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Dave Didio/Avis

Government and corporate officials gather for a ground-breaking ceremony for the new Divi Carina Bay Casino yesterday afternoon. With shovels, left to right: Brad Whitmore, president of Grapetree Shores, Inc., Gov. Roy L. Schneider, Eileen R. Petersen, chairwoman of the Casino Control Commission, and Bernie Burkholder, president and CEO of Treasure Bay Gaming & Resorts, Inc.

First casino breaks ground

DAVE DIDIO — avis

Government and the corporate world "broke bread" yesterday afternoon beneath a tent on the construction site of the Divi Carina Bay Casino, St. Croix's first gaming establishment.

Over 100 V.I. business leaders, government officials, distinguished guests and members of the press gathered near Southshore Road to hear Bernie Burkholder, CEO of Treasure Bay Gaming and Resorts, publicly thank them for their help in bringing the casino to the island.

"It is not a cure-all," said Burkholder, referring to the casino, "but gaming is going to be one of the critical catalysts to start the economic engine on St. Croix. In the fall of 1999, the casino will be open, and it will be a beautiful facility."

At the ceremony, attendees were as upbeat about the economic future of St. Croix as the tempo of the Christmas song being played by a nearby jazz combo, seated next to a table covered with several platters of food.

In addressing the crowd, Burkholder indicated that those involved in the casino's development would be willing to help in the construction of a new police station on the south side of the island, "to help improve security in the area." He also stated that he would like to see the roads improved, and the addition of a scheduled bus service to the area.

"I would ask that you remain strong in your commitment to your original vision," said Burkholder, referring to the steadfastness with which the Casino Control Commission held its ground when asked by business people to relax its rules.

Gov. Roy L. Schneider criticized people who would have negative attitudes about the Virgin Islands, and asked that the people of the Virgin Islands "see the glass as half-full, and not half-empty." Turning toward Burkholder, Brad Whitmore, president of Grapetree Shores, Inc. and CCC Chairwoman Eileen R. Petersen, he said, "You are the folks who had faith in St. Croix and the Virgin Islands."

Sen. Almando "Rocky" Liburd also expressed his pleasure that the territory's first casino had finally broken ground.

"I am so happy," said Liburd. "There is still a long way to go, but this comes at an opportune time for St. Croix's (economic development)."

Following the customary ground-breaking ceremony, attendees were invited to tour the partially-completed casino structure.

Fate of WAPA to be determined

WILLIE EMERSON — avis

The proposed sale of a portion of the V.I. Water and Power Authority will be a matter for the incoming administration to address, according to Julio Brady, vice chairman of WAPA's governing board.

"The suggestion is still there," said Brady, adding that the decision will rest in the hands of Gov.-elect Charles Turnbull and the 23rd Legislature.

WAPA's governing board has yet to take a position on the partial divestiture of the authority because there has been no official proposal presented from an interested suitor or company.

What has been completed is a feasibility study to determine if it would be possible for a private company to assume ownership of a portion of the authority.

"They concluded that it was feasible and gave a scenario, but there was no proposal. The Legislature is the ultimate authority on this matter," said Brady.

He added that the board would have to consider many issues related to a partial sale of the authority before it rendered a decision on the matter. Rate stability, employment and union status are a few of the issues that must be addressed, according to Brady.

WAPA Executive Director Raymond George said the scenario of a sale of WAPA would most likely consist of a private company assuming ownership of production facilities, with the authority managing the distribution of water and electricity.

One of the companies that has shown an interest in buying a portion of the authority is Atlanta-based Southern Energy. The company made a presentation before the St. Croix Chamber of Commerce in July to outline its plans.

Dave Dunbar, director of consulting services for the company, has said if Southern Company, a subsidiary of Southern Energy, were to buy a portion of

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Officials to decide WAPA's future

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WAPA a number of jobs would be eliminated through attrition.

However, he added he would expect the company to temper a reduction in jobs with economic development on St. Croix and St. Thomas.

It is also Dunbar's claim that the company would attempt to raise the salaries of employees because they are underpaid in comparison to their private-sector counterparts.

A concern of Dunbar is the state of some of WAPA's equipment, a problem that, according to George, is being addressed by the authority.

George said systemic water leakage is a problem that worries prospective buyers. As a result, it has been proposed that WAPA upgrade its leakage protection system.

Meanwhile, the authority is doing what it can to get back on the road of solvency.

According to George, water bonds were recently sold which will yield $18 million over the life of the bonds.

"The sale of the bonds went very well and there was quite a bit of interest from people who normally wouldn't show interest," said George.

Terry Drake, chief financial officer of WAPA, is currently in New York working on the sale.

Brady clarified that the original bonds had been refinanced.

"We are exiting bond indebtedness. We borrowed new money to pay off those (former) bonds," said Brady, noting that the new interest rate of 6.25 percent is lower than the previous rate.

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JFLH Board ousts chief operating officer

ANGELA BORCHERT avis

Using their legal powers, members of the Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital Board fired Chief Operating Officer Elroi Baumann, who insisted on maintaining his COO position until notified by the governor himself.

A board staff member said Thursday that Baumann's notice of termination was signed this week by Gov. Roy L. Schneider.

Neither the governor nor his spokesmen could be reached yesterday for comment.

In the absence of former JFLH Board Chairwoman Gloria H.C. Waterman, the board voted four to three on Aug. 26 to remove Baumann from the COO position and offered him a job as a hospital security officer at a significant decrease in salary.

Baumann declined the security job and remained as COO despite the board's decision.

Waterman maintained that only the governor had the power to fire Baumann.

However, Sens. Almando Liburd and Allie-Allison Petrus both argued that the law is clear, and said hospital board members have the power to hire and fire non-unionized hospital employees.

Yesterday, a JFL Hospital administration receptionist said, "Mr. Baumann is no longer employed here."

Baumann could not be reached yesterday for comment.

During the executive session of last Wednesday's meeting, JFL Hospital Board members elected new officers, ousting Waterman as chair. The new officers are Julia Pankey, chair; Annie Day Henry, vice chair; Maria Henneman, treasurer; and Ada Acoy, secretary.

Hospital recruitment difficult due to low salaries

Henry: JFLH needs more ER physicians

ANGELA BORCHERT avis

Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital needs more emergency room physicians, according to the facility's medical director, Dr. Claudius Henry.

Addressing the St. Croix hospital board Wednesday during the regular monthly meeting, Henry said low salaries are the main reason physician recruitment is so difficult.

However, Henry noted that ER physicians recruited by JFL Hospital in the past three years make about $125,000 a year, while others on staff are making about half that.

"That has to be rectified," said Henry, who hoped to soon get six full-time ER physicians and two or three more on a per-diem basis.

Meanwhile, the board and hospital staff are still trying to figure out ways to cut down on time people spend waiting for emergency room services.

One problem is, "the community has a tendency to use the emergency room as a clinic," Henry said. "It's just ridiculous sometimes."

Turning to other departments, the medical director said many of the operating room physicians are of or approaching retirement age and he told the board, "We have to make some sort of provisions for replacement."

The medical director added that "medicine is fully staffed but again, the staff you can lose at any moment."

Henry said he hopes to recruit a gastroenterologist and is trying to strike a deal with a podiatrist through a proposal to split the salary between the hospital and the Health Department. Radiology is fully staffed with physicians, but Henry said "a few technicians are out sick." Obstetrics/gynecology also has enough doctors, though the staff is requesting more midwives, nurses and certified nurses' aides.

In other hospital news, JFLH Chief Financial Officer Luz Nash said she is still waiting for a year-end report from the V.I. Department of Finance.

Meanwhile, Nash presented to the board the hospital's first-quarter collections for Oct. 1 through Dec. 15, which totaled $2,861,013.

Nash said the hospital's computer billing system should be up to date by Friday.

JFLH Chief Executive Officer-designate Thomas Robinson urged the board to approve a $150,000 contract which would enable a company called Medi-Tech to make all of the hospital's biomedical equipment Y2K compliant.

Benefit pays for computers, furniture at Sprauve school

KRIS DREESSEN avis

ST. THOMAS -- A dinner and dancing benefit at Caneel Bay resort will bring computer instruction and new cafeteria furniture for students at the Julius E. Sprauve Elementary School.

The $49,000 raised at the Dec. 4 event will provide wiring, networking and computers for K-3 students.

"We're very excited. And the furniture in the cafeteria is very old so we're going to replace it all," said Tina Harlow, Caneel Bay resident manager.

A committee of teachers, parents and community leaders, led by Caneel Bay Managing Director Luis Argote, will oversee spending, Harlow said.

The $49,000 raised topped the goal, which was $30,000.

It was the second benefit Caneel Bay has sponsored for the St. John school.

Last year, $13,000 was raised to install more exterior lighting on school premises, installation of security gates and to completely redo the art room.

At the Dec. 4 event, Sen. Adlah "Foncie" Donastorg, U.S. Attorney James Hurd, Sen. Allie-Allison Petrus and 20 other local officials and community leaders were "celebrity" waiters.

The event and improvement projects are important for the local students, Harlow said.

"It's up to the community to piggyback support. It's up to each and every one of us, not just the government, to assist with education," Harlow said.

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The St. Croix Avis will be closed Friday, December 25 in observance of Christmas Day. The deadline to schedule Display ads and Classified Display ads to appear in the Friday, Dec. 25 and Sunday-Monday Dec. 27-28 edition is Wednesday, Dec. 23 by 12:00 p.m. Camera ready ads for the Friday, Dec. 25 and Sunday-Monday, Dec. 27-28 edition may be delivered on Thursday, Dec. 24 by 12:00 p.m. if they are scheduled by Wednesday Dec. 23 by 12:00 p.m. There will be no Saturday, Dec. 26 St. Croix Avis.

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Government switches to private gas supplier

MICHAEL BURTON avis

ST. THOMAS -- As a "temporary fix" to comply with Environmental Protection Agency rules, the Virgin Islands government is closing down its motor pool fueling facility and issuing Esso gas cards to all government employees.

The new agreement with Esso essentially privatizes gas supply for the V.I. government. It was announced by officials from Esso and V.I. Department of Property and Procurement during a press briefing at Gottlieb Gas Station in Charlotte Amalie, yesterday.

All 600 of the government's St. Thomas vehicles will be issued a new Executive Fleet Card by next Tuesday, Dec. 22, is also the date the government motor pool in Sub Base will shut down.

Last week, the EPA warned the government that all facilities that don't remove, empty or update their underground storage tanks by Dec. 22 will face a fine of $11,000 per day. Less than half of all the government's 400 tanks are reportedly in compliance with the federal law.

Instead of closing out the tank at the motor pool, which includes moving the tank and sampling the area for leaks, the government opted for emptying the tank and leaving it unused, saving the government about $400,000.

"This is a temporary fix to deal with this problem," said Samuel Baptiste, acting director of the Property and Procurement. Baptiste added federal regulations make it costly and risky for the government to own and operate a fueling facility.

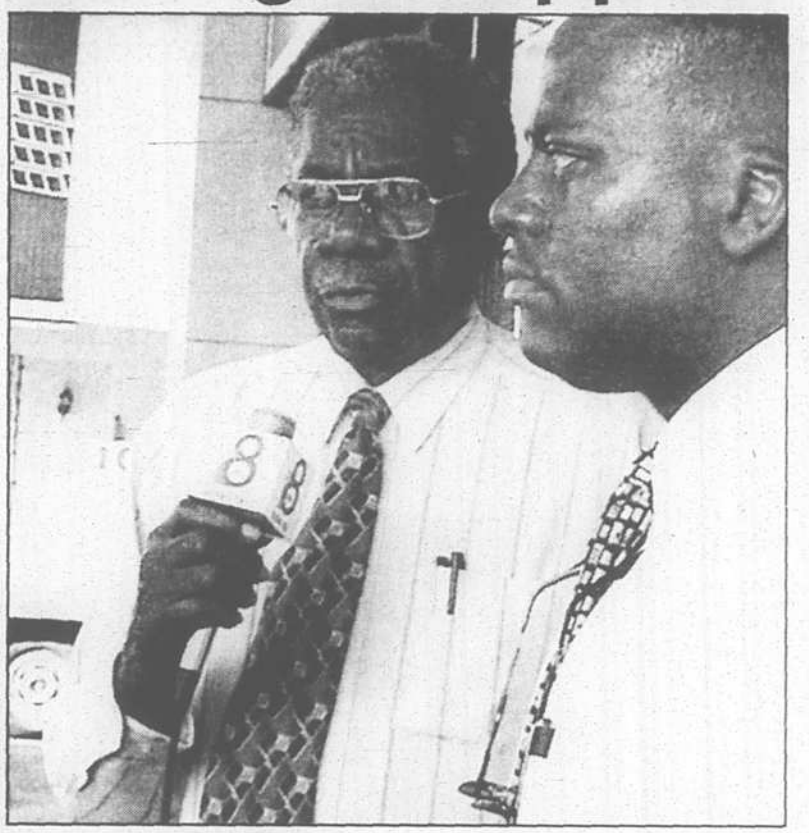
The agreement with Esso enables all authorized government employees, who drive government vehicles, to get fuel at up to five Esso Service Stations on both islands. Right now, Esso has two stations on St. Thomas participating in the program — the Gottlieb Station and the Four Winds Station.

Each time an employee gets gas for a government vehicle, he or she will present the fleet card to the Esso cashier, and the cashier will swipe the card to determine the amount of fuel that can be dispensed.



Michael Burton/Avis

Lisa Bhola, Esso sales representative, Friday, shows off the new Executive Fleet Card for government employees. The fleet card will be used for gasoline instead of the government motor pool tanks, which must be removed under U.S. Environmental Agency regulations.



Michael Burton/Avis

Property and Procurements' Samuel Baptiste says the new agreement with Esso essentially privatizes gas supply for the V.I. government.

Each card will have a PIN number designated for that particular vehicle, and the driver will provide the cashier with the vehicle mileage, which will be recorded electronically.

Baptiste said the system offers several advantages to the current government-owned system.

"It's a more modern system that simplifies the management of our fueling operations," Baptiste said. "It also significantly improves control over our fuel usage through monitoring of detailed monthly fleet card reports.

"We'll more accurately see how much gas we're using and the mileage per gallon," he said.

Still, the new system will require the cooperation of each agency to ensure it works, Baptiste said.

Each agency will have to submit detailed monthly reports to Property and Procurement to facilitate monthly billing, and allow the department to "enable or disable users or a group of users."

The government should be implementing the new system in St. Croix by the end of the year.

Gov. OKs expansion of wildlife refuge at Sandy Point

AVIS STAFF

Gov. Roy L. Schneider recently approved the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's proposal to expand the Sandy Point National Wildlife Refuge on the western end of St. Croix by 10.5 acres, according to Government House spokesmen.

Sandy Point is home to a large nesting population of leatherback turtles, as well as green and hawksbill turtle nests, and is also home to large numbers of shore birds, reptiles and plant species unique to the Virgin Islands.

"The protection offered these nesting populations by the Sandy Point National Wildlife Refuge is very important for Virgin Islands sea turtles," Schneider said in a prepared statement. "The refuge beaches have been identified as key nesting beaches for recovery of these endangered species under their respective recovery plans."

Schneider said expanding the refuge would enhance natural and cultural resources by protecting prime hawksbill turtle nesting areas from development. It would also protect a pre-Taino Indian archeological site located near the refuge and alllow for on-site enforcement by relocating the site manager's residence to the entrance of the refuge. Extending the controlled access road to the entrance of Centerline road will eliminate illegal dumping of household wastes, appliances and vehicles along the access road.

Christian-Green blasts impeachment

On House floor, V.I. delegate says Republicans are going against will of the people

MATT ZALAZNICK avis

ST. THOMAS -- V.I. Delegate to Congress Donna Christian-Green criticized Republicans for going against the will of the American people in their bid to impeach President Bill Clinton.

In her speech during yesterday's impeachment hearings in the U.S. House of Representatives, Christian-Green strongly urged congressmen to vote against impeachment.

"Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a solemn, fearful and heavy heart as I face the stark reality that this House and "lame duck" Congress is actually going to disregard the will of the American people," Christian-Green said.

"My colleagues, the American people overwhelmingly continue to oppose the impeachment of their twice-elected president. They are no fools," Christian-Green said. "They recognize the blatant unfairness of the process, and while they do not condone what the president did, they understand that he has committed no constitutional crime."

She then blasted Republicans for continuing with impeachment proceedings, while the U.S. armed forces are conducting bombing attacks against Iraq.

"What this body is about to do, while we are at war, comes closer to treason, and meeting that constitutional standard, than anything our president is charged with," she said.

She accused Republicans of only pursuing impeachment because Clinton is a popular Democratic president and said they had a flimsy case for "high crimes and misdemeanors."

"I agree with comments I've heard as late as this morning, that this is not about the president's behavior with Monica Lewinsky. Neither is this about legitimate charges of perjury, obstruction of justice, or damage to the president's ability to govern," she said. "It has been clearly shown time and time again that none of that occurred.



Del. Donna Christian-Green

"What this is about is a purely partisan attack on Bill Clinton, the man, and on Bill Clinton, the people's president. And make no mistake, it is also about a very popular first lady," she said.

She said a majority of American people are satisfied with Clinton's admission of wrongdoing and want the government to return to doing the people's business.

"By his own admission, the president has stated that he has sinned. He was contrite and he has asked for forgiveness and the forgiveness of the American people," Christian-Green said. "It is time for us to come together as a nation and support troops in the Middle East and put this matter behind us.

"The American people want and need us to get to work on the issues that support them and improve their quality of life," she said.

Other elected officials in the Virgin Islands have spoken out against impeachment. Gov.-elect Charles Turnbull and Lt. Gov-elect G. Luz James II have both said they oppose impeachment.

Outgoing Republican senator Holland Redfield has also spoken publicly against impeaching Clinton.

In concluding her remarks yesterday, Christian-Green warned the Republicans against setting a dangerous precedent.

"I hope against hope that my words and the words of others who have called for forgiveness and healing in this time can soften the hearts of my colleagues who would seek to throw our nation into turmoil over politics," she said.

STT man indicted in arson, burglary of U.S. official's home

AVIS STAFF

ST. THOMAS -- A federal grand jury indicted St. Thomas resident Adaryll Gumbs, also known as Steve Bell, on eight federal and territorial offenses yesterday in connection with the burglary and arson of the home of Assistant U.S. Attorney Curtis Gomez in September.

Gumbs, 20, is being charged with breaking into Gomez's home on Sept. 16, and setting it on fire to try and destroy it and its contents, according to a U.S. Department of Justice statement. He is charged with carrying two firearms.

The indictment charges Gumbs attempted to burn the house down by allowing raw, unignited flammable gas to escape within the house while setting the fire.

Gumbs is also charged with trying to impede, intimidate, interfere with and threaten Gomez because of his performance of official duties, which include handling prosecution of a Territorial Court criminal case in which Gumbs is a defendant.

If convicted of arson, Gumbs could be sentenced for up to 40 years in jail.

Convictions on other counts of carrying a firearm during commission of a crime of violence is a mandatory five-year jail sentence, which must be served consecutive to other terms.

Gumbs is also charged with and will receive jail time if convicted for: forcibly resisting, impeding and intimidating a federal officer; destruction of U.S. property; conspiracy to impede or injure an officer; influencing or injuring an officer; burglary in violation of the Virgin Islands code; and use of fire to commit a felony. All federal offenses, which include all but the burglary charge, carry a maximum fine of $250,000.

Four individuals have already entered guilty pleas in the crime — Joseph Emmett Simmonds III, 20; Jahma Ludvig, 22; Ashbert Sylvester Lloyd, also known as "Chronic," 20; and Bertrand Alexis Penn, 21.

