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Detectives are now convinced that the murders of John Callahan and Roger Wheeler are linked.

# Do bloody trails lead to jai-alai?

By ANDERS GYLLENHAAL Herald Staff Writer

John Callahan kept his weekend trips to South Florida a secret, usually taking night flights out of Boston on Friday and flying home in time to reach his office Monday morning.

By the summer of 1982, the tall, burly, former president of World Jai-Alai was quietly balancing a myriad of business ventures between the presidency of a national furniture firm and his own consulting company.

Not even his wife and two teenage chil-

dren were sure where Callahan was going July 31 when he flew to Florida and headed for the rented, silver-gray Cadillac Fleetwood he kept at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport.

But as rushed as his itinerary may have been, somebody knew when to expect him. Within six hours of his arrival, Callahan,

45, had been shot five times and shoved into the trunk of his car. Someone drove the Cadillac to a parking lot at Miami International Airport, where it sat for three days until a suspicious attendant called police.

After three weeks of cross-country travels, detectives believe that the murder is only one in a series of unsolved killings on the turbulent edges of jai-alai gambling.

Although arrests - should they come at all - are probably months away, detectives are convinced the same force that took the lives of World Jai-Alai owner Roger Wheeler in May 1981 and two men in a Boston car a year later is responsible for Callahan's mur-

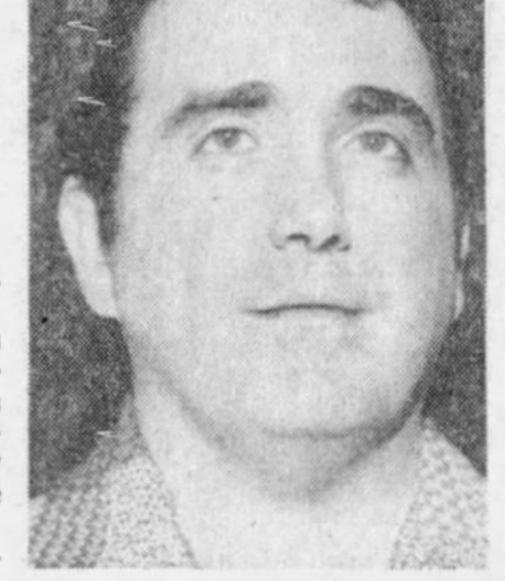
"Everything points to World Jai-Alai" as the common thread that runs through the in-

vestigation, said Metro-Dade homicide Det. Shelton Merritt.

The company itself calls the conclusion "ridiculous" and stresses that there is no evidence linking the murders either to each other or to the victim's roles at World Jai-Alai. Said company spokesman Marty Fieischman: "I would be shocked. I believe it's completely untrue."

The connections between the four gangland-style deaths and the Miami-based firm

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John Callahan: Found slain at Miami airport.

## Mexican inherits disaster

President faces bankrupt nation

U.S.-Mexican relations / 8A

By JUAN O. TAMAYO Herald Staff Writer

MEXICO CITY - When President-elect Miguel de la Madrid moves into Los Pinos palace on Dec. 1, he inherits a virtually bankrupt nation, suffering from 100 per cent inflation, an anemic peso and severe unemployment.

There is disappointment and anger among the poor and the middle class, who were promised oil riches and now are told they must tighten their belts. There are ominous predictions of labor unrest, perhaps violence.

But more important, there is the belief that the economic crisis has cast deep shadows across a political panorama whose 50 years of relative stability is a record for Latin America. De la Madrid, outgoing President

Jose Lopez Portillo's handpicked heir, is a Harvard-trained economist supposedly equipped to grapple with the economic disaster. But he is a political neophyte

who, until now, has shown little of the leadership needed to keep alive an authoritarian and yet subtle system that endures by co-opting rather than crushing its opponents. At the root of the crisis is Lopez

Portillo's decision when he took office in 1976 to expand the oil industry - quickly to erase poverty, carefully to avert what he called "economic indigestion."

Today, Mexico is almost terminally overdosed and suffering its worst economic crisis since the worldwide Depression of the 1930s.

In the first four years of the Lopez Portillo presidency, oil income quadrupled to \$13 billion a year, and Mexico became the world's fourth leading producer, behind Saudi Arabia, the Soviet Union and the United States.

The money swiftly flowed into mammoth government development projects such as steel mills and petrochemical plants, and the economy grew by a stunning 7-8 per cent a year, creating four million new

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### Medicare will cover hospices for dying

The 1982 tax bill includes a provision that will permit Medicare funding for the hospice movement, which believes that those who are dying are better off in their homes than they are in hospitals / 3A.

