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$6.93M appropriation sought

Money from bond proceeds to match $27.72M fed grant for FY 93

GOVERNOR Larry I. Guerrero has asked the Legislature to act on a proposed joint resolution which would enable the CNMI to draw down $6.93 million in earned bond interest from Bank of New York to match the $27.72 million annual federal assistance infrastructure grant for fiscal year 1993.

In a letter to Senate President Juan S. Demapan and House Speaker Thomas P. Villagomez November 18th, Guerrero asked adoption of the joint resolution to specifically authorize the expenditure of the funds based on a list of CIP projects the government sent to the Interior Department.

The letter serves as a follow-up to a November 12 letter by then acting Governor Benjamin T. Manglona certifying the availability of $6.93 million from the bond proceeds to match the federal appropriations.

"Lt. Governor Manglona wrote last November 12 urging legislative action, through joint resolution, so that the Commonwealth could be in a position to draw down the $6.93 million. Even more recent conversations with Assistant Secretary Leslie M. Turner indicate that the joint resolution approach would be acceptable to the Department of the Interior," said the governor.

He asked that the Legislature consider a draft House Joint Resolution which he recommended.

The governor's request followed an earlier letter by Turner saying the $6.93 million bond money approved for release by the Interior's Office of Territorial and International Affairs needs to be appropriated by the Legislature before it could be used to match the $27.72 million federal infrastructure grant for fiscal year 1993.

"Both the grant signed on January 15, 1993 and the special representatives agreement provide that the local matching share may be met using the bond interest proceeds, but require that the funds be appropriated by the CNMI Legislature," Turner told the governor in that letter.

Turner's letter came weeks after Guerrero officially transmitted a summary list of all planned capital improvement projects to OTIA in compliance with requirements on the drawdown of some $27.72 million in federal aid money for fiscal year 1993.

The list sent was an integrated CIP project summary, associated

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First Lady Matilde Guerrero (third from left) graces gathering sponsored by the CHC Volunteers in the presence of 1993 Miss CNMI International Tayna Belyeu, 1993 Miss CNMI Universe Vicky Tudela and an unidentified participant.

Witness in Laude case says Reyes threatened to kill him

MARIO Reyes, one of the principal suspects in last year's gruesome murder of a Filipino contract worker had allegedly threatened to kill his brother Efrain, should he tell anybody "what happened".

This was learned from Efrain himself, who testified yesterday against his brother who is facing first degree murder, kidnapping and robbery charges for the brutal death of carpenter Eladio Laude. Efrain has agreed to testify against his brother Mario and Joseph Anthony Bowie in exchange for the dropping of minor charges against him.

"If ever I said anything, (Mario Reyes said) he will kill me," Efrain said in his testimony before a 6-member jury.

The jury trial for Mario Reyes and another co-accused Joseph Anthony Bowie began yesterday at Court room A of the Superior Court. Mario, Bowie and four others including Efrain have been implicated by the government for the murder of Laude which occurred last November 5, 1992.

Laude died after he was crushed down by the vehicle of the suspects, according to Government prosecutor Charles Rotbart. Rotbart said in his opening statement that Laude together with friend Nilo Rivera where driving along Beach Road when they were "pulled over" by the suspects and brought them to Mario's As Lito residence where Laude and Rivera were mauled. The suspects allegedly decided to bring the two to Laulau beach where they will be "thrown off the cliff." On the way to Laulau Rivera however managed to escape from the back of the trunk of a car were they were forcibly placed. Laude on the other

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Stayman supports continued 702 funds

By Rafael H. Arroyo

THE CLINTON Administration maintains its support for continued funding assistance for the CNMI under section 702 of the Covenant.

But at the same time, CNMI officials should be aware that the local garments industry is still being given a close watch by US Congress.

This was the message imparted by Interior Deputy Assistant Secretary for Territorial and International Affairs Allen Stayman during a whirlwind visit of Saipan Friday.

According to Interior Field Representative Jeff Schorr, Stayman swung by the CNMI after a speaking engagement in Guam mainly to offer congratulations to Governor-elect Froilan C. Tenorio and Lieutenant Governor-elect Jesus C. Borja.

He also met with Governor Larry I. Guerrero and Lieutenant Governor Benjamin T. Manglona to discuss the status of federally-funded projects that are currently on-going, like the Saipan Harbor improvement project, the American Memorial Park and the Saipan Airport Control Tower.

"The deputy assistant secretary was here for only one day mainly to deliver a message of congratulations for the new administration and to discuss current issues," said Schorr in a telephone conversation with the Variety yesterday.

He added the federal official opted not to make his short visit publicized.

According to Schorr, Stayman has maintained his position that the issues of funding assistance for the CNMI should be held distinct from other issues of concern to US Congress.

Stayman is remembered as the Interior official who testified

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Evangelista pleads 'not guilty' to theft

REVENUE and Taxation Division Chief Juan L. Evangelista entered a plea of not guilty yesterday on four counts of theft charges filed against him by the CNMI government.

Evangelista, the second high-ranking government official within a one-year period to face theft charges, appeared before the sala of Judge Edward Manibusan yesterday morning to answer the charges. He was represented by former Assistant Attorney General Dennis O'Shea who is now into private practice.

During the arraignment, the Revenue and Taxation chief denied allegations that he had pocketed four government checks amounting to more than $25,000. The checks, according to a complaint filed last Thursday by Assistant Attorney General Russell E. Marsh of the AG's Criminal Division, were supposed to be payable to four other people.

A status conference has been set for December 27 of this year.

The lodging of criminal complaint against Evangelista was widely seen as another major blow against the Guerrero administration which has been accused of corruption especially by its opponent during the election period.

Late last year, then Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Director Jesus Pangelinan was detained and subsequently convicted of theft charges.

In a criminal complaint leveled against Evangelista, Asst. Attorney-General Marsh alleged that on or before November 10, 1993, the Revenue chief "unlawfully and feloniously" took government checks payable to Donald Takeuchi ($8,357), Naomi Tanda ($4,533), Mark Deluna ($7464) and Max Rapisore ($5,524).

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With two trade victories, Clinton looks toward Europe

By TOM RAUM

SEATTLE (AP) - The Clinton administration is claiming a huge psychological boost as it turns its attention from Asia-Pacific summitry to winning completion in Geneva of a long-stalled set of new global trading rules.

Leaders who participated in the three-day conference of Pacific Rim nations said the meetings in Seattle would help bring pressure to bear on reluctant Europeans to complete a round of trade liberalization moves by a Dec. 15 deadline.

"The president has had a terrific week," Secretary of State Warren Christopher said Sunday on ABC television. "He has completed two parts of this triple play" with the successful Asian summit and the passage this week of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

"I don't think our partners in Geneva have missed the significance of what's happened here," U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor said in Seattle.

Kantor is expected to press the point Monday in talks in Washington with Leon Brittain, trade commissioner for the 12-nation European Community. Participants in the 17-nation Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation conference - ranging from close U.S. allies to Chinese President and Communist Party leader Jiang Zemin - were quick to pronounce the summit a success.

"One must not exaggerate. There are still great differences among the members. But a start has been made," said Hamish Macleod, Hong Kong's financial secretary.

And Jiang, while refusing to yield on President Clinton's demands that China do more on human rights and in other trade areas, was upbeat about the meeting itself - particularly the informal heads-of-state session that Clinton hosted Saturday at a lodge on Blake Island in Puget Sound.

"APEC should be open, flexible and loose," Jiang said. "The meeting was successful and it will have a positive impact."

Christopher said that while there were no great accomplishments, "the meeting was the message."

Administration officials were jubilant over what they saw as one of the best few days of Clinton's presidency: an enormous congressional victory in passing NAFTA, followed by a warm reception in Seattle - even from Asian leaders who had eyed him suspiciously at first.

"I think we will look back in 10 or 20 years and consider this leaders' conference a turning point in the Asia-Pacific history in terms of symbolism and in terms of the beginning to move toward a genuine community," said Winston Lord, assistant secretary of state of East Asian affairs.

The leaders liked the idea of the conference - the largest gathering of Asian leaders ever - so much that they even agreed to do it again next year in Indonesia. Participants said annual summit sessions - rivalling the annual economic summits of the Group of Seven Western industrialized democracies - was a distinct possibility.

The leaders promised at the conference to work more closely in the future to promote trade and economic growth in the region. They also directed their finance ministers to meet in March in the United States to discuss economic trends and flows of capital across borders.

And leaders issued an appeal aimed at Europe to help end a logjam that is holding up a new set of liberalized trade rules being negotiated by 108 nations under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Most participants in the conference also agreed to cut tariffs on many goods traded among themselves.

It all added up to a lot of pressure on Europe.

U.S. officials said Clinton's next major project in international economics is trying to wrap up the GATT trade talks by the Dec. 15 deadline so they can be submitted to Congress.

The talks have been going on in Geneva for seven years.

Kantor said he would make a big push Monday and Tuesday in his meetings with Brittain, the European trade official, to try to keep the momentum going from the weekend.

The major issue of contention in Geneva is a dispute over agricultural trade - with the United States and most other nations favoring easing farm subsidies and European nations, particularly France, seeking to continue them.

"The French are isolated," Kantor said.

Agriculture is "something that is going to have to be negotiated," Kantor said. "We have to have market-opening in agriculture."

Italian Mayoral elections strike a blow at parties

By VICTOR L. SIMPSON

ROME (AP) - Fed up with corruption in mainstream politics, voters turned to candidates of the left and right - as well as the autonomy-minded Northern League - in mayoral elections, exit polls showed.

