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Frosty deh snowmon



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Frosty the Snowman put in an appearance at Schooner Bay Market Thursday, and area children, some of whom had never seen a real snowman, found out just how "frosty" a snowman can be. Richard Griffith, chef, and Merritt Campbell, produce manager at the market, started constructing the snowman from ice shavings on Dec. 1, and worked on it every day. Frosty sported a carrot for a nose and an antique top hat, and was on display outside the market after being held in cold storage in the store's walk-in freezer.

Finance: gov't will make payroll

Vendor, other payments should be delayed no longer than usual

MATT ZALAZNICK avis

ST. THOMAS -- Gov. Roy Schneider's administration will apparently meet its final payroll on Dec. 31, and has enough funds to continue its routinely delayed schedule of other payments.

"We will definitely meet payroll. This administration hasn't missed a payroll yet and we're not going to start now," Assistant Commissioner of Finance Dean Wallace said Thursday.

In its preliminary report released last week, Gov.-elect Charles Turnbull's transition team found that the government was in danger of missing the last payroll of the year — as well as future pay days — unless it ceased making other payments, such as vendor payments and income tax refunds.

Wallace, however, said payments to vendors and other disbursements would continue to be made on the same, though often late, schedule.

"It's no better or no worse. It's the same as usual," Wallace said. "We have income coming in and we're not doing anything out of the norm to make payroll."

Since the Department of Finance controls disbursements, it ultimately decides which vendors are a priority to receive payment, Wallace said.

"We always try to make sure the hospitals are OK," he said. "We have a list of payments and prioritize anything that keeps the community moving, such as school buses.

"As with all expenditures, the money doesn't always go out as soon as it comes in," he said.

In recent months, however, a series of vendors have cut off, delayed or curtailed service to the V.I. government because of non-payment.

In November, some pharmacists who accepted government health insurance and medical assistance said they were having trouble keeping certain medicines in stock because

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Christmas, Crucian style

WILLIE EMERSON avis

The warm weather and semi-autonomous nature of the U.S. Virgin Islands have served to shape a Christmas that is unique to the territory.

"To me a Crucian Christmas means music," said taxi driver Elroy Hall. "At this time of the year you hear a lot of music around the island related to the quadrille and other cultural-type music."

Hall, a native of St. Croix, said there is no place quite like the Big Island when it comes to the richness of the Christmas traditions kept.

"I love my island because of the people. They play the most important part in the traditions that we have here," said Hall.

V. Figueroa, of Frederiksted, said it is the food that stands out in her mind when it comes to Crucian Christmas tradi-

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Feeding the needy at Christmas time

WILLIE EMERSON avis

Christmas Eve found the confines of My Brother's Table in Frederiksted filled to capacity with men, women and children enjoying a holiday meal fit for a king.

"The food is delicious," said Perlina Jeffrey. "I really appreciate what My Brother's Table is doing for the community."

Jeffrey and her children sat down to plates overflowing with food. Her children, Akeem, 10, Alsamed, 4 and Akelina 6, later received a few of the gifts piled high on a table near the building's entrance.

My Brother's Table, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing meals for the needy, opened its doors in 1991. Dan Mackey, a college student who arrived on St. Croix after the devastation of Hurricane Hugo, saw a need for such an establishment.

The organization is presently run by Janet Hancock, who is off island for the holidays.

Rosemarie Carty, the cook for My Brother's Table, said the organization expected about 65 people for the holiday meal. Normally the soup kitchen serves approximately 45 people a day.

On the menu were foods such as baked macaroni, potato stuffing and corn on the cob, along with a variety of fruits.

For dessert, diners had the choice of generous portions of either chocolate or carrot cake.

"This place comes in very handy to a lot of people," said Lorraine Wilson. "You got a lot

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Caribbean Christmas poetry hot off the press

ANGELA BORCHERT avis

After digging into a trove of Christmas memories, St. Croix resident Lolita Paiewonsky this month published a 14-page volume of poems in time for the holiday season.

Lights Aglow, published by ABS Printing Co., features verses dotted with local familiarities — the towns lined with festive lights; white butterflies fluttering on the hillsides; "the rhapsodies of steel drums."

Paiewonsky's lyrics give the feeling of a tropical holiday, as in Christmas Is In The Air: "... Green, not white;//sand instead of snow.// Poinsettias growing wild.//It's Christmas on St. Croix."

All of Paiewonsky's versus were interpreted into Spanish by Dr. René Torres Delgado, who did not change the essence of the poems but added more detail to some.

"My poem inspired him," Paiewonsky explained. "Then he was free to render it however he wanted to."

While most of the Christmas verses are cheery, not all sing with jolly phrases and merry rhymes.

"Some of them were inspired by events in my family," said Paiewonsky, noting how Where are You? (It's Christmas) is reminiscent of a time after her sister's husband died in a tragic accident.

"The first Christmas after was really traumatic," said Paiewonsky, who wrote in the poem: "... I look for you beneath the mistletoe in the arch of the doorway.//For some semblance of you under the Christmas tree.//There is the breath of a breeze of you//the hint of a whisper of you//But I see you only in my twilight dreams and in the translucent//bubble mirage of a mother-of-pearl ornament."

Another poem, Brother's December Birthday, was a result of Paiewonsky's reflection on her brother Billy, a Vietnam veteran who was out of the family loop for a while.

"We lost track of him for a couple of years," said Paiewonsky. "But he resurfaced and he's fine."

The poet said she pays close attention to tiny details and tries to capture them in words.

"Everything can be a real inspiration," she said. "It's just like little bits of pieces of life here on St. Croix."

Paiewonsky dedicated Lights Aglow to The Way Ministry because "their focus is that people should really know how to read the Bible so it's not some kind of foreign book. To really apply it in daily life — almost as a manual for living, to have a personal relationship with God as a father through his son Jesus Christ," she said. "He can live in us and we can really tap into his will for us for a more abundant life.

"This is my first real official publicly offered collection of poetry. There was a lot of believing involved. I thanked The Way Ministry for teaching and granting the principles to me."

The poet also dedicated the book to her late parents who, she said, "always instilled in me the belief and the knowledge that I could do what I wanted to do. They encouraged me in my writing and supported me in it."

Lights Aglow is currently available for purchase at Kallaloo, The Bookie, Dockside Bookshop and Betty's Unisex, and Paiewonsky said copies will be donated to the local public libraries on St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John. Proceeds from sales of the publication will benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Christiansted and the Howard University Law Library's "Wall of Honor" project in honor of the late Judge Billy Jones, the author's father.

A reception for the author will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Gallery at the Pentheny.

True Christmas spirit in Frederiksted



Willie Emerson/Avis

Casandra Paul (left) and Jessica Spacil prepare a Christmas meal Thursday for the needy at My Brother's Table in Frederiksted.

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of people who work and come here just for a meal because they can't afford to buy food."

Wilson, who was born on St. Croix and raised in New York, said it was due to a string of unfortunate circumstances that she found herself homeless.

"If there was one wish I could have this Christmas it would be to see my grandchild," she said.

Jeffrey said her Christmas wish is simply to live in a society where she and her kids would not be plagued by the effects of drug abuse.

There were several volunteers on hand yesterday at My Brother's Table, individuals without whom there would have been no holiday meal.

"I find that I'm a better person when I give something back to the community and the people in it," said Casandra Paul, who has volunteered for My Brother's Table off and on for the past four years.

Jessica Spacil, who described herself as a "snowbird" from upstate New York, also lent a hand yesterday, helping to prepare food and making sure the guests were comfortable.

"I've always helped out in things of this nature. I (volunteer) just because I like the feeling of helping someone less fortunate than I am," she said.

Financial support for My Brother's Table comes from private donations, the United Way, a small federal grant and contributions from local merchants.

Gov't payroll will be met, other payments delayed

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they were not being reimbursed.

Two weeks ago, Esso Virgin Islands temporarily cut off fuel deliveries to the government motor pool because they had not been paid.

This week, it was revealed the government owed $1 million to Martin Public Relations, the firm that does much of the tourism advertising for the territory.

Martin, however, has not threatened to stop services to the government. According to company officials, it has only delayed the printing of some less vital publicity materials.

Although the Turnbull transition report forecasts payroll problems until March, Wallace said he was optimistic about the Turnbull administration's ability to meet payroll in its first few months.

"They should be OK in January, they shouldn't have a problem," Wallace said.

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Crucian holiday spirit makes for merry memories

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tions. She listed local favorites such as kallaloo, maufe and fungi.

"Christmas on St. Croix is more like a Caribbean cultural thing. It's different from the average stateside Christmas," said Figueroa.

It is the many parades and festivals that make a Crucian Christmas for Jennifer Joseph. The adult and children's parades, the crowning of kings and queens and the family meal are what make the holiday memorable, she said.

"Although I work all through the holiday, on Christmas Day I rest. This is when we get together for the Christmas dinner and eat everything," Joseph said, noting that it would not be Christmas without the Crucian traditions.

She added that the Christmas meal was all the more meaningful to her since only one of her family members — her daughter — would make it down from the continental United States.

Even individuals from the mainland undergo a sort of metamorphosis in terms of tradition when they arrive in the Virgin Islands, according to Bob Heidnik, originally from Ohio.

"The biggest difference in the way we celebrate Christmas now is that we go to the beach after we open the gifts," said Heidnik, a 30-year resident of the territory. "It's always nice to be able to go outside and enjoy warm weather."

VIPA christens new boat 'Claude Berry II'

Vessel named after Crucian seafarer Claude Berry

ANGELA BORCHERT avis

The V.I. Port Authority on Wednesday christened a new pilot boat the "Claude Berry II" in honor of a Crucian man who has spent a good part of his life at sea.

Married for 51 years to native Virgin Islander Isidora Jackson, Claude P. Berry served as VIPA's St. Croix marine manager from June 1975 to February 1984, and prior to VIPA's existence he worked for the marine division of the U.S. Commerce Department.



Berry served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and later spent 21 years traveling with the Merchant Marine.

"I've been around the world about seven times," said Berry, who remembered the special trips he took with the Merchant Marine during the late 1940's and early 1950's.

"We used to go to Italy and come right across from Haifa to pick up people that were in the (refugee) camps," Berry recalled. "Sometimes the British used to run us out. We used to assist the refugees because they didn't have a home. But you could only make a certain amount of trips. It was looked at as smuggling, but we thought it was a humanitarian effort on our part."

Berry's 1945 U.S. Navy ID showed he was a steward's mate third class.

"But in those days you never do steward's mate work," he said. "You do war work — loading ships in Southhampton, England, to participate in the Normandy invasion. Also putting up red obstruction balloons in the air to prevent buzz bombs from coming over the harbors that were preparing for war, to prevent the planes from diving down in the harbor and bombing the area. Stuff like that."

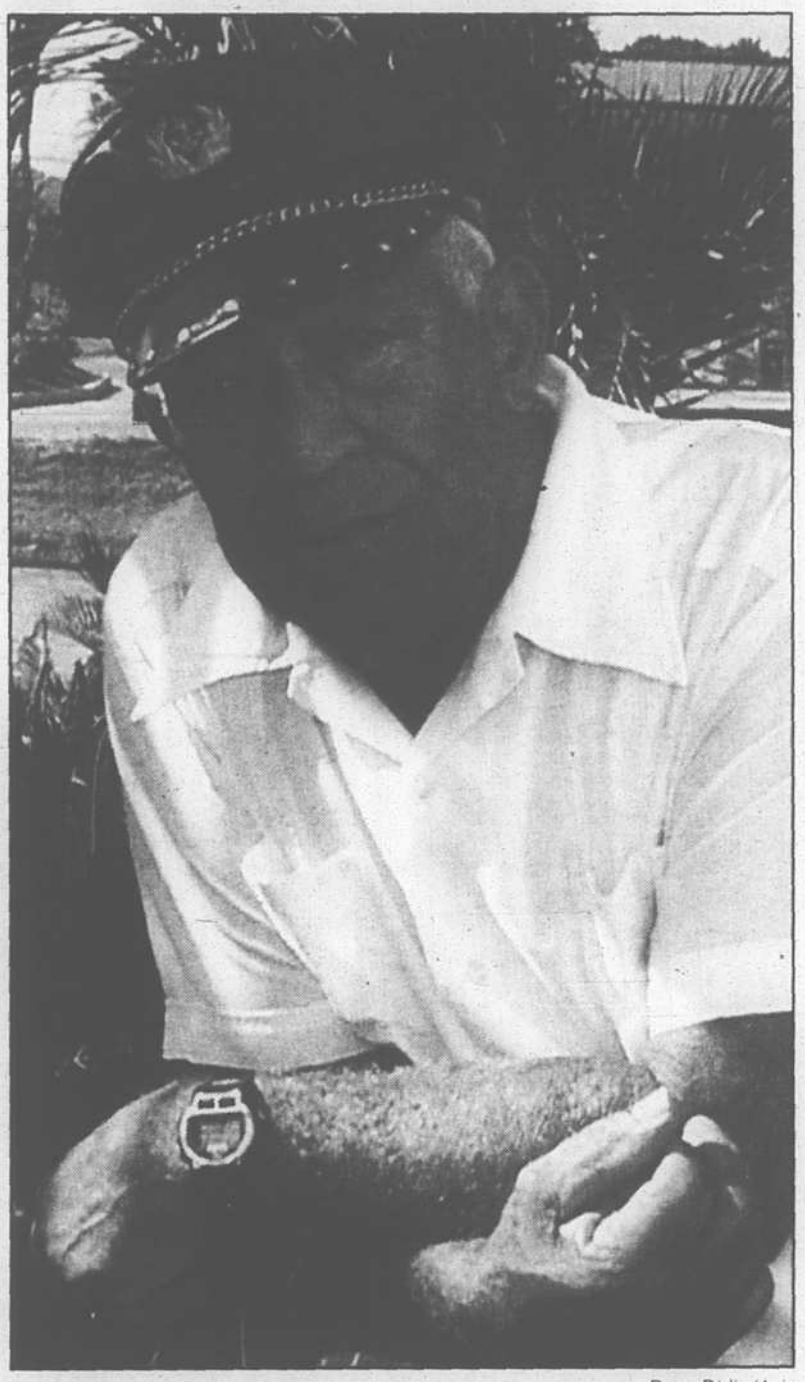
As a boy, Berry said his mentor was lifelong friend Wilfred "Bomba" Allick, the well-known St. Croix sailor.

"He used to sail and I liked sailing," said Berry. "I used to go with him on pleasure trips and things like that. I had a boat and he used to show me how to sail it.

"At 15 years old, I was strong enough and big enough to be an apprentice. After apprentice, three years you become a skilled man. Then you can hold different positions on schooners. It takes three years as apprentice before you're allowed to handle the vessel yourself."

At age 17 1/2, Berry joined the U.S. Navy with his parents' permission.

"The Navy had a crash boat here during the war, a boat for when planes go down, for rescue," said Berry. "I used to get jobs with those guys. If they want to go back and forth, they hire a local sailor to help them assist and show them the harbor."



Dave Didio/Avis

Since the age of 15, Claude P. Berry has made a career out of the marine industry. The V.I. Port Authority on Wednesday christened its new pilot boat the "Claude Berry II."
As a young man, Berry sailed the world with the U.S. Navy and the Merchant Marine. The photo at left was taken in Colombia.

Photo courtesy of Claude Berry

Looking back on the marine business in general, Berry said, the industry is changing.

"It takes less men and you have more containerized shipping. You take more space, less time to operate. Like computers — less secretaries, more machinery."

VIPA's pilot boats are used to help large cargo ships maneuver in and out of St. Croix ports. The pilot officer must be "knowledgeable about the ports, the docks, the currents, the tides, the depth of the water," Berry explained. "He instructs the captains of the vessels how to come about the course without coming into any hazard."

VIPA Board member Sidney Lee was present during Wednesday's pilot boat christening ceremony at the Frederiksted Pier.

Lee said yesterday that naming a boat after a Crucian was evidence that the Port Authority will now be giving St. Croix more attention.

"The perception is that the Port Authority is more concerned with St. Thomas and St. John than with St. Croix," said Lee. "I believe that is going to change. We're going to make it true. I think that St. Croix does need the work."

Berry said the Claude Berry II "is specialized in the transport of pilots between vessels in the container port, Frederiksted, and there might be times when Christiansted is in need of such a boat. And it makes trips to St. Thomas in case of emergency if they need another boat to assist with passenger traffic in St. Thomas.

"I was very persistent to get the boat," said Berry. "In order to continue the trade safely, in order to encourage people to send their vessels that are millions and millions of dollars, you have to have the facility here to take the job."

The first "Claude Berry" vessel had a duel job as a pilot boat and a fire response boat. It was specially equipped with a fire pump available to assist waterfront businesses in Christiansted where fire trucks could not reach.

"In the marine division, there's always something new," Berry said. "There's always modern technology that is taking over the concept of marine work. Very interesting work. I have no regrets."

Search continues on STT for missing kayaker

Coast Guard and Navy searching for man missing since Wednesday

SCOTT FRANK avis

ST. THOMAS -- The search for a 40-year-old man missing since Wednesday morning is continuing in the waters around St. Thomas.

The missing man, a crew member of the ocean-going tug Tuda Hawks, was last seen at 3 a.m., Wednesday, when he is reported to have gone kayaking.

The search is currently being conducted by the U.S. Coast Guard and a U.S. Navy helicopter from Roosevelt Roads Naval Base in Puerto Rico.

On Wednesday, St. Thomas Rescue and the Blue Lighting unit of the V.I. Police Department assisted in the search.

"We were involved in the search when the individual was first reported missing. As the search area moved outward, based on winds and currents, the search was taken over by the Coast Guard," said Mel Rodgen of St. Thomas Rescue.

> "It is very difficult to locate someone floating in the ocean but our crews are highly trained..."
> **Craig Sanders, U.S. Coast Guard**

It is believed the missing man did not have any flotation equipment with him, Rodgen said.

"There's no telling what may have happened out there Wednesday morning," he said.

Chief Petty Officer Craig Sanders of the Coast Guard in Puerto Rico said an initial search was completed Thursday morning and rescuers were conducting a second yesterday afternoon.

"We're currently using an H-65 Coast Guard helicopter out of Puerto Rico to conduct the search. On Thursday morning, it had completed its first search and was scheduled to begin a second search of the area on Thursday afternoon after refueling in St. Thomas," Sanders said.

"When determining the search area, we take into consideration the wind direction and speed, currents, seas, and weather and come up with projected areas where the person could be. Those are the areas in which we concentrate our efforts," Sanders said.

Locating someone lost at sea is difficult, Sanders.

"It is very difficult to locate someone floating in the ocean but our crews are highly trained and have done this type of search and rescue numerous times before," Sanders said.

The identity of the man hasn't been released pending notification of the next of kin.

Opposition, support for STT Yacht Haven project

MATT ZALAZNICK avis

ST. THOMAS -- Malaysian businessman Tan Kay Hock's plan to redevelop the old Ramada Yacht Haven Hotel and marina continues to be met with staunch opposition and strong support from various corners of the territory.