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## Fall pays early visit to Midwest

From Herald Staff and Wire Reports

As Miamians automatically reached for swimsuits to get through a typically steamy summer weekend, short sleeves gave way to sweaters and scarves across the Midwest during its coldest August morning ever. From Michigan to the Mason-Dixon line, and

west almost to the Mississippi, chilled early risers dove back under the covers Sunday and dreamed of weather like Miami's, with temperatures in the 80s and 90s.

"My psyche can't handle this assault," said one Midwestern woman. "I find wearing two shirts and two coats in Chicago in August distressing. Last night I started seriously considering moving to the Sun Belt."

Snow settled onto Vermont mountaintops, and cities from Albany, N.Y., to Chicago - and as far south as Baltimore, Md. - tied or exceeded their lowest August temperatures ever.

Snow began falling Saturday night at the Killington ski resort in Vermont, and on Sunday morning, employes were sliding across three inches of new snow. Officials believed it was the earliest any-

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# Israel Seeks Eviction of Local Militia

By DAN GOODGAME Herald Staff Writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon - Israel's military chief of staff Sunday demanded the eviction from West Beirut of a major Lebanese Moslem militia, despite Israel's earlier assurances that it wished only to free Lebanon from the grip of "foreign forces."

tion of Palestinian fighters from Beirut on Sunday, told Israeli military correspondents that the Lebanese Moslem militia called Murabitoun should not be allowed to remain in West Beirut aggravate after its Palestinian allies are gone.

estinians of violating the evacuation agreement by handing over their heavy weapons to Murabitoun instead of the Lebanese army.

The total number of evacuated Palestinians pushed past the 9,000 mark Sunday as 1,300 men of the Syrian-commanded Palestine Liberation Army traveled overland to backed study released Sunday. Syria and 446 guerrillas from Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization sailed for the Syrian port of Tartous.

troops also were assembling their dict whether juvenile delinquents, tanks and armor in preparation for except those with long histories of the overland trek through Israeli lines to their native land today.

The PLO chairman's own departure plans were kept secret. He has until Friday to leave under the agreement worked out by U.S. special envoy Philip Habib, but is expected to go sooner.

Arafat's top lieutenants already have departed and the nine-day-old evacuation should be completed by midweek. Estimates of the number of guerrillas still to be removed range from 1,000 to 3,000.

Lebanese army units planned to move into West Beirut today for the first time since the 1975-76 civil war. But it remained to be seen whether this would be accepted by Murabitoun and other Moslem militias that have taken over posts vacated by departing Palestinians.

In an incident that underscored the tension, Lebanese troops traded fire Sunday with what they said were Murabitoun positions near the museum crossing on the Green Line dividing the city's Christian and Moslem sectors. No casualties were the law. reported.

Lebanon's internal strife. It was Justice Department, young people battling Lebanese Christian militias with "after-school jobs, evening

Associated Press

Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan, who watched the overland evacua-Do jobs, cars Eitan accused the departing Pal-

> By MARY THORNTON Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Teenagers who drive or hold jobs are more likely to run into trouble with the law, according to a government-

The report, named "Assessing the Relationship of Adult Criminal Careers to Juvenile Careers" and released by the Justice Department, About 1,500 regular Syrian said it was nearly impossible to pre-

> Driving, working expose teens to criminal temptation, a study found.

criminal activity, will become adult criminals.

But it offered several observa-Lebanon's state television said tions about why young people get in trouble with the law in the first place, and some of those conclusions fly in the face of commonly accepted explanations.

The study found, for example, that broken homes have little to do with producing juvenile delinquents and that the age at which a young person leaves home does not seem to have any impact on criminal be-

Potentially its most controversial finding was that teenagers who work are more likely to run afoul of

According to Pamela Swain, proj-Murabitoun is no newcomer to ect manager on the study for the

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# Globetrotters' adventures give England cheer

## Sailor crosses ocean in 9-foot-1-inch boat

FALMOUTH, England — (UPI) — American Bill Dunlop ended 78 lonely days at sea and docked to a hero's welcome Sunday after sailing 3,000 miles in the smallest boat ever to cross the Atlantic from America. The burly truck driver was cheered by

more than 100 admirers when he stepped from the 9-foot-1-inch "Wind's Will." Tired and unshaven, Dunlop said he had only one complaint after more than two

months at sea: "The worst thing of all is my rear end." His boat is so small that he could only stand upright during calm weather. He had

been harnessed to the mast with his legs stretched out under the deck. Dunlop, 41, is from Mechanics Falls, Maine.

