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Dad Of Boy Who Received Bone Marrow Treatment Says Thanks

By ANGELA BORCHERT
Avis Staff Writer

Local Rotarians helped save a little boy's life.

Members of The Rotary Club of St. Croix, Rotary Club West and Mid-Island Rotary bought plane tickets to Tennessee for a St. Croix family, whose 6-year-old son Abraham received successful cancer treatment there.

"We are very glad for what Rotary has done," said Abraham's father Mario Robles during a luncheon yesterday at Gertrude's Restaurant. "St. Croix has people who really care. We thank the club for giving him hope. I thank you for helping him to keep going."

After a year in St. Jude's Hospital in Nashville, Abraham Robles is conquering leukemia, thanks to bone marrow from his 16-year-old sister Linda.

"We are proud of the fact that you were in a giving mood to help your brother," Rotary Club of St. Croix President Robert Ellison told the teen.

While in Nashville, St. Jude's took care of hospital expenses and members of the Robles family stayed in a Ronald McDonald House for very reasonable rates.

"(Abraham) is on the full road to recovery," said Rotarian John Lewis. "I think this is what Rotary is all about."

Rotarians gave Abraham a football and Linda jewelry as tokens of respect for the fight they've waged against cancer.

More than 100 other St. Croix children will also benefit from Rotarians' generosity this year.

The three Rotary clubs donated 30 textbooks to David Fran-

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THANKS, ROTARY! Local Rotarians yesterday honored 6-year-old Abraham Robles for his brave fight against leukemia and his sister Linda, 16, who donated bone marrow to help Abraham get well.

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Sen. David Jones



Sen. Adelbert Bryan



Sen. Lilliana Belardo

Bill sponsor Bryan had amendment drafted to

Kill Casino Law

If his definition of 'Native Virgin Islander' was repealed, says Sen. David Jones

By CHRISTOPHER PFAU
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Casino bill sponsor Sen. Adelbert M. Bryan had an amendment drafted to kill the casino law and would have proposed it in Senate session on Dec. 14 had an attempt to repeal the definition of a "Native Virgin Islander" been successful, Sen. David S. Jones revealed.

"If I was successful with my amendment to remove the definition (of a Native Virgin Islander) from the bill, then he (Bryan) would have introduced his amendment to repeal the act within it's entirety," said Jones, whose proposed amendment to remove the definition lost 9-6. "So the question is: Is he (Bryan) really interested in casino and hotel and economic development for St. Croix, or is he interested in protecting a certain segment of the population?"

Bryan's Committee on Health and Government Operations is holding a public hearing at 6 p.m. today on St. Thomas "to provide a detailed explanation of the meaning and intent of the definition," Senate media services said.

Bryan, who has been criticized in numerous letters to the editor for crafting the definition, is holding the meeting in order to do "damage control," Jones said.

Bryan's drafted amendment to kill the casino bill was circulated to all senators during the session, Jones said.

Jones sent a copy to the *AVIS* of the handwritten amendment that he says was drafted by Bryan. The document has "drafted or reviewed by Legal Counsel" stamped on it.

Bills drafted but not proposed are not public record, a woman with Senate Legal Counsel who would not give her name over telephone said.

Jones said that during debate over his proposed amendment Bryan called him "an ungrateful little boy from Dominica coming here to tell (me) and others in the Legislature that they cannot define who they are."

Jones said he was born in Dominica and grew up in the Virgin Islands. He said he was not surprised by Bryan's remarks on the floor. He added that he does not fear Bryan.

"I was not surprised. It's ignorance," Jones said. "I'm not afraid of him (Bryan). He does not intimidate me. He will never intimidate me. I was elected to represent all the people – not just one segment. I am a leader whose philosophy is to facilitate unity of the people of the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean."

Senate Vice-President Lilliana Belardo de O'Neal confirmed that Bryan circulated the amendment. She said the move was typical of Bryan's "childish way."

"Bryan says: 'Play with my marbles or you don't play with me,' " Belardo said.

Bryan's staff did not return phone calls yesterday. Bryan does not talk to the press directly.

Jones said he didn't know why senators did not say anything about Bryan's amendment when it was circulated.

"Nobody was really paying attention (when the amendment was circulated to senators)," Jones said. "I recognized it. He (Bryan) didn't say anything publicly. He just circulated it."

Belardo said senators didn't take the amendment seriously, and that it did not influence the

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FLYING FOR FREE: These St. Croix children are flying to Springfield, Mass., for treatment at the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children. The young folks, most of whom are accompanied by their parents, will go through about nine weeks of treatment for orthopedic problems. Their treatment, as at all Shriner's hospitals, is free of charge. Their travel was also donated by American Airlines.

From left: Walter Lang, a retired Shriner living in St. Croix; Lowell Dyer, general manager of American Airlines for the island; April Daniel, Sheila Perez and Jesus Perez, all local children going to the hospital; parents Margarita Herrera and Avril Daniel; and Shriner Bill Watkins.

AVIS photo by LAUNCE RAKE

ACO To Boycott Bryan's Public Hearing On His Definition Of 'Native Virgin Islander' — Rivers

Special to the AVIS

Vice-President of the Association of Caribbean Organizations attorney Clive Rivers, who chaired Sunday's meeting of the association in the absence of its president, Augustus Beaupierre, said that by a unanimous vote the members of the group have decided to boycott the public hearing called by Sen. Adelbert Bryan in an attempt to rationalize what has been referred to as the outrageous, objectionable, offensive and unconstitutional definition of a "Native Virgin Islander" contained in the casino gambling legislation.

At Sunday's meeting it was indicated that the continuing research by the organization into the issue had disclosed that as far back as the Fourth Constitutional Convention in 1980, Sen. Bryan, who was then one of 30 delegates to the convention, attempted to insert discriminatory language into the Virgin Islands' proposed constitution that would have discriminated against those who were born in the Virgin Islands but who could not trace their roots back three generations.

"We thank former Sen. Bent Lawaetz, who was then a delegate to the convention, for successfully proposing an amendment to the chapter on Virgin Islands citizenship which deleted the discriminatory language of Sen. Bryan and his supporters. We should note that the good legislator was so incensed at having his discriminatory language removed from the proposed 1980 constitution for the Virgin Islands, he subsequently boycotted meetings and eventually refused to append his signature to the final draft of the document. So there is a clear history to the histrionics of Sen. Adelbert M. Bryan", said the vice-president of the Association of Caribbean Organizations.

The spokesman for the group added that the methodology adopted by Bryan at previous public hearings on the issue was intended to hoodwink the public with issues which are irrelevant to the question at hand. It is more a show than an intelligent debate.

"Moreover, the seven attorneys who are members of the Association of Caribbean Organizations have studied the definition and have concurred that the definition is outrageous, objectionable, offensive and unconstitutional, though in their opinion the matter is not ripe for court adjudication at this time," said attorney Rivers.

The vice-president said that the definition of a Native Virgin Islander is already law. Neither Bryan nor any of his eight supporters sought the opinions of the Association of Caribbean Organizations nor the public prior to the enactment of the discriminatory legislation.

Why is Sen. Bryan at this midnight hour trying to involve the association in the dastardly deed which is already a fait accompli? Is he hoping to gain legitimacy for his illegitimate child which was born of a flawed understanding of the Constitution of the United States of America?

"Let it be known that we will not lend him such legitimacy," said attorney Rivers. "Sen. Bryan and his supporters must bear the full cost of bringing the illegitimate definition to birth."

"Let it be known that the Association of Caribbean Organizations will give no quarter on this issue. We seek the full removal of the outrageous, objectionable, offensive and unconstitutional definition of a Native Virgin Islander from the gambling legislation. We will oppose, with one voice, any delaying tactics. No buck-passing and no effort to take the matter off the front burner by proposing to create an office of propaganda will be accepted," said the spokesman for the ACO.

The vice-president of the association said he thanks all those people who have supported the organization's move to have the discriminatory definition deleted from the law.

"Our fight is a just fight and whenever men and women of goodwill come together to fight against injustice, the walls of inequity and injustice will come tumbling down like the walls of Jericho. Rest assured that it won't be long before the discriminatory definition is removed from the gambling statute. We need to keep up the fight because it's a just fight," said the ACO vice-president.

Trinidad Firm Lands Deal With U.S. Software Company

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (PRNewswire) — Project Software and Development Inc. (Nasdaq: PSDI), the leading developer of client/server maintenance management software, yesterday announced a corporate value-added reseller (VAR) agreement with Management Information Systems (MIS), a subsidiary of The Neal & Massy Group. Under the agreement, MIS will resell the MAXIMO asset maintenance system throughout the Caribbean and Latin America. MIS is the leading ORACLE RDBMS and Applications Solutions provider in the Caribbean.

"MAXIMO will play a vital role for companies who are striving for efficiency in order to compete successfully in the global marketplace," noted Derek Faria, MIS's chief executive officer. "MAXIMO's advanced integration features, scaleability and flexibility are key product elements required to serve the needs of our customers."

MIS views capital asset maintenance, including facilities upkeep and equipment performance, as a critical function to its diversified client base, which spans a variety of industries including manufacturing, transportation, oil production, and hospitality. Maintenance engineers at these organizations seek methods to assist them in ensuring optimal equipment performance and availability. The use of capital asset maintenance technology, such as MAXIMO's enterprise-wide system, can improve operations and reduce maintenance costs by as much as 25 percent.

MIS, headquartered in Trinidad, provides database and application solutions, bringing together all elements required to provide the customer with complete and comprehensive solutions for the automation of business operations. MIS specializes in the marketing and implementation of client/server applications.

PSDI develops, markets and supports enterprise-wide client/server applications software used by businesses, government agencies and other organizations to assist them in maintaining high-value capital assets such as plants, facilities and production equipment. The company's products are designed to enable customers to reduce downtime, control maintenance expenses, cut spare parts inventories and costs, improve purchasing efficiency, and more effectively deploy productive assets, personnel and other resources.

Based in Cambridge, Mass., PSDI markets its products through a direct sales force with sales offices throughout the United States, Canada, Australia, the U.K., France, Germany and the Netherlands, combined with a network of international sales agents.

V.I. AG's Office And Feds In Cooperation Pact

By KENNETH ANDERSON
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The Virgin Islands Department of Justice and the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands have formerly joined forces.

On Jan. 11, the territories top lawyers entered into a formal Memorandum of Understanding.

The agreement is designed as a collaborative effort between the feds and the AG's to reduce violent crimes and drug trafficking in the Virgin Islands. The two offices will combine their prosecutorial powers through cross designation of attorneys in the District and Territorial Courts where both federal and territorial criminal statues have been violated.

"The agreement is not a surrender of judicial powers by either office," said Attorney General Julio Brady at a press conference, yesterday. "We have set up a process and procedure for the orderly implementation of the law."

Brady, United States Attorney James Hurd and Police Commissioner Ramon Davila met with the media at the United States Attorneys Office in Christiansted, yesterday, in order to outline the text of the memorandum.

•Assistant Attorneys General and Assistant United States Attorneys will be cross designated to the respective courts on "appropriate" cases; specifically cases of federal and territorial concern with the decision for cross designation ascertained on a case by case basis.

•The United States Attorneys Office will provide continuing legal education to prosecutors including; lectures on legal issues, a mentoring system for prosecution and by providing collateral legal services.

•Both offices have agreed to a joint community out reach program, spearheaded by Assistant United States Attorney Azekah Jennings. The program, which shall be funded within the existing budgets of both departments, is designed to foster good citizenship, respect and appreciation for the justice system.

"We must project an image through the outreach program of the advantages of being part of an orderly society," said Brady.

Despite the cross designation, each office has specific criminal violations that will be routinely referred to the respective departments.

The US Attorney will concentrate on the prosecution of criminals that violate the federal firearms laws including; unlawful possession or sale of handguns, drive by shootings and interstate receipt of firearms.

Bank robberies, car jackings and Hobbs Act violations will be automatically referred to the Assistant United States Attorneys. Murder, false imprisonment, kidnapping and violations of the Criminally Influenced Organizations Act will be routinely transferred to the Department of Justice.

Basically, the memorandum sets the rules for a process that has already been in force. Attorneys from the Department of Justice have been cross designated to the District Court on occasion since expanded jurisdiction took effect in the Territorial Court over two years ago.

Through expanded jurisdiction, the powers of Territorial Court were increased to the par of the District Court, whereby the local court was given jurisdiction of all major and minor criminal violations. However, federal violations or matters of Constitutional concern are heard in the District Court.

One of the first cross designations took place last year. An Assistant Attorney General was assigned to the United States Attorneys Office for the trial of Junior John.

John is serving 25 years for the June 1994 murder of Becky Prince at Floor Specialist in Sion Farm. Prince, 35-year-old, of 11 Mahogany Welcome, was bound, gagged, raped and shot in the head. Approximately $4,000 was missing from the store's vault. She survived the shooting for a little more than 24 hours and was flown to Miami for emergency treatment. She died the next day. A .38 Smith and Wesson revolver was used to take her life.

According to the Office of the United States Attorney, an Assistant Attorney General will be cross designated in the upcoming trial of Chester Dean Copemann of Estate St. George.

Copeman has been broadsided with a 27 page, 18 count indictment accusing him of misapplying over one half million dollars in federal funds between December 1989 and November 1992. The money was intended to fund psychological counseling for victims of Hurricane Hugo through his corporations, Caribbean Behavioral Institute and the Neighborhood Support Network.