The Christian Democrats and the Socialists, who have governed Italy for 45 years, were shut out in six major cities on Sunday, showing that voters had lost faith in both centrist parties ahead of national elections likely next year.

In one of the most closely watched races, Alessandra Mussolini, granddaughter of World War II dictator Benito Mussolini and a prominent neo-fascist herself, made it to a runoff in the Naples mayor's race. More than 11 million Italians - or a quarter of the electorate - were eligible to vote in Sunday's races. Up for election were governments in 428 cities, three provinces and the region of Trentino-Alto Adige in northeastern Italy.

Turnout was reported heavy despite snow and rain up and down the peninsula.

The major tests were in Rome, Venice, Genoa, Trieste, Palermo and Naples. To win, a candidate must receive at least half the votes cast. If no candidate does, the top two vote-getters enter a Dec. 5 runoff election. Mussolini garnered about 30 percent of the vote - enough to force a runoff with her leftist rival, Antonio Bassolino, who led with about 49 percent, according to exit surveys by the Doxa polling service for state-run TV.

In Rome, the neo-fascists scored another gain, with national party leader Gianfranco Fini reaching the runoff against Francesco Rutelli, a Parliament deputy backed by the Greens and ex-Communists, the polls showed.

With 50 seats in Parliament, the neo-fascist party holds itself up as the heir to Benito Mussolini's Fascist movement, stressing the need for public order, immigration controls and the death penalty, outlawed since World War II. It has distanced itelf from the dictator's anti-Semitic policies as well as the recent upsurge in skinhead violence in Europe.

In the northern cities of Genoa, Venice and Trieste, the race was a test of the strength of the Northern League, which is hoping to build on its success in Milan, where it won the mayor's seat and 45 percent of the vote in June.

The league's candidates made the runoff in Genoa and Venice - where they trailed leftist-backed candidates - and missed by a hair in Trieste, polls showed.

However, the party captured the most votes in city council seats in all three cities. The neo-fascists were top vote-getters for council seats in Naples and Rome.

The league appeals to a middle class fed up with its tax money going to the central government in Rome and helping to support the poorer and organized crime-ridden south.

In Palermo, Leoluca Orlando, outspoken leader of the anti-Mafia, leftist party La Rete (the Network) won overwhelmingly, capturing about 75 percent of the vote, according to exit polls and early returns.

In a series of elections over the past year, Italian voters have punished the Christian Democrats and Socialists. No Christian Democrat candidate was placing higher than third, and no Socialist was considered a front-runner in any of the six major cities.

The two parties have been deeply implicated in a scandal that has unearthed widespread, systematic corruption and produced allegations of ties between politicians and organized crime.

A 30-year-old former actress who represents a Naples district in Parliament, Mussolini is the daughter of Benito Mussolini's son, Romano, a jazz pianist, and the sister of actress Sophia Loren, Maria Scicolone.

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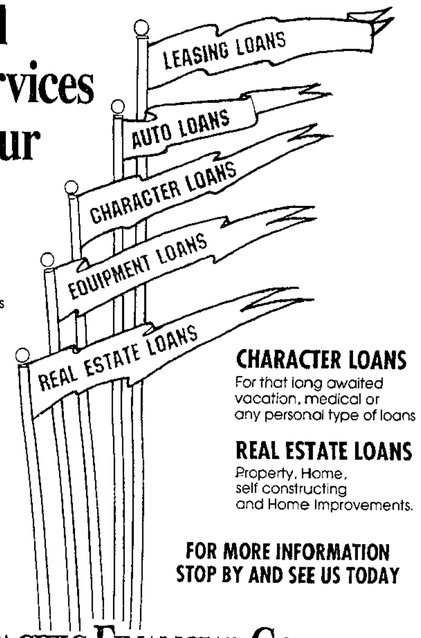

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On the presidency of the Ninth Senate

Cing says Demapan still best man for job

By Rafael H. Arroyo

DEMOCRATIC Tinian Senator David M. Cing yesterday expressed his full support for Saipan Senator Juan S. Demapan in his bid to retain the presidency of the Ninth Senate even as two other

David M. Cing

Republicans may be posturing for the top post.

In an interview at his Senate office yesterday, Cing aired skepticism on suggestions that newly-elected Republican Saipan Senators Jesus R. Sablan or Thomas P. Villagomez may be interested with the presidency.

Cing, who is a members of the current Senate leadership, said he feels Demapan may be the most feasible choice to lead what could perhaps be a "turbulent" Ninth Legislature.

"President Demapan is a crisis-tested leader. He moved the Eighth Senate through all controversies and I believe we accomplished a lot under his leadership," said Cing.

"Why should we abandon abandon a workable president," he added.

Although he said he has nothing against Sablan nor Villagomez, Cing said they may lack the leadership qualities Demapan has.

"Sen. Sablan is okay because I know we can work with him, but at least from my point of view he can only lead if the sailing is smooth. He is not as aggressive as President Demapan," said Cing.

Meanwhile, Sablan has yet to confirm if he is seeking the presidency or not but it appears he is being convinced to run by his November 6 "runningmate," Villagomez.

"If he (Sablan) does not run, I'll be contesting the presidency," said Villagomez in a Sunday interview.

According to Villagomez, he can't bear with seeing the same personalities again leading the Senate. He said he just honestly feels Demapan's personality is just not apt for the presidency because he "puts political affiliations first over the interest of the people."

He also said he believes the combination of Mafnas and Demapan, being Republican stalwarts, may be seeking more to fight the Democratic administration of Governor-elect Froilan C. Tenorio and Lieutenant Governor-elect Froilan C. Tenorio, rather than work with it.

He said what the people want is more collaboration between the legislative and executive branches of government.

Villagomez's statements were not met with approval by Cing during yesterday's interview.

"This is his first term as senator and he is just newly-elected. I do not think it is appropriate for him to run although he is free to do that," said Cing.

"How would you feel if somebody visits your home for the first time and goes straight to your bedroom?" Cing said.

Meanwhile, sources in the Legislature said the race for the presidency may be a free-for-all with more than three senators contesting the coveted seat.

"It seems everybody wants to be president. The political posturing and maneuvering has begun," said the source a close aide of one of the senators.

Karidat Chairman Tony Cabrera hands over a plaque of appreciation to Lisa Trousdale, president of the World Association of Women after the groups donated $1,500.00 toassist Karidat in its projects.

Compact ratified by Palau electorate

THE PEOPLE of the Republic of Palau have overwhelmingly approved the island nation's Compact of Free Association with the United States during the plebiscite held November 9, according to certification documents issued by the Palau Election Commission.

The five-member Commission last November 19th certified the outcome of the plebiscite, pursuant to pertinent laws, thereby ratifying a new political relationship with the US.

"Our journey to sovereignty and independence has been long and at times extraordinarily difficult, but we believe we can now optimistically look to the dawn of a new era for Palau," said Palau President and Vice President Kuniwo Nakamura and Peter L. Sugiyama in a joint statement.

"Through a lawful and democratic process, we have together chosen to become a sovereign nation in a special and honorable relationship with the United States. As a people, it is our obligation to each other and to future generations of Palauans to stand firmly together in support of this decision," the two officials added.

According to certified poll results, a total of 7,624 votes out of 11,562 registered voters were cast in the political exercise.

Total number of votes in favor of the Compact was pegged at 5,193 or 68.26%. Those not in favor totaled 2,415 or 31.74%.

The Compact relationship is expected to make Palau a sovereign state, secure military rights for the US for as long as 50 years, grant the islands some $500 million in assistance over 15 years and give Palauans free access to the nation.

Majorities have voted in favor of the relationship seven times before but it has not been approved because the number always fell short of the constitutionally-required 75%.

Palau, reputed to be the only remaining part of the last territory placed under the trusteeship administration of the United Nations after the last world war, in essence voted whether to freely associate with the US, the country said to have been largely responsible for its transformation into self-governing status.

After the last vote on the Compact in 1991, island leaders said the relationship could not be approved unless certain longstanding concerns of their people were addressed.

In an effort to encourage a more positive response on the Compact, Palauans late last year tried lowering the approval requirement to a "simple majority" rather than the current 75% affirmative vote.

In their statement, Nakamura and Sugiyama said the ratification of the Compact is the best decision for Palau given the totality of circumstances.

"If we are to succeed in this new era, we must as a nation and as a people, direct our vision forward. We cannot let differences and disputes of the past divide and paralyze us as we move into this bright new future. We need o dream together, plan together and work together to accomplish our goals for ourselves, our children and our country," said the two leaders.

"With unity of purpose and with harmony of spirit, we can and we will build a nation we will all be proud of," the statement further read. (RHA)

Christmas in the Air.
Agood number of business establishment on Saipan have started to spruce up their stores with Christmas decorations to usher the spirit of the seasons early.

Man nabbed for exposing sex organ in front of tourist

A bunch of Japanese tourists got another "view" of Saipan Saturday. This time it was not a particular tourist destination nor the infamous Puerto Dump which has been considered an "eyesore" by the tourism industry. It was the unexpected indecent exposure of a Ponapeian man which shocked the Japanese travellers.

Department of Public Safety Spokesperson Cathy Sheu said Steve Ar[illegible] was not know[illegible] due to excessive intake of alcohol when he unzipped his pants and exposed his sex organ in front of Japanese tourist sSaturday at Bobby Caddilac's in Garapan. The incident, which was reported to the DPS at around 10:30 p.m., sent the Japanese muttering in their own tongue, apparently embarrassed by the man's action.

Anson was arrested by a police officer who responded to the complaint. The man was detained but Sheu could not say if he has already been released.