"The Save Long Bay Coalition is very much in favor of a renovation of the Yacht Haven Hotel and marina, but very much opposed to the immense scale of the project proposed by Tan Kay Hock," wrote Helen Gjessing, president of the Save Long Bay coalition, which has opposed the various developments in Long Bay since it formed in 1986.

The project includes a 350 room hotel, a conference center, a condominium complex, a park, retail shops and several hundred boat slips, according to what was announced at press conference held by Gov. Roy Schneider in March.

The coalition opposes the project because intensive construction would be required to build it, the proposed scale would block breezes and cut off views and access to the harbor, and it would add to the congestion on Long Bay Road and Mandela Circle, Gjessing said.

The coalition is also concerned about waste disposal from the project and increased water pollution because the proposed breakwater will impede flushing the inner portion of Long Bay, she said.

"Wastes from the hotel, restaurants and boaters at the marina will be added to already overloaded government waste water and solid waste facilities," Gjessing said.

The coalition believes a project with open space should be developed at Long Bay.

"It should be clear that the Coalition believes that the filled land at Long Bay should become a cultural and recreational waterfront park," Gjessing said in a statement yesterday. "We strongly believe that such a solution would not only be of benefit to the residents of St. Thomas, but a first-class tourist attraction and of great long-term economic attraction to the Territory."

Outgoing St. Croix Sen. Holland Redfield, on the other hand, expressed "deep disappointment," with those who oppose the development.

"Here again, you have local groups lining up against this project. You are already seeing some internal dynamics in the incoming administration sending out mixed signals," Redfield said.

Redfield defended the Yacht Haven project because of the jobs it would create and the money it would inject into the territory's economy.

"Looking at St. Thomas, you have the Yacht Haven project with the Far East investors planning to invest $200 million, creating 2,000 jobs during the construction and completion stages," Redfield said in a statement released this week.

"With a retroactive (government) payroll of 14,000 employees whose jobs are in jeopardy with a bankrupt government, we shrug off individuals willing to invest in the territory as if they mean nothing to us," Redfield said.

Redfield also criticized environmentalists not being sensitive to the long term economic stability of the territory.

"I say to the environmentalists, in our democratic way of life, you have great latitude in being able to express your points of view, however, that latitude also carries with it the awesome responsibility of expressing a fair and balanced point of view," he said.

Redfield encouraged the new administration to keep an open mind on the project and appoint a commissioner to the Department of Planning and Natural Resources who will be "balanced in their approach to development."

The commissioner should be, "pro-growth and know when to be reasonable and not overbearing," he said.

The issue was stirred up this week when Gov.-elect Charles Turnbull sent out a release warning the Public Finance Authority was going to vote on the lease for the Long Bay land fill.

At its meeting Wednesday, the PFA did not vote on the lease, but only decided to continue negotiations.

Rudy Krigger, Turnbull's acting chief of staff, said the new administration wanted to meet with Hock and would keep the door open for the project.

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Kwanzaa fest Saturday in Cruz Bay

KRIS DREESSEN avis

ST. THOMAS -- Unity, self-determination, faith and the other seven principles of Kwanzaa will be celebrated on Saturday with guest speakers and performances in Cruz Bay Park.

"It's a celebration of family and unity and the seven Kwanzaa principles," said Elisa Hodge, current president of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, which is sponsoring the event.

The sorority, founded in 1908 at Howard University, focuses on community service and has 200,000 college women members in chapters in the U.S., Great Britain, West Africa and several other nations.

This year's fourth annual program focuses on family and involving more children in festivities, said Nandi Sekou, incoming sorority president.

"We're having more student participation," Nandi Sekou said. "We feel that Kwanzaa is a family affair, so we should get the elderly and the young people involved, and also they could carry on the tradition if they get involved at an early age."

Students from Guy Benjamin Elementary School will lead off the event with a dance performance, and Julius E. Sprauve Elementary School students will read poetry during the event. Student steel band musicians, the St. John Steel Pan Dragons, will also perform.

The celebration will begin at 6 p.m. and finish about 9:30 p.m.

Guest speaker Dr. Malik Sekou, who is a history and political science professor at the University of the Virgin Islands and a political activist, will discuss Kwanzaa assessment and recommitment, Nandi Sekou said.

Kwanzaa, which means "fruits of harvest" in the East African language of Kiswahili, is a cultural holiday based on the seven fundamental principles referred to as Nguzo Saba. The holiday was founded in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga.

It begins Dec. 26 and runs through Jan. 1. Each day a candle is lit to represent a different Kwanzaa principle.

The principles are unity (umoja), self-determination (kujichagulia), collective work and responsibility (ujima), cooperative economics (ujamaa), purpose (nia), creativity (kuumba) and faith (imani). The principles can be used as guides for daily living, the sorority said.

"It is not a religious holiday," Hodge said, and is not a substitute for Christmas. "It's the celebration of principles in our lives that would make us all better people."

During the Saturday program, Alpha Kappa Alpha will also honor two St. John elders who have exhibited the principle of collective work and responsibility -- George and Eirleen January.

Eirleen January is a local school principal and George is a retired school maintenance worker. Both have given greatly to the St. John community, Nandi Sekou said.

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Happy Holiday

The Rising Stars Youth Steel Orchestra of St. Thomas kicked off Christmas Eve and Christmas festivities yesterday with an almost two-hour performance at the Alvaro del Lugo Post Office. As the musicians played renditions of "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" and other holiday favorites, locals and tourists snapped photos, applauded and sang along.

The orchestra was joined by a Salvation Army volunteer collecting funds to aid needy families and the Charlotte Amalie High School Band Boosters, who set up a table next to the post office to sell toys as a fund raiser.

Left:
Conductor John Hodge leads the Rising Stars in a rousing rendition of a Christmas carol.

Right:
Tevern Brown plays a Christmas carol during yesterday's performance.

Kris Dreessen/Avis



Christmas Briefs

VITELCO holiday hours posted

Offices of the Virgin Islands Telephone Co. will be closed on Friday, Dec. 25 and Monday, Dec. 28 in observation of Christmas and Christmas Second Day. The 912 repair center will operate on Friday and Monday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Normal business hours resume on Tuesday, Dec. 29.

Government staff holidays posted

V.I. government offices will be closed today for Christmas and on New Year's Day throughout the territory, and offices closed yesterday in observation of Christmas Eve at noon.

For St. Croix only, staff will be excused from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on J'Ouvert morning on Dec. 31, and will have a half day on Dec. 30 for the Festival Food Fair. Dismissal time on food fair day, Dec. 31, is noon.

Caribbean concert will not air on Channel 12

The Caribbean Christmas Concert scheduled to air today at 9 p.m. will not be shown, announced WTJX Channel 12. The concert will be replaced with a rebroadcast of a special holiday edition of "Topics", which aired last Thursday and featured "Stanley and the Ten Sleepless Nights", the well-known quelbe band. Christmas Eve's musical guests, "Bully and the Kafooners" will perform quelbe talents during the rebroadcast also.

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EDITORIAL:

Happy Holidays

The holidays are here and we Virgin Islanders are getting ready for it in our traditional style.

Christmas with a West Indian flavor, Three Kings Day and on St. Croix the Crucian Christmas Festival all make for a special time of year.

But its not Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah or Ramadan that makes things as special as they are — it is the togetherness.

The diversity of the people in the territory along with hundreds of years of history and tradition make the Virgin Islands one of the most unique spots on the planet.

We are truly blessed and fortunate to be able to share this special time of year with each other at the crossroads of the Caribbean.

It is our time to jump up, to lime, to worship, to be with our families, enjoy our customs — no matter who we are. It is time to celebrate as one.

We must remember, too, that this is the time of year when recklessness, either behind the wheel or on the streets, have absolutely no place. We must celebrate responsibly, with Thomian, Johnian or Crucian class.

This is the time to reflect on the past year, either personally or as a group, and figure out how to make 1999 the best year in the history of the Virgin Islands.

As we do every year at this time, we wish the entire community a happy and healthy holiday season and urge one and all to make it a safe season for all. The true spirit of the season is one of giving and enjoying - harm and tragedy just don't fit in.

Let's all look around us and count our blessings, which are many, and enjoy the days to come as we get ready to bring in the New Year.

Sadly, Santa won't be coming down my chimney next year

These are the last days of Santa Claus. At my house, at least.

My daughter is 8 now and if precedent is any guide, this is the final year she'll believe that a man in a flying sleigh can traverse the world in a single night, bringing toys to all the boys and girls who were good all year long.

Already you can see cracks in the foundation of faith — the suspicious questions, the not-so-casual mention that this kid or that says Santa is just a myth. So it won't be long now. Sometime before next Christmas, she'll ask me to level with her, to give her the scoop on Santa Claus. And I will, though not without a certain amount of regret.

Man, what happens to the time? No fair moving along so fast. No fair growing up so soon.

I really hate to see Santa Claus go. There's something bracing about the purity of a child's belief in magic things. It's such a simple faith, has neither guile nor subtext, doesn't yet know how bruises feel, or what impossible means. It's a faith that sees in the world only possibilities without end. A faith you protect for as long as you can.

You tell yourself you do it for the child, to guard her innocence, and that's probably true. But it's also true, I think, that you do it for yourself, do it because living in proximity to such simple, powerful belief has a way of softening jaded eyes, mending tattered spirits. It feels good to watch a child believe in Santa Claus.

But inevitably there comes a day, doesn't there? A day when Santa Claus goes the way of night lights and tooth fairies and monsters that dwell under the bed. And so she moves step by step into the next stage, toward an eventual maturity of contradiction and complication where few things will ever again be as truly simple as they seemed when viewed through childish eyes.

These are the last days of Santa Claus. And you know something? I've been here four times before with my oldest kids, and not one has ever spilled the beans about St. Nicholas to younger siblings. As each received the truth, each took it upon him or herself to preserve the myth. You could chalk that up to the fact that they have no desire to incur the wrath of Dad. Me, I like to think they also understand at some level that it is good for small children to believe in magic.



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Which is, I know, an anachronistic thought. Some of us no longer consider childhood a separate and unique time whose rituals and passages we are charged to protect. Rather, in the eyes of some, children are just smaller versions of ourselves. Think of JonBenet Ramsey, the slain 6-year-old beauty queen who went around tarted up like a woman 20 years older. Or Jessica Dubroff, the 7-year-old "pilot" who died in a misbegotten effort to become the youngest person ever to fly across the country.

Not only them, though. Think of the kids on the sitcom, the billboard, the TV commercial, the music video. For that matter, look at the kids standing ahead of you in the checkout line at the market. Look at all the self-aware, hipper-than-thou, sexually-precocious children. Kids pushed toward adult things before their baby teeth are gone. And tell me that something in you doesn't become queasy and uneasy at the sight of innocence stolen by those who were charged with protecting it.

Maybe I'm guilty of over-sentimentalizing childhood. But if the alternative is a child pushed to maturity before her time, well, that's no alternative at all. The time comes quickly enough without pushing.

Yesterday, I saw my daughter's first teeth, her first steps, her first day of school. Just yesterday, I swear, all those firsts. Yet today, already, I am in the last days of Santa Claus.

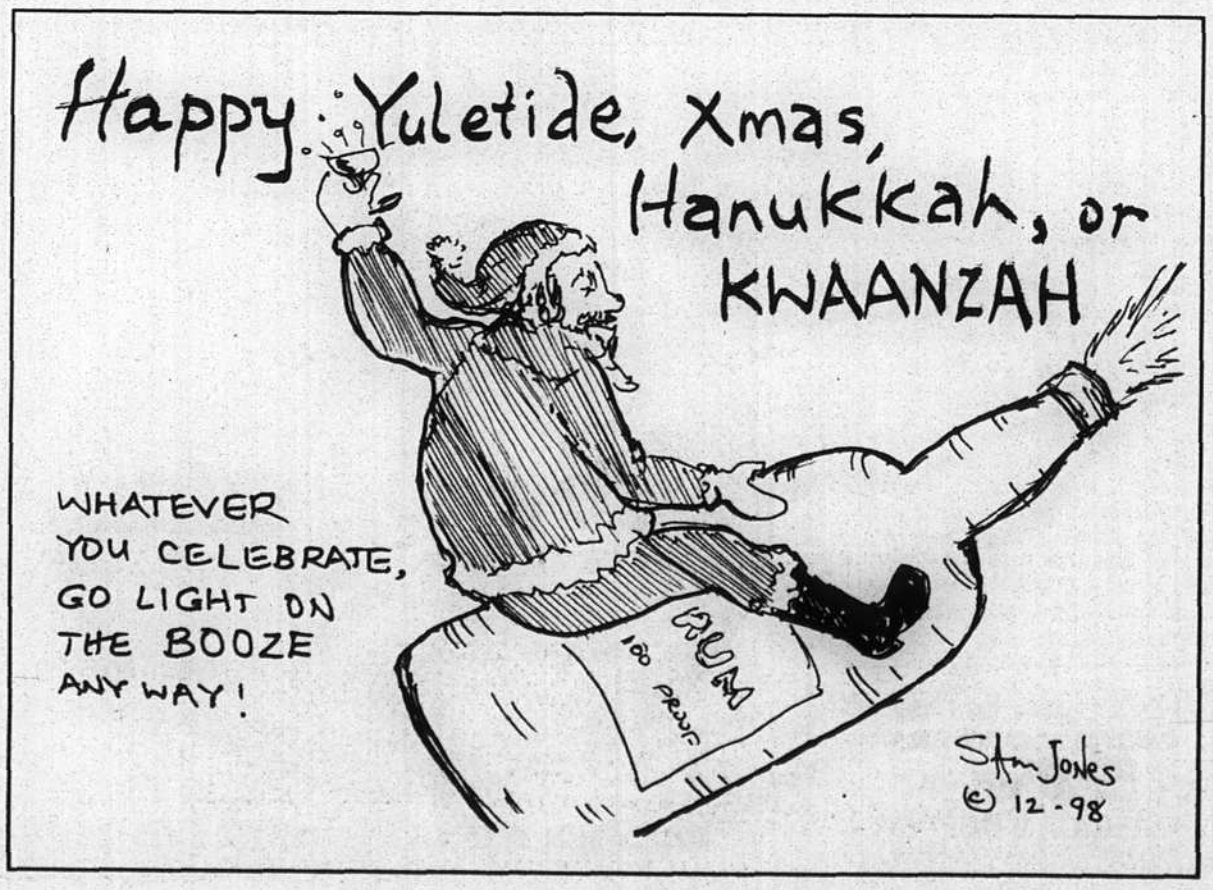
That's childhood, isn't it? It's life. A humbling series of firsts and lasts. So you thank God for the occasional always.

Because it's the always that gets you through. Indeed, it's the always I'll be clinging to tomorrow as my little girl peels the wrappings off wonderful, shiny things that appeared beneath the tree as if by magic during the night. The always I'll hold, knowing this is the last time she'll believe such a patent impossibility.

No fair moving on so fast, little one. No fair growing up so soon.

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Happy Holidays!

From the Staff of the St. Croix Avis



Memories of Christmas past



Carl Rowan

WASHINGTON — As I gorge on the nectar of oranges sent to me by a friend in Florida, my memory tells me it must be Christmas.

You see, as children of the Great Depression in Tennessee, my brother and sisters and I only got oranges at Christmas, such fruits being normally too expensive for a father who earned 25 cents an hour stacking lumber — when he could work. Well, there was an exception: When we got sick and had to take castor oil, our mother would always scrounge up an orange so we could suck half of it as a chaser to that dreadful medicine.

How blessed we are that American youngsters today have far greater access to oranges and orange juice than did I and my contemporaries.

By the way, whatever happened to loading kids up with castor oil? Or Fletcher's castoria?

And what happened to the tradition of celebrating Christmas with mincemeat pie, which I once regarded as the king of desserts? In my house we discovered an old British recipe for "chess pie," the sort of Rolls-Royce of pecan pies. It's made with brown sugar instead of caro syrup and has enough calories to make your taste buds sing while your doctor weeps.

We needed the calories in my boyhood, because we walked everywhere, since our father never owned a car in his 95 years of life. But walking everywhere to sing carols at Christmastime was a joy that seems lost to this generation.

My favorite "carol" used to be that World War II yearning for peace in which the British dreamed of the day when there'd be bluebirds over the White Cliffs of Dover. I liked it because I usually was the only one who knew all the words and I'd get to solo on the bridge of that plaintive song:

The shepherd will tend his sheep.

The valleys will bloom again.

And Jimmy can go to sleep

In his own little room again.

Sadly, the nature of man is such that Jimmy and the bluebirds still must share the cliffs and valleys with occasional bombers and terrorists.

Still, every Christmas we gather with those we love in new hope for a less combative, more compassionate society. Our partings are rarely laced with optimism, but where I've set the agendas, the partings have always been sweet, sorrowful and melodic like the lyrics of this classic farewell song:

Oh, give me something to remember you by

When you are far away from me.

Some little something saying love cannot die

No matter where you chance to be.

I will pray for you, night and day for you.

Love will see me through every storm

Till your returning.

Oh, give me something to remember you by

When you are far away from me.

On this Christmas Day, dear readers, I wish you an orange, a bluebird, a happy song and someone worthy of remembering.

Letters to the Editor:

Kwanzaa '98 a celebration of community, culture

Sele Adeyemi

My Turn!

Kwanzaa is perhaps one of the most rewarding fruits of the black African cultural revolution, which occurred in the United States during the 1960s. It was created in 1966 by Prof. Maulana Karenga, a leading theoretician and activist of the African-American struggle.

According to Karenga, the key crisis in African-American life in the 1960s was a crisis of ideology and culture, i.e. a critical lack of a coherent system of views and values that would give blacks a moral, material and meaningful interpretation of life, as well as demand an allegiance and practice, which would insure their liberation and a higher level of human life. Thus, Kwanzaa was created first and foremost to "translate and transfer values to our people."

It is within this context of values that Karenga advanced the "Nguzo Saba" as a minimum set of values, which African-Americans needed to rescue and reconstruct their lives in their own image and interest. The Nguzo Saba, or the Seven Principles, are celebrated on seven consecutive days beginning Dec. 26: Umoja (Unity); Kujichagulia (self-determination); Ujima (collective work and responsibility); Ujamaa (cooperative economics); Nia (purpose); Kuumba (creativity); and Imani (faith).

Karenga further made it clear that Kwanzaa was not an imitation but, in fact, an oppositional alternative to the spookism, mysticism and non-earth-based practices, which plague us as a people and encourage us to withdraw from life rather than boldly confronting it.

In the Virgin Islands, Kwanzaa was first celebrated in 1973, at Kings Calypso Court on St. Thomas. Then several other Kwanzaa celebrations were held during the 1970s.

In 1974, the Student Progressive Organization of the then-College of the Virgin Islands held its first Kwanzaa at Bergs Home Community Center. That Kwanzaa was geared towards the children of the neighborhood.

