vietnamese anti-aircraft battery and her career flourished instead of being ruined.

Don't ever kid yourself about Hollywood. It is so far left that it views Harry Truman as a right-winger. There are a handful of conservatives out there in la-la land, and they are rarely seen on the screen.

At any rate, the Bush haters aren't about to leave. They'd rather stay and try to sabotage his administration and smear all of his appointees. This crowd of moral lowlifes and big-money high livers were in hog heaven their moral equivalent occupying the White House. They must have felt that it was like having your own country. Now they are nervous.

Unless Bush really is dumb, he will give them cause to be nervous. Bringing the country together does not involve getting into bed with political extremists and moral reprobates.

At any rate, we shall have a chance to see if Bush has any sand in his craw. I'm betting that he does.

John Ashcroft, Bush's nominee for attorney general, is the first to get the smear job.

Ashcroft, a decent, honorable and Christian man, is being attacked precisely because he is a decent, honorable and Christian man. Such people, in the eyes of the left and the morally incapacitated, are viewed as dangerous fanatics.

Democratic liberals ought to be careful. Their phony facade of compassion is wearing thin, and people are beginning to see them for what they really are: power-hungry, venomous neototalitarians.

Their idea of civility and tolerance does not extend to their political opponents. If anyone needs to show some nonpartisanship, it's the Democrats, not Bush.

Whenever I think of poisonous partisans, the images that come to mind are all Democrats. They will make a big mistake if they believe the election of Bush is setting them up for big victories in the next election.

What the public saw was Democrats so desperate to hold on to power that they resorted to litigation, lies and character assassination in a vain attempt to steal the election.

The Florida secretary of state, Katherine Harris, whom Democrats vilified in the most personal and abusive way, got so many bouquets of flowers from all over the country that she had to send them out to nursing homes and hospitals.

In other words, it's the Democrats who are out of step with the people, not the Republicans.

The more the left gnashes its teeth, whines, howls and complains, the better I like it. How sweet it is.

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Cockfighting is a cancer on our culture

Tony Swanick
My Turn

I recently read with great horror Wayne James' "Island Life" column about the barbaric practice of cockfighting.

It's difficult to believe that in this day and age some people are still entertained by watching cruel and often illegal staged fights between animals.

The seemingly approving tone of the column is equally disturbing, as Mr. James likened the fights to the Biblical battle between the Archangel Michael and Satan. In fact, the reality of the matter is, it more closely resembles the blood sports held in the Roman Colosseum than anything of a spiritual nature.

Cockfighting promoters often claim that they're only allowing the birds to do what they do naturally. This is absurd. While it is true that wild animals will often fight over food, territory, or mates, such fights generally take place only to establish dominance within a group and seldom result in serious injury.

That is quite different from what takes place in staged cockfights: pairs of birds, bred for maximum aggressiveness (and who are sometimes given steroids or other drugs to make them more successful fighters) are usually fitted with artificial spurs called gaffs or slashers, sharp implements designed to puncture and mutilate. The birds are then placed in a pit where they are forced to fight until a winner is declared. A cockfight usually results in the death of one of the birds; sometimes it ends in the death of both.

Aside from the cruelty involved, this so-called "sport" has several disturbing aspects.

According to the Humane Society of the United States, gambling is the norm at cockfighting events. Thousands of dollars change hands as spectators bet on their favorite birds.

The presence of young children at cockfights is especially disturbing. Exposure to such brutality can promote an insensitivity to animal suffering, and an enthusiasm for violence. Anthropologist Margaret Mead suggested that acts of cruelty to animals committed in childhood may signify the development of an impulsive, assaultive character disorder. Psychiatrists at the Menniger Foundation revealed that a history of cruelty to animals can be symptomatic of seriously abnormal aggression and that such aggression is significantly associated with aggressive behavior directed against other humans. Thus animal fighting is a vicious and brutal activity that breeds violence.

While it is true that cockfighting is an activity that has been practiced for centuries in various countries, including the United States, it is not true that "old" necessarily means "good." Nor is it true that evidence of an act in a given culture automatically makes that act acceptable. At one time, the United States allowed slavery, had no child-abuse or child-labor laws, and did not extend the vote to women. Although cockfighting was present to varying degrees in early America, historical research has shown claims of its popularity to be either vastly overstated or simply untrue.

Cockfighting is illegal in 45 states and the District of Columbia, and it is now a felony crime in 17 states. Instead of glorifying this barbarism, we should be striving to move the Virgin Islands to join the list of more enlightened jurisdictions which have rejected this kind of blood sport.

We should encourage and support local animal care and control agencies and law enforcement officials as they work to stem this cruel and shameful activity, and we should urge our prosecutors and judges to take cockfighting seriously when it comes time to prosecute. We should encourage the Virgin Islands Senate and Governor Turnbull to outlaw this practice here on our islands.

The U.S. Virgin Islands is America's Paradise, but it has been said that a society is only as good as it treats the animals in that community.

This cannot be a paradise when we force animals to fight to the death for our entertainment.

Like the decadence symbolized by the death matches of ancient Rome, this kind of careless disregard for the welfare of our animals can only cause a cancer on our culture the likes of which destroyed the Roman world.

I urge all who desire to bring an end to this barbaric practice to contact the Humane Society of the United states, 2100 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037, (202) 452-1100.

Tony Swanick lives on St. Croix.

Linda Chavez drops out

Citing her nomination to labor post as 'distracting,' woman withdraws name

WASHINGTON (AP) — Linda Chavez withdrew Tuesday as President-elect Bush's nominee to be secretary of labor because of questions and controversy over an illegal immigrant who lived in her home in the early 1990s.

"I believe that I would have made a great secretary of labor," she said at a news conference. "I have decided that I am becoming a distraction and therefore I have asked President-elect Bush to withdraw my name as secretary of labor."

Bush, in a statement, called her "a good person with a great deal of compassion" and said he was disappointed she would not be in his Cabinet.

Chavez stepped aside under pressure from Bush's political team, according to three Republican officials involved in the case.

There was no immediate word on a replacement.

Other prospects who had been on the Bush list for the labor department included Missouri Rep. Jim Talent, defeated nominee for governor of Missouri; Rep. Jennifer Dunn of Washington; and Rich Bond, a former chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Chavez made her announcement at Bush transition headquarters.

"My, what a different a week makes," she began, prefacing her withdrawal with a description of the help she got from others during a difficult childhood. She said that she vowed then she would always be there for other people, and said that while "I am not Mother Teresa ... I have tried to do right by people who have been in need."

She said the Guatemalan woman who stayed with her was battered and in trouble, and that she would take her in again, "in an instant, without hesitation" despite what has happened as a result.

Chavez said she was trying "to put a human face" on the story, but that what has happened to her is typical of Washington and politics.

She called it "the politics of personal destruction."

Before withdrawing she introduced two Hispanic women, one with two children, and a Vietnamese man who all told of her help to them.

In withdrawing, she said she was a victim of "search and destroy" politics. Chavez also said that her relationship with the Guatemalan woman was not comparable to the situation involving Zoe Baird in 1993.



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Linda Chavez, second left, is escorted by her son David Gersten, left, her husband Chris Gersten, second right, and supporter Margarita Valladares, right, Tuesday as she departs a Washington news conference. Chavez withdrew Tuesday as President-elect Bush's nominee to be secretary of labor.

Chavez said "I think I always knew" the Guatemalan woman, Marta Mercado, was in the United States illegally, but she also said that she does not check green cards when a battered woman comes to her for help.

The Republican officials who said Chavez had been urged to withdraw said also that she was reluctant to do so. When she did, Chavez said it sent a bad signal about the process of taking a government position.

Chavez stepped aside just one week after Bush nominated her. Since the issue arose on Sunday, Bush had said publicly that he hadn't changed his mind and believed she would be "a fine secretary of labor."

Media ready to make new recount of bad ballots

MIAMI (AP) — Several of the nation's largest news organizations contracted with a research firm Tuesday to conduct a comprehensive survey of disputed ballots from the presidential race in Florida.

Joining the group are The Associated Press, Cable News Network, The New York Times, Tribune Publishing, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post and two Florida newspapers, The Palm Beach Post and the St. Petersburg Times.

"Because of the unique circumstances of the 2000 presidential election, the AP believes that the most accurate possible inspection of the disputed Florida ballots is a highly worthwhile effort that will be of great interest to our members and the public," said Jonathan Wolman, the AP's executive editor.

The news organizations have retained the National Opinion Research Center to produce a database that will describe in detail the estimated 180,000 ballots that didn't register a vote for president during machine counts.

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NORC, a non-profit survey research firm affiliated with the University of Chicago, will not attempt to determine whether any uncounted ballot contains a vote. The firm's coders will instead simply describe distinguishing marks, including punch-card ballots where key chads are missing, hanging by one or more corners, or "dimpled."

The media group has asked NORC to produce a definitive historical archive of uncounted Florida votes. The news organizations will use the database to produce their own stories, and the overall data also will be released to the general public for additional research. The survey firm's work will be overseen by a committee of journalists representing the participants. Other news organizations have been invited to join the effort and share in costs, which are expected to run more than $500,000.

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Maureen Reagan struggles with cancer

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Former President Reagan's daughter Maureen is hospitalized and undergoing treatment for cancer that has spread since she was diagnosed with melanoma four years ago.

Surgeons discovered a golf ball-sized malignant tumor in her pelvis and removed all the lymph nodes between her right knee and groin in November, doctors said Tuesday.

Reagan, daughter of the former president and actress Jane Wyman, turned 60 last Thursday and is a national spokeswoman and board member of the Chicago-based Alzheimer's Association. Her father has Alzheimer's disease.

She entered the John Wayne Cancer Institute at Saint John's Health Center last month to begin the aggressive cancer-fighting treatments, said Danny Chun, spokesman for the Alzheimer's Association.

Her husband, Dennis Revell, was with her at the hospital.

"She's hanging in there. Somebody upstairs is looking out for her," Revell said by telephone Tuesday from the hospital. No date was given for her release.

"While her progress is still guarded, she is a surprisingly strong and resilient individual and has tolerated the therapy very well," said Dr. Steven O'Day, the institute's director of medical oncology.

"We are extremely pleased with her progress and the apparent impact the treatment has already had on her melanoma."

Melanoma is the fastest growing cancer in the United States. About 8,000 people in this country die from it every year, and almost 40,000 new cases are diagnosed each year.

There was no immediate reaction from Reagan's wife, Nancy, spokeswoman Joanne Drake said. Wyman could not be reached for comment because there is no telephone number is listed for her.

Maureen Reagan, an outspoken feminist, disagreed with the then-president on abortion and the Equal Rights Amendment.

She made an unsuccessful bid in California for the GOP U.S. Senate nomination in 1982, coming in fifth in the primary with only 5 percent of the vote. The winner, Pete Wilson, went on to be elected to the Senate. In 1992, she finished second among 11 candidates for the Republican nomination for a new House seat, capturing 31 percent of the vote. During 1987-89, she served as co-chairman of the Republican National Committee.



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Maureen Reagan, daughter of former President Ronald Reagan, addresses Alzheimer's healthcare workers at the California Summit on Alzheimer's Quality of Care in Los Angeles, in this May 2000, file photo.

She was diagnosed with melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, in December 1996, when a large, ulcerated, mole-like growth was found on her leg.

After removal of the melanoma and lymph nodes, she underwent intravenous infusions of interferon and other treatments, which were completed in March 1998, Chun said.

Later that year, she discussed her melanoma treatment on MSNBC, quipping: "I had so many nuclear tests I was a night light." She said taking interferon was "like having the worst case in the world of Asian flu, with no relief."

Mississippi to take vote on Dixie flag symbol

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A bill that would ask voters to decide whether to retain the Confederate emblem on the state flag was overwhelmingly approved by the Mississippi House on Tuesday.

The bill, which authorizes an April 17 referendum, is expected to gain passage in the Senate later this week. The House backed it 119-1.

Voters would be given the option of retaining the current flag or replacing the battle emblem with a circle of stars. Many black lawmakers want the current flag changed because they see it as a symbol of slavery and racial oppression.

Gov. Ronnie Musgrove created a commission of business and political leaders to make a recommendation on the flag design after an economic boycott in South Carolina over that state's flying of the Confederate battle flag.

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Armey pushes for tax cuts right now

WASHINGTON (AP) — The across-the-board income tax cut proposed by President-elect Bush should be the first priority for Congress and be retroactive to Jan. 1 to stimulate the weakening economy, House Majority Leader Dick Armey said Tuesday.

In a memo to GOP House members, Armey said the income tax cut should be paired with expansion of 401(k) plans and IRAs to jolt the economy and improve savings simultaneously. Other Republican leaders want to focus first on bite-size repeal of estate taxes and relief from the income tax marriage penalty, a tactic with significant Democratic support.

"Some are arguing that we should put off the income tax rate cut until later in the year. I disagree," Armey said in the memo. "I believe the income tax rate cut must move first, whether alone or part of a larger tax-cut package."

As proposed, Bush's plan would cut taxes at least $1.3 trillion by 2010, but it wouldn't begin to take effect until 2002. To avert a recession, Armey said the income tax cuts should be retroactive to Jan. 1 even if it takes Congress all year to enact them as a "greater incentive to save, invest and start new businesses." "I'm worried that a tax cut that doesn't begin until 2002 and is slowly phased in over a number of years won't do much to help our economy this year and next year, when it really needs it," Armey said. "Is a recession inevitable? It doesn't have to be."

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Democrats immediately threw cold water on a retroactive tax cut, citing the potential drain on the projected budget surplus. The Center on Budget Policy and Priorities, a nonpartisan research group focusing on middle-class taxpayers, estimates the true cost of Bush's tax cut at $1.6 trillion from 2002-2011 and up to $1.9 trillion once increased interest costs are included.

The Senate's Democratic leader, Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota, said Armey's proposal runs counter to GOP promises to reach out for Democratic support.

"We just look for some indication from our Republican colleagues that they're willing to come to the middle with us," Daschle said. "Retroactivity goes in the opposite direction, as far as I'm concerned."

While Republicans debate how to move Bush's plan forward, Democrats have begun discussing whether to present an alternative tax-cut package about half the size of the president-elect's. Daschle acknowledged Tuesday that a package as large as $700 billion over 10 years — about $200 billion more than Vice President Gore proposed during the presidential campaign — is "within the realm of possibility."



Death-row inmate says he wants to end it all

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A California death row inmate imprisoned for 21 years dropped his appeals Monday, setting the stage for a rare execution in the state with the largest number of condemned inmates.

Robert Massie, 59, could be executed within months for the 1979 murder of a San Francisco liquor store owner.

U.S. District Court Judge Charles Legge dismissed Massie's federal appeals late Monday. The judge has already ruled Massie competent to quit fighting his conviction, and gave Massie until Monday to change his mind.

Massie said that he would rather die than continue living a "lingering death" on death row in San Quentin.

However, execution may not come quickly.

San Francisco District Attorney Terence Hallinan, who opposes the death penalty, said he will not ask a county judge to schedule an execution.

The state attorney general's office, which is seeking Massie's execution, said it will meet with Hallinan this week to resolve the impasse, spokeswoman Sandra Michioku said.

Massie's lawyer, Frederick D. Baker, said his client told him Monday that he "opposes any effort by any third party to intervene" in an effort to keep him alive.

Of nearly 600 condemned men and women in California, eight inmates have been executed since 1978, the year capital punishment was reinstated. The last execution was in March 2000.

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Former doctor is arrested in deaths of multiple patients

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — A former respiratory therapist who bragged in 1998 that he had killed dozens of patients, then recanted, was arrested Tuesday for investigation of murder.

Officers arrested Efren Saldivar, 30, before daybreak.

Police Sgt. Rick Young would not say how many patients were involved or release any other details pending an afternoon news conference.

Saldivar was being held at the police station. His attorney, Terry Goldberg, did not immediately return a call for comment.

Saldivar allegedly told police in 1998 that he committed dozens of mercy killings at Glendale Adventist Medical Center between 1989 and 1997. He told police that he considered himself the Angel of Death.

Police said Saldivar told them he was angry at seeing terminally ill patients kept alive and killed them through suffocation or injection of muscle-paralyzing drugs.

In later TV interviews, Saldivar recanted, saying he had lied because he was depressed, suicidal and wanted to be sent to death row. Saldivar was fired from the hospital and his license was revoked by a state board.

Investigators reviewed the deaths of 171 patients who died while Saldivar was working at the hospital.

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Man kills 3 people in store, then shoots self

HOUSTON (AP) — A man apparently engaged in a feud with a Houston business shot three people to death there Tuesday before he also died of a gunshot wound, authorities said.

The gunman's fatal wound may have been self-inflicted in the noontime gunfire at Amko Trading, a wholesale clothing and perfume store.