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Torres seeks panel to probe alleged misfits

HOUSE Floor Leader Stanley T. Torres has reiterated his call for a special committee to conduct an investigation on what he termed as irregularities at the Department of Public Safety and has suggested that the inquiry expand to include whether the Attorney General is doing its job with regards to looking into such allegations.

In a November 19 letter to House Speaker Thomas P. Villagomez, Torres asked that the special House committee be formed to shed light on several reported instances which Torres believes constitute mismanagement and neglect of duty.

"We in the Legislature have a moral and legal responsibility to carry out the wishes of the people, and because we have less than 50 days remaining in the Eighth Legislature, our responsibility should not end now," Torres told Villagomez.

"I call on this body to investigate and report on a number of alleged improprieties. If we do not act, we will betray the trust of the public, a public that more than ever demands accountability from its elected leaders as we saw in the past election," he added.

Stanley T. Torres

Among the "items" Torres wants investigated is the alleged ticket-fixing incident involving former Public Works Director Nick Sablan, who reportedly executed a sworn affidavit to confirm the incident.

He chided both the speaker and the Senate president for not acting on two previous letters he sent asking for a joint committee to investigate such allegation.

He also brought up the case about the unsolved shooting incident that occurred at his home and those of two other congressmen late last year.

"What happened to the DPS investigation? I'll tell you what happened to it — the same thing that happened to the investigation of the DPS director kicking Senator David M. Cing in front of fifty or more people — they put it in the garbage can and laughed at us," said Torres.

He said nothing had happened because he said "the Attorney General was indifferent to prosecuting these types of cases."

"Let's spend the last remaining days of this Legislature productively and find out the truth. Where there have been crimes committed, let's get it out into the open. The time is now. Let's reassure the public we do not tolerate corruption at all," Rep. Torres told the speaker in his letter.

House rejects statehouse bid for capital

By H. JOSEF HEBERT

WASHINGTON (AP) - The House rejected a proposal Sunday to make the District of Columbia the 51st state, ignoring arguments that the capital's 600,000 residents should have the same voice in Congress as other Americans.

Nevertheless, statehood supporters characterized the House floor vote as a significant victory, saying the 277-153 tally surpassed expectations. Supporters said they had expected to get only about 120 votes and that the showing is sure to move the issue forward.

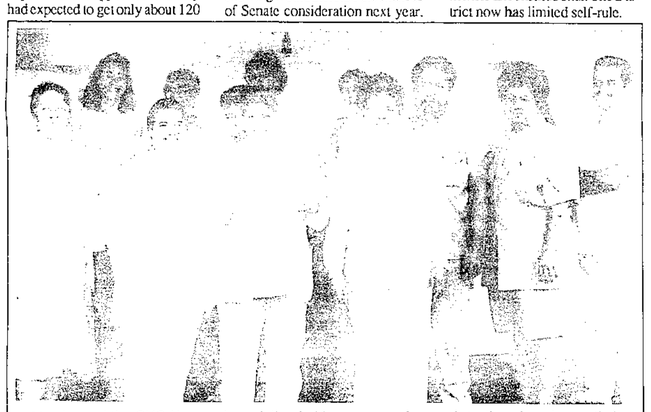
"I'm ready to declare a victory right now," said Eleanor Holmes Norton, the District's non-voting delegate to Congress who spearheaded the effort in the House. "The vote has surpassed my greatest expectations."

It was the first time that the District statehood issue has made it as far as a floor debate and vote. Ms. Norton said she hoped the strong showing would increase the chances of Senate consideration next year.

Statehood supporters argued that the effort was aimed at removing two centuries of taxation without representation for residents of the District, which does not have a voting representative in Congress.

The legislation would create a 51st state called "New Columbia."

Opponents maintained that a change by Congress in the boundaries of the federal seat of government is unconstitutional. The District now has limited self-rule.



Members of the CHC Nurses Association hold up a copy of a proclamation signed recently by Governor Larry I. Guerrero declaring CNMI Nurses' day.

Oops, Sorry...

The article entitled "Hundreds of HIV carriers in the NMI" (page 3, November 17, 1993 issue) inadvertently quoted CHC AIDS Program Manager as saying there may be 300 to 400 possible HIV carriers in the CNMI. That figure is supposed to represent the number of possible carriers in the whole Marianas, including Guam. We regret the error. - The Editor.

Clarification...

The editor wishes to state for the record that there is no malice intended when the political satire column, eavesdropper (page 6, November 19 issue) indicated, "Panel to hear lewd show bill. Heard someone suggesting they congregate in a VIP room down at Scorpio II."

The line item is not meant to imply there is indeed a VIP room at the said establishment, nor does it say Scorpio II offers lewd shows.

The column is just that — satirical. We issue this clarification after the management of Scorpio II approached us contending they do not have a VIP room.

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Homecoming, no longer ordeal for Filipinos come Dec. 1st

FILIPINO contract workers will no longer have to experience hours of ordeal at the immigration and customs counters when they go back to their homeland this holiday season thanks to a government program aimed at easing the airport nspections and processing of travel documents.

At the same time, Filipino expatriates will be spared from joining a mile-long queue at the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, an attached agency of the Philippines' Labor and Employment Department that regulates and monitors the dispatch of contract workers to other countries, to obtain an Overseas Employment Certificate (OEC). An OEC, a certification that exempts contract workers from paying a travel tax which is much higher, is required of every returning Filipino contract worker. It can be obtained after paying between $17 to $35 depending on the employment status of the worker.

Returning Filipinos, called in the Philippines as "balik-bayans" normally go through massive checks and inspections beginning at the immigration counters down to the customs counters, making a vacation a grueling experience rather than a grand holiday. They are also required to appear at the POEA center to get OECs, something which has never been easy, according to those who have gone there several times. In oder to get an OEC, a contract worker will have to join a long line and wait for hours.

But under the "Pamasko Para Sa Mga OCWs" project or Christmas Gift for Overseas Contract Workers, everything is made easy, according to Attorney Vicente Manzano, the Philippine Labor representative to the Northern Marianas. The project, a concerted effort by various government and private sector agencies, will begin on December 1, 1993 and will end on January 15, 1994, Manzano said in an interview in his office yesterday.

The project, which also includes a red-carpet welcome for returning Filipino contract workers, guarantees a very convenient homecoming. Atty Manzano said, this will be accomplished through the coordination of Immigration, Customs, and airport personnel in Manila.

A returning contract worker will be easily identified with a green ribbon on his or her shirt, Manzano said. His passport will also bear a green sticker indicating that he is a contract worker. The stickers and ribbons will be made available by the labor attaches or officers at Philippine Consulates and embassies worldwide. In the CNMI, all returning Filipino contract workers may get the stickers and ribbons at Atty. Manzano's office at the Philippine Consulate in San Jose, Saipan.

At Manila's Ninoy Aquino International Airport, one of Asia's busiest, specific lanes have already been designated as "express lanes" for Filipino contract workers to ensure that their arrival does not become burdensome and complicated. Manzano said all Philippine Overseas Labor Officers have been given the responsibility to issue OECs to contract workers who are going home this Christmas season. Atty. Manzano said Filipino expatriates can get their OECs from his office by paying a few dollars. This means that they don't have to go to the POEA center in Manila where the OECs are issued.

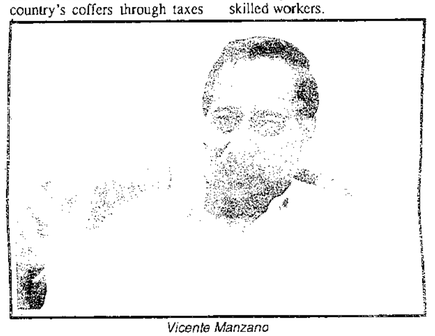
According to a message relayed to the Philippine Consulate yesterday by the Manila government, all contract workers will be able to clear immigration and customs in just 25 miniutes.

They will be provided police protection while on their way to their hometowns. Manzano said returning contract workers will be given 20% discounts on all domestic flights.

The "Pamasko" program is the first-ever project launched by the Labor department that would directly benefit returning contract workers to the Philippines, according to Manzano. This, he said, is a simple act of gratitude to these unsung heroes who contribute millions of dollars to the country's coffers through taxes and remittances.

Driven by less employment opportunities in their own country, many Filipinos go abroad every year. About 500,000 of the approximately 2.5 million Filipinos working overseas are expected to go home this holiday season, according to Manzano, who has been here for more than three years now as Labor officer.

Driven by growing unemployment in their own country, a substantial number of Filipinos go abroad every year where they work as professional staff and as skilled workers.



Vicente Manzano

Hopwood Junior High is granted accreditation

IN A LETTER, dated June 18, 1993, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, officially notified Tom Pangelinan, principal of Hopwood, that Hopwood Junior High School, has been granted accreditation.

"We are pleased to announce that the officers of the Accrediting Commission for Schools have examined the preliminary visit report submitted by the team which visited your school recently on behalf of this Association and have authorized the granting of an interim therm of accreditation."

"The term of accreditation for Hopwood Junior High School is effective as of this date and extends through June 30, 1996," said in the letter.

The Accrediting Commission commended the school for providing parents opportunities to be actively involved "in the educational preparation of their students so they will be better prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century," the letter explains.

It also commended the students of Hopwood "for their school pride, enthusiasm for learning, and their striving for excellence as evidenced in their actions and attitudes throughout their school day."

William Torres, commissioner of the Public School System, extended his congratulations to the school for the success of its accreditation efforts, said in the news release from Hopwood.