In 1981, a Kwanzaa committee was formed on St. Thomas, after Chinwe Osaze wrote a letter to the Daily News urging residents to celebrate Kwanzaa. That year, the committee organized several Kwanzaa programs at various venues throughout the island. From 1982 to 1984, and again in 1987, the Afrikan Appraisal Workshop coordinated Kwanzaa activities on St. Thomas. From 1993 to 1996, some of the most impressive Kwanzaa celebrations were held by the Edward Wilmoth Blyden Society.

On St. Croix, beginning around the mid-1980s, Kwanzaa programs have been held by several organizations including the Pan African Support Group, Nation of Islam, African Hebrew Israelites, Bamboula Haven, the Boys and Girls Clu, and others.

This year, the St. Croix Kwanzaa Coalition will be celebrating Kwanzaa from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Dec. 26, (Saturday) in the Educational Complex cafeteria. Cultural performers will include Sunny Isle Baptist Steel Orchestra, Tony Richards, Claude O. Markoe Singers, Ayami, Keshma Fontaine, Psyche, African dancers and drummers, local speakers, and more. While admission is absolutely free, in the spirit of that day's principle Umoja (unity), people who are planning to attend are being asked to bring a token contribution of some fruits, nuts, non-alcoholic beverages, homemade drinks or wholesome pastries.

The Pan African Support Group of St. Thomas will have a Kwanzaa program on the evening of Dec. 27, (Sunday), at the V.I. Cultural Heritage Institute. Strength to Strength and the African Diaspora Youth Development Foundation will also hold Kwanzaa programs on St. Thomas.

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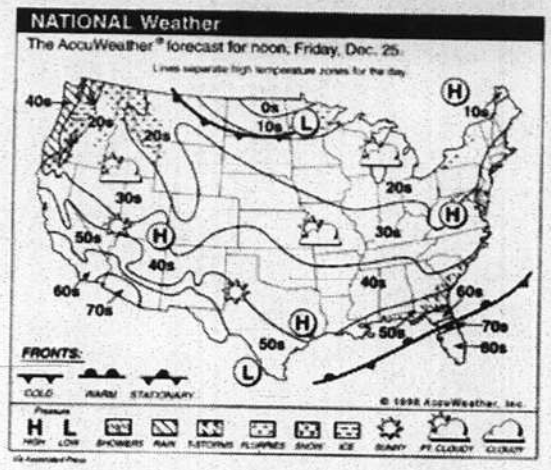
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Caribbean Temps

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Barbados	86	73	clr
Bermuda	75	64	clr
Caracas	84	69	cdy
Havana	80	69	cdy
Nassau	80	69	clr
San Juan	82	71	cdy



U.S. Temps

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Atlanta	39	35	cdy
Boston	25	17	sn
Chicago	25	9	cdy
Dayton	20	9	cdy
Detroit	22	9	cdy
El Paso	47	23	cdy
Fargo	9	-3	clr
Honolulu	82	71	clr
Houston	36	34	cdy
Indianapolis	21	10	clr
Juneau	21	15	cdy
Kansas City	24	7	clr
Las Vegas	45	31	clr
Memphis	26	20	cdy

World Temps

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Auckland	73	64	clr
Belgrade	31	20	cdy
Calgary	18	14	clr
Helsinki	14	14	cdy
Istanbul	46	35	sn
Jerusalem	4	42	clr
London	48	46	rn
Nairobi	80	55	clr
New Delhi	66	50	cdy
Osaka	57	42	clr
Oslo	25	22	cdy
Paris	42	33	cdy
Rome	55	35	clr
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V.I. Forecast

FORECAST FOR ST. CROIX, ST. THOMAS AND ST. JOHN FROM THE NWS IN SAN JUAN, PR.

CHRISTMAS DAY — PARTLY CLOUDY AND BREEZY. A 40 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS, MORE NUMEROUS MORNING. HIGH AROUND 85. WIND EAST TO NORTHEAST 15 TO 25 MPH AND GUSTY. SUNRISE 6:47 A.M., SUNSET 5:51 P.M.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT — VARIABLE CLOUDINESS WITH A 50 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. BREEZY HIGHER ELEVATIONS. LOW 70 TO 80.

SATURDAY — VARIABLE CLOUDINESS AND CONTINUED BREEZY WITH A 40 PERCENT CHANCE OF SHOWERS. HIGH AROUND 85. SUNRISE 6:47 A.M., SUNSET 5:52 P.M.

REMAINDER OF THE CHRISTMAS WEEKEND — VARIABLE CLOUDINESS. SCATTERED TO NUMEROUS SHOWERS. SLIGHT CHANCE OF A THUNDERSTORM. LOWS 70 TO 80. HIGHS AROUND 85.

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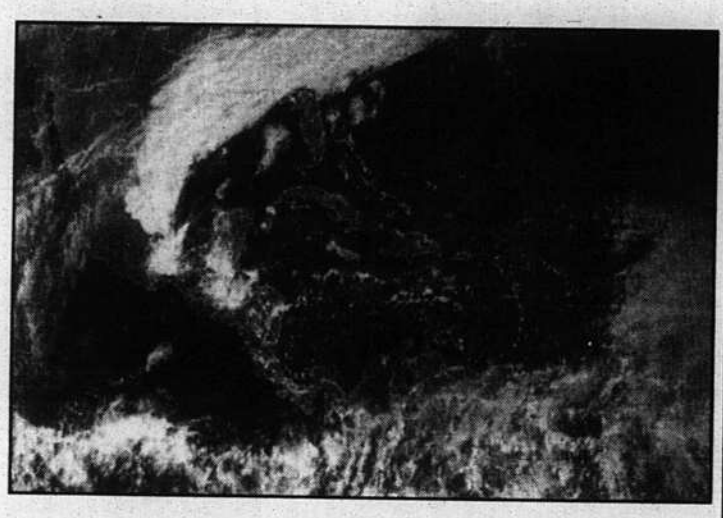
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OUTLOOK FOR PUERTO RICO AND THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS WATERS

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Fire in Culkin apartment kills four in building



Photo by AP

Smoke pours from windows on the 19th floor of a high rise on New York's West 60th Street, after a fire broke out in two apartments that neighbors said were occupied by the family of actor Macaulay Culkin.

NEW YORK (AP) — A fire broke out Wednesday in the apartment of actor Macaulay Culkin's family, killing four people elsewhere in the Manhattan high-rise.

The Culkin family was safe, a publicist said. The dead, three women and a man, were found on higher floors of the 51-story building. It is believed they died of smoke inhalation.

Twenty people — including four firefighters — were injured, none seriously. Investigators were looking into reports that a Christmas tree caught fire, Fire Commissioner Thomas Von Essen said.

A space heater was removed from the scene, and investigators were trying to determine whether it might have contributed to the blaze, said department spokesman Chief Brian Dixon.

The fire was reported shortly before 10 a.m. at the building, just a few blocks from Central Park and Lincoln Center.

It began in apartments 19D and 19E, which were connected and had been listed in 1997 court papers as the Culkins' residence. Neighbors said Macaulay's mother, Patricia Brentrup, and some of his six siblings, ranging in age from 10 to 22, still live there.

Von Essen had no information on the Culkins and said no one was in the apartments when firefighters arrived. Family publicist Paul Bloch said: "I can only tell you they're all safe. The family is very sad about the tragedy."

Resident Steve Young said he saw some of the younger Culkin brothers as he left the smoke-filled building. "I ran down the stairway and saw the Culkins in the lobby," he said.

The apartment was mentioned in papers from a child custody case involving Ms. Brentrup and the children's father, Christopher Kit Culkin. Macaulay Culkin, who starred in "Home Alone," recently moved out after getting married, but often returned to visit.

Neighbors have complained that the Culkin kids were sometimes unsupervised and that the teenagers drank beer and played loud music.

But resident Kevin Crafts said: "They're good kids."

Two hundred firefighters were sent to the scene. White smoke billowed from the burning apartments as the building was searched floor by floor for victims. The dead were not immediately identified. The mayor indicated they were found in the halls. "If people had stayed in their apartments, we might have come away without serious injuries," Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said.

Two firefighters were hospitalized and in stable condition with minor burns and smoke inhalation.

The building was not required to have sprinklers, Von Essen said. He added that the cause of the fire was unknown but not considered suspicious.

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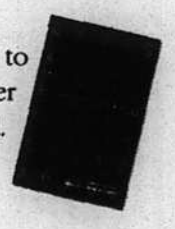
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'Too cold for too long' — California crops frozen, millions in losses

SANTA PAULA, Calif. (AP) — Bob Pinkerton labored through the night trying to keep his citrus grove warm, hoping to protect the fragile lemon trees that bear his livelihood on their branches.

The farmer ran wind machines and sprinklers until dawn as puddles of water froze and icicles formed on the precious fruit. Ice crunched under his feet.

"You can't just trust everything, roll over and pull the covers up a little more," Pinkerton said Wednesday amid the racket of propellers. "You better be on the job. It's your business."

Three straight nights of freezing temperatures have caused at least $591 million in damage to California's citrus industry. The tally comes from just three counties. It is a grim number that is expected to grow.

Supermarket prices for oranges could triple in the next few days, wholesalers said. Navel oranges that sold for 35 cents a pound Tuesday had jumped to 90 cents a pound Wednesday, David John, an export buyer for General Produce in Sacramento told the Los Angeles Times.

The citrus harvest has just begun in California, second only to Florida in orange production and the supplier of most of the nation's fresh market oranges. Florida oranges are mostly used for juice. California also produces 80 percent of the nation's lemon supply.

While Pinkerton and other farmers scrambled to save their crops, the cold air that has spilled out of Canada spread a deadly sheet of ice from Texas through the Tennessee Valley. Deaths, mostly traffic related, have been reported in at least a half-dozen states in the nation's first true cold snap of the season. Here, it is the crops that are dying. A hard freeze warning was posted again thursday morning for California's agriculturally rich southern and central valleys, where overnight temperatures dropped into the high teens and low 20s. The mercury dipped to 19 in Bakersfield and 21 in Fresno at 4:30 a.m. thursday.

Fruit can be severely damaged when the temperature dips to 26 degrees for four to six hours, said Bill Spencer, president of Associated Citrus Packers Inc., a major lemon producer and shipper.

Long hours of freezing temperatures have blanketed central California's San Joaquin Valley, especially in Tulare County, which supplies 50 percent of the state's oranges.

County officials, along with those from Fresno and Kern counties, were planning to seek federal aid for farmers by asking the state to declare their communities disaster areas.

"Based on preliminary damage surveys, our growers will be lucky to salvage more than 15 percent of the county's citrus crop," said Leonard Craft, Tulare County's agricultural commissioner. "It was too cold for too long."

Temperatures in the Yuma, Ariz., area, which produces most of the nation's winter lettuce crop and millions of dollars worth of lemons, also dipped into the 20s overnight Tuesday and Wednesday.

While citrus growers can irrigate their fields when temperatures dip near freezing because water gives off heat as it cools, little can be done to protect the fields of iceberg, romaine and red leaf. Lettuce grows close to the ground and its leaves are heavy with water.

Some growers used smudge pots, which burn to produce warm smoke, or paid as much as $700 an hour to rent helicopters to hover over their crops, using the rotor blades to stir up the cold air in hope of raising temperatures just a vital degree or two.

When dawn broke Wednesday, the warming sun relieved Pinkerton from his task. The farmer prepared to nap a few hours before again defending his grove of trees in the battle with winter.

"I think they're all right," he said with a sigh. "It depends on how long the freeze lasts. To really see the heavy damage in a tree it takes several weeks."

In the San Joaquin Valley, weary orange grower Terry Baker also stayed up all night to make sure the sprinklers were working properly on his 220 acres of orange and lemon groves in eastern Tulare County.

"You can always tell who the orange growers are," he said, "because they're the ones with bags under their eyes."

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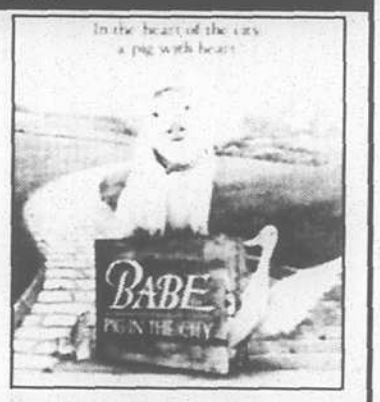
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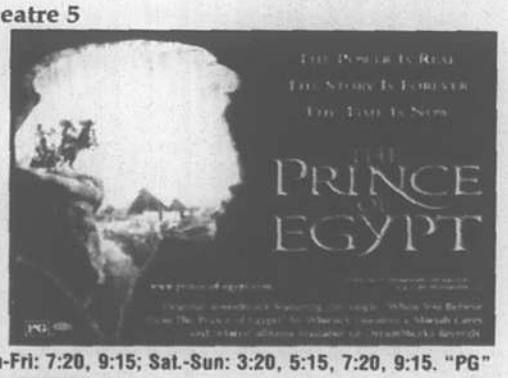


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Christmas celebrations worldwide survive tensions

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) — Yasser Arafat's helicopter landed in Bethlehem on Christmas Eve — delayed by a manhunt for a Palestinian fugitive but still in time for celebrations in the town of Jesus' birth.

Troubles intruded on holiday celebrations elsewhere in the world, too, with refugees of Hurricane Mitch finding Christmas spirit hard to come by and Christians in Indonesia shaken by attacks on churches.

Still, the sacred business of celebration took precedence for many Christians. Christmas was being reborn in Cuba, and Pope John Paul II was to deliver his Christmas Eve Mass homily from St. Peter's Basilica.

Even the dragnet in the town of Jesus' birth could not dampen festivities. Boy Scout bagpipe bands marched throughout the day, and crowds of well-wishers — along with mounted Palestinian police — greeted the Latin patriarch, Michel Sabbah.

As soon as darkness fell, the snap and sparkle of firecrackers filled Manger Square — despite pleas by Mayor Hanna J. Nasser, who says such displays are inappropriate at Christmas.

Bethlehem was handed from Israeli to Palestinian rule just before Christmas 1995, and the fireworks were a celebration of independence.

Heather Taylor, a 25-year-old teacher from Winnsboro, Texas, said she didn't mind the intrusion: "I'm here to be near to the place of the person I love, the Savior I love."

Decorum was to come later in the evening with Midnight Mass in the Church of St. Katherine, next to the fourth-century Church of the Nativity that was built on the traditional birthplace of Jesus. A 10-foot by 10-foot television screen was set up for the overflow.

The nationalist tone of previous Christmases in a Bethlehem under Palestinian authority has been played down: Instead of the 2-story-high portrait Arafat of earlier years, smaller depictions of the Palestinian leader were hanging from streamers over Manger Square.

A manhunt for Jamil Jadala, a Bethlehem native accused of involvement in the October killings of two Israelis, was still under way when Arafat arrived in Bethlehem early yesterday evening. Arafat is under pressure from Israel to contain political violence, and Jadala's escape from a Nablus jail earlier this week has embarrassed him.

Bethlehem police surrounded his house after receiving a tip he had returned to his hometown. Arafat was 45 minutes late to the Christmas festivities because the manhunt required security rearrangements.

Tensions intruded into Christmas celebrations elsewhere in the world, but festivities were not lost:

—In Jakarta, Indonesia's Christian leaders appealed for racial and religious harmony following recent attacks by Muslim mobs on Christian churches. Rising social and religious tension has rocked a nation struggling through its worst economic crisis in three decades.

—In the Kuwaiti desert, 1,000 U.S. Marines in the region to meet any Iraqi threat, tried to make the best of Christmas Eve in the desert. Cpl. Robert Katz of New Rochelle, N.Y., said Christmas was about being with the people dearest to your heart, and "we're all friends and family here."

—On the others side of the Kuwait-Iraq border, President Saddam Hussein delivered a Christmas message, saying recent U.S. and British airstrikes on Iraq violated the teachings of Jesus. He called on all believers to "face up to these criminals."

Eight years of U.N. sanctions has limited celebrations among Iraq's Christian minority. Still, Faris Boutros Mehdi shopped for presents to put beneath his small, bare, plastic Christmas tree. A bottle of perfume for his girlfriend cost him nearly $15, about half his monthly salary.

—In some Central American towns, Hurricane Mitch wiped out the holiday entirely. "What Christmas?" asked Gregorio Sanchez, who lives with his wife and five children in a dirt-floor shelter of plastic in Posoltega, Nicaragua, alongside hundreds of other refugees.

—In Havana, however, Cubans crowded markets to buy pork roasts and other traditional foods for a Christmas made especially festive by the recent reinstatement of Dec. 25 as a permanent holiday.

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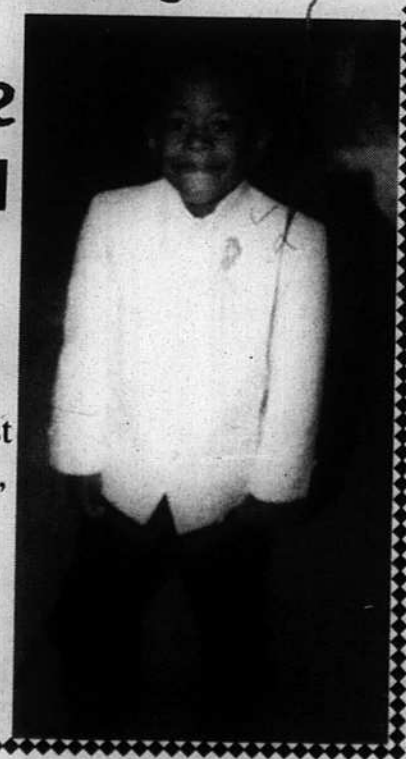
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Iranian court rejects appeal of former mayor

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — An Iranian court has rejected an appeal by the former mayor of Tehran who was sentenced to five years in jail for corruption.

Gholamhossein Karbaschi's appeal was reviewed by three judges, and the "charges and the cases of conviction remain the same," Iran's official news agency reported Tuesday. It quoted judiciary spokesman Fotovat Nasiri-Savadkouhi.

The Islamic Republic News Agency did not say when the ruling was made.

Karbaschi was sentenced in July and had been allowed to remain free on bail pending appeal. IRNA did not say if he had now been jailed, and judiciary officials could not be reached for comment.

Karbaschi, an ally of moderate President Mohammad Khatami, was a target of hard-line political rivals, and many Iranians saw the trial as a political settling of scores.

He was found guilty of embezzlement during his eight years as Tehran's mayor. He was sentenced to three years in prison for embezzlement and two years for misappropriation of government money.

He was also ordered to pay $500,000 in fines and compensation to the city and banned from holding any government job for 20 years.

During his trial, Karbaschi admitted to making mistakes, but denied stealing public money.