After swigging champagne at the Falmouth quay, Dunlop was whisked away for a day of festivities celebrating his record. He set out from Portland, Maine, June 13

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Wife Pamela greets Bill Dunlop after his 78-day voyage.

## Explorers circle world via both poles

Washington Post Service

GREENWICH, England - Britain's Transglobe Expedition, the first trip around the world by way of the North and South poles, came to a triumphant end Sunday when the explorers returned home by ship.

In the course of their nearly three-year voyage, the explorers, Ranulph Fiennes, 38, and Charles Burton, 40, traveled more than 35,000 miles along the Greenwich meridian through bitter polar frosts and wilting Sahara Desert heat.

"Some people would say that we have been lucky," Fiennes told waiting portside crowds, "but I would say God has been good to us."

As recently as late July, the pair seemed hopelessly stranded on an Arctic ice floe, out of reach of their support crew, the mission in peril. But under warm sunlight Sunday, the dangers were in the past as the Benjamin Bowring, Transglobe's 12,050-ton support

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that has grown into the world's largest jai-alai gambling company are indeed circumstantial. The crime scenes have offered few clues; the FBI said the Callahan hit was so clean investigators had little to go on.

On the surface, at least, Callahan was well removed from World Jai-Alai after he resigned as president in March 1976 following rumors of his organized-crime associations and a bitter dispute with the company's directors.

And yet Callahan's business dealings leave a maze of trails, some of which lead back to South Florida and the jai-alai industry.

For one thing, Callahan had wanted to buy World Jai-Alai out after he left as chief executive. The bids were summarily rejected, but some investigators now find the offers curious. They wonder where Callahan planned to raise the money for a firm that was to sell two years later for nearly \$50 mil-

#### Severing ties

Callahan made a point of severing his ties with the company when he left. Richard Donovan, Callahan's replacement at World Jai-Alai and his one-time partner, sold his interest in their consulting firm to Callahan for \$1 to conclude their relationship.

But Callahan remained friendly, at least for several years, with some of his old associates at the company, according to depositions. After his resignation, he continued working as a consultant with the bank that held World Jai-Alai loans.

The past two years, in addition to his financial consulting jobs, Callahan had been president of Michigan-based Heywood-Wakefield Co., which calls itself the country's oldest furniture maker. Among the company's clients is World Jai-Alai, which bought seats from the firm for its Florida frontons, according to the furniture company.

Perhaps most puzzling of all, investigators say, is that Callahan's American Airlines charge account shows he flew to South Florida regularly although he had no apparent business interests in the area. Most of the trips were brief weekend stays, sometimes a single week, sometimes several weeks apart.

"He never stated to anyone in. Boston what he was coming down here for," Merritt said. "We don't know why it was."

But investigators did know something about John Bernard Callahan even before word spread that his decomposed body had been found just after midnight on Aug. 3.

## A financial wizard

Without graduating from college, the forceful, 275-pound, 6-foot Irishman, a one-time Olympic weight lifter, had climbed from a working-class Boston neighborhood to the city's top financial circles. What helped him along, acquaintances say, was a quick wit as an accountant and a warm, engaging, sometimes dominating personality.

"He was very gifted with financial matters," said George H. Heywood Jr., board chairman at Heywood-Wakefield. "I wouldn't want to get into a contest with him on

"As far as we're concerned, he is A-1," David McKown, a vice president of the First National Bank of Boston that worked closely with World Jai-Alai, said in a deposition in 1978.

Callahan took his first accounting job with a small Boston company in 1960. Four years later, he joined the prestigious firm of Arthur Andersen and Co. He became a certified public accountant and a partner in the firm before leaving to form his own consulting company in 1972.

By some accounts, Callahan had become one of the best financial minds in the city. But he had an unorthodox manner. He could be alternately belligerent and jovial. Friends say he worked hard, yet proved to have a short attention span and showed little interest in the tedious job of executive management.

## Callahan's friends

Callahan's style earned him friends everywhere, including some whose names would later come back to trouble him.

He never denied knowing notorious crime figures, such as James Martorano, a reputed Boston Mafia member convicted of racketeering and attempted murder, and Brian Halloran, a felon who was fatally shot in Boston in May.