Simmonds, 20, plead guilty on Wednesday on charges of arson and burglary and is facing a minimum mandatory five years imprisonment and a statutory maximum of 20 years for arson. He faces an additional five years imprisonment for burglary.

Last Thursday, Lloyd, Penn and Ludvig entered guilty pleas in court for carrying a firearm during the commission of a crime of violence and burglary.

The federal firearms conviction carries a mandatory five-year jail sentence, which must be consecutive to any other sentence. The burglary conviction carries a maximum sentence of an additional five years of imprisonment.

Muslims begin observing Ramadan

WILLIE EMERSON avis

Muslims worldwide will take time to reflect on things spiritual during the month-long fast of Ramadan, which begins today.

Abdel-Karim Taha, who will observe the fast, was quick to point out that Ramadan is much more than a holiday.

"The days of Ramadan are more holy days than holidays," said Taha, adding that during the observance he feels closer to God. He noted that the element of fasting serves to strengthen his faith.

According to Taha, Ramadan is a time when individuals are able to shed all the negative components of life that tend to place barriers between man and God.

Strife, jealousy, pride and other unhealthy emotions are purged from participants through fasting and prayer.

"It is a time for us to be with God and establish better relationships with our fellow men," said Taha.

> "It (Ramadan) goes beyond personal feelings because it's God's order to us,"
>
> **Hatim Yusuf**
> **member of the Council on American Islamic Relations**

Social gatherings play a big part in Ramadan, according to Taha. He said it is a time when family and friends gather to enjoy meals together and encourage each other in the faith.

Other traditional practices of Ramadan include breaking the daily fast with a drink of water and dates and reading the entire Quran, divided into 30 units for the occasion.

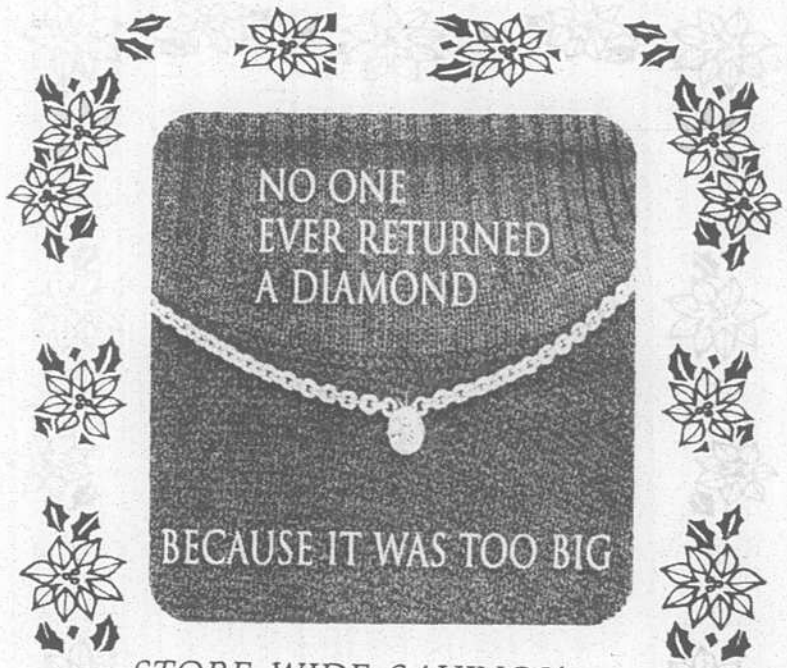
"The first day is sometimes hard for me. But the more faith you have, the easier it (the fast) becomes," said Taha, adding that he has prayed and fasted since he was a boy and made several pilgrimages to Mecca.

Hatim Yusuf, a member of the Council on American Islamic Relations, said he estimates the Muslim community on St. Thomas numbers approximately 400, with about 600 adherents on St. Croix.

"It (Ramadan) goes beyond personal feelings because it's God's order to us," said Yusuf. "It's a source of connection for all Muslims."

While St. Croix's mosque is located in Estate Herman Hill, the Muslim community on St. Thomas is in the process of building a new place of worship, according to Yusuf. Land has already been purchased for the project.

Demographers say Islam is one of the fastest growing religions in the continental United States and around the world, with an estimated six million Muslims in America and about 1.2 billion worldwide.



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Royal Caribbean cancels all Monarch of the Seas cruises

MICHAEL BURTON avis

ST. THOMAS -- In the wake of the Monarch of the Seas accident in St. Maarten on Tuesday, Royal Caribbean International is canceling its next 10 cruises to the Caribbean, the company announced yesterday.

After assessing damages to the Monarch of the Seas, Royal Caribbean announced that in addition to the Dec. 20 cancellation previously announced, nine subsequent sailings for the cruise ship, up to and including the Feb. 14 sailing, have been canceled.

Royal Caribbean's Monarch of the Seas, which had just left St. Thomas Monday, hit an underwater shoal of rocks as it was leaving St. Maarten on Tuesday and had to evacuate all its 2,557 passengers.

The ship had sailed Sunday from San Juan and then to St. Thomas before heading to St. Maarten. It was on a seven-night southern Caribbean cruise.

Lynn Martenstein, Royal Caribbean's vice-president of corporate communications, said that travel agents were advised of the cancellations yesterday, and the company will work with them to accommodate guests on other cruises within the company's fleet.

All guests signed up for sailings this month will receive a full refund and certificate for a free cruise to be taken within a year.

Monarch of the Seas struck a shoal in St. Maarten harbor after midnight last Tuesday. Immediately after incurring the damage, the ship's captain brought the ship to rest on a bed of sand near the harbor. The ship took on water in three of its 18 watertight compartments.

Martenstein said that the exact cause of the accident was not known, but said the company brought in marine experts on Wednesday, who are now completing assessment of the damage and making preparations for repairs.

As each of the 2,557 passengers were all brought safely ashore by tender boats, the company immediately began to house them in local hotels and made flight arrangements to return them home.

Part of the reason the company was able to respond so quickly to the accident, Martenstein stated, was due to the activation of its Emergency Response Plan (ERP). The ERP team included shipboard staff who flew immediately from St. Maarten to Miami. Within 24 hours of the incident, about 1,700 guests had been flown to San Juan and Miami on several chartered jets.

The cruise line also established help desks at five sites in St. Maarten and at five hotels in Miami. In Miami, a 24-hour information hotline (1-800-722-5053) is staffed to answer questions from guests, friends, families and travel agents.

Royal Caribbean scheduled flights for the remaining guests in St. Maarten yesterday. All non-essential crew began to disembark the ship yesterday for Miami and will be reassigned within the company's fleet or given early home leave.

Road repairs getting underway on STT

KRIS DREESSEN avis

ST. THOMAS -- Preparation for major road repairs is already underway on sidewalks near the Donoe housing complex and Route 382 in Est. Tutu. Seven areas are slated for reconstruction, rehabilitation and resurfacing as part of the government's $2.5 million, 3R project to clean up more than a dozen roads in the territory.

"This is a long anticipated implementation of phase II of island-wide projects," said Tyrone Martin, Department of Public Works territorial special assistant.

The project is funded by the Federal Highway Administration.

As the project enters Phase II, contractors will begin work on the road through New Tutu. A notice to proceed with work will be issued to the contractor Dec. 21, Martin said.

Route 382 was given highest priority because it's in the worst shape, Martin said.

"That's the one in worst condition. We've received numerous complaints on that one," Martin said.

DPW is trying to complete work on the strip, which runs from Splash and Dash carwash and goes through New Tutu, before Christmas.

The target date for completion of all St. Thomas work is March 1999, if there are no unforeseen weather delays or other delays, Martin said.

About 80 percent of all 3R project work is completed on St. John, Martin said. Improved roads include areas of Bay Street, King Street and Henry Samuel Street.

Along with repairs and resurfacing, roads are also being restriped and drainage improvements made.

The pothole-ridden Raphune Hill, Route 38, will be the second area to be rehabilitated under the 3R project, but work will occur between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. to minimize traffic impact, Martin said.

The third prioritized area is Fortuna Road, Route 30, which gets very slick during rain.

Martin said that complaints from VITRAN, emergency responders and motorists prompted the decision to resurface the road from concrete to asphalt.

"Whenever it rains it gets extremely slippery and it's extremely dangerous," Martin said.

Brewer's Bay Road will also be paved to cut down on dangerous wet conditions, Martin said.

Other projects, in decreasing order of vitalness, are: Crown Mountain Road, Route 33; the Brewer's Bay Road; Donoe Road, Route 39, and Route 30 in Frenchman's Bay.

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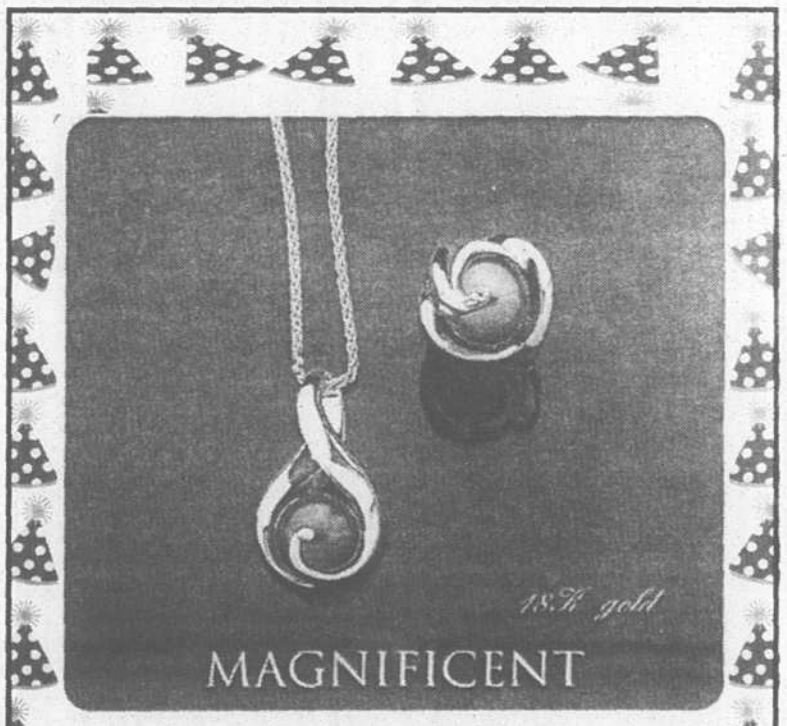
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EDITORIAL:

A kinder, gentler Senate?

It's been said millions of times before: Put an end to the constant bickering that often brings the V.I. Legislature to a legislation-less standstill.

Even with all the promises of unity, it's hard to guess how the senators-elect of the 23rd Legislature will get along or behave; some of the most boisterous combatants from the outgoing Legislature will be gone, while some have been re-elected for the next two years.

During a pre-legislative conference this week, members of the 23rd Legislature were given some tips on maintaining decorum on the floor by Sen. Kenneth McClintock, one of their counterparts from Puerto Rico.

Countless editorials in various publications, political cartoons, callers on radio talk shows, and constituents in the streets have long criticized the Senate for its sometimes bitter divisiveness.

Some have rightfully urged the senators to consider how they are influencing the territory's children.

A recent candidate's forum at Charlotte Amalie High School may be proof of the poor role models some senators are setting. The students in the audience, mimicking the insulting and grandstanding they saw on stage, drowned out many of the candidates while wildly booing others.

Calls by the community for a more peaceful Legislature, however, have apparently fallen on deaf ears. We'll see if Sen. McClintock's advice has greater impact.

McClintock offered our Senate some good ideas, such as allowing some "forum" time for senators to speak freely on whatever issue they choose. This would allow senators to express concerns that may not have come up while debating bills.

If this was done, when the bill on the floor was IDC reform, hopefully senators would debate IDC reform and not prattle on about some yet-to-be-confirmed nominee for the Public Services Commission, because they don't have a clue about IDC reform.

This would not only make the Senate more efficient but weed out senators who care more about putting the title "the honorable" before their name, having eloquent fits on television and riding around in their complimentary jeep than introducing meaningful legislation.

McClintock also suggested the Senate keep its "condolences and congratulations" off the floor and reserve session time for debating — and approving or not approving— more crucial legislation.

This is a wonderful suggestion and would certainly force senators to pass bills aimed at helping these financially hurting islands.

Sometimes, however, senators appear more interested in renaming cafeterias and dedicating baseball fields than revising election laws.

They seem more content on creating "V.I. Housing Authority Day," than passing reform to prevent the reoccurrence of the confusion that swamped this year's Board of Elections race.

Improved decorum is part of what will make the Senate more efficient. Also required, however, are more courageous lawmakers who are not afraid of tackling issues that may shed a bad light on some aspect of the territory.

And in November's senatorial race, it was shown that, at the top of the list, this is the type of "rogue" courage voters want. And for those who weren't on the list, it was shown residents are tired of a few of those former lawmakers who think the Senate floor is a wrestling ring.

Not wagging the dog, but self-sacrifice



JulianneMalveaux

Moments after President Clinton announced that he had authorized air strikes on Iraq, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott indicated that he could not support the president's action.

His comments are an unprecedented repudiation of the actions of a sitting president, remarks that would be considered controversial were it not for the extreme partisanship that strangles our nation, and the impending impeachment debate that was scheduled to begin before the bombing was announced.

On the surface, of course, the timing is questionable, especially since a similar "sneak attack" took place days after President Clinton gave his grand jury testimony in August. At the same time, it is extremely cynical to think that the entire National Security Council, which includes Republican Defense Secretary William Cohen, supported a move that some say is more political than tactical.

It is also myopic to think that British Prime Minister Tony Blair would go along with a "wag the dog" strategy when he has little to gain, and much to lose, from such a move.

President Clinton's address to the nation detailed clear reasons for the timing of the attack. After giving Saddam Hussien numerous opportunities to cooperate with U.N. weapons inspectors, he again failed to behave responsibly.

The Butler report indicated that there was no cooperation and that a full inspection did not take place. Were we to shrug off this defiance (as we have so many times) or draw a line in the sand? It is reported that as on Nov. 15, the National Security Council chose Dec. 16 as the date for an airstrike if necessary. They preserved the element of surprise. They avoided offending other Muslim nations by avoiding the Ramadan observance. And they signaled we mean business.

In some ways, the president has been self-sacrificing in his concurrence with the air strikes on Iraq, given the timing. If he was trying to buy time, as some suggest, he didn't get more than a 24-hour postponement of the impeachment debate. At the same time, he has outraged his Republican opponents and angered his supporters on the left, many of whom never support unwarranted uses of force on sovereign nations.

Consider, for example, the membership of the Congressional Black Caucus and their long-term and nearly unanimous support of President Clinton and opposition to impeachment. The CBC is unlikely to be as unanimously supportive of the airstrikes. Seven years ago, when George Bush attacked Iraq, California Congressman Ron Dellums was one of only six votes opposing that action. Dellums has retired, but his successor, Barbara Lee (D-Ca.) has similarly leftist politics and is likely to be critical of the bombing.

So is Maxine Waters, a progressive who has been critical of the military industrial complex. Seven years ago, I railed about the disproportionate representation of African Americans among the ground troops and forcefully suggested that Bush was way out of line with his bombing. Now, I am a Clinton supporter who would say much the same thing.

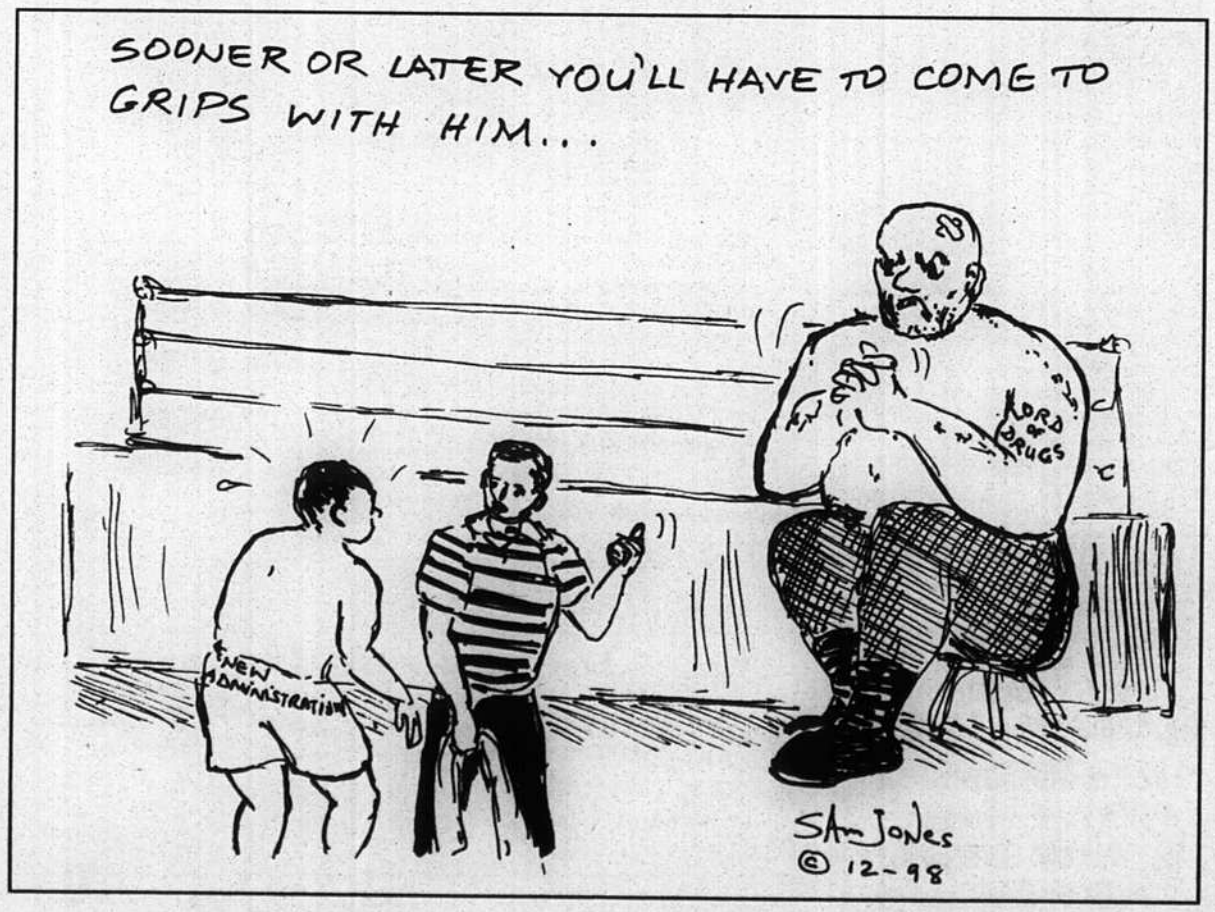
The president may have had reasons for bombing, but they do not seem political when they cause his staunchest anti-impeachment supporters to look askance at his actions.

Meanwhile, the militaristic Republicans, who allocated the Department of Defense millions more than it requested, are angrily frustrated because they have been hoping for this kind of action from the President all along. Now, on the eve of an impeachment debate, Clinton is providing them with exactly what they want. They are too cynical to embrace the move, because embracing the move might mean embracing the man.

Instead, they have issued tepid statements of support for the American citizens engaged in the action, all the while seething at President Clinton. Republican fence-sitters are likely to move toward their party in frustration at this move. The White House gains little in the impeachment struggle with the airstrikes.

Few will give President Clinton the credit he deserves for being self-sacrificing because that conflicts with the public image of him as a dishonest, adulterous man who has used extremely poor judgment in his personal affairs. That flawed image of him, though, makes his current action all the more noteworthy, and reinforces the point that there is a difference between personal flaws and public leadership.