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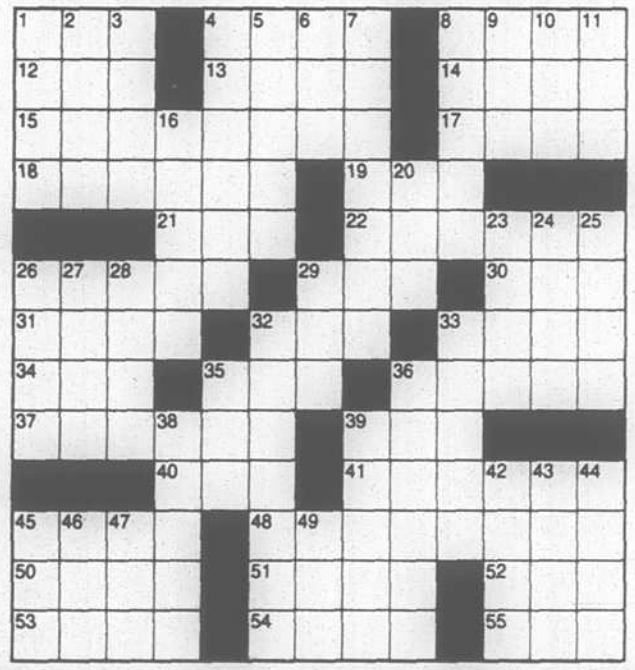
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32 Embarrassed, plus
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36 Gathering places, maybe
38 Full of gossip
39 "Inferno" man
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Yesterday's answer

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I'M CERTAIN THAT PLENTY OF BABY BIRDS CALL THEIR PARENTS MOTHER AND FEATHER.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: I equals C

Horoscope
By Francis Drake

ARIES
(March 21 to April 19)
Don't be afraid to rewrite the rules to suit your needs. For a change, you can get away with things that are usually forbidden.

TAURUS
(April 20 to May 20)
The events you'd most like to see set in motion remain stubbornly frozen. Take 10 deep breaths, and expand your knowledge of relaxation techniques.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)
Your only problem will be that you have taken on more than you can finish. Remember that it's better to do a few things really well than a dozen half-heartedly.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)
A little sympathy from the right person leaves you feeling human once more. Responsibilities are pressing in from all sides, but a friend leaps to your assistance.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)
Because you are currently wide open to whatever the universe has to offer, love, adventure and self-discovery are in the offing.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Don't sign up for a service that you know isn't really crucial. You will soon have something far more exciting to spend your funds on.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
If there's a problem in your life, examine your own behavior before casting the blame. It's likely that the ultimate solution lies within.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Beware of a self-fulfilling prophecy over the next few days. Just a little effort on your part could chart your course in a whole new direction.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
An ordinary event suddenly takes a turn for the extraordinary. There's no point going with your prepared scripts now — let yourself be spontaneous.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Find a way to rejuvenate your energy before it ebbs any further. Don't let a busy schedule drive you to the brink of exhaustion.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Right and wrong are not the absolutes you sometimes wish that they were. Don't be so fixed in your judgment, as there are many sides to the story.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to March 20)
An electric energy fills the air and romance is highly likely. You impress yourself with your courage in a very difficult moment.

YOU BORN TODAY The forcefulness of your personality can be both propelling and repelling. When you use your leadership skills wisely, it is quite amazing what you can accomplish. Just make sure that you keep that urge to be dictatorial carefully in check.

Birthdate of: Steve Allen, entertainer; Alan King, comedian; Donald Moffat, actor.

DEAR ABBY



by Abigail Van Buren
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Two Are No Better Than One When Pills Are Out-of-Date

DEAR ABBY: A couple of weeks ago, my grandfather was having chest pains. He has a history of heart problems, and had been prescribed nitroglycerin pills for emergencies. Unfortunately, the pills had expired long ago. My grandfather knew it and took two to make up the difference. It didn't, so he took two more. Abby my grandfather took six pills within a half-hour and was feeling progressively worse. He called my grandmother and asked her to call 911.

A few hours later, we learned that he had suffered a severe angina atttack. It didn't damage his heart, but he could have avoided a hospital stay if the pills he had taken were still potent. Some people might think that the expiration date stamped on the bottle is a "guideline" or just a way for the pharmacy to make money. As my family learned, this assumption is wrong.

Please tell your readers the importance of checking the expiration dates on their medications and that the pills are not good after the expiration date-even if the bottle is unopened.

ALLEN BOUCHARD,
CUMBERLAND, R.I.

DEAR ALLEN: I'm passing the word along - with a little advice from a pharmacist at the Mayo Clinic: Many medications are relatively stable, but it's probably a good idea to discard medications that have been in the patient's possession for more than a year. Nitroglycerin is an exception, however, because it can deteriorate even more rapidly. Because of this fact, pharmacists will dispense this medication in the original bottle from the manufacturer - which has an airtight seal under the cover.

This is the reason it's not a good idea for patients to transfer nitroglycerin tablets to any other kind of pillbox or container. Once the seal on the bottle is broken, it's wise to get a new supply of the drug after three to six months and to discard the old bottle-particularly if the medication has been exposed to heat and humidity. This is usually not a hardship for the patient, as nitroglycerin is a fairly inexpensive medication.

DEAR ABBY: I am 13 years old and in the eighth grade. Last year a new guy moved to our school. When I first saw him, something clicked! I fell for him instantly. I mean, I knew I liked him before I even talked to him.

When he found out I was interested, he said he thought I was cute and he'd like to get to know me better. Then school was out.

Now, we're back in school, but the only time I get to see him is at lunch for about 30 minutes. He's always turning around and looking at me and smiling, but we haven't even talked to each other! What should I do? Write him a letter? Talk to him? Wave? Please help!

IN LOVE IN KENTUCKY

DEAR IN LOVE: Chances are that he feels the same way about you - that's why he keeps turning around and looking at you. But don't put anything on paper. The next time he turns around and smiles at you, smile back. Say "Hi," and ask him what he thought of last Friday's football game, or some other school activity. Listen attentively. That will break the ice and perhaps get the ball rolling.

JUMBLE

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

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



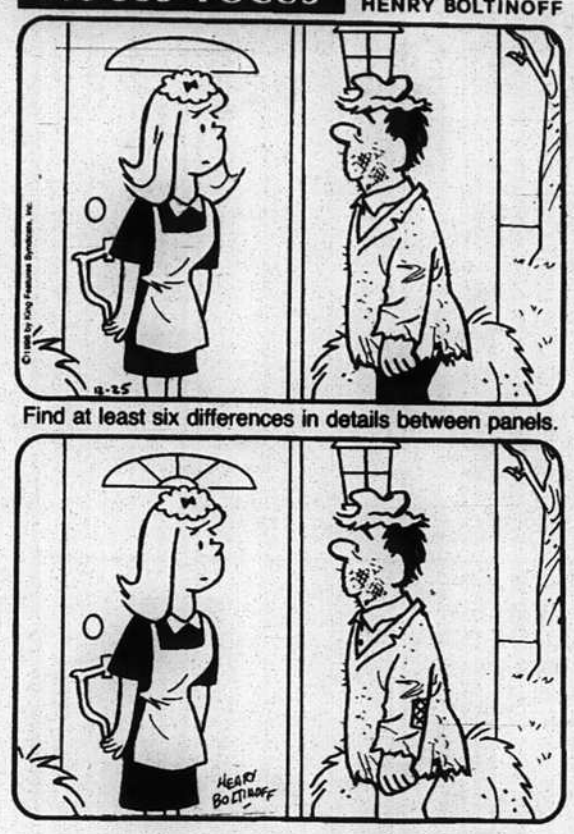
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: A _____ _____ (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PLAIT BRAVE YEARLY BROKEN
Answer: What the orchestra said the locksmith turned pianist was — A "KEY" PLAYER

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Elbow patch is added. 2. Dress is longer. 3. Button is added. 4. Pants are different. 5. Hair is different. 6. Window is changed.

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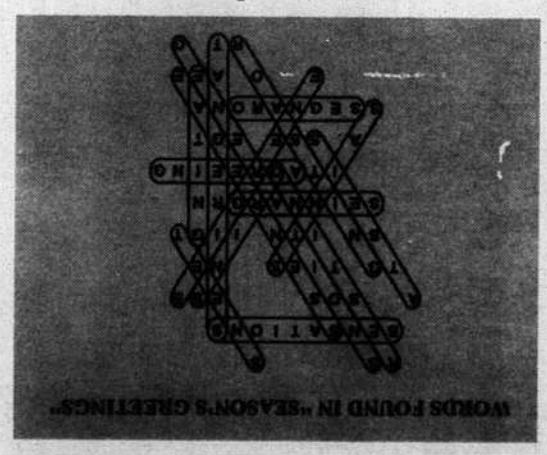
Thursday's unlisted clue: LEMOND

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

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Energies	Oranges	Sensations	

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People in the News

LOS ANGELES (AP) — There have been TV movies, three Emmy nominations for "NYPD Blue," plus her own sitcom. But it's on stage that Sharon Lawrence's career is taking flight. Literally.

"I only flew about 3 feet off the ground today. I'll be 30 feet up when the play starts," the 36-year-old actress said after her first session in a harness for her role in the drama "Tongue of a Bird."

The play runs Jan. 14-Feb. 7 at the Mark Taper Forum.

Miss Lawrence plays a long-dead mother being remembered by a search-and-rescue pilot hunting for a missing 12-year-old girl.

Flying is not so tough for Miss Lawrence. Acting while flying is.

"Any time you're doing something so new and so unique physically, you want to make sure you've got enough time to get that in your body so you're not thinking about that when you're supposed to be thinking about acting," she said.

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (AP) — Sorry, kids, you won't be finding a Jesse Ventura action figure under the Christmas tree.

The dolls won't reach stores until the spring, the governor-elect and former pro wrestler said Wednesday.

The action figure, with a shaved head and bulging muscles about to rip the seams of his dark suit, is expected to sell for $19 to $24, with most profits going to charity.

During Ventura's campaign for governor, one ad depicted two boys playing with a Ventura doll. One of the boys has the doll bang a fist on a desk and rail against Evil Special Interest Man.

"They were the novel item of the campaign," Ventura said. "People seemed to enjoy them, and if they're marketable, great."

Ventura said a Ventura action figure from his pro-wrestling days paid for his first Porsche.

KHMELNYTSKY, Ukraine (AP) — A Ukrainian candy factor is fond of President Clinton and real sweet on Monica.

On Thursday, the Khmelnytsky factory in its namesake town named its newest chocolate confection after Monica Lewinsky.

The rectangular chocolates bearing the name Monica are intended to show support for Clinton, plant officials said.

Clinton visited this former Soviet republic several years ago and tasted its candies. He later wrote a letter of congratulations after the plant won an international prize.

"We keep this letter as a precious relic," factory director Vasyl Liubovetsky said.

The plant is hoping its Monica chocolates will find a huge market. Its Israeli partner has already ordered a large batch.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bebe Neuwirth's role in the play "Over and Over" is over.

The two-time Tony Award winner was dropped from the production, which was scheduled to begin Jan. 6, artistic director Eric D. Schaeffer said Wednesday.

"It's that old cliche 'artistic differences,' but it really means something in this instance, and not something negative," Schaeffer said. Neuwirth played Lilith in TV's "Cheers" and won Tonys for "Sweet Charity" and "Chicago" on Broadway.



Bebe Neuwirth

A replacement has not been named. "Over and Over" opens at the Signature Theatre.

PHOENIX (AP) — Mike Tyson was doing the talking — and some troubled youths were listening.

The former heavyweight champion drew on his own criminal past Wednesday to tell teen-agers in a tent prison to get their lives together.

"You're not here because somebody framed you even though we all say we are," Tyson told about 15 prisoners. "Even though I didn't take anything from that girl, I put myself in that position."

Tyson served more than three years in an Indiana prison after being convicted of rape in 1991.

He is training in Phoenix for his Jan. 16 fight against Francois Botha.

FRIDAY EVENING — DECEMBER 25,1998

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(WAPA)	4	Super Show		Una Luz en el Camino		El Viernes Vale Tres Veces Más		Controversial		Noticias		Cristina	Pedrín de Miami	Numbar	Tele-Amigos
(TLC)	5	Hunt for Amazing Treasures Sunken ship.		Hunt for Amazing Treasures (R)				Stories of Miracles (R) (Part 1 of 2)		Stories of Miracles (R) (Part 2 of 2)		Entertaining Angels Unawares (R)		Angel Stories (R) (Part 1 of 2)	
(TBS)	6	(4:55) Movie (((("Who Framed Roger Rabbit" (1988)		Movie ((("Honey, I Shrunk the Kids" (1989, Fantasy) Rick Moranis, Matt Frewer. Four youngsters are accidentally reduced to bug size.				(:05) Movie ((("Harry and the Hendersons" (1987, Fantasy) John Lithgow, Melinda Dillon, Margaret Langrick. On a camping trip, a family literally runs into Bigfoot.				(:25) Figure Skating Discover Stars on Ice. (R)			
(ENC)	7	Francesco's Friendly World: Christmas		Dana's Christmas	Choices We Face	Solemn Mass of Christmas (R)				Urbi Et Orbi: John Paul II's Christmas Message		Rosary-Land	Movie (("A Time to Remember"	Francesco's Friendly World: Christmas	
(WSVI)	8	(4:30) College Football Aloha Bowl -- Colorado vs. Oregon. From Honolulu. (Live) (CC)				It's Showtime at the Apollo Regina Belle. (R) $		Two of a Kind "First Crush" (R)	Boy Meets World "Her Answer"	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch		Brother's Keeper (R) $ (CC)	20/20 (R) (CC)	This Year in Politics (CC)	(:35) Nightline (CC)
(FOX)	9	Boy Meets World (CC)	Saved by the Bell $	Judge Judy (R)	Simpsons $ (CC)	Home Improvement	Simpsons $ (CC)	Movie "The Munsters' Scary Little Christmas" (1996) Sam McMurray, Ann Magnuson. $ (CC)					Cops $ (CC)	Cops $ (CC)	Maury Guests reunite with first loves. (R) (CC)
(WSEE)	10	Inside Edition (CC)	News	News	CBS Evening News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (CC)	Kids-Darndest	Kids-Darndest	Candid Camera (R)	Candid Camera (R)	Nash Bridges "25 Hours of Christmas" (R)		News	(:35) Late Show (R)
(WXIA)	11	Journeys With Brenda Wood (R)		To Be Announced	NBC Nightly News (CC)	Wheel of Fortune (CC)	Jeopardy! (CC)	Movie (((("It's a Wonderful Life" (1946, Fantasy) James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore. An angel saves a distraught businessman from suicide. $ (CC)						News (CC)	(:35) Tonight Show (R) $ (CC)
(WTJX)	12	(5:00) Rising Stars Christmas Concert		Newshour With Jim Lehrer (CC)		Business Report	Santa Cruz	Caribbean Christmas Concert			Large Christms	Christmas Gloria		Charlie Rose $ (CC)	
(ESPN2)	14	NASCAR's Foundation	Drag Racing: Classic	In the Driver's Seat	Monster Truck	Chrysler Car Show	NFL 2Night	Boxing Friday Night Fights. (R)				Knockouts	Winter X-Games Classix Snocross. (R)		X-Games
(WGN)	15	Saved by the Bell	Blossom $ (CC)	Full House (CC)	Full House (CC)	Family Matters $	Family Matters $	Movie (((("Amadeus" (1984, Drama) (Part 1 of 2) F. Murray Abraham, Tom Hulce. $				Honeymooners	News $ (CC)	MacGyver "Blood Brothers" $	
(MTV)	16	Road Rules (R) $	Road Rules (R) $	Road Rules (R) $	Road Rules (R) $	Road Rules	Road Rules	Road Rules	Road Rules	Road Rules	Road Rules	Ultra Sound "Year in Rock" (R) $		Beavis and Butt-head Christmas (R) $	
(BET)	18	(5:30) Rap City			227 (CC)	Planet Groove Top 10		Harambee! $ (CC)			Denyce Graves	Comicview		Rap City Top 10	
(CNN)	19	Politics	Am. Voices	Worldview	Moneyline Newshour		Crossfire	World Today (CC)		Larry King Live (CC)		World Today (CC)		Sports	Moneyline
(FAM)	20	(5:00) Movie (("Babes in Toyland" (1986) Drew Barrymore.		Life and Adventures of Santa Claus		Year Without a Santa Claus (R)		Santa Claus Is Coming to Town (R)		Kenny and Dolly: A Christmas to Remember (R) $		Branson Country Christmas (R) $		700 Club	
(USA)	21	Movie (((("The Naked Gun" (1988, Comedy) Leslie Nielsen, Priscilla Presley. $ (CC)				Movie (("Kindergarten Cop" (1990) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Penelope Ann Miller. $ (CC)				Movie ((("Twins" (1988, Comedy) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Danny DeVito. $ (CC)				Movie ((("Good Morning, Vietnam" $	
(LIFE)	22	Golden Girls $ (CC)	Golden Girls $ (CC)	Ellen "Fleas Navidad" (CC)	Ellen "The Christmas Show" $	Party of Five "Christmas" $ (CC)		Chicago Hope "On Golden Pons" $ (CC)		Movie ((("City of Joy" (1992, Drama) Patrick Swayze, Pauline Collins, Om Puri. A disillusioned American doctor finds new hope in India.				New Attitudes (R) (CC)	Golden Girls $ (CC)
(ESPN)	24	(5:30) Golf Senior Match Play Challenge. From Palm Springs, Calif.			Sportscenter		National Bowl Kickoff and Season Review	College Football Oahu Bowl -- Air Force vs. Washington. From Honolulu. (Live) (CC)							
(VH1)	25	Behind the Music "Shania Twain" (R) $		100 Greatest Artists of Rock & Roll The top 100 rock 'n' roll artists of all time, as selected by a poll of music video performers. (R) $										Rock-Roll Jeo.	Rock-Roll Jeo.
(TBN)	28	Praise the Lord (CC)						Behind the Scenes	John Osteen (CC)	Frederick K. Price (CC)		Praise the Lord (Live) (CC)			
(NICK)	30	Catdog	All That (R) $	Figure It Out	Secret of Alex	Doug $ (CC)	Rugrats $ (CC)	Rugrats	Kablam! (R) $	Brady Bunch	Wonder Years (CC)	Happy Days	Laverne & Shirley	I Love Lucy (CC)	Bewitched
(DISC)	31	Gimme Shelter Mirror defogger; wood ceiling.		Your New House (R)	Fix-It-Line (R)	Gimme Shelter (R)		Ultimate Guide "Dogs" (R)		Joined at Birth (R)		Survive! (R)		Justice Files "Something Snapped" (R)	
(HBO)	33	Movie ((("Ferris Bueller's Day Off" (1986) Matthew Broderick, Mia Sara. A brash teen and his friends have an adventure in Chicago. $ (CC)				Inside the NFL (R) $ (CC)		Movie (("Mouse Hunt" (1997) Nathan Lane. Two hapless brothers try to outwit a crafty mouse.		(:45) Prince of Egypt: First Look		(:15) Movie (("Batman Returns" (1992, Adventure) Michael Keaton. The Catwoman and the Penguin join forces against Batman. $ (CC)			
(SHOW)	34	(5:30) Basketball NBA players compete in an exhibition game. From Atlantic City, N.J. (R)				Outer Limits "Black Box" (R) $ (CC)		Movie (("Desperate Measures" (1997) Michael Keaton, Andy Garcia. A San Francisco cop looks to a murderer to save his son. $ (CC)				Stargate SG-1 (R) $ (CC)	(:45) Dead Man's Gun "The Trapper" A protective spirit attacks. (R) $ $ (CC)	Outer Limits (R)	
(DISN)	35	"The Muppet Christmas Carol"	Dinosaurs "Refrigerat or Day"	Bestest Present (R) $ (CC)	First Snow of Winter (R) (CC)	Movie "Babes in Toyland" (1997, Adventure) Voices of Charles Nelson Reilly, Lacey Chabert. (CC)		(:20) Movie ((("Bedknobs and Broomsticks" (1971, Fantasy) Angela Lansbury, David Tomlinson, Roddy McDowall. A novice witch uses magic to help Britain fight the Nazis. (CC)						Walt Disney Presents "From All of Us to All of You" (R) (CC)	
(MAX)	36	(5:30) Movie (("One Fine Day" (1996, Comedy) Michelle Pfeiffer, George Clooney. $ (CC)		Movie (("Anaconda" (1997) Jennifer Lopez. A huge snake stalks a film crew in the Brazilian jungle. $				Movie (("Denial" (1998) Jonathan Silverman. Couples prove a friend's theory about cheating mates.		Making of Jingle All the Way		Movie (("In & Out" (1997, Comedy) Kevin Kline, Joan Cusack, Matt Dillon. $ (CC)		Emmanuelle in Space $	
(A&E)	37	Murder, She Wrote Jessica attends a costume party where "Sherlock Holmes" is murdered.				Law & Order "Aria" (CC)		Biography: Roy Rogers-Amer. Legend		L.A. Detectives (R)		Midsomer Murders (Part 2 of 2)		Law & Order "Shadow" (CC)	
(TNT)	38	(5:00) Movie ((("A Christmas Story" (1983) Peter Billingsley.		Movie ((("A Christmas Story" (1983, Comedy) Peter Billingsley, Darren McGavin. A boy wants a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas.				How the Grinch Stole Christmas (R) $		Very Special Christmas From Washington, D.C. (R) $ (CC)			Bacharach: One Amazing Night (R) $ (CC)		
(SCIFI)	39	Movie (("Almost an Angel" (1990) $				Movie (((("The Empire Strikes Back" (1980) Mark Hamill. $ (CC)						Movie ((("Starman" (1984) Jeff Bridges.			
(BRAVO)	40	(5:00) Movie ((("Into the West" (1992) Gabriel Byrne.		Inside the Actors Studio Actor Nathan Lane. (R)			Brooklyn Bridge	Profiles "Cyd Charisse"		Movie (((("The Dead" (1987, Drama) Anjelica Huston, Donal McCann. A man is confronted with his wife's secret past at a party.				At the Angelika	Fishing With John (R)
(TOON)	41	Dragon	JonQuest	Batman	Beetlejuice	Scooby	Dexter	Bravo	Chicken	Powerpuff	Hillbilly	Tex Avery	ToonHeads	SpGhost	Freakzoid
(COURT)	42	Evening Session (Live)				Trial Story		Cochran & Company		Prime Time Justice		Trial Story		Cochran & Company	
(FLIX)	43	(:15) Movie (((("Three Sisters" (1974, Drama) Laurence Olivier, Alan Bates, Joan Plowright. A crazy sister-in-law torments three sisters in Russia. (CC)						Movie (("To Be or Not to Be" (1983, Comedy) Mel Brooks, Anne Bancroft. A husband-and-wife team in Poland is threatened by Nazis. $				(10:50) Movie ((("A League of Their Own" (1992) Geena Davis. Based on the story of the all-girl baseball league of 1943. $ (CC)			
(FOXSP)	44	ABL Basketball		Last Word	Sports	Snow Zone (R)		Figure Skating: Grand Slam		Sports		FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(TMC)	45	(:15) Movie ((("Carefree" (1938, Musical) Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Ralph Bellamy. (CC)		(:45) Fred Astaire Songbook (R)				Movie (((("Ben-Hur" (1959, Adventure) Charlton Heston, Jack Hawkins, Stephen Boyd. Friends become bitter enemies during the time of Christ. (CC)							
(VC1)	50	(4:30) Movie (("Lost in Space" (1998)		Movie (("The Odd Couple II" (1998, Comedy) Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau. $ (CC)				Movie (("Deep Impact" (1998, Drama) Robert Duvall, Tea Leoni, Elijah Wood. $ (CC)				Movie (((("Titanic" (1997, Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet, Billy Zane. $ (CC)			
(HC)	51	Movie (("Deep Rising" (1998, Horror) Treat Williams, Famke Janssen. $ (CC)				Movie (("Mercury Rising" (1998, Suspense) Bruce Willis, Alec Baldwin. $ (CC)				Shelley Michelle's Risque Rhythms		Becky LeBeau's Naughty Party Girls		Movie ((("Suicide Kings" (1997) $	