Police spokeswoman Silvia Trevino said two women and a man were found dead inside the store. An employee who was inside the store when the shots were fired said the owner, his wife and their daughter were killed.

"When I heard the shots I got out and ran. I was very scared," said employee Ruben Zuniga, 29. He said eight customers were inside, but no one else was hurt.

The suspected gunman died at Ben Taub General Hospital of a gunshot wound to the head, police spokesman Robert Hurst said.



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Most think religion should play a larger role in America

NEW YORK (AP) — A post-campaign poll from a secular think tank found that Americans are wary of religion in the political arena but want more of it in public schools and think U.S. society would benefit if more people became devout.

Religion is the best way to strengthen moral behavior and family values, 69 percent of those polled said. Decreasing greed, materialism and crime, increasing volunteering and charity work, and better child-rearing are likely if "many more Americans were to become deeply religious," participants said by majorities ranging from 69 percent to 87 percent.

The November poll of 1,507 U.S. adults was conducted Public Agenda, a nonpartisan New York-based policy research agency founded by former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and pollster Daniel Yankelovich. The margin of error was plus or minus 3 percent. A report on the poll was being released Wednesday at a Brookings Institution forum in Washington. Fully 74 percent agreed that "it's a bad idea for families to raise children without any religion." Seventy-four percent said school prayer teaches children that belief in God is important, and 56 percent consider it an effective means of improving youngsters' behavior.

But majorities said school prayer can be unfair to some families and students, which apparently explained why there was far more support for a nonsectarian "moment of silence" in classrooms (53 percent) than prayers addressed to God (20 percent) or to Jesus (6 percent). Nineteen percent opposed all such observances.

Public Agenda President Deborah Wadsworth said the results show Americans "believe religion has enormous power to elevate peoples' behavior and address many societal problems." But, she said, they have "an almost instinctive wariness of injecting religion directly into politics."

Religious themes were unusually prominent during the 2000 campaign, in part because Democratic vice presidential candidate Joseph Lieberman, an Orthodox Jew, spoke openly of his faith.

Seventy-four percent in the poll thought politicians who talk about their faith "are just saying what people want to hear." Only 26 percent said they would be more likely to vote for a candidate who always decides on the basis of religious convictions. Most said compromise is necessary for government officials.

Miami cops get tough on petty crimes

MIAMI (AP) — Sit on a milk crate or push a shopping cart down a street in Miami and you could spend the night in jail.

Civil libertarians worry that the new enforcement campaign against petty crime could selectively target minorities.

The crackdown, announced Monday, is actually aimed at trying try to curb major offenses like drug trafficking and burglaries, department spokesman Delrish Moss said. A perception that police don't care about small crime can allow bigger crimes to flourish, he said.

"The cornerstone principle of community policing is that of taking care of the small concerns before they become large problems," Police Chief Raul Martinez said.

The initiative, Moss said, was adopted from similar techniques used in New York City.

The plan invites widespread abuses and civil rights violations, and even children could be arrested if the laws were strictly enforced, said Randall Marshall, legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida.

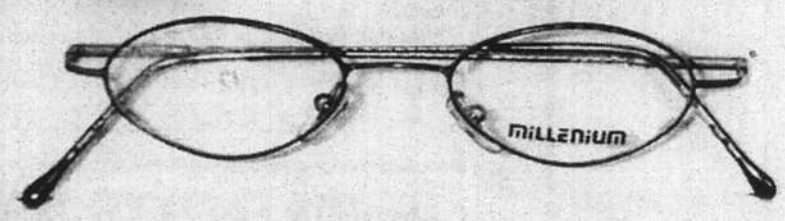
But Moss said the people being stopped are those known to have criminal records or, in the case of people pushing shopping carts, are using them to transport household goods, raising the question as to whether they are stolen.

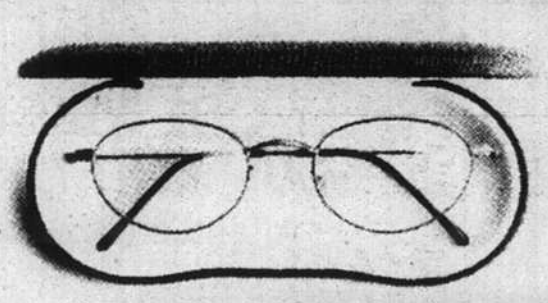
"The average person who is just riding their bike or pushing home their groceries has nothing to worry about," he said.

Enforcement will be strictest in 13 inner-city districts with high crime rates, including Overtown, Liberty City and Little Havana, police said.

People can be arrested for offenses like sitting on milk crates on street corners, littering, drinking a beer in public, gambling or just hanging out, Moss said.

Shopping carts and milk crates almost always belong to a supermarket or other business, which means having them is possession of stolen property, Moss explained.

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Albright suggests it's time for Grim Reaper to visit Castro

WASHINGTON (AP) — Last week, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said one of her main regrets as she is about to leave office is that Fidel Castro is still running Cuba.

On Tuesday, Albright went further, all but saying that it's about time that death claimed the aging Cuban leader.

At a farewell news conference at the State Department, Albright cited a list of foreign policy stances that she hopes the incoming Bush administration will pursue, adding at the end, to laughter: "And I wish them the actuarial tables in Cuba."

According to World Health Organization estimates, newborn Cuban males can expect to live 68.4 years. Castro turned 74 on Aug. 13.

School board to revisit evolution

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — More than a year after the Kansas Board of Education caused a furor over science vs. faith in the classroom, a newly elected board took up proposed new teaching standards Tuesday that would restore the emphasis on evolution.

In its first meeting with members elected in November, the board was to review a sixth draft of the new science standards that would replace ones adopted in August 1999. The 1999 standards omitted references to many evolutionary concepts.

Evolution, a theory developed by Charles Darwin and others, holds that the Earth is billions of years old and that all life, including humans, evolved from simple forms through a process of natural selection. Some religious fundamentalists and others object to the teaching of evolution, saying it contradicts the biblical account of creation.

It was not clear when the board would vote on the new standards. But three of the five newly elected board members were expected to vote in favor, giving supporters a majority.

A public comment session on the new standards was held Tuesday.

"You will be legislating naturalism into the public school curriculum," said Jody Sjogren of the Intelligent Design Network, which says evidence shows that a higher power created the universe. "We need to stop making evolution a religion."

But Jack Krebs of Kansas Citizens for Science said the revisions would help improve the state's tarnished image with scientists by restoring mainstream standards on the history the universe.

The board caused an uproar last year when it voted 6-4 in favor of science standards that critics said stripped evolution from its accepted place at the center of biological studies. Republican Gov. Bill Graves called the board's action "terrible, tragic, embarrassing."

The standards deleted references to "macroevolution" — the process of change from one species to another — but included references to "microevolution," or changes within species. They also mention natural selection, the idea that advantageous traits increase in a population over time, but omitted any reference to the Big Bang theory of the universe's origin.



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New Kansas state Board of Education members, from left, Bruce Wyatt, Carol Rupe, Steve Abrams, Bill Wagnon and Sue Gambel are sworn in by Assistant Secretary of State Janet Chubb at the state Department of Education building in Topeka, Kan., Tuesday.

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UN say Burma junta talking to Aung Suu Kyi

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Myanmar's military junta and opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi — bitter rivals since the junta took power 13 years ago and violently crushed a democratic uprising — have launched face-to-face talks, the United Nations announced Tuesday.

It was the first confirmation that Suu Kyi and the Southeast Asian nation's military rulers have ever spoken.

The announcement came just hours after U.N. envoy Razali Ismail concluded a five-day mission to Myanmar, where he met with the military government and with Suu Kyi, a pro-democracy leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner. "During his mission, Mr. Razali was able to confirm that the two sides had started a direct dialogue since last October," U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said in a statement. He said the sides are "satisfied with the results achieved so far in the area of confidence building" and are expected to start more substantive discussions on national reconciliation soon.

Stephane Dujarric, another U.N. spokesman, confirmed that Suu Kyi herself had taken part in more than one round of talks since October with Lt. Gen. Khin Nyunt, a senior leader in the ruling junta. The talks represent a major advance in relations between the military government and Suu Kyi, who has faced years of harassment for her attempts to bring democracy to Myanmar.

Myanmar, also known as Burma, has been ruled by the military continuously since 1962. The current generals took power in 1988, gunning down thousands of pro-democracy protesters nationwide. Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy was formed two weeks later.

In 1990, the military leaders organized general elections, and the NLD easily won, taking 82 percent of the seats. But the military refused to acknowledge the results and yield power. Afterward, NLD members were subjected to a nearly constant campaign of harassment and arrests.

Suu Kyi spent the years from 1989 to 1995 under house arrest on trumped-up national security charges. Since her release, her movements and activities in Myanmar have been severely restricted.



Associated Press
Former Malaysian diplomat Razali Ismail returns to Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Sepang, Malaysia Tuesday after a five-day visit to Myanmar.

Russia can't pay back old Soviet-era obligations

MOSCOW (AP) — Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov said Tuesday that Russia cannot make full payment on its Soviet-era debt without endangering the welfare of its citizens and told the finance minister to begin negotiations with creditor nations.

Kasyanov made the statement just hours after Russia announced it had made a $10 million payment to the creditor nations, known collectively as the Paris Club, even though it had said last week that it planned to skip first-quarter payments in 2001.

The $10 million payment is just a small fraction of the total $1.5 billion that Russia was to pay the Paris Club in the first three months of the year. In total, Russia owes $48 billion in Soviet-era debt.

The announcement that Russia would miss some first-quarter payments raised questions about whether the country's economic recovery is really as strong as the Kremlin has claimed and could potentially darken President Vladimir Putin's attempts to encourage foreign investment and cultivate better relations with the West.

On Sunday, at the end of a two-day visit by Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder of Germany, Russia's largest foreign creditor, Putin declared that Russia would meet all its Soviet-era debts, but suggested that Russia would seek new terms.

It was not immediately clear what arrangements Finance Minister Alexei Kudrin would be likely to seek in the talks with the Paris Club ordered by Kasyanov.

Recent statements by Russian officials have indicated the Kremlin is placing substantial hope on working out an arrangement for a standby loan from the International Monetary Fund.

Approval of such a measure would be seen as endorsement of Russia's economic policies and could give officials leverage in working out new debt payment terms.

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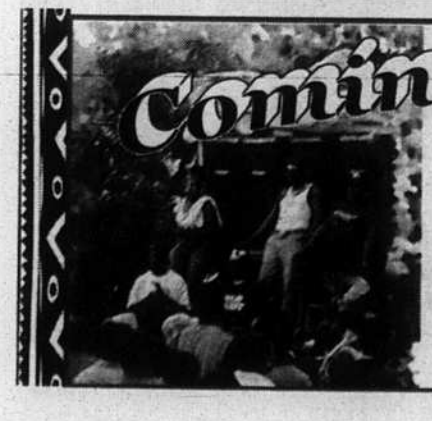
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Arab widow pleads for Israel to stop assassinations

JERUSALEM (AP) — A Palestinian widow, whose husband was gunned down by Israeli security forces outside his West Bank home last week, asked Israel's Supreme Court on Tuesday to halt what she called Israel's policy of assassinations.

Palestinians say that in recent weeks, Israel has killed more than a dozen Palestinians suspected of involvement in attacks on Israelis. Israel has not acknowledged involvement in individual killings, but Israel's deputy defense minister, Ephraim Sneh, has described the practice of targeting suspected assailants as "effective, precise and just."

Tuesday's appeal was filed by the widow of Thabet Thabet, a dentist and a leading activist in Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement. Thabet was walking from his home to his nearby car on Dec. 31 when Israeli troops opened fire from a military truck parked across the street, the appeal said. Thabet's widow, Siham, said troops also fired three shots at a neighbor, a physician who tried to walk to the car to administer first aid. Soldiers then shot again at Thabet's car. Thabet died several minutes after reaching a local hospital.

Thabet's killing was unjustified since he was unarmed, the appeal said. Israeli forces could have apprehended Thabet and brought him to trial instead of killing him, said Mrs. Thabet's lawyer, Naila Attiya.

"We request that the court tell the prime minister and defense minister that assassination without trial is illegal in Israel and the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza Strip," Attiya said.

Hindus wash away sins in sacred Ganges

ALLAHABAD, India (AP) — Millions of Hindus, hands clasped in prayer, plunged into the icy Ganges River hoping to wash away their sins at the opening of a festival that falls every 12 years — and is especially auspicious Tuesday because of the lunar eclipse.

"I have come here to get a new life, to wash away the sins I have committed in the last few years," says Pratap Garh, a teacher wearing only a loincloth as temperatures dropped to 38 degrees.

Millions flocked Tuesday to a sacred riverbank on the first day of the Kumbh Mela festival — and as many as 65 million are anticipated to dip into the river's chilly waters for a holy bath during the 43-day celebration.

"I was very close to god. I was totally away from the world, life and everything," Garh said after wading into the river, his 11th sacred bath. "This water is nectar; nothing can spoil it."

Kumbh Mela derives its name from a Hindu myth that tells how the gods and demons fought over a "kumbh," or pot, of nectar that would give them immortality. Legend has it that one of the gods ran off with the pot, spilling four drops of nectar near four blessed cities.

While the cities alternate holding Kumbh Mela, the festival in Allahabad, 360 miles east of New Delhi, is considered the most blessed because it lies near the confluence of rivers considered sacred by Hindus: the Ganges, the Yamuna and the mythical Saraswati.

Six days during the first festival of the new millennium are considered particularly auspicious bathing days — including Tuesday, which falls during a total lunar eclipse, said festival director Jivesh Nandan.

By 2 a.m., men, women and children gathered by the river, some of the men arriving naked or stripped to their underwear and some women with shaved heads. Many had daubed ash or sandalwood paste on their foreheads and were slipping offerings of money or food to beggars along the shore.



Associated Press

Some of up to 2 million Hindu pilgrims bathe on the first day of the Maha Kumbh festival in Allahabad, India, Tuesday.

Worshippers raised their hands to the skies, chanting prayers. Others bent and dunked their heads in the water. Most dipped their hands in, washing water over their faces and bodies.

Some brought metal pails to take home some of the sacred water. Others soaked pieces of clothing. Commercial activity, except for vegetarian food, was prohibited, but vendors were doing brisk sales of flowers for temple offerings, vermillion for daubing on the forehead and a watch that purported to reveal the best bathing times.



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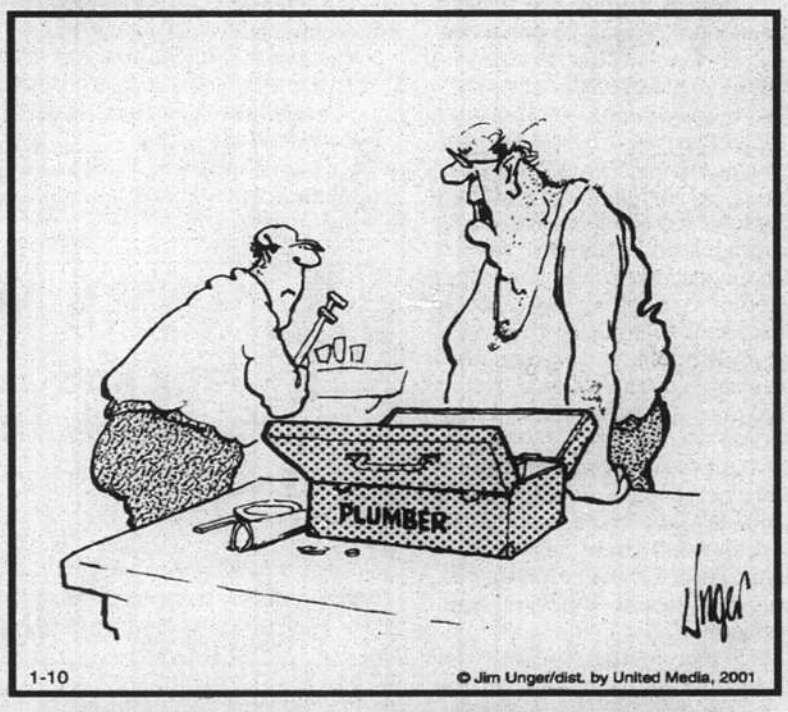
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Medic has word to the wise for teens who 'fool around'



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: While cleaning out some drawers, I discovered a column of yours I had clipped years ago. I'm now saving it for my great-grandchildren.

Your column has helped lots of people, and perhaps this item can save other teen-agers many heartaches and problems if you print it again. Thanks. — **A GREAT-GRANDMA FROM INDIANA**

DEAR GREAT-GRANDMA: You're right. It contains information every teen-ager should know — so here it is for young people who don't think things through before they do "everything but" or become sexually active:

DEAR ABBY: I weep every time I read a letter from a pregnant teen-ager pleading for help. So few people know that the sex act need not be completed for a female to become pregnant.