We might not like William Jefferson Clinton, the man, very much. But these airstrikes, however ill-advised, suggest that William Jefferson Clinton, the President, is capable of putting the nation's interests ahead of his own.





Letters to the Editor:

Off-island vendors hurting local business

Dear Editor:

Page 3 of the December 16th Daily News shows a picture of some of the staff of the Department of Labor surrounded by new Dell computers. For those who don't know, Dell is a major mail order distributor of personal computers. The same issue features an ongoing series on growing St. Croix's stagnant economy. We are constantly searching for money. How about this suggestion for generating revenue, BUY LOCALLY.

Look at the math. If we estimate the purchase price of these Dell systems at a very conservative $1500 per PC, the total cost to the government would be $210,000. The gross receipts generated by the sale of these computers to the Department of Labor should have put about $8,400 (4%of $210,000) into the local treasury. It didn't. All one has to do is walk through any government office and see the amount of off island equipment. In addition, how much paper, toner, ink cartridges, etc. are purchased off island? These could all be revenue generating measures, in the form of gross receipts.

If the rationale for buying off island is the local vendors are too expensive, then allow us to be more competitive. Adjust gross receipts laws, excise taxes, etc. so that we can be more competitive. The current tax requirements, along with shipping costs, add about 15% to everything we sell. When selling to the government, we also have to wait 90 or more days for payment. All of these are factors in the final cost of a system.

Dell and Gateway make great systems at incredible prices. But will these sales put any money back into the coffers of the V.I. government? Will the people from Dell take the profit generated by the sale of PCs to the V.I. government and buy Christmas presents in Christiansted? Will the employees of Gateway support the Queen Louise Home? Do the owners of Damark support the Dolphins Swim Team? Have any of these off island vendors contributed anything to our local schools, civic organizations, charities? Do these purchases help pay overdue raises, or past due tax returns? The answers to all of these questions are obviously no.

A secondary issue needs to be addressed with the purchase of off island computer systems. When one of these Dell PCs break down in 21/2 years, will it be under warranty, and will there be someone here to repair it? Probably not. Will Dell train and hire local people to repair their systems? Definitely not. By coincidence, one of the staffers in the picture got his start with a LOCAL computer company. I know because I hired him Local vendors are able to offer local service and support. When you call for service on a Dell system you are not talking to a technician on St. Croix or St. Thomas.

I would challenge the new administration to institute a policy whereby all government purchases are made locally. Everything, no exceptions. Being in business here means having to abide by the gross receipts laws. It means having to register vacancies with the Department of Labor. lately it means struggling with an economy that in non existent. Instead of proudly posturing beside new Dell systems, wouldn't a better picture be one of a new training facility or office expansion. Or how about a story about a local kid who started small and now has stores on all three islands. Through their purchasing practices, the government could and should be leading the way in supporting local business.

Finally, in my opinion, $32 Million to prepare the governments computer for Y2K is ludicrous. I submit that I can prepare every PC the government owns for less than 1/3 of the proposed $32 Million. To date, we have not been approached by anyone in this regard.

Alex Pelovitz
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Lawmakers continue to ignore constituents on impeachment issue



Leonard Pitts

Well, here we go again.

Once more, the attention of the entire world is riveted on the Bill and Monica show. Mideast peace? Later. A settlement with big tobacco? Not now.

As a fire in a closed space consumes all the oxygen, so does this scandal periodically flare to life and consume all the attention.

Me, I'd been trying to avoid the story for months. I was sick of trying to unknot the thing: There was no good guy in it, no cause worth rooting for. All arguments seemed equivalent, all positions had merit, all roads led to intellectual gridlock.

Were we disgusted about the sex, or the lying? Was Bill Clinton manipulative slime or was Ken Starr a publicly funded Peeping Tom?

Were the president's GOP accusers high-minded statesmen or hypocritical attack dogs?

Yes. All of the above.

This week, though, we arrive at a juncture of rubber and road, nitty and gritty, where there's only one question that matters: Should the president be impeached and thrown out of office for what he's done?

Not that anybody cares what you think.

By "you," of course, I mean the overwhelming majority of the American people. Heck, if anybody was listening to the people, there'd be no impeachment to argue about. All year, they've consistently said the same thing: Move on. And all year, Washington has consistently done the opposite — it has dug in, tracing the arc of scandal and shame with transfixed, obsessive fascination.

The disconnect between the capital and the real world has seldom seemed so stark and wide. The people shout with everything that's in them that they "don't care" and wonder why official Washington doesn't seem to hear them.

Meanwhile, much of official Washington (and, yes, much of the news media) finds itself wondering what's wrong with the people that they're not outraged by the fact that their president is, at best, an adulterous liar. They call the people apathetic, cynical, numb, puzzle their heads trying to figure out what it says about the woman in the street that she doesn't see things as Washington and the media do.

But lately it occurs to me that maybe the better question is, what does it say about Washington and the media? About arrogance, paternalism, and the inability to shut up and listen?

Don't get me wrong. I believe lawmakers sometimes have a duty to do the unpopular, to follow conscience, even against the prevailing wind of public opinion. But when so many have said for so long that they are unmoved by the case a lawmaker makes, isn't he wise to wonder if maybe "he's" the one who's out of touch?

The Constitution provides for the impeachment and removal of a president for "treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors."

If the concrete meaning of the language is vague, the spirit of it seems apparent: The framers intended this ultimate sanction to be reserved for a president who committed grave offenses against the people.

Bill Clinton, sad, sex-addled liar though he is, hasn't done that. We know this because we have been told by the best possible authority. Meaning, the people themselves.

Yet the Republican Congress, driven by a ravening disgust for Clinton that predates the current scandal, continues its crusade to "get" the president. I understand — and share — their frustration. I don't blame them for finding the man's behavior offensive, nor even for wanting him punished. However, I do blame them for ignoring what they've been told by their ostensible bosses: Move on.

Because while it's clear that Clinton is guilty of obnoxiousness and sleaze, it seems far less certain that he is guilty of "high crimes and misdemeanors." That being the case, the current wrangling in Congress comes to seem less like an attempt to protect the people from malfeasance than simply an effort to hold Clinton accountable for being a distasteful and dishonorable man. Problem is, we have no constitutional mechanism for doing this. Impeachment and removal are not tools to punish a president for being a bad person. They are larger and more somber than that, a means by which to overturn an election, to undo a decision of the people. Yet the people have made themselves abundantly clear: They don't want this decision undone.

Lawmakers may not like that, may not agree with it, may not even understand it.

But it would be the height of arrogance for them to ignore it.

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Rehiring under redundancy program

KINGSTON, Jamaica, CANA - In line with an agreement reached with trade unions in November, Jamaica's three leading banana estates have offered to rehire about 2,000 of 2,650 banana workers laid off last month as part of a restructuring exercise.

According to the Gleaner newspaper, 75 per cent of the workers who received their redundancy payments had accepted re-employment at Eastern Banana Estates, Victoria Banana Estates and St. Mary Banana Company.

The companies -- all part of the export-led Jamaica Producers Group -- will know by the end of the week whether the others will take up the job offers. Under the restructured programme, the estates have come together in a single entity called Agri Services Ltd.

The workers and their unions have agreed to accept lower wages even while striving to increase production.

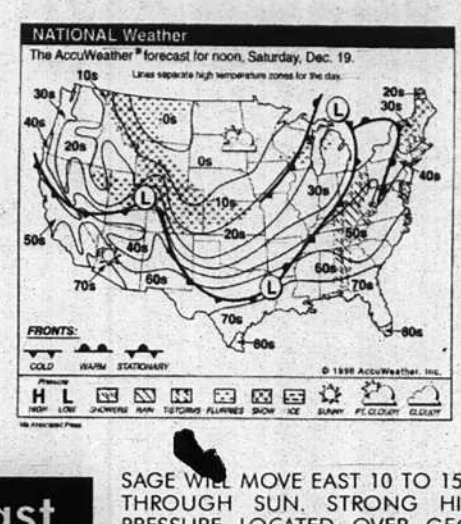
The banana companies have agreed to implement training schemes for workers and to consult with trade unions and worker councils in the running of the estates

The agreement grew out of the realisation that changes to the European Union's banana regime could lead to the death of Jamaica's banana industry unless efficiency is improved to the point to enable local growers to compete with Latin American producers.

Weather at a glance

Caribbean Temps

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Barbados	86	75	cdy
Bermuda	71	64	cdy
Caracas	86	66	cdy
Havana	75	64	cdy
Nassau	77	66	cdy
San Juan	86	73	cdy



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City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
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Baltimore	46	31	clr
Chicago	38	26	cdy
Dayton	37	24	cdy
El Paso	60	42	clr
Fairbanks	-26	-36	cdy
Great Falls	55	10	sn
Houston	65	40	cdy
Indianapolis	39	26	cdy
Jacksonville	65	29	clr
Kansas City	49	42	clr
Los Angeles	79	55	clr
Miami Beach	72	54	cdy
Nashville	43	25	cdy
New Orleans	60	39	cdy
Omaha	48	33	cdy
Phoenix	78	52	clr
Rapid City	69	32	clr
Reno	53	24	clr
Seattle	47	33	clr
Waco	61	47	cdy
W.Palm Beach	70	48	cdy
Wichita	53	42	clr
Wichita Falls	62	45	cdy

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KINGSTON, Jamaica, (CANA) -- The Jamaica government's Financial Sector Adjustment Company (FINSAC) lost $1.23 billion during the first 14 months of its operation, up to March this year, Finance Minister Omar Davies told Parliament Wednesday.

The bulk of the losses resulted from a $1.12 billion write-off in the value of assets under FINSAC's control -- cutting the worth of deposits, loans and investments it made to salvage tottering banks, financial entities and insurance companies.

FINSAC, which was set up by government to lead the way in the recapitalization and restructuring of the financial sector after a series of liquidity crises threatened ruin, has so far spent abou $2.16 billion on the salvage operation.

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Grateful Dead bassist Lesh undergoes liver transplant



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Members of the Grateful Dead pose in a 1985 file photo in Marin County, Calif. From left, back row, are Bill Kreutzman, Phil Lesh, Jerry Garcia, and Mickey Hart. In front are Brent Mydland, left, and Bob Weir. The 58-year-old Lesh was in stable condition yesterday, in a Florida hospital after undergoing a liver transplant.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Grateful Dead bassist Phil Lesh was in stable condition yesterday in a Florida hospital after a liver transplant.

Lesh, 58, was hospitalized for several days in September near his Marin County, Calif., home with internal bleeding stemming from hepatitis C, which he learned he had in 1992.

"When he had that bleeding attack in September, it became fairly obvious" that his liver was severely damaged, said Grateful Dead publicist Dennis McNally.

"He is in excellent condition in that they are totally pleased with his progress," McNally said. "He's been ultimately a healthy person for many, many years."

The Grateful Dead and their legions of followers were known for using drugs during the band's heyday. But there is no way of knowing what caused Lesh's hepatitis infection, McNally said.

Lesh's wife, Jill, and sons, Brian and Grahame, were with him at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla., where the surgery was performed Thursday. He was awake after the operation and was expected to be moved from the intensive care unit late yesterday, McNally said.

Lesh is best known for the Dead's "Unbroken Chain," his signature song about the counterculture band's connection with its audience. Lesh also sang the wistful "Box of Rain," which he wrote while his father was dying.

As bassist for The Other Ones, named after a Grateful Dead song, Lesh recently toured the country with Dead members Mickey Hart and Bob Weir. Lead singer Jerry Garcia died Aug. 9, 1995, at a drug rehabilitation clinic in Marin County at age 53, and drummer Bill Kreutzmann did not join the tour because he didn't want to travel.

Three other members have died: Brent Mydland in 1990 of a drug overdose, Ron "Pigpen" McKernan of liver disease in 1973 and Keith Godchaux in a 1980 highway crash after he left the group.

Lesh also has been composing a symphony, "Keys to the Rain," incorporating parts of Grateful Dead songs.

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Irish peace talks edges forward

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Protestant and Catholic politicians ended months of stalemate by agreeing yesterday on the shape of a future coalition government, just hours before the first surrendered weapons were destroyed in a shower of sparks and burning metal.

The politicians shook hands and smiled wearily at 4 a.m. local time after all-night discussions concluded with an agreement on the future government — the central plank of April's peace accord. Six hours later, guns that once belonged to the outlawed Loyalist Volunteer Force were cut to pieces, the first weapons handed over under terms of the accord.

"I never thought I'd see the day," said a teary-eyed Michael McGoldrick, father of the Protestant group's first murder victim, watching televised coverage of a gun barrel being cut in two.

"One of those weapons could very well have been used to kill my boy," said McGoldrick, whose son was abducted and shot several times in the head in 1996. "I'm just so, so glad they'll no longer be used to kill anyone else."

The Loyalist Volunteers spent two years targeting Catholics at random in hopes of derailing peace negotiations, but called a cease-fire in May in recognition of widespread public support for the accord.

The man who was the group's liaison with an independent disarmament commission — paroled killer-turned-preacher Kenny McClinton — said the Loyalist Volunteers' had handed over a bigger-than-expected chunk of its arsenal in hopes of prodding the Irish Republican Army to match the gesture.

The group turned in nine submachine guns, rifles and pistols, 350 rounds of ammunition, six detonators and two pipe bombs. David Trimble, the Protestant politician elected to lead Northern Ireland's future government, said the IRA and its allied Sinn Fein party should follow the Loyalist Volunteers' example.

"Something which so many people told us would never happen has, in fact, happened," said Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party and co-winner of this year's Nobel Peace Prize.

Earlier, Trimble and his senior Ulster Unionist negotiators shook hands with leading figures of the major Catholic-supported party, the Social Democratic and Labor Party, after reaching a detailed deal on the structure of the unformed government.

Two months later than expected, and after a marathon 18-hour negotiating session, they agreed that the government's administration should have 10 departments led equally by Protestant and Catholic politicians. It would cooperate in six cross-border committees with the neighboring Irish Republic, an agenda that the Catholic side hopes will promote the eventual unification of Ireland.

"Agreement on the structures for the new Northern Ireland administration is a significant breakthrough," said British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who kept close tabs by phone on the negotiations.

Reflecting their share of the Northern Ireland vote, three Cabinet posts each would go to the Ulster Unionists and the SDLP, and two each to Sinn Fein and the Democratic Unionists, a Protestant party so opposed to compromise it has boycotted negotiations since 1997.

The British government, which has directly ruled Northern Ireland since 1972, wants to transfer many powers to the local administration by the end of February.

But Trimble emphasized that Protestants wouldn't tolerate Sinn Fein in any administration unless the IRA starts disarming. The Canadian army general who leads the disarmament commission, John de Chastelain, wore protective goggles as he watched the weapons being destroyed, visibly relieved to see his work finally bearing fruit.

He declined to speculate whether the gesture would encourage armed groups politically committed to the accord — the IRA on the Catholic side, and the Ulster Defense Association and Ulster Volunteer Force on the Protestant side — to start disarming, too.

The agreement sets May 2000 as a deadline for those groups to complete disarmament. But all three have refused to make the first move — and bluntly dismissed the Loyalist Volunteers' weapons surrender as a cynical stunt that wouldn't

Leaders in Africa near truce on Congo

OUAGADOUGOU, Burkina Faso (AP) — Warring parties in Congo's five-month civil war agreed to meet later this month to sign a cease-fire treaty, Burkina Faso's president yesterday.

Representatives of the five countries embroiled in the war worked on a "pre-agreement" during a summit meeting of the Organization of African Unity, said President Blaise Compaore, the OAU chairman.

"We hope the finalization of this pact will be put into effect" when the warring parties meet Dec. 27 and 28 in the Zambian capital, Lusaka, Compaore said.

Hostilities in Congo, the Horn of Africa and Angola were the focus of the OAU meeting, which concluded yesterday.

Civil war erupted in Congo, formerly Zaire, in August when former government military forces and their ethnic Tutsi allies launched an uprising aimed at toppling the government of President Laurent Kabila.

With the backing of neighboring Rwanda and Uganda, the rebel force marched to the outskirts of the capital, Kinshasa, before Kabila turned them back with help from Angola and Zimbabwe.

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From Philip Fitzpatrick, Executive Chef

Herb Basted Wahoo With Fresh Fruit Relish
4-8 oz. Wahoo Filets
1 Tblsp. Each fresh Basil, Parsley & Thyme, Chopped
4 oz. White Wine
3 Tblsp. Unsalted whole butter
Salt & Pepper to taste

Sear Filets on all sides in a large skillet. Add herbs, butter, salt & pepper. Finish in a 400 degree oven for 7 minutes.

Relish:
Chop 1 Mango, 1 Papaya and 1/2 Cantaloupe. Sliced 1 bunch of Scallion green into thin rings. Finely dice 1 red onion and 1 red pepper. Mix with 3 tablespoons of Sugar and salt and pepper to taste. Add 2 oz. White wine vinegar and 1 oz. olive oil. Mix thoroughly.

Top Basted Wahoo with a generous portion of relish and serve.

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Snow Crab Legs

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Rules

Coloring Contest is open to children between the ages of 5 and 8 and 9 to 11
Entries must be delivered to The Virgin Islands Independent no later than 12:00 noon Monday December 21, 1998

PRIZES ARE;
1st Prize is a Bicycle for each age group.
2nd Prize is a Doll or a Truck for each age group.
3rd Prize is a Doll or a Truck

Family members of the Virgin Islands Independent are not eligible to enter.