"I want to take this opportunity to show my appreciation to all those at Hopwood Jr. High who involved themselves in this accreditation effort. Only through a knowledgeable educational team effort can a school achieve accreditation and it is obvious that Hopwood Jr. High has such a team," the Commissioner quoted in the news release.

"The accreditation of Hopwood Jr. High by the WASC is critically important because it demonstrates that your educational program and facilities have been thoroughly reviewed by a professional evaluation team and found to be comparable to stateside schools," the Commissioner stated.

Cable Forum to host Philippine Consul

PHILIPPINE Consul Villipando will be this week's guest on Cable Forum, it was announced in news release from Saipan Cable TV.

"With the large number of Filipinos working on Saipan, we encourage all viewers to call in their questions and concerns regarding contract workers, and local policies and immigration procedures for the holiday season," said Saipan Cable TV General Manager Fred Lord.

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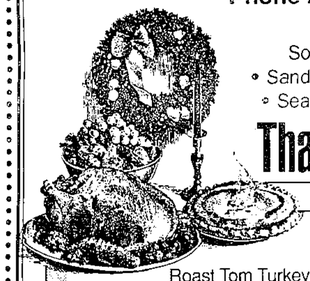

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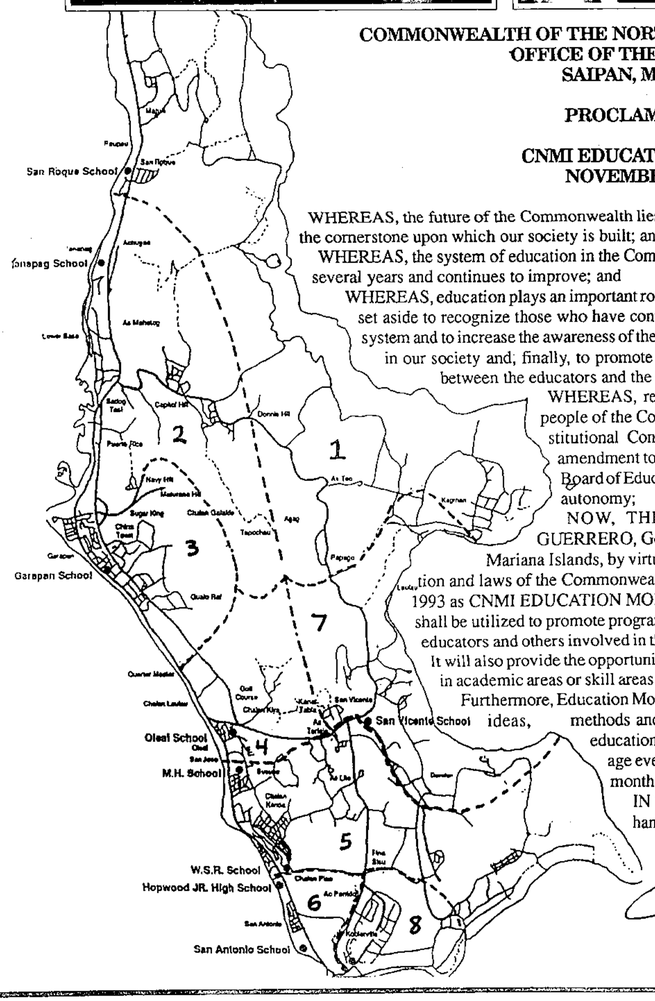

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PROCLAMATION

CNMI EDUCATION MONTH
NOVEMBER 1993

WHEREAS, the future of the Commonwealth lies in the education of its people and education is the cornerstone upon which our society is built; and

WHEREAS, the system of education in the Commonwealth has made great strides over the past several years and continues to improve; and

WHEREAS, education plays an important role in our society and a period of time ought to be set aside to recognize those who have contributed to the development of our educational system and to increase the awareness of the general public concerning the role of education in our society and; finally, to promote closer cooperation and a stronger relationship between the educators and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of education to the people of the Commonwealth, the delegates to the Second Constitutional Convention adopted and the voters approved an amendment to our Constitution which provided for an elected Board of Education and gave the Public School System greater autonomy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LORENZO I. DE LEON GUERRERO, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth, do hereby proclaim and endorse November 1993 as CNMI EDUCATION MONTH in the Commonwealth. Education Month shall be utilized to promote programs and activities which will build the morale of educators and others involved in the education system within the Commonwealth. It will also provide the opportunity for professional development demonstrations in academic areas or skill areas for our Public School System staff and teachers.

Furthermore, Education Month will provide an opportunity for the sharing of ideas, methods and experiences among those concerned with the education of the people of our Commonwealth. I encourage everyone to assist in any way they can to make this month a very special one to remember.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this 29th day of November 1993.

LORENZO I. DE LEON GUERRERO
Governor.

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hand failed to escape after he was caught by the suspects. After having runned over by a car, his body was dumped in the Dan dan area and his pick up truck set ablaze, the prosecution alleged.

Defense attorney Anthony Long who represented Bowie argued that the prosecution's summary of the events leading to the death of Laude were based on "shaky... sandy foundation." Long likened the statements made by atty. Rotbart to that of the parable of two houses where one was built on a rock and one on sandy foundation. Rotbart's statements, he said were based on "weak foundation". He told the jurors that once the facts are presented, the prosecution's claims will be "eroded" and Bowie will not be found guilty."

Meanwhile, one of the jurors was disqualified from participating in the trial of Bowie and Reyes after admitting to a court clerk that she is a close friend of Mario Reyes's wife, Gina. Presiding Judge Alex Castro removed Melinda C. Mesa from the jury yesterday afternoon shortly after the hearing on the murder case resumed.

Court clerk Jovy Flores told the prosecution and the defense that she was approached by Mesa about 30 minutes after the hearing was adjourned and admitted that she was a friend of Mario's wife. Twenty minutes later, however, Mesa told marshall Joe Garcia that she still wanted to remain as a member of the jury.

Mesa, who was chosen last week out of the 150 possible jurors, was "excused" because she may not give an objective judgment in the course of the trial, according to Castro. At the same time, Castro said he was concerned about possible "taint" of the jurors.

Members of the jury are selected after a thorough screening to determine their impartiality. Possible jurors with affinity any of the persons involved in the case are disqualified.

"She (Mesa) may not be fair and impartial (anymore) as a juror," Castro said after hearing the arguments of the prosecution and the defense on whether to remove Mesa from the jury or not. "She's no longer a juror in this case." Mesa will be replaced by a certain Mrs. Manglona, who acts as one of the alternates.

Government lawyers also questioned Mesa's impartiality to the murder case after hearing the testimony of Flores and Garcia. Attorney Rotbart said that the change in Mesa's decision may have been due to the influence of "somebody".

"Somebody might have talked to her that might have changed her mind," Atty. Rotbart said.

Earlier, in the morning Mesa and the rest of the jurors were briefed by the court regarding the rules to follow in the course of the hearing. One of the rules prohibits them from talking to anybody about the case until a decision is handed down. This, according to Castro, might have been violated by Mesa, giving enough grounds for her removal from the jury.

The jurors were also told not to read any news on the papers and listen radio news or watch news on television regarding the Laude case.

Read the Daily Local Newspaper Marianas Variety

This year marks the Fiftieth Year for the Saipan Gyokusai, a praying mission in honor of those who died during World War II.

A group of Veteran Naval officers came to visit the Saipan International House of Prayers, Nanmeido at the Sugar King Park, they expressed themselves in one voice "No more tragics and miserables founded by war, we, the fellow soldiers shored the fate of their ship in the Marianas Ocean, we offer our sincere pray for the blessing of the dead"

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Representatives-elect Stanley T. Torres, Jesus T. Attao and Vicente T. Attao (each with mwarmwars) were the guests of honor during a recent gathering of the CNMI Bangladeshi Association.

Representative-elect Vicente Attao helps himself to the delicious food prepared by the Bangladeshi Association during a recent gathering.

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India and South Africa establish Diplomatic ties

By RANJAN ROY.

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - After five decades on the front line of the anti-apartheid movement, India established full diplomatic relations with South Africa on Monday.

Foreign Ministers Dinesh Singh and R.F. Botha of South Africa signed documents to open embassies in the two countries and hold regular meetings between officials.

"This is a historic moment," Botha said after signing the two-page agreement.

With more than one million people of Indian origin in South Africa, India was an early campaigner against the policy of racial discrimination.

Mohandas K. Gandhi, later India's independence leader, emerged as a public figure as a young lawyer in South Africa in the 1920s fighting for the rights of blacks and coloreds. There he formulated his philosophy of nonviolence and his tactics of civil disobedience.

India never established diplomatic ties with South Africa after it became independent from Britain in 1947. It was one of the first countries to enforce a total embargo against Pretoria and sponsored anti-apartheid moves in the United Nations and the 101-member Non-Aligned Movement. Botha was the first senior South African official to visit India. He arrived in New Delhi on Sunday and met Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao later that day.

"I am happy that the new South Africa is what we expected it to be," said Singh.

No dates have been set for opening the embassies, but the African National Congress will continue to maintain its office here.

India began relaxing sanctions after President F.W. de Klerk introduced reforms toward multiparty democracy.

The first break came in November 1991 when South Africa's cricket team was allowed to play in India.

New Delhi allowed trade and cultural contacts with Pretoria, but withheld diplomatic ties until South Africa's new constitution was approved. Last month Air India began operating flights to Johannesburg.

As Botha and Singh signed the agreement at the foreign minister's office, cricket teams of the two countries played a one-day international match in Chandigarh, 250 kilometers (155 miles) north of New Delhi.

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cost estimates and budget costs for the islands' CIP projects for fiscal years 1993-1994.

