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>Well, I may be incompetent in this regard! I printed the
message, the
>deleted. Then walked to the printer later in the day and found
the
>formatting was all wrong for our HP Laser. I've never quite
understood
>that. Anyway 90% of the article was "printed" to the right,
off the paper
>and in infinity.
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>With humility I ask, Can you send it again? Aloha, George

Not a problem. Here you go...

Turtle diet saves drifting Nicaraguan fishermen

CNN
January 17, 1999
Web posted at: 9:33 PM EST (0233 GMT)

MANAGUA, Jan 17 (Reuters) -- Seven Nicaraguan fishermen who
survived a month
lost at sea by eating turtle meat and drinking turtle blood
finally returned
home on Sunday, ending an odyssey that took them to Hawaii and
back.

Their small fishing boat Yadira 1 set sail from Nicaragua's
southern Pacific
coast on Dec. 5, but the ship's motor and radio broke down,
leaving the men
adrift until they were rescued by a Norwegian merchant ship
about 575 miles
(925 km) out at sea.

The Norwegian ship, on its way to Japan, dropped the men off in
Hawaii, and they

finally returned to their fishing town of San Juan del Sur
early on Sunday
morning, when they were met by hundreds of well-wishers.

"These have been the worst days of my life, because when our
water ran out, we
were forced to look for anything to survive, and practically
the whole time it
was turtle meat cooked in sea water, and we drank the turtle
blood," Manuel
Talavera, captain of the boat, told reporters on arriving at
Managua airport
late on Saturday night.

"The biggest fear we had was that a giant ship was going to run
us over, because
we saw 52 ships pass, and none of them stopped," Talavera
said.

But finally the petroleum-carrying Joelm-- which Talavera said
was "sent by
God"-- picked them up on Jan. 4, providing food and medical
attention for
several days until they reached Hawaii.