Name_____ **Age**_____
Telephone:_____

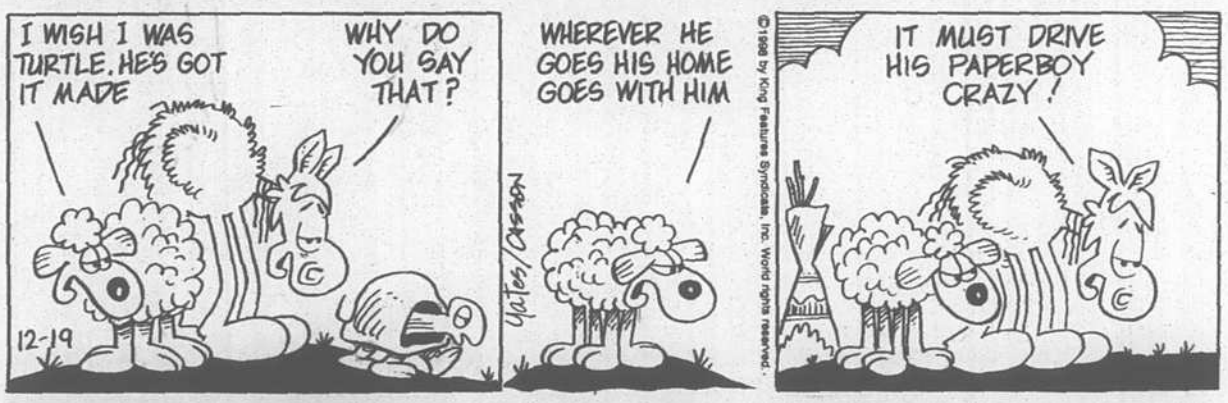
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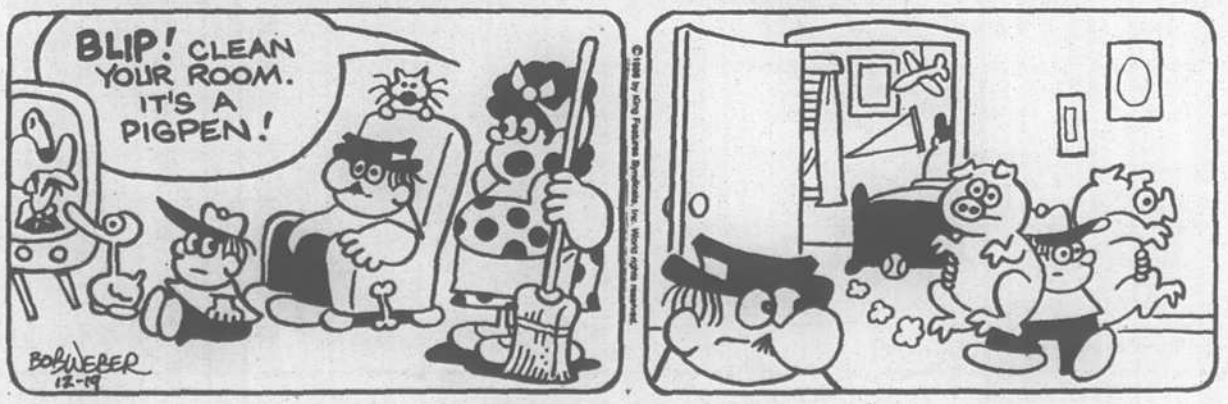
REDEYE By Bill Yates & Mel Casson



BORN LOSER By Art & Chip Sanson



MOOSE & MOLLY By Bob Weber



CROSSWORD
by Eugene Sheffer

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1 Vampire-killer's need
6 Coagulates
11 Not so fresh
12 Pair awaiting Godot, e.g.
14 "Das Lied von der Erde" composer
15 Baffler
16 — Amin
17 Aristocratic
19 Hodges of baseball lore
20 Supermarket stack
22 Section of L.A.?
23 Choir member
24 Succinct poem
26 Separating
28 Bat wood
30 Sandy's comment
31 Team bigwig
35 Agave plant
39 Suit to —
40 Journey segment
42 Aerobatic maneuver
43 Deterioration
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53 Run-down
54 Laundromat fixture

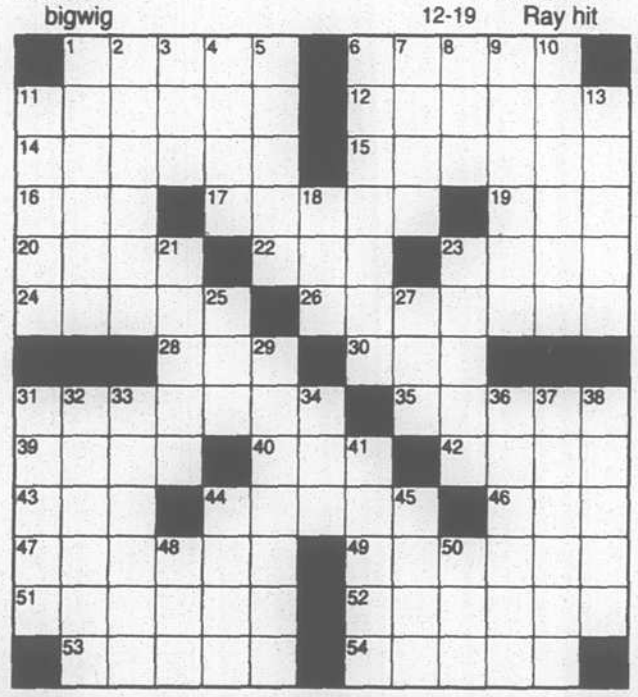
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1 Arenas
2 Sesame paste
3 The whole shootin' match
4 Acute
5 Mr. Flynn
6 Area of Manhattan
7 Unrivaled
8 — -Wan Kenobi
9 Fastener type
10 Arab or Jew
11 The Frugal Gourmet
13 Beauty parlor
18 Go up and down
21 Emulate Kristi Yamaguchi
23 Terrible
25 "Born in the —"
27 Give it a go
29 Everest conqueror
31 Gemstone weight
32 Expiates
33 Dress-shop section
34 Ultramodern
36 Snap, maybe
37 Fuel carrier
38 "— moi, le deluge"
41 Rot
44 Barney's pal
45 One who regrets
48 Word ignored in alphabetizing
50 Johnnie Ray hit

Solution time: 28 mins.

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Yesterday's answer

12-19



CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE AMOROUS LION TO HIS MISSUS: "EVERY DAY I LOVE YOU ROAR AND ROAR."

Today's Cryptoquip clue: P equals C

Horoscope
By Francis Drake

ARIES
(March 21 to April 19)
Schedule your time a little more carefully, as there is a lot to be accomplished. A stranger opens the door onto exciting new opportunities.

TAURUS
(April 20 to May 20)
When it comes to affairs of the heart, you have far more strength than you know. Play it one step at a time, and don't get caught up in self-doubt.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)
Attempting to fix something that's broken turns out to be much more complex than you anticipated. If you can laugh at your mistakes, it'll make the process a whole lot easier.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)
Someone close to you has become suddenly possessed with ambition. Standing in the way of their dreams will only make the sparks fly.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)
While you may not enjoy hearing someone else's opinion, you learn an important lesson. Employers and clients are delighted with your down-to-earth approach.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Finally, you are paid that compliment you've been waiting for. Know that you've earned your comfortable position by dint of hard work.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
A project you began with the best of intentions goes awry. Be willing to let go, and move on in pursuit of new goals.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
A new policy is for the greatest benefit for all, even if at first it might not seem so. Take the time to feel more integrated into the community around you.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Stop griping and start counting your many blessings, instead. Don't let money be such a preoccupation that it prevents you from enjoying yourself.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
The power of refreshed self-confidence lets you take risks you would not previously have considered. You shall be appropriately recognized for your success.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
You find yourself on the receiving end of a lot of romantic attention. Be sure to reject people politely if their desires are unrequited.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to March 20)
Make sure to reward yourself for all of your hard work with a little rest and relaxation. You give help where it is needed and without being asked.

YOU BORN TODAY Thanks to your dynamic and energetic personality, you are generally found surrounded by a large group of admirers. You are the life of the party and revel in the attention. Unsurprisingly, intimate relationships often suffer as a result.

Birthdate of: Irene Dunne, actress; Peter Crisscoula, rock musician; Kiefer Sutherland, actor.

DEAR ABBY



by Abigail Van Buren
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Old Animosity May Be Behind Mom's Request for New Name

DEAR ABBY: This concerns the letter from "No New Name in Oregon," the teen-ager whose mother suddenly decided to have the child's last name changed to her maiden name. You missed the boat on that one, Abby.

I'm a former lawyer who has dealt with many parents in divorce situations. When the desire to change a child's last name comes from the divorced parent rather than the child, the desire is usually a disguised policy or emotional statement from the parent.

The teen-ager told you she had recently gotten to know her dad's side of the family. Shortly afterward, the mother announced that the child should have her (the mother's) name for "convenience, clarity, a sense of unity." Since the teen didn't mention any instances of recent inconvenience or confusion because of the different names, my reaction was that the mother very likelv felt threatened, and wanted to send a message to the world that "she's mine" - and to the ex, "You can't have her!"

Parents should work out their emotions related to divorce in counseling, not in the divorce courts or by using their children. "No New Name in Oregon" should know that her name is hers. She should be allowed to lovingly tell her mother, "I love you very much, and will always be yours regardless of my name. However, I am used to my name and don't want to change it at this late date."

Abby , I felt that the girl was asking you for help in standing firm against her mother, and reassurance that it was OK to be herself, to keep a name that was meaningful to her, regardless of her mother's needs. I wish you had affirmed that her name, now and always, is a matter of her choice and desires, and not a matter on which she should be pressured by others. In fact, the "others" - including her mother - should respect her daughter's needs, feelings and decisions.

Although it's not proper or desirable for a minor to urge her mother into counseling, you, Abby, are in a position to urge adults everywhere to examine their motives, and suggest that, if their behavior is influenced by the fallout from a divorce, counseling can be helpful no matter how long ago the divorce was finalized.

SHELLEY BRENNEMAN
CARTER, STANFORD, ILL.

DEAR SHELLEY: You analyzed the mother's motives more shrewdly than I did - and if you're correct, they are deplorable. Of course, the girl has the right to retain her father's name if she wishes, since one's name goes to the core of one's identity.

I agree there appear to be some unresolved issues about the divorce that the mother hasn't dealt with, and that need resolution. That's more important than any name change.

DEAR ABBY: Would you please pass on this suggestion to help make losing one's wallet a bit more endurable:

The next time you are near a photocopy machine, lay the contents of your wallet (other than cash and photographs) on it, and make a copy of them.
Then, should your wallet be lost or stolen, you will have all the numbers handy to report the loss.

CREDIT COUNSELOR
IN NEW YORK

JUMBLE
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

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

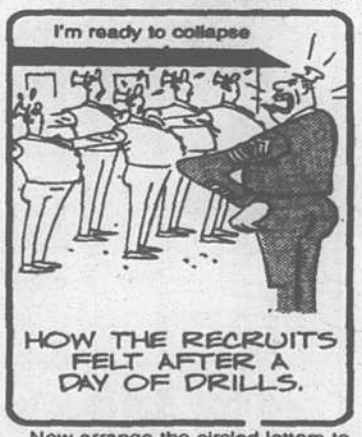
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: _____ _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MOTIF DOGMA FORMAL AMPERE
Answer: What the basketball players felt like during the all night flight — A DREAM TEAM

HOCUS-FOCUS
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Fork is shorter. 2. Book is different. 3. Belt is missing. 4. Window is smaller. 5. Mitt is different. 6. Pocket is added.

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N K I F E V D Y O L L S C A X
V S Q O L A D R O F K C I P J
H E C A X L T W G N C V X T N
R P N L J E H O A F U D B I A
Y X V T R N P B N O B M L K M
I G D I E T R I C H R P E D H
B Z X W U I T Y E N A H C R S
Q O S W A N S O N H N R S L U
J I G F F O D C C A Y X A I B
W V T S R P O N L K J I G B G

Friday's unlisted clue: UPPER

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

Arbuckle	Chaney	Fairbanks	Pickford
Bara	Chaplin	Gish	Swanson
Bow	Coogan	Keaton	Valentino
Bushman	Dietrich	Lloyd	

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People in the News

LONDON (AP) — **Princess Diana**'s mother lashed out at conspiracy theorists who suspect her daughter's death was no accident.

Frances Shand Kydd said the pain those theories cause is like "having repetitive major emotional surgery without an anesthetic."

"I trawled the depths of my imagination, alongside extensive factual knowledge, and found no shred of evidence to support the stories," she said.

Shand Kydd spoke at a London church Thursday at a remembrance service for families of dead children.

Diana died in a car crash in Paris in 1997. The French investigation continues, but alcohol and speeding are considered the main causes.

Mrs. Shand Kydd did not cite any of the theories but condemned "those who got lost in the moral maze, abandoned trust and told and sold their stories, those who had no story and invented utterly painful theories on her death."

LONDON (AP) — Giving his first cyber-interview, **Paul McCartney** chatted with fans, gave away his mashed potato recipe and talked about his late wife, Linda.



Paul McCartney

The session, held Thursday to promote Mrs. McCartney's posthumous album, "White Prairie," lasted 80 minutes.

The former Beatle told fans he has not decided whether to perform in a string of concerts organized by Chrissie Hynde of the Pretenders as a tribute to his wife, who died of breast cancer in April.

"If I can get it together, I will appear," he said. "But I am not sure I can do it emotionally at all, to tell you the truth."

SATURDAY MORNING AND AFTERNOON — DECEMBER 19,1998

		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		"Angel-Soldier"	C'mas Story	Programa Pagado	Programa Pagado	Programa Pagado	Programa Pagado	Película (("The Firm" (1993, Drama) Tom Cruise, Gene Hackman.				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 (R)	Hometime (R)	Home Again (R)	Home Again (R)	Men in Toolbelts	Men in Toolbelts	Home Savvy	Home Savvy	Hometime	Hometime	Home Again (R)	Home Again (R)
(TBS)	6	Three's Company	Funniest People	Funniest People	Funniest People	National Geographic Explorer "The New Lords of Tikal"; "Dinosaur Fever"; "Mystery of the Neanderthals." (R) (CC)				Movie ((("The Living Daylights" (1987, Adventure) Timothy Dalton, Maryam d'Abo, Jeroen Krabbe. James Bond faces a KGB general and an American arms dealer.				Movie ((("A View to a Kill" (1985) Roger Moore. Agent 007 fights a genetic superman bent on world conquest.					
(ENC)	7	Our Lady of the Angels Daily Mass		Kids Banner	Kids Banner	In Beginning	New Testament	Fr. Apostoli	Scriptural Rosary	Our Lady of the Angels Daily Mass		Why Be Faithful	Promises	Revelation-Sec.	Super Saints	Divine Mercy	Rosary Intern.	Fatima-Family	Voyage of Faith
(WSVI)	8	Hercules $ (EI) (CC)	Doug $ (EI) (CC)	Doug $ (EI) (CC)	Recess $ (EI) (CC)	Pepper Ann $ (EI) (CC)	Bugs Bunny & Tweety	Bugs Bunny & Tweety	101 Dalmatians-Series	Winnie the Pooh	Squiggle-vision (CC)	V.T. on Sports	Golf Three-Tour Challenge -- First Day. From Henderson, Nev. (Live) (CC)					Movie (("101 Dalmatians" (1996) Glenn Close.	
(FOX)	9	Mr. Potato Head	Power Rangers	Godzilla $ (CC)	Power Rangers	Donkey Kong	Donkey Kong	Mad Jack the Pirate	Cockroaches	Honey, I Shrunk the Kids $ (CC).		Student Bodies	Figure Skating Grand Slam of International Skating. (Taped) $ (CC)				Fox NFL Pregame	NFL Football: Buccaneers at Redskins	
(WSEE)	10	CBS News Saturday Morning (EI) (CC)				Dumb Bunnies	Flying Rhino	Birdz (EI) (CC)	Mythic Warrior	NFL Today (CC)	NFL Football New York Jets at Buffalo Bills. From Rich Stadium. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) $ (CC)							College Basketball Illinois at Kansas.	
(WXIA)	11	Today $ (CC)				Saved by Bell: New Class	Hang Time (R) (CC)	One World (R) (CC)	City Guys (R) $ (EI) (CC)	Hang Time (R) (CC)	NBA Inside Stuff (EI)	American Athlete $		Christmas in Hollywood		Figure Skating Christmas Angel. From Omaha, Neb.		Senior PGA Golf Lexus Challenge. (Live) (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	Motor-Week $	Birdwatch $	Nature "Orangutans: Just Hangin' On" $		Nova "Supersonic Spies" $ (CC)	
(ESPN2)	14	ESPNews	NHL 2Night	ESPNews	NFL Matchup	NFL Films	Winter X-Games Classix Snocross.		X-Games	Women's College Basketball Big Ten/SEC Challenge -- Vanderbilt at Indiana.				Women's College Basketball Big Ten/SEC Challenge -- Florida at Illinois. (Live)				Women's College Volleyball	
(WGN)	15	Farm Report	Business Rpt.	Paid Program	Paid Program	Outdoor Secret	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Soul Train (R) $		Movie (("Ernest Scared Stupid" (1991, Comedy) Jim Varney, Eartha Kitt. $ (CC)				Xena: Warrior Princess "The Debt" (R)		Hercules: The Legendary Journeys (R)	
(MTV)	16	Music Videos $	Fright Films	Jams Countdown $		Cut "Finale" (R) $			Busta C'mas	Buzzworthiest: All-Time Buzz Clip Countdown $								Ultra Sound "Year in Rock" (R) $	
(BET)	18	Paid Program	Paid Program	Video Vibrations				Rap City Top 10 (R)		Madd Sports	Soulful Teen Summit So So Def		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	Saturday	Managing	Saturday	Money
(FAM)	20	Christmas Tree (R)	Camp Candy (CC)	All Dogs Go to Heaven	Enigma	Where Is Carmen Sandiego	Sweet Valley High	Great Pretenders	Countdown	Real Ghostbusters	Harvey-toon	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 "Scandalous Me: The Jacqueline Susann Story" (1998) Michele Lee. $				Movie (("Ms. Scrooge" (1997, Fantasy) Cicely Tyson, Katherine Helmond. $ (CC)				Movie ((("Casino" (1995, Drama) Robert De Niro, Sharon Stone. $ (CC)			
(LIFE)	22	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Weddings of a Lifetime XIII Weddings in California. (R)		Golden Girls $ (CC)	Golden Girls $ (CC)	Next Door (CC)	New Attitudes (R) (CC)	Movie "Switching Parents" (1993) Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Bill Smitrovich. A boy sues to terminate his parents' custodial rights.				Movie "A Chance of Snow" (1998) JoBeth Williams. (CC)	
(ESPN)	24	Walker's Cay	Sportsman's	Spanish Fly (R)	Photo Safari	Great Outdoors	Sportscenter Saturday		NFL	College Basketball Tampa Bay Shootout -- South Florida vs. Tennessee. (Live)				College Football NCAA Division I-AA Championship -- Teams to Be Announced. From Chattanooga, Tenn. (Live)					
(VH1)	25	Behind the Music "Selena" (R) $		Pop-Up Video (R)	Pop-Up Video $	Rock-Roll Jeo.	Rock-Roll Jeo.	Rock of Ages (R)	Big Chill: Then	Behind the Music "David Cassidy" (R)		70s Teen Idols	80s Teen Idols	Where Are They Now? (R) $		Top 50 Countdown A retrospective of the top 50 videos and artists of 1998. $			
(TBN)	28	Kids-Crime	Kids on the Move	Joy Junction (EI)	Quigley's Village	Gospel Bill (EI)	Janice's Attic (EI)	Just the Facts (EI)	Kids-Crime	Kids on the Move	Colby's Club	Kid's Club (CC)	Faithville (EI)	Kids Like You (EI)	Dale Evans	BJ Robinson	Gavin MacLeod	Walt Mills	Reginald Cherry
(NICK)	30	Rugrats $ (CC)	Doug $	Hey Arnold! $	Catdog	Rugrats $	Rocko's Life	Angry Beavers	Oh Yeah! Cartoons!	Ren & Stimpy	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)		Discovery News	Storm Warning!	Amazing Earth (R)				Lightning-Weapon of Gods	
(HBO)	33	Movie ((("Gattaca" (1997, Science Fiction) Ethan Hawke, Uma Thurman. $ (CC)		You've Got Mail	City Dump-1951 CCNY Basketball Scandal			Inside the NFL (R) $ (CC)		Movie (("Code Name: Wolverine" (1996, Adventure) Antonio Sabato Jr., Richard Brooks. $			Movie (("Excess Baggage" (1997) Alicia Silverstone. A thief steals a car with an heiress locked in the trunk. $ (CC)			Movie ((("Gattaca" (1997, Science Fiction) Ethan Hawke, Uma Thurman. $ (CC)		
(SHOW)	34	(8:45) Movie (("Grizzly Mountain" (1997) Dan Haggerty, Dylan Haggerty. $ (CC)		Movie (("In His Father's Shoes" (1997) Robert Richard. Magic shoes bring a child closer to his deceased father. $					Movie ((("Scrooged" (1988, Comedy) Bill Murray, Karen Allen, Carol Kane. $ (CC)		(:15) Movie (("Spill" (1996, Adventure) Brian Bosworth, Leah Pinsent, David Fox. $			(:45) Movie "Aldrich Ames: Traitor Within" (1998) Timothy Hutton. A CIA employee sells classified information to the Soviets.			"Out of the Wilder-
(DISN)	35	Bear in House	Rolie Polie Olie (CC)	PB & J Otter (CC)	Amazing Animals (R) (CC)	(:10) Snowman (R) (CC)	Goof Troop	"Buster & Chauncey's"	(:45) Movie ((("One Magic Christmas" (1985) Mary Steenburgen. An angel tries to help a woman plagued with difficulties.				(:20) Movie (("Ernest Saves Christmas" (1988) Jim Varney, Douglas Seale. $ (CC)		Famous Jett Jackson	Flash Forward (R) (CC)	Baby-Sitters Club (R)	Torkelsons $ (CC)
(MAX)	36	Movie (("One Fine Day" (1996, Comedy) Michelle Pfeiffer. Two overstressed single parents tiptoe around romance. $ (CC)				Movie ((("Junior Miss" (1945, Comedy) Peggy Ann Garner, Allyn Joslyn, Michael Dunne.			(:35) Movie ((("Saturday Night Fever" (1977, Drama) John Travolta, Karen Lynn Gorney, Donna Pescow.				Movie (("The Woman Who Loved Elvis" (1993) Roseanne Arnold, Tom Arnold. $		Movie (("Out to Sea" (1997, Comedy) Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau. $ (CC)		(:45) (("Good Burger"	
(A&E)	37	(8:00) Movie ((("Wait Until Dark"		Grand Tour (R)		America's Castles "Eccentrics" (R)		Biography International		American Film Institute Salute to Robert Wise (R)				New Explorers (R)		Investigative Reports "Inside Scientology" (R) (CC)			
(TNT)	38	How the West Was Won		Wild, Wild West "Night of the Samurai"		Adventures of Brisco County, Jr. "Hard Rock"		Due South "An Eye for an Eye" $ (CC)		Movie ((("Extremities" (1986) Farrah Fawcett, James Russo. An assault victim learns her assailant knows her address.				Movie (("Houdini" (1998, Biography) Johnathon Schaech. An account of magician Harry Houdini's bizarre life. $ (CC)				Movie (("Vigilante Cop" (1991, Drama) Dale Midkiff.	
(SCIFI)	39	Paid	Paid	CNet	NewEdge	Web	CoolTech	Movie (("8Man After: Perfect Collection"				Sliders (R) $ (CC)		Welc.-Paradox		Movie (("Enemy Mine" (1985) $			
(BRAVO)	40	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Max Headroom "Whackets"		Movie (("Smoke" (1995, Drama) William Hurt, Harvey Keitel, Forest Whitaker. Lives of assorted New Yorkers intersect at a cigar store.				Movie (("Blue in the Face" (1995, Drama) Harvey Keitel, Lou Reed. Colorful characters descend upon a Brooklyn cigar store.				Movietelevision	
(TOON)	41	Smurfs	Chip	Scooby	Beetlejce	Bravo	Chicken	Power	Dexter	GeorgeJr	Waynehd	Rovers	Freak	Beetlejce	2-Dogs	Scooby	Scooby	Daffy	Daffy
(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	"Miracle-Creek"	(:45) Movie ((("The Pleasure of His Company" (1961, Comedy) Fred Astaire, Debbie Reynolds, Lilli Palmer.			(:45) Movie (("Kiss Me Goodbye" (1982, Comedy) Sally Field. A remarried widow is haunted by her late spouse's ghost.				Movie (("Promises in the Dark" (1979, Drama) Marsha Mason. A caring doctor's teen patient struggles against cancer. (CC)		Movie (((("The Miracle of Morgan's Creek" (1944) Betty Hutton, Eddie Bracken. (CC)				(:15) Movie ((("The Pleasure of His Company" (1961)	
(FOXSP)	44	LastWord	Sports	Snow	Xtreme	BoardWld	V-Max	Crank (R)	Extremist	Snowbrd.	Miller	Baseball Japanese All-Stars vs. MLB All-Stars.					Extremist	Boxing	
(TMC)	45	(8:15) Movie (("The Incredible Mr. Limpet" (1964, Fantasy)		Movie ((("Honeysuckle Rose" (1980) Willie Nelson, Dyan Cannon. A country star is torn between his wife and his lover.				Movie ((("Two Rode Together" (1961) James Stewart. A marshal and a cavalry officer embark on a rescue mission.			Movie ((("The Catered Affair" (1956, Comedy) Bette Davis. A woman schemes to give her daughter a gala wedding.			Movie (((("Show Boat" (1936, Musical) Irene Dunne, Allan Jones. A Southern belle falls in love with a riverboat gambler. (CC)				
(VC1)	50	(8:30) Movie (("Deep Impact" (1998) Robert Duvall. $ (CC)		Movie (("Small Soldiers" (1998, Action) Kirsten Dunst, Gregory Smith. $ (CC)				Movie (("Hope Floats" (1998) Sandra Bullock, Harry Connick Jr., $ (CC)			Movie (("A Perfect Murder" (1998) Michael Douglas, Gwyneth Paltrow. $ (CC)					Movie (("Small Soldiers" (1998) Kirsten Dunst. $ (CC)		
(HC)	51	(8:30) Movie (("Wild Things" (1998) Kevin Bacon. $ (CC)		Movie (("The Players Club" (1998) LisaRaye, Bernie Mac. $ (CC)				Movie (("Deep Rising" (1998, Horror) Treat Williams, Famke Janssen. $ (CC)			Movie "Phantasm: Oblivion" (1998) Reggie Bannister, Michael Baldwin. $					Movie (("Mercury Rising" (1998) Bruce Willis. $ (CC)		