A total of $27.72 million has been appropriated by US Congress in FY 1993 to fund infrastructure projects in the CNMI in the absence of a new multi-year funding assistance package under section 702 of the Covenant.

Such amount was the level of funding the CNMI got in the last year of the second seven-year 702 funding grant which lapsed in FY 1992.

Under US Public Law 99-396, the CNMI would still be getting financial assistance grants under the Covenant at the last fiscal year's level, until a new funding package is approved, or unless Congress otherwise provides by law.

The third funding assistance package under section 702 of the Covenant is yet to be approved by US Congress.

This means that the CNMI would get $27.72 million annually until the third funding assistance package is approved or until Congress enacts a law to stop the annual grant.

Section 701 of the Covenant commits the federal government into giving the CNMI funding assistance to until it reaches the level where it could meet the needs of economic self-sufficiency.

But even as the money available for FY 1993 has been assured, the federal government has insisted that the CNMI put in some $6.93 million in local funds to match the 1993 grant, and this will be provided through the disbursement of that same amount from Bank of New York, where some $34 million in bond interest money for the Commonwealth sits.

The release of $6.93 million to the CNMI government was okayed by Turner owing to the progress being made by Commonwealth Utilities Corp. on the requirements imposed by the Operations and Maintenance Improvement Program.

But although the money could be used by the CNMI government as its matching contribution pursuant to the terms of the FY 1993 grant of the $27.72 million, Turner clarified that the drawdown of the FY 1993 funds is contingent upon meeting grant conditions.

The actual drawdown of OTIA cash and the funds on deposit with the trustee bank must be associated with the implementation of individual projects.

Among the projects in the governor's list are improvements for water systems ($7.32 million), sewage systems ($7.67 million), solid waste ($4.5 million), power systems $3.615 million), public schools ($5 million), health services ($0.4 million, judiciary ($3.25 million), administration ($1 million) and the Northern Marianas College ($1.9 million), for a total of $34.65 million.

Breakdown of project funding per islands, according to the list, is as follows: Saipan, $24.44 million or 70.52% of the total funding; Rota, $5.88 million or 16.98%; and Tinian $4.33 million or 12.5%. (RHA)

Philippines to ask IMF for flexibility

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - President Fidel Ramos will seek "flexibility" in complying with World Bank terms for new loans because he has been unable to get economic liberalization programs through Congress, officials said Sunday.

Ramos was to meet World Bank officials Monday in Washington to discuss, among other things, the release of the latest installment the $160 million Economic Integration Loan.

The first installment, half from the World Bank and the rest from the Japan Export-Import Bank, was released last February.

The government was to comply fully with liberalization commitments by Nov. 30 of this year. Under pressure from farmers, the government suspended imports of corn and other grains, which the Department of Finance warned was inconsistent with liberalization promises to the World Bank.

Finance Undersecretary Romeo Bernardo said Ramos would argue that the grain import suspension was to give the administration time to implement other structural reforms to help local farmers compete with imports. Other remaining commitments which have not been followed are liberalized imports of used trucks below 18 tons and relaxing import rules on coal and petroleum products.

Changes planned for Singapore's cabinet

SINGAPORE (AP) - Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong plans to make changes in his cabinet next month, government news media reported Monday. After the changes, Deputy Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong will be responsible for "overview" of the Trade and Industry Ministry, which he once headed, but will not necessarily take over again as minister, the semi-official Singapore Broadcasting Corporation said.

Lee, 41, has been recovering from cancer diagnosed a year ago. He left the ministry and other duties to undergo chemotherapy treatment for malignant lymphoma.

Lee is the eldest son of former Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew. It was widely assumed that the younger Lee would become the next leader of this city-state of 3 million people.

Suppiah Dhanabalan, a former cabinet minister who has filled in as Minister for Trade and Industry, has asked to be allowed to step down at the end of the year.

Singapore Broadcasting said Goh's announcement was made in Seattle where he attended the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum last week.

Illegal foreign workers may stay in South Korea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - South Korea, concerned about acute labor shortages in factories, will consider allowing some 20,000 migrant foreign workers to be hired legally next year, government officials said Monday.

All foreigners illegally working in South Korea have been ordered to report and leave by a Dec. 15 deadline, triggering complaints from small businesses that rely on illegal aliens to keep down labor costs.

Labor Ministry officials said some foreigners would be allowed to stay on, but others would be ordered out.

Public resentment against illegal workers has grown in South Korea, with many blaming them for increasing crime and rising overall unemployment. Government officials estimate more than 58,000 foreigners - mostly from China, the Philippines and other less developed Asian nations - are working in South Korea with tourist visas.

About 5,000 foreigners are employed officially as technical trainees, and the number would be increased to 20,000 next year, Labor Minister Rhee In-je said last week.

With economic prosperity, greater numbers of South Koreans are refusing arduous labor, leading to severe worker shortages in some industries. The gap has been filled by foreigners who seek employment for higher wages than they could receive at home.

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Peace keepers in Cambodia protest for no salaries

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - About 500 Philippine marines picketed the Department of National Defense on Monday, demanding backpay for U.N. peacekeeping duties in Cambodia.

The marines, wearing their jungle camouflage uniforms and some carrying weapons, formed part of the Philippine contingent of the peacekeeping force of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia. They returned to Manila last month.

The troops, who were joined by the wives and other family members, complained that they received only their first month's pay of $1,028 for their nine-month tour in Cambodia. They have not received their pay for the succeeding eight months.

Acting Defense Secretary Feliciano Gacis told reporters that the Department of Foreign Affairs should be the proper agency to address the problem since the assignment was international.

But the troops said they were unable to return to their mother units in the provinces because they did not have enough money to pay for transportation and were now considered absent without official leave.

Some of the wives of the soldiers said they received only the monthly allowances of their husbands from their respective marine units plus the UNTAC medal.

"What good is that medal if we cannot feed our families," one of them said.

Many Filipino soldiers and policemen have volunteered for peace keeping duties in Cambodia partly to earn more than their regular service pay.

RP Students denounce Ramos trip to U.S.

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - About 200 leftist students on Monday demonstrated in front of the U.S. Embassy, denouncing President Fidel Ramos' visit to the United States as part of a plan to maintain U.S. military supremacy in the Asia-Pacific region.

Amante Jimenez, chairman of the League of Filipino Students, said he suspected "secret deals" have been forged between Ramos and President Clinton on the Philippines' role in future U.S. plans for the region. "The main interest of Clinton's government is to maintain its military supremacy in the Asia-Pacific region and to force open the markets especially of China for their commodities," he said.

"Toward this end, Ramos has offered access to Philippine ports for U.S. military maneuvers and has continually echoed the Clinton line for a more open global economy," he said.

Ramos was meeting Clinton in Washington D.C. on Monday, the highlight of his two-week visit.

His visit has included a brief meeting with Clinton and other leaders who attended the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in Seattle over the weekend.

Police, including a special weapons team, prevented the students from crossing a seaside boulevard in front of the embassy compound.

A similar protest last week ended in a scuffle in which three students were injured.

The demonstrators carried a mural depicting Ramos as a lapdog of Clinton. The protest ended without incident.

Fujitsu, Apple to cooperate in multimedia software

TOKYO (AP) - Fujitsu Inc. and the Japanese subsidiary of Apple Computer Inc. on Monday announced a broad tie-up in personal computer software that will enable the two companies' machines to use the same software titles.

"Multimedia" CD-ROM software for Fujitsu's FM Towns and Apple's Macintosh computers accounts for 90 percent of the growing market in Japan.

But none of the 800 software titles available for FM Towns can be used directly on a Macintosh, and none of the Macintosh's 300 titles can be used on an FM Towns.

Under Monday's agreement, Apple Computer Japan Inc. and Fujitsu will exchange proprietary data and make compatibility guidelines available to independent software makers. That will make it easy to produce software that can be used on both machines.

The companies hope the agreement will build demand for machines that run the software by increasing the number of titles available on CD-ROM and making them cheaper.

Improvements in sound and graphics and the growing library of software have increased the popularity of personal computers that run CD-ROM software among schools and average consumers.

The huge storage capacity of CD-ROM disks, which look just like music CDs, allows computers to display visual images near the quality of television and produce high-quality sound. ROM stands for "read-only memory," and means the information on the disks cannot be altered by users.

Fujitsu is the top-ranked maker of computers in Japan and the second-largest in the world. About three-quarters of its revenue comes from data-processing equipment, but the company has been shifting emphasis to workstations and personal computers from bigger systems as customers scale down operations.

Dollar open higher, stocks tumble

TOKYO (AP) - The U.S. dollar opened higher against the Japanese yen Monday, while prices on the Tokyo Stock Exchange tumbled in early trading. The dollar started trading at 108.46 yen, up 0.73 yen from Friday's close and above its finish in New York Friday at 108.45 yen.

The dollar was steady in early Tokyo trading, supported by the strength of the U.S. economy and expectations of an easing in U.S.-Japan trade tensions following the weekend meeting of Asian-Pacific leaders in Seattle.

At the end of the summit, President Clinton said he expects progress by the middle of next year on efforts to cut the huge U.S.-Japan trade imbalance - $49.6 billion in Japan's favor last year.

Japanese Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa told a separate news conference in Seattle that his government will exert maximum efforts in addressing the trade imbalance.

On the stock market, the 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average fell 220.52 points, or 1.23 percent, to 17,720.67 points in the first 30 minutes of trading. On Friday, the average fell 225.13 points, or 1.24 percent, to close at 17,941.19.

The Tokyo Stock Price Index of all issues listed on the first section was down 19.19 points, or 1.25 percent, to 1,520.40. The TOPIX closed at 1,539.59.