Names in the Game

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Former Arizona basketball star Miles Simon faces a misdemeanor trespassing charge involving Albert Belle.

Police say Belle called them at 1 a.m. on Dec. 15 to complain that Simon was knocking loudly on his door. Simon and two friends went to Belle's home in West Tucson to see Simon's ex-girlfriend, a police report said.

A conviction on the trespassing charge would carry a penalty of up to 30 days in jail and a $500 fine, police Sgt. Brett Klein said Thursday.

Simon, drafted by the Orlando Magic in June, is working out in Tucson during the NBA lockout.

According to the police report, Simon called Belle and asked to speak to the woman, and Belle told him she did not want to talk to him.

Simon told Belle he was coming to his home, and Belle warned he would call police if he did.

When Simon and his friends arrived, Belle phoned police and without opening the door, told the visitors to leave.

Police said Simon denied that Belle told him not to come over. Belle recently signed with the Baltimore Orioles.

Simon is Darryl Strawberry's brother-in-law.

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Collectors of sports memorabilia and cereal fans who have bought a million boxes of Flutie Flakes will soon have another package to buy.

The one millionth box of the sugar coated cereal adorned with a picture of Bills quarterback Doug Flutie rolled off production lines this week. Now PLB Sports, the Pittsburgh sports marketing firm that conceived the idea, has decided to retire the original bright red box.

The new box will have a deep blue front and will feature a new photo of Flutie in his Bills uniform, holding a football. A picture of the Flutie family will be on a side panel.

The box will also give details about the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism which receives a portion of the profits from the cereal. Flutie's son suffers from the disorder.

The Buffalo Bills, who manage the sale of Flutie Flakes, have mailed boxes to all 50 states and every continent, except Antarctica.

A Flutie Flakes Chocolate Bar is also selling well. Fowler's, in Buffalo, which produces the bar, said it had to add a second shift to keep pace with demand.

The candy was introduced in the Buffalo area last week.

SATURDAY MORNING AND AFTERNOON — DECEMBER 26,1998

		9AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
(WKAQ)	2	(8:00) Telecómicas		Pinocchio's Christmas		Programa Pagado	Programa Pagado	Programa Pagado	Programa Pagado	Pelicula "Magic Kid" (1993, Comedia-Drama) Stephen Furst, Ted Jan Roberts.				Baywatch		Sábado Sensacional			
(WAPA)	4	Chicola y la Ganga		Beakman' s W.	Luz Clarita	Ready or Not	Super Estrellas de la Lucha Libre			Isla-Tesoro	Zenki	X-Files		Show de Raymond		Película Se Anunciará			
(TLC)	5	Paid Program	Paid Program	Furniture to Go (R)	Men in Toolbelts	Home Savvy (R)	Home Savvy (R)	Hometime	Hometime	Home Again (R)	Home Again (R)	Men in Toolbelts	Men in Toolbelts	Home Savvy (R)	Home Savvy (R)	Hometime	Hometime	Home Again (R)	Home Again (R)
(TBS)	6	Three's Company	Funniest People	Funniest People	Funniest People	Movie (* "Modern Problems" (1981, Comedy) Chevy Chase. A man is telekinetic after being doused with nuclear waste.				Movie ((* "Can't Buy Me Love" (1987, Comedy) Patrick Dempsey. A desperate nerd hires a girl to pose as his girlfriend.				(:05) Movie (("Loverboy" (1989) Patrick Dempsey, Kate Jackson. A pizza delivery boy satisfies the cravings of his clientele.				(:05) Movie (("Poison Ivy" (1985) Michael J. Fox.	
(ENC)	7	Our Lady of the Angels Daily Mass		Candlemaker	Boy-Santa	In Beginning	Nicholas-Santa	Star of the King	Scriptural Rosary	Our Lady of the Angels Daily Mass		Cmas Stories	Cmas-Children	Prince of Peace	Story-Selfish	Divine Mercy	Rosary Intern.	Joy of Music (R)	Look-Manger
(WSVI)	8	Hercules $ (El) (CC)	Doug $ (El) (CC)	Doug $ (El) (CC)	Recess $ (El) (CC)	Pepper Ann $ (El) (CC)	Bugs Bunny & Tweety	Bugs Bunny & Tweety	101 Dalmatian s-Series	Winnie the Pooh	Squiggleviision (CC)	Click (El)	V.T. on Sports	Peer Pressure	Save Our Streets (R) $	Bringin' in the Holidays With BeBe Winans & Friends		Holiday Gospel Music Event (Taped) $	
(FOX)	9	Mr. Potato Head	Power Rangers	Godzilla $ (CC)	Power Rangers	Mystic Knights	Secret-SpyDogs	Mad Jack the Pirate	Cockroaches	Fox NFL Pregame	NFL Football Minnesota Vikings at Tennessee Oilers. From Vanderbilt Stadium. (Live) $ (CC)						NFL	Skiing Bumps & Jumps. (Taped) (CC)	
(WSEE)	10	CBS News Saturday Morning (El) (CC)				Dumb Bunnies	Flying Rhino	Birdz (El) (CC)	Mythic Warrior	Awesome Adv.	Paid Program	College Basketball Kentucky at Louisville. (Live) (CC)					NFL Today (CC)	NFL Football: Chiefs at Raiders	
(WXIA)	11	Today $ (CC)			Saved by Bell: New Class	Hang Time (R) (CC)	One World (R) (CC)	City Guys (R) $ (El) (CC)	Hang Time (R) (CC)	NBA Inside Stuff (El)	College Football Heritage Bowl -- Bethune-Cookman vs. Southern. From Atlanta. (Live) (CC)								Vietnam: Long Time Coming (CC)	
(WTJX)	12	Barney & Friends	Teletubbies (CC)	Reading Rainbow	Arthur $ (CC)	Sesame Street (CC)		Savor the Regions	Vegetarn Table	R/C TV	Victory Garden	Router Shop	World of Art	MotorWeek $	Birdwatch $	Nature $ (CC)			Nova "Venus Unveiled" $ (CC)
(ESPN2)	14	ESPNews	ESPNews	ESPNews	NFL Matchup	NFL Films	Athletes in Motion	X-Games	X-Games	X 2Day (R)		X in Concert (R)	Sky Surfing	World's Strongest Man Competition		World's Strongest Man Competition		World's Strongest Man Competition	
(WGN)	15	Farm Report	Business Rpt.	Paid Program	Paid Program	Outdoor Secret	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Soul Train Shaquille O'Neal. (R) $		Movie (("Little Monsters" (1989, Comedy) Fred Savage, Howie Mandel. $				Xena: Warrior Princess "The Debt II"		Hercules: The Legendary Journeys (R)	
(MTV)	16	Mariah's No. 1s	Belly Movie	Fright Films	Matt Damon	Love Hewitt	Chris Rock Mv.	Will Smith	Jim Carrey	MTV Movie Awards (R) $				Ultra Sound	Wanna Be a Spice Girl (R) $		Spice Girls' Favorite Videos (R) $		
(BET)	18	Paid Program	Paid Program	Video Vibrations				Rap City Top 10 (R)		Madd Sports	Teen Summit		Planet Groove Top 10 (R)		Caribbean Rhythms (R)		Paid Program	Hit List	
(CNN)	19	Saturday Morning				Showbiz	Style	PageOne	NFL	Saturday	Travel	Saturday	Science	Saturday	Money	Voices	Managing	Saturday	Money
(FAM)	20	Pee-wee Play.	Camp Candy	All Dogs Go to Heaven	Enigma	Where Is Carmen Sandiego	Sweet Valley High	Great Pretenders	Countdown	Real Ghostbusters	Harveytoon	Heathcliff	Mouse & the Monster	Camp Candy	Eek!stravaganza	Bad Dog	Walter Melon	Three Friends & Jerry	Countdown (R)
(USA)	21	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	World Wrestling Live Wire		Movie ((("Blaze" (1989) Paul Newman. Louisiana's governor romances a stripper in the late 1950s. $						Movie ((("Dead Again" (1991) Kenneth Branagh, Emma Thompson. $ (CC)			Movie ((("Sneakers" (1992) Robert Redford. $ (CC)		
(LIFE)	22	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Designing Women $ (CC)		Golden Girls $ (CC)	Golden Girls $ (CC)	Next Door (CC)	New Attitudes (R) (CC)	Movie "Frostfire" (1995, Drama) Wendy Crewson, Mosha Cote. A troubled Inuk teen lands in the middle of a conspiracy.				Movie "Indiscretion of an American Wife" (1998) (CC)	
(ESPN)	24	Walker's Cay	Sportsman's	Spanish Fly (R)	Photo Safari	Great Outdoors	Sportscenter Saturday		NFL	Figure Skating Skater's Tribute to Broadway. From Philadelphia. (R)				Tennis: Chris Evert Classic		Gymnastics Rock 'n' Roll. From Orlando, Fla. (R)			
(VH1)	25	Behind the Music "Lionel Richie" (R)		Pop-Up Video (R)	Pop-Up Video (R)	Rock-Roll Jeo.	Rock of Ages Spice Girls, Toni Braxton.		Artist: Video	Janet Jackson	Michael Jack.	Madonna	Mellencamp	Pop-Up Video (R)	Pop-Up Video (R)	Pop-Up Video (R)	Pop-Up Video (R)	Pop-Up Video (R)	Pop-Up Video (R)
(TBN)	28	Kids-Crime	Kids on the Move	Joy Junction (El)	Quigley's Village	Gospel Bill (El)	Janice's Attic (El)	Just the Facts (El)	Kids-Crime	Kids on the Move	Colby's Club	Kid's Club (CC)	Faithville (El)	Kids Like You (El)	Dale Evans	BJ Robinson	Gavin MacLeod	Walt Mills	Reginald Cherry
(NICK)	30	Nicktoons Marathon						Nicktoons Marathon		Tiny Toon	Tiny Toon	Looney Tunes		What You Do	Wild-Crazy Kid	Inspector Gadget	Hey Dude (R) $	Pete & Pete	You're On!
(DISC)	31	Paid Program	Paid Program	Great Chefs	Epicurious (R)	Design (R)		Great Chefs	Epicurious (R)	Housesmart! (R)		Myster. World	Storm Warning!	Mystery Univ.	Mystery Univ.	Discover Magazine "Bones" (R)		Ultimate Guide "Big Cats" (R)	
(HBO)	33	Different Worlds	(:45) Movie (* "The Addams Family" (1991) Anjelica Huston. A lawyer passes an impostor off as long-lost Uncle Fester.			Chimps: So Like Us (R)		Inside the NFL (R) $ (CC)		Movie (("Fools Rush In" (1997) Matthew Perry. Pregnancy pushes one-shot lovers into a difficult marriage. $ (CC)				Movie (("Dennis the Menace" (1993, Comedy) Walter Matthau, Mason Gamble. $ (CC)			(:45) Different Worlds: The Story of Interracial Love		Movie ((("Hot Shots!"
(SHOW)	34	(:15) Movie (("Invisible Dad" (1997, Comedy) Daran Noris, Mary Elizabeth McGlynn. $		(:45) Movie (("Like Father, Like Son" (1987) Dudley Moore. A surgeon swaps personalities with his teen-age son. $				Movie (("Julian Po" (1997, Comedy-Drama) Christian Slater, Robin Tunney. $ (CC)			Movie (("Girls' Night" (1998) Brenda Blethyn, Julie Walters. A woman and her dying friend travel to Las Vegas. $			Nagano '98 Olympics: Bud Greenspan's Stories of Honor and Glory (R) $ (CC)			
(DISN)	35	Bear in House	Rolie Polie Olie (CC)	PB & J Otter (CC)	Amazing Animals (R) (CC)	Johnny Appleseed	(:20) Movie ((* "Alice in Wonderland" (1951, Fantasy) (CC)		(:40) Movie ((("The Rescuers Down Under" (1990) Voices of Bob Newhart. $ (CC)			(:05) Movie ((* "The Jungle Book" (1967) Voices of Phil Harris, George Sanders. (CC)			Movie Surfers Go Inside	Famous Jett Jackson	Flash Forward (R) (CC)	Baby-Sitters Club (R)	Torkelsons $ (CC)
(MAX)	36	Movie ((("Star Trek: First Contact" (1996) Patrick Stewart. The Borg try to prevent a space pioneer's historic flight. $ (CC)				Movie ((("Hollywood Cavalcade" (1939, Comedy) Alice Faye, Don Ameche.			(:40) Movie ((* "SpaceCamp" (1986) Kate Capshaw. Teens at summer camp are accidentally launched into space. $ (CC)				Movie (("Zeus and Roxanne" (1997) Steve Guttenberg, Kathleen Quinlan. $ (CC)		(:15) Movie ((* "Robin Hood: Men in Tights" (1993) Cary Elwes. Mel Brooks' warped vision of the legendary outlaw. $			
(A&E)	37	(8:00) "The One That Got Away"		Grand Tour (R)		America's Castles "The Heiresses" (R)		Biography International: Coco Chanel		Hitman Hart: Wrestling With Shadows (R)				Investigative Reports "The Case of JonBenet: The Media vs. the Ramseys" (R)				Investigative Reports (R) (CC)	
(TNT)	38	How the West Was Won		Wild, Wild West "Night of the Fire and Brimstone"		Adventures of Brisco County, Jr.		Due South "The Man Who Knew Too Little" $ (CC)		Movie (((("Oliver!" (1968, Musical) Ron Moody, Oliver Reed, Shani Wallis. Oscar-winning musical based on Dickens' "Oliver Twist."						(:15) Movie ((* "batteries not included" (1987) Hume Cronyn. Tenement dwellers and tiny aliens fight a greedy developer.			
(SCIFI)	39	Paid	Paid	CNet	NewEdge	Web	CoolTech	Movie ((* "Robot Carnival" (1991) $				Sliders (R) $ (CC)		Welc.-Paradox		Movie ("Godzilla on Monster Island"			
(BRAVO)	40	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Max Headroom "Neurostim"		Movie (((("The Dead" (1987) Anjelica Huston, Donal McCann. A man is confronted with his wife's secret past at a party.				Movie ((("Longtime Companion" (1990, Drama) Bruce Davison. AIDS cuts a devastating path through a circle of friends.				Brooklyn Bridge	Movietele vision
(TOON)	41	Smurfs	Chip	Scooby	Beetlejce	Bravo	Chicken	Power	Dexter	Hillbilly	Waynehd	Rovers	Freak	Beetlejce	2-Dogs	Scooby	Scooby	Bugs	Bugs
(COURT)	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	What's the Verdict?		Your Turn		Justice	Miller's	Prime Time Justice	
(FLIX)	43	(8:20) Movie (("Lovesick" (1983, Comedy) Dudley Moore.		Movie ((* "One on One" (1977, Drama) Robby Benson, Annette O'Toole, Gail Strickland. (CC)		(:40) Movie ((* "Honkytonk Man" (1982) Clint Eastwood. An aging country singer and his nephew head to Nashville. $				(:45) Movie ((("The Island of Dr. Moreau" (1977, Science Fiction) Burt Lancaster, Michael York, Nigel Davenport. $				Movie (("Lovesick" (1983, Comedy) Dudley Moore, Elizabeth McGovern, Alec Guinness.		(:15) Movie ((* "One on One" (1977) Robby Benson. (CC)			
(FOXSP)	44	LastWord	Sports	Snow	Xtreme	BoardWld	V-Max	Crank (R)	Extremist	Snowbrd.	Snowbrd	Golf	Golf	This-PGA Tour		Snow Zone (R)		Miller	Skating
(TMC)	45	(8:00) Movie ((* "The Outsiders" (1983, Drama) Matt Dillon.		Movie ((* "Savage Wilderness" (1955) Victor Mature. Three scouts come to blows with an arrogant fort commander.				Movie ((* "The Violent Men" (1955, Western) Glenn Ford. A powerful Westerner is defeated by violent opposition.		Movie ((("Time After Time" (1979) Malcolm McDowell. Jack the Ripper steals a time machine and travels to 1979.				Movie ((* "One Sunday Afternoon" (1948, Musical) Dennis Morgan. A dentist in 1910 wonders if he married the right woman.			
(VC1)	50	(6:30) Movie (((("Titanic" (1997) $		Movie (("Lost in Space" (1998) William Hurt. A spy sabotages a family's space mission for humanity. $				Movie (("Deep Impact" (1998, Drama) Robert Duvall, Tea Leoni. $ (CC)				Movie (("The Object of My Affection" (1998) Jennifer Aniston. $ (CC)				Movie (* "Hope Floats" (1998) Sandra Bullock. $ (CC)	
(HC)	51	(8:30) Movie (* "Cannibal! The Musical" (1996) Juan Schwartz.		Movie ("Beverly Hills Bordello Volume 3" (1997, Adult) $				Movie (("Desire" (1990, Drama) Peter Marc Jacobson, Courtney Allen.				Movie ((("Suicide Kings" (1997, Drama) Christopher Walken, Denis Leary. $ (CC)				Movie ((* "Wild Things" (1993, Drama) Kevin Bacon, Matt Dillon. $ (CC)	