Names in the News

NEW YORK (AP) — President Clinton and Monica Lewinsky didn't make the cut.

But Hillary Rodham Clinton, Independent Special Counsel Kenneth Starr and Internet gossip Matt Drudge were all deemed worthy of *People* magazine's list of "The 25 Most Intriguing People of 1998."

The "Drudge Report" set Washington tongues wagging with its cyberspace reports on Clinton's affair with the White House intern.

"I got the president of the United States saying (in his grand jury testimony) that I gave him anxiety," boasted Drudge. "Me! Five times!"

Baseball slugger Mark McGwire scored a spot on the list by hitting a record 70 home runs this season. "Ally McBeal" star Calista Flockhart got critics talking about the end of feminism — and viewers wondering how much weight she'd lost.

The list, which appears in *People*'s Dec. 28 issue, also includes Leonardo DiCaprio, comedian Chris Rock and "Today" show host Katie Couric.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "60 Minutes" has invoked the wrath of **Charlton Heston**.

The actor, who was interviewed by **Mike Wallace** for a segment to air tomorrow, accused the news magazine of "SWAT-team journalism" in an essay he wrote for January edition of *Guns & Ammo* magazine.

Although Heston has not seen the piece, he said "60 Minutes" has joined the pattern of "character assassination" he's allegedly had to face since taking over as president of the National Rifle Association.

"They can reshape the truth, remake it, mask it or eliminate it," Heston wrote.

Wallace was astonished.

"Well, Chuck, take a look at what you've not seen till now, and tell us if it's the truth," Wallace says in the opening of the Heston piece after quoting from Heston's essay. A transcript of the introduction was provided Thursday by "60 Minutes." Wallace calls the segment "a pleasantly sensible piece of journalism."



Charlton Heston

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — **Elizabeth Dole** didn't have to do a lot of arm-twisting to get **Garth Brooks** to perform on the American Red Cross' holiday television special.

Brooks gave a simple "Yes, ma'am," when Dole, the Red Cross president, made the request.

"The American Red Cross Celebrates Real Life Miracles" will air on CBS on Christmas Eve. Brooks and Trisha Yearwood were in Santa Monica on Thursday to videotape a duet for the show. Roma Downey, Bill Cosby, Faith Ford and Daisy Fuentes will also appear.

During the one-hour special, Dole and celebrity guests will explain the impact Red Cross has on people throughout the world each day.

"I've felt the hopelessness and despair of families who have lost everything to a devastating storm or fire," Dole said. "But I have also seen, and felt, and been uplifted by the extraordinary power of the generous human heart."

LOS ANGELES (AP) — U.S. marshals have seized several items from the home of Michael Jackson's father, including the baby grand piano used to write songs for the "Thriller" album.

The marshals also took a 1963 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud from **Joe Jackson**'s Encino home Thursday.

The seizures are an attempt to collect a $1.3 million judgment entered in 1996 after Jackson Communications Inc. filed bankruptcy in New Jersey.

The company had agreed to buy Kramer Guitar Co. from HVV Corp. but never paid, said lawyer Robert Sainburg.

"I'm sorry we had to show up on their doorstep with U.S. marshals and a court order, but these people haven't even tried to pay what they owe," Sainburg said. "They claim they have no money."

Brian Oxman, a lawyer for the Jackson family, said the piano and the car belong to **Michael Jackson**, not his parents.

"Michael wants the piano and the automobile back and he's going to get them back," he said.

SATURDAY EVENING — DECEMBER 19,1998

		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 (r* "Diamonds" (1975, Aventura) Robert Shaw, Richard Roundtree.				Sentinel		Voto 98, el Plebiscito		Pelicula (r* "Cazadores del Tiempo" (1987) William Devane, Lauren Hutton.			
(WAPA)	4	Fuera de Serie	Sábado Gigante Internacional							Noticias		Boxeo Estelar		(Off Air)	
(TLC)	5	Castle Ghosts of Ireland (R)		Pirates! (R)				Wedding Story (R)	Wedding Story (R)	Biology of Love (R)		Language of the Sexes (R)		Wedding Story (R)	Wedding Story (R)
(TBS)	6	(4:00) Movie (r* "A View to a Kill" (1985) Roger Moore.		(:05) WCW Saturday Night (CC)				(:05) Movie ((("For Your Eyes Only" (1981, Adventure) Roger Moore, Carole Bouquet, Topol. 007 goes to Greece to recover a stolen defense device.				(11:55) Movie ((("The Spy Who Loved Me" (1977)			
(ENC)	7	Mother Angelica Encore		Religious Catalogue	Bookmark	Our Lady of the Angels Monastery Daily Mass		Juggler of Notre Dame		Missionaries of the Eternal Word Christmas		In Concert: Corrette Symphonies de Noel (R)			Joy of Music (R)
(WSVI)	8	(5:00) Movie (r* "101 Dalmatians" (1996, Adventure) Glenn Close.		ABC World News Saturday (CC)	Week in Review	Highlander: The Raven "Immunity" (R) $ (CC)		Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	Fantasy Island "Wishboned" $ (CC)		Cupid Claire and Trevor are sequestered for jury duty during Christmas.		Outer Limits "The Hunt" Humans hunt for androids. $ (CC)	
(FOX)	9	(5:00) NFL Football Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Washington Redskins. (Live) $ (CC)				NFL Postgame (CC)	Mounties-True	Cops "Atlanta" (CC)	Cops "Texas"	America's Most Wanted-Fights Back		S.O.F. Special Ops Force (R) $		Mad TV (R) $ (CC)	
(WSEE)	10	(5:00) College Basketball Illinois at Kansas.		News	CBS Evening News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (CC)	Early Edition "Teen Angels" $ (CC)		Martial Law "Lock-up" $ (CC)		Walker, Texas Ranger "A Ranger's Christmas"		News	Texas Ranger
(WXIA)	11	(5:00) Senior PGA Golf Lexus Challenge. From Palm Springs, Calif.		News (CC)	NBC Nightly News (CC)	Journeys With Brenda Wood		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)	Saturday Night Live $ (CC)
(WTJX)	12	McLaughlin Group	Think Tank	In the Mix "Retro" (R)	To the Contrary	Boxing						Mystery! "Poirot" "Hercule Poirot's Christmas"	Pueblo Voices	(Off Air)	
(ESPN2)	14	Women's College Volleyball: NCAA Div. I		College Football Las Vegas Bowl -- North Carolina vs. San Diego State. From Las Vegas. (Live)								College Basketball Las Vegas Shootout -- Arizona vs. Iowa State. From Las Vegas. (Live)			NHL 2Night
(WGN)	15	Crow: Stairway to Heaven "Death Wish"		Earth: Final Conflict "Atavus" (R) $ (CC)		Malibu, CA $ (CC)	Illinois' Luckiest	Movie (r* "Santa Claus" (1985, Fantasy) Dudley Moore, John Lithgow. $ (CC)				News $ (CC)		Coach $ (CC)	"Perfect Weapn."
(MTV)	16	Most Expensive Videos II The high cost of producing music videos. (R) $				Beavis and Butt-head Christmas (R) $		Virtual Bill Christmas	Beavis and Butt-head	Beavis and Butt-head	Beavis and Butt-head	Beavis and Butt-head	Fright Films	Buzzworthiest: All-Time Buzz Clip Countdown	
(BET)	18	Madd Sports (R)	227 (CC)	Teen Summit (R)		Planet Groove Celebrity Top 10 (R)		BET Soundstage (R)		Sparks (R) $ (CC)	Good News (R)	Comicview (R)	Comicview (R)	Movie	
(CNN)	19	Saturday	Evans	Worldview	Sources	Capital	Sports	World	Business	Larry King Weekend		Cold War "Mad" (R)		Sports Tonight (CC)	
(FAM)	20	Night Before Christmas		Movie (("Babes in Toyland" (1986) Drew Barrymore, Richard Mulligan. A girl helps defend Toyland from the wicked Barnaby. $				Movie "Angel of Pennsylvania Avenue" (1996) Robert Urich, Diana Scarwid. Children seek President Hoover's help in freeing their dad. $ (CC)				Movie ((("An American Christmas Carol" (1979) Henry Winkler, Dorian Harewood. An updated version of the Charles Dickens classic. $			
(USA)	21	(4:00) Movie (((* "Casino" $		Movie ((("The Terminator" (1984) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Linda Hamilton. $ (CC)				Movie (("Kindergarten Cop" (1990) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Penelope Ann Miller. $ (CC)				The Net "Harvest" (R) $ (CC)		La Femme Nikita "Recruit" (R) $ (CC)	
(LIFE)	22	(5:00) Movie "A Chance of Snow" (1998) JoBeth Williams. (CC)		Movie "Nothing Lasts Forever" (1995, Drama) Vanessa Williams, Brooke Shields, Gail O'Grady. Three female doctors practice in a San Francisco hospital.								Intimate Portrait "Mariel Hemingway" $ (CC)		Oh Baby "False Alarm" (R)	Maggie $ (CC)
(ESPN)	24	College Basketball DePaul at Louisville. (Live)				Sportscenter	College Basketball Delta Airlines Classic -- Kentucky at Georgia Tech. (Live)				College Basketball Princeton at Maryland. (Live)				Sportscenter (CC)
(VH1)	25	(4:00) Top 50 Countdown A retrospective of the top 50 videos and artists of 1998. $						Rock-Roll Jeo.	Rock-Roll Jeo.	Billboard Music Awards $				Behind the Music "Lynyrd Skynyrd" (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)	Rugrats	All That $	Kenan & Kel (R) $	Allen Strange	Brady Bunch	Wonder Years (CC)	Happy Days	Laverne & Shirley
(DISC)	31	Raging Planet "Avalanche" (R)		Raging Planet "Tidal Wave" (R)		Raging Planet "Tornado" (R)		Amazing Earth (R)				Justice Files "Women Who Kill" (R)		New Detectives: Forensic Science	
(HBO)	33	(:15) Movie (((* "Batman Returns" (1992, Adventure) Michael Keaton, Michelle Pfeiffer, Danny DeVito. The Catwoman and the Penguin join forces against Batman. $ (CC)					Rosie-Kids Are Punny	Movie (((* "Mouse Hunt" (1997) Nathan Lane. Two hapless brothers try to outwit a crafty mouse.		(:45) Boxing Angel Manfredy vs. Floyd Mayweather. (Live) $ (CC)					
(SHOW)	34	(5:30) Movie "Out of the Wilderness" (1998) David Carradine. $		(:15) Movie (("Larger Than Life" (1996) Bill Murray, Janeane Garofalo. An elephant and its new owner head for the West Coast. $ (CC)				Movie (* "Desperate Measures" (1997, Suspense) Michael Keaton, Andy Garcia. $ (CC)		(:45) Movie News: Stepmom		Rude Awakening (R) $		Movie "Prison Heat" (1993, Drama) Rebecca Chambers, Lori Jo Hendrix, Kena Land.	
(DISN)	35	(:05) Bug Juice (R) (CC)	(:45) Going Wild! Observing binturong. (R) (CC)	(:25) Flash Forward "Scalpers"		Movie (("Mr. Magoo" (1997, Comedy) Leslie Nielsen, Kelly Lynch, Matt Keeslar. (CC)		(:40) Movie (((* "Ernest Saves Christmas" (1988) Jim Varney. Santa turns to a wacky cabbie in his search for a successor. $ (CC)				(:20) Omba Mokomba (CC)		Walt Disney Presents "Nature's Better Built Homes" (R) (CC)	
(MAX)	36	(5:45) Movie (((* "Good Burger" (1997, Comedy) Kel Mitchell, Kenan Thompson, Sinbad. $ (CC)		Movie (((* "In & Out" (1997, Comedy) Kevin Kline, Joan Cusack, Matt Dillon. $ (CC)				Movie ((("Face/Off" (1997, Suspense) John Travolta, Nicolas Cage, Joan Allen. An FBI agent and a violent terrorist switch identities. $ (CC)				(:20) Movie (* "Redline" (1997, Science Fiction) Rutger Hauer, Mark Dacascos. $ (CC)			
(A&E)	37	American Justice "False Witness" (R)		City Confidential "Deadly Odds in Biloxi"		Mysteries of the Bible "Jesus: Holy Child" (R)		Biography This Week		Cater Street Hangman (R)				Treasure! "The Quest for the Maravilla" (R)	
(TNT)	38	(5:00) Movie (("Vigilante Cop" (1991, Drama) Dale Midkiff.		Movie "Hard Time" (1998, Drama) Burt Reynolds, Charles Durning. A veteran policeman is framed for a suspect's murder. $ (CC)				Movie ((("Top Gun" (1986, Drama) Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis, Anthony Edwards. Navy pilots take to the skies to compete for high honors.				Movie ((("Gremlins" (1984) Zach Galligan. A lovable little creature spawns hundreds of evil beings.			
(SCIFI)	39	Mystery Science Theater 3000 (R)				Movie (* "Scanner Cop" (1993)				Movie "Ravager" (1997) Bruce Payne. (CC)				Science Theater 3000	
(BRAVO)	40	Max Headroom "Whackets"		Dance Theatre of Harlem: Creole Giselle (R)			(:45) Cirque du Soleil: We Reinvent the Circus (R)			Movie (((* "Julia" (1977, Drama) Jane Fonda, Vanessa Redgrave, Jason Robards. A friend draws a writer into wartime Resistance efforts.					Movie "A Month by the Lake"	
(TOON)	41	Daffy Duck	Daffy Duck	Daffy Duck	Daffy Duck	Ghosts	Flintstones	"Land Before Time II: Great Valley"				Acme Hour			
(COURT)	42	Supreme	Washingtn	Microsoft	System (R)	Cochran & Company		Trial Story		Trial Story		Trial Story		Trial Story	
(FLIX)	43	(5:15) Movie (((* "The Pleasure of His Company" (1961)		(:15) Movie (((* "Kiss Me Goodbye" (1982, Comedy) Sally Field, James Caan. A remarried widow is haunted by her late spouse's ghost.				Movie ((("A League of Their Own" (1992) Geena Davis, Tom Hanks. Based on the story of the all-girl baseball league of 1943. $ (CC)				(:15) Movie ((("Cal" (1984, Drama) Helen Mirren, John Lynch. A young Irishman is haunted by his involvement in a murder.			
(FOXSP)	44	Boxing Poland vs. U.S..		Goin' Deep (R)		Hardcore Football (R)		Women's College Basketball UCLA at Texas.				Links (R)	NHL-Shots	FOX Sports News	
(TMC)	45	Movie (((* "Life With Father" (1947, Comedy) William Powell, Irene Dunne. An 1880s New York patriarch is putty in his wife's hands.				Glorious Technicolor (R)		Movie (((* "The Bells of St. Mary's" (1945, Drama) Bing Crosby, Ingrid Bergman. Two clerics entice a miser to build a school. (CC)				(:15) Movie (((* "Meet John Doe" (1941) Gary Cooper, Barbara Stanwyck. A reporter fakes a story about a threatened public suicide.			
(VC1)	50	"Small Soldiers" $	Movie (("Lost in Space" (1998) William Hurt. A spy sabotages a family's space mission for humanity. $ (CC)					Movie (* "Hope Floats" (1998, Romance) Sandra Bullock, Harry Connick Jr.. $ (CC)				Movie (("Species II" (1998) Michael Madsen. $ (CC)		(("Deep Impact" $	
(HC)	51	"Mercury Rising" $	Movie ((("Suicide Kings" (1997, Drama) Christopher Walken, Denis Leary. $ (CC)				Movie (("Beverly Hills Bordello Volume 3" (1997) Gabriella Hall. $		Amy Lynn Baxter's Web of Desire		Becky LeBeau's Naughty Party Girls		Movie (* "Cannibal! The Musical" (1996)		

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Epson stylus ink jet color printer and new 15 inch computer monitor for sale. $129 each. Washer, refrigerator and stove for sale. 60 day warranty. Call **773-0743**.