Brazilian authority expects Coffee prices to rise

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) - Declining world coffee stocks and a likely drop in Colombia's harvest could boost coffee prices to $95 per bag, an industry official said in a report published Sunday.

The president of the Brazilian Coffee Committee, Manoel Bertone, told the Estado de Sao Paulo newspaper that the increase in prices is expected to partly compensate for a slide in prices since the London-based International Coffee Accord dissolved in 1989.

Under the accord, consuming and producing nations agreed on prices and export quotas.

Producing nations recently agreed to retain up to 20 percent of their exports. Bertone said the plan should begin to have an influence on the market prices in the next few weeks.

During the last two months, prices have ranged between dlrs 75 and dlrs 79 per bag, the newspaper reported. A bag of coffee weighs about 60 kilograms (132 pounds).

Bertone said his prediction was based on estimates that Colombia's harvest would be about 10 percent smaller than last year. Brazil recently took back its position from Colombia as the world leading coffee exporting nation.

Bertone also said stocks of consumer nations fell in October, including a drop of 467,000 bags in the United States.

Reform candidate wins Gubernatorial elections

TOKYO (AP) - A candidate backed by reformist parties was elected Sunday to replace a prefectural governor who resigned in disgrace after being arrested on charges of taking a bribe from a construction company. Shiro Asano easily defeated his rival, Isao Yagi, to become the new governor of the northern prefecture of Miyagi.

Asano was supported by the new reformist parties that lead the seven-party governing coalition, including Prime Minister Hosokawa's Japan New Party and the Japan Renewal Party.

Yagi was lambasted by other candidates for having served as vice governor under Shuntaro Honma, who resigned last month after being arrested on charges of accepting 20 million yen ($187,000) from a construction firm competing for local public works projects.

Yagi was supported by the Liberal Democratic Party, which was ousted from power in August after bring tainted by a string of bribery scandals, and by the Socialist Party, one of the main parties in the ruling coalition. It was the first time since the coalition was formed in August that the parties had split on their support of a candidate in a gubernatorial election. The results are another sign of the growing support for the new reformist parties over established parties like the Liberal Democrats and the Socialists, formerly the main opposition party.

EC defense arm to discuss closer links with Eastern Europe

By PAUL AMES

LUXEMBOURG (AP) - France and Germany are expected to push for closer military links with the nations of Eastern Europe at a meeting Monday of foreign ministers from European Community's fledgling defense arm.

During a visit to Poland recently, German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel and his French counterpart Alain Juppe, suggested offering affiliate membership of the Western European Union to some former Warsaw Pact nations.

"I'm sure that will be discussed," said WEU Secretary General Willem van Eekelen.

Defense links with one-time foes in Eastern Europe has become a sensitive issue, with Poland, Hungary, the former Czechoslovakia and others knocking at the door of NATO in the face of Russian opposition. President Clinton and other leaders are set to discuss NATO's links with Eastern Europe at a summit in Brussels, Belgium, in January.

But the United States and many European allies are against an immediate enlargement to the east.

Instead, Washington has proposed closer links under "partnership for peace" agreements, details of which are being worked out by the 16 members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Van Eekelen has stressed the WEU will consult fully with the United States before opening its doors to the easterners. And EC officials said no decision was likely before the NATO summit.

Under the Franco-German proposals, the states most likely to offered a closer formal relationship with the WEU are those which have "association accords" on trade and political ties with the EC - Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia.

Also on the agenda at the WEU's regular twice-yearly meeting of foreign and defense minsters are the organization's possible role in the former Yugoslavia - where EC ministers may ask it to help keep open routes for humanitarian aid.

The WEU already helps enforce sanctions against Serbia.

Ministers will also discuss the role of Eurocorps - a 40,000 strong army corps made up of units from Belgium, France and Germany which is scheduled to become fully operational by 1995.

The corps will be linked to the WEU, but will come under NATO command in an emergency.

Discussion of what is planned as a model for a future united European army could be soured by a dispute over languages. Belgium insists Dutch - spoken by 60 percent of Belgians - be included as one of the unit's official languages.

French and German officials are worried three languages could make giving orders too cumbersome.

WEU members are Belgium, France, Spain, Germany, Portugal, Britain, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Italy and Greece. The remaining EC members, Denmark and Ireland have observer status.

Four European carriers end merger talks

By JEFFREY STALK

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) - An effort to merge four European air carriers collapsed Sunday after the companies failed to agree on a U.S. partner.

Scandinavian Airlines System, Royal Dutch Airlines, Swissair and Austrian Airlines announced they had terminated negotiations to establish one of the world's biggest airline groups, a move that would have helped the four carriers compete at a time of record industry losses worldwide. "Fundamentally different views" on which U.S. carrier to choose as a partner scuttled the project, begun last January and code-named Alcazar, the airlines said.

KLM, which owns a large stake in Northwest Airlines, wanted to bring the troubled U.S. carrier into the partnership. Swissair insisted on Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines as a partner in the consortium.

"Ultimately, however, we could not agree on the positioning in the American market and the consequent choice of an American partner," KLM chairman Pieter Bouw said.

In Minneapolis, Northwest president John Dasburg said that "other prospective members were not prepared to participate in a partnership in which the KLM-Northwest alliance might provide the center of gravity."

Bo Berggren, chairman of the Swedish branch of SAS, said the Scandinavians had initially sided with KLM, which effectively functions with Northwest as a single carrier, on the matter of a U.S. partner.

"Northwest and KLM have an Open Skies arrangement which would have been good for the alliance," Berggren said. "But SAS was worried about Northwest Airlines' economic situation and in the long run we may have wanted to take Delta."

Swissair chairman Hannes Goetz said his company had insisted on Delta in the interest of Swissair's stockholders and employees.

The idea of bringing two U.S. carriers into the consortium was considered but rejected, executives said.

With the negotiations terminated, the four airlines announced plans for the future.

Bouw said KLM was not planning any major staff reductions and would strengthen its cooperation with European partners such as Air U.K. and Transavia.

SAS chief executive officer Jan Reinas said the carrier would sell 17 planes and take steps to cut operating costs by ten to 12 percent.

Austrian Airlines said it would continue negotiations Germany's Lufthansa. Swissair said it was considering other partnership offers but declined to name prospective partners.

Disruptions of airline strike not as severe overseas

LONDON (AP) - The strike at American Airlines put hundreds of passengers onto the trans-Atlantic flights of rival carriers, but American said Sunday its business has been getting closer to normal day by day.

The extent of the disruption to American's overseas schedule remains unclear, because the company has steadfastly refused to say how many flights are taking off with passengers aboard.

But the effects of the strike by flight attendants has been less of a headache for overseas travelers than for domestic U.S. passengers. November and February are the slowest months for flights between the United States and Europe - a stark contrast to the airports that become jammed in America around the Thanksgiving holiday.

American operates 30 flights a day out of Europe.

Since the walkout by flight attendants began Thursday, American has not stranded any passengers overnight in Europe, spokeswoman Lizann Peppard said.

All of American's trans-Atlantic planes are flying, and with each passing day, Peppard said, American has been able to operate more flights with passengers aboard because it has had more flight attendants available who crossed the picket line.

A number of American's jets have flown back and forth across the Atlantic carrying only cargo because the carrier did not have enough flight attendants to meet safety regulations.

For example, a flight from Frankfurt, Germany, to Dallas left on time Sunday, carrying passengers bound for Dallas as well as some who had been unable to get on a flight from Frankfurt to Chicago that could carry only cargo.

Flights in and out of Stockholm, Sweden, have been carrying cargo but no passengers, while flights in and out of London have had passengers on some planes.

Details of the carrier's flights in Latin America were also elusive.

In Rio de Janeiro, Alicia Amaral, a representative of the federal airport control at Galeao International Airport confirmed Sunday morning that the two American Airlines arrivals for Sunday, from Miami and New York, are on normal schedules.

Stayman...

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before the US Senate Subcommittee on Energy and Resources to defend the department's position in favor of the third multi-year funding assistance for the CNMI under 702.

Such a funding package was later dropped by a House-Senate conference committee that worked on a reconciliation budget measure.

Schorr indicated Stayman still remains to be a CNMI advocate as far as federal funding is concerned.

"It is his (Stayman's) and Assistant Secretary Leslie Turner's belief that infrastructure funding should not be tied to other concerns such as alien labor, textile industry problems, and tax issues. He believes these issues should not be used to punish the CNMI in other areas," said Schorr.

According to Schorr, Stayman has suggested that the CNMI garments industry is still being watched closely by US Congress and that the industry is still a very sensitive issue with the House of Representative.

In response to a recent move by the House Natural Resources Committee to end the annual financial assistance grants for the CNMI, Stayman was said to have been in disagreement with the move.

"He (Stayman) did not think the House will make such a dramatic statement before giving the new Commonwealth administration time to pull itself together," said Schorr.

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Democrats win in campaign finance fight

By KAREN BALL

WASHINGTON (AP) - House Democratic leaders narrowly won the first round on campaign finance reform Sunday night, rebuffing a bid by Republicans and maverick Democrats to kill the package for the year amid complaints it doesn't go far enough.

With Congress rushing toward pre-Thanksgiving adjournment, the House voted, 220-207, in favor of letting the leadership bill come up for a vote.

A defeat would have likely ended the House bill's chances for the year. Lawmakers put off further debate and a vote on the measure until Monday.

"What we're doing here tonight isn't reform, it's fraud," said Rep. Steve Gunderson, R-Wis., who wanted to block the leadership bill and let an alternative by Rep. Mike Synar, D-Okla., come to the floor.

House Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash., and other Democratic leaders were forced to scrounge for votes after Synar's forces, at one point, appeared to have the votes to block the leadership plan. Even President Clinton called Synar to inquire about the holdup.

Synar complained the "Democratic plan could be better described as the incumbent protection plan," while he called the Republican alternative the "fat-cat enhancement plan."

But others said 1992 voters demanded a change on election spending and political action committees.

"It demonstrates that the Congress is listening to the call for reform, that we hear the cry for change," said Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn.

The leadership bill limits overall PAC donations to $200,000 per election, but doesn't bring down the current $5,000 limit for each PAC contribution.

The measure provides for voluntary spending limits of $600,000 per race, and tries to get lawmakers to abide by giving them incentives - tax-financed communications "vouchers" for TV advertising time, bumper stickers and postage. But it provides no way to finance the vouchers; Congress would have to address that later. The provisions would take effect in 1996.

No campaign finance reform bill would become law until 1994, anyway, since the Senate has passed a different version.

Meanwhile, as lawmakers prepared to adjourn for the year, Republicans and Democrats alike hailed 1993 as a year that broke gridlock.

"It's the most productive first year of any president since President Eisenhower's first term," said Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine. Rare cooperation between Republicans and Democrats had produced a "remarkable" year, he said.

"Each party can claim some credit in some areas," added Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press" with Mitchell.

In other House action, the chamber rejected a plan to let the District of Columbia become the nation's 51st state as "New Columbia." The measure lost, 277-153, but supporters got more votes than they'd hoped, and the packed gallery - filled with District residents - erupted into cheers when the vote board rolled pass 150 "yes" votes.

It was the first time statehood had reached the floor. Supporters said the District unfairly gets taxed without representation; opponents said it would be unconstitutional to redraw the boundaries of the nation's capital. With the Senate not in session Sunday, Dole and Mitchell went on television to praise both parties for what Congress has accomplished so far this year. Family leave, a national service plan and deficit reduction are some of the key items that have become law.

Senate passes crime bill

By LARRY MARGASAK

WASHINGTON (AP) - After a day of tense, private negotiations, the Senate passed legislation to impose a five-day waiting period on handgun purchases.

The 63-36 vote came Saturday night on a measure - the so-called Brady bill - that virtually had been pronounced dead for the year Friday before a delicate compromise finally was hammered out by senators huddling on the floor.

The House of Representatives has approved similar legislation, and differences will have to be ironed out - either in the next few days or next year.

"There is no doubt now that it will become law," House Majority Leader George Mitchell told a news conference.

The bill, which requires a five-day waiting period and a background check on would-be handgun buyers, takes its name from former White House press secretary James Brady, who was wounded in the 1981 assassination attempt on President Reagan.

President Clinton drew cheers when he announced the bill's passage during a Saturday night fundraiser for Sen. Diane Feinstein in San Francisco.

"They passed a crime bill that will give the cities of our country the actual means to reduce the crime rate," Clinton said. "This will make a difference, this crime bill."

The Senate compromise language would set a four-year expiration of the waiting period, but empower the attorney general to add a fifth year.

Gun control advocates will fight in conference for the five years adopted by the House, because they want to make sure a computerized, instant background check is in place when the waiting period ends.

Gun control opponents, as part of the deal, had given up their insistence that the federal waiting period supersede longer delays approved by some states.

The bill also provides for $200 million in grants to states to get the background checks on line; notification of state and local police of multiple handgun sales; and written acknowledgement when packages containing firearms are received.

Voting for the bill were 47 Democrats and 16 Republicans. Voting "no" were 8 Democrats and 28 Republicans.

The bill was the second major anti-crime initiative to clear the Senate in as many days as lawmakers rushed to respond to widespread voter outrage over street crime.

On Friday the Senate approved a bill calling for over $22 billion to place more police on the street, build new prisons and ban the future sale of 19 combat-style assault weapons.

Brady has lobbied furiously for the bill in his wheelchair. But his wife, Sarah, has been the most relentless lobbyist for the bill for more than a decade.

President Clinton pushes anti-crime campaign with Mexican-Americans

By TERENCE HUNT

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Invoking the memories of Democratic legends John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy and labor leader Cesar Chavez, President Clinton said Sunday "we must do better" to protect Americans from violence and insure their sense of personal security.

At a church festival two miles (three kilometers) from where a 2-year-old girl was shot dead in a gang showdown Saturday, Clinton seized on the anti-crime sentiment sweeping the country.

"Our disregard for life in this country is seen coast to coast," the president said, citing the Halloween shooting deaths of three youths in Pasadena, Calif., and the slaying of a teen-ager in Baltimore who was taking youngsters out trick-or-treating.

The largely Mexican-American audience applauded loudly when Clinton said that America has to crack down on violence "without regard to race or income or region. You deserve as much and we have to do it."

He said the crime bill and the Brady bill nearing final action in Congress "will make a big step toward making our streets safer," putting 100,000 more police officers on the streets and imposing a five-day wait on handgun purchases.

After two days of intense international diplomacy with Asian and Pacific leaders in Seattle, Clinton came here on his seventh visit to California as president.

With its 54 electoral votes, California is politically crucial for him. He'll be back in the state Dec. 2-3.

California is gripped by high unemployment and a sickly economy in the aftermath of big cutbacks in defense spending, and the administration is struggling over how to give the state a boost.

The president began the day in Pasadena visiting with two dozen people who lost their homes in recent Southern California wildfires that destroyed 1,241 structures and killed four people.

He spoke later in East Los Angeles at a church with a congregation largely composed of Mexican-Americans, Koreans and Vietnamese. His speech recalled the remarks he made in Memphis a week ago in which he said Americans should be intolerant of crime and violence.

Noting that Monday is the 30th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, Clinton said Kennedy had reached out to Latin America.

Recalling the efforts of United Farm Workers leader Chavez, Clinton said, "Think how horrified he would be ... if he were still here today to pick up the paper and read about the 2-year-old child being killed."

He said Chavez and Sen. Robert Kennedy marched together "so that these children could have opportunity, not danger. And we have to give it to them."

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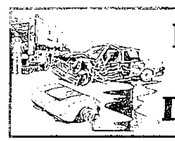

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You are rather obsessive when it comes to the truth — you will seek it out whenever and wherever possible. Of course, some things will always be off limits to you, and this is something that, although you may get used to it, you will never really be able to accept. Your curiosity is driving and undying.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Your expectations are high today, but the realities you encounter are not likely to live up to what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Communication is the key today. Take the time to check in with friends and loved ones.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You may want to explore another point of view today. See what you can do to broaden your psychic horizons.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Do nothing but complain today, and you will no doubt have nothing but things to complain about. Brighten your outlook!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Humility is always ~~a~~ positive attribute, but today you may want to make a real effort to have a more realistic self-image.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You must try to keep envy or jealousy at bay today. What you are doing now will surely help you in days to come.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You may have to be pressed before you will express yourself openly. What's going on? You have nothing to hide!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — This is a good day to put a personal cap on spending. Necessities are one thing — but you must avoid needless purchases.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — What serves as entertainment to you today may not please others. It's a good day to put your own tastes aside for a while.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You are in the midst of a cycle characterized by alternating uncertainty and confidence. You can ride it out!

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Today is the 327th day of 1993 and the 63rd day of fall.

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1899, the first jukebox was installed, in San Francisco's Palais Royal Hotel.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Franklin Pierce (1804-1869), U.S. president; Billy the Kid (William H. Bonney, 1859-1881), outlaw; Boris Karloff (1887-1969), actor; Harpo Marx (1888-1964), comedian; Jerry Bock (1928-), composer, is 65.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1919, the first play-by-play football game broadcast in the United States took place, as Texas A&M defeated the University of Texas, 7-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The monster was the best friend I ever had." — Boris Karloff, on his role in the 1931 film "Frankenstein"

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1978, Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon) suffered its worst weather disaster since records began in 1891. A cyclone with winds exceeding 135 mph struck Batticaloa, and 1,500 died.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Nov. 20) and full moon (Nov. 29).

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William Rufus, or William II, the son and successor of William the Conqueror, was the only English king who grew to manhood and never married. The case of Edward VIII, who abdicated in 1936 to marry Wallis Simpson, is a special one: He reigned as a bachelor, but he was never crowned.

"Red tape" as an expression of bureaucratic delay or inaction arose from the 19th-century English practice of tying official and legal documents in a tape of a pinkish-red hue.