I was a medic in the service. When I got married, my ward doctor loaned me a medical book that he'd used in counseling young people. From that book, I learned that when a man becomes excited, a few drops of neutralizing fluid are released to neutralize any uric acid in the male urinary canal. It is nature's way of clearing a safe path for the delicate sperm cells to pass through at termination of the sex act.

Lab tests have shown that occasionally a few sperm cells are present in the fluid. This occurs most frequently in teen-agers, since that is when the male is at the peak of fertility.

Abby, please warn young people that if they plan to go beyond kissing and holding hands, they should take all necessary measures a couple would or should take in preventing pregnancy. "Fooling around a little" can be as dangerous as going all the way.

I am a father and a grandfather who is concerned about our youth, so if this information can help someone, you have my permission to edit it any way you like. — **CONCERNED GRANDFATHER**

DEAR GRANDFATHER: Thank you for a lesson in sex education that may save young people from an "accidental" pregnancy they are ill-prepared to handle.

DEAR ABBY: When I read the letter from "Puzzled Mother-in-Law," I had to write. She said she and her husband traveled for three days to their son and daughter-in-law's house for Thanksgiving, and then were ignored by the daughter-in-law. She kept to herself, reading books, sewing and staying in her closed bedroom.

I am a man in my 60s, and I think you missed this one, Abby. This behavior happened to me with two of my sons and a couple of friends.

That daughter-in-law and their son are most likely breaking up. Their son invited them, and his wife probably told him, "They're your parents — you entertain them."

What I'm saying is, the son and daughter-in-law most likely put up a "front" for the occasion. As soon as the holiday was over, they probably went their own way. — **BEEN THERE, SEEN THAT, SUN VALLEY, NEV.**

DEAR BEEN THERE: You certainly had a different take on this than I had, and you could be right. If I hear from the mother-in-law and you are correct, I'll print the letter. Thank you for the input.

Horoscope

By Francis Drake

ARIES
(March 21 to April 19)
You have energy to burn, and thus no trouble handling that burgeoning to-do list. Just make sure that you allow yourself a little time to relax.

TAURUS
(April 20 to May 20)
Resist the temptation to hold someone else's weaknesses up to the light. You know that they're feeling sensitive at this time and in need of support.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)
Everyone exceeds his or her personal best when rising to a challenge. You could fall in love easily, but why complicate a perfect friendship?

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)
The official version might not be the whole story, but it does provide a sense of context. Actions taken now have more far-reaching consequences than you realize.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)
Don't be surprised to find yourself suddenly in the spotlight. Let your speed and power carry you to newfound heights.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Ignoring a personal conflict will only make things worse down the line. Embrace reality, even when it seems too big to get your arms around.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Finally, you find yourself in an environment with true room for growth. Individual achievements become possible, thanks to group efforts.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Get work done through more traditional means should you start to find technology baffling. It's likely that what's confusing you is a problem beyond your control.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Share the wealth when you suddenly find yourself sitting pretty. You have enough personal power right now to make the impossible possible.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
All of humanity seems to be spoiled by an obnoxious few. Perhaps you should keep to yourself for a while, at least until your outlook improves.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Following an impulse either saves the day or gets you into even bigger trouble. Look closely before you leap into action.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to March 20)
Make sure that your response is appropriate to the situation at hand. If you suspect that you're overreacting, you're probably quite right.

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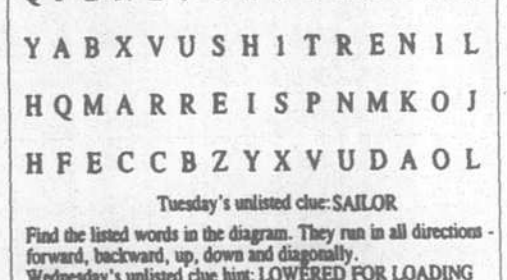
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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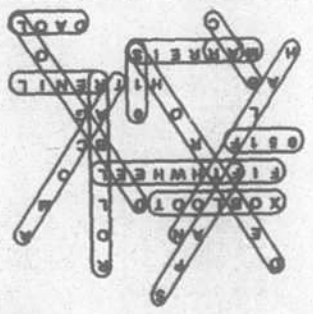
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TV GUIDE

CBS nails down deal for third and fourth 'Survivor'

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — CBS has nailed down a deal for a third and fourth "Survivor" even before the second edition — set in the Australian outback — has made it on the air.

Locations in Africa and South America are being scouted for "Survivor III," which will be on the CBS fall schedule, network executives said Tuesday.

CBS disclosed few details of its agreement with producer Mark Burnett. The network already had an option for several additional series, but Burnett was looking to sweeten his cut.

"Certainly this deal will make him richer," said Nancy Tellem, the network's entertainment chief.

She indicated CBS held firm on its refusal to give show producers a cut of advertising revenue.

The first "Survivor" was a ratings phenomenon last summer, and the already-filmed Australian edition will premiere on Jan. 28 after the Super Bowl. It will then be shown regularly on Thursday nights at 8 Eastern.

CBS also said that it was moving its freshman hit drama, "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," into the coveted Thursday time slot directly after "Survivor" in February. "Diagnosis Murder" will move to Friday nights.

The shift is less an attempt to weaken NBC's strong Thursday lineup than to shore up CBS' abysmal ratings that night, CBS President Leslie Moonves said. The hope is that "CSI," which has a younger audience than most CBS shows, will help earn the network a cut of the lucrative movie studio advertising market — which is big on Thursday nights.

Although the first "Survivor" captivated viewers during TV's summer lull, there was no thought to putting another edition on in the summer, Tellem said.

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FOX	5	Judge Joe Brown (CC)	Divorce Court (CC)	Judge Judy (N)	Home Improvement	Simpsons (CC)	Blind Date	That '70s Show (N)	Grounded for Life (N)	Temptation Island (N) (CC)		Fox Report		Blind Date	Arrest & Trial (CC)
TBS	6	Full House "Sea Cruise"	Full House "Daddy's Home"	Roseanne (CC)	Roseanne (CC)	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	Ripley's Believe It or Not! Croc Doc Adam Britton.		WCW Thunder				Ripley's Believe It or Not! Croc Doc Adam Britton.	
WGN	7	7th Heaven "What Will People Say?" (CC)		Full House (CC)	Clueless "Friends"	Fresh Prince	Suddenly Susan (CC)	Movie ★★½ "Blame It on the Bellboy" (1992, Comedy) Dudley Moore, Bryan Brown.				News (CC)		MacGyver "Prisoner of Conscience"	
WSVI	8	All My Children (CC)		News	ABC World News Tonight (CC)	Paid Program		Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (CC)		Drew Carey (N) (CC)	Spin City "The Perfect Dorm"	Once and Again Lily and Rick deal with her possible pregnancy.		News	(:35) Nightline (N) (CC)
WSEE	9	Inside Edition (CC)	News	News	CBS Evening News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (CC)	Bette (N) (CC)	Welcome-N.Y.	Movie "Dodson's Journey" (2001, Drama) David James Elliott, Alicia Morton. Premiere. (CC)				News	(:35) Late Show (N)
WNBC	11	News (CC)		News (CC)	NBC Nightly News (CC)	Extra (N) (CC)	Access Hollywood (N) (CC)	Ed "Losing Streak" (N Postponed from an earlier date) (CC)		West Wing "The Leadership Breakfast" (N) (CC)		Law & Order "Hubris" (N) (CC)		News (CC)	(:35) Tonight Show (N) (CC)
TLC	12	Home Again	Home Again	Treasure: Jewels, Gold and Greed		Medical Detectives	Medical Detectives	Collapse: Failure by Design		Junkyard Wars A Baja bug and a sand rail. (N)		Junkyard Wars "Boats" (N)		Collapse: Failure by Design	
WTJX	13	Teacher Is In	Reading Club (CC)	Newshour With Jim Lehrer (CC)		Face to Face		Great Streets (N) (Part 4 of 5) (CC)		Jazz (N) (Part 3 of 10) (CC)				Charlie Rose (CC)	
CSPAN	14	(5:00) House of Representatives (Live) (CC)				House of Rep.		Prime Time Public Affairs						Public Affairs	
ETW	16	Ghetto Priest	Faith Factory	Personalism	Way Home	Our Lady of the Angels Monastery Daily Mass		Mother Angelica Live (Live Phone-In)		Religious Catalogue	Rosary-Land	In Persona Christi	Catholic Authors	Msgr. Clark	Fr. Apostoli
WPIX	17	7th Heaven "What Will People Say?" (CC)		Sabrina-Witch	Clueless "Friends"	Friends (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Dawson's Creek "The Tao of Dawson" (N)		Jack & Jill "What Weddings Do to People" (N)		WB11 News at Ten W/ Kaity, Jim, & Mr. G		Friends (CC)	Frasier (CC)
WKAQ	20	Abrázame Muy Fuerte		Yo Soy Betty la Fea		Dame un Break				Telenoticias		Ocurrió Así		Infomercial	A Oscuras-Enc.
CNN	21	Inside Politics (N) (CC)		Worldview	Moneyline Newshour		Crossfire	Blitzer	The Point	Larry King Live (CC)		Tonight	Spin Room	Sports	Moneyline
ESPN	22	NHL Cool Shots (N)	Up Close (N)	Sportscenter (CC)		College Basketball North Carolina at Maryland. (Live)				College Basketball Duke at North Carolina State. (Live)				Sportscenter (CC)	
FAM	24	S Club 7 in Miami (CC)	Two of a Kind "First Crush"	Two of a Kind (CC)	Who's the Boss?	Early Edition "The Last Untouchable" (CC)		Movie "Les Miserables" (2000, Drama) (Part 1 of 2) Gerard Depardieu. A fanatical inspector gives a former criminal no peace. (CC) (DVS)				Early Edition "Pilot" (CC) (DVS)		700 Club (CC)	
USA	25	Walker, Texas Ranger "Deadly Vision" (CC)		Walker, Texas Ranger "Skyjacked" (CC)		JAG "High Ground" (CC)		Nash Bridges "The Javelin Catcher" (CC)		Movie "Bittersweet" (1999, Action) Angie Everhart, James Russo, Eric Roberts. (CC)				Martin (CC)	Martin (CC)
NICK	26	Rocket Power	U Pick Nicktoons	Pinky & the Brain	Catdog	Hey Arnold! (CC)	Rugrats (CC)	Thornberrys	Brady Bunch	Gilligan's Island	Facts of Life	Three's Company	Three's Company	All in the Family	Jeffersons (CC)
WCVI	27	Headline News	Paid Program	Entertainment	Net Talk Interactive	Immortal "Wicked Wicked West"		7 Days "Adam & Eve & Adam" (N) (CC)		Star Trek: Voyager "Repression" (CC)		Headline News (CC)	(Off Air)		
A&E	28	Magnum, P.I. "Forever in Time" (CC)		Night Court	Newsradio (CC)	Law & Order "House Counsel" (CC)		Biography "John Gotti" (CC)		American Justice: Knew Too Much		Investigative Reports (CC)		Law & Order "Faccia a Faccia" (CC)	
E!	29	Plastic Surgery		Fashion Emergency	News Daily (N)	Celebrity Homes	Talk Soup (N)	Mysteries & Scandals	Mysteries & Scandals	True Hollywood Story "Freddie Prinze"		Celebrity Profile Actress Katey Sagal.		Howard Stern (N)	Howard Stern
COM	32	(5:00) Movie ★★ "Love Potion No. 9"		Saturday Night Live		Daily Show (CC)	State and Main (N)	Movie ★★½ "Earth Girls Are Easy" (1989, Comedy) Geena Davis, Jeff Goldblum.				South Park "Cat Orgy"	TV Funhouse (N)	Daily Show (CC)	Stein's Money
DISCH	33	Medical Diary	Medical Diary	Children's Hospital		Operation "Kidney Transplant"		Ward Seven E: A Story of Hearts		21st Century Medicine "Bionic Breakthroughs"		Joined at Birth		Ward Seven E: A Story of Hearts	
MTV	34	Say What? Karaoke	Direct Effect (N)		Celebrity Death	Celebrity Death	Cribs	Movie "Anatomy of a Hate Crime: The Matthew Shepard Murder"			Fight-Hate Crime	Fight for Your Rights (N)			
BET	35	(5:00) Rap City: Tha Bassment		106 & Park: BET's Top Ten Live			Oh Drama!		Amen	Comicview		BET Live		BET News	BET Tonight
DISC	36	Your New House		Wild Discovery "Supernature" "Outer Limits"		Wild Discovery: Tarantulas-Venomous		82nd Airborne Division (N)		In The Shadow of Vesuvius: Pompeii		Discovery Newsmagazine		Justice Files "Where Are They?"	
CNNFN	37	N.E.W.		Biz Buzz	Moneyline Newshour (CC)		Digital Jam		Business Unusual	Biz Buzz	Entrepreneurs Only	Moneyline Newshour	Pinnacle	Digital Jam	
AMC	38	(5:00) Movie "A Shot in the Dark" (1964) (CC)		Three Stooges		Hollywood Lives and Legends		Movie ★★★½ "Halls of Montezuma" (1950, Drama) Richard Widmark, Jack Palance.				Movie ★★★½ "What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?" (1962) Bette Davis, Joan Crawford.			
VHL	40	20 to 1 "Teen Idols"		20 to 1 "Divas" A countdown of divas.		20 to 1 "Rock's Excesses"		Behind the Music "Vanilla Ice"		Movie ★★ "Staying Alive" (1983, Drama) John Travolta, Cynthia Rhodes.				Fanclub "Ricky Martin"	
TRAV	41	Journeys to the Ends of the Earth		Treasure Hunters	Vacation Video	Curious World (CC)		21st Century Zoo		World's Best: Wild Swarms		World's Best: Wild Beasts		21st Century Zoo	
LIFE	42	Murphy Brown (CC)	Murphy Brown (CC)	Golden Girls (CC)	Golden Girls (CC)	Intimate Portrait "Vanna White" (CC)		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie ★★★ "Surviving" (1985, Drama) Ellen Burstyn, Len Cariou, Molly Ringwald. Two youths' suicide pact devastates their families. (CC)					
TNT	43	Pensacola: Wings of Gold "Stranger, Lover, Friend"		ER "Humpty Dumpty" (CC)		Pretender "Lifeline" (CC)		NBA Basketball Portland Trail Blazers at Philadelphia 76ers. From the First Union Center in Philadelphia. (Live) (CC)				Inside the NBA (CC)		Movie ★★ "The Golden Child" (1986, Comedy) Eddie Murphy.	
SCIFI	46	Star Trek (CC)		Hercules-Jrnys.		Babylon 5		Space-Beyond		Movie ★½ "Children of the Corn" (1984)				Crossing	Twilight Z.
BRAVO	47	Movie ★★★½ "Red" (1994, Drama) Irene Jacob, Jean-Louis Trintignant. A young model impacts a retired judge's outlook on life. (Subtitled)				St. Elsewhere		Movie ★★½ "Uncommon Valor" (1983, Drama) Gene Hackman, Robert Stack. A father goes after his son, who is missing in Vietnam.				Profiles "Bruce Lee" Martial arts expert and actor Bruce Lee. (N)		Movie ★★½ "Uncommon Valor" (1983, Drama) Gene Hackman.	
DISN	48	So Weird "Rebecca" (CC)	Smart Guy "The Dating Game"	Famous Jett Jackson (CC)	Boy Meets World (CC)	Movie ★★½ "Johnny Tsunami" (1999, Drama) Brandon Baker, Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa. (CC)		(:45) Movie "Phantom of the Megaplex" (2000, Adventure) Taylor Handley. Strange occurrences at a movie theater awaken an old myth. (CC)						(:25) Movie "A Kid in Aladdin's Palace" (1997, Adventure) Thomas Ian Nicholas, Rhona Mitra. (CC)	
HIST	49	FBI: The Untold Stories	History's Crimes & Trials	Black Sheep Squadron "Prisoners of War"		History's Lost & Found (CC)	History IQ	Mysteries of Devil's Triangles (CC)		Silent Service: The Torpedoes of WWII (N) (CC)		Internet: Behind the Web (CC)		Big House "San Quentin"	
TOON	50	Dragon-Z	Tenchi	Batman	Superman	Scooby	Bravo	Dexter	Dexter	Bugs	Tom Jerry	Flintstones	Scooby	Dexter	Dexter
SOAP	51	Knots Landing (Part 1 of 2)		Ryan's Hope	Ryan's Hope	Port Charles	Port Charles	All My Children (CC)		One Life to Live (CC)		General Hospital (CC)		Port Charles	Port Charles
ESPN2	53	ESPNews	NFL Dream Season: Match Up		Super Bowl IV	NFL 2Night (N) (CC)	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at Atlanta Thrashers. From Philips Arena in Atlanta. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)							NHL Hockey St. Louis Blues at Mighty Ducks of Anaheim. (Live)	
COURT	54	Closing Arguments (N)		Pros Cons	Cops (CC)	Wanted	Forensic	Profiler "Night Dreams"		Cops (CC)	Cops (CC)	Crime Stories (N)		Homicide: Life	
RMNC	55	Tea With Fi "Man Who Cried." (Part 3 of 3)		Movie ★★½ "The Affair" (1995, Drama) Courtney B. Vance, Kerry Fox, Ciaran Hinds.				Everyday Elegance	Grt. Romances	Movie ★★ "I Love You, I Love You Not" (1997) Jeanne Moreau.		Movie ★★ "Lady Jane" (1986) Helena Bonham Carter, Cary Elwes.			

