

Russian nationalist visits strip club after cemetery

The Associated Press

HELSINKI, Finland — Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, the controversial Russian ultranationalist, made headlines Wednesday by visiting a striptease club after laying wreaths on the graves of Finnish presidents.

Zhirinovskiy spent 40 minutes Tuesday night at King's Kakadu Club, where he watched a Jamaican woman and a Belarussian woman strip to their G-strings, had a couple of drinks and gave a TV interview.

"He enjoyed the show but said he was tired," said Tom Sjoberg, the club's proprietor. "We're glad he accepted our invitation."

The Jamaican woman came to his

table briefly, providing photographers with shots of her from behind and Zhirinovskiy's face from the front.

The pictures and big headlines were splashed across Finnish tabloids, which had reported more sedately on Zhirinovskiy's public comments about Russia taking over the Baltic states and dividing Europe into East and West camps again.

Zhirinovskiy, a member of parliament, was part of a 21-member Russian delegation at a two-day seminar on the possible admission of Russia into the Council of Europe. He said Russia should not join if it meant promising not to invade the Baltics repeatedly.

Bunk beds risk collapse, cause call back

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nearly 70,000 metal bunk beds that could collapse in use are being recalled by four importers, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said Wednesday.

"These tubular metal bunk beds represent an industry-wide problem," said commission Chairman Ann Brown. "Consumers should take steps immediately to ensure that their metal bunk beds are safe."

The new recall follows a previously announced recall of 230,000 similar beds imported by five other companies.

The commission said people who suspect they have one of the beds should stop using it immediately and contact the retailer where it was bought to determine the name of the importer.

The current recall involves the following importers:

- Gold Key Enterprises, Arlington, Texas, 50,000 beds. High-gloss tubular frame beds sold from 1988 to 1993, twin and full size, with protruding metal mattress support tongues at the corner posts.

- Bernards Inc., High Point, N.C., 11,000 beds. High-gloss beds, twin and full size, model numbers 354 (black), 364 (white), 464 (red) and 465 (blue) sold since May 1992 with protruding metal mattress support tongues at the corner posts.

- S&A Imports Inc., Apopka, Fla., 2,700 beds. High-gloss twin and full size beds models 6202B (black), 6202L (blue), 6202R (red) and 6202W (white) with protruding metal mattress support tongues at the corner posts.

- Fashion Bed Group, Chicago, 4,800 beds. High-gloss beds, twin and full size, imported in 1991 and sold with the names Slumberama and

Double Deck.

The previously announced recall involved similar imports by L. Powell Co., Culver City, Calif.; Montgomery Ward, Chicago; Southern Enterprises, Dallas; Coaster Company, Santa Fe Springs, Calif.; and Rosalco, Inc., Jeffersonville, Ind.

The commission urged consumers to inspect the mattress support corners for cracks in the paint or metal and immediately stop using any bed with cracks.

If the bed was imported by one of the listed firms the retailer should provide a toll-free telephone number for assistance.

Beds with cracks will be replaced; those without cracks can be repaired and a reinforcement kit will be supplied.

Persons with questions can contact the safety commission at 1-800-638-2772.

Staubach

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Gary L. Trennpohl, interim dean of the College of Business Administration and the Graduate School of Business, said although Staubach is a successful business executive, most people remember him as an outstanding football player.

"The leadership abilities Roger Staubach demonstrated as an athlete also carry over to the business

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Digital format may add more than 400 channels

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's largest cable TV company stepped into the digital revolution on Thursday, unveiling new programs that will take up less space on cable systems and could increase the number of available channels tenfold.

It is the first crucial step toward the much ballyhooed "500 channel" future, when cable systems will be able to substantially increase capacity and possibly their revenues.

Tele-Communications Inc. opened a \$100 million facility in a Denver suburb where movies and other programs will be converted from analog into a compacted digital format. These programs will then be delivered via satellite and fiber optic cables to TCI cable systems and other cable systems opting to buy the service.

"Five years ago, digital TV was sort of a dream," but the rapid pace of technology is making it a reality, said TCI's president, John Malone.

Digital technology converts the

programs to a series of ones and zeros for more precise pictures and crisper sound. When compressed, digital programs take up far less space than current analog programs.

Several hundred thousand TCI customers in 23 mostly rural and suburban communities will be the first to have access to the service in 1995, said TCI senior vice president Robert Thomson. Service to all TCI systems is imminent.

Two systems in Texas — Beaumont and The Woodlands — are

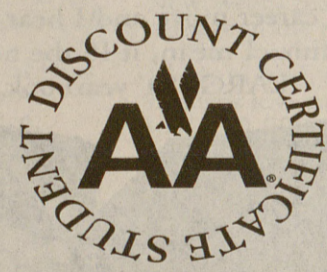
among the first TCI systems targeted for the service.

The others are Richmond, Ind.; Cheyenne, Wyo.; Wahpeton, N.D.; Grand Island, Neb.; Durango, Colo.; Port Clinton, Ohio; East Lansing, Mich.; Murphysboro, Ill.; Missoula, Mont.; Provo, Utah; North Bend, Wash.; Carson City, Nev.; Cumberland, Md.; Romney, W.Va.; Lebanon, N.H.; West Hartford, Conn.; Lock Haven, Pa.; Drexel-Valdese, N.C.; Clinton, Iowa; Fairhope-Daphne, Ala.; and Dunedin, Fla.

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