News Briefs

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Majority Whip Tom DeLay urged senators Wednesday not to rush into a censure deal but to "spend plenty of time in the evidence room" with prosecutors' materials. If they do, he said, the 67 votes for President Clinton's removal "may appear out of thin air."

The Texas Republican, a driving force in last week's impeachment vote, said the Senate should avoid "rushing to judgment."

DeLay's unsolicited advice came as one of Clinton's Democratic allies strongly cautioned the White House and House lawmakers not to try to influence discussions among senators.

"We have a good Democratic and Republican leadership in the Senate, and the 100 senators are completely capable of determining how this will end without being told by either the House or the White House," said Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont.

"This is a major issue for a nation of 260 million Americans and now it will be up to 100 of those Americans to determine how it concludes — and we will. No one else will decide it for us," he said.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Before his elevation to House speaker-to-be, J. Dennis Hastert wrote health care overhaul legislation with the industry's concerns in mind. His campaign treasury reaped the reward.

Health professionals, pharmaceutical firms, hospitals and insurance companies contributed a total of at least $171,455 to Hastert's 1998 campaign — accounting for nearly $1 of every $5 the Illinois Republican raised for his re-election, federal campaign records show.

Hastert is far from being a top House fund-raiser — no need since he's regularly been a shoo-in for re-election. But like many congressmen, his contributions have closely followed his legislative assignments, and Hastert sits on the Commerce Committee's subcommittees on health, energy and telecommunications.

In addition to health care, his biggest contributors include electric utilities, which gave $48,099 for his 1998 re-election campaign, and telephone companies, which gave $43,480.

"He knows how to parlay political positions into campaign contributions," said Larry Makinson, executive director of the Center for Responsive Politics. "He's been very adept at that."

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat freed Hamas spiritual leader Sheik Ahmed Yassin from house arrest Wednesday, a move immediately branded by Israel as bowing to the demands of the radical Islamic group.

The ailing sheik's release adds a volatile new element to angry debate that has flared in recent weeks over the 2-month-old Wye River peace accord.

Israel has already suspended its compliance with the U.S.-brokered land-for-security pact, and Arafat's decision to end Yassin's unpopular detention could signal growing unwillingness on his part to run political risks for the sake of the faltering agreement.

In the slums of Gaza City, the charismatic Islamic cleric's release set off a round of rejoicing. Neighbors gathered outside the simple concrete home where Yassin had been confined since Oct. 29, showering him with kisses and offering respectful greetings around his wheelchair.

For Israel and the Palestinians, the freeing of Yassin is cause for yet another outbreak of mutual mistrust.

Israeli government spokesman Moshe Fogel said releasing the sheik — who had been placed under house arrest after Hamas tried to blow up a school bus of Jewish settler children in the Gaza Strip — amounted to a show of bad faith.

KUWAIT (AP) — What Iraqi President Saddam Hussein feared most as U.S. and British airstrikes approached last week was a revolt in his own ranks, the U.S. commander in the Persian Gulf said Wednesday.

Saddam moved Iraqi ground troops into four widely separated sectors and placed loyal and ruthless lieutenants in charge, according to Marine Corps Gen. Anthony Zinni, head of the U.S. Central Command, which is responsible for U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf region.

Zinni, who based his conclusions on intelligence reports, cautioned that there are no signs of an imminent overthrow of Saddam.

The four-star general briefed reporters accompanying Defense Secretary William Cohen on a morale-boosting holiday visit to the U.S. force of about 20,000 that remains on guard in the Gulf.

SATURDAY EVENING — DECEMBER 26,1998

		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM	12:30
(WKAQ)	2	Wrestling		Pelicula "Algo Pasó en el Cielo"				Sentinel		Pelicula "Deep Sea"				Ghost Stories	
(WAPA)	4	Fuera de Serie	Sábado Gigante Internacional							Noticias		Boxeo Estelar		(Off Air)	
(TLC)	5	Greatest Party -- Mardi Gras (R)		Greatest Circus Family -- Flying Wallendas (R)		Greatest Mountain -- Everest (R)		Paramedics "Seven Minutes" (R)		Painted Babies (R)		Barbie (R)		Paramedics "Seven Minutes" (R)	
(TBS)	6	(5:05) Movie (("Poison Ivy" (1985) Michael J. Fox.		(:05) WCW Saturday Night (CC)				(:05) Movie (("Medicine Man" (1992) Sean Connery, Lorraine Bracco. A colleague disrupts a researcher's work in the Amazon.				(:10) Movie (((("M*A*S*H" (1970, Comedy) Donald Sutherland, Elliott Gould. Two unorthodox Army doctors declare war on bureaucracy.			
(ENC)	7	Donut Man: The Best	Gerbert (R)	Urbi Et Orbi: John Paul II's Christmas Message		Our Lady of the Angels Monastery Daily Mass		Fourth Wise Man (R)		Star of the King (R)	Rosary-Land	In Concert: Catholic University of America's Christmas Concert (R)		Joy of Music (R)	
(WSVI)	8	Story of Kwanzaa		ABC World News Saturday (CC)	Week in Review	Highlander: The Raven "So Shall Ye Reap" (R) $ (CC)		Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	Fantasy Island "Let Go" $ (CC)		Cupid "The Linguist" (R) $ (CC)		Outer Limits "Promised Land" Hostile humans threaten aliens. $ (CC)	
(FOX)	9	Air America "Crosshairs" (R)		Hercules: The Legendary Journeys (R) (CC)		Xena: Warrior Princess "The Debt II" (R) (CC)		Movie ((("Rudy" (1993, Drama) Sean Astin, Ned Beatty, Charles S. Dutton. $ (CC)				S.O.F. Special Ops Force (R) $		Mad TV (R) $ (CC)	
(WSEE)	10	(5:00) NFL Football Kansas City Chiefs at Oakland Raiders. From the Oakland Coliseum. (CC)				Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (CC)	Early Edition "A Horse Is a Horse" (R) $ (CC)		Martial Law "Cop Out" (R) $ (CC)		Walker, Texas Ranger "Warriors" (R) $ (CC)		News	Texas Ranger
(WXIA)	11	(5:00) Vietnam: Long Time Coming (CC)		News (CC)	NBC Nightly News (CC)	Wheel of Fortune (CC)	Jeopardy! (CC)	Movie (("Richie Rich" (1994) Macaulay Culkin, John Larroquette. A young billionaire crosses paths with a greedy executive. $ (CC)				International DanceSport Competition II $ (CC)		News (CC)	Saturday Night Live $ (CC)
(WTJX)	12	McLaughlin Group	Think Tank	In the Mix (R) (CC)	To the Contrary	Masterpiece Theatre "Signs and Wonders" $ (Part 1 of 2) (CC)		Santa Cruz		Mystery! "Cadfael" "The Raven in the Foregate" $ (CC)		Grove Street		(Off Air)	
(ESPN2)	14	Boxing (Taped)			Karate ISKA. (R)		NFL 2Night	NHL Hockey Philadelphia Flyers at Chicago Blackhawks. From United Center. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)						NHL 2Night	X-Games
(WGN)	15	Crow: Stairway to Heaven "Like It's 1999"		Earth: Final Conflict "A Stitch in Time" (R) (CC)		Malibu, CA (R) $ (CC)	Illinois' Luckiest	Movie (((("Amadeus" (1984, Drama) (Part 2 of 2) F. Murray Abraham, Tom Hulce. $				News $ (CC)		Coach $ (CC)	"Cover-Up" (1990)
(MTV)	16	(4:30) Spice Girls' Favorite Videos (R) $			Spice Girls' Favorite Videos (R) $		House of Style Music group 'N Sync. (R) $	Real World (R) $ (CC)	Real World (R) $ (CC)	Real World (R) $ (CC)	Real World (R) $ (CC)	Real World (R) $ (CC)	Real World (R) $ (CC)	Real World (R) $ (CC)	Real World (R) $ (CC)
(BET)	18	Madd Sports (R)	227 (CC)	Teen Summit (R)		Planet Groove Celebrity Top 10 (R)		Bringin' in the Holidays With BeBe Winans		Sparks (R) $ (CC)	Good News (R)	Comicview (R)	Comicview (R)	Movie ((("Shaft" (1971, Drama)	
(CNN)	19	Saturday	Evans	Worldview	Sources	Capital	Sports	World	Business	Larry King Weekend		World	Capital	Sports Tonight (CC)	
(FAM)	20	Funniest Joke I Ever Heard (R)		Movie (("Casper: A Spirited Beginning" (1997, Comedy) Steve Guttenberg. The friendly ghost returns to save a haunted mansion. $ (CC)				Movie ((("Dunston Checks In" (1996) Jason Alexander, Faye Dunaway. A fugitive orangutan wreaks havoc at an upscale hotel. $				Movie (("Caddyshack II" (1988, Comedy) Jackie Mason, Dyan Cannon. An obnoxious businessman joins a snobbish country club.			
(USA)	21	(4:30) Movie ((("Sneakers" (1992) $		Movie ((("Police Story" (1985, Drama) Jackie Chan, Bridget Lin. $ (CC)				Movie (("Jackie Chan's Police Story 2" (1988) Jackie Chan, Maggie Cheung. $ (CC)				The Net "Deleted" (R) $ (CC)		La Femme Nikita "Noise" (R) $ (CC)	
(LIFE)	22	(5:00) Movie "Indiscretion of an American Wife" (1998) (CC)		Movie (("Doing Time on Maple Drive" (1992) James B. Sikking, Bibi Besch. A seemingly perfect family conceals devastating secrets.				Movie (("Don't Touch My Daughter" (1991) Victoria Principal, Danielle Harris. A mother takes drastic measures to protect her daughter.				Intimate Portrait "Helen Gurley Brown" $ (CC)		Oh Baby (R) $ (CC)	Maggie $ (CC)
(ESPN)	24	Dog Show	Whitbread Round the World Race Highlights		Sportscenter	Best of Up Close Special		College Football Insight.com Bowl -- Missouri vs. West Virginia. From Tucson, Ariz. (Live) (CC)							Sportscenter (CC)
(VH1)	25	Pop-Up Video (R)	Pop-Up Video (R)	Pop-Up Video (R)	Pop-Up Video (R)	Pop-Up Video (R)	Pop-Up Video (R)	Rock-Roll Jeo.	Rock-Roll Jeo.	Behind the Music "Sonny Bono" (R) $		Behind the Music "Tony Orlando" (R) $		Behind the Music "Mamas and the Papas" (R)	
(TBN)	28	Mike Barber	Life Lessons	L. & E. Tripp	Zola Levitt	Dr. James Kennedy		In Touch (CC)		Hour of Power $ (CC)		Carman (CC)	John Jacobs	Eastman Curtis	Ron Luce
(NICK)	30	You Afraid?	Wonder Years (CC)	Brady Bunch	Rocko's Life	Doug $ (CC)	Hey Arnold! (CC)	Angry Beavers	All That (R) $	Kenan & Kel (R) $	Animorphs "Aximili"	Happy Days $	Brady Bunch $	My Three Sons $	I Dream of Jeannie $
(DISC)	31	Mysteries of the Twilight Zone		Egypt's City of the Dead (R)		Secrets of the Warrior's Power (R)		Wild Discovery: Yellowstone to Yukon		Wild Discovery "Amazing Animal Adapters"		Justice Files "Informers" (R)		New Detectives: Forensic Science	
(HBO)	33	(5:30) Movie ((("Hot Shots!" (1991) Charlie Sheen. $ (CC)		(:15) Movie ((* "Addams Family Values" (1993, Comedy) Anjelica Huston. A greedy nanny plots to marry and murder Uncle Fester. $ (CC)				Movie ((* "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" (1997, Drama) Kevin Spacey, John Cusack, Jack Thompson. A journalist investigates a murder case in Savannah, Ga. $ (CC)				(:45) Movie (("No Escape" (1994) Ray Liotta. A Marine convict is sentenced to a deadly island prison.			
(SHOW)	34	Movie (("3 Ninjas Knuckle Up" (1995, Comedy) Victor Wong, Charles Napier, Michael Treanor. $ (CC)		Movie (("High School High" (1996, Comedy) Jon Lovitz, Tia Carrere, Louise Fletcher. $ (CC)				Movie ((* "Color of Night" (1994, Suspense) Bruce Willis, Jane March, Ruben Blades. A man's life is threatened while solving a friend's murder. $ (CC)						Rude Awakening (R) $	In Thru the Out Door (R) $	Women: Stories of Passion $
(DISN)	35	(:05) Bug Juice (R) (CC)	(:45) Going Wild! "Kenya/Rock Hyrax" Jeff visits Kenya. (R)	(:25) Flash Forward (R) (CC)	Movie ((* "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" (1996) Voices of Tom Hulce, Demi Moore. (CC)			(:35) Movie ((* "The Jungle Book" (1967, Adventure) Voices of Phil Harris, George Sanders. (CC)				Rolie Polie Olie (CC)	Omba Mokomba (CC)	Walt Disney Presents "Nature's Better Built Homes" (R) (CC)	
(MAX)	36	Movie ((* "Pulse" (1988) Cliff DeYoung. An evil force takes control of a family's suburban home.		Movie ((* "In the Line of Duty: Blaze of Glory" (1997, Drama) Lori Loughlin, Bruce Campbell.				Movie (("Back to Back" (1996, Drama) Michael Rooker, Ryo Ishibashi, Danielle Harris. $ (CC)		Making of Firestorm (R) (CC)		Movie ((("Clear and Present Danger" (1994, Drama) Harrison Ford. Jack Ryan battles Colombian drug lords and villainous feds. $ (CC)			
(A&E)	37	American Justice "Fall From Grace" (R)		City Confidential "Chicago, Illinois" (R)		Mysteries of the Bible "Biblical Angels" (R)		Biography This Week		Mystery of Genius				Treasure! "Sin City Jamaica"	
(TNT)	38	"batteries not included"		Movie (((("On Golden Pond" (1981, Drama) Katharine Hepburn, Henry Fonda, Jane Fonda. Old tensions resurface during a family's lakeside vacation.				Movie ((* "Corrina, Corrina" (1994, Comedy-Drama) Whoopi Goldberg, Ray Liotta, Tina Majorino. A housekeeper brings joy to a troubled child and her dad.				Movie (("Raising Cain" (1992) John Lithgow. An unstable scientist kidnaps children for experimentation.			
(SCIFI)	39	Mystery Science Theater 3000 (R)				Movie "Amazing Stories: The Movie IV" (1991)				Movie (("Man's Best Friend" (1993)				Science Theater 3000	
(BRAVO)	40	Max Headroom "Neurostim"		Zubin Mehta Conducts Sarah Chang With the Berlin Philharmonic (R)				(:45) Cirque du Soleil: Nouvelle Experience (R)		Movie ((("Article 99" (1992, Drama) Ray Liotta, Kiefer Sutherland. Doctors at a VA hospital struggle to provide proper care.				Movie ((("Henry V" (1989) Kenneth Branagh.	
(TOON)	41	Bugs	Bugs	Bugs	Bugs	Ghosts	Flintstones	Yogi's First Christmas (R)				Acme Hour			
(COURT)	42	Supreme	Washingtn	Microsoft	System (R)	Cochran & Company		Trial Story		Trial Story		Trial Story		Trial Story	
(FLIX)	43	(5:15) Movie ((* "One on One" (1977) Robby Benson. (CC)		(6:55) Movie ((* "Honkytonk Man" (1982) Clint Eastwood, Kyle Eastwood. An aging country singer and his nephew head to Nashville. $				Movie ((("The Island of Dr. Moreau" (1977, Science Fiction) Burt Lancaster, Michael York. $		(:45) Movie ((* "Lone Star" (1996, Drama) Chris Cooper, Elizabeth Pena, Joe Morton. Long-buried secrets surface during a murder investigation. $ (CC)					
(FOXSP)	44	Figure Skating		Boxing Best of Fight Time. (Taped)				Between the Madness (R)				FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(TMC)	45	Movie ((* "Lady for a Day" (1933) Warren William, May Robson, Guy Kibbee. A peddler poses as a socialite to impress her daughter.				Wonderful Wizard of Oz: 50 Years of Magic (R)		Movie ((("Sands of Iwo Jima" (1949, Adventure) John Wayne, John Agar, Adele Mara. A Marine sergeant trains recruits for Iwo Jima.				Movie ((* "They Were Expendable" (1945, Adventure) Robert Montgomery. PT boats are called to action after Pearl Harbor is bombed.			
(VC1)	50	"Hope Floats" $	Movie (("Lost in Space" (1998) William Hurt. A spy sabotages a family's space mission for humanity. $ (CC)					Movie (* "Small Soldiers" (1998, Action) Kirsten Dunst, Gregory Smith, Jay Mohr. $ (CC)				Movie (("A Perfect Murder" (1998) Michael Douglas, Gwyneth Paltrow. $ (CC)			
(HC)	51	Movie "Phantasm: Oblivion" (1998, Horror) Reggie Bannister, Michael Baldwin. $				Movie (* "Cannibal! The Musical" (1996, Comedy) Juan Schwartz, Ian Hardin. $			Amy Lynn Baxter's Web of Desire			Sexy World: Cabo San Lucas		Movie (("Carnal Crimes" (1991) $	

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IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS DIVISION OF ST. CROIX, THERESA SAMUEL Plaintiff v. REMY SAMUEL Defendant, Fam. No. D-217/1998. TO REMY SAMUEL: ADDRESS UNKNOWN, WITHIN THE TIME limited by law, thirty (30) days from the last date of service by publication, you are required to appear at the above Court to answer, judgment by default will be taken against you. Yvonne V. Wesselhoft, Clerk of the Territorial Court
12/25, 27-28, 1998 1/1,8,15,1999

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

SUGAR BEACH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

Plaintiff

CIVIL NO. 832/1998
ACTION FOR DEBT, FORECLOSURE OF CONDOMINIUM LIEN AND FOR DEFICIENCY JUDGEMENT

STEPHEN S. GIBBS, and CHRISTINE GIBBS, a/k/a CHRISTINE E. DEKANT, CARIBBEAN CONSTRUCTION & ASSOCIATES, INC, and BRIGHTON PAINTING CO.,INC.