People in the News

Reeves vocal about lengthy drug use


Reeves

NEW YORK (AP) — Keanu Reeves doesn't mind talking about using drugs.

In the February issue of Vanity Fair magazine, on newsstands in New York Wednesday and nationwide Jan. 16, the actor says he had a reputation for doing drugs for "a certain half a year."

Asked whether that reputation was deserved, he replies, "Well, to a certain extent. I had to work in order to kind of dispel that. So I did some things that I wouldn't have normally done if I didn't have to, like a Japanese commercial to pay the rent or a video with Paula Abdul."

Reeves, 36, says, "I've had wonderful experiences. I mean really wonderful. In teaching. Personal epiphanies. About life. About a different perspective — help with different perspectives that you have. You know what I mean? Relationships to nature. Relationships with the self. With other people. With events."

In his latest movie, Sam Raimi's "The Gift," Reeves plays an abusive husband. Next month, he stars in "Sweet November" with Charlize Theron.

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CommunityCalendar

St. Croix

JANUARY 10

The Virgin Islands Republican Women will hold a meeting at noon, Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the Cormorant Beach Hotel.

Elmo Plaskett East Little League will be having a very important meeting for all managers and coaches at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the American Legion Hall. For more information call 773-1728.

JANUARY 12

The Bible Church of Christ Theological Institute will hold classes in the book of Acts, Christian Worker and Demonology at 6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 12, at the institute. The teacher will be Dr. Floyd Thomas. For more details call 778-1002.

The Business and Professional Women's Organization of St. Croix invites all members to a Holiday Season/Gift Exchange Party at 7 p.m., Friday, January 12, at Gertrude's Restaurant. Members are encouraged to bring a guest.Call 713-9148.

JANUARY 13

AARP Chapter 3167 of St. Croix will hold its regular meeting at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 13, in the Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital cafeteria. Everyone is invited.

Mu Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. presents "Circle of Sisters: Empowerment Through Business, Finance and Technology" seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 13, at UVI's Student Center- St. Croix Campus. Learn how to set up your own business, how to invest your money and more. Call 773-6433.

St. Croix Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. will hold its monthly meeting on Saturday, Jan. 13, at Charles H. Emmanuel Elementary School. Bring non perishable food items. Business attire is required.

AGLOW International - St. Croix Chapter invites the woman of St. Croix to our regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 13, at Gertrudes. Come out and be challenged for the New Year.

V.I. Express Track & Field Club will hold a Martin Luther King Jr. Mini Track Meet. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. January 13, 2001 at St.Croix Educational Complex, races start at 9 a.m. sharp. Events 800m (ages)9& under, 100m (ages)10-12, 400m (ages)16-open.

JANUARY 14

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. will hold an "Oldie Goldies Dance," in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, from 9 p.m. "until," Sunday, Jan. 14, at the Two Plus Two Night Club. Sixties or seventies attire is optional.

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. Croix presents "What Would Martin Luther King Jr. Say Today?"This service will be held by Marsha Shuman at 10 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 14, at the Nature Conservancy's Little Princess Estate. Sunday School is held simultaneously. A coffee hour follows. For more information call 773-7461.

The Peter's Rest Pathfinder club invites the public to a funday from 10 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 14, at the Peter's Rest Church grounds, (opposite Junie's Bar). Come and participate in games like cricket, soccer, rounders, basketball and softball.

St. Croix Hibiscus Society will hold its annual flower show from 1-4:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 14, at Country Day School. The public is invited to enter blooms from 7:30-9 a.m. Admission is free. Call 773-1111 (day) or 778-7145 (eve).

JANUARY 16

Stepping Stones and UVI Cooperative Extension Service will sponsor the Home Buyers Club program from 6-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 16, at UVI Room 133. Classes will be held every third Thursday. Financial Counseling will be available. To register call 713-0337.

JANUARY 23

VINA will be holding a meeting at 4:15 p.m., Tuesday, January 23, in the Juan F. Luis Hospital Cafeteria.

JANUARY 28

St. Croix Central High School Class of 1982 will meet at 4 p.m., Sunday, January 28, at The Chamber of Commerce Building. Reunion plans will be discussed.

JANUARY 31

Speak the Word Ministries invites the public to a Marriage Seminar from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday, January 31, at Speak the Word located in the Health Conscious Building. The topic will be "Money in Marriage." Call 778-1575.

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St. Croix Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. is seeking young girls ages 11-14 to participate in the Delta Academy that meets Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at Juanita Gardine School. The academy provides free training in technology, academic assistance, culture and personal development. Call 778-6401 or 778-8259 to register. Space is limited.

The Courtyard Players are sponsoring a one-act play-writing contest open to St. Croix junior high, senior high, university, public, private and parochial school students. Prizes of $100, $50 and $25, and a certificate will be presented at each level. Submit plays to Courtyard Players by Jan. 31 to P.O. Box 24653, C'sted, St. Croix VI 00824-0653.

The Business and Professional Women's Organization of St. Croix is seeking candidates between the ages of 25 and 35 to participate in their annual Young Careerist competition. Judging will be based on the candidates' written biographical information, personal interview, group interaction and prepared speeches on a specific topic. Call 772-4433 or 778-9749.

Stepping Stones, Inc. wants you to donate your new or reusable building materials for use in single family homes by low income families. To leave a message or to arrange a pick-up call 772-0010.

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

Obituaries


Haywood

Sally Judy Haywood, aka "Roselyn," age 33, of Mutual Homes, passed away, on Jan. 5, 2001, at the Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital. She is survived by her children: Deslyn Haywood (Texas), Alisha Haywood and Tirike Pitcairn (STX); mother: Verna Haywood; stepfather: Henderson Joseph; brother: Andrae Haywood; aunts: Lena Haywood (NY), Selly Queeley, Rose-Ann Phillip, Jonell Johnson (STX), Annie Jacobs (St. Vincent), Noreen Haywood (Trinidad) and Annie Sandra Haywood; uncles: Thomas Jacobs, Anson Johnson (STX), Alwyn Jack, Iril Johnson (NY), Lyndon Johnson, Haige Jack, Alban and Ronald Haywood, Kirk and Burt Jack (St. Vincent) and Rafee Johnson; niece: Cathleen Haywood; cousins: Kathleen and Wendy Haywood, Eve Williams, Nicole Pascal, Demmie Alex and Augustine Jacobs; close friends: Racheal Calixte, Daffney James and Bevron Anthony; other relatives and friends too numerous to mention.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Jan. 11, in the Central Seventh Day Adventist Church. The viewing will be at noon and interment will be in the Kingshill Cemetery.

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

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Rupert Walwyn, of Buckley's Site, St. Kitts passed away on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000.

He is survived by his sons: John Griffin, Rev. Eric Spencer Walwyn, Inel Walwyn, Trevor Walwyn, Clinton Walwyn, Vernon Walters and Edward Whenom; daughters: Audrey Walwyn Benjamin, Gwendolyn Walwyn Crossley, Pricilla Stanley, Valerie Walwyn Hodge and Joyce Walwyn Sutton; daughters-in-law: Ivy Walwyn, Dorcus Griffin, Ruby Walters, Claudette Walwyn; sons-in-law: James Benjamin, Ernest Stanley, Roy Sutton and Cecil Crossley; 67 grandchildren; special grandson: Eugene Walwyn; 88 great grand children and one great great grandchild.

Funeral service will take place on Thursday, Jan. 11, at St. Johnston Methodist Church 2 p.m. Viewing will begin at 1 p.m. Interment will follow in the Springfield Cemetery.

Professional arrangements are entrusted to Ralph and Clarke Funeral Home in St. Kitts.

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Georgiana Josephine Thomas, age 80, of Sion Hill, passed away on Jan. 3, 2001, on St. Croix

She is survived by her husband: Hubert Thomas; daughters: Woletta N. Daniels-Cason and Teda M. Davis; sons-in-law: Allen Cason and Hercules Davis; brother: James Edward Bramble and James Newton; sister: Ruth Bramble; sister-in-law: Virginia Bramble and Mrs. Windsor Newton; grandchildren: Tonjah E. Goods, Albert Ford, Peter Davis and wife Amy, Bernard Davis and wife Michelle, Leslie Davis, Haujji Davis-Glen and wife Cantrice, Sdhari Cason Payano and husband, Roberto, Mkeba Cason, Hassan Davis and wife, Tiffany and Rikki Davis; great grandchildren: Albert Ford III, Tiffany Ford, Tiara C. Williams, Nykol Haskins, Naeema A. Stennett, Brianna Josephine Payano, Adrian, Devon, Bernard, Joseph, Devante and Allecia Davis and Keayanna Davis-Glen; stepson and stepdaughter: Leroy Bailey and Girlette Glasgow; special cousins: Mrs. Audrey Williams, Rev. Jocelyn T. Dowdye and Samuel Dowdye, Lorna and Akeem Dowdye and Llewellyn Steinberg; special friends: William Dasent, Mr and Mrs. Matthew Javois, Albert and Maria Schuster, Janet Hector, Celestine Carr and Claudette Isaac; other relatives and friends too numerous to mention.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, Jan. 12 in the Kingshill Cemetery Chapel. Viewing will be at 10 a.m., with the service following at 11 a.m. The interment will be in the Kingshill Cemetery.

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

St. Thomas-St. John

JANUARY 17

New Image Foundation, in conjuction with The University of the Virgin Islands Small Business Development Center will hold a Women's Network for Entrepreneurial Training (WNET) Roundtable noon - 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 17, at Marriott Frenchman Reef. To RSVP call 777-8883.

JANUARY 20

Virgin Islands Retired Police Organization invites all members and prospective members to a general meeting at 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 20. Very important topics to be discussed.

JANUARY 23

The Global Life Church invites the public to an Island Awakening Crusade at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 23 - Thursday, Jan. 25, at the church. Guest speaker will be Bishop Brian Keith Williams of Columbus, Ohio. For more information call 774-5400.

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

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Lutheran Church of the Reformation invites everyone to join them for Sunday morning worship service at 8:30 a.m., in Tutu. If you need a church home, they are there for you. Also bring your children to Children's Village each Sunday at 11 a.m.

Independent Living Center, Inc., will hold a training in Disaster in Home Health Care. The dates and times will be announced at a later date. Call 774-0368.

Non-Profit Groups are welcome to use Center Court, or the Food Court at Tutu Park Mall, free. For more info call 775-4658.

KATS, St. John, Inc. (Kids and The Sea) meets every Saturday morning at Coral Bay, St. John. The program is a nondiscriminatory marine safety program for children 8-18 years of age. Call 779-4994.

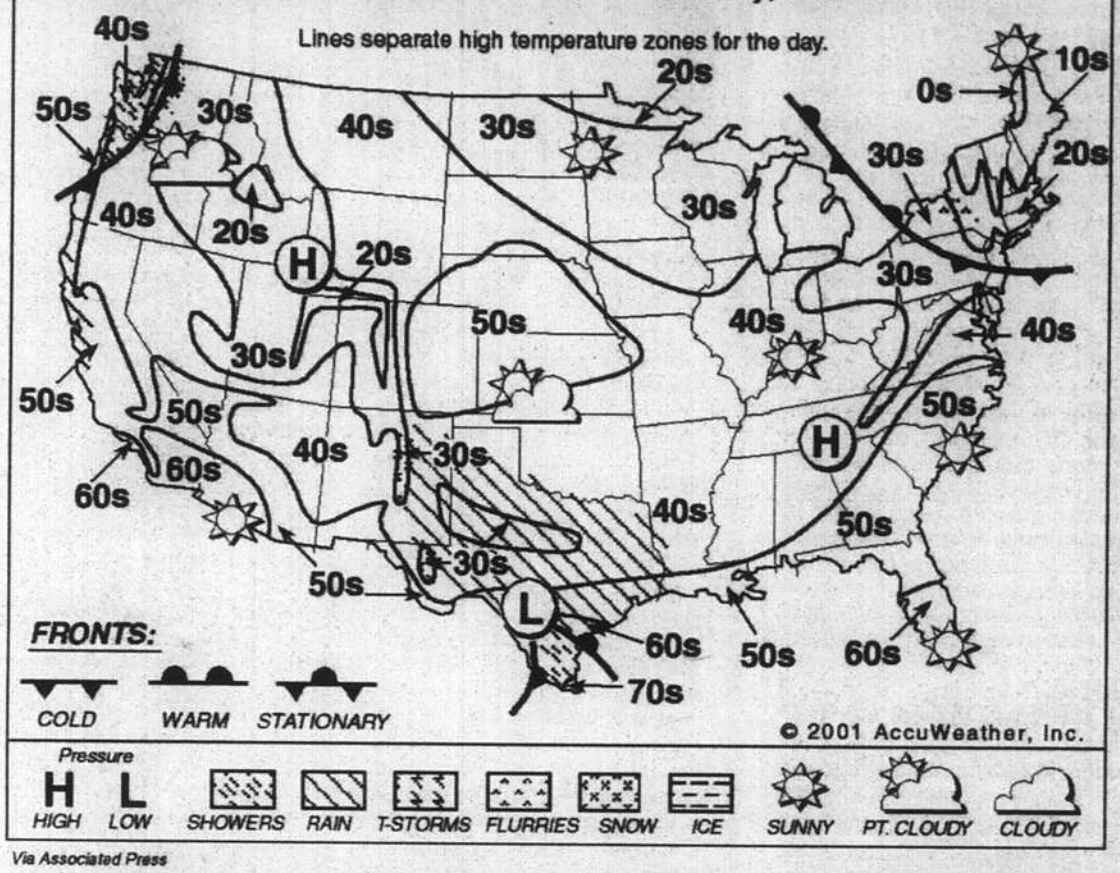
National Scrabble Association of the VI Club 190 plays Scrabble every Thursday evening at the Frenchtown Deli from 5-9 p.m. Call 776-2035.

Women for Positive Change invites all women to participate in a survey. Call 774-6683.

WeatherOutlook

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Wednesday, Jan. 10.



Via Associated Press

World Temps

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Amsterdam	44	35	rn
Athens	66	58	cdy
Auckland	77	59	cdy
Bangkok	92	74	cdy
Barbados	83	75	cdy
Barcelona	51	38	clr
Beijing	34	14	clr
Beirut	67	56	clr
Belgrade	58	38	rn
Berlin	44	33	cdy
Bermuda	70	63	cdy
Bogota	71	35	cdy
Brasilia	87	68	cdy
Budapest	47	38	rn
B'Aires	81	55	rn
Cairo	68	49	clr
Caracas	79	63	cdy
Copenhagen	41	38	rn
Dhahran	65	50	cdy
Dublin	42	30	cdy
Frankfurt	40	31	rn
Geneva	43	29	cdy
Guatemala City	77	51	cl
Harare	83	61	clr
Havana	81	52	clr
Helsinki	38	34	rn
Hong Kong	72	61	cdy
Istanbul	62	51	clr
Jerusalem	57	41	clr
Jo'burg	80	57	cdy
Kiev	43	39	cdy
La Paz	55	38	rn
Lima	77	67	cdy
Lisbon	60	47	rn
London	46	33	cdy
Madrid	46	29	cdy
Managua	90	66	cdy
Manila	89	79	cdy
Mexico City	67	47	cdy
Montreal	24	10	sn
Moscow	36	31	sn
Nassau	79	58	cdy
New Delhi	58	43	cdy
Osaka	48	38	rn
Oslo	35	25	cdy
Panama	89	89	cdy
Paris	47	35	cdy
Rio	90	77	cdy
Rome	56	40	rn
San Juan	84	72	cdy
Sao Paulo	90	71	rn
San Salvador	86	63	clr
Sapporo	28	10	sn
Seoul	37	24	sn
Stockholm	39	34	rn
Sydney	71	65	cdy
Taipei	72	61	cdy
Tel Aviv	66	49	cdy
Tokyo	47	36	cdy
Toronto	21	0	cdy
Vancouver	48	37	rn
Vienna	39	36	rn
Warsaw	40	32	rn
Zurich	37	29	rn

VI Forecast

Local forecast for Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands (*NWS*):

Wednesday — Partly cloudy. Less than a 20-percent chance of showers. Highs from 70 to 75 in mountains ranging to 80 around 85 in coasts and lower elevations.