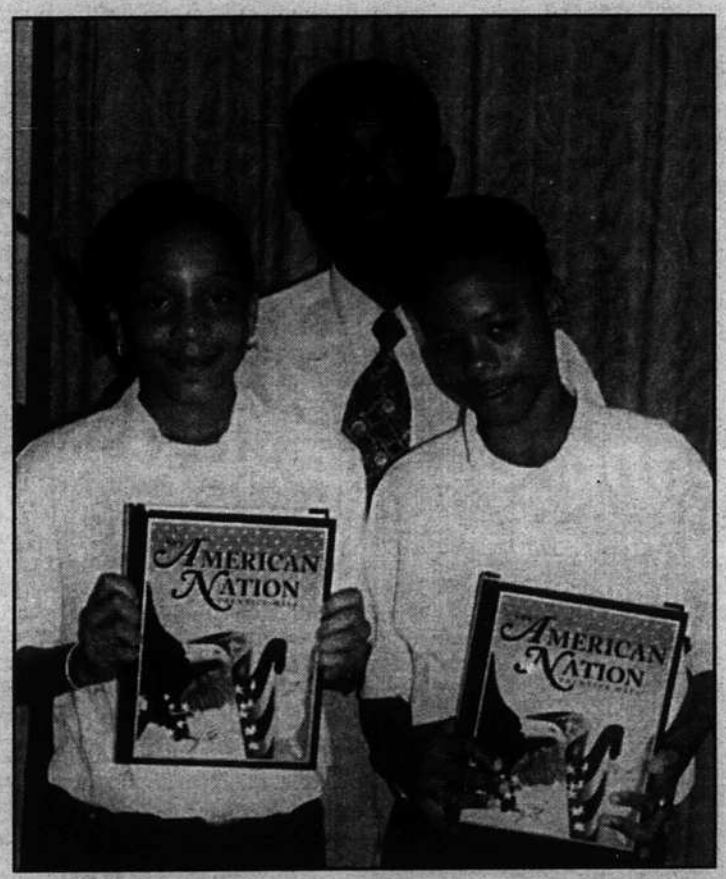
Banking Board To Look At Marilyn Repair Mortgages

The territory's Banking and Insurance Commissioner Lt. Governor Mapp said yesterday the first banking board meeting for this year will be held on Jan. 17 in the second floor conference room of Caribe Home Center on St. Croix.

The meeting which commences at 10 a.m. will be headlined by a discussion of the effect that certain bank practices are having on consumers, specifically the retaining and disbursing of insurance claim proceeds of mortgages for the repair of homes damaged by Hurricane Marilyn and fees for the inspection of those repairs.

Banking Commissioner Mapp also said the Board will seek to ratify actions taken at the December 1995 meeting including the acquisition of Island Finance of the V.I. by Norwest Corporation, an application from Commoloco to open branch in the Fort Mylner shopping center, and an application from the Bank of Nova Scotia for a bank branch in Cruz Bay, St. John.

The Banking Board is also expected to review three other items during the Jan. 17 meeting including: "Loan moratoriums—do they meet truth in lending requirements?"; A request for a report on loan defaults pursuant to Title 9, Section 64 of the Virgin Islands Code as well as a distribution of reports which details the maximum interest rate charged by small loan companies.



UP-TO-DATE HISTORY: The Rotary Club of St. Croix, Rotary Club West and Mid-Island Rotary donated 30 hefty American history books, copyright 1995, to Arthur Richards Junior High social studies teacher David Francis' class. See story on Page 1.

AVIS photo by ANGELA BORCHERT

Visitors Enjoy Flight Delays In Paradise

By KENNETH ANDERSON
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Needless to say, the Northern blizzards have made traveling to the sun and the fun a little harder than usual.

Flights are booked up or overbooked with frustrated vacationers endeavoring to get home or with herds of people attempting to escape sub zero temperatures, ice, slush and snow.

"It has made the customer very upset," Carol Gould of Tranberg Travel in Christiansted. "The businessman becomes frustrated because he can't keep to his plans, however we have found that some of the tourists were delighted that they had a chance to stay an extra day in paradise. Overall, passengers realize that any delays are not our fault. We do our best to reroute but if the airports are closed the planes can't leave."

Delays are the name of the game. The snow has forced travelers to wait in long lines at ticket counters and caused planes to spend hours on the runways awaiting their turn for take off.

"Some people who were leaving were delayed of course. What happened is that some flights became booked up that had space available before the storm," said Linda Wendt, travel consultant for Travel Desk of St. Croix in Gallows Bay.

Sunday and Monday's blizzard steamrollered as far south as Georgia and Alabama, shutting most schools and businesses until Tuesday and paralyzing planes, trains, buses and automobiles.

Philadelphia residents had to shovel themselves out from under a record 30.7 inches of snow. Most Boston schools also were still closed, as of yesterday. New York opened its schools on Wednesday after closing Monday and Tuesday, the first snow days there since 1978.

There is a bright side to the glacial weather, Gould said that the agency has received more calls from the North compared to the same period last year.

"People want to travel to the sun, they are sick of the snow," said Gould.

Student Punches Elena Principal Three Times In The Face

By ANGELA BORCHERT
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A public school student is entitled to due process hearings, even when he punches out a school official.

According to police reports, Elena Christian Junior High Assistant Principal Willard John was assaulted by a 14-year-old student while trying to clear a corridor after a ruckus.

"He was assaulted by a youngster who he was trying to get to move," said Police Department spokesman Venetia Harvey Walcott. The student "turned around and punched [John] three times in the face," Walcott said. The minor was charged with assault and battery then released into the custody of his parents.

John said the matter is currently under investigation and could not comment. He would not say whether the students involved in the alleged incident will be allowed on campus today or if they were suspended. St. Croix Superintendent Anita Gordon Plaskett could not be reached for comment.

In other police news, Frederiksted's renovated Athalie MacFarlane Petersen Public Library was robbed yesterday of its telephone. Librarian Sarita Tucker added that vandals recently stole 11 of the 19 outdoor plants intended to beautify the library's surroundings.

"For the most part, things are going well," Tucker said. "We just have to work out the kinks."

Snowstorm Keeps Criminals From Their Work

By AMY WESTFELDT

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Crime is taking a snow day on the East Coast.

Police from Boston to Washington reported drops in almost all categories of crime since Sunday's blizzard. Philadelphia lasted 60 hours without a murder. New Yorkers waited three days before the killing resumed.

Officers did deal with a surge of emergency calls, but almost all involved car trouble or motorists fighting over scarce parking spaces.

The deterrent? A heaping pile of snow that smothered the East Coast and snowed in the criminals.

"We're thankful for any help we can get from God or man in our fight to reduce crime," Philadelphia Police Commissioner Richard Neal said yesterday. "And who knows? Maybe nature can teach people the senselessness of pitting man against man."

No homicides were reported in New York from early Sunday evening to late Wednesday night. The city averaged about three a day in 1995. Reports of robberies, burglaries, car thefts and other serious crimes also were down.

"All the guys made it into work, but there wasn't a lot to do," said Lt. Ray Ferrari, commander of a New York City detective squad. "We caught up on paperwork."

After the blizzard died and life began returning to normal, the killing resumed. Four men, including a livery cab driver, were shot to death from 11:30 p.m. Wednesday and 9:20 a.m. yesterday in New York City.

In Philadelphia, where a record 30.7 inches of snow fell, no one was killed from Saturday until late Monday, when Tammy Brown was caught in the crossfire of a drug shooting. Two more have been killed since then.

"There was a hiatus there for about 60 hours," said Philadelphia Homicide Inspector Jerrold Kane. The city averages 1.2 homicides a day.

Eight people were robbed in Philadelphia Wednesday. The normal total is 15 to 25 robberies, police said.

Violent crime in Washington also dropped 14 percent last weekend, deputy police chief Charles Bacon said. In Baltimore, serious crimes decreased by 23 percent in the first 10 days of January.

Boston police have spent most of their time on service calls, towing illegally parked cars, responding to health emergencies and breaking up fights over parking spaces, spokeswoman Tracy Wyse said.

"Cops have always said that the weather is their best friend," said Sgt. Fred Seklecki of Holyoke, Mass., an industrial city with a high crime rate.

Some police officers have taken advantage of the snowbound by serving fugitive warrants. In Washington, D.C., one man wanted on several warrants was arrested in a crack house where he was taking shelter on Monday. The storm also snowed in would-be thieves in smaller cities and towns.

Harrisburg, Pa., where 28 inches of snow fell, reported no burglaries since Sunday. Nearby York, which got 3 feet, had no muggings or car thefts.

"Everybody's too tired from shoveling. They don't have time to create mayhem," said Harrisburg police spokesman Randy King.

The snow also can keep smarter criminals indoors. Maj. Cornelius Hairston, a Baltimore public housing officer, said he knows from his 14 years on the force that criminals are wary of leaving tracks.

"These guys know it is hard for them to get away because of the snow prints," he said. "You can follow them to the suspect's home."

Easterners Brace For New Snowstorm

Storm-weary Easterners slogged to work through mountains of piled-up snow and made another last-minute run on grocery stores as a new storm churned toward the region.

"I really don't want to wait for the milk. I want to get on with my life," a frustrated Judy Kaitz said Wednesday after digging her way out of the snow in New York to stock up on food and other essentials.

Foodstocks dwindled at grocery stores in western Maryland, where forecasters said the new storm could hit particularly hard.

"As fast as we get milk, eggs and bread in, it's gone," said Billy Joe Miller, manager of the Giant food store in Frederick, Md.

Simple tasks have become tests of endurance in the aftermath of the big blizzard of '96, a storm the East is still digging out from under and which has been blamed for at least 100 deaths since Sunday.

By Wednesday, commuters were shoving and fuming, shoppers waited again in long lines, and shovelers wondered where to throw all the snow. But the worst news was the new storm approaching. Forecasts called for up to 2 feet of snow in western Maryland, and from several inches to a foot elsewhere across the region, by the weekend. Sunday and Monday's blizzard steamrollered as far south as Georgia and Alabama, shutting most schools and businesses until Tuesday and paralyzing planes, trains, buses and automobiles.

Philadelphia Mayor Edward Rendell begged residents to shovel themselves out from under a record 30.7 inches of snow. He said the city's plows are too big to get through many of the narrow streets.

"You can't expect us in the greatest storm in the history of Philadelphia to do something we haven't done for 40 years in modest snowfalls," he said.

Philadelphia schools were closed for the fourth consecutive day yesterday. Most Boston schools also were still closed. New York opened its schools on Wednesday after closing Monday and Tuesday, the first snow days there since 1978.

Thousands of cars remained buried under snowbanks, and enterprising souls made money digging them out. "Will Free Your Car and Your Spinal Column for $25 to $40," read one hand-made sign in New York City. In York, Pa., which got walloped with 3 feet of snow, welfare recipients waited in vain for a bank to open so they could cash their checks. Debra Walters said she was down to half a loaf of bread and half a bottle of milk for her two girls. – AP

Four Apple Executives Quit After Company Confirms Loss

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Four Apple Computer Inc. vice-presidents resigned yesterday, a day after the computer maker said it would report a quarterly operating loss of $68 million because of stiff competition.

Industry analysts also said they expect Apple to lay off more than 1,000 people.

The executives who left were all in marketing. A fifth executive was rumored to be leaving.

"There's a lot of reorganization going on in that group," said Apple spokeswoman Pam Miracle. Apple's announcement Wednesday of the October-to-December loss came at an awkward time for the computer maker, on the eve of the opening of Macworld Expo, the annual trade conference on the company's popular Macintosh line.

Apple confirmed the loss, which amounts to 55 cents a share before restructuring charges, after financial markets closed Wednesday. Its stock closed at $34.25, up $1.50 on the Nasdaq Stock Market. Apple was down slightly at midday yesterday and was back up to $34.25 in the afternoon.

The company's financial woes and falling stock price — from $50 a share in June — have heightened speculation of a merger or takeover. Apple has seen a series of high-level management departures in the past year.

Last month, the company warned of a probable loss for the usually profitable October-to-December quarter. The company will formally report results and discuss its restructuring on Jan. 17.

"We are obviously disappointed about the results for the quarter and are taking actions to meet our challenges," said Michael Spindler, Apple chief executive. "It is our top priority to return the company to profitability and provide value to shareholders."

Apple, based in Cupertino, already has said it intends to concentrate on its core businesses.

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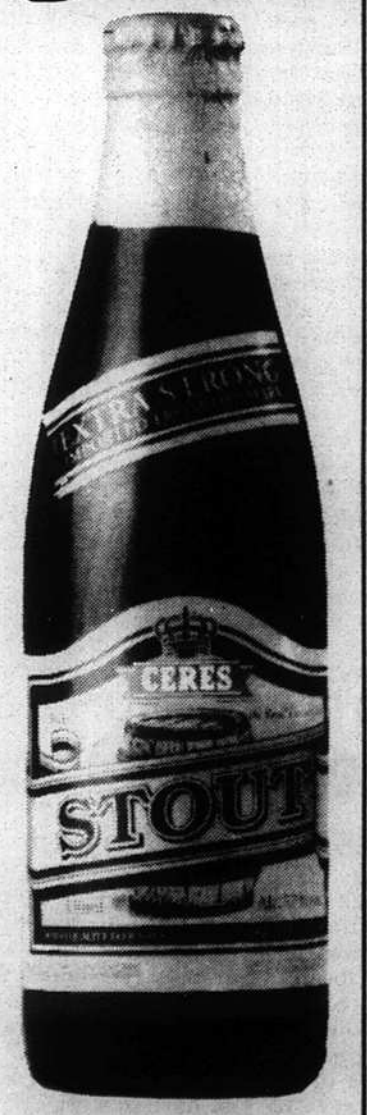
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Jury Convicts Teen Girl Of Killing Her 73-Year-Old Companion

WHITE CLOUD, Mich. (AP) — A teenager accused of killing her 73-year-old companion, then throwing a party in his trailer and showing the body to friends, was found guilty of first-degree murder Wednesday.

Devon Watts, 17, claimed her taped confession was a lie and that she had wanted to marry the man, but jurors deliberated little more than an hour before convicting her. She faces life in prison without parole.

Watts and her friend Kelly Heemstra, 18, who lived with Leonard Hughey on-and-off for several months in his trailer, killed him by pulling the trigger of a .22-caliber rifle together on July 28, investigators said.

Hours after his death, Watts invited friends over, smoked marijuana, drank alcohol and even had sex in the trailer, a witness said. Both girls also took some of their guests to see the body, wrapped in a blanket in a shed.

Watts confessed to helping push Heemstra's finger on the trigger, but on Wednesday, she testified that she was in another room when Heemstra shot Hughey. Heemstra pleaded guilty to second-degree murder last month.

"She wants you to believe she's a young, innocent person trying to protect her fiance. That's a crock," Prosecutor Crystal Roach said.

Watts "turned Leonard Hughey's trailer into a house of horrors and then danced on his grave," Roach said.

Convict Ran Bail Scam From Jail

NEW YORK (AP) — At least 10 people paid $23,000 to a jailed convict who called them on the telephone pretending their relatives had been arrested and that he was a police officer looking for bail.

While waiting to be sentenced on a robbery conviction, Raymond Sanabria made the calls to at least 18 people, said District Attorney Robert Morgenthau. At least 10 fell for it.

The victims were told to wire money to a bogus bail bond agent, and then one of Sanabria's accomplices collected it, Morgenthau said.

"For sheer ingenuity and audacity, this case ranks pretty high," he said.