But Callahan dismissed the casual relationships as necessary in the "ordinary course of business" in jai-alai. And he added in a terse statement after Wheeler's death: "I categorically deny that I have ever been an associate in a business matter or otherwise of any reputed

members of organized crime." In a deposition in 1978, Donovan said Callahan was simply the kind of man who attracted all sorts of

people. "John Callahan was a very gregarious, outgoing, bull of an individual...," Donovan said. "There are very few people I have been



Roger Wheeler: Murdered in May 1981.



Richard Donovan: Replaced Callahan at jai-alai.

with where you could walk down the street in the city of Boston who would know more people - from the fellow selling newspapers to the president of banks to the chief executives of companies to bartend-

"It doesn't surprise me in the least, in retrospect, that he would know a James Martorano, because John Callahan knows more damn people. And he really doesn't care who he is talking to or who he is

### Management disputes

Callahan was already embroiled in conflicts with World Jai-Alai board members over his management approach when word of one particular police report reached the directors.

The company president, they were told, had been under surveillance in March 1976 at several late-night meetings with members of Boston's reputed crime syndicate called the Winter Hill Gang. Later in March, Callahan was dismissed as World Jai-Alai president - 15 months after he took the job.

The ex-president remained in an office of the firm until board members tried to force him to move. Callahan had collected hundreds of thousands of dollars in severance pay and stock options when he left, but his response to the board contained neither diplomacy nor appre-

"Tell them to go to hell," Callahan said when he learned of the request to leave. "If they don't like it, tell them to throw me out."

Donovan later told Florida investigators that Callahan's relationship with company directors had deteriorated to the point that they "came close to hating each other." The disputes, Donovan said, stemmed from management styles and personality conflicts.

## Links to Mafia

Yet some Florida investigators find it hard to accept that Callahan was forced out for purely personal reasons. Nor do they believe that his associations with felons and hoodlums were strictly social.

David Green, a former Metro-Dade police gambling expert who is now with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in Tallahassee, said he heard about Callahan from sources on the street while the man was still president.

"I kept picking up information about Callahan with the bookies, Callahan with the Boston family members," Green said. "If he wasn't proved to be a member of organized crime, he was certainly a close associate of them."

Green described Callahan's connection to the U.S. Senate's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations during 1978 hearings on organized crime. The investigator identified persons Callahan had been seen meeting with as top members of New England's Ray-

mond Patriarca crime family. Some World Jai-Alai officials may have had forewarnings of violence to come. Years before the first murder, World Jai-Alai coowner Alan Trustman decided he

wanted to sell the company. "Alan Trustman was of the opinion that somebody was going to murder him and, consequently, he had to get out of World Jai-Alai,' Donovan said in a deposition. Trustman hired experts to search his of-

fice for bugs and he started carrying a weapon.

#### Search for president

Efforts to sell attracted several buyers, including Callahan, Flagler dog track owner Jack Cooper and Bally Manufacturing Corp, a giant slot-machine and gambling firm.

All three had drawn accusations of organized-crime ties at some point or other. Court records showed that their questionable connections worried Trustman, who finally told his banker, "Can you get me someone who is clean and rich to do the deal?"

The bank came up with Roger Wheeler, a church-going, conservative businessman who believed strongly in self-discipline and made millions through the Oklahomabased electronics firm Telex Corp.

Wheeler paid nearly \$50 million for World Jai-Alai with loans from the First National Bank of Boston, and the acquisition proved a profitable one. But soon he, too, was talking about selling the four jai-alai frontons.

Author Hank Messick, who has written numerous books on organized crime, said Wheeler called him from Oklahoma one day the same year he bought the company. Wheeler, who had never met Messick, said he wanted information on the Mafia, Messick wrote in a 1981 article for New Florida magazine.

owned World Jai-Alai," Wheeler told Messick over the phone. "At least I thought I did. Now I'm not so sure."

#### Wheeler's murder

Fifteen months after Wheeler was shot to death in his Cadillac outside a Tulsa country club, police say they have possible motives, even some suspects, but not enough evidence to file charges.

Still unsolved, as well, is the murder of Brian Halloran, who was shot to death along with a passenger - not believed to be a target of the gunman — in a car about a year after the Wheeler murder. Detectives say that killing in Boston came shortly after Halloran started informing to police.

Among his revelations, authorities say, is that he had been offered a contract to kill Wheeler. An alleged accomplice in the contract was to be a Massachusetts felon named James P. Flynn, who police have been unable to find since Halloran's death.

The cases may appear intertwined, but World Jai-Alai officials bristle at the suggestion the gambling industry plays any role in the deaths of Wheeler, Halloran and Callahan.