Wednesday Night — Partly cloudy. Less than a 20-percent chance of showers. Lows from around 60 in mountains ranging to around 70 on coasts.

Thursday — Partly cloudy. A 30-percent chance of showers. Highs from 70 to 75 .

Coastal waters:

Synopsis — Surface high pressure will continue to extend from the central Atlantic southwest to the northeast Caribbean through Wednesday night. A cold front extending from the Florida Straits northeast across the Atlantic will move steadily southeast across the Bahamas through Wednesday night.

Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands waters:

Thursday through Monday

Partly cloudy. Scattered showers. Seas 5 to 6 feet.

CaribbeanClouds



Crossword

by Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Actress Sorvino
5 USMC rank
8 Drive the getaway car
12 Eye part
13 La-la preceder
14 Whimper
15 Downy wool gotten from goats
17 Pinnacle
18 Bracelet locale
19 Count
21 List-ending abbr.
24 DDE opponent
25 Tramp's love
28 Bankrolls
30 With it
33 "— not choose to run"
34 Theme of this puzzle
35 Eggs
36 End of some Web site addresses
37 Automaker Ransom Eli —
38 Charon's river
39 Main mailing addr.
41 Leave out
43 On the beach
46 Rigg or Ross
50 Male swans
51 Container for baked goods
54 Coagulate
55 Feathery frill
56 Otherwise
57 Stocking stuffers
58 Rarin' to go
59 Fishing-line holder

DOWN

1 Laminate mineral
2 Ayatollah territory
3 "Rule the world" board game
4 "G.W.T.W." character
5 Macabre author
6 Supporting
7 "Believe" singer
8 Quickly
9 Shell filling
10 Ticklish Muppet
11 Adolescent
16 Bumped into
20 Simple
22 Off base
23 Touches down
25 Commit perjury
26 Hit the + key
27 WWI infantryman
29 Secretary, e.g.
31 Wall climber
32 1990s TV network
34 Othello was one
38 Arachnophobe's worry
40 Fencing equipment?
42 Rhoda's mom
43 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
44 Alone
45 Recedes
47 Skilled
48 Pinocchio's giveaway
49 Skating leap
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Cryptoquip

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Messages

II Timothy 2:16
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A small Black W/White dog in the vicinity of Concordia. A Black W/White Brindle dog in the vicinity of Est. La Reine. A Brown dog in the vicinity of La Vallee. Owner may identify and claim at the Animal Shelter, Est. Clifton Hill, **778-1650** or **778-2867.**

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- **Have all appropriate licenses and insurance**
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- **Financially stable and have a proven track record**
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Proposals and accompanying materials must be submitted to Mr. Jim Conway at the Divi Carina Bay Resort. 25 Estate Turner Hole Christiansted, St. Croix no later than January 20, 2001.

01/06, 07-08, 09, 10, 11, 12/2001

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

DATE: January 4, 2001

Request for Proposals No: RFP-0008-2001

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Third Floor, Room 316
Subbase
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00802

Until 4:00 o'clock P.M. Atlantic Standard Time on Tuesday, January 23, 2001.

Bidding Documents may be obtained from this office:

Marc Biggs
Commissioner

01/07-08, 10, 14-15/2001

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

PREMIUM FINANCE COMPANY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, INC., **CIVIL NO. 457/2000**

PLAINTIFF,

ACTION FOR DEBT

VS.

OASIS COMMERCIAL CENTER,

DEFENDANT,

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS:

TO: Nader Mustif, Resident Agent, Defendant
Address: No. 4 Estate Mountain; Frederiksted, U.S. Virgin Islands 00840

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

Witness my hand and Seal of this Court this 13 day of September, 2000.

DENISE D. ABRAMSEN

Clerk of the Court

Rhonda Hospedales **BY: Rita Johannes**
Nichols Newman Logan & D'Eramo
1131 King Street, Suite 204
Christiansted, St. Croix
U.S. Virgin Islands 00820-4971
(340) 773-3200

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

12/20, 27/2000, 01/03, 10/2001

Request For Proposal

The Roy Lester Schneider Hospital requests proposal from vendors to provide office supplies.

Specifications for this work may be obtained from the Roy Lester Schneider Hospital Director of Materials Management, Stephen A. Jones. Contact phone number: (340) 776-8311 ext. 1053.

Each vendor must submit three (3) original proposals by Thursday, January 18, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. Atlantic Standard Time. Proposals should be mailed, or delivered to the Roy L. Schneider Hospital, 9048 Sugar Estate, St. Thomas, U.S.V.I. 00802, Attention General Counsel Office, 2nd floor, Administration Suite. Fax Proposals will not be accepted.

01/07-08, 10, 12/2001

VIRGIN ISLANDS WATER AND POWER AUTHORITY

PROPOSAL NOTICE

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

PR-06-01 TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE PLANT OPERATOR TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM, ST. THOMAS AND ST. CROIX, USVI

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

THE AUTHORITY SHALL HOLD A PRE-BID CONFERENCE AND SITE INSPECTION ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 31, 2001 AT 9:30 A.M. LOCAL TIME AT THE ESTATE RICHMOND POWER PLANT CONFERENCE ROOM ON ST. CROIX, USVI.

SIX (6) SEALED COPIES OF THE PROPOSAL WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 4:00 PM LOCAL TIME, ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2001 IN THE EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, VIWAPA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON ST. THOMAS AND AT THAT TIME PUBLICLY OPENED.

THE VIRGIN ISLANDS WATER AND POWER AUTHORITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY OR ALL PROPOSALS.

01/07- 08, 10, 12/2001

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Supervisory Board and the Law Enforcement Planning (LEPC) are now accepting proposals from private non-profit organizations and V.I. Government agencies for programs designed to reduce the rate of juvenile delinquency in the Territory. Program goals and activities should be designed to address one or more of the following objectives:

- **Provide skills training and alternative education for junior and senior high school students who are at risk of becoming delinquent or dropping out of school.**
- **Provide adjudicated or pre-delinquents at-risk juveniles in prevention programs with information and resources relative to skills building and violence prevention strategies.**
- **Provide coordinated mentorship programs and support mechanisms for adolescents between the ages of 7-12 who are vulnerable to negative peer pressure and negative influences.**
- **Provide programs that promote conflict resolution and anger management skills for juveniles displaying anti-social behaviors.**
- **Encourage attitudinal changes of youth as they relate to education, culture, recreation, parenting and employment.**

Federal funds for subgrants have been made available to the Law Enforcement Planning Commission (LEPC) by the U.S. Department of Justice under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 as amended. Non-Profit organizations applying must attach a Certificate of Incorporation, IRS Determination Letter regarding 501 (c) (3) status, Articles of Incorporation, and a current Certificate of Good Standing. Failure to attach all documents will result in your application's disqualification for funding.

Total available funding for this program is $147,500.00 for the period ending September 30, 2002. It is anticipated that the JJDP Supervisory Board will award projects based on the proposed services, specified target populations, coordinated services and community support, responsiveness to the RFP, and cost effectiveness.

However, the Board reserves the right to award as many subgrants as it deems appropriate. Funds requested should not exceed $25,000 for one district and $35,000 for both districts.

Applications are available from the LEPC office located on the third floor of the Island Laundries Building in Subbase, St. Thomas; Police Commissioner's Office, Patrick Sweeney Headquarters, St. Croix; V.I.P.D. Zone, Cruz Bay, St. John, or by mail.

Completed applications (original and three (3) copies) must be either postmarked or received by the Law Enforcement Planning Commission than 5:00 P.M. on March 1, 2001. It is expected that applicants will be notified of award decisions within sixty days of the application deadline. For technical assistance on the preparation of applications, contact Mr. Flemon Lewis at 774-6400 for an appointment.

01/10,15, & 25, 02/7, 19, 2001.

Test your horse sense

By Mark Skoneki

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

1. Who of these were 14th century mercenary agents?
a) VANDALS
b) VIKINGS
c) NINJA
d) MERCHANT MARINES

2. When was the Hubble Space Telescope launched?
a) 1976
b) 1981
c) 1990
d) 1994

3. Who published "Working" in 1974? a) TOM WOLFE
b) PAUL THEROUX
c) STUDS TERKEL
d) CALVIN TRILLIN

4. What kind of a plant is vanilla?
a) LILY
b) ORCHID
c) ROSE
d) SWEET GUM

5. When did the Korean War end?
a) 1945
b) 1950
c) 1953
d) 1956

6. Match the character from TV's "The Bob Newhart Show" in this paragraph to the actor or actress who played the role in the following paragraph. Score one point for each correct answer.
a) Howard
b) Bob
c) Elliot
d) Jerry
e) Emily
v) Bob Newhart
w) Suzanne Pleshette
x) Peter Bonerz
y) Bill Daily
z) Jack Riley

ANSWERS
1. Ninja 2. 1990 3. Studs Terkel 4. Orchid 5. 1953
6. (a) Howard - (y) Bill Daily; (b) Bob - (v) Bob Newhart; (c) Elliot - (z) Jack Riley; (d) Jerry - (x) Peter Bonerz; (e) Emily - (w) Suzanne Pleshette

'Memory man' at 90 still able to remember — everything

MEDFORD, Mass. (AP) — William Hersey can remember the names of 300 people he just met. He can memorize the order of a deck of cards in a half hour. He can remember every image on every page of a magazine.

And he claims he doesn't have a good memory.

What he does have, he says, is a good system. "It's not a talent. Anyone can learn to do it," said Hersey, 90.

Remembering cards and magazines served as a career for three decades, with Hersey conducting memory seminars around the world.

His message to others: "There's an awful lot of things you can do."

His latest project is to get people to remember history, through his short, self-published book "Your Handbook to the American Dream," which translates the Constitution into modern English.

It's not his first book. His 1990 title "Blueprints for Memory" was called an industry classic by Frank Massine, who has worked in memory training for 12 years and runs the Memory Training Institute.

As a child, Hersey said he was a fair but not spectacular student, moving from Maine to Indiana to New York as his father, a minister, switched parishes.

He graduated from Tufts University and took a job with Standard Oil. In his 40s, he started selling mutual funds, which led the tall, talkative man to speak to a Rotary Club in 1954.

"Someone said, 'The last speaker here memorized everybody's names. Could you do that?'" Hersey recalled. "I did it, and it went over so well I started to entertain with it."

Then, in 1958, he was a contestant on the game show "Concentration." He won because of an old Army cot that his father had purchased in 1918.

When he saw a similar item in the center of the show's rebus puzzle board, he knew his opponent was thinking it was a bed.

"I said, 'Here comes Peter COTtontail,' and walked out with $30,000 worth of loot," he said. "It changed my life."

He published his first book at age 53, and memory became his full-time business when he was 60.

Since then, he's given memory seminars to groups in 47 states and on five continents. He's spoken before Pentagon officials, rocket scientists — anyone who could benefit from a better memory.

In Hersey's later years, he's also taken up a different kind of remembering.

He takes regular strolls along the walkways of his alma mater, Tufts University, and last year he decided to write short histories of notable sites on campus. He then persuaded the school to make them into plaques, which are now hung inside each building.

"He's the memory of this institution," said Tufts President John DiBiaggio. "Each and every time that I sit with Bill, he tells me stories of this university that I have never heard before."

Hersey still keeps sharp by reciting "The Gettysburg Address" or a psalm while he walks.

Through the years, though, he's never made a convert of his wife, Fairlee, who serves as his editor.

"I feel through my senses. And that's how I remember," she said. "I don't need anything else."



Associated Press

William Hersey, 90, poses on the campus of Tufts University in Medford, Mass., Dec. 1, 2000. Hersey doesn't worry about having "senior moments." At age 90, Hersey says he can remember the names of 300 people he just met and can memorize the order of a deck of cards in a half hour. He can remember every image on every page of a magazine, yet claims he doesn't have a good memory.

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SEABORNE AIRLINES, a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable. Seaborne Aviation regularly purchases the following general types of goods and/or services.

Cleaning products	Janitorial supplies
Paper products	Advertisement
Office supplies	Building supplies
Office printing	Avionic fuel
Office Equipment	Construction Materials & Supplies

If you are an eligible Virgin Islands Supplier as defined in the Rules and Regulations of the Industrial Development Commission and are not presently on the Commission's list of Eligible Virgin Islands Suppliers, you are encouraged and invited to request being added to such a list by having your business certified by the Director of the Industrial Development Program.

Applications for certification may be obtained by writing to:
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INTERPACIFIC INVESTOR SERVICES, LLC, a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods or services:

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

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CORAL WORLD (V.I.) INC., a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and or services:

Office Supplies	Food and food service supplies
Pet (Aquarium) supplies	Beverage and beverage service supplies
Retail Shop merchandise	Maintenance supplies
Security services	Tools and gardening equipment/supplies
Computer equipment and supplies	Accounting services

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CHARLIE'S/DIAMOND READY MIX, a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and or services:
Portland Cement
Stone/Gravel
Coarse Sand
Cleaning Supplies
Office Supplies
Diesel/Gasoline
Truck Parts and Tires

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ST. THOMAS CATERING CORP., a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and or services:
Legal Services, Refrigeration, Dairy, Vegetables, Auditing, Food Provisions, & Fruit Products, Bottled Water, Provision of Pest Control Services, Stationery, Motor Vehicle Services, Propane Gas

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CONTRAN RESORTS, INC., d/b/a Mahogany Run Golf and Tennis Resort, a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and or services:

Food/Beverages	Golf Clothing
Office Supplies/Equipment	Golf Equipment
Agricultural Supplies	Cleaning Supplies
Gasoline/Diesel	Paper Products
A/C Services	Pest Control Services

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ATLANTIS INC., a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and/or services:

Office Supplies	Computer Supplies
Marine Supplies	Electrical Supplies
Fuel-Diesel & Gasoline	Accounting Services
Travel Services	Other Professional Services

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B & B MANUFACTURING, a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and/or services:

Trucking	Stevedoring
Trash Removal	Gas Purchases
Equipment Rental	Advertising

B & B Manufacturing is physically located at #9 Estate Diamond, Kingshill, St. Croix. Please contact Patrick Bayard at 776-2988. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 304520, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00803-4520.
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NOTICE TO ESTABLISHED VIRGIN ISLANDS BUSINESSES

Trans-Caribbean Dairy Corp., P.O. Box 304800, St. Thomas, V.I. 00803, a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and services:

Plastic bottles and Caps	Butter in 25 kg blocks
PurePak cartons	Sugar in 50# bags
Corrugated shipping boxes	Skim milk solids in 25 kg bags
Office equipment and supplies	Cocoa
Trash removal services	Orange Juice concentrate
Pest control services	Preserved fruits and flavors
Accounting services	Plastic cups and lids
Computer services	Cleaning supplies

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BAYSIDE BEACH RESORT INC. d/b/a Sapphire Beach Resort and Marina, a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurment program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable. Bayside Resorts, Inc., regularly purchases the following general types of goods and/or services:

Building Materials	Janitorial Supplies	Pumps
Paper Products	All Types of Fuels	Hand Tools
Food/Beverages	Electrical Equipment	A/C Service
Furniture Fixtures	Concrete	Paint and Preservatives
Safety Equipment	Vehicles	Print Shop Services
Electrical Services	Items General Office Supplies	Signs

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VIRGIN ISLANDS RUM INDUSTRIES, LTD., a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and or services:

Automobile Supplies
Boiler Supplies and Equipment
Bottling & Barreling Supplies and Equipment
Building Supplies
Chemical Supplies
Distilling Supplies and Equipment
Electrical Supplies and Services
Fuel & Lubricants
General Maintenance
Janitorial Services & Supplies
Office Supplies
Promotional Items
Trucking Services
Accounting Services
Travel Services

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Mt. Eagle Corporation, a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable. Mt. Eagle Corporation regularly purchases the following general types of goods and/or services:

Auto and Truck Tires and Parts	Office Supplies and Equipment
Bearings, Pulleys and Belts	Oil, Lubricating
Beet Sugar	Packaging Machinery and Parts
Bottle Closures	Paper Products
Bottles in Shipping Cartons	Pipe
Case and Label Glue	Plumbing Items
Chemicals	Pneumatic Instrumentation
Electrical Supplies	Printed Forms
Filter Papers	Pumps
Grain Neutral Spirits	Pump Parts
Gases, Bottled	Rubber Gaskets and Packing
Gasoline	Shipping Seals
Janitorial Supplies	Stainless Steel Tanks
Labels, Bottle and Case	

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Radical eco group says it burned mill's office

GLENDALE, Ore. (AP) — The radical environmental group Earth Liberation Front claimed responsibility for a fire that destroyed the offices of a wood products mill.