Police caught on after several people complained they paid the money, but heard nothing further. The calls were traced to Rikers Island and Sanabria, 31, was caught on video camera, Morgenthau said. Sanabria, his wife, 18-year-old Evelyn Sanabria, and a third alleged accomplice, Dipsey Roland, 32, were arrested on fraud and grand larceny charges. Sanabria also was charged with criminal impersonation.

Man Convicted In Police Deaths Enjoys First Day Of Freedom

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Waking up to his first morning of freedom in more than 37 years, Moreese "Pop" Bickham ate a traditional Southern breakfast of biscuits, sausages and grits and tried to put the past behind him.

The 78-year-old black man had walked out of Louisiana State Penitentiary at 12:04 a.m. Wednesday after spending almost half his life behind bars for killing two white policemen.

"It feels a great deal different. It is another life — like someone risen from the dead and stepped into a new world," Bickham said in a telephone interview.

"Nothing's changed much — the land, marsh and nature they all stay the same. Changed buildings. But the land's still the same place; once you learn that, you know it all."

A lawyer and a television crew took him to his childhood home of Tylertown, Miss., where he saw his mother's grave, prayed at the church he attended as a child and visited with friends and cousins.

Bickham then flew Wednesday night to Oakland, Calif., to be reunited with his wife, Ernestine Buckley, and daughter, Vivian Jefferson. He plans to live there on Social Security and do some counseling.

Bickham, whose cause was taken up in a 1990 documentary, "Tossing Away The Keys," and included in a new book, "Holding On," has claimed that the shooting was in self-defense.

He said the officers, Gus Gill and Jake Galloway, were Ku Klux Klansmen who said they were going to "get him." On July 12, 1958, they showed up with guns and shot him in the chest, but he managed to kill them both.

In those days, blacks who shot whites had little chance of beating a murder charge. His trial lasted 2 1/2 hours one night. He was sentenced to die for killing one of the officers, and never tried in the second death.

"It was hard for a black man to get a fair trial — if he made it to trial, if they didn't lynch him," Bickham said.

He spent 14 years and 10 months on death row, during which time he received seven stays of execution. In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court threw out his death sentence, which was commuted to life imprisonment.

Last March, Gov. Edwin Edwards cut Bickham's sentence to 75 years. Because of time off for good behavior and other sentence reductions, Bickham became eligible for parole Wednesday.

"I'm really sorry. ... If I could, I'd give my life to bring them back. I hope they forgive me," Bickham said.

Gill and Galloway were members of the police force in Mandeville, then a small town across Lake Pontchartrain from New Orleans.

Police officers, politicians and the adult children of the slain officers fought every attempt to free Bickham.

"He has brought a lot of hardship in my heart and he doesn't deserve to get out," Delores Serigne, the 62-year-old daughter of Galloway, said Tuesday.

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EDITORIAL:

CASINO CONTROL FREAK

Because of his inability to compromise, casino bill author Sen. Adelbert M. Bryan is raising havoc with the casino law.

He holds the casino law like it is his own baby.

He must realize that it is not his law. It is the law of the Virgin Islands.

The latest development shows just how inflexible he is. He would rather not have casinos if he cannot have the definition of a native Virgin Islander in "his" bill.

Bryan had an amendment drafted to kill the casino law and would have proposed it in Senate session on Dec. 14 had an attempt to repeal the definition of a "Native Virgin Islander" been successful.

Virgin Islanders, whether they are "native" or not, are starting to wonder: Does Bryan really care about having casinos in St. Croix?

His selfish actions with the casino bill have been harming the potential for casino/hotel development on St. Croix.

After Bryan had his casino bill substituted for Sen. Gerard James's bill, which had gone through the committee process, nothing but confusion followed.

Bryan had his massive bill, which did not go through the committee process, thrown at the Senate. He knew that it would pass. He knew that St. Croix is desperate and that any St. Croix senator voting against the bill would be committing political suicide.

Because the definition of a native Virgin Islander was erroneously deleted in the bill signed by Gov. Schneider, Bryan took the casino bill to Territorial Court and had it declared invalid. This has further delayed the implementation of casinos.

Senate President Almando Liburd wanted the bill corrected by amendment, but Bryan would not compromise. Again, Bryan had to do it his way.

Bryan's Committee on Health and Government Operations is holding a public hearing at 6 p.m. today on St. Thomas "to provide a detailed explanation of the meaning and intent of the definition," Senate media services said.

At the hearing, Bryan must start listening and stop acting like a casino control freak.

Senators need to stop fearing Bryan: He is only one of fifteen votes. He does not chair a committee of power. He has several political enemies in the majority.

If he does not learn the art of compromise, he should be isolated by the senators.

When he yells and misbehaves in the Senate, he should be disciplined swiftly and muzzled.

It's a new year. The Senate and St. Croix are fed up with Bryan.

And if he doesn't learn the art of compromise, Virgin Islanders and the Senate must take no licks from Bryan in '96.

Hovic Workers Making Friends For Life

Dear editor:

On Dec. 13, 1995 the St. Croix Community Blood Bank held its annual Blood Drive at Hess Oil V.I. Corp. For the past three years Dr. Cora Christian, Medical Director at Hovic and staff, and other volunteers along with staff from the Juan F. Luis Hospital Laboratory have successfully provided the local community with sufficient blood supply to last through the holiday season.

An average of 60-80 units of blood are transfused in the hospital every month. The blood drive collected 80 units of blood from the Hovic employees.

I would like to thank all the caring and giving people who donated. Your donations will bring the gift of life to those who are in desperate need. I encourage you to continue to help us maintain a safe and adequate blood supply, and encourage other healthy people to participate on behalf of this worthwhile cause. you have earned the respect of a thankful community.

I applaud your generosity and concern for others.

I would also like to thank the JFL Hospital medical staff for their generous monetary donation which enable us to purchase a television that was raffled to the blood donors and won by Mr. Michael Griffen - Congratulations!

Special thanks to the many volunteers of the Hovic community, and Elba Figueroa, Martha James and Barbar Williams of the hospital laboratory staff.

Debra Andrews
Blood Bank Technician
James S. Glenn, M.D., FCAP
Blood Bank Director

Bert Scores Bullseye

Dear editor:

OK! The joke's on us! As it turned out, big bad Bert has succeeded beyond his wildest expectations. His 14 percent tax (on the casino bill) did exactly what it was intended to do. It frightened away every potential investor.

As for the much-maligned definition of who is or isn't a "native" Virgin Islander, what difference will it really make? All those who don't qualify as "natives" will still walk into the voting booth in November, and vote back into office most or all of the nine senators who voted to support this unconstitutional clause.

We are a sado-masochistic society. The V.I. senators are the sadists. The V.I. voters are the masochists.

Best of all, jokewise, we now have five casino commission members, ready to be 'anointed', who will be paid a fantastic salary for three or four years for doing...nothing!

After all, without investors what are they going to investigate and regulate? Hey, it's only our tax dollars being wasted. No problem, mon!

Maybe we should hold a contest to re-name these islands. We can no longer be called the Virgin Islands, since we just got raped... again!

Sincerely,
Gypped and Gyved in V.I.

Do Let History Repeat Itself

Dear editor:

Apartheid. Bigotry. Racism. Ecthnic Cleansing. Native Virgin Islander.

Idi Amin, former president, Uganda

Adolph Hitler, former chancellor, Nazi, Germany

George Wallace, former governor, Louisana

Bert Bryan, present senator, U.S. Virgin Islands

South Africa. Bosnia. Mississippi. Nazi Germany. U.S. Virgin Islands.

- Are these the concepts that we want to be associated with?

- Are these the leaders that we want to be remembered as electing?

- Do we want our islands to be associated with some of histories' most prejudiced country/states?

Think, elect responsible leaders.

Jay Bryan
(no relation)

Another Look At Native Label

Dear editor;

Please allow me to bring your readers attention to a few observations made by Historian Geraldo Guirty in his book "Harlem's Danish-American West Indians: 1899-1964" which are relevant to the ongoing debate of the Native Virgin Islander definition contained in Senator Adelbert M. Bryan's Gambling Legislation.

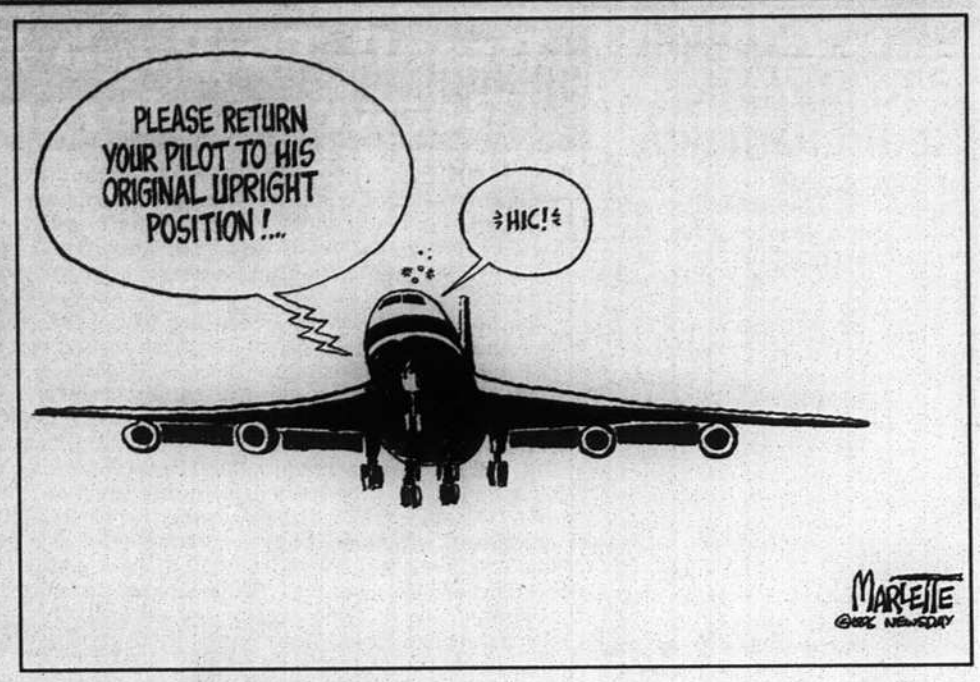
Mr. Guirty correctly posits that the fourth proposed constitution was defeated because two Crucian Delegates inflamed the passion of the voters and confused them on the issue of status.

"The view of the nationalistic 'born here' natives, the 'black power' business advocates, the West Indianism promoters, the back to Africa Garveyites, the Rastafarian Converts, and the Muslim Disciples of the Farrakan ideology", believe that it is necessary for the indigenous people to identify with the Afro-West Indians for offsetting "the total control of greedy and bossy investors from the outside", wrote Mr. Guirty.

The Historian, however, noted that the race-minded zealots who want political power to urge the glory of Africa in the Virgin Islands had to understand that the people of the Vir-

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Hip, Postmodern World

By CHARLEY REESE

Self-esteem is a hot item on the do-gooder circuit these days, so I will tell you what I'm doing to elevate my own. If you find the example profitable, then by all means apply it to yourself.

I have resolved not to make any New Year's resolutions. That's one I can keep, and keeping it will, according to the experts, boost my self-esteem.

Yes, I know this resembles the techniques of some ingenious souls who avoid sin by defining anything they wish to do as "not a sin." It is akin to eliminating crime by repealing the criminal code.

But, dudes, this is a hip, postmodern world. Genuine, certificate authenticated experts tell us that the way to boost self-esteem in the public schools is to not require the children to learn anything. That way, they will not feel like failures. They will be failures, but they won't feel like it. Feelings are in, and accomplishments are out.

Do we not have the example of an esteemed leader who often tells people he "feels their pain"? He's not going to do anything about it, but, by golly, he feels it.

I have a dentist like that. He claims he feels my pain, and I believe him. He hates to hurt you, he says, but he does anyway. I used to try to persuade my ex-wife to scream and fake a faint as a joke on the dentist, but she was afraid he would have a heart attack.

The evidence is all around us that one does not need to be talented, educated or accomplished to be successful . (Yeah, I know, smart mouth, you think I'm a good example. Well, I am.) Books are published that a few years ago wouldn't have made the cut in a ninth grade school newspaper. Ignorance is almost a badge of honor.

In one of the prerelease publicity interviews about the film "Braveheart," some smiley female national television face gushed, "My, William Wallace is such a hero, it's amazing no one has ever told his story before."

It's been told, of course, many times for several centuries in novels and poetry and history. She just missed it.

I saw a newspaper story a few years ago announcing that a state attorney general was about to appoint a U.S. attorney. State attorneys general do not appoint U.S. attorneys. They are appointed by the president, but at least two college graduates, a reporter and an editor didn't know that.

Apparently these days, if you read four books a year you're an intellectual. If you can read a monitor and smile at the same time, you can become a TV star.

In my political flacking days, I wrote speeches for a congressional candidate who was a TV news commentator, a veteran of 10 years in the business. He sounded very impressive, but something he said in private conversation aroused my suspicions, so I asked him, "Where is Vietnam?"

"Oh, just off the coast of South America somewhere," he said cheerfully. Well, I suppose you could say that's true, give or take 13,000 miles, an international date line and a hemisphere.

Former President Jimmy Carter expressed surprise while in office when he learned that Jordan had been part of the Palestine Mandate. Now, you would think that in the executive branch of the world's biggest superpower there would have been somebody who could have briefed the president on a few basic facts of Middle East history that every fifth-grader in the region knows.

But, heck, it's all part of this hip, postmodern world, huh, dudes? Helps my self-esteem. The dumber and more ignorant people become, the smarter I — a genuinely uneducated country boy — seem. I used to have a small bit of anxiety that people would rediscover public libraries and realize they can get the same information I do from the same place, but that was a vain fear.

If the level of ignorance continues to rise, I think I will become an expert consultant. They say there's good money these days in telling folks the obvious.

Parents! A New Year's Resolution

VIEWPOINT

By JEFFREY HART

If you want your children to succeed in school and later on do well in college, the best thing you can do for them is severely limit their exposure to television. All sorts of other ideas have been flying around. Bill Bennett, Bob Dole and Joe Lieberman have been crusading against the semi-pornography now flooding daytime TV shows and Hollywood movies, and no doubt they have a point. Earlier, Bennett and others campaigned to some effect against the hideous gangsta rap, with its violence and evident hatred of women. We hear talk about a "V" chip that will mask off prurient television, and now we have worries about filth on the Internet.

But the damage done to potential young readers by television goes far beyond the stuff that comes over the tube, awful as that usually is. The damage comes from the nature of television itself. As Marshall McLuhan famously said, the "medium is the message." It would not matter if children watched "Sesame Street" or some such "enlightened" show all day long. The damage is done by the medium itself.