Defendants.

STEPHEN S. GIBBS
CHRISTINE GIBBS, a/k/a CHRISTINE E. DEKANT
Unit No. 115 Sugar Beach Condominium
Christiansted, St. Croix
U.S. Virgin Islands 00820

SUMMONS

Within the time limited by law (30) days after the last publication date of this Summons, you are hereby required to appear before the Territorial Court of the Virgin Islands, and answer to a Complaint filed against you in his action and, in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgement by default will be taken against you as requested in the Complaint in this action.

Witness my hand and the seal of this Court this 11th day of December 1998.

YVONNE V. WESSLEHOFT
Clerk of the Court

SAMUEL T. GREY, Esq.
NICHOLS NEWMAN SILVERLIGHT LOGAN & D'ERAMO, PC
NO.1131 King Street
Christiansted, St. Croix
U.S. Virgin Islands 00820

12/18,25,1/1,8,1998

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

ABDALLAH YASIN,
Plaintiff,
OMI A. RAHIM YASIN,
Defendant.

CIVIL NO. 976/1993
ACTION FOR DEBT

NOTICE OF TERRITORIAL COURT MARSHAL'S SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of 5 V.I.C. Section 471 et. seq., to satisfy the Judgment entered on June 29, 1998, in the above entitled action and the execution entered thereon, plus interest at the statutory rate, together with any real property taxes and assessments due, together with all accruing costs and expenses of sale, including the cost of publication of this Notice, the Territorial Marshal shall see at public auction to the highest bidder on January 22, 1999 at 10:00 A.M. at the Office of the Territorial Marshal, Territorial Court, Kingshill, St. Croix, the real property described as follows:

Plot 43 of Estate Montpellier, Prince Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, consisting of 0.609 acre, more of less, as more fully shown on Public Works Department Drawing No. 3106, dated February 24, 1973, as revised July 8, 1974.

together with all tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto pertaining. For informational purpose only and without any warranties or representations of any kind, the property includes a live well; a septic tank (approximately 1,000 gallons), with over 50 feet of sanitary sewer line; and abandoned house trailer (57' X 9.5') situated off east of the property line; a wood and concrete housing foundation/platform (20' X 30') off of the north property line at the rear of the property: a concrete slab (12' X 18') forward and to the west of the housing foundation; a three foot high masonry wall extending 20 feet easterly past the 12' X 18' concrete slab; an electric power pole with meter; and fruit trees. This sale is made subject to real estate taxes and any liens and encumbrances which may be senior to the lien foreclosed by this judgment. Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price is to be paid in cash, certified or bank check at the time of sale and the balance to be paid within thirty days. The sale is further subject to the terms of sale to be read and posted at the time of sale and all of the applicable provisions of law, including Title 5, Chapter 43 of the Virgin Islands Code.

LEAYLE PICKERING
Territorial Marshal

Date: November 24, 1998

Burton E. O'Reilly
Assistant Marshal

Jannah Carter Yasin
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 1425, Frederiksted
St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands 00841
(340) 772-4891/772-0094

12/4,11,18,25, 1998

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

United States District Court

DISTRICT/VIRGIN ISLANDS
DOCKET NO. 98-0168

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
(Small Business Administration)
v.
STEPHEN R. CHENEY,
MELINDA SOTHERN
and ORJAN MADSEN

Orjan Madsen
Plot 182 Estate LaVallee
St. Croix, VI 00820

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon

James A. Hurd, Jr.
United States Attorney
District of the Virgin Islands
1108 King Street, Suite 201
Christiansted, VI 00820-4951

an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

ORINN F. ARNOLD
CLERK
12/5,12,19,25, 1998

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

PROBATE NO. 72/1998

ERYLE A. ROHLSEN, JR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Settlement Without Administration has been filed in the Estate of ERYLE A. ROHLSEN, JR. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, duly verified to the undersigned, within six (6) months of the date thereof, and all persons indebted to the estate make payment promptly to:

THE ESTATE OF ERYLE A. ROHLSEN, JR.
c/o Law Offices of Martial A. Webster
Post Office Box 1568, Kingshill
St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands 00851

DATED: November 30, 1998

Respectfully submitted,

LAW OFFICE OF MARTIAL A. WEBSTER, SR.

MARTIAL A. WEBSTER, ESQ.
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12/4,11,18,25, 1998

TERRITORIAL MARSHAL
ST. CROIX, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

NOTICE OF MARSHAL'S SALE

In compliance with a Writ of Execution issued out of the Territorial Court of the Virgin Islands, Division of St. Croix, dated July 30, 1998, in an action for debt and foreclosure of mortgage bearing Territorial Court Civil No. 516/1997 in which THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, N.A. is plaintiff and THOMAS BENTON, BARBARA BENTON, and BAY GARDEN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION are the defendants, the Territorial Marshal will sell at public sale to the highest and best Bidder at the office of the Territorial Marshal, Christiansted, in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, on the 22nd day of January, 1999, at 10:00 a.m., the following real property:

Unit No. 74 of Bay Gardens Condominium
Company Quarter
St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands

consisting of (1) bedroom (1) bath with approximately 500 square feet of indoor living area (the "Property")

This judicial sale will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of 5 V.I.C. §§ 471-506 (1997). The terms of purchase are ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be deposited with the Marshal no later than the close of business on the day of sale, and , upon failure of the high bidder to do so, the Marshal reserves the right to award the sale to the next highest bidder. The balance of the sum bid must be paid within 30 days, or the deposit will be retained by the Marshal as and for liquidated damages and applied toward satisfaction of the judgment for which the Property is being sold, and the Marshal further reserves the right, in such event, to award the sale to the next highest bidder. All payments must be made by cash, certified check, bank check, or U.S. postal money order. Personal uncertified checks will not be accepted.

DATED: December 1, 1998

LEAYLE PICKERING
Territorial Court Marshal

Burton E. O'Reilly
Assistant Marshal

DUDLEY, TOPPER and FEUERZEIG
Simone R.D. Francis, Esq.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
1A Frederiksberg Gade
P.O. Box 756
St Thomas, USVI 00804

12/4,11,18,25, 1998

OBITUARIES

LOUIS "LOU" FRANCIS LEBLANC, age 69, of Teague Bay passed away in the Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital on December 14, 1998. "Lou" is survived by his children in the States and his special friend and companion: Joan Doane Runge of St. Croix. He is also survived by a host of friends on St. Croix. A private memorial gathering will be held at a later date. Professional Funeral Arrangements for Louis "Lou" Francis LeBlanc are by Thomas/Hyll Memorial Funeral Chapel of St. Croix.

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RENA MENA, age 87, of Herbert Grigg Home for the Aged passed away on friday December 18, 1998, at Herbert Grigg Home For The Aged. She is survived by her Mother: Elenora P. Heyliger; Fathe: Charles Mena; Son: George Lawrence; Grandchild: George Lawrence Jr.; Great Grandchildren: Victoria Ashley Lawrence & Jordan Philip Lawrence; Cousin: Augustine Williams. Other Relatives & Friends too numerous to mention.
Funeral Services will take place on Monday December 28, 1998, at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Frederiksted at 12:00 noon. Viewing will begin at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at the Frederiksted Cemetery.

CALENDAR

December 25, 1998 - -ST PATRICK'S MEN FELLOWSHIP presents a Grand Quardrille dance on Christmas night at St. Gerard's Hall Frederiksted from 10:00 p.m. until music by Stanley and the Ten Sleepless Knights. Caller Curtis Williams. Tickets available from any members of St. Patrick Men Fellowship .

December 26, 1998 - ST. CROIX KWANZAA COALITION will be holding their Annual Kwanzaa Celebration on Saturday at th Educational Complex from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Admission is free but persons attending are asked to bring a contribution of either fruits, homemade drinks, nuts or pastries. For additional information call 773-3281 or 713 1012.

December 27, 1998 - RANDALL "DOC" JAMES RACETRACK - 9 live races 1:00 p.m. sharp numerous St. Thomas horses. Live Band Vio International. Native Race sponsored by SunShine Mall. Featured Race sponsored by Cruzan Rum.

December 27-31, 1998 - HOLY GHOST DELIVERANCE - Holiday Greeting to one and all as we invite you to our Christmas Service on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Old Year's Eve Service 11:00 p.m. at #60 Castle Coakley, next to Bunkers of St. Croix. Come hera a prophetic word and be blessed.

December 31, 1998 - "POSITIVE WORKS " - cordially invites you to a New Year's event The Grand Freedom Ball. On Thursday at Fort Frederick Starting at 6:30 p.m. -2:00 a.m. Formal
Attire $30.00 per person $50.00 couple. Dinner , show, whistles, and confetti included. Tickets at Pancho's Natural Mystic and Terrence "Positive" Nelson. For more information 778-2216 or 778-3448

J & J Fun Troupe and Associates is now accepting registration for their 1999 Three Kings Day Presentation "Space Odessey" at their Mas Camp at #104 Est La Reine. Music provided by Imagination Brass & DJ Junie. Come out early and register for the section of your choice. For more information please call Judith at 340-778-3177.

A year of exciting races and magnificent failures

NEW YORK (AP) -- Silver Charm was dazzling in the desert, stablemate Real Quiet came within sniffing distance of the Triple Crown in the spring, and Awesome Again capped an unbeaten year at the Breeders' Cup in the fall.

The horse for the year of 1998 in thoroughbred racing, however, was a gray 5-year-old called Skippy.

Racing at seven different tracks from February through November, Skip Away won seven straight races, five of them in Grade I stakes, before finishing third in the Jockey Club Gold Cup at Belmont Park and in the $5.12 million Breeders' Cup Classic at Churchill Downs.

Skip Away, owned by Carolyn Hine and trained by her husband, Sonny, fell short of becoming the first horse to earn $10 million, finishing with $9,616,360. The record holder is Cigar ($9,999,815).

Despite not reaching $10 million, Skip Away's 1998 campaign was a fitting end to a marvelous career in which he posted 18 wins, 10 seconds and six thirds in 38 starts. His sixth-place finish in the Breeders' Cup Classic snapped a string of 26 finishes of not worse than third.

The winner of the Breeders' Cup Classic was Awesome Again. The 4-year-old colt won his sixth race of the year by three-quarters of a length over Silver Charm, with Swain another neck back and a nose in front of Victory Gallop.

Silver Charm then completed his 4-year-old campaign by winning the Clark Handicap on Nov. 27 at Churchill Downs. The gray colt gave up the lead in the stretch, then fought back for a head victory over long shot Littlebitlively. The win was reminiscent of his neck victory over Swain on March 28 in the Dubai World Cup.

Real Quiet, Silver Charm's Bob Baffert-trained stablemate, had been overshadowed by Indian Charlie, also trained by Baffert, going into the Kentucky Derby on May 2.

But not only did Real Quiet hold off Victory Gallop by a half-length, he also beat that rival to win the Preakness two weeks later.

Then, 4 lengths ahead with only an eighth-mile left in the Belmont Stakes on June 6, Real Quiet lost by a nose to Victory Gallop, narrowly missing the Triple Crown. Silver Charm had lost a chance for the Triple Crown when he was beaten by three-quarters of a length by Touch Gold in the 1997 Belmont.

Real Quiet and Silver Charm were expected to race again in 1999. A lot of top horses will join Skip Away as stallions.

They included: Awesome Again; handicap star Gentlemen; Touch Gold; and Swain, who probably would have won the Breeders' Cup Classic if Frankie Dettori's left-handed whipping hadn't forced him extremely wide.

Also joining them were: Favorite Trick, Horse of the Year as an unbeaten 2-year-old in 1997 and who won half of his eight starts; and 3-year-old Coronado's Quest, winner of the Haskell Invitational Handicap at Monmouth Park and the Travers at Saratoga.

Another horse who left racing, happily, was Zippy Chippy, who failed to win in an 85-race career. Officials at Finger Lakes in New York banned the 7-year-old gelding on Sept. 8 after he failed to leave the gate with the rest of the field for the third straight time.

While there were many spectacular races and huge crowds for major events, overall attendance continued to decline, with stiff competition coming from other gambling sources, including riverboat casinos. An increase in the ways people can bet on races away from the track has contributed to the declining attendance.

Tim Smith, meanwhile, was hired on April 21 as commissioner and CEO of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, an organization whose purpose is to market the sport.

For the second straight year there was no racing at Arlington International, the showcase track near Chicago. Ladbroke Detroit Racecourse shut down after 48 years, and Atlantic City Racecourse operated a five-day meeting.

Among the racing figures who died in 1998 were: Hall of Fame trainer Woody Stephens, who won five straight Belmont Stakes; W. Burling Cocks, Hall of Fame steeplechase trainer; James B. Mosley, owner-breeder and chairman of Suffolk Downs; Eddie Sweat, who was Secretariat's groom; and trainer Brian Mayberry.

A son of Secretariat, Risen Star, winner of the 1988 Preakness and Belmont Stakes, also died.



Photo by AP

Victory Gallop, with Gary Stevens up, (11) foreground, edges out Real Quiet, with Kent Desormeaux up, as they cross the finish line during the 130th running of the Belmont Stakes at Belmont Park in Elmont, N.Y., Saturday, June 6. Victory Gallop edged past Real Quiet for a photo finish to capture the race.

Maryland looking for better days

No Maryland women's basketball team has ever endured what coach Chris Weller's current group is experiencing.

The Terrapins, who reached the NCAA Final Four in 1982 and 1989, fell to 0-9 with Tuesday night's 81-61 loss to Rutgers — the worst start in school history. But better days might be ahead. Veterans Tiffany Brown and Kelley Gibson returned for that game and both should be impact players.

Gibson, a 5-foot-11 senior who had been recovering from a torn anterior cruciate ligament, had 13 points and four assists. Brown, a two-year starter at point guard, had been on academic suspension. She contributed 11 points and seven assists.

"As long as people are working, there's nothing more you can ask," Weller said. "I've said over and over that I like this team. They have a good approach."

Weller said the Rutgers game was her team's best of the season. Brown and Gibson had a lot to do with that, she said.

SWEATER CHANGE: Vanderbilt coach Jim Foster might want to consider wearing gray from now on. Foster, who usually wears a yellow sweater during games, tossed that sweater into a trash can at the Indianapolis airport after Indiana handed the Commodores their fourth straight loss.

It was only the second time in eight years that Vandy had lost four in a row.

When Vanderbilt played its next game, Tuesday at No. 21 George Washington, Foster was wearing a gray sweater. Vanderbilt won 80-72 in two overtimes.

WATCH THOSE HANDS: After producing the Big 12's newcomer of year and freshman of the year last season, Iowa State has another first-year player making waves.

Desiree Francis, who grew up on the Caribbean island of Antigua, is averaging 18.4 points and 10.9 rebounds for the 18th-ranked Cyclones and has five straight double-doubles.

The 6-foot junior, a transfer from Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, grabbed 14 rebounds in her very first game and pulled down a season-high 18 in a 78-60 victory over Drake on Dec. 12.

And Francis doesn't just let the ball fall into her hands. She leaps, gets her right hand on the ball and jerks it down.

"When she goes to get it, I'd get my hands and every body part I could out of the way," Iowa State coach Bill Fennelly said. "Because she's going to rip it out of there."

I DO: Wedding bells are chiming again at Georgia.

On Tuesday, two days after the fourth-ranked Lady Bulldogs returned from winning the Boise State Christmas Classic, senior guard Pam Irwin married former Georgia baseball player Andy Osbolt.

The wedding party included former Georgia guard Rachel Powell, who is from Irwin's hometown of Decatur, Tenn., and another Decatur native, former Tennessee player Misty Greene.

As high school seniors in 1995, Irwin and Greene led Meigs County to its second state championship in three years.

Two years ago, Georgia's Kedra Holland-Corn and team manager Jesse Corn became mini-celebrities after they got married.