In a statement sent to Craig Rosebraugh, a spokesman for the underground group, the ELF warned that they "hope to see an escalation in tactics against capitalism and industry" in 2001.

The fire on Jan. 2 caused $400,000 damage to the 2,000-square-foot office building of Superior Lumber Co. in Glendale.

Oregon State Police Lt. Gregg Hastings had said there was evidence the fire was started at a number of different places, indicating that it was arson.

In the statement to Rosebraugh, the group said "Superior Lumber is a typical earth raper contributing to the ecological destruction of the Northwest." Rosebraugh, a radical Portland environmentalist, publicizes the group's actions but claims he does not know the culprits.

The ELF is an international underground organization that uses economic sabotage to stop alleged environmental destruction. The FBI describes the group as one of the nation's leading domestic terrorist organizations.

The radical group also claimed responsibility for several other fires, including a 1998 blaze at a Vail, Colo., ski resort that caused $12 million in damage, a December 1999 fire that did $1 million damage to a Boise Cascade timberlands management center in Monmouth, and fires last month in three luxury houses under construction on New York's Long Island.



FBI to fix dealings with mob informants

BOSTON (AP) — The U.S. Justice Department is issuing stricter guidelines for handling underworld informants — rules prompted by embarrassing allegations that FBI agents in Boston were overly cozy with mobsters.

The guidelines, expected to be approved this week, will require the FBI and other department agencies to tell prosecutors when informants are suspected of committing serious crimes, U.S. Attorney Donald Stern said Tuesday.

Law-enforcement agencies also will have to warn prosecutors when the target of a federal investigation is an informant.

The FBI's policy has been to zealously guard informants' identities from outside agencies. Prosecutors say two Boston mobsters used the FBI's protection to evade investigations and rule with terror for 30 years in the city's underworld.

"We've learned some painful lessons in Boston," said Stern, who developed the new rules with prosecutors from around the country. "These guidelines are designed to take some of those lessons and apply them across the board, across the nation."

During court hearings in 1998 and 1999, a portrait emerged of Boston FBI agents dining with and swapping Christmas presents with informants James "Whitey" Bulger and Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi, the alleged leaders of Boston's Winter Hill Gang.

Flemmi said he and Bulger were given permission to commit any crime, short of murder, in exchange for information about the New England Mafia, which was separate from the Winter Hill Gang. Prosecutors have since charged the pair with being involved in 19 and 10 murders, respectively.

Retired FBI agent John Connolly Jr., the longtime handler of Bulger and Flemmi, was charged last year with tipping off the pair to the identity of two other FBI informants and a potential witness against them. The three were killed, allegedly by Bulger and Flemmi.

Connolly is also accused of warning Bulger to flee on the eve of his January 1995 indictment on federal racketeering charges.

Bulger, 71, is on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list. Flemmi, 66, has been jailed for six years awaiting trial in four federal cases.

The new guidelines also prohibit agents from socializing with, or exchanging gifts with, informants.

NOTICE TO ESTABLISHED VIRGIN ISLANDS BUSINESSES

ISLAND ROADS CORPORATION, a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and or services:

Gravel - Various sizes	Crusher - Run
Bituman	Diesel fuel
Greases and Lubricants	Parts and Accessories
Office Supplies	

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THE BUCCANEER INC., a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and services:

Foodstuffs , Liquor & Soft Drinks	Diesel, Gasoline & Propane Gas
Cleaning, Laundry, & Pest Control Supplies	Pool Chemicals, & Plumbing Supplies
Hardware Supplies & Construction Materials	Office Supplies & Telephone Services
Fertilizers & Insecticides	Restaurant & Guestroom Supplies
Vehicles & Watersports Equipment	Refrigeration Equipment

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GLOBALVEST MANAGEMENT COMPANY, L.P., a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable.

Globalvest Management Company, L.P. regularly purchases the following general types of goods and/or services:

Office Supplies and Furnishings	Janitorial Services
Computer Services and Equipment	Bottle Water
Airline Tickets	Printing Services

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MARRIOTT'S FRENCHMAN'S REEF BEACH RESORT, a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and or services:

A/C Refrigeration Supplies	Furniture
Automotive Vehicle	Guest Room Supplies
Carpet and Supplies	Liquors and Beverges
Cleaning Supplies	Motor and Machinery Supplies
Construction Materials	Restaurant Equipment and Supplies
Food Items	Stationery
Legal Services	Travel Services

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BELAIR QUARTZ INC., a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following general types of goods and/or services:

Cleaning Supplies	C-Fold and Paper Towels
Toilet Tissue	Office Supplies
Uniforms & Smocks	Dust free Rubber Fingers
Cots	Shipping Cartons
Steel Shelving & Working Lamps	Chairs
Accounting Services	

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ESSO VIRGIN ISLANDS INC., a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and or services:

Building Materials	Vehicle Parts and Service
Stationery and Office Supplies	Safety Equipment
Landscaping Services	Janitorial Supplies
Electrical Equipment and Services	Air Craft Services
Airline Tickets	

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GOLD COAST YACHTS, INC., a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and or services:

Accounting Services	Safety Equipment
Travel Services	Abrasive
Fasteners	Tools & Machinery
Core Materials	Paints
Fiberglass Products	Lumber & Plywood

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Hotel Holding Corporation DBA/ Tamarind Reef Hotel, a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and or services:

Accounting & Legal Services
Housekeeping Supplies
Office Supplies
Light Maintenance Supplies & Tools
Food and Beverage Supplies
Pool Supplies
Gardening Materials
Potable Water
Garbage Removal

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SUNSHINE SHOPPING CENTER, INC., a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and or services:

Janitorial supplies	Building supplies
Office supplies	Landscaping services

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TUTU PARK LIMITED, a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and or services:

Plumbing and Electrical Equipment
Landscaping and Gardening Supplies
Janitorial Supplies
Insurance Services
Advertising

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

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

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V.I. CEMENT AND BUILDING PRODUCTS, INC., a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and services:

Fuel	Chemicals
Grease and Lubricants	Parts and Accessories
Printed Matter	Cleaning Supplies
Janitorial Supplies	Office Supplies

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HIBISCUS BEACH HOTEL, a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and or services:

Food and Beverage Products	Paper Products
Office Supplies	Linens & Cutlery
Hardware & Maintenance Supplies	LP Gas
Accounting, Legal and travel Services	

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THE RITZ-CARLTON ST. THOMAS, a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and or services:

Hotel & Restaurant and Supplies
Cleaning Equipment and Supplies
Stationery
Printing Services
Office Supplies
Paper Products
Accounting Services

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TROPEX INC., a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and or services:

Office Supplies
Air Conditioning Service
Industrial Supplies
Building Supplies
Freight Service
Automobile Repair and Service
Exterminating Service
Janitorial Supplies

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Virgin Islands Asphalt Products Corp. (VIAPCO), a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and or services:

RS-1	Batteries
Liquid Asphalt	Printed Material
Stone	Office Supplies
Tires	Fuel
Spare Parts	Accounting Services
Lubricants	Safety Equipment

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Southern cold hurts region's wildlife

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Manatees and pelicans hit by frostbite, sea turtles nearly dead from the cold, fish and shrimp killed by plummeting water temperatures. All are among the casualties of the record-breaking cold that has settled in across the South.

"It has been especially severe this year," said Cindy Mosling, founder of the Bird Emergency and Kare Sanctuary near Jacksonville. The hospital is caring for 50 pelicans with frostbite on their necks and feet, and "there are 100 more birds I could go out and rescue if I had the space and time."

The last two months of 2000 were the nation's coldest November-December period ever recorded, according to the National Climatic Data Center. The average temperature was 33.8 degrees.

While the Northeast had a big snowstorm, the South and the southern Plains were struck by devastating ice storms and unseasonable cold. Northern Louisiana got 4 inches of snow on New Year's Eve, its deepest accumulation in 15 years, and freezing temperatures were reported as far south as Collier County, across the Florida peninsula from Fort Lauderdale.

Manatees, the endangered sea cows found in Florida's bays and rivers, have been especially hard hit. At Blue Spring State Park in central Florida, more than 80 manatees swam in during the New Year's weekend, fleeing the colder Saint Johns River to bask in 72-degree water flowing from a spring.

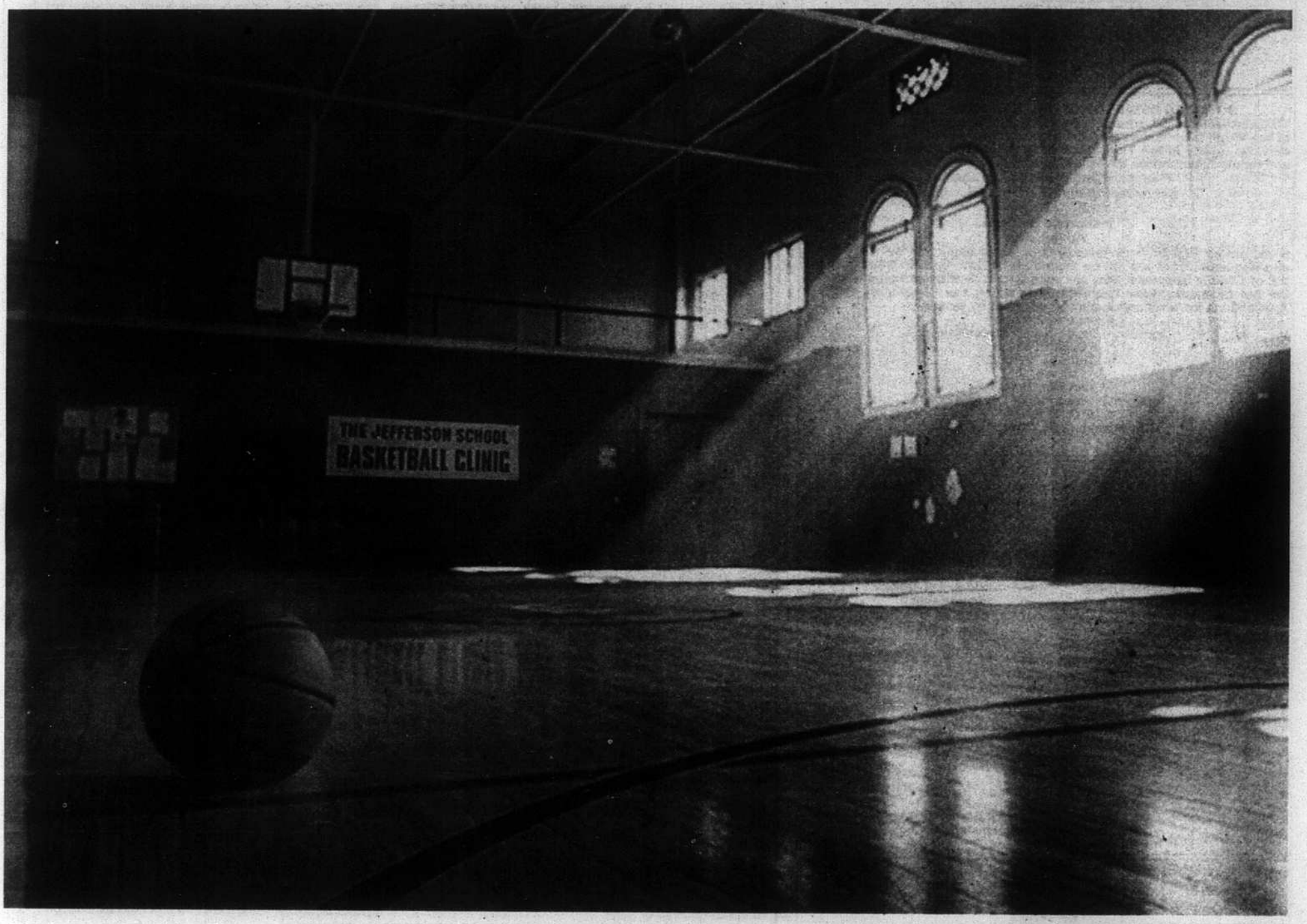
Others have not been as lucky: Three manatees are being treated at SeaWorld in Orlando, and two others — Rocky and Frosty — are at Lowry Park Zoo in Tampa.

Rocky was lethargic, dehydrated and shivering Friday when rescuers spotted him in Tampa Bay, where the temperature was 55 degrees. Its tail had white splotches and lesions from frostbite. "He felt like he had come out of the refrigerator," said Valerie Burke, an assistant curator.

Cold water forced 400 turtles ashore along a three-mile stretch of beach at Port St. Joe in the Florida Panhandle. They were gathered up by rescuers; most are expected to be released this week.

The weather also is considered a serious threat to Florida's $50 million tropical fish industry. Some of the state's 180 full-time tropical fish farmers moved their fish indoors or covered their ponds to protect them.

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January 9, 2001

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THIRD PRIZE	26731	20,000.00 Unsold
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Briefs

Potential homebuyer really a home burglar

LAGUNA NIGUEL, Calif. (AP) — Deputies have arrested a woman suspected of making herself a little too at home during real-estate open houses.

Laurie B. Ogle, 41, was arrested on suspicion of residential burglary after a real estate agent said she found the woman ransacking the bedroom of a home for sale, deputies said Monday.

The agent confronted the woman, who left the home and drove away. The agent called deputies, who arrested Ogle a few blocks away.

Jewelry and prescription medicine believed to have been stolen during three open houses held Sunday were found in the car, deputies said. Fliers with details about several open houses also were found in the car.

Ogle had been arrested in February on similar charges and had been in jail until May, deputies said.

Vegas lays odds on who'll be 'survivor'

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Who will be the next "Survivor"?

The Las Vegas sports books are already laying odds.

The Sahara hotel-casino is betting that 32-year-old Army intelligence officer Kel Gleason will be the 6-to-1 favorite to win the latest reality-based CBS series.

Meanwhile, the Stardust hotel-casino lists Gleason as the 4-to-1 favorite to win the TV contest in the Australian outback.

The Sahara has Debb Eaton — a corrections officer from New Hampshire — as its second favorite at 7 to 1. The Stardust likes Nick Brown — a Harvard law student — at 5 to 1.

Both sports books managers have Kentucky teacher Rodger Bingham the long shot at 100 to 1.

Sports book managers say they favor Gleason to win because he's an outdoor enthusiast and he has a degree in communications.

The odds — meaning that for every $1 bet, one could win $100 if Bingham were the lone survivor — are only hypothetical because Nevada law prohibits wagers on events in which the outcome already is known, and CBS, unlike the oddsmakers, knows how this contest ends.

The show is scheduled to air on Jan. 28 after the Super Bowl.

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SEA VIEW NURSING AND REHABILITATION FACILITY, a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and or services:

Medical Supply	Dietary Services
Office Supply	Water Delivery
Sanitary Supplies	Gas Service
Computer Services	Plumbing Services
Sanitation Services	General Contractor
Communication Services	

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TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF ST. JOHN, INC., a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and services:

Travel Services
Waste Oil Disposal Services
Purchase of Office Supplies
Purchase of Office Equipment

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MEDICAL AIR SERVICES ASSOCIATION, INT'L., a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and or services:

Office Machines
Typewriter Repair Services
Bathroom & Cleaning Supplies
Office Supplies
Express Shipping Services

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INVERNESS HOTEL CORPORATION, a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and/or services:

Foodstuff (Meats, Fish, Fresh Produce,	Cleaning Supplies
Canned Goods, Dairy Products etc.)	Pest Control Supplies
Liquor and Soft Drinks	Pool Chemicals
Hardware Supplies	Office Supplies

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HAMPDEN WATCH CO., a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and or services:

CLEANING PRODUCTS	AIR-CONDITIONING SERVICES
PAPER PRODUCTS	EXTERMINATING SERVICES
OFFICE SUPPLIES	PRINTING SERVICES
MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	GENERATOR SERVICES

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WINDWARD COMPANY, a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and or services:

Maintenance	Paper Products
Office Supplies	Cleaning Supplies
Safety Equipment	Construction Materials
Printing Services	

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ST. THOMAS TRAMWAY, d.b.a. Tramway Properties Inc.; d.b.a. Tramcon, Inc., a participant in the Industrial Development Program of the Virgin Islands, has a procurement program to purchase goods and services locally in the Virgin Islands to the maximum extent practicable and regularly purchases the following types of goods and services:

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

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LocalSoccer

St. Croix Interscholastic Athletic Association

Tuesday's Games
Varsity
Educational Complex 2
Country Day 1 (OT)

Today's Games
Junior Varsity
John Woodson at Good Hope

Thursday's Games
Elementary playoffs
Lew Muckle at Country Day
Good Sheperd at Good Hope

Games start at approx. 3:45 p.m.