The trouble with the medium is that it creates an entirely passive viewer. The child sits there watching the images flicker and wash over him. What happens on the screen in no way engages the brain. It requires no effort at all on the part of the viewer. Indeed, it encourages a passive response to experience generally.

The term "channel surfing" is quite apt. If the viewer doesn't like what's on the screen, why, just click the remote and on comes something else. Or you can go click, click, click all you want. Watching TV has about the same relationship to mental activity as surfing does itself, and tends to create the same sort of delayed development "beach boy" personality.

Of course the couch potato, raised on television from childhood, can learn to read in some elementary way — can be taught to make sense of sentences and paragraphs. But he will be unlikely to read in any but a superficial way; to go beyond that requires a genuine engagement with the words on the page. Such reading demands patience, sustained attention, a willingness to go past the surface and dig into the language. Real reading is anything but passive.

Today I find that even undergraduates at elite colleges and universities seldom know how to read with patience and sustained critical attention. When one comes along I know that he is likely to go a long way at whatever he wants to do.

As long ago as 1950, the early days of mass television, T.S. Eliot wrote as follows in a letter to the *Times of London*: "I have just returned from a visit to the United States, where ... I found only anxiety and apprehension about the social effects of television, and especially about its effect (mentally, morally, and physically) upon small children."

A few years later Newton Minnow coined the phrase "the television wasteland," probably having Eliot's famous poem in mind. That, however, seemed to refer to what was being shown on television, as if better programming would be the answer.

But the great poet I think had grasped something profounder. Better programming would be nice, but the damage done by television comes from the very nature of the medium itself and the mental behavior it produces.

From David Donald's magnificent new biography "Lincoln" I learn that the boy Lincoln on the Illinois frontier was an extraordinary reader. He had little formal schooling, and the books available to him as he grew up were few. He read — he knew! — Shakespeare, the Bible, "Pilgrim's Progress," American and some classical history, a logic manual, some recent English poetry, Blackstone's legal commentaries.

He read this material again and again. He copied out long passages and committed them to memory. He owned, he almost organically possessed, what he read. He formed his mind on his reading, learned how to think deeply.

One thinks, too, of Shakespeare himself. His local schooling at Stratford was not extensive. In his friend Ben Jonson's opinion, Shakespeare was ignorant: "small Latin and less Greek." But what he did read he read intensely, with what results we know.

When the TV set is used in the household, as to watch the news, then the news ought to be submitted to analysis, along the lines of what is omitted. For example, what theory informs the resistance Clinton engages in to budget cuts, and what history led to the dispatch of troops to Bosnia?

Televised news cannot give much more than the flickering images on the screen, of Clinton or Dole saying this or that, or of a TV correspondent standing in the snow somewhere in the Balkans.

I recall that long before I went to kindergarten my father taught me to read. For a long time he himself read to me the comic strips in the evening paper. Then, one night, he read all the panels except the last one. To learn how things came out, I had to read it myself This was a good start, but he didn't have to fend off TV.

So the best New Year's resolution a parent can make now is to turn off the TV set. Just turn it off, and leave it off. At least severely restrict to a couple of hours a week the time developing children spend in front of it.

BBC's Croskill To Manage Radio Jamaica

KINGSTON (AP) — Jamaican journalist Hugh Croskill, head of Caribbean services for the British Broadcasting Corp., will become general manager of Radio Jamaica Ltd. in April, the island's oldest radio station said. Croskill has 21 years of journalism experience, including stints with the Jamaica Broadcasting Corp., a government-owned radio and television station, and the Caribbean News Agency, a Barbados-based service, the statement Wednesday said.

His appointment is part of Radio Jamaica's drive to restructure its operations to maintain its No. 1 market position, the station's statement said. Jamaica has nine radio stations, including two that are government owned.

Brazil To Push For Trade Talks Between Mercosur, Suriname

PARAMARIBO, Suriname (AP) — Brazilian President Fernando Enrique Cardoso promised his Surinamese counterpart to push for South America's Mercosur trade bloc to start trade talks with Suriname, a joint statement by the two leaders said.

Cardoso also agreed in a meeting with President Ronald Venetiaan to reschedule repayment of $80 million that Suriname owes, and pledged to help the neighboring country build a hydroelectric power dam, Suriname's government information service reported.

The information service issued a statement Wednesday on the results of a state visit by Venetiaan to Brasilia, the Brazilian capital. He arrived Tuesday and is scheduled to return today.

The two presidents also indicated, in a joint statement faxed to the Surinamese media Wednesday, that their countries should be allowed to profit from developing their natural resources without interference from abroad.

"Well aware of the attention that various issues relating the Amazon Region awake ... the presidents of Brazil and Suriname emphasize the need to coordinate efforts with a view to assuring that international cooperation is channeled into effective action in the line of Brazilian and Surinamese interests," the communique Wednesday said.

The statement responds to heavy international criticism by environmentalists of a proposal to allow multinational companies to log large tracts of Suriname's forests. There is continuous criticism of Brazil's logging.

Cardoso said he would push for talks soon on trade liberalization between Suriname and Mercosur, a tariff union formed by Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay. Starting a year ago, the four neighboring countries agreed to eliminate most internal trade tariffs and apply common tariffs on imports from outside the bloc.

Cardoso and Venetiaan agreed that Suriname's longstanding debt must be paid off by 2000, at the rate of $20 million per year.

Also, Brazil will provide technical assistance to Suriname in a project to build a dam on the Corantyne River, on Suriname's western border with Guyana.

International Press Groups Rap Kenya On Proposed News Media Rules

NEW YORK (AP) — Eight international press freedom organizations are urging Kenya's government to scuttle consideration of proposals to regulate journalists and news media in the East African nation.

In a letter to President Daniel arap Moi, the groups said measures being studied by Kenyan authorities would violate international human rights standards that guarantee the right to freedom of expression in any medium.

The proposals provide for the licensing of journalists and news media, a government-mandated code of conduct for journalists, the power to suspend journalists, and creation of a council to regulate news media operations, said Dana Bullen, executive director of the World Press Freedom Committee in Reston, Va.

The provisions would apply to both Kenyan and foreign journalists, Bullen added in a statement.

Asked about the proposals, Kenya's attorney general, Amos Wako, told The Associated Press that the government formed a task force last year to draft new press laws. But he said the committee had not yet presented any findings.

"Under the circumstances, it is not correct for anybody to suggest that we have, at this point in time, a press bill ready for publication and presentation to Parliament," Wako said.

The Moi government has had an edgy relationship with the press for years, but press freedom generally expanded after Kenya abandoned one-party rule and held its first multiparty elections in 1992.

However, Moi's ruling party owns one of three daily newspapers in the country and the government completely runs radio and television.

Over the past several years, the government has banned several magazines.

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Air Force:Geese Caused AWACS Plane Crash

By ROBERT BURNS
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The crash last September of an Air Force radar surveillance aircraft in Alaska, in which all 24 crew members died, was caused mainly by the failure of two engines that struck a flock of geese, the Air Force said yesterday.

The crash was the most costly by an Air Force aircraft in two decades. It was the first crash ever of an E-3 Airborne Warning and Control System plane.

Air Force investigators faulted the senior controller in the tower at Elmendorf Air Force base, near Anchorage, for failing to warn the plane's crew that he had seen a flock of geese flushed by a C-130 cargo plane that took off on the same runway two minutes earlier.

The senior controller's failure was called a contributing factor to the accident. Also contributing was Elmendorf's failure to implement adequate preventive measures to handle a growing number of geese at the airfield.

The Air Force did not say whether the controller faced disciplinary action.

Geese had been unofficially blamed in the accident from the start. The official Air Force accident investigation report found that several geese were ingested by two engines, causing an immediate, catastrophic failure of one and stalls in the second.

"The air crew did everything humanly possible to fly this aircraft out of an unflyable situation," said the executive summary of the investigation report. Copies of the summary were released at the Pentagon.

Catholic Churches 'No Guns' Signs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — If Catholic parishioners don't know it already, the Archdiocese of San Antonio is sending a not-so-subtle message that guns are not allowed on church property.

Even though the state's new concealed handgun law prohibits guns in churches and certain other establishments, the archdiocese is posting signs in English and Spanish stating:

"Blessed are the peacemakers. Please no guns permitted on these premises. Property of the Archdiocese of San Antonio."

Archbishop Patrick Flores recently unveiled the red-and-white signs and used the opportunity to announce the archdiocese has launched an anti-violence outreach effort through its churches.

The "no guns" signs are intended to emphasize the anti-violence message and to keep firearms out of sanctuaries and off other archdiocese property, church officials said.

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Doctors Get Device To Perform Light-Enhanced Pap Smears

By LAURAN NEERGAARD

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gynecologists are getting a new way to spot problems when they perform Pap smears to check women for cervical cancer — by inserting a special light bar to illuminate the cervix.

Called Speculoscopy, the light-enhanced Pap smear lets doctors see into the cervix to diagnose more abnormalities than the regular Pap smear can detect alone.

"We're enhancing the ability of the Pap smear to pick things up ... before they develop into a serious problem," explained Dr. Steven A. Vasilev, gynecologic oncology director at City of Hope National Medical Center in Duarte, Calif.

"It is simple, it's quick and it doesn't add much to the cost" of a standard Pap smear, he added.

The Food and Drug Administration approved the Speculoscopy system last month and it was unveiled yesterday by Trylon Corp., the manufacturer. Pharmacia & Upjohn Inc. will sell the device beginning in about a week. It will add about $25 to the cost of a regular Pap.

Some 15,000 American women are diagnosed with cervical cancer each year and about 4,800 die. About 50 million Pap smears are performed each year to try to detect cervical cancer early enough to cure — and the tests often find precancerous changes in cells that haven't had time to turn into a tumor.

Speculoscopy adds a visual exam to help find those precancerous changes.

In a Pap smear, doctors scrape cells off the cervix and send them to a laboratory to be examined for abnormalities.

For Speculoscopy, doctors attach a tiny light bar to the device that holds open the cervix during the Pap. This Speculite contains chemicals that interact to shine a special wavelength of light. It's similar to the toy light wands children wave at Halloween.

After the Pap is done, the doctor swabs vinegar in the vagina, shines the Speculite onto the cervix and peers inside through a magnifying glass. The combination of chemical light and vinegar makes normal cells look blue and possibly abnormal ones look white.

One study found the Pap alone detected 31 percent of women's early precancerous cell changes, while Pap plus Speculoscopy found 83 percent.

Everything Speculoscopy detects won't be cancer, the FDA warned. "How many will be cancerous or whether this ability will determine a different course of treatment is not known," said spokeswoman Sharon Snider. "But it does help doctors detect a lot more and in that respect does have major implications for public health."

Eight percent to 20 percent of Pap smears are classified atypical, meaning doctors can't tell if a woman is experiencing precancerous cell changes or merely has an infection or inflammation. These women usually are given a biopsy, a slightly painful procedure that costs several hundred dollars.

Adding Speculoscopy to that initial Pap could pinpoint which of these women really needed a biopsy — those whose doctors could see whitish cell clumps that the Pap wasn't sure were dangerous, explained Dr. Stewart Lonky, Trylon's medical director. The other women could simply get another Pap in a few months, he said.

But Speculoscopy's biggest benefit is helping determine that a woman who gets Paps only every three years — the standard for many insurance companies — doesn't have a problem lurking that could become dangerous before her next checkup, said Vasilev. When he tested the device at City of Hope, "most women felt it was a reassuring factor."

Mild High Blood Pressure Linked To Kidney Failure

BOSTON (AP) — Even a little high blood pressure can be bad for the kidneys.

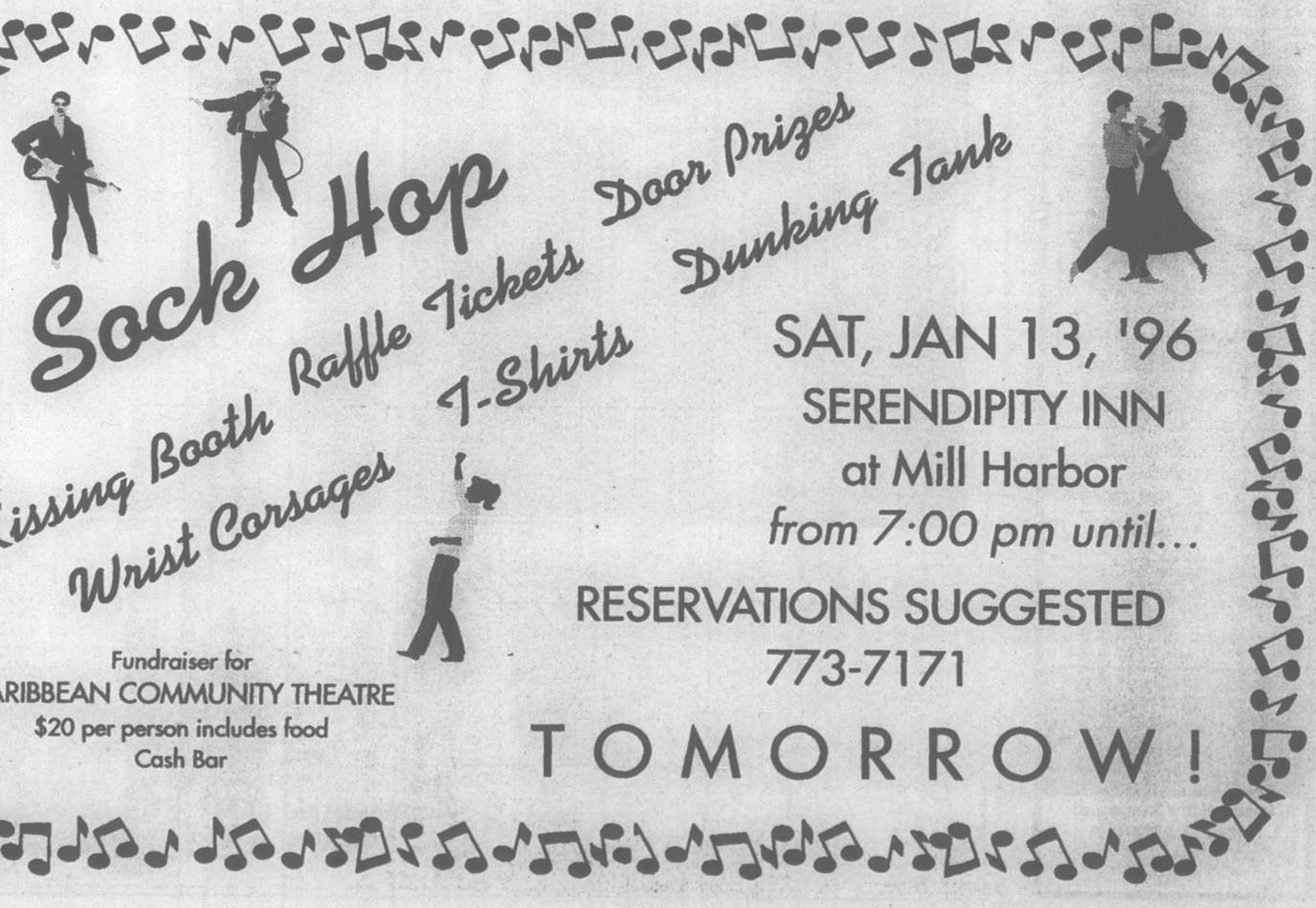
High blood pressure, or hypertension, is already recognized as a major underlying cause of heart attacks and strokes. While severe high blood pressure is known to cause kidney failure, doctors have been less certain about the effect of modest cases on the kidneys.