Donovan, who is currently out of the country, was unavailable for comment. But company spokesman Fleischman stressed that Callahan's connections to the company ended long ago, well before Wheeler even purchased World Jai-Alai. He added that none of the company executives had seen Callahan in the months before his death.

"It would be ridiculous to speculate on something like this unless somebody had some facts," Fleischman said. "When he [Callahan] left the company in 1976, he had no further involvement. That was it."

## Common denominator

Nevertheless, police say that World Jai-Alai is the common denominator they believe may help them solve the killings.

"It is felt at this time that the Wheeler, Halloran and Callahan cases are connected," said Det. Merritt. "But it's going to take a long time. There's a lot of paperwork. This is going to be a very long Then there are those law en-

forcement officials who say the case may become lengthier still. Robert L. Corder, chief of investigations for the state's Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering in Miami, said he does not believe the violence is over. "I think I'd be safe in saying a lot

of people are looking over their shoulders right now," Corder said. "I'm sure it's not finished yet."

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While many Americans shivered, the beach was a hot item in Tokyo.

# Midwesterners wish iceman would goeth

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had gone skiing at Killington, but they could not say if it was their earliest snowfall.

"This is August . . . right?" read a message on Michigan's National Weather Service forecast wire, which normally drones out statistics, temperature tables and the like without editorial comment.

Nolan Duke of the National Weather Service Public Service Unit said a large high pressure system stalled over Michigan was funneling cool Canadian air down over the northeastern quarter of the nation, capping one of the coolest summers the eastern third of the country has experienced in years.

"It never really warmed up and it's already started to cool off," he said. "We had three weeks of upper-90-degree weather in Kansas City, which constituted our sum-

The low temperatures, as well as a Mexican volcano eruption earlier this year, threaten an early frost for a Midwestern bumper crop. The eruption spread a blanket of dust and debris in the upper atmosphere and cut a portion of radiation from the sun, said Iowa climatologist Paul Waite.

Sunday, a swath of 31 cities set or tied records, from Caribou, Maine, which recorded a shivering 36 degrees, south to Baltimore, which recorded an unprecedented 49 degrees, and west to Chicago. There, Catholics turned out by the thousands to join their new archbishop, Joseph L. Bernardin, in an outdoor mass despite a 43-degree morning low.

In New York City, where only last month a heat wave sent temperatures soaring into the 90s, a low of 50 in Central Park tied a 17year-old record.

"The crowd is extremely light," said lifeguard supervisor Jim Bocker at Coney Island Beach. "There are people laying on the beach because the sun is quite warm, but only a handful decided to go in the water."

The cool summer is likely to mean another harsh winter in the Midwest, climatologist Waite said.

"Two out of three cool summers lead into cool winters," he said. "This . . . suggests to us that we're in a cool period that should last through winter."

## Beryl a question

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Answers

That leaves Miami sitting relatively pretty, with few concerns besides humidity and hurricanes. And even Tropical Storm Beryl, about 3,400 miles east of Florida and the second tropical storm of the year, is no immediate threat to North America, according to the National

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Weather Service. The weather service said Beryl,

about 200 miles west of the Cape Verde Islands off the African coast, was heading west-northwest at 14 miles per hour at 6 p.m. Sunday, carrying maximum winds of 45 m.p.h.

Beryl's predicted course in the next few days has not been determined, officials said. They said the North Pole. storm may get stronger if it moves west, but if it heads northwest, it is more likely to weaken over the colder waters. The forecast for Miami today is

partly cloudy with a 20 per cent chance of thunderstorms. Highs are expected to be around 90 degrees.

## 9-foot sailboat crosses Atlantic

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to fulfill a lifelong dream.

"I just decided years ago that my life better be a little on the exciting side," Dunlop said. But once at sea he often wondered: "What are you doing this for?

"But then I asked myself what I would be doing otherwise. I'd be sitting home watching TV, or reading an adventure book about somebody else's adventure. So I decided to do it instead of reading about it."

Dunlop beat a record Briton Tom McLean set this summer in a 9foot-9-inch craft. The Guinness Book of Records says American Hugo Vihien crossed the Atlantic from east to west in a 6-foot boat in

In an odd scene in the middle of the Atlantic, Dunlop sailed his tiny craft alongside a fishing boat and peered through a porthole to watch crewmen eating supper. Unnoticed but satisfied with the sight of other humans, he sailed away.