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Items for sale: Roper refrigerator $450, RCA color TV $150, Cardio exerciser $75, used 4-burner propane gas range $50, 1982 Toyota Corolla $750.00 o.b.o. Call 772-4191 for details.

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Moving sale: many items 10c-$1. Lg size ladies clothes, bowling ball $50. Blue comforter set, curtains, towels, glasses, dishes, wood dining table $65. Ent. unit with doors $40. Cooler Lg 2 Drawer night stand $35. **773-0488.**

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9:00 - 3:00
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Yard Sale on (Sat) 12/19/98 starting at 9am until everything is gone. Items on sale are children clothes, misc household items, a loveseat and an almond color china cabinet. For more information please call **778-8329.**

The Gold Shop wants you to make this Christmas the one she will never forget. Come by and check out our excellent Platinum Engagement Sets. We have Gold Diamond Sets too! Stop in and make this Christmas sparkle. Pan Am Pavilion **773-0365**

Boats for Sale

1-Quicksilver Inflatable boat, 1995, length 12' -6", width 5'-6", Mariner 25 H.P. Electric start outboard both used 7 hours, warranty list $3,800, sell $2,700 o.b.o./both. 773-1810.

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1989 Ford Escort S1,500. Excellent running condition. Good interior. Please call 772-2451.

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Auto Body-man wanted. **Call 773-8000.** Ask for Edwin Morales.

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At least 10 years experience in civil construction and maintenance. Experience with supervision of 10 or more multi crafted employees. Must have the ability to read design/engineering diagrams and work cooperatively with applicable departments to meet scheduled deadlines.

Individual should fax resume and salary history to 778-4887 or call the Personnel Department at 778-5507 for more information.

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Lost & Found

Lost Dog: Vicinity of Work + Rest. Black female with a short tail, light tan face and legs. She is mix Rottweiler/Doberman. Red collar tag name Vicky Henle phone No. 773-1067. Last seen Dec 16, 1998. Please return her , we love her. Reward, call **773-1067**/773-2277.

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Messages

St. Matthew 5:8
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Male and Female Singers and Actors Needed!
December 20 & 21, 1998
SUN & MON, 7:30pm
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United States District Court

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Small Business Administration)

v.

STEPHEN R. CHENEY, MELINDA SOTHERN and ORJAN MADSEN

DISTRICT/VIRGIN ISLANDS
DOCKET NO. 98-0168

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

AUCTION SALE OF SURPLUS GOVERNMENT VEHICLES

Invitation Number: MP-002-98-STX
Date of Invitation: December 14, 1998

In accordance with Title 31 V.I.C section 236(a) and 242, and subject to the General Sale,Terms, and Conditions attached, the Government of the Virgin Islands, through the Commissioner, Department of Property and Procurement, Division of Transportation, Is offering property for sale on December 22, 1998 at the following locations and times the listed items to the highest bidder during a public outcry auction:

LOCATION **St. Croix, Golden Grove Police Headquarters10:00-11:30 am**

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR AUCTION: Surplus vehicles marked A-1 through A-41 which includes 6 Chevrolet Blazers 4x4, 20 Dodge Diplomats, 2 Dodge Ram Chargers, 3 AMC Jeeps, 1 Chevrolet Cavalier, 1Dodge Spirit, 4 Chevrolet Caprice, 2 Honda CRX, 2 Chevrolet Buses, 1 Dodge Spirit

LOCATION **St. Croix, Department of Public Works Parking lot, Estate Anna's Hope 12:30 - 1:30 PM**

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR AUCTION:

Damage Aluminum light poles and associated parts, Surplus Vehicles and equipment marked A-1 through A-8 which includes 1983 Mercury Marquis, 1987 Dodge SE, 1990 Grey Daihatsu Rocky, 1988 Dodge Mini-Van, 1982 Honda Civic, 1987 Dodge Ram, Ford Grass Cutter

All items will be sold to the highest bidder as is where is. A 25% down payment in cash, certified checks, or money order is required with the winning bid. Items must be paid in full within 7 days and removed there after within 7 days at the bidders ex-pense. For further information contact Herbert Schoenbohm, auctioneer, Department of Property and Procurement, 3274 Estate Richmond, Christiansted, VI 00851 (340)773-1561

12/17,18,19,20,1998

Community Calendar

J & J Fun Troupe and Associates is now accepting registration for their 1999 Three Kings Day Presentation "Space Odyssey" 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.

December 19, 1998 - MUSIC IN MOTION DANCE ACADEMY would like to invite the general public to it's Christmas presentation "A Holiday Dance Medley" on Saturday from 6-8 p.m. at Community United Methodist Center across from William's Delight entrance. For further information call 772-5440.

December 19, 1998 - THE ST CROIX SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST SCHOOL presents 'Wisemen- Judge Yourselves" It's a spirit filled Christmas program concert on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Central S.D.A. Church Multipurpose Center.

December 19-20, 1998 - THE ST. CROIX BONSAI SOCIETY - will hold its Second Annual Bonsai Show at Sunny Isle shopping center from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

December 20, 1998 - THE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN OF ST. CROIX - presents "Play Time On Sesame Street" Toddlers Pageant at 3:00 p.m. at the Sidney Lee Community Theater. tickets are $5.00 Call BPW tickets information center at 772-2966 or 719 9405.

UNITY OF ST. CROIX Marilyn Tonks invites you to book signing her new science fiction book "Up From A Watery Grave" on Saturday 19, 1998 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Trader bookstore. Refreshments. For mor information call 778-2880.

AEROBIC CLASSES - Every Mondays and Thursdays start at 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. ca; 692-2824 for more information and direction.

NATIONAL SCRABBLE ASSOCIATION OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS CLUB NO. 190 OF ST. CROIX is playing scrabble in full swing at various places. Pleas call for further information 772-0727.

WOMEN'S COALITION - Asks you to remember our families this season. Please help us by donating a child's gift, canned goods, toiletries, paper goods or disposable diapers. Items can be dropped off at Terry's in Sunny Isle or at the Women's Coalition of St. Croix. Call 773-9272 for further information.

CENTER FOR CHRONIC DISEASE RESEARCH - Is asking all those participants from 1995-1998 who were interviewed by a recruiter, but never came in to be tested for diabetes screening to please call the office 778-8400 to set up an appointment. Please ask for Ms. Jackson or Ms Mark.

WOMEN'S COALITION OF ST. CROIX Announces Support Groups for adult survivors of incest and victims of domestic violence (physical and/or emotional abuse) y un Grupo de Apoyo Hispano para victimas de violencia domestica (maltrato fisico y/o emocional) for information call 773-9272.

REFORMED CHURCH
The Second Saturday of each month - CAREGIVERS - New discussion group for Caregivers will have open discussions and information on caring for the elderly. (For more information call Sandi at 788-1443 or Kathi at 773-0058.)

TRINITY STEEL ENSEMBLE
Is now accepting 'New Members.' Parents of young people between the ages of 9 through 16 who are interested, are invited to call 773-0818 (evenings) or contact Sam Jones or Hilary 'Bagga' Rizendi for further information.

CHRISTMAS TOYS DRIVE - Help make a child's Christmas special! Support the Boys & Girls Club toy drive. Children are boys and girls, between the ages of six and twelve. We are looking for gifts valued at $10.00 to $15.00 to be held December 23, 1998, between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. For further information please call Lilly at 772-0272. Drop-off points are located at:
\American Paradise Gym, Captain Dick's, Dive Experience, Gallows Bay Hardware, M&T Trucking and Patalidis Design.

ST JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1979 - Is planning its reunion. Members of the class are asked to contact Adele Clendinen at 773-5727, Laurie Thomas-Jacobs at 772-9322 or Colleen Williams at 692-9179.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING PARTY - Marty's Annual Christmas Caroling Party is back in business. Anyone interested in singing a concert(12/16) and Caroling (12/18) contact Marty at 778-5008 days or 773-1473 (evenings) for rehearsal information.

GED TEST - The department of Education will administer the GED Exam on Tuesday, December 8 and Wednesday, December 9 on St. Croix. Interested persons should call 773-1095, Ext 311 for further information and to register for the exam.

THE NUTCRACKER SUITE BALLET - Presented by Pointe Dance Academy December 18 & 19 curtain, 8:00 p.m. at The Island Center for the performing Arts. TICKET OUTLETS: Bookie, C'sted • Karavan West Indies, Gallows Bay • The Lost Dog F'sted Call 778-0317• 778-0435• 773-9072 for information.

LUVKIDS TELEVISION AND RADIO PRODUCTIONS - Will be hosting a Christmas Party for Special need Children (Developmentally -Abled Children). Reach into you hearts for these special kids and drop off a gift at Bunkers of St. Croix on Hess Road. For more information, Please call Charles and Anita Nibbs at 693-2302 and dial in you phone number. Thank you for your support.

ALANON & ALCOA For families and friends of ALANON and ALCO meets Tues & Thurs 7:00 -8:00 p.m. Alco meets Mon & Fri at noon. All meetings are at the Lutheran Parish Hall in Christiansted. For more information call 773-0572.

ST. CROIX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Community Cookbook "In Harmony with the Cuisine Sea" has 745 new recipes from family, friends, Chamber members. $15.00 great gift idea. Call Chamber at 773-1435 for outlets.

AUDITIONS FOR MUSICAL COMEDY - Caribbean Community Theatre will hold auditions for Once Upon a Mattress on Dec 20 & 21, 7:30 p.m. Sidney Lee Theater, Island Center. Singers and Actors needed! Call 778-3918 (David Richards, Director) for more information.

Obituaries.....

MARIA ORTIZ , age 95, a/k/a "Malu" passes away on Tuesday, December 15, 1998 at Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital. She is survived by her Son: Gilberto Dowling (TX); 10 Grandchildren; 54 Great Grandchildren; 33 Great Great Grandchildren. Other relatives and friends too numerous to mention.
Funeral services will take place on Saturday December 19, 1998 at St. the Patrick's Catholic Church in Frederiksted at 12:00 noon. viewing will begin at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at the Frederiksted Cemetery.

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CATHERINE JULIA BROWNE age 48 of La Grande Princess passed away on December 14, 1998 in her home on St. Croix, USVI. Mrs Browne is survived by her husband: Austin R.S. Browne; Children: Margaret, Edward and Belinda Browne; Sisters: Mary Morris, Maude Patrick, Loretta Caines, Hyacinth Patrick-Turnbull, Rosella Patrick, Mary Daley, Shirley Sadler,Cheryl Hydman, Carol Cuffy and Patricia Maduro; Brothers: George, Basil and Joseph Patrick and Russel, John and William Sadler. Numerous Nieces and Nephews including: Gertrude, Celine and JoiAnn Thomas; Cousins: Vincent Patrick and Family, Joseph Thomas Sr. and Family and Davison Thomas and Family; Daughter-in-law Debra Raymond-Browne; Goddaughter: Clarion Charles; Brothers-in-law: Herbert Morris, Thomas Caines and Verol Turnbull; Special Friends: Rose Jefferson, Veronica Moses, Olivia Mulley, Hyacinth Charles, Blanch Rawlins, Mary Foxx, Mary Wyatt and Dianna Webbe and many other relatives and friends.
Funeral services will be in the Church of the Nazarene, on Saturday December 19, 1998. At 10:00 a.m. there will be no viewing . Interment will follow at Kingshill Cemetery.
Professional Funeral Arrangements for Catherine Julia Browne are by Thomas Hyll Memorial Funeral Chapel of St.Croix.

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SARAH JANE ALLEN age 80, of St.Croix and Miami passed away in Miami, Florida on December 15, 1998. Mrs Allen is survived by her son: Winston Carty; Grandchildren: Marie, Winston, Jr., Trevor, Marcus, Ira, Myron and Anderson; Granddaughter: Julaine Nelson; Great grandchildren: Akela Nelson, Rachel and Robert Carty; Nieces and Nephews: Ophelia Thomas, Mollie, Jennifer and Clayton Jonas; Godsons: Rafael Gumbs and Andrew John; Special friends on St Croix, George and Carmen John. Numerous other relatives and special friends in the states and on St. Croix.
Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, December 19, 1998 in the Assembly of God Church in Frederiksted, Rev. H. Anthony Grainger will be officiating the service. The viewing will be at 12:00 noon followed by the service at 1:00 p.m. Interment will be in the Kingshill Cemetery.
Professional Funeral Arrangements for Sarah Jane Allen are by the Thomas Hyll Memorial Funeral Chapel of St. Croix.

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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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AUGUSTIN ADOLPHUS DOWARD age 66, of Rose Gate, St. Croix USVI, passed away on December 16, 1998 in The Veterans Hospital in Puerto Rico. Funeral Services will be in the Frederiksted Cemetery. Complete funeral Arrangements will be announced as soon as available. Professional Funeral Arrangements for Augustin Adolphus Doward are by Thomas/Hyll Memorial Funeral Chapel of St. Croix.

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GEORGIE IRENA TAYLOR, age 80 of Peter's Rest, St. Croix USVI passed away on December 13, 1998 in St. Croix. Miss Taylor is survived by her son Anthony Simmonds; and her friend and caretaker Christlen Johnson; she is also survived by other friends on St. Croix Funeral Services will be held on Monday, December 21, 1998 in the Friedensthal Moravian Church in C'sted. The viewing will be at 9:00 a.m. followed by the service at 10:00 Interment will be in the Kingshill Cemetery. Professional Funeral Arrangements for Georgie Irena Taylor are by Thomas/Hyll Memorial Funeral Chapel of St. Croix.

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MIRAIM WEEKS-DOUGLAS age 81 of 79 Estate Campo Rico, passed away on December 16, 1998 at her home.
She is survived by her Daughters: Terencia Sealey-Monell (MD) Alma Elskoe-King (N.Y.) & Elenor Sealey (STX); Son: Emmeth Sealey (N.Y.) Step Daughter: Eleanor Douglas-Williams; Adopted Sons: Matthew Martin & Eugene Walwyn; Grandchildren: Rhonda Gittens-Taichun, Sandra, Ricky, Emile, Clintona, Rubio, Dean, Melecia & Debra Heywood, Benjamin (Benny) Elskoe, Sarqia Sealey-Wilson; 27 Great-grandchildren; 6 Great-Great-grandchildren; Adopted Granddaughter;Robin Hudnall; Son-in-law:Walter King; Other relatives and friends too numerous to mention to include the St. Paul Congregation. Funeral Services will take place on December 23, 1998 at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Frederiksted at 11:00 a.m. Viewing will be at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be at the Frederiksted Cemetery.

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Vacant Units Rehabilitation

The Virgin Islands housing Authority is at this time offering an Invitation for Bids for Vacant Unit Rehabilitation in the following communities:

D. Hamilton Jackson Terrace	**VQ001002**
BassinTriangle	**VQ001004B**
Ralph DeChabert	**VQ001006**
John F.Kennedy	**VQ001008**
Joseph E. James	**VQ001033**
Nicasio Nico	**VQ001024A**
Candido Guadeloupe	**VQ001024B**
Aureo Diaz Heights	**VQ001012**
MountPleasant	**VQ001022**
Williams Delight	**VQ001015**
Whim Gardens	**VQ001021**
Walter IM Hodge	**VQ001020**
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Jets and Bills meet for AFC East lead

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Not since 1985, the last time they had a strong team, have the New York Jets sent four players to the Pro Bowl.

For Buffalo, having six (or more) Bills chosen to the Pro Bowl has seemed almost like a birthright in the past 12 years.

And not since 1986 have the Jets had such a good chance at contending for the Super Bowl, a place the Bills went a record four straight times during the early 1990s.

The Jets (10-4) bring a one-game lead in the AFC East into the newly named Ralph Wilson Stadium. The Bills (9-5) might be the team in front had not bad officiating calls cost them a victory at New England and handed the Jets a win over Seattle.

Both teams have, in large part, been carried to their lofty positions by their Pro Bowl performers. The Jets, who already own at least a wild card for the playoffs, are within a victory of their first AFC East crown ever because Vinny Testaverde leads the AFC in passer ratings; because Keyshawn Johnson, the first overall draft pick in 1996, has developed into an outstanding receiver; because Mo Lewis has been a dynamic outside linebacker, and because Aaron Glenn is one of football's best cornerbacks.

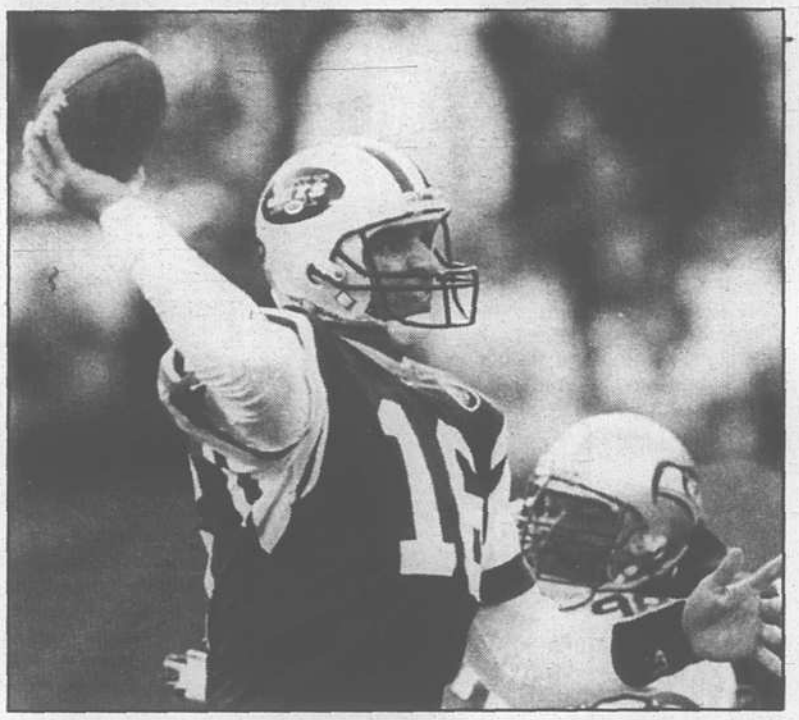


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New York Jets quarterback Vinny Testaverde (16) gets off a pass under preassure from Seattle Seahawks defensive tackle Sam Adams (98) at Giants Stadium in this Dec. 6, photo in East Rutherford.