Now, a major study begun in the 1970s shows that mildly high blood pressure triples the usual risk of kidney failure.

Nearly 200,000 Americans must undergo dialysis or transplants because their kidneys have failed. About one-quarter of these people die of complications annually. Dr. Michael J. Klag and colleagues from Johns Hopkins University followed the health of 332,544 men for 16 years. During that time, 814 of them lost use of their kidneys.

Blood pressure is generally considered healthy if it is below 120 over 80. When blood pressure is this low, the chance of kidney failure is slim. About five in 100,000 will develop this disease. But the latest study shows that the risk rises as blood pressure goes up.

Blood pressure is considered to be mildly elevated if the systolic pressure — the first and larger of the two numbers — is between 140 and 159, and the diastolic pressure is between 90 and 99. Men with blood pressure this high are three times more likely than men with optimal blood pressure to suffer kidney failure. For those with moderate hypertension — up to 179 over 109 — the risk is six times higher. With severe hypertension — up to 209 over 119 — it is 11 times higher. Hypertension higher than this is considered very severe, and it carries a 22 times higher risk of kidney failure. The research was published in yesterday's issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.



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World Record Attempt Fails As Balloon Sinks

KLEEFELD, Manitoba (AP) — A hot-air balloon carrying two Japanese men seeking a world record came down in southeastern Manitoba yesterday, long before the balloonists wanted to land.

They had hoped to break the record for spending the longest time aloft in an AX-10 class of hot-air balloon: 41 hours, 29 minutes. They were in the air for less than 21 hours.

The bright blue, red and black balloon flown by Michio Kanda and Hiro Takezawa landed near a school in Kleefeld, about 30 miles southeast of Winnipeg. The men had taken off from Stettler, Alberta, on Wednesday at midday.

The failure came a day after an American millionaire lost his bid to become the first person to circle the earth nonstop in a balloon, landing 1,800 miles into the trip in a field in New Brunswick.

AX-10 category balloons stand about 100 feet tall and can carry up to 10 passengers.

Big Fish Takes Its Revenge On Fisherman

KONAKOVO, Russia (AP) — One Russian fisherman has a story about the big one that he wished had gotten away.

According to an ITAR-Tass news agency report yesterday, the man and some pals were ice-fishing on the Ivankovo reservoir about 60 miles northwest of Moscow when he caught a 28-inch pike.

Showing off for his buddies, he raised the fish high and kissed it on the mouth. The pike clamped down hard on the fisherman's nose.

The pike's jaws remained tightly locked on the fisherman's nose even after his companions beheaded it.

Doctors at a local hospital finally set the man free. ITAR-Tass did not say when the incident happened.

British-American Tobacco Producing Cigarettes In Czech Republic

PRAGUE, Czech Republic (AP) — Where there's smoke there also may be profits. With Czechs bucking anti-smoking trends and puffing away, British-American Tobacco said yesterday it plans to begin selling a new brand produced in the Czech Republic.

Trumf, or Trump Card in Czech, will be available only in the Czech Republic and neighboring Slovakia. They will go on sale next week. "Traditional ... Czech cigarettes are not modern anymore. That's why we have developed a new Czech cigarette Trumf," said Jens Petersen, general director of the company's Czech division. The company, which entered the Czech cigarette market in January 1995, holds about three percent of sales. Its most popular brand is Lucky Strike. Estimates say at least 30 percent of Czech women and 48 percent of men are smokers.

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Liberian Journalist Sought For Arrest

ONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Police stormed the offices of an independent newspaper yesterday, but passers-by and staff members hurled insults and prevented them from seizing production manager Jacob Doe.

The *Inquirer* newspaper had published a front-page story yesterday under the headline "Jungle Justice at Police Station," criticizing the arrest of two editors of another independent newspaper.

Police on Tuesday detained *Daily Observer* editor James Seitua. When managing editor Stanton Peabody went to seek the release of Seitua on Wednesday, he also was arrested.

Authorities announced yesterday the two editors had been charged with criminal offenses for articles their newspaper carried last week alleging the presence of mercenaries in the capital with links to rebel leader Charles Taylor.

Taylor, who launched the civil war in December 1989, is now a member of the governing Council of State. His National Patriotic Front of Liberia is the only one of seven rebel factions in the West African country known to have used mercenaries during the war that ended in September.

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Kings, Princes And Presidents Pay Last Homage To Mitterrand

By PIERRE-YVES GLASS

PARIS (AP) — Francois Mitterrand was laid to rest yesterday with his own thoughts on death ringing in the ears of the kings, princes and presidents who came to Notre Dame cathedral to bid him farewell.

"Why do we live in such times of spiritual drought, when men, too busy living, seem to miss the essential mystery?" Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger said in a eulogy, quoting Mitterrand's recently published writings.

Mitterrand, the Socialist who led France longer than anyone else this century, died Monday of prostate cancer at 79.

In accordance with his wishes, a simultaneous ceremony for relatives and friends was held in his hometown of Jarnac, in southwest France. Mitterrand's body, flown from Paris at dawn, was placed in his family's tomb there.

In Paris, some 250 world leaders and dignitaries slowly filed into the packed cathedral, taking their places in small wooden and wicker chairs facing Lustiger's pulpit. African presidents and Saudi princes arrived in bright, flowing robes, accompanied by wives and uniformed generals.

Mitterrand's longtime friend and political ally, Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany, shed tears as a choir sang. The two leaders, who had held hands during a recent World War I commemoration, were together the strongest promoters of the European Union.

Vice-President Al Gore sat in the second row behind the president of Togo. Russia's Boris Yeltsin, Britain's Prince Charles, Cuba's Fidel Castro, Spain's King Juan Carlos, Sweden's King Carl XVI and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak were among those seated in the front row reserved for heads of state.

'His message didn't stop at the borders of France, it was universal.'

Shimon Peres
Israeli Prime Minister

Barbara Hendricks, the American opera singer, sang a requiem, Gabriel Faure's "Pious Jesus."

On the plaza outside, hundreds watched a large screen broadcasting the Mass.

"The whole world sent its leaders to salute Francois Mitterrand," Loic Ducos, a 19-year-old philosophy student, said as he watched the screen before Mass began. "I'm really very happy and honored to be here. I'll remember this for the rest of my life."

At Mitterrand's birthplace, Jarnac, the service was off-limits to all but about 200 relatives and close friends, but loudspeakers carried the funeral Mass to the crowds that gathered outside St. Pierre Church. Mitterrand's parents were married in the austere 12th-century stone chapel, and he was baptized and received his first communion there.

As she walked from her car toward the church, Mitterrand's widow, Danielle, stared at the ground, a son on each arm, Jean-Christophe and Gilbert. Mitterrand's longtime mistress, Anne Pingeot, and their 21-year-old daughter, Mazarine, walked behind them.

"He brought light into obscurity. He fought against injustice," regional Bishop Claud Dagens said in his eulogy of the man who led France from 1981 to 1995.

At least 10,000 mourners more than doubled Jarnac's population. People began lining the streets near the church well before dawn, massing behind steel police barricades in hopes of one last glimpse of their former leader.

Church bells pealed funereal hymns and onlookers huddled beneath black umbrellas to keep the cold drizzle away. Some sang the hymns as the bells tolled.

After the service, Mitterrand's simple oak coffin, embossed with a golden cross, was brought out of the church and placed into a blue hearse for the short drive to the family crypt.

"Grandeur in a box," a stylishly dressed woman in her 60s said with a heavy sigh as pallbearers carried Mitterrand's coffin out of the church.

"Au revoir, Francois," she said, and hurried away.

En route to the cemetery, the funeral procession paused briefly outside his birthplace.

Mitterrand was buried in his family's simple, stone tomb in Grandes Maisons cemetery, before a small circle of family and friends. Two bouquets of roses and irises were left on his grave, as he requested, but anonymous well-wishers quickly added a small mountain of red roses — the Socialist Party symbol.

President Jacques Chirac, who on Monday delivered a stirring speech on national television in honor of his old rival, declared yesterday a national day of mourning. Flags flew at half-staff, students across France stood for a minute of silence, and Paris subways stopped for a minute at 11 a.m.

The dual Masses in Paris and Jarnac exemplified the complexity of the enigmatic Mitterrand, who spelled out his burial wishes in his will.

Affectionately called "Uncle" by supporters and "God" by detractors, Mitterrand governed for 14 years with regal aloofness. All the while, he maintained his love for rural France.

"He was clearly one of the architects of the increasing integration of Europe. I think that will be a legacy that people will always remember," Prime Minister John Major of Britain, who opposes Mitterrand's vision of a tightly integrated European Union, told reporters.

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Alleged Suspect In Oklahoma Bombing Denies Involvement

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — A U.S. citizen who claims he has been linked to the Oklahoma City bombing denies any involvement and is threatening a hunger strike if extradited to the United States on unrelated charges.

Daniel Spiegelman was speaking in a telephone interview scheduled for broadcast last night on the Dutch current affairs program "Deadline."

Asked if he had anything to do with the April 19 blast that killed 169 people at the Alfred P. Murrah Building, Spiegelman replied: "Absolutely not. I was involved in it as much as I was involved with the assassination of John F. Kennedy."

Speaking from a Rotterdam prison, Spiegelman also denied knowing Timothy McVeigh or Terry Nichols, the two suspects in custody in the bombing.

U.S. officials have repeatedly denied Spiegelman is a suspect in the Oklahoma bombing. But both Spiegelman and his lawyer claim a legal attache at the U.S. Embassy in Brussels, Joseph Smith, said he was a suspect.

The contention that Spiegelman is a suspect could be used to block his extradition on charges he traded in rare manuscripts stolen from Columbia University: The Netherlands doesn't extradite suspects in capital crimes, such as the bombing.

Smith was out of town yesterday, and nobody at the legal affairs office at the Brussels embassy would comment on Spiegelman's claim.

U.S. authorities have assured the Dutch Justice Ministry that Spiegelman is not wanted in connection with the Oklahoma bombing, ministry spokesman Lars Poppes said yesterday.

Spiegelman, an emigre from the former Soviet republic of Georgia, was arrested in the Netherlands over the summer in connection with the stolen manuscripts.

U.S. authorities have requested Spiegelman's extradition from the Netherlands on charges of trading in stolen documents. That request was granted last month and is being appealed.

The United States has sent a second extradition request relating to falsified documents and weapons smuggling, according to Spiegelman's Dutch lawyer, Abraham Moszkowicz.

That request is also unrelated to the Oklahoma case, U.S. law enforcement officials say.

If extradited, "I will go on a hunger strike until I am dead," he said.

Spiegelman said the U.S. Embassy official in Brussels told his former lawyer that a list confiscated from his safe deposit box contained names of suspects in the Oklahoma case.

"None of the names can possibly belong to any living person because they were all collected from newspaper obituaries," Spiegelman said. He allegedly used the names for false identity papers.

"Even if a name appears to match, the match is only coincidental."

Also found in the safe deposit box were receipts for the purchase of six handguns bought under a false name in Arizona. McVeigh reportedly frequented western Arizona before the bombing.

Confessed Assassin's Parents Say He Had Accomplice

JERUSALEM (AP) — The parents of Yitzhak Rabin's confessed assassin say their son had an accomplice who is still free.

Gunman Yigal Amir is on trial for murder, and his brother Hagai has been charged with conspiracy in Rabin's Nov. 4 assassination. Hagai is accused of having prepared the hollow-point bullets that killed the prime minister.

Police have not ruled out other accomplices, but have not made more arrests.

"Yigal had a partner but it wasn't Hagai," the defendants' father, Shlomo Amir, told a religious weekly newspaper, *The Week*.

Asked by Israel army radio to elaborate, Amir's mother Geula said yesterday: "It is certain that he had an accomplice. I wish I knew who. There are too many things and it is not possible that my son did this alone."

After the assassination, it was reported that Yigal Amir confused Rabin's bodyguards by yelling "dummy bullets" as he lifted his arm to shoot.

Amir later told reporters that the whole truth had yet to come out and insisted he did not shout before firing.

"I hope that during the trial we will learn a lot of things we don't know about yet," Mrs. Amir told army radio.

Yigal Amir's trial resumes Jan. 23.

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American Woman Charged With Treason Sentenced To Life In Prison

LIMA, Peru (AP) — A military court sentenced a 26-year-old American woman to life in prison without parole yesterday for her involvement with a pro-Cuban guerrilla group.

Lori Berenson, a human rights activist from New York, was sentenced on a charge of treason after a secret trial in a military court.

Her lawyers and human-rights activists say the charge was inappropriate because Berenson is not a Peruvian citizen.

Her lawyer in Lima said he had filed an appeal.

"This sentence is completely different from the recommendation of the prosecutor," said attorney Grimaldo Achahui. The military prosecutor had asked for a 30-year sentence.

"A life sentence is not in accord with the law. ... She should be tried for terrorism," Achahui said.

The court ordered Berenson sent to Yanamayo prison in Puno, a high-security facility for convicted terrorists located on the cold Andean plateau.

Berenson was arrested Nov. 30 and charged with belonging to the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement. Earlier this week, she said she expected to be convicted.

"If it is a crime to worry about the inhuman condition in which the majority of this population lives, I will accept my punishment," said Berenson, speaking in Spanish and surrounded by policewomen during a news conference carried live Monday on Peruvian radio and television.

"I love this nation," Berenson said. "And although this love is going to cause me years in prison, I will never stop loving it. And I will never lose the hope and confidence that tomorrow there will be justice in Peru."