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by JUDD

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Air Force one victory away from fulfilling goals

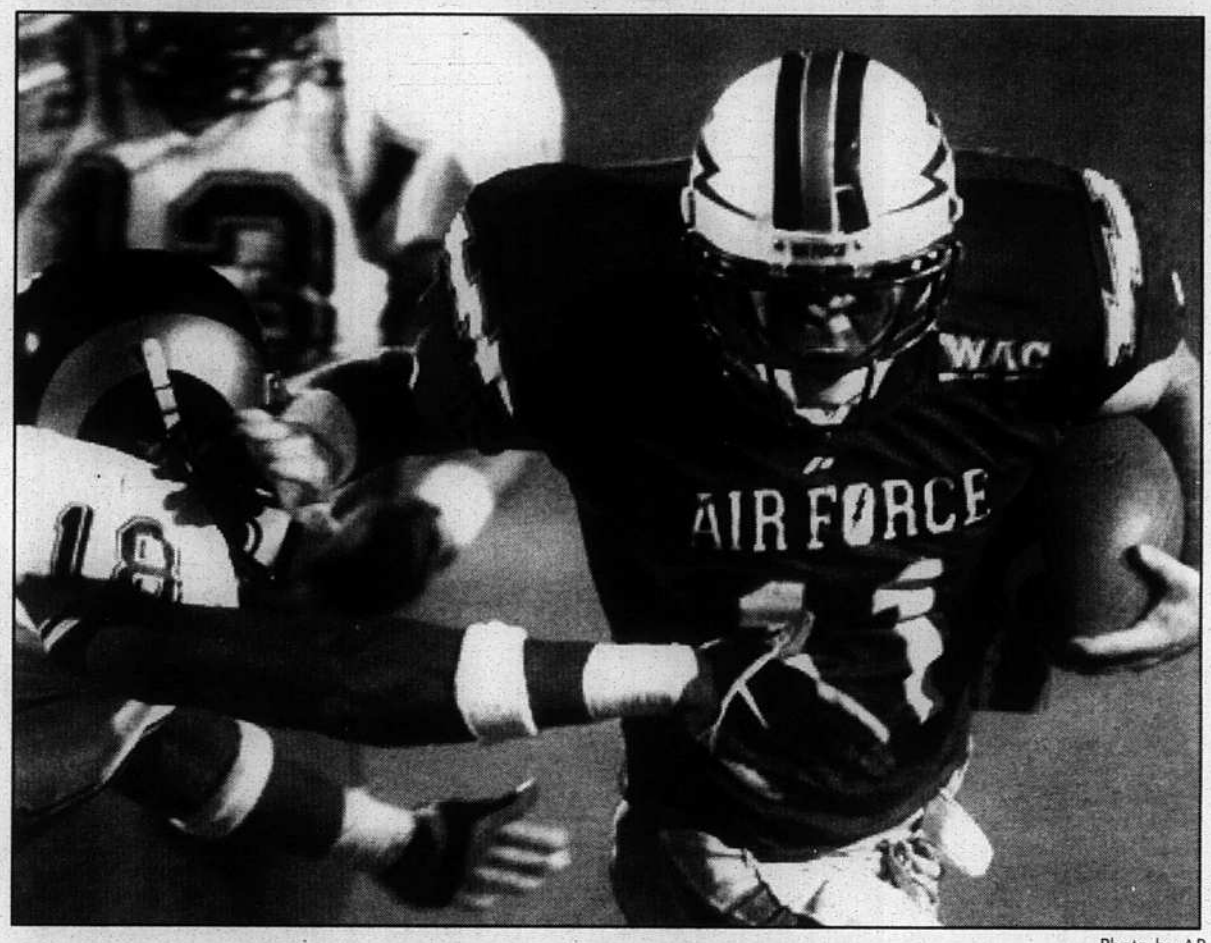


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Air Force quarterback Blane Morgan (11) stiff arms Colorado State defender Jason Craft (18) as he picks up first down yardage at the Air Force Academy, in this Sept. 17, 1998. Air Force is counting on Blane Morgan, the triple-option quarterback, to lead the way against Washington in the Oahu Bowl on Christmas Day in Honolulu.

HONOLULU (AP) — A little decal has served as a constant reminder for this year's Air Force football team.

It lists three goals. Two have been accomplished and the third can be fulfilled Christmas Day.

"I gave our players a decal that they stuck on their watches," coach Fisher DeBerry said. "It has 'Commander in Chief Trophy,' 'Western Athletic Conference' and 'bowl.'

"Those were the three season goals for our team. The idea for doing it was that every time they looked at their watches, they were also able to focus on what the goals were."

The 16th-ranked Falcons beat the other two military academies and defeated Brigham Young for the WAC title, so two of the goals have been attained.

To complete the trifecta, they must beat Washington of the Pac-10 in the inaugural Oahu Bowl.

Although the Huskies finished the season with a 6-5 record, Air Force has incentive to beat a team from a major conference so it can claim its legitimacy, and, perhaps, eventually capture the attention of the Bowl Championship Series.

"There's going to be a time, and it's not that far off, when you're going to take the top eight or 16 teams and have a national playoff," DeBerry said. "I am in favor of that now."

Even with their impressive 11-1 record, the Falcons were not chosen for this year's championship series.

"I wasn't smart enough as the season went along to understand the ramifications of the BCS," DeBerry said. "But I think the way things worked out this season, (a playoff system) is inevitable."

DeBerry is counting on Blane Morgan, the triple-option quarterback, to lead the way against Washington.

"In the two years that he's been a starter, we're 21-3 and I think the way you measure the success of a quarterback is not in stats like number of yards, but whether he gets his team in the end zone and wins the game," DeBerry said.

But for those who are statistically minded, Morgan, who succeeded his brother Beau at quarterback, rushed for 508 yards, scored 15 touchdowns and directed an offense that finished third in the nation with 266.8 rushing yards per game.

He also passed for 1,144 yards and 10 touchdowns, and his efficiency rating of 162.6 set a school record.

He spent his first two years playing behind his brother, but has blossomed since.

"Just being able to watch him run the offense was invaluable," Morgan said. "But once it was my turn, I just wanted to help the team win."

Washington will be directed by a prototype pro quarterback.

Although he has one more season of eligibility, Brock Huard has indicated that he's headed for the NFL next season.

After the Huskies beat Michigan State 51-23 in last year's Aloha Bowl, it appeared that Huard, having completed his sophomore season, would bolt for the NFL.

However, he decided to return to Washington. "I wasn't mature enough," he said.

Huard also wanted to see how he would perform without the superior supporting cast he had in 1997.

"For two years, I was surrounded by some great talent — 10 of our guys were taken in the NFL draft," he said. "To have gone out last year, I wouldn't have been able to deal with the adversity at the NFL level. You see how mature Peyton Manning was this year and how he'd been through all the ups-and-downs, winning big games, losing tough games, having pressure and expectations.

"In this position, you need to be mentally tough and keep fighting. That's what it's been for me this year: a fight and a struggle."

Jaguars search for momentum

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — In the standings, the game means nothing. In their minds, it is significant.

Having clinched their first AFC Central title, the Jacksonville Jaguars (10-5) close the regular season Monday night against the Pittsburgh Steelers trying to avoid a three-game losing streak heading into the playoffs.

The Steelers (7-8) are out of the playoffs for the first time since 1991 and are playing simply to avoid their first sub-.500 record since that season.

It's hardly what the NFL scheduling office expected when it chose this game to close out the 1998 season, although both teams said they would play this one like everything was riding on it.

"You're supposed to play your best football in December and that's what we definitely need to do," said Jaguars receiver Jimmy Smith. "We were embarrassed last Sunday by a very good football team. We need to get back on track and win this ballgame and move on."

Thoughts about Jacksonville's 50-10 loss to the Minnesota Vikings have lingered at Jaguars camp all week, as have the effects of injuries that continue to come in bundles.

Starting defensive lineman Renaldo Wynn (groin) and safety Donovin Darius (hip) will miss Monday's game with injuries that threaten to keep them out for the playoffs, as well.

Quarterback Mark Brunell continues to nurse a high ankle sprain that will almost surely keep him out of his third straight game.

It means rookie Jonathan Quinn will get his second start. Last week, he went 12-for-27 for 88 yards and two interceptions in the embarrassment at the Metrodome.

He knows dozens of scouts, coaches and even more players will be sitting at home watching, trying to find out what the Jaguars saw when they spent a third-round draft pick on him.

"My confidence is good," Quinn said. "Obviously, last week shook it up a little bit, but you just have to rebound, put that behind you, come out and play a good game."

The road team has never won in this rivalry. The Jaguars also need a victory to match the 11-5 record that left them a tiebreaker away from beating the Steelers for the division title last year.

There's also the matter of getting a win over Pittsburgh for emphasis, to prove to themselves that they could beat the only team that had won the division since the Jacksonville franchise came into existence.

Coach Tom Coughlin issued the same kind of challenge in November, before a trip to Three Rivers Stadium resulted in a 30-15 loss.

"I feel like we still need to beat them, because they're the Pittsburgh Steelers," said linebacker Kevin Hardy. "They're the ones we consider to be our rivals. They're the team on the top of the AFC Central the last few years." The Steelers will remember this as the year of the Kordell Stewart meltdown. Tabbed as one of the league's top, up-and-coming quarterbacks, he brings to the season finale a 65.1 passer rating — 13th in the AFC — and the memory of his Dec. 13 sideline shouting match with coach Bill Cowher that ended with him crying on the bench.

Cowher said Stewart will get the start, but once again could get the hook for Mike Tomczak if he's ineffective.

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Blizzard fans to get refunds

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — At least some ticket-holders will receive refunds from the New England Blizzard after the American Basketball League folded this week.

The Hartford Civic Center and TicketMaster outlets will give refunds to people with tickets for individual games, Civic Center officials said Thursday. Refunding will begin Monday.

No one at TicketMaster's New York office was available to confirm the report. But a news release from the Civic Center said TicketMaster outlets and the Civic Center would give full refunds at the locations where the tickets were purchased.

A TicketMaster representative in San Jose said fans who had bought tickets for Lasers games could return them for full refunds at the outlet where they were purchased.

The ABL folded Monday, canceling the rest of its season, including 14 Blizzard games scheduled for the Civic Center.

The refunds do not apply to season ticket-holders, who must contact ABL league offices for their rebates.

ABL officials have asked for patience from fans while they formulate a plan to reimburse season ticket-holders, but a bankruptcy judge may determine how — or if — season ticket-holders are reimbursed.

Pam Batalis, ABL vice president of sales and former Blizzard general manager, said she expects the process to take several weeks.

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Donations made from NBA players' game

WASHINGTON (AP) — Six charities have been sent a total of $600,000 as their share of the proceeds from the game played by locked out NBA players in Atlantic City, N.J., last Saturday, according to Falk Associates Management Enterprises.

More money will be distributed within several weeks, said Curtis Polk, president of the Falk group which promoted the game with Tellum Associates.

Twins to slash payroll

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Twins are slashing their player payroll next season, saying they can't compete under baseball's economic structure.

The club's payroll will fall to between $10 million and $15 million, down from $27 million at the beginning of the 1998 season, the Twins said Wednesday in deciding to go with mostly young players.

"My goal is to keep the team here," said Jim Pohlad, son of Twins owner Carl Pohlad. "If there is any kind of proposal to achieve that, at this point, we're not proud anymore."

Team president Jerry Bell said the payroll cut is the team's only hope to break even over the next two seasons. While the Twins claim losses of $15 million for 1998, baseball's high-revenue teams have increased their spending this offseason. The New York Yankees, Baltimore Orioles and Los Angeles Dodgers may all have payrolls of $80 million or more.

The Twins hope for, among other things, increased revenue sharing among major league teams and a solution to their ongoing plea for a new stadium..

However, they don't plan to ask state legislators for a new ballpark, and there are no outstanding offers to purchase the team.

"This is a two-year plan to convince my dad that baseball can remain here," Jim Pohlad said. "If we don't lose any money in that time and we see changes in the infrastructure of major league baseball and a better situation at the Metrodome, maybe there is hope."

Two factors appear to have strongly influenced the Pohlads' sharp payroll cut. First, the Twins realized by midseason that the $27 million payroll they started the season with would be grossly inadequate to compete for postseason play. The playoff team with the lowest payroll was the Houston Astros, at $48.3 million.

Man-Dem unbeaten in winter league hoops

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It was the perfect Christmas gift for the local basketball fan on Thursday. Severin 'Pido' Miller stuffed the game of the season in the Arthur Richards Gym as Man Dem remained perfect on the season as they downed their Christiansted rivals Ujima, 75-56.

Christmas is the time of giving, and as everyone knows people are not always happy with what they get. Ujima couldn't be pleased with the old fashioned shelling they got from Man-Dem on Christmas Eve. Going into the game Ujima had won the last five meetings between these two-man league power houses.

But the 1998-1999 Man-Dem team is not the same team that Ujima beat in five consecutive meetings.

It is a new-look Man-Dem team that plowed through Ujima. The Man-Dem team has kept its nucleus -- Keith Swanston and Dean Heywood, but they went with a youth movement and acquired sharp shooter Patrick LaBlanc, speedy point guard Glenroy Coggins and the very-athletic Mumba Rivera.

On Thursday it was a balanced attack by Man-Dem that did Ujima in. All ten of Man-Dem's players scratched the score book in the 19 point victory. The team from Frederiksted led by as many as 28 points with 6:29 left to play.

Ujima kept the game close for the first ten minutes when the score was 20-17. In the next ten minutes Man-Dem went on a 26-10 run. Dean Heywood didn't score a point in the second half. As a matter of fact, he didn't score in the final 30 minutes of the game. The Man-Dem of old could have never won with that statistic, let alone by 19.

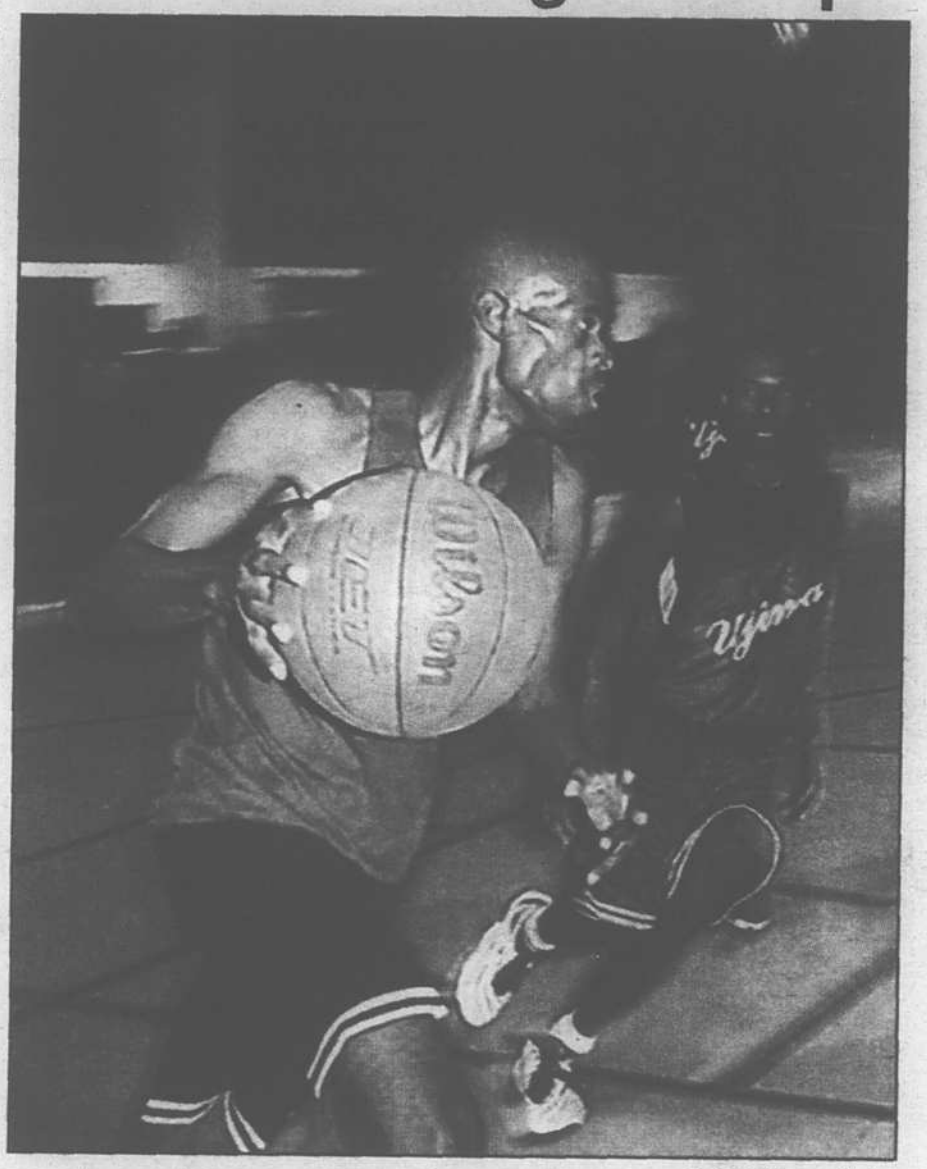
Keith 'Zoro' Swanston led Man-Dem's balanced attack with 15 points and 11 boards. Dean 'McMillan' Heywood added 11 points all coming in the first ten minutes of the game.

For Ujima Ean Jarvis led his team with 13 points, 4 rebounds and 3 steals. George Chiverton added 12 points and 5 rebounds.

Game 2

In the first game of the night the Rebels downed the Wailers 90-62. Nigel 'Cobra' Bridgewater led all scorers with 25 points and 4 rebounds. Luis 'Mexican' Lopez aided in the victory with 13 points and 4 steals.

For the Wailers Rubio 'Bush' Heywood led his team with 19 points, 4 rebounds and 2 assists. Dale Barnes added 14 points, 10 rebounds and 2 blocks.



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Francis Romain and Man-Dem drive past Ujima Thursday night. Man-Dem came out on top 75-56.

LT says he should be a Hall of Famer

NEW YORK (AP) — Lawrence Taylor, whose arrests for drug use could hurt his chances of joining the Pro Football Hall of Fame, says he has no worries about his election.

"I know I belong there." says Taylor, who is eligible this year for the first time. "I just figured it as a given. I don't want to sound cocky, but I expect it."

Taylor told the Daily News that he's innocent of his two most recent arrests but he considers himself an addict.

"If I've been clean for one day or 1,000 years, I'm a recovering addict and that possibility is always going to be there." Taylor said.

Before the arrests, Taylor was considered an easy first-ballot Hall of Famer.

He was the key player in two Super Bowl wins by the New York Giants and his style as a pass-rushing linebacker changed the way many defenses played. But while he's still considered a good bet to get in, a few of the 36 voters have expressed reservations because of his drug problems.



Lawrence Taylor

"I hate for people to hold me to higher standards than they hold themselves." Taylor said of voters' reservations. "I would take my bad points and shortcomings and my good points and I would put them against anybody out there.

"Don't get me wrong. I'm not saying I'm a saint. ... I'm not given the benefit of the doubt anymore."

The voting is Jan. 30, one week before Taylor's 40th birthday.

He retired in 1993 after 13 years with the Giants.

Taylor's drug arrests include a case in Teaneck, N.J., where police said they found drugs and drug paraphernalia in his hotel room in September, though he wasn't in the room. The arrest could violate an agreement made last year after Taylor pleaded guilty to filing a false federal income-tax return, and could result in his going to jail.

"I'm quite sure, as long as I live, there is always going to be some controversy with me," Taylor said. "People must think I get up in the morning and say, 'Let me see, what can I get into now?'"

Taylor has been in drug rehab several times, both as a player and after his retirement. His All-Pro career was marred by an NFL suspension for violating the league's drug-abuse policy.