"I'm happy for the kids, particularly for Mo Lewis," Jets coach Bill Parcells said. "I thought he was very deserving last year. It is a long time coming for him. It hasn't been without a lot of problems. He was walking around here a few years ago looking like a walrus. Now he looks like an all-pro linebacker.

"Aaron is going for a second time, Vinny has been there a couple, it's Keyshawn's first time. With all those players, one common denominator is they are all hardworking, diligent preparers. They practice hard and they play hard in the games and you can see hard work does pay off for someone."

Testaverde ripped apart the Bills in a 34-12 victory at the Meadowlands earlier this season, completing 22 of 31 passes for 258 yards and three TDs.

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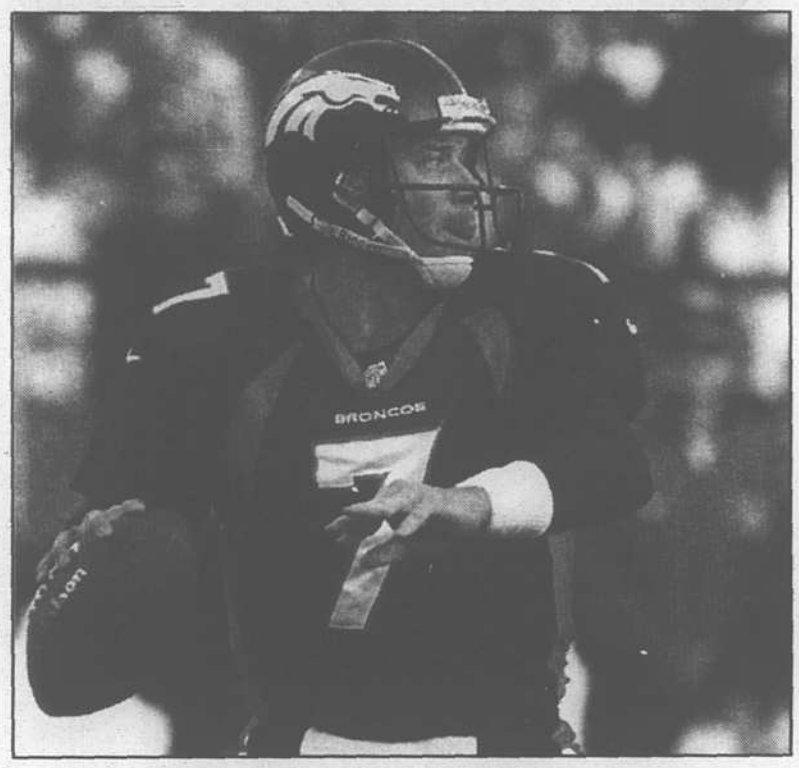
Elway relieved from burden Marino still bears

MIAMI (AP) — Only now does John Elway fully understand the huge burden that was lifted when Denver won the Super Bowl last season. It also gives him greater appreciation for the weight Miami's Dan Marino still bears.

"To remove that asterisk behind my name — not being on a team that won a Super Bowl — was bigger than I thought," acknowledged Elway, who waited 15 seasons to finally win a championship.

"I have a great deal of empathy (for Marino), especially with the career he's had and for what he has done for the NFL. As unfair as it is, that is the way of life."

The Broncos' visit Monday night to South Florida will bring together the NFL's two most prolific passers, whose careers have been a constant source of comparison since both entered as part of the 1983 quarterback class. They are the only ones left from the six quarterbacks drafted in the first round that year.



JOHN ELWAY

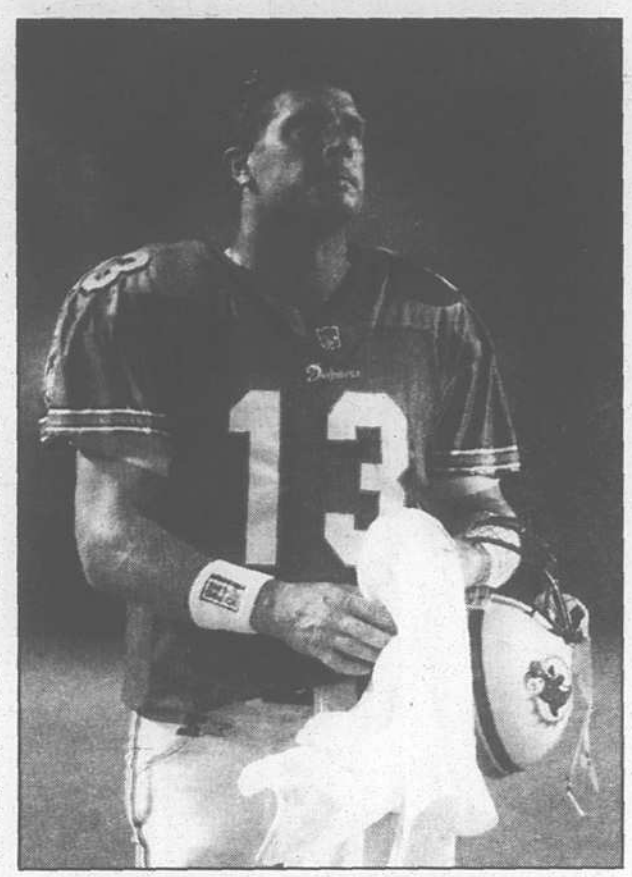
While Marino has nearly all the records, Elway now has the ring. For those who judge quarterbacks by the number of championships won, that's a huge difference.

However, Marino insists he wouldn't trade his record-setting career if it meant only one season's glory.

"Obviously I'd love that opportunity," Marino said. "But as I've told people before, I wouldn't give up my career for the chance to win a Super Bowl and only play one or two years."

Marino is the NFL's career leader with 7,915 passes, 4,719 completions, 58,238 yards and 403 touchdowns. But he has made only one Super Bowl appearance, in 1985 when the Dolphins lost to San Francisco 38-16.

Since then, the closest he has come to returning were AFC championship games in 1985 and 1992. Yet if the frustration ever gets to him, he doesn't let it show publicly.



DAN MARINO

"You never know what the next day brings, but I'm still having fun playing," Marino said.

Elway, with three losses in the late 1980s, also used to downplay not winning a Super Bowl. Now that he's won one, he realizes how much easier football is without that hanging over his head.

"You don't have to talk about it all the time," he said. "That is the thing that gets more mind-boggling and more frustrating than anything. You are still working to get there, realizing you're only a cog in the machine, but everybody wants to point the finger that you hadn't won one."

Marino did feel a sense of pride when he saw Elway lift the Vince Lombardi Trophy last January in San Diego. Until then, the Class of 1983 had been winless in nine Super Bowls.

"I am always going to remember last year, him winning the Super Bowl and seeing his face holding that trophy up," Marino said. "That had to be a very special moment for him. I enjoyed watching it and I was very happy for him."

Despite 32 NFL seasons between them, Elway and Marino have crossed paths on the field just once. That was in 1985, when Marino threw for three touchdowns in a 30-26 victory at Mile High Stadium.

"It'll be nice to play against Dan," Elway said. "It's kind of funny that it's happened that way."

Exhibition game set for tonight

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Gathered in another gambling town and needy for publicity, locked-out NBA players tried to boost prospects for their exhibition game by billing it as a "gift to the fans."

But this gift, in person or on TV, comes with a price.

"The Game on Showtime," featuring 16 current or former All-Stars, will tip off at 9 p.m. EST Saturday night at the Atlantic City Convention Center. The telecast is available only to cable customers who pay a premium to receive Showtime.

"This weekend is for giving back to the fans," said Shawn Kemp of the Cleveland Cavaliers, "and hopefully people will tune in around the country because people miss professional basketball."

About 8,000 tickets have been sold or given away for the 12,500-seat arena, according to game director Curtis Polk, although a ticket agent was quoted in Friday's edition of The Press of Atlantic City as saying only 574 tickets, priced at $25, $50, $100, $200, $300 and $500, had been sold through his agency as of Thursday morning.

Promoters historically have been wary of scheduling events in this city between Thanksgiving and Christmas — traditionally the slowest time of the year.

Interest also has been kept down because of the non-participation of Michael Jordan.

"We have no expectations that Michael will attend," Polk said.

The 16 players will be divided into two teams. The "Red" team, coached by Charles Barkley, will include Patrick Ewing, Tim Hardaway, Kemp, Dan Majerle, Karl Malone, Reggie Miller, Mitch Richmond and Dominique Wilkins.

The "White" team will include Alonzo Mourning, Vin Baker, Tom Gugliotta, Allan Houston, Chris Webber, Glen Rice, Penny Hardaway and Gary Payton.

"We're going to have a little surprise on the 'White' team coach," Polk said.

For some of the players, this weekend will be the first time they've seen each other since more than 200 of them gathered in Las Vegas in late October for a union meeting.

Some have criticized the players for using two gambling towns for their meetings.

Polk explained that Atlantic City was chosen because it is close to Philadelphia, site of the now-canceled NBA All-Star game, and because it is within 200 miles of several major cities.

Since their caucus in Las Vegas, when an 82-game season remained a possibility, the first 2 1/2 months of the season have been wiped out by the owner-imposed lockout that threatens to cancel the entire season. Players have lost more than $400 million in salaries.

Commissioner David Stern said he spoke with union director Billy Hunter by telephone Thursday but that no new negotiations are scheduled.

"This weekend, we're trying to get off the lockout topic and focus on this game," said Mourning, who refused to answer questions concerning the details of the work stoppage. "At this time of year our body clocks tell us we should be playing basketball. There should be some intensity out there because we're anxious to get going."

Proceeds from the game will be donated to charities in the Atlantic City and Philadelphia areas. Organizers backed off an earlier plan to share some of the proceeds with "needy' basketball players.

"It was met with tremendous criticism and the players admitted they made a mistake. We all admit we made a mistake," agent David Falk said. "I think they league at some point should also admit that they made a mistake in depriving the fans of basketball simply so they could make more profits."

Mayweather ready to make first title defense

MIAMI (AP) — If you weren't part of Floyd Mayweather's title-winning celebration, don't feel slighted.

Even Mayweather had little time to rejoice, returning to the gym quickly after stopping Genaro Hernandez for the WBC super-featherweight title Oct. 3.

Mayweather, the first boxer from the 1996 U.S. Olympic team to win a world title as a pro, makes the first defense of his 130-pound title Saturday night against Angel Manfredy of Gary, Ind.

"I don't want to be known as someone who ducked opponents," Mayweather said last week from Big Bear, Calif., where he completed a six-week training session before heading to South Florida. "Angel Manfredy is a good fighter, determined to win. I have to be ready."

Mayweather, who has won all 18 of his professional fights, including 13 by knockout, is not concerned about facing Manfredy (25-2-1, 19 KOs) in such a short time after winning the title.

"I'm young and I know what I'm capable of," said Mayweather, of Las Vegas. "Winning a world title won't distract me. I'm very dedicated to this sport."



Floyd Mayweather

Mayweather hopes his dedication will lead to a prosperous career.

Helping in Mayweather's continued development is his father, Floyd, Sr., and uncles Roger and Jeff, all of whom work his corner.

"Being a world champion comes with many responsibilities," Mayweather said. "I don't just plan on carrying myself in the ring. Anybody I meet will have my respect. I'll make sure to sign all autographs.

"In the coming years, Floyd Mayweather will be a name to remember. I want to follow what Sugar Ray Leonard and Marvin Hagler did in the '80s and (Muhammad) Ali did in the '60s and '70s."

David Tua.

HORSE RACE

Husbands to ride in Miami

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, CANA - Top Barbadian jockey Patrick Husbands, who is based in Canada says he will be riding in Miami next winter instead of coming home for the "winter season".

"This is my last year campaigning in Barbados in winter and I will be going to Miami," said Husbands, who returned home earlier this month after successfully campaigning in Canada where he finished third in the jockeys championships at Woodbine.

Husbands, 25, who continued his fine form with four wins last Saturday on the penultimate day of the Barbados Turf Club's 1998 racing programme said his season in Canada was "fantastic."

"I'm probably one Caribbean jockey who can't complain. I turned down a lot of contracts in Canada," said Husbands noting he was learning with every ride.

"There were a lot of mistakes I was making. I looked into that, improved my horse-racing by about 85 per cent and it took me a long way."

Husbands, who has been riding since 1989, challenged the local jockeys to be disciplined and take their riding more seriously.

DRAUGHTS

King leads Hallett 5-2 after 16 games

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, CANA - Title-holder, Barbadian Ronald "Suki" King extended his lead over challenger Richard Hallett of the United States to 5-2 after 16 games of their world Go-As-You-Please draughts (checkers) title match on Thursday.

King, who is also the world Three-Move-Restriction champion, won three games compared to one by Hallett on the fourth day of the 24-game championship match which was contested in St. Kitts.

King's first win came through an Old Fourteen line which started off with moves of 11-15, 23-19, 8-11, 22-17, 4-8, 17-13.

Hallett rebounded by taking the second game of the day with a Laird and Lady opening after King tried to make a variation and missed a one move draw.

King then piled on the pressure by taking the final two games, using a Glasgow Wilter opening and then capitalising on Hallett's ill-advised late variation with a 25-22 move which saw the title holder securing an odd man which the American never regained.

The title clash which started in King's homeland of Barbados on Monday and is being played across the Caribbean, continues with four more games in St. Thomas, the U.S. Virgin Islands on Friday.

King and Hallett, who also played four games in St. Lucia and St. Martin on Tuesday and Wednesday are cruising the Caribbean on the liner "Princess Dawn", where they will play the last four games on December 20.

CRICKET

Rain washes out play

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada, CANA - Heavy and consistent showers prevented any play in second round matches of the Windward Islands Under-15 cricket tournament here on Thursday.

Umpires called off play before lunch in the match between Grenada and Dominica at La Sagesse.

There was a chance of cricket after tea in the match between defending champions St. Lucia and leaders St. Vincent and the Grenadines at the Tanteen Recreation Ground but more rain forced umpires to call off play for the day.

More rain is in the forecast for Friday and it is highly unlikely that any play will be possible before lunch.

Holder, Reid to captain teams in Barbados trial

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, CANA - Dropped West Indies batsman Roland Holder and experienced left-arm spinner Winston Reid will captain the teams in the first Barbados trial match in preparation for the 1999 Busta Cup regional first-class cricket competition.

The match, scheduled for the Queen's Park playing field in the capital, starts on Saturday and will be played on four consecutive days, ending on Tuesday.

Four schoolboys -- allrounder Pedro DePeiza, batsman Kurt Wilkinson and spinners Ryan Austin and Sulieman Benn -- have been named in Holder's team while two more students, fast bowler Ryan Best and left-handed all-rounder Ryan Hinds -- are in Reid's side.

Reid's 13-member squad also includes former Young West Indies selectees, Ryan Hurley, Raymond Griffith and wicket-keeper Rondelle Yearwood as well as promising all-rounder Antonio Mayers.

Seventeen-year-old Best, who was selected for both the West Indies under-15 and under-19 teams in 1997 is making a comeback after being sidelined with a back problem for the past year.

Another injury-prone fast bowler Corey Collymore, who spearheaded the West Indies' bowling against the Young Pakistan side on their 1996 tour of the Caribbean but was also sidelined with back problems, is in Holder's team.

Ricky Hoyte, a member of the West Indies "A" team to South Africa in 1997-1998, has not been selected for the first trial as well as discarded Test pacer Patterson Thompson.

The selectors also opted to rest openers Sherwin Campbell and Adrian Griffith, wicket-keeper Courtney Browne and left-arm pacer Pedro Collins, who returned home this week from the West Indies "A" tour of India and Bangladesh.

Garner happy with "A" team

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, CANA - West Indies "A" team manager Joel Garner says he is generally happy with the way the region's reserve cricketers performed on their tour of India, where they swept the two-match Test series 2-0 and won the One-day International series 2-1.

"The guys played well together and really did the region proud," said Garner on his return to the Caribbean.

He noted that once these players adopt the same attitude and commitment which was displayed in India, they could come into reckoning for the senior team in the future.

"They still need to work on the mental toughness for Test cricket but the coach (Roger Harper) and myself stressed that they should take back what they learned into the Busta Cup and work on it," Garner said.

The former test fast bowler and senior West Indies selector was particularly impressed with teenaged Jamaican all-rounder Chris Gayle, a late replacement for middle order batsman Floyd Reifer, who was called up to join the senior team in South Africa.

"He is a confident young young man, who has something to offer," Garner said noting batsmen Wavell Hinds, Adrian Griffith and Richard Smith played well while the bowlers were excellent.

"They (the bowlers) pulled their weight when called upon...Captain Ian Bishop was the most experienced and played his part. (Pedro) Collins was consistent and (Carl) Tuckett chipped in well.

Rose out, Hayden in

LONDON, CANA-Reuters - West Indies fast bowler Franklyn Rose has been replaced at Northamptonshire by Australia's former test left-hander Matthew Hayden who has signed a two-year contract with the English county cricket side.

Hayden, 27, who played the last of his seven tests two years ago, will replace Zimbabwe-born Kevin Curran as captain.

However, the Queensland left-hander succeeds Rose as Northamptonshire's overseas player.

SOCCER

Schedule changes for Caribbean Nation's Cup

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, CANA - The Caribbean Football Union (CFU) has announced changes to the 1999 Caribbean Nation's Cup which is due to start with preliminary round matches in February.

New sponsors the Asia Sports Group want an earlier playing of the final round, which will now be played in June instead of July.

"We were trying to have it in May but it is impossible to have it in May beacuse at the same time we have here in Trinidad the Miss Universe Pageant and we didn't want to clash with them," CFU general secretary Harold Taylor said on the CANA SPORT radio program Thursday.

The final round matches are now set for June 1-14, and some of the group matches have also been brought forward.

Group Two in Antigua is moved from May to March 10-14, Group Three in St. Vincent is now April 14-18 instead of late April, and Grenada's Group Five will be April 21-25, instead of June.

Aruba and St. Maarten have withdrawn from the tournament because they are unprepared -- both were due to contest Group Five.

Revised schedule:

Group 1:
Bermuda (hosts), Cayman Islands, Cuba, winner of preliminary series between Bahamas, Turks and Caicos, and **the US Virgin Islands** (scheduled for February 1-28).
Playing dates: April 7, 9, 11.

Group 2:
Guadeloupe (hosts), Antigua, Dominica, winner of home and away series between Guyana and Barbados (scheduled for February 13-25).
Playing dates: Mar 10, 12 ,14.

Group 3:
St. Vincent & the Grenadines (hosts), St Kitts/Nevis, St Lucia, winner of home and away series between Martinique/French Guyana (scheduled for February 1-21).
Playing dates: April 14, 16, 18.

Group 4:
Haiti (hosts), Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, winner of preliminary round between British Virgin Islands, Anguilla and Montserrat (scheduled for 1-28 February).
Playing dates: Mar 17, 19, 21.

Group 5:
Grenada (hosts), Suriname, Netherlands Antilles.
Playing dates: April 21, 23, 25

Windies' fast bowler Walsh unhappy

LONDON, CANA - Veteran West Indies fast bowler Courtney Walsh is not happy with the way English county side Gloucestershire has withdrawn its offer of a new two-year contract to him.

Walsh, 36, who has been at the club for the past 14 years and was leading wicket-taker in English first-class cricket last season with 106 victims, said Gloucestershire's decision may stem from the proposed change to the format of the county championship.