Berenson was arrested hours before a police raid on the guerrillas' hideout in an affluent Lima neighborhood. Three rebels and a policeman were killed in the shootout.

The siege of the guerrilla safe house reportedly foiled rebel plans to seize Congress and take congressmen as hostages to gain the freedom of imprisoned guerrilla leaders.

The small rebel group started fighting Peru's elected government in 1984 but was weakened eight years later when its leaders were captured. Never considered a threat to government security, the group is believed to have only a few hundred armed supporters left.

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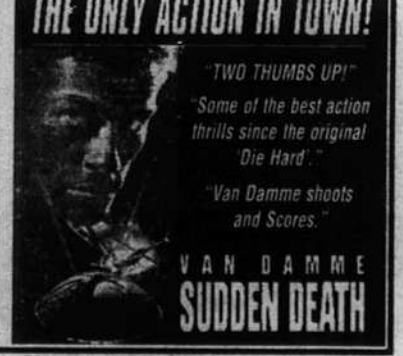
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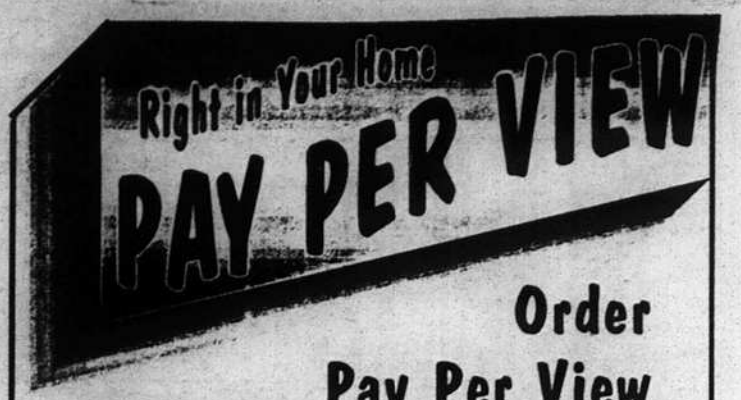


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12 Met melody
13 Teeter-totter quorum
14 Headlight?
15 Burn a bit
16 Impeded
18 Noted vibra-phonist
20 Feudal lord
21 Lubricant
22 Clear the tables
23 Carried
26 Sam Spade's creator
30 Oklahoma city
31 Football fill
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33 Villages
36 Offspring
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39 Potentially will
40 Guru
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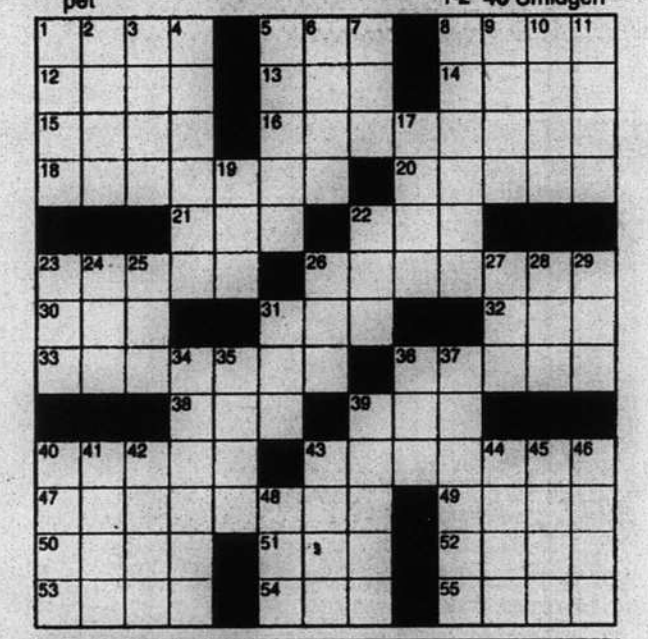
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4 Atlantic game fish
5 Playwright Fugard
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8 Belief in God
9 Aesopian also-ran
10 Couturier Cassini
11 Took the "A" train
17 Reward-ing job
19 Cravat
22 Prohibit
23 Scroogean cry
24 Harem room
25 Aries
26 Terry-cloth designa-tion
27 Ostrich's cousin
28 Heavy weight
29 Play-ground pastime
31 Noshed
34 Causing a limp
35 Satan's specialty
36 Sweet potato
37 Bed occupant
39 Estate house
40 Lose hair
41 Dry water-course
42 Congrega-tional cry
43 Vagrant
44 Author Janowitz
45 Labyrinth goal
46 Incense
48 Smidgen

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Yesterday's answer

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1-2 **CRYPTOQUIP**

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DO GAMBLING GARDENERS SIMPLY PRETEND IT MAY BE BETTER TO HEDGE THEIR BETS?

Today's Cryptoquip clue: T equals L

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ARIES
(March 21 to April 19)
A child could speak out of turn to you. Before you protest, sit down with the child and find out exactly what the real problems are.

TAURUS
(April 20 to May 20)
Married folks could find in-law problems a nagging issue. Couples could encounter difficult parents. Singles run into trouble with a deceiving suitor.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)
Use time by yourself to get an important project completed to your ultimate satisfaction. Outside interference could work your nerves.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)
Please be careful that excess spending on social affairs doesn't get way out of hand. Be prepared for constant distractions on the job that interfere with your performance.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)
A friend who had been perceived as being unreliable could just come to your rescue. While you're still unsure about this person's motives, you can trust the advice given. Listen carefully.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
There are things beyond your control concerning a domestic squabble. Instead, turn your attention to a work-related or special project that is engaging you. Apply good business sense.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
The accent is on harmony and romance. Welcome the favorable indications for relaxation and enjoyable domestic surprises. Be happy.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Don't get too excited about a bill that you receive in the mail. This is an error that is easily corrected. A problem with a friend is solved to your satisfaction.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Feel free to mix business with pleasure. A social affair leads to new business contacts. Make sure your manners are up to snuff.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Don't allow something to build up inside of you if a good friend is jealous about your career advancements. Instead, talk things out. The relationship is valuable to you.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Your social life isn't quite up to par. However, a surprise phone calls brings a special invitation. Feel free to accept it.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to March 20)
Don't allow a domestic fray to interfere with your job performance. You have the personality to smooth things over. Be diplomatic.

Dear Abby



Daughter Is Better Off Knowing That Father Is Sometime Dad

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am the confused grandmother of a darling 7-year-old granddaughter I'll call Mary. Her father never married my daughter, but there is no question about who Mary's father is because she is the very image of him.

He has never paid child support because he refused to acknowledge paternity, but he drops off a birthday gift and another gift around Christmastime. Mary frequently wants to call him and constantly asks her mother and me why she can't see her daddy more often. He gave her his telephone number once when he was in a good mood and told her she could call him, but he rarely returns her telephone calls.

Abby, what can her mother and I tell this sweet child about her father without hurting her feelings? I need some answers to pass along to her mother.

ILLINOIS GRANNY

DEAR GRANNY: Stick to the truth and don't try to spare Mary's feelings by making up excuses for her father's obvious lack of interest in her. While it may be painful for her, she's far better off dealing with reality than a well-intentioned fabrication.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently lost my only sister. I'll call her Anne. She left a husband, a son and a daughter I'll call Karen. Karen is 22.

Knowing she was dying, Anne asked me to do her a favor. Of course I agreed; how could I refuse? She wanted more than anything else to live to see Karen walk down the aisle. Karen's wedding date is March 6. We discussed the wedding at length, and I offered to buy a card for my sister to present to her daughter. I wrote in it exactly what Anne dictated and promised to give it to Karen on her wedding day if Anne wasn't able to do it herself.

Anne died two weeks ago.

I know my sister meant well and had only Karen's best interests in mind when she exacted this promise from me. But I don't want to make Karen sad on her wedding day. She and her mother had planned every detail together. On the other hand, the card and its message might mean the world to her. Abby, what would you do?

TORN IN NEW ORLEANS

DEAR TORN: I would give the card to Karen a few days before the wedding. That way she will walk down the aisle with her mother's message without the trauma of reading it on a day already fraught with emotion.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband's mother passed away two weeks ago at the age of 100 plus 9 months. His father is still living at the age of 101 plus 5 months.

We observed their 75th wedding anniversary last September. We know of other couples who have been married as long as they have, but we don't find another couple who both attained the age of 100 years old.

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JUMBLE.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

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

YADDD

HAADE

SHOOTE

CANNUE

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

Print answer here : ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: AGING FORTY TURNIP ALBINO
Answer: Often harder than a diamond — PAYING FOR IT

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. File cabinet is taller. 2. Fan is moved. 3. Mustache is missing. 4. Vest is added. 5. Tie is longer. 6. Drawer is opened.

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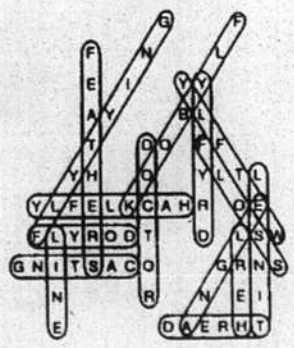
Wednesday's unlisted clue: NORWAY

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Thursday's unlisted clue hint: CATCHES THE FISH

Angle	Feathers	Fly-tying	Thread
Casting	Floss	Hackle fly	Tinsel
Doctor	Fly book	Herl	Wet fly
Dry fly	Fly rod	Line	

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PSALM 133
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2. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;
3. As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

PSALM 134
BEHOLD, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the house of the Lord.
2. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.
3. The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE

OF: **PROBATE NO. 74/1995**

HUGH ALPHONSO JARVIS,
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Settlement Without Administration has been filed in the Estate of Hugh Alphonso Jarvis. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, duly verified to the undersigned, within thirty (30) days of the date thereof, and all persons indebted to the estate make payment promptly to:

THE ESTATE OF HUGH ALPHONSO JARVIS
c/o Yvette D. Ross, Esq.
LAW OFFICES OF ROSS AND CANNON
#71E Estate Smithfield
Frederiksted, St. Croix
U.S. Virgin Islands 00840

1/5,12,19,26, 1996

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
MOLASSES TERMINAL EXPANSION - THIRD PORT
TERRESTRIAL ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND WETLANDS MITIGATION CONSTRUCTION

The Virgin Islands Port Authority (VIPA) is requesting statements of qualifications from individuals or firms to perform Terrestrial Environmental Monitoring and Wetlands Mitigation Construction during the construction of the Molasses Terminal Expansion - Third Port, St. Croix, Virgin Islands. Documents pertaining to this request can be obtained from the Virgin Islands Port Authority's Administrative Building, adjacent to the Cyril E. King Airport, Office of the Director of Engineering, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands and office of the Executive Director, Second Floor, Alexander Hamilton Airport, St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

All qualification statements shall be submitted to the Executive Director's Office, Alexander Hamilton Airport, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, no later than 2:00 P.M., AST, Friday, January 12, 1996.

Gordon A. Finch
Executive Director

12/12,15,19,22,26,29, 1995
1/3,5,9,12, 1996

NOTICE OF SALE

The United States of America v. William "Bunky" Lamorte case number 1989-742CR

Pursuant to the Forfeiture order dated July 9, 1992 of the subject property described as Parcel # 31 Yellow Cliff Estates, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, I do, hereby, give notice that I will sell said property at the Office of the United States Marshal, St. Croix, Virgin Islands on January 24, 1996 at 10:30 a.m.

a. The property shall be sold at public sale at the Office of the United States Marshals located at the Almeric L. Christians Federal Building, St. Croix, Virgin Islands.
b. The terms of sale as to all persons or parties bidding shall be cash, certified check or money order. The successful bidder, called purchaser herein, shall be required to deposit with the United States Marshal, an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of his total bid before 4:00 p.m. on the date of the sale, and the remaining balance of said purchase price to be paid on or before 4:00 p.m., sixty (60) days, thereafter, inclusive of the date of sale. Should any person bid off property at sale and fail to comply with the terms of the sale, then the bid shall be awarded to the next highest bidder, and so on until the bid is paid off until the property is sold.
c. Purchaser will be required to certify that he/she is not acting and will not act in concert with or on behalf of the defendant in the subject case upon submission of his/her bid.
d. Upon receipt of the money paid to and made payable to the United States Marshal District of the Virgin Islands, I shall deliver a Marshal's Deed to the purchaser.
e. The U.S. Marshals Service reserves the right to reject or accept any and all bids.

For additional information, please contact Hortensia LaBorde, Administrative Officer at the U.S. Marshals Office on (809) 774-2743.

DATED; December 7, 1995

KERNAN H. BAGLEY
UNITED STATES MARSHAL
DISTRICT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

1/12,13,19,20, 199

OBITUARIES

DIONEST JOSEPH, 81, of 51 King Street, Frederiskted, passed away on January 6, 1996 at his home.
He is survived by his wife the late Ruth Essel Jospeh; daughter: Esther Joseph; sister: Elfreida Baptiste; neice: Carol Cummings; special friends: Leona Johnson, Joy Charles, Janet Pierre, Janet McFarlene, Eleuterio Parrilla, Pierre Tepie and the Knights of Columbus. Many other friends too numerous to mention. Funeral service will take place on Friday, January 12, 1996 at St. Patrick's Church in Frederiksted. Viewing will begin at noon and service at 1:00 p.m.

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FANNIE LEE JACKSON age 46 of Williams Delight, passed away Saturday, January 6, 1996 in St. Croix. Fannie is survived by her father: Conway G. Bolling, Jr. (MN); mother: Ellen Victor; daughter: Tonya M. Washington; sons: Gerald, Jerry, James "Spinach" and Nathaniel Washington and Courtney "Pooh" Jackson; stepfather: Robert Victor; brothers: Conway G. Bolling III and Louis McINtosh (VA); sister: Emma Muqsit (VA); uncles: Paul McIntosh and Willie Green (VA); nieces: Sabrita Caldwell (VA) and Delshanda Bolling (NY); nephew: John Caldwell, Jr. (VA); 17 grandchildren; devoted friends: Ronald Emmerciano, Wilbert Hanley and James Coppin; special friends: Mercedes Eastman, Sumintra Ramlal, Pamela Bryant and Cordillia Johnson and many other relatives and friends too numerous to mention.
Funeral service will be held Friday, January 12, 1996 in the St. John's Anglican Church. Viewing will be at 1:00 p.m. with the service following at 2:00 p.m. Interment will be at Kingshill Cemetery.
Professional funeral arrangements for Fannie Lee Jackson are by Thomas Hyll Memorial Funeral Chapel of St. Croix.