Match Play Championship avoided like the shanks

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — When the Match Play Championship began three years ago, a couple of wags went so far as to call it the best new tournament since Bobby Jones started an invitational at his new golf course in Augusta, Ga.

This time around, it more closely resembled a "Shell's Wonderful World of Golf" exhibition, with a few notable exceptions.

At least those matches featured marquee players.

And the gallery was bigger.

OK, so the pay was better. And it counted. Just ask Steve Stricker, who now has a $1 million lead over Tiger Woods on the PGA Tour money list and watched his world ranking go from No. 91 to No. 47.

Still, the week Down Under went as feared.

Most of the talk focused on who wasn't at Metropolitan Golf Club (Woods, most notably). Worse yet, a lucrative World Golf Championship event became nothing more than an afterthought in the world of sports.

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PGA Tour commissioner

In America, it was dwarfed by Oklahoma winning the national championship and the NFL playoffs. Even in Australia, it played second-fiddle to the Aussies sweeping the West Indies in cricket.

The galleries were sparse, and sometimes confused. When Brad Faxon and Pierre Fulke were all square after 18 holes in the quarterfinals, television insisted the first extra hole be No. 14, causing hundreds of fans to wait on the first tee and watch the grass grow.

By Saturday, tournament officials gave each volunteer two tickets with hopes of getting enough people to fill the bleachers, or at least surround every green.

"It's important to recognize that we have 64 of the top players in the world here," PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said. "They are playing exceptional golf. We obviously don't want to mask the fact that we are disappointed that we did not attract some of the players that didn't come."

Obviously.

Scheduling the Match Play Championship halfway around the world the week after Christmas invited disaster. The defections started with Woods and trickled all the way down to Steve Elkington — an Australian, no less — at No. 101 in the world ranking.

"I didn't think coming to Australia was a bad idea. It was a good idea," Finchem said. "I think coming this week was a bad idea. We underestimated the impact on the long season, which has been made longer by our own efforts."

Enough of the bad news.

Despite the low attendance and lack of interest, the Match Play Championship managed to take another step forward as the most exciting tournament in golf behind the Ryder Cup and the four majors.

Match Play does not need big names to produce a great tournament.

There were incredible shots and dramatic moments in every round — Hidemichi Tanaka sinking a 90-foot birdie putt to keep his match going; Ernie Els splitting a gap in the trees with a 5-iron out of the rough; Hal Sutton relying on heart when his back failed him.

And in the closing moments, Stricker hit an 80-foot bunker shot to 4 feet to save par and protect his 1-up lead on the 34th hole.

"It's probably where he won the match," Fulke said.

Whether this Match Play Championship was a winner or loser depends on perspective.

Tournament organizers were dejected when Els, the top seed and No. 2 player in the world, was eliminated in the semifinals by Fulke. They should not have been surprised. The lowest seed to win this capricious tournament is Darren Clarke at No. 19.

As for a weekend with the stars?

In the first year of the Match Play Championship — the year everyone except Jumbo Ozaki showed up at La Costa — the Final Four was Jeff Maggert, Andrew Magee, John Huston and Steve Pate. The names might not grab you, but the matches were no less thrilling. Maggert never led in the finals until he chipped in for birdie on the 38th hole.

And while the stars showed up last year — Woods, David Duval, Davis Love III and Clarke — it ended with a thud when Clarke closed out Woods.

Yes, it was a mistake to have the tournament in Australia so close to the holidays. It would be a greater injustice to ignore Stricker as a deserving champion.

Chargers hire Turner

SAN DIEGO (AP) — First John Butler, and now Norv Turner. With two major hires in less than a week, the San Diego Chargers are starting to look like a real football team.

Turner, fired as coach of the Washington Redskins last month, signed a four-year contract as offensive coordinator on Tuesday. Four days earlier, the Chargers hired Butler, the former Buffalo Bills general manager, as executive vice president and general manager.

Although several critical decisions on players will be made in the next few months, most focusing on the punchless offense Turner inherits, the Chargers have moved swiftly following an NFL-worst 1-15 record.

"For people out there wondering what we were going to do, these are two very good hires," said coach Mike Riley, who first contacted Turner shortly after he was fired by the Redskins on Dec. 4.

Turner replaces Geep Chryst, who was fired after two years on the job.

Briefs

Martin Luther King Jr. tourney postponed

USVI — The Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation regret to announce the postponement of the 2nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Basketball Tournament.

The tournament was scheduled for Jan. 13-15, however, several teams did not meet the extended deadline for sign-up, forcing the event to be postponed. The tourney will be held on a later date and coaches are asked to submit their rosters and a copy of each player's birth certificate to Mr. Pedro Felix or Ophelia Williams-Felix at the office of the bureau chief at #3 Mount Welcome.

Call 773-3954.

Mackovic signs deal for $800,000

PHOENIX (AP) — Newly hired Arizona football coach John Mackovic signed a five-year contract for $800,000 a year Tuesday.

The contract, which will have to be approved in late January by the Arizona Board of Regents, calls for $200,000 in base pay and another $600,000 for broadcast appearances, speaking engagements and other activities.

"It was the easiest negotiations for a contract that I've ever experienced," Mackovic said.

Mackovic, 57, was hired last month as head coach for Arizona, where he worked as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach from 1973-76.

He has also served as head coach at Wake Forest from 1978-80, the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs from 1983-86, Illinois from 1988-91 and Texas from 1992-97.

He was coach of the year in all three collegiate conference, but decided to quit the profession when he was fired by Texas after a 4-7 season.

Before taking the Arizona job, he worked as a football analyst for ESPN.

Lakers place Penberthy on IL

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers placed rookie guard Mike Penberthy on the injured list Tuesday and replaced him with guard Tyronn Lue.

Penberthy, averaging 5.3 points, 1.3 rebounds and 1.5 assists in 28 games, has a strained right shoulder and will miss a minimum of five games starting with Friday night's contest against Cleveland. He will be eligible to play again Jan. 23 against Seattle.

Lue, who has missed the last 28 games, is averaging 2.4 points in five games. He was placed on the injured list Nov. 12 with a sprained right ankle.

Simon to defend light middleweight crown

WIDNES, England (AP) — Undefeated Harry Simon of Namibia will defend his WBO light middleweight title against Puerto Rico's Daniel Santos on Feb. 10 at Kingsway Center.

Simon, 20-0, with 15 knockouts, retained his title with a unanimous decision over No. 1 contender Rodney Jones in Canada on Sept. 23.

Santos, 24-2-1, with 19 KOs, is relinquishing his WBO welterweight crown to step up a division to challenge Simon.

In his most recent fight, Santos knocked out Neil Sinclair in the second round of their bout in Sheffield, England, in December, 2000.

NBAStandings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	24	8	.750	—
New York	22	12	.647	3
Miami	21	15	.583	5
Orlando	14	19	.424	10 1/2
Boston	12	23	.343	13 1/2
New Jersey	11	23	.324	14
Washington	7	28	.200	18 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	21	14	.600	—
Milwaukee	18	15	.545	2
Cleveland	17	15	.531	2 1/2
Toronto	16	17	.485	4
Indiana	16	19	.457	5
Detroit	14	20	.412	6 1/2
Atlanta	12	21	.364	8
Chicago	6	27	.182	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	21	11	.656	—
Dallas	23	13	.639	—
Utah	21	13	.618	1
Denver	19	15	.559	3
Minnesota	20	16	.556	3
Houston	16	17	.485	5 1/2
Vancouver	10	23	.303	11 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	25	10	.714	—
Sacramento	22	9	.710	1
L.A. Lakers	23	11	.676	1 1/2
Phoenix	20	12	.625	3 1/2
Seattle	17	18	.486	8
L.A. Clippers	12	24	.333	13 1/2
Golden State	11	23	.324	13 1/2

NBASchedule

Monday's Games
Portland 98, Boston 90
Cleveland 92, New Jersey 90
Miami 88, Golden State 78
Dallas 104, Chicago 91
Sacramento 100, Minnesota 97
Indiana 85, L.A. Clippers 82

Tuesday's Games
Houston at Toronto, (n)
Chicago at Charlotte, (n)
Seattle at Atlanta, (n)
Philadelphia at New Jersey, (n)
Washington at Milwaukee, (n)
San Antonio at Orlando, (n)
Indiana at Utah, (n)
Denver at Vancouver, (n)

Today's Games
Miami at Boston, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Washington, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Portland at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Golden State at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.

Quoth the Ravens:

'Give us respect'

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) — With success comes recognition, and in that regard the Baltimore Ravens already have enjoyed a productive season.

Perceived primarily as The Team Formerly Known As The Cleveland Browns, the Ravens completed their first four years in relative anonymity. Although a handful of their players received acclaim, the team never finished above .500 and still hasn't played on Monday night.

Baltimore finally got noticed this season, going 12-4 behind a defense that set a record for fewest points allowed in a 16-game season. Then, after reaching the playoffs for the first time, the Ravens started making noise, literally.

Their brash talk in the days leading up to last Sunday's game against the defending AFC-champion Tennessee Titans was merely an extension of the we-get-no-respect stance they adopted on the first day of training camp.

If they were to be perceived as trash talkers, so be it.

"I don't care. Anything to get us noticed," linebacker Jamie Sharper said.

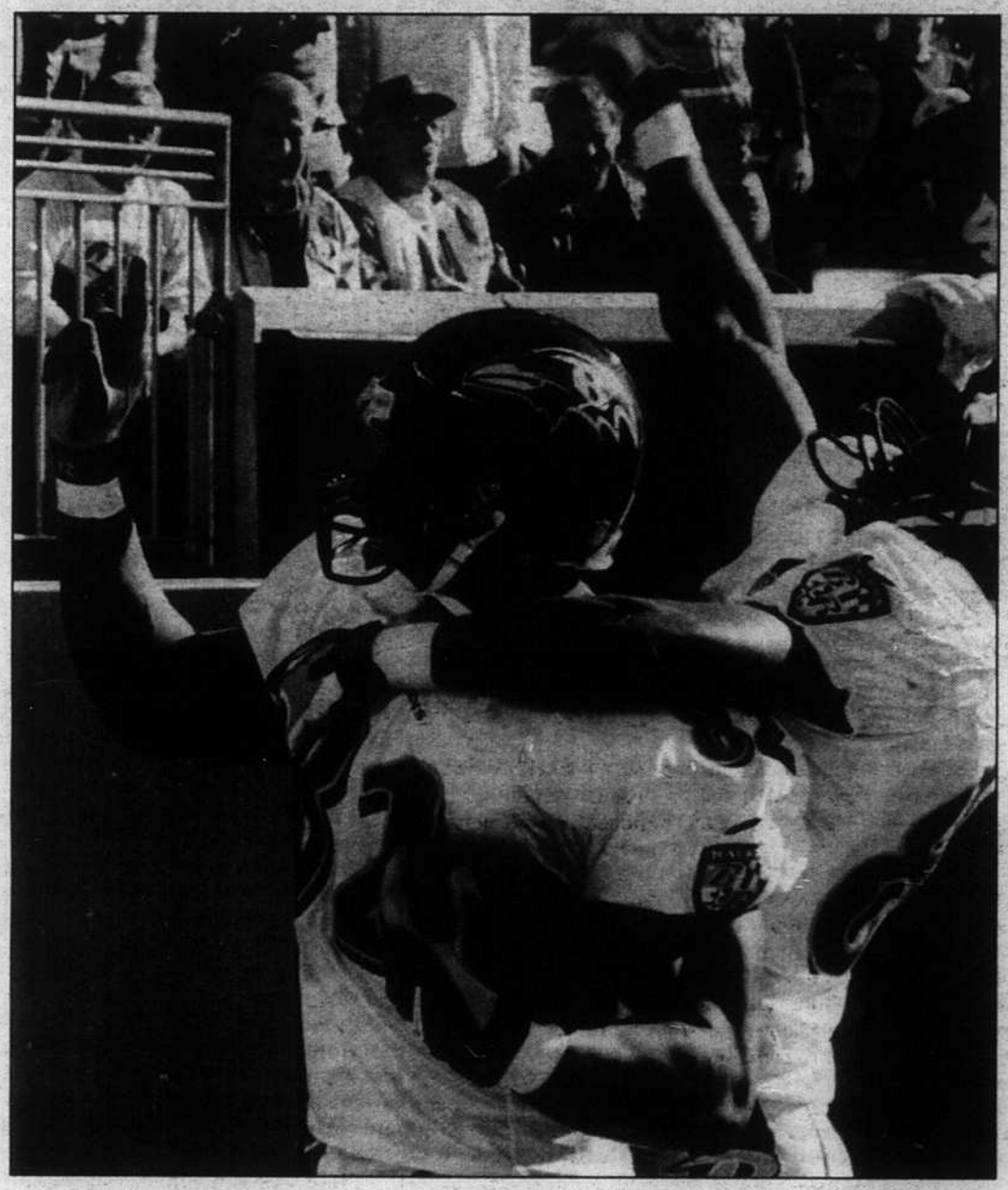
"We respected Tennessee. But we just felt we didn't get the respect that we deserved," tight end Shannon Sharpe said. "Everybody thought it was a fluke that we made it this far. I think we proved that whatever recognition that has come our way, we are deserving of that."

The 24-10 upset of the Titans thrust Baltimore into Sunday's AFC championship game. Now, it's impossible to overlook the Ravens, whose 14 victories and nine-game winning streak are both best in the NFL this season.

"When it gets down to four teams, it's hard to ignore after a while," coach Brian Billick said. "I think we're getting our just recognition right now, being in the AFC championship game. That's not the ultimate goal, obviously. We know what our ultimate goal is. But it's nice to have people nationally recognize that, hey, these guys are for real."

All season long, Billick wondered aloud if the NFL had little regard for the Ravens. He cited a schedule that began with five of seven games on the road, pointing out that no other team had to endure such a stretch.

Billick also figured the league would have the Ravens open the playoffs on a Saturday, because only the big games are televised on Sunday. As it turned out, Baltimore hosted Denver on Sunday during the first weekend of the postseason.



Associated Press

Baltimore Ravens receivers Shannon Sharpe, left, and Patrick Johnson, right, celebrate after Sharpe caught a 19-yard touchdown pass from Trent Dilfer in the second quarter against the Cincinnati Bengals in Cincinnati, in this Nov. 5, 2000 photo.

After the Ravens beat the Broncos, few gave them a shot against the top-seeded Titans. By becoming the only team in this year's playoffs to win on the road, the Ravens finally bulled their way into prominence.

"People in this city have embraced us, and now people nationwide know about the Ravens because we're in the AFC championship game," Sharper said.

The last time they played, the Ravens snapped the Raiders' five-game winning streak with a 13-10 win in 1998.

"They didn't even know who we were when they came into PSINet Stadium and played us that day," Sharper said. "This year, they know."

NFLPlayoffGlance

Saturday, Dec. 30
Wild-card Playoffs
Miami 23, Indianapolis 17, OT
New Orleans 31, St. Louis 28
Sunday, Dec. 31
Baltimore 21, Denver 3
Philadelphia 21, Tampa Bay 3

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 6
Minnesota 34, New Orleans 16
Oakland 27, Miami 0
Sunday, Jan. 7
Baltimore 24, Tennessee 10
New York Giants 20, Philadelphia 10

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 14
NFC Championship
Minnesota at New York Giants, 12:30 p.m. (FOX)
AFC Championship
Baltimore at Oakland, 4 p.m. (CBS)

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 28
At Tampa, Fla.
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6 p.m. (CBS)

Windies topple Australia A

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP) — Marlon Samuels top-scored with 45 runs and took two wickets Tuesday as the West Indies beat a star-classed Australia A cricket side by four wickets at the Adelaide Oval.

Wavell Hinds chipped in with 29 runs while star batsman Brian Lara could only manage nine before being caught by Shane Lee off Damien Fleming's bowling.

The West Indies scored 146-6 in 41.5 overs after Australia A was bowled out for 145 in the 43rd over.

Fleming led the Australia A bowlers with 3-18 in 10 overs.

Earlier, Mahendra Nagamootoo snared three wickets while Samuels and Laurie Williams took two apiece.

The Australian second stringers — playing the tourists in a warmup for the upcoming tri-series involving Australia, Zimbabwe and the West Indies — struggled against a lineup that is on the rebound following a 5-0 test series loss to Australia.

Nagamootoo, who top-scored for the West Indies in a defiant second inning of the test series finale, returned the best bowling figures Tuesday of 3-28 from 10 overs of leg spin.