## Transglobe trip ends in glory

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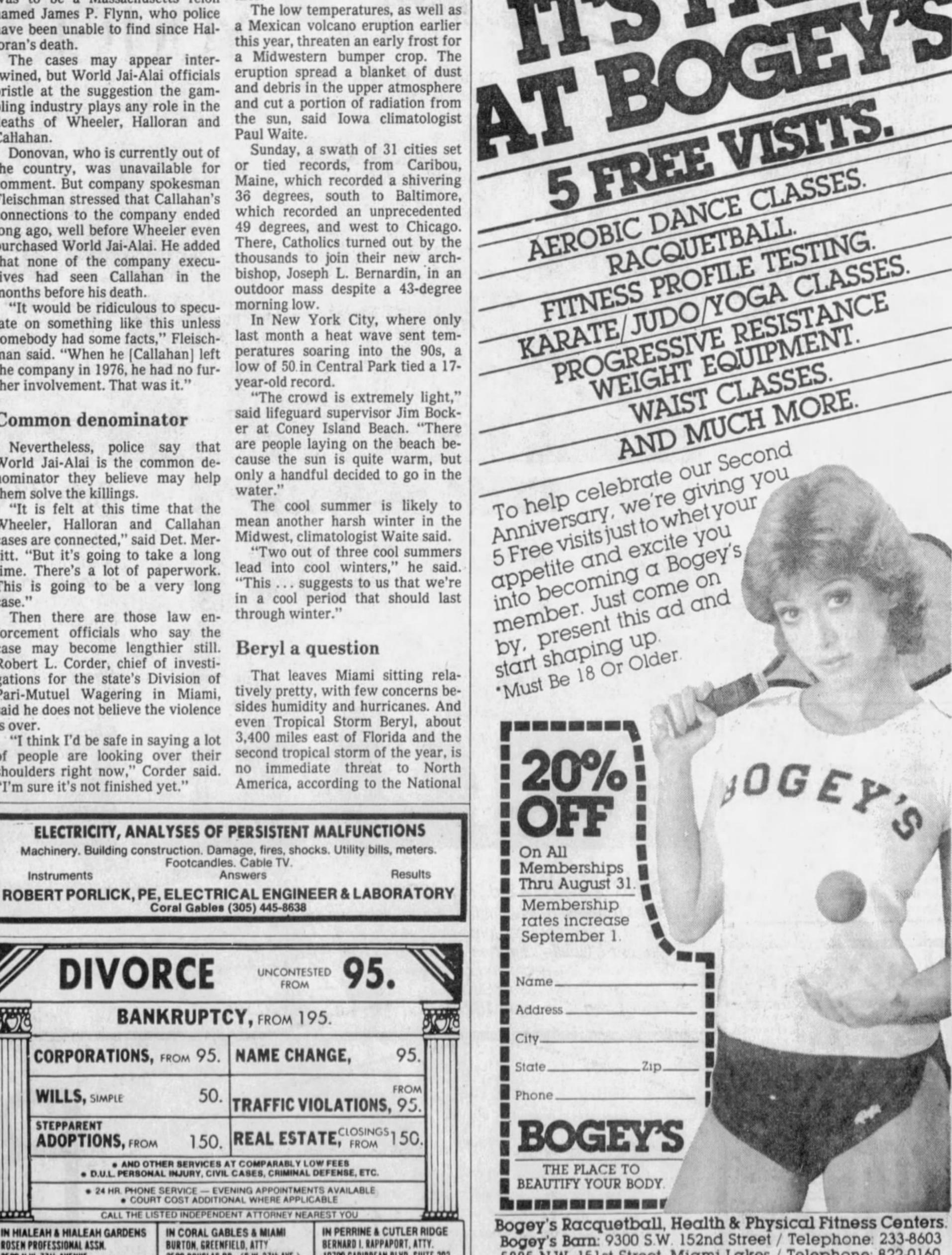
ship, docked at Greenwich.

Prince Charles steered the ship the last mile into port. He praised the bravery of the team, recalling that he had described the journey at its outset as "mad but marvelous."

At a reported cost of \$17.5 million, the journey had taken six years to plan. It ended just a few days short of its scheduled three years' duration. Its equipment was donated by 300 corporate sponsors.

The explorers faced life-or-death situations at least a half dozen times as they traveled on Land Rovers, skis, snowmobiles and rubber rafts. But Finnes, Burton and their 23man support crew agreed that some of the worst moments came when they were stranded on ice near the "We didn't know what to do the

first time we met a polar bear," Burton said. "They are 10 feet tall. .. Some people said they were friendly. But they can also eat people. We usually fired a few shots above their heads to frighten them."



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