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JAMILAH YVETTE GOLDEN, age 10 of Golden Rock passed away Tuesday, January 9, 1996 in St. Croix. Jamilah is survived by her mother: Yvette Benitez; stepfather: Wilfredo Benitez; grandmother: Lydia Golden; grandfather: Edwin Golden; stepgrandfather: Epifano B. Santos; great-grandmother: Selma Morales; aunts: Grace Benitez, Heida Benitez, Eloise Quinones and Joan Osowski; uncles: Edwin Golden, Jr., Orlando Benitez, Eddy Benitez, Epifano Benitez, Jr. and Luis Benitez; special Pa-Pa: Elridge Jacobs; god-mother: Diana Wilson and many other relatives and friends too numerous to mention. Funeral service will be Tuesay, January 16, 1996 in the Holy Cross Catholic Church. Viewing will be at 1:00 p.m. with the service following at 2:00 p.m. Interment will be at Kingshill Cemetery. **Professional funeral arrangements for Jamilah Yvette Golden are by Thomas Hyll Memorial Funeral Chapel of St. Croix.**

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VIRGINIA ANN "GINNY" RATES, age 61, passed away Saturday, January 6, 1996 a her home in Christiansted, St. Croix. "Ginny" was born in Hemstead, Floral Park, New York. She worked as an office supervisor for AT&T, before arriving in St. Croix in 1968. "Ginny" worked as a cashier for Commanche Restaurant, a secretary for Virgin Islands Gas in Gallows Bay, an office manager for camsco Concrete Co., a secretary for Caribbean Cartage, an office manager for VI Mark and a office manager and partner of V.I. Executive Freight.
She is survived by her husband Robert L. Heidnik; step-mother: Ethel Rates of Florida and many other relatives and close friends too numerous to mention.
Memorial services will be held 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 21, 1996 at the Christiansted Wharf. All friends and acquaintances are welcomed to attend. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to: the St. Croix Animal Welfare Center, P.o. Box 6910 Sunny Isle, C'sted, St. Croix, USVI 00823 or to the American Cancer Society, St. Croix Unit, 1001 South Mac Dill Ave. Tampa, Fla. 33629.
Professional funeral arrangements for Virginia Ann "Ginny" Rates are by Thomas Hyll Memorial Funeral Chapel of St. Croix.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

F'STED BPW
The Frederiksted Business & Professional Women Organization is seeking young women between the ages of 25 to 35 to participate in their Young Careerest Program to be held on April 20, 1996. For further information contact Norine Abramson at 778-6311, ext. 2808 or 772-2441 after 7 p.m. or contact Shawna Richards (President) 772-1999.

CARNIVAL MARCHING BAND CLASH
Big clash of the St. Croix Majorettes Marching Band with old and ndw members fro Carnival. new students from Central High, Arthur Richards Jr. High, John Woodson, St. Croix Educational Complex and other schools needed to join the marching band. Saxophones, Trombones, trumpets, flutes, clarinets, snare drum & base drum players are all needed. If you can play any please register with Lariel Gerard - bandmaster at 692-2619 or Cielo Maldonado director from Jan. 11, 1996 - Feb. 6 to qualify for the St. Patricks Day parade, Carnival in St. Thomas and a trip to Florida. Practice for new routines will begin soon. Happy New Year to all.

CDS GALLERY
Jan 12 at 5:00 p.m. at the CDS Gallery is the opening of an exhibit of photography and wood sculpture by artists Marie Grai, Dr. Robert Vaughn, Ralph Burgess and Philip Hultgren. The gallery is open during school hours at the Country Day School, North Shore Road.

STX FLOWER FESTIVAL
Due to mechanical improvements in progress, the St. George Village Botanical Gardens' Flower Festival scheduled for Sat., Sun., and Mon, Jan. 13, 14, 15 has been postponed until Sat. and Sun, March 30 and 31 and will combine with the Arts in the Garden event.

CHS CLASS OF 1989
Will be holding its annual monthly meeting on Friday, Jan. 12, at 7:00 p.m. at Midland Bar and Restaurant. All class members are encouraged to attend. Please contact Karen Maynard at 773-5202 for additional information.

STX ASSOC. OF CARIBBEAN PEOPLE
The St. Croix Association of Caribbean People invites its members and the general public to a general meeting on Saturday, Jan. 13 at 3 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Mid-Island Convention Center (Old Drive In). Topping the agenda will be elections of officers. Also to be discussed are the Native Virgin Islander definition and other discriminatory clauses in the Casino Gaming Act. Please make a special effort to attend. If you need any further please contact chairman Keith O'Neale at 778-1111.

QLH THRIFT SHOP
Everything must go! Saturday, January 13th from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the QLH Thrift Shop, Lagoon St., F'sted (across from the Legislature Building). Lots of clothing, shoes, household items and many, many more.

PHARMACY BOARD MEETING
There will be a meeting of the V.I. Board of Pharmacy on Saturday, Jan. 13 in the Commissioner of Health's Office on the second floor of the St. Thomas Hospital beginning at 9 a.m.

LITTLE LEAGUE EAST
There will be registration for the Elmo Plaskett Little League East on Saturday, Jan. 13 at the D.C. Canegata Ball Park from 9 a.m. to noon. All Pee Wee and LIttle LEague members are asked to attend. There will be a registration fee.

FOOD SALE
The Labour Fairness Organization will hold a food fair on Saturday, Jan. 13 starting at 11 a.m. at Watergut Democratic Headquarters (John Belle Place). Lots of delicious food and local drinks. Please support a worthy cause.

GRAND FUN DAY
The St. Croix Central High School Parent teachers Association Fun Day Committee is sponsoring a Grand Fun Day on Saturday, Jan. 13 at 10 a.m. in the school grounds. Music by: CHS Steel Pan, Ricardo Richards Steel Pan and Popular band. Mocko Jumbie, Food & drinks on sale. Big basketball game: Caribs vs. Senators parents, teachers, students, alumni and the community at large are cordially invited to come out and have a good time. We need your support this a fundraising event.

ONE VOICE
V.I. Grassroots Power Civil Rights Committee presents "One Voice" a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Saturday, Jan. 13: Welcome reception for all union leaders, invited guests and sponsors at the Cormorant Beach Club; Sunday, Jan. 14: Non - denominational worship service at island Center beginning at 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend; Monday, Jan. 15: Grand march at 10 a.m. starting from the United Shopping Plaza to Island Center and a rally to follow march. The public is invited to participate.

IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY
The regular meeting of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. Epsilon Zeta Chapter will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13 at 3 p.m. at the Ulla Muller Elementary School cafeteria. All members are urged to attend.

C'STED BPW
The C'sted Business and Professional Women's Organization will hold its board meeting on Saturday, Jan. 13 at 9 a.m. sharp at the Caribbean health & Racquet Club in Beeston hill. All board members are urged to attend this very important meeting. Please call 773-2512 for further info.

V.I OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
The next meeting of the V.I. Olympic Committee will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13 on the St. Croix campus of the University of the Virgin Islands in room #716. The meeting will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. All Federations are asked to be present, or send a representative, and be on time.

CLASS OF 1953
The Class of 1953 will meet on Sunday, January 14 at 3 p.m. in the office of Atty. Gregory Miller. Please be on time.

MONTSERRAT ASSOCIATION
The Montserrat Emerald Association of St. Croix, Inc. will hold its monthly meeting at 5 p.m on Sunday, Jan. 14 at Midland Restaurant. Please make a special effort to attend. for further information, contact Mrs. Moses (778-9277) or Mrs. Wade (773-1747).

ARTHUR RICHARDS
The Arthur A. Richards PTA will meet on Sunday, Jan. 14 at 3 p.m. Effective Jan. 16, the departure time for Arthur A. Richards Jr. High School buses will be at 2:50 p.m. Morning arrivals will remain the same. However, homeroom will begin at 7:48 a.m. This change will allow students to be at home earlier in the afternoon.

SDA SCHOOL ALUMNI
The Alumni Assoc. of the St. Croix SDA School needs Sunday, Jan. 14 at 3 p.m. at the Peters Rest SDA Church. Final plans for the cruise set for June 29 will be discuss. All interested must attend contact Marylee Audain 772-3386.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

JUAN FELIX GARCIA,

Deceased.

PROBATE NO. P6/1995
ADJUDICATION WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

Notice is hereby given that JUAN FELIX GARCIA, died interstate the 11th day of May, 1995, a resident and domiciary of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands; that a Petition for Adjudication without Administration of the ESTATE OF JUAN FELIX GARCIA, has been filed with the Territorial Court of the Virgin Islands at Kingshill. All creditors, persons having claims against this estate or claiming heirship or any interest whatever, are required to file with this Court appearance or notice of claim at the Territorial Court of the Virgin Islands located at Kingshill, St. Croix, or to the undersigned Counsel within thirty (30) days of this publication by verified affidavit, and all person indebted to the Estate to make payments promptly to the undersigned Counsel.

DATED: October 27, 1995

EDDY RIVERA, ESQUIRE
Attorney for the Estate
1168 King St., Suite # 2
P.O. Box 7430, Sunny Isle
Christiansted, St. Croix
U.S. Virgin Islands 00820
Tel: (809) 773-5756
12/23,29, 1/5,12, 1996

NOTICE OF SALE

The United States of America v. All Interests of Stephen A. Reisman in Market Square Mall Associates, Inc, et, al case number 1990-2077.

Pursuant to the Forfeiture order dated April 23, 1993 of the subject property described as Parcel 40A Estate South Slob, East End Quarter "B", St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, I do, hereby, give notice that I will sell said property at the Office of the United States Marshal, St. Croix, Virgin Islands on January 24, 1996 at 10:00 a.m.

a. The property shall be sold at public sale at the Office of the United States Marshals located at the Almeric L. Christians Federal Building, St. Croix, Virgin Islands.
b. The terms of sale as to all persons or parties bidding shall be cash, certified check or money order. The successful bidder, called purchaser herein, shall be required to deposit with the United States Marshal, an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of his total bid before 4:00 p.m. on the date of the sale, and the remaining balance of said purchase price to be paid on or before 4:00 p.m., sixty (60) days, thereafter, inclusive of the date of sale. Should any person bid off property at sale and fail to comply with the terms of the sale, then the bid shall be awarded to the next highest bidder, and so on until the bid is paid off until the property is sold.
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d. Upon receipt of the money paid to and made payable to the United States Marshal District of the Virgin Islands, I shall deliver a Marshal's Deed to the purchaser
e. The U.S. Marshals Service reserves the right to reject or accept any and all bids.

For additional information, please contact Hortensia LaBorde, Administrative Officer at the U.S. Marshals Office on (809) 774-2743.

DATED; December 7, 1995

KERNAN H. BAGLEY
UNITED STATES MARSHAL
DISTRICT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

1/12,13,19,20, 1996

NOTICE OF SALE

The United States of America v. William "Bunky" Lamorte case number 1989-742CR

Pursuant to the Forfeiture order dated July 9, 1992 of the subject property described as Parcel #3 Yellow Cliff Estates, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, I do, hereby, give notice that I will sell said property at the Office of the United States Marshal, St. Croix, Virgin Islands on January 24, 1996 at 10:15 a.m.

a. The property shall be sold at public sale at the Office of the United States Marshals located at the Almeric L. Christians Federal Building, St. Croix, Virgin Islands.
b. The terms of sale as to all persons or parties bidding shall be cash, certified check or money order. The successful bidder, called purchaser herein, shall be required to deposit with the United States Marshal, an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of his total bid before 4:00 p.m. on the date of the sale, and the remaining balance of said purchase price to be paid on or before 4:00 p.m., sixty (60) days, thereafter, inclusive of the date of sale. Should any person bid off property at sale and fail to comply with the terms of the sale, then the bid shall be awarded to the next highest bidder, and so on until the bid is paid off until the property is sold.
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For additional information, please contact Hortensia LaBorde, Administrative Officer at the U.S. Marshals Office on (809) 774-2743.
DATED; December 7, 1995

KERNAN H. BAGLEY
UNITED STATES MARSHAL
DISTRICT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

1/12,13,19,20, 1996

MARROW, from Page 1

cis' social studies class at Arthur Richards Junior High. Simon and Schuster Publishing Company donated 10 more.

"Thank you for donating the books so we can learn better and work harder in life," said Arthur Richards eighth-grader Jason Quinones.

"As soon as we get back to school tomorrow, we'll start using them," said fellow eighth-grader Eurica Walters.

The thick "American Nation" textbooks, valued at $42 each, have a 1995 copyright. Even current President Clinton is included among America's commanders-in-chief.

"For the first time, our kids are going to have current textbooks," Francis said. "This is a rare occurrence."

"I am proud of you Rotarians," said Rotary Club of St. Croix Treasurer Pablo O'Neill. "Kids will know that we do care."

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Native Virgin Islander amendment vote.

"... I think everybody took one look at it and just threw it in the garbage," Belardo said.

Jones said Bryan successfully had Territorial Court declare the casino law invalid in August because the definition of a "Native Virgin Islander" was erroneously left out by Senate Legal Counsel.

"He didn't go to court because casino gaming was threatened; most importantly, ... it was Native Virgin Islander," Jones said.

The law, which contained a total of about 74 omissions and/or errors, did not reflect the intent of the Senate, Territorial Court Judge Alphonso Andrews ruled.

The bill was later corrected by Senate Legal Counsel and signed again into law by Gov. Schneider.

Voting for Jones's amendment to remove the definition were Jones, Belardo, Lorraine Berry, Alicia Hansen, Adlah Donastorg, and Arturo Watlington.

Voting against Jones's amendment were Vargrave Richards, Gerard James, Winfield James, Osbert Potter, Allison Petrus, Bryan, Judy Gomez, Almando Liburd and Celestino White.

The casino law says a "Native Virgin Islander shall be defined as any person born in the Virgin Islands prior to 1927; any person who is an offspring of parent(s) born in the Virgin Islands prior to 1927; or any person born outside the Virgin Islands to native Virgin Islands parent(s) while that parent was studying abroad." The law says that a "Native Virgin Islander" shall own 51 percent of a 200-299-room casino hotel.

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during World War II, Mitterrand was an eloquent advocate of human rights, Third World development and multiculturalism.

"His message didn't stop at the borders of France, it was universal," Israel's prime minister, Shimon Peres, said.

Mitterrand came to power in 1981, catapulted by a Socialist-Communist coalition. The alliance later broke up over his shift to less radical policies in 1983, when he was forced by a capital flight to abandon nationalizations and other leftist reforms.

His government in later years was plagued by scandals.