The West Indies were playing without regular skipper Jimmy Adams.

The Australia A lineup contained a host of Australia's frontline test players, including openers Matt Hayden (7) and Michael Slater (19) plus leg spinner Stuart MacGill.

Buccaneers stick Steckel without job

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Les Steckel was fired Tuesday after one season as offensive coordinator of the Tampa Buccaneers, who didn't score a touchdown in a first-round playoff loss to Philadelphia.

The Bucs set franchise records for points and touchdowns under Steckel. But inconsistency on offense ultimately was responsible for the team's failure to go far in the playoffs.

"This is the hard part of the business that nobody likes, because it involves someone's livelihood and family," coach Tony Dungy said. "Les did a good job for us, as evidenced by the fact that we set four club records on offense. Our red zone efficiency was also one of the best in the league this season.

"However, in looking at what we want to accomplish with this team in the future, we felt this move would benefit us in the long term. We will immediately begin the process of finding a new offensive coordinator and hope to have that process completed in the very near future."

Steckel was hired last winter after Dungy fired Mike Shula in the wake of an 11-6 loss to the St. Louis Rams in the NFC championship game. Tampa Bay spent generously in the offseason to upgrade the attack, signing free agent linemen Jeff Christy and Randall McDaniel and trading for receiver Keyshawn Johnson.



Steckel

Juan big check



Juan Gonzalez answers questions at Jacobs Field in Cleveland following the announcement the Cleveland Indians had signed him to a one year contract on Tuesday.

Associated Press

Gonzalez inks one-year, $10 million deal with Tribe

CLEVELAND (AP) — Juan Gonzalez agreed to a $10 million, one-year contract with the Cleveland Indians on Tuesday, giving the club a right fielder and power hitter to replace Manny Ramirez.

Gonzalez, who has had a history of back problems, passed a team physical before signing the deal, which includes a $14 million mutual option for 2002.

The Indians held an afternoon news conference at Jacobs Field to introduce Gonzalez as their new right fielder and cleanup hitter.

"The driving force was our desire and need for a player of Juan's ability and Juan's desire to want to play in Cleveland," Indians general manager John Hart said on Tuesday afternoon.

"We have a player that at 31-years-old has Hall of Fame credentials."

Gonzalez, a two-time American League MVP, will help the Indians replace Ramirez, who signed with Boston last month.

Gonzalez was diagnosed with a herniated disc following last season, his first with the Detroit Tigers.

More troubling for the Tigers was that Gonzalez twice skipped medical exams, leading to speculation his back trouble was more serious.

Gonzalez reportedly passed a physical with the Tigers, but the Indians wanted to take a look themselves.

Last week, Gonzalez told a newspaper in his native Puerto Rico that he wants to play in Cleveland because he loves hitting at Jacobs Field and because he's close friends with Indians All-Star second baseman Roberto Alomar and outfielder Wil Cordero.

Gonzalez has destroyed Indians' pitching as a visitor to the Jake.

His 12 homers and 36 RBIs are the most by an opposing player at the hitter-friendly ballpark, and he has hit .344 (45-for-131) in 30 games at Cleveland.

"It's a great ballpark for the hitters," Gonzalez said Monday night. "It's a small field with the wind blowing out a lot, and when you hit it hard, you have a great chance of hitting it out of the yard."

In the past five years, Gonzalez has 627 RBIs to Ramirez's 632. Since the 1991 season, only three players — Albert Belle, Frank Thomas and Ken Griffey Jr. — have driven in more runs than Gonzalez.

He would fit perfectly into the Indians' cleanup spot vacated by Ramirez, behind Kenny Lofton, Omar Vizquel and Alomar.

Signing Gonzalez to a one-year deal is nearly risk free for the Indians and give Cleveland fans something to feel good about.

TVSportsWatch

All Times EST
Wednesday, Jan. 10

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
ESPN — North Carolina at Maryland
9 p.m.
ESPN — Duke at N.C. State

NBA BASKETBALL
8 p.m.
TNT — Portland at Philadelphia

NHL HOCKEY
7:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — Chicago at New Jersey
10:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — St. Louis at Anaheim

Damon, Grieve, Hernandez involved in wild trade

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Kansas City Royals didn't want to lose Johnny Damon and get nothing in return.

The Oakland Athletics don't want to lose him, either — but unlike the Royals, they're willing to take the risk.

Damon, the speedy Kansas City outfielder coveted by many big-market teams, was acquired by the A's on Monday in a surprising three-team trade involving nine players.

"If I sound subdued, it's just because I'm trying to sound mature because we just pulled off this big trade," Oakland GM Billy Beane said. "I can tell you that we're ecstatic about this."

The deal also sent outfielder Ben Grieve from the Athletics to Tampa Bay and moved closer Roberto Hernandez from the Devil Rays to the Royals.

Catcher A.J. Hinch and reliever Cory Lidle were the only other major league players in the deal, though Kansas City's acquisition of highly regarded minor league shortstop Angel Berroa from the A's was a large factor.

Beane admitted the AL West champions needed to improve in the wake of Alex Rodriguez's $252 million signing with division rival Texas. Beane accomplished that goal in dramatic fashion by snatching one of baseball's most sought-after outfielders — despite the risk of his impending free agency next winter.

"That's part of the risk you take when you go into something like this to make us much better," Beane said. "This is a dimension that this team hasn't had for the last two years. We haven't had this type of player probably since Rickey (Henderson) was in his prime."

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local leagues.

Juan Brannigan: A super athlete, Brannigan was a star on the UVI baseball, football, soccer, track and field and wrestling teams.

Glen Byron: Byron was captain of the College of the Virgin Islands baseball team from 1964-66 and also starred on the basketball team.

Cletis Clendinen: He did it all, playing for the CVI basketball team from 1968-70 and the volleyball team which competed in the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

Clendinen also helped coach the CVI Bucs baseball team in the late 60s.

Ronald Harrigan: Harrigan played on the CVI basketball team in the last 60s and spearheaded the movement to make UVI a powerhouse in sports among institutions of higher learning. He was a founding member of the Caribbean University Sports Association and was directly involved in planning for the construction of the new UVI Sports and Fitness Center.

Osbert Liburd: One of the best track athletes to ever attend UVI, Liburd was a champion in the 100 meters and the long jump and also ran the 200 meters for UVI.

Rudolph A. Milligan: Milligan was an outstanding basketball player on the UVI basketball team from 1969 to 1973.

Maureen W. Moorehead: A former CVI female athlete of the year, Moorehead excelled in volleyball, tennis, softball and badminton.

Glen Monticeaux: A key player on the UVI soccer team throughout the Bucs' championship seasons in 1982 and 1986, Monticeaux was a mathematics teacher and soccer coach at Eudora Kean High School. Currently, he is the general secretary of the VI Soccer Federation and commissioner of the High School Soccer League.

Richard Skerritt: One of the UVI's two Rhodes Scholars, Richard Skerritt was a tremendous volleyball and soccer player for the university. He is president of the West Indies Cricket Association.

Elaine James Springer: Springer was the ultimate female athlete at the College of the Virgin Islands, dominating volleyball, softball and basketball.

Wallace D. Williams: Williams was a tremendous marathon runner who taught library skills at UVI for several years and has traveled around the world as a runner and race official. He taught a course on marathon running in the Division of Continuing Education on the St. Croix campus and was selected by students as the part-time Instructor of the Year.

Oscar Wells: A CVI volleyball star, Wells was twice-named MVP in volleyball and the Caribbean Championships.

Eugene Werts: Werts was UVI's first Athletic Director and a longtime basketball coach at UVI. He also served as head coach of the Virgin Islands Olympic Basketball Team from 1966-69, '71 and '78.

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UVI to induct first Hall class

SHAUN MOORE

UVI — The University of the Virgin Islands has produced plenty of remarkable athletes since its charter in 1962.

It's finally time for UVI to honor some of its best, 39 years later.

The university will induct an inaugural group of 16 members into the UVI Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday at 7 p.m. during an invitation-only dinner at the new UVI Sports and Fitness Center.

Individuals in the illustrious group of inductees either played, coached, or worked at UVI and made a contribution to the athletic program at the university. The university also plans to honor additional inductees on an annual basis in subsequent years, according to UVI Athletic Director Peter Sauer.

Sauer also stated that the idea of the Hall of Fame evolved from UVI President Dr. Orville Kean.

"Dr. Kean wanted to make sure that we recognize the great athletes who have been affiliated with the university and that proper respect be paid to those people because they are part of the foundation of the new Sports and Fitness Center," Sauer said. "This is going to be a special night."

The inductees are: The Honorable Alphonso G. Andrews, Elridge W. Lake, Nelon L. Bowry, Juan Brannigan (deceased), Glenworth A. Byron, Cletis A. Clendinen Jr., Dr. Ronald E. Harrigan, Dr. Osbert Liburd, Rudolph A. Milligan, Maureen Wynter-Moorehead, Glen F. Monticeux, Richard Skerritt, Elaine James Springer, Oscar Wells, Eugene Werts and Wallace D. Williams.

"It's an impressive list to kick off the Hall of Fame," Sauer said. "We hope to add one or two per year."

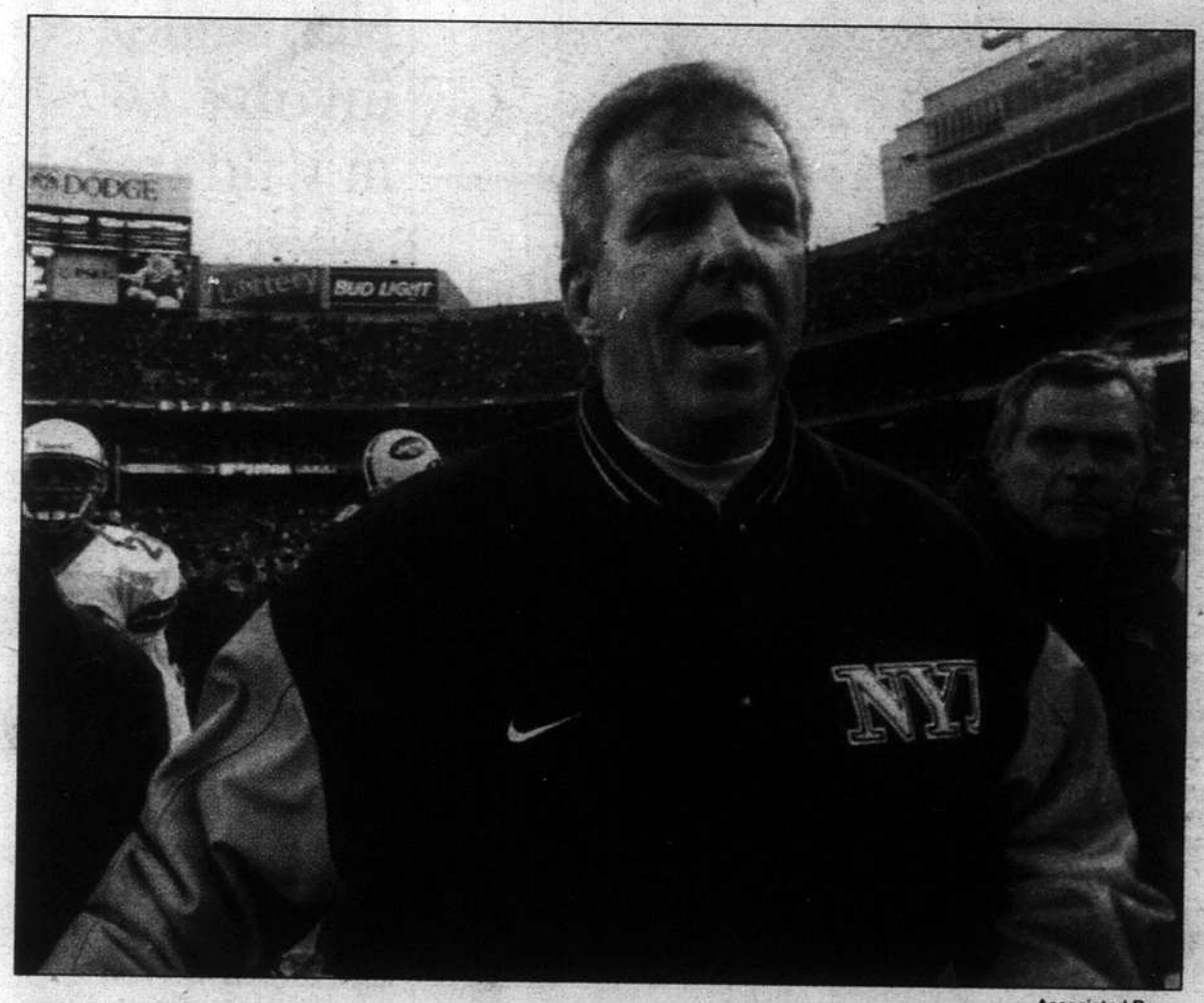
Here's a quick glance at the inaugural inductees:

Alphonso Andrews: A native of St. Croix, Andrews was one of UVI's all-time volleyball greats.

Elridge Blake: A great three-sport athlete at Fisk University, Blake was the first Virgin Islander drafted by a major-league baseball team (Chicago Cubs). He started working at UVI in 1974 and coached UVI's championship men's and women's volleyball teams from 1976 to 1999.

Nellon Bowry: One of the greatest soccer players in UVI history, Bowry captained UVI soccer to becoming a potent force in the

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Associated Press
New York Jets head coach Bill Parcells walks off the field after the Jets beat the Seattle Seahawks, 19-9, at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., in this January 2000 photo. Parcells resigned as head coach Jan. 3, 2000. Parcells quit as director of football operations of the Jets on Tuesday saying he's not ready for the commitment needed to make the team a consistent title contender.

Big Tuna bails on Jets

N.Y. (AP) — Bill Parcells quit as director of football operations of the New York Jets on Tuesday, saying he's not ready for the commitment needed to make the team a consistent title contender.

Parcells leaves just 10 days after coach Al Groh resigned suddenly to coach Virginia, his alma mater.

"I feel a long-term commitment is now in order," Parcells said during a conference call. "I don't feel I'm the person to make that commitment. We're moving on."

Parcells said he had suggested possible replacements to owner Woody Johnson, but he would not be directly involved in any interviews for a coach or general manager.

"I'm more than willing to assist in the transition," he said.

Parcells' resignation takes effect at the end of the month. He met for several hours with Johnson on Monday, the second time the two had discussed the Jets' future in the past week.

"We are obviously disappointed that Bill Parcells has made his decision not to return to the New York Jets next season," Johnson said. "During his tenure with the Jets, he resurrected a franchise that had been struggling for a number of years."

The 59-year-old Parcells was burdened by the demands of the job.

"People don't know how consuming this job is the way I do it," he said. "There's no time off, no time away. With the season over and now faced with hiring a new coach, I don't feel I want to do all that again. It's time for somebody else to do it. This is a good opportunity for someone else to run the organization."

Since Groh left, Johnson had tried to persuade Parcells to stay and perhaps even return to coaching. But Parcells, who resigned as Jets coach a year ago, said he has no plans to return to the sidelines.

"My intention is not to coach," Parcells said. "If I wanted to coach, I would have come back and coached the Jets. My intention is moving on to another venue. I don't know what. I'm not out looking. That's the truth."

There had been speculation that Parcells' next stop might be TV, where he worked after leaving the New York Giants.

"I have not talked to people in television," he said. "I've had no discussions with anybody about anything. I've been too busy getting things orderly here."

The Jets failed to make the playoffs this season despite needing just one win in their final three games. New York dropped all three, including a 34-20 loss to Baltimore on the final day of the season, and finished 9-7 in Groh's only year as coach.

Parcells coached the Jets from 1997-99, and turned a loser into a playoff contender. In his three seasons as coach, the Jets were 29-19 and in 1998 lost the AFC title game.

"I think the football team is a little better off than when we got here," Parcells said.

Spurs lose Elliott to shoulder injury

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Sean Elliott of the San Antonio Spurs, who came back from a kidney transplant, was forced out of the San Antonio Spurs lineup Tuesday because of a shoulder injury.

Elliott hurt his right shoulder in the second quarter of Saturday's win over Detroit when Pistons center Ben Wallace blocked his dunk attempt. Elliott left the game about four minutes later but returned to start the second half. He reaggravated the injury in the fourth quarter.

The Spurs said that Elliott had a small rotator cuff tear.

He was to miss Tuesday night's game at Orlando, and it was not certain whether he'd be ready to play at Detroit on Friday.

"We just have to wait and see what his shoulder is like," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "But he's not going to come back quickly, I don't think."

"I don't know how fast it will get better," said Elliott, who received a kidney transplant from his brother in 1999.