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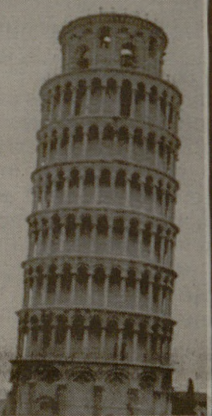
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

**Singer Buffet visits
annual pilot picnic**

GREENVILLE, Maine (AP) — Jimmy Buffett traded in his margarita for more traditional picnic fare when he joined nearly 4,000 people at the International Seaplane Fly-in.

Three years ago the singer nearly died after crashing his plane into Nantucket Harbor, but he still climbs into the cockpit. He's said the crash has made him a better, more cautious pilot.

Buffett, 52, is best known for his hit song "Margaritaville." He dropped in Saturday to have a hot dog with pilots.

Proceeds from the annual fly-in benefit a number of causes, including the Maine Aviation Historical Society.

**Dukakis receives
award from Greece**

THESSALONIKI, Greece (AP) — Former Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis was honored yesterday with a gold medal from the mayor of this port city in northern Greece.

Dukakis, a Greek-American and former governor of Massachusetts, was invited to inaugurate a chair in public policy named after him at Thessaloniki's Anatolia College.

Dukakis took the opportunity to praise traditional rivals Greece and Turkey for helping each other after earthquakes struck both countries.

**Dalai Lama speaks
on new millennium**

DHARMSALA, India (AP) — The turn of the millennium will be "just another day and night" for the Dalai Lama, unless mankind resolves to end the kind of suffering going on in East Timor and other trouble spots.

Tibet's exiled spiritual leader, opening an international conference Sunday on science and spirituality, said compassion must lead to action if the next era is to be any different.



DALAI LAMA

"When we see these sort of unfortunate things, just to feel sorry. That is not sufficient," he said. "The new millennium is nothing special, just another day and night."

The Dalai Lama has lived in exile in Dharmasala since 1959, when he fled Chinese rule in Tibet.

**Belgium Prince
finds new fiancée**

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Belgian Crown Prince Philippe yesterday presented his new fiancée to the nation in a chaotic media ceremony on the grounds of the royal palace.

Scores of television crews and photographers pushed and shoved security officers as Philippe and Mathilde d'Udekem d'Acoz strolled hand-in-hand across a sun-drenched lawn of the royal palace at Laken, on the northern outskirts of Brussels.

The couple's engagement was announced on Friday.

Philippe, 39, told reporters yesterday he was "enormously

touched" by the outpouring of public support for his fiancée, a 26-year-old aristocrat.

They are to marry in Brussels.

**Director Kusturica
will tour with**

THESSALONIKI, Greece (AP) — Emir Kusturica, the Sarajevo-born director, will put down roots for a short while in Greece.

Kusturica said he will spend the next few days in Greece with his No. 1 film, "Black Cat," until Sept. 27.

He will then hold a press conference in Switzerland, France, and again in Greece.

Kusturica was named director for "Black Cat" at last year's Cannes Film Festival.

He said he decided to spend new life into his old life.

Kusturica also mentioned a movie about his native Yugoslavia

Supernatural thrillers dominate box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — *Stigmata* was the weekend box office winner, earning \$18.3 million in its debut to topple *The Sixth Sense* from a five-week reign as the nation's most popular movie.

The Sixth Sense, with Bruce Willis as a therapist who aids a boy tormented by ghosts, earned \$16.5 million for second place. *Stir of Echoes*, starring Kevin Bacon, was in third place with a \$5.8 million take.

The top three films, all supernatural thrillers grossed over \$40 million together.

The top 10 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distributing studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. and AC-Nielsen EDI Inc.:

1. *Stigmata*, MGM, \$18.3 million, 2,899 locations, \$6,316 average, \$18.3 million, one week.
2. *The Sixth Sense*, Disney, \$16.5 million, 2,782 locations, \$5,935 average, \$197.6 million, six weeks.
3. *Stir of Echoes*, Artisan, \$5.8 million, 1,888 locations, \$3,078 average, \$5.8 million, one week.
4. *Runaway Bride*, Paramount, \$3.8 million, 2,773 locations, \$1,383 average, \$140.4 million, seven weeks.
5. *Bowfinger*, Universal, \$3.6 million, 2,452 locations, \$1,470 average, \$60.4 million, five weeks.
6. *The 13th Warrior*, Disney, \$1.4 million, 2,283 locations, \$1,326 average, \$1.4 million, three weeks.
7. *The Thomas Crown Affair*, Warner, \$1.4 million, 1,849 locations, \$1,400 average, \$1.4 million, six weeks.
8. *Mickey Blue Eyes*, Warner, \$1.1 million, 1,975 locations, \$1,100 average, \$30.3 million, four weeks.
9. *Chill Factor*, Warner Bros., \$758 average, \$2,558 locations, \$758 average, \$2 million, two weeks.
10. *The Blair Witch Project*, Artisan, \$842 average, \$1.9 million, 1,937 locations, \$842 average, \$1.9 million, nine weeks.

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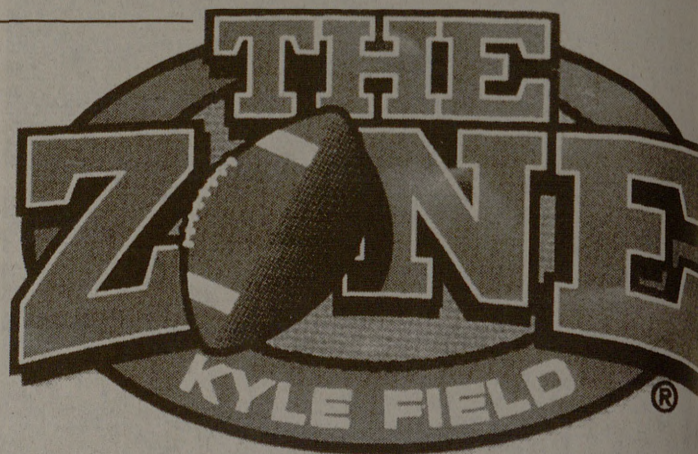
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