Still, thousands have braved the rain each day since his death to deposit red roses outside his office near the Eiffel Tower where he died.

And the night before he was buried, tens of thousands massed for a vigil at Place de la Bastille to silently honor their former president.

Etienne Emmanuelli, a retiree who flew from Marseille to attend Wednesday night's vigil and watch yesterday's Mass from outside, said Mitterrand "will always be present in history."

"He was one of the great men of this world, and he was ours," Emmanuelli said.

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gin Islands were never and are not all descendants of African forbears.

"There are Caucasian native Europeans, black and white Americans, Hispanics, Chinese, and Arabs, also Indians. The plural inhabitants should be fully involved in the mutual pursuit of peaceful living, fair economic opportunity, and sharing profitable competitive programs", wrote Geraldo Guirty.

It behooves Bert and his eight colleagues who support the definition of Native Virgin Islander in the Casino legislation to heed the Historian remarks before they invite more shame upon our Legislature.

Sincerely,
Augustus Beaupierre

SWIMMER, from Backpage

Menton was the only student in the history of the UMass athletic program to have a full scholarship in water polo and swimming.

His swim coach, Russ Yarworth, said Menton was "the epitome of what a student-athlete should represent."

"Greg was a goal-oriented athlete," the coach said. "He wanted to become one of the few athletes in the nation to qualify for two different NCAA championships."

Menton held UMass school records in the 100-yard backstroke (51.38 seconds) and the 100-yard butterfly (50.14). He swam the anchor leg of the 200-yard medley relay (1:33.71), which broke the school record at the 1995 Atlantic 10 Championships.

As a member of the university's water polo team, which this fall reached the final four for the squad's highest finish ever, Menton set the school record for the most steals in a season (63) and scored 40 goals and 29 assists.

Menton was majoring in sports management and had been named to the 1994-95 UMass Athletic Director's Honor Roll for academic achievement.

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addition to grabbing three rebounds. He also had four assists and three steals for the winners. Davis, himself, also assisted with 21 points, while grabbing 12 rebounds with three steals. Other good performances were turned in by Larry Maynard and Roy Clendenin who chipped in with ten points apiece. Clendenin also had two three-pointers for the winners.

For Off the Flat, Leroy Williams led the way with 15 points, including eight rebounds and one blocked shot, with Maurice Gaskin adding another 14 points, while, grabbing seven rebounds, with two steals. Emile Joseph also scored eleven points with four assists, for the losers. With Wednesday's victory, No Mo Turn Over improved their record to six and one and are presently second in the Eastern Division. Off the Flat, who won their only game by default, dropped to one and six.

BLOWS, from Backpage

n the entire eight minutes of play.

For Zero Tolerance, Terry Simon scored a game-high 24 points, including six rebounds, two assists, one blocked shot and two steals. Claude Daniels added another 21 points, including a three-pointer, in addition to retrieving four rebounds and making four steals. Randy Wilson also chipped in with eleven points for Zero Tolerance.

For Forty-five, Luis Ayala scored 19 points, including two "big" three-pointers. He also had four rebounds with three steals. Floyd Penn added 13 points with three rebounds, three steals and a blocked shot, for a losing cause.

Pacers 96, Bucks 88

(Indianapolis) — Indiana came back from eight points down to knock off Milwaukee 96-to-88. Reggie Miller and Dale Davis led a second-half charge. Miller scored 20 of his 24 points after halftime while Davis collected the Pacers' first seven points of the fourth quarter. Davis finished with 21 points and eleven rebounds in the Pacers' 13th victory in their last 17 games.

Vin Baker's 23 points topped the Bucks.

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've been born again."

Perez is 67-68 with a 3.44 ERA in the majors during 11 seasons with Pittsburgh, Atlanta, Montreal and the Yankees. He is eighth on the Dominican League victory list with 44.

"Pascual Perez was incredible tonight. He showed me he can still pitch at this level," said Escogido catcher Gil Reyes, who plays for the Expos.

"Pascual is going to be of great for us in the playoffs. If he keeps pitching like this, I wouldn't be surprised if he becomes part of our starting rotation," Licey manager Rafael Landestoy said.

Man Linked To Actor's Late Son Found Guilty Of Selling Cocaine

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — A man who allegedly provided drugs to the suicidal son of actor Carroll O'Connor was convicted yesterday of possessing cocaine for the purpose of selling it.

Harry Thomas Perzigian, 40, Los Angeles faces up to five years and eight months in prison. His sentencing was scheduled for Feb. 15.

Hugh O'Connor, despondent over a separation from his wife and his 16-year struggle with drugs, shot himself last March. Minutes earlier, he had telephoned his father to say he was going to commit suicide.

O'Connor later accused Perzigian of causing his son's death by selling him cocaine and other drugs.

"He knew that my son was in a very deadly way," said O'Connor, 72. "He knew that he was badly hooked. He sold him not only the cocaine, he sold him morphine, he sold him heroin. I think he knew he was dying."

Hugh O'Connor was a regular in his father's television series "In the Heat of the Night." Carroll O'Connor also is known for his role as the blue collar bigot Archie Bunker in "All in the Family."

During the trial, witnesses testified that Hugh O'Connor frequently visited Perzigian and often appeared high on cocaine afterwards.

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Cowboys Look Forward To Facing Johnson's Dolphins

By DENNE H. FREEMAN

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Miami Dolphins are on the Dallas Cowboys' schedule next season and the former players of coach Jimmy Johnson can't wait for the fun to begin.

"Jimmy is a great coach and is going to do a great job," said tackle Nate Newton. "We can't wait to go down there and punish him. I hope we open up Monday Night Football."

The NFL schedule won't be released until late April, but the Cowboys will play the Dolphins in Miami.

Newton said the Dolphins players are in for a shock.

"There's going to be such a revolving door the players are going to think they're at Dillards (department store)," Newton said. "Jimmy doesn't play games."

Dallas coach Barry Switzer said he welcomed going head-to-head with Johnson again, like they did in the Big Eight days.

"I kicked his butt when he was at Oklahoma State and he kicked mine when he got to Miami," Switzer said. "It should be fun."

Dallas owner Jerry Jones, who split with Johnson after the franchise won two Super Bowls, said he hopes the meeting with Miami next year won't be a big distraction.

"It probably will, though," Jones said. "I'm glad Jimmy is back in coaching. He's better at that than the job he had."

Johnson has been a broadcaster for Fox in his two years out of the NFL.

Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman, who has developed a close friendship with Johnson, said, "I knew he wanted back in coaching if he could find the right situation. He's found it now."

Fullback Daryl Johnston said the Miami players better get in shape.

"They're going to be doing a lot of running," Johnston said.

"Jimmy is my man," added wide receiver Michael Irvin. "I'm happy he's back. Look out for Miami now."

No Mo Turn Over Scores Big Win

By STEVE BULLOCK
Avis Sports Writer

The Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation-Wadada Basketball League continued on Wednesday with No Mo Turn Over scoring a big 108-75 victory over Off the Flat in a very enthralling encounter.

No Mo Turn Over went on the offensive from the word go and led their opponents for the entire ballgame. It was never whether they would win, but by how much. Indeed, at one point it looked as though the winners were attempting to establish a league record for the highest score, to date. In the end, although, No Mo Turn Over didn't quite make the record, they still however entered the record books with their own personal highest score.

After posting a 50-35 advantage at halftime, No Mo Turn Over continued from where they left off in the first half, with even greater accuracy from the floor, as well as from the free throw line. They completely out played their opponents in field goals which they scored almost at will. Led by Deane Madura, the winners pumped in another 58 points, while restricting their opponents to 40 points in the second half.

Madura scored a game-high 24 pants, while grabbing another game-high 24 rebounds, with three blocked shots and two steals. He got excellent support from David "Iceman" Bermudez, the leagues director and Gregory Davis who both combined for another 44 points.

Bermudez scored 23 points, including four three-pointers, in

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Zero Tolerance Blows Out Forty-Five

By STEVE BULLOCK
Avis Sports Writer

Local interscholastic basketball superstar, Terry Simon combined with another CHS scoring machine, Claude Daniels to pace Zero Tolerance in an 88-53 slaughter over Forty-five in Tuesday's second game of the Department of Housing Parks and Recreation-Drug Free 16-18 Basketball League.

Both teams started off reasonably well in the first quarter, before Simon featured in an 8-2 run for the winners in the final two minutes. The second quarter was a complete blow out, as Zero Tolerance made the press on their opponents who never really had a chance. The winners out pointed their opponents by 26-14 margin, The halftime score was 41-22, in favor of Zero Tolerance.

The third quarter saw Forty-five rebounding slightly to score another 18 points as compared to 22 made by the winners. Of course, the effort was still not enough to neutralize the massive lead which Zero Tolerance had built up in the first two quarters. But, some credit must be given to the losers for rising from the "dumps" when everyone had written them off.

The final quarter saw Zero Tolerance going on the offensive, thanks to eight fourth-quarter points by Terry Simon, to eventually win the game by 25 points. The winners added 25 points in the final quarter as compared to a meager 13 points which Forty-five added

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Soccer Tournament Begins

By STEVE BULLOCK
Avis Sports Writer

The St. Croix Soccer Association has announced the opening of the Ivo Ough Clairmont Knock Out Tournament which is scheduled for Sunday, January 14, beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Vialco Recreational Complex.

The tournament, according to the association's president, George St. Rose is named in the honor of an outstanding soccer personality who has assisted in the development of local soccer for the past 15 years. The competition will be played on a fast track basis, with the championship finals tentatively set for the ending of next month.

Seven teams are participating in the knock out tournament which will have matches on Saturdays and Sundays. The participating teams are: Pepsi Rovers, Africa United, Invaders, TLD Skills, Helenites, Texaco-Cruzan Rum Unique and Santos.

Pepsi Rovers, the winner of the Gatorade Premier Soccer League, will be taking on Africa United in the tournament's opening game on Sunday. The second encounter will be between Invaders and TLD Skills which should kick off around 4:30 p.m.

Guidance Beat Prevention, 60-51

By STEVE BULLOCK
Avis Sports Writer

Steven Hodge led all scores with 20 points, as he guided Guidance Tuesday evening to a 60-51 victory in the latest round of the Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation 16-18 Drug Free Basketball League.

Both teams played relatively well in the first half, with neither taking a decisive lead in the ballgame. Actually, it was an even battle for most of the first quarter, before the winner pulled away towards the end to post a 17-13 advantage.

The second quarter was more of the same, as both teams kept a close check on each other. Prevention succeeded however, in narrowing the deficit to only two points with a 28-26 halftime score.

The third quarter was a disaster for Prevention who fell further and further behind. Indeed, when it was all over, Guidance was solidly placed with a score of 50-37. Although the losers improved their game in the final quarter, to actually out point the winners by four points, the effort wasn't good enough to erase their third quarter 1 5-point deficit.

Apart from his game-high 20 points, which included a fifteen footer, Hodge collected eight rebounds, while blocking six shots and making two steals for the winners. Toussaint Richardson also gave good support by scoring 13 points with six rebounds and four blocked shots. Kevin Liburd also contributed nine points while grabbing six rebounds for Guidance.

For Prevention, Javon Maynard scored eleven points including six rebounds, while Andre McIntosh added 10 points with eight rebounds and three steals, for a losing cause.

Indians Sign Tavarez To Three-Year Contract

CLEVELAND (AP) — Reliever Julian Tavarez, whose 10-2 record helped the Cleveland Indians win the American League pennant last season, agreed yesterday to a three-year contract with team options for 1999 and 2000.

"I'm so excited and happy about this," Tavarez said at a Jacobs Field news conference. "I never thought I'd get a contract like this so fast in my career."

The 22-year-old Tavarez had a 2.44 ERA last season in 57 relief appearances. He was 0-1 with a 2.61 ERA in 12 postseason appearances.

"Julian was a big part of the best bullpen in the American League last season," Indians manager John Hart said. "Julian is a very talented individual who will give the fans of Cleveland and Mike Hargrove many quality outings in the years to come."

Tavarez said he enjoys relieving but wants to become a starter eventually.

"The bullpen is fun. I like it, especially if I have another season like last year when I won 10 games and went to the World Series," he said. "I want to be a starter some time. Maybe it will be 1998, maybe it will be next year."

Hart said the club was willing to help Tavarez achieve his goal.

"Going into '96, Julian will pitch in the bullpen again but at some point, we're going to give him a chance to be a starter," Hart said. "He had done that all through the minor leagues and at some point we'll have him in the rotation again."

The three-year contract differed from the club's normal policy of limiting contracts with pitchers to two years.

"Julian's age makes it good for the ballclub," Hart said.

UMass Struggles With Swimmer's Death

AMHERST, Mass. (AP) — The University of Massachusetts swimmer who died after collapsing at a swim meet was mourned by classmates yesterday and remembered by his coach as the "epitome of what a student-athlete should represent."

Greg Menton, a 20-year-old junior from Dundee, Ore., who was also on the school's water polo team, was pronounced dead about an hour after an apparent heart attack Wednesday at a meet at Dartmouth in Hanover, N.H. Autopsy results were not available yesterday.

"The world has lost a great person," swim team co-captain Jeff Little said at a news conference yesterday. "It's so strange that 24 hours ago I was sitting, joking, laughing with one of my friends. Now, today he's gone."

Team physician Dr. Daniel Clapp said he had given Menton three annual physicals, most recently Aug. 19, and had never detected a hint of heart trouble.

"He had successfully competed in a vigorous water polo season and had several top performances in swimming meets already this year," Clapp said. "There was no reason to believe this incident would occur."

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Pascual Perez Returns To Baseball After Three-Year Hiatus

By ENRIQUE ROJAS

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Pascual Perez returned to pro baseball after a three-year absence, pitching two perfect innings last night to lead the Licey Tigers past the Escogido Lions in the Dominican League's semifinals.

Perez, 38, entered in the sixth and made 22 pitches, throwing 15 strikes. He fanned Jesus Tavarez, Jose Vizcaino and Geronimo Berroa.

Perez was applauded by about 20,000 fans at Quisqueya Stadium. His teammates on Licey include Melido, Carlos and Vladimir.

"Striking out the first batter I faced was like redemption," Perez said. "I was in awe of the atmosphere and I was scared that I would fail, but after striking out Tavarez, I forgot about all the time I had been out of baseball."

Perez, then with the New York Yankees, was suspended for one year on March 6, 1992, by then-commissioner Fay Vincent after testing positive for cocaine. Perez hasn't made any attempt to return to the majors.

"I'm a new man," Perez said. "Before, I was like a ghost walking around, but now, I feel like

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