"I have been told the main reason for withdrawing the offer is due to the introduction of the two-divisional championship in the year 2000 being based on positions next season, and that the balance of the side will be upset if Mark Alleyne is selected for England's World Cup side," Walsh said.

Gloucestershire are understood to be chasing an allrounder as their overseas player with Alleyne, who captains the county, likely to miss the first two months of the season once he is selected for World Cup duties.

"But to me, it is bowlers who win matches and I believe these are not the real reasons for the withdrawal of the offer," added Walsh.

"I am possibly bowling as well as I ever have and I know I have at least two good seasons of first-class cricket left. Regretfully, these will not be with Gloucestershire," added Walsh.

Gloucestershire's chief executive Colin Sexstone admitted the loss of Alleyne, who is of Barbadian parentage, will be a big blow to the team because of his allround value but said Walsh has not committed himself to playing.

"We had been a bit frustrated by Courtney's lack of commitment since we made him the offer of a new contract. He hadn't said he was committed to Gloucestershire if he didn't make the West Indies World Cup squad," Sexstone said.

Support Sports

SLOC pledges independent bribery investigation

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Salt Lake's Olympic organizers pledged Friday to confront a burgeoning bribery scandal with an independent investigation into whether the 2002 Winter Games were bought and sold.

"I'm glad this has now happened," Frank Joklik, president and CEO of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, said after board members emerged from a 5 1/2-hour emergency meeting called to deal with the scandal.

The committee turned the investigation over to a five-member ethics panel that would, according to a written resolution, be "free from any direction or control" by organizers.

The panel's report, to be made public, will be due no later than Feb. 11.

As the organizers met behind closed doors, the man who brought the Olympics to Utah said the high ideals expected of athletes should not apply to the bidding cities.

Tom Welch, who ran Salt Lake's bid, defended a scholarship program that the SLOC is alleged to have used as a possible front to secure International Olympic Committee votes.

"What I hope happens from this is that there is a better recognition and understanding that goes into the process" of winning an Olympic bid, Welch said.

"You have to know what it is and what it isn't. And it isn't the Olympic competition. It's the business side of it," he said.

And that, said Welch, involves wooing members of the International Olympic Committee, giving them gifts and "letting them know who their friends are."

Welch's comments were lent stark credence by a prominent Salt Lake plastic surgeon, who said Welch pleaded with him to perform free cosmetic surgery on an IOC member in the months before Salt Lake won the bid in 1995.

"Tom told me it was the way in the past and the way in the future that places got these kinds of things," Dr. Rick Anderson told The Associated Press.

Anderson, who would not identify the IOC member because of privacy considerations, said he had already removed a cyst from the man's eyelid for free when Welch begged him to perform the additional surgery to remove bags around the patient's eyes, even offering to pay for the $7,000 procedure out of his own pocket.

Anderson said he did it for free, even though the IOC member "could well have afforded to pay for it."

Welch was not immediately available to comment on Anderson's assertion.

Salt Lake's efforts to cozy up to key IOC members — including providing college scholarships to some of their children — have set off a firestorm over the 2002 bid and the way the IOC selects host cities.

The SLOC executive board launched its ethics investigation even as the IOC undertook its own inquiry into charges that some members and unscrupulous agents may have sold their votes.

The U.S. Olympic Committee, meanwhile, said it could open its own investigation of the Salt Lake scholarships.

"That is an option that we are looking at very carefully," USOC president Bill Hybl said. "We have to see what action Salt Lake takes first."

The FBI in Salt Lake confirmed that it, too, at the behest of Attorney General Janet Reno, was reviewing the allegations to determine whether to open a formal investigation.

"We've been looking at it for about four days," special agent George Dougherty said. "We're trying to determine whether the facts and allegations fall under one of the statutes we're responsible for enforcing."

U.S. Attorney Paul Warner said the review is being supervised by the Justice Department's criminal division.

After Friday's meeting, SLOC chairman Robert Garff said nobody had asked for the resignations of Joklik or the committee's senior vice president, Dave Johnson. The two were heavily involved for a decade in securing the bid.

The ethics committee's probe is not restricted to just the city's 1998 and 2002 bids, but to anything bearing on the conduct of local Olympic officials. SLOC will foot the bill for the panel, which can employ lawyers, accountants or any other necessary help.

Welch, who left the SLOC two years ago after a no-contest plea to a domestic violence charge, ran the city's bid for nearly a decade. Salt Lake, he said, did nothing considered abnormal at the time and it would be disingenuous for the IOC to now claim otherwise.

Senior IOC member Marc Hodler last weekend claimed Salt Lake used the scholarships and other favors to bribe IOC members. Later, he said Salt Lake and other recent bid cities were the victims of extortion by greedy IOC members and their agents, although he did not name names.

Welch insisted Hodler was, at best, exaggerating, and at worst, "crazy."

"We never felt shook down," Welch said. "I never had any IOC members tell me they could get me so-and-so's vote if we did something for them.

"Oh, sure, there are a couple (of agents) out there who represent things they can't do, like bring votes. But we never dealt with them."



Photo by AP

Tom Welch, ex-president and CEO of the Salt Lake Olympic Organizing Committee, answers questions about his departure in this July, 1997 photo in Salt Lake City.

Oilers storm thru Tampa Bay

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Bill Guerin and Todd Marchant each had a goal and an assist as Edmonton snapped a seven-game winless streak with a 4-1 victory over Tampa Bay on Friday night.

The victory lifted the Oilers into sole possession of first place in the Northwest Division, giving Edmonton an two-point advantage over idle Colorado.

Karl Dykhuis scored the Tampa Bay goal as the Lightning dropped their eighth straight game at home. Tampa Bay has lost 14 of 16 overall, getting outscored 70-28.

Edmonton, which had gone 0-5-2 during its winless drought, broke a 1-1 tie on second-period goals by Ryan Smyth and Marchant coming 4:01 apart.

Smyth skated down the slot and scored on a wrist shot at the 47-second mark. It was the left wing's first goal since Oct. 17.

Marchant scored a fluke goal at 4:48. The left wing was moving down the slot when it appeared Mike Grier's pass from the right wing boards deflected off Marchant's skate into the net.

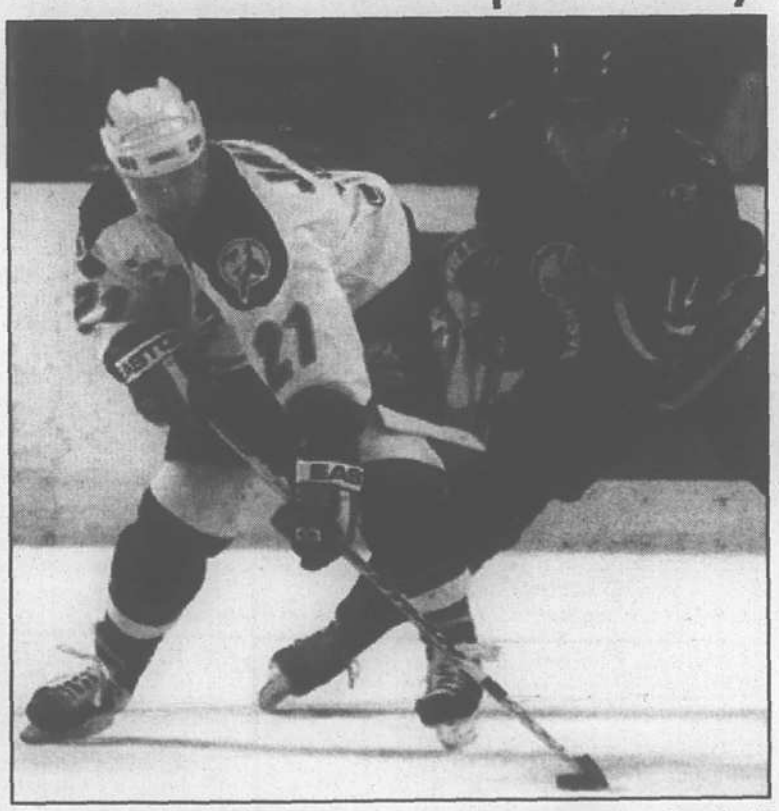


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Tampa Bay Lightning center Craig Janney (21) steals the puck from Edmonton Oilers center Mats Lindgren (14) during the first period last night, at the Ice Palace in Tampa, Fla.

Unbeaten teams compete for NCAA championship

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Long Beach State volleyball coach Brian Gimmillaro waited Friday for researchers to determine whether his meeting with Penn State would be the first NCAA championship showdown in any sport involving undefeated teams.

Top-ranked Long Beach (35-0) and second-ranked Penn State (35-0) meet Saturday in the University of Wisconsin's Kohl Center.

"It's a dream matchupa in sport," Gimmillaro said. "(The NCAA is) scattering to find out if there have ever been two undefeated teams in any NCAA sports final.

"Right now they don't have an answer, but they think it's most likely the case. It could just be that. I wish somebody knew that."

But the records of the teams guarantee nothing, Gimmillaro said.

"I've been around sports all my life and I've seen a lot of bad championship games. I have no idea about (what) the quality of the game (will be)," he said. "Who knows? I've watched enough horrible Super Bowls in my life."

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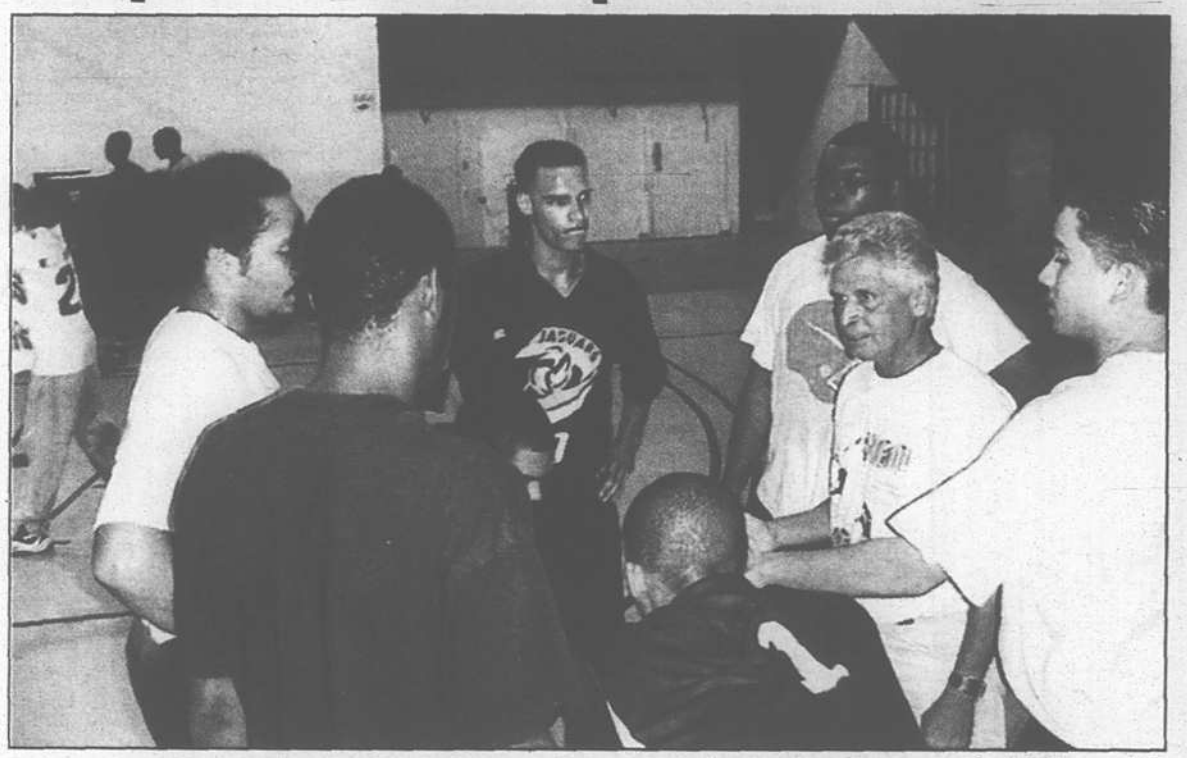
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Thompson sets U.S. record in 100-yard butterfly

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Five-time Olympic gold medalist Jenny Thompson of Stanford set a new U.S. record in the 100-yard butterfly competition Friday night at the Kerr-McGee Elite Pro-Am Swim Meet.

Thompson swam the course in 51.07 seconds at the Oklahoma City Community College Acquatic Center. That broke the old record of 51.75 seconds, set in 1992 by Crissy Ahman-Leighton.

Experience proves to be good teacher



Rashidi Clenance/Avis

Cristobal 'Machin' Encarnacion instructs his troops, the Power League Men's All-Star team, in their four set victory over the St. Thomas Vasrsity All-Stars.

RASHIDI CLENANCE avis

Coming into the Battle of the Stars inter-island volleyball tournament, the St. Thomas varsity All-Star team had their heads high having won a tournament, similar to this one in St. Thomas a week ago.

Their opponent yesterday was the St. Croix Power League All-Star team. The bare six didn't have the aesthetic look of a quality volleyball team, but they sure did play like one. Experience proved to be a good teacher as the Power League team won quite convincingly in straight sets.

After an ace by Llewellyn Reed II the score was 5-0 in the first set in favor of the Crucians. A kill by Devon Daniel put the youngsters from St. Thomas on the board. After a series of side outs, a pair of kills by Antonio Victoria, coupled with a miscue by St. Croix's Freddy Pimental, made the score 8-6. It was at this point the varsity all-stars proceeded to shoot themselves in the foot. Five consecutive, unforced errors and a block by Freddy Pimentel made the score 14-6.

A St. Croix miss hit and a kill by St. Thomas' heavy hitter Maurice Richardson gave the visitors two more points before a kill by Pimentel allowed teammate James Schuck to close out the set.

In the second set, the Crucians jumped out to a 4-0 lead behind the quality play of Pimentel and Reed. Maurice Richardson was not going to let his opponents run away with this one, however. Richardson got three kills from 5-2 to even the score at 5.

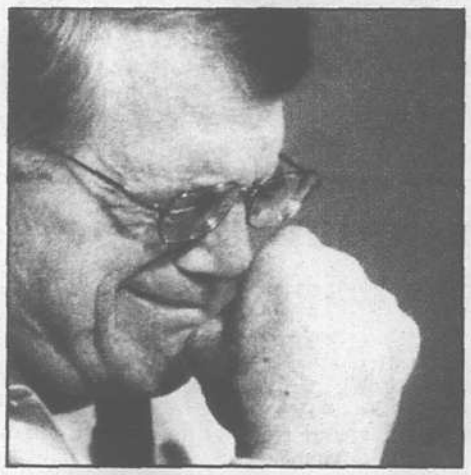
The Crucians, however, employed a balanced attack to wear down their younger opponents. They distributed the ball like income tax return checks in an election year. Before the young guns knew it, the score was 12-7 in favor of the old veterans. The Power League team went on to a 15-10 victory.

In the third set, it was all St. Croix as they made short work of the very talented bunch from St. Thomas. The score in the final set was 15-1. For the Power League All-Stars, Freddy Pimentel had 10 kills. For the St. Thomas All-Stars, Maurice Richardson had 6 kills.

In other action, the Varsity female all-stars defeated their college counterparts quite convincingly and the Power League All-Star men defeated their Varsity counterparts 8-15, 15-10, 15-8, 15-9.

The action continues all day today in the Central High Gym.

Coach leaves hospital after surgery



Dan Reeves

ATLANTA (AP) — A tearful Dan Reeves left a hospital Friday, four days after quadruple bypass surgery, and called his recovery a miracle.

The Atlanta Falcons coach said he had tried to ignore symptoms of a recurring heart problem, "but thank goodness I got it checked out."

During Sunday's 27-17 victory over New Orleans, the pain grew worse, he said. Team physician Dr. Charles Harrison, who normally doesn't accompany the team on road trips, happened to be at the game.

"For some reason, and I believe it's a miracle, I mentioned it to Dr. Harrison. You try to be so tough ..." Reeves said, breaking down in tears. "I didn't want to do anything to distract our team."

Calling himself a "walking time bomb," Reeves recounted the series of events that led to his surgery Monday. He stopped periodically to pull himself together and even joked about getting choked up.

"You do break down a little more, you do cry a little more," he said in the hospital lobby. "But it doesn't bother me."

Early Monday he checked into Piedmont Hospital, where an examination found nearly total blockage of two arteries and 80 percent blockage in a third. Reeves was immediately taken into surgery.

The 54-year-old Reeves underwent two lesser procedures to clear heart blockage in 1990 and 1991, while with the Denver Broncos.

He will miss the final two regular-season games with the Falcons, who have tied a franchise record with 12 wins, just two years after finishing with a 3-13 record. Atlanta can clinch the NFC West Division title with a victory over Detroit Sunday.

Reeves is expected to recover in time afor the playoffs, especially if the Falcons earn a first-round bye, following the season finale at Miami.



Local Sports Roundup with Rashidi Clenance

BASKETBALL

Last night in the Men's Winter League, the Hoyas mauled Showtime 69-52. For the Hoyas, Achama Williams had 20 points and 9 boards. Leonard Weeks added 14 points.

For Showtime, Frank Warden had 17 points, while Rawle 'X-Ray' Caines added 14 points, 6 rebounds and 3 steals.

In the second game, the Guidance got a gift from the Wailers, when Rubio Heywood inbounded the ball into the waiting arms of Guidance's Arman Malcolm, who laid in the go-ahead basket with four ticks left, to give his team a 66-65 victory.

Leroy 'Dido' Simmonds led all scorers with 24 points and 9 rebounds. Richard Iles aided in the victory with 19 points, 4 assists and 4 steals.

For the Wailers, Curneal Fawkes had 19 points and 4 assists and teammate Rubio 'Bush' Heywood added 15 points and seven caroms.

FOOTBALL

In tackle football action, the Central High Caribs will take on the Private School Pirates at 2 p.m. at the Ed. Complex field. The game has second-place implications and it should be very competitive.

Open house in paradise

RASHIDI CLENANCE avis

The America's Paradise Gym is celebrating their one-year anniversary this month and everyone is invited to come celebrate with them. The club is having an open house starting this Saturday and *Isle 95* will be there all day. Everyone that enters the gym, located in Golden Rock, gets a free instant lottery ticket for a chance to win $10,000. There will also be a West Indian Santa to take pictures with the kids, and various businesses have donated prizes that will be raffled throughout the day. The main event of the day, however, is the bench press competition.

Jeff Paradise, the owner of the total fitness gym and also the newly elected V.I. Amateur Body Building president, is looking to bring body building back to the Virgin Islands. In 1999, the America's Paradise Gym will also host an Amateur Body Building Show in St. Croix. Paradise is awaiting approval from the Olympic Committee to have the federation sanctioned to field a national team. If the federation is approved, Paradise has already chosen his first junior Olympic prodigy, a homeless 17-year-old who has tremendous natural strength, according to the professional fitness trainer.

Paradise sees 1999 as a big year for sports in the Virgin Islands and he cites the America's Paradise Triathalon, as an example. But that's not news. What's news is that Paradise has laid the groundwork to have the World's Strongest Man Competition hosted in St. Croix.

"I've already got commitments from some world strong men, I'm just trying to get the rest of the $60,000 purse," said Paradise.

Paradise also was the executive producer of a two-volume aerobic workout tape that was filmed in the Virgin Islands and features local aerobic instructors. As a result of the $100,000 production, Fox International wants to produce a 26-episode show for Fox in the territory. The show, which still hasn't been confirmed, will feature the Washington Redskins cheerleaders and other guest instructors to complement the locals.