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

1 One of Three Musketeers
6 "--- — of Two Cities"
11 Continent
12 More sluggish
14 Iridium symbol
15 Actress Davis
17 Land measure
18 Expire
20 Fleecy white clouds
22 Goddess of healing
23 Selves
25 Explosive (st.)
27 Babylonian deity
28 Grates
30 Baby's condition
32 Skeleton parts
34 Fashion designer Christian ---
35 Gave
38 Equine sound
41 Pronoun
42 Sacred book
44 Withered
45 Greek letter
47 Not at all
49 Mae West role
50 Playing cards
52 More foxy
54 Symbol for thulium
55 Jockey Eddie ---
57 Holy people
59 Shallow area
60 Actor Spencer —

DOWN

1 Constellation
2 Reverse (abbr.)
3 Fireplace shelf
4 Oil consortium (abbr.)
5 Bagan: 2 wds.
6 Put on guard
7 As far as
8 Moslem title
9 Parasites
10 Weirder
11 Downy duck
13 Played anew
16 Triplet
19 Chemical dye
21 Golfer Hale —
24 Part of chair back
26 Musical instruments
29 Suppress (sl., 2 wds.)
31 Bay window
33 Spray
35 Pronouncements
36 Ones left
37 Actress Arlene —
39 Nitty- —
40 Tillers
43 Raise
46 Measure of length
48 Have on one's person
51 — Paulo
53 Inlet
56 Sun god
58 Between VA and SC

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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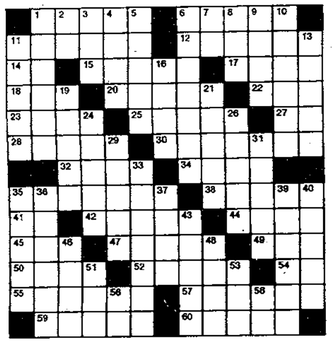

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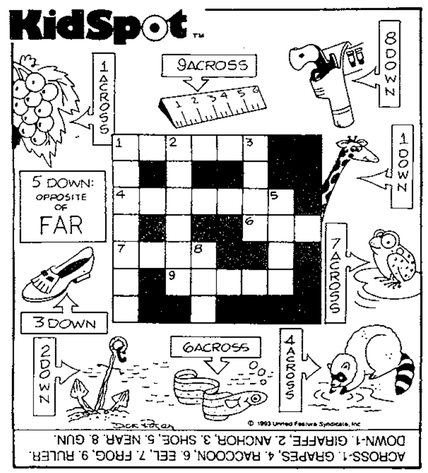

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South Korea defeats Iran for Third Place at Asian Championships

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - South Korea routed Iran 86-70 Sunday to clinch the third place in the 17th Men's Asian Basketball Championship.

The South Korean team had lead 51-30 after the first half.

China, the defending champion, and North Korea are to battle later in the day.

In another match at the Jakarta's Senayan Sports Hall, Taiwan claimed 5th place, edging Saudi Arabia 75-74. The Saudis placed 6th.

Japan avoided coming in last of the eight tournament finalists, defeating Uni Arab Emirates 87-75 to take the 7th place.

In consolation round games, Kuwait defeated Jordan 65-62 while the Philippines dumped the host Indonesia 89-76 as they fought for places 9 through 12.

Eighteen countries are participating in the nine-day tournament.

Super Sonic beat Warriors

IN OAKLAND, Calif., Shawn Kemp scored 28 points, all in the first three quarters, as Seattle ran its record to 8-0.

Kemp played just 29 minutes and added 14 rebounds. He was also an intimidating defensive factor inside for Warriors rookie Chris Webber, who missed six of his first seven shots and was scoreless until the second quarter.

Webber finished with 14 points and 17 rebounds, but most of those numbers were posted while Kemp sat on the bench. Billy Owens led the Warriors with 16 points before leaving the game with a sore right hamstring.

Nate McMillan added 19 points, eight rebounds and seven assists for Seattle. Gary Payton (18) Detlef Schrempf (15), Sam Perkins (12) and Kendall Gill (12) rounded out the balanced scoring.

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the regular tournament with identical records of 13-2.

In the last regular bouts Sunday, Akebono charged ozeki (champion) Takanohana with hand thrusts against his throat and quickly slapped him down, while Musashimaru sent No. 6 maegashira (senior wrestler) Tochinowaka out of the ring from behind.

Musashimaru, or Fiamalu Penitani, received his first $9,345 outstanding wrestler award.

Takanohana finished at 7-8 and Tochinowaka ended at 8-7.

In other major bouts, ozeki Wakanohana charged ozeki Konishiki with hand thrusts and sent the hefty Hawaiian out of the ring from behind.

Wakanohana wound up the tournament with a 12-3 and Konishiki, or Salevaa Fuauli Atisanoe from Hawaii, ended at 6-9.

Konishiki, 29, will be demoted to sekiwake in the next tournament which starts on Jan. 9, but will recover his ozeki status if he wins 10 or more wins in the New Year Tournament.

Konishiki dropped out of the previous tournament in September with an injury after two losses.

Ozeki wrestlers lose their rank if they go through two consecutive tournaments without winning a majority of their matches.

No. 2 maegashira Tomonohana threw down No. 8 maegashira Kotobeppu and received his second 1 million yen technique prize for his 8-7 record, including victories from ozekis - Konishiki and Takanohana. Kotobeppu finished at 8-7.

No. 16 maegashira Oginishiki held off No. 7 maegashira Kyokudozan's arm throw attempt and bulldozed him out and received his first 1 million yen fighting spirit prize for his 11-4 record. Kyokudozan finished at 6-9.

In the 26-member juryo division, No. 6-ranked Hoshiandesu, or Argentine Jose Antonio Juarez, wound up the tournament at 10-5 as he was sent out of the ring from behind by No. 7-ranked Daishi. Daishi finished at 8-7.

In makushita, the top junior division, No. 39-ranked Sunahama, or American William Hopkins, slammed down No. 27-ranked Akinoshu for his sixth victory against one defeat.

No. 41-ranked Nampu, or American Kalco Kekauoha, hurled down No. 35-ranked Araya and finished at 3-4.

In jonidan, the third highest junior division, No. 4-ranked Koryu, or American Eric Gasper, finished at 3-4 as he suffered his fourth defeat by default to No. 96-ranked Kashimaumio of sandanme, the second highest junior division.

Junior wrestlers have only seven bouts during the 15-day tournament.

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ran for 116 yards for Buffalo (8-2).

The Colts (3-7) lost for the sixth time in seven games. They made five trips inside the Bills 10, but did not take advantage.

Jets 17, Bengals 12

At East Rutherford, N.J., Boomer Esiason became the career passing leader among left-handed quarterbacks as New York dropped Cincinnati to 0-10. Esiason, acquired from the Bengals in the offseason, leads the AFC in passing. He threw for 192 yards and increased his lifetime total to 28,130, surpassing lefty Kenny Stabler.

The Jets (6-4) won their fourth in a row, their longest winning streak since 1986.

Bears 19, Chiefs 17

At Kansas City, Mo., Jeremy Lincoln intercepted a bobbled pass and set up Neal Anderson's 1-yard touchdown run with 3:09 left that lifted Chicago over the Chiefs.

Dave Krieg's pass could not be controlled by Jonathan Hayes deep in Kansas City territory, and Lincoln intereepted. On third down, Anderson scored. Marcus Allen scored on two short runs in the first 19 minutes for Kansas City (7-3). Kevin Butler kicked two field goals later in the first half for the Bears (5-5).

Packers 26, Lions 17

At Milwaukee, Chris Jacke kicked four field goals, including a go-ahead 34-yarder with 9:03 left, and Green Bay beat Detroit.

Edgar Bennett scored on two short runs for the Packers (6-4). Green Bay ended the Lions' four-game winning streak and moved within one game of them in the NFC Central.

Barry Sanders gained 75 yards on 17 carries for Detroit. He joined Eric Dickerson and Tony Dorsett as the only runners to gain 1,000 yards in each of his first five seasons.

Oilers 27, Browns 20

At Cleveland, Marcus Robertson intercepted three passes and Gary Brown ran for 194 yards as Houston beat the Browns for its fifth straight victory.

The Oilers (6-4) matched the longest winning streak in team history, last accomplished in 1980. Houston intercepted four passes, recovered a fumble and blocked a punt.

The Browns (5-5) lost their second straight game since coach Bill Belichick cut quarterback Bernie Kosar. The crowd booed Belichick at the start of the game and chanted "Bill Must Go!" at the end.

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Boris Becker won last year but failed to qualify this time.

"After the (1991) Wimbledon victory, this is for sure is the most important win I had," Stich said. "I can say I am playing my best tennis of the whole year right now."

He moved one place up in the computer rankings to No. 2, replacing Jim Courier, who dropped to third. For the second time in his career, Stich won titles on all four surfaces in a year.

Sampras, whose eight titles this year included Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, took home dlrs 610,000.

That brought his earnings to dlrs 3,648,075 for the year, the biggest annual purse in the history of the tour.

His 1993 singles record of 83-15 was the best since Ivan Lendl went 84-7 in 1985 and he was the first to win eight titles in a year since Lendl won 10 in 1987.

Stich's victory also gave a boost to Germany's Davis Cup team, which plays Australia in the final Dec. 3-5 in Duesseldorf.

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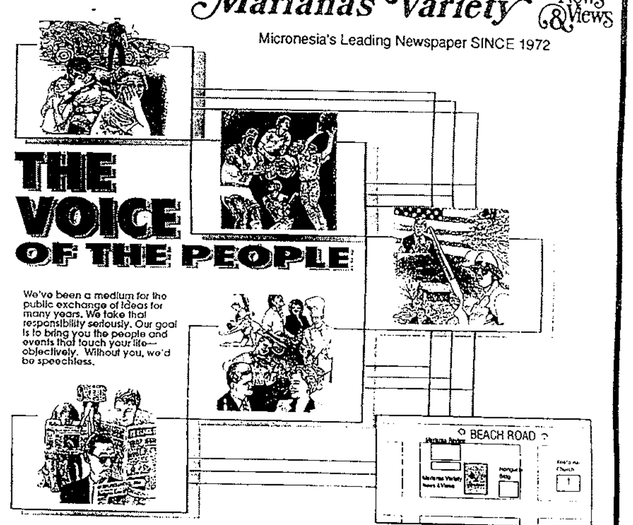

SPORTS

Stich beats Sampras for ATP Title

By NESHA STARCEVIC

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) - Michael Stich saved his best tennis of the year for the last event and upset Pete Sampras in four sets to win the ATP Tour World Championship Sunday.

Stich blasted 27 aces in a 7-6, 2-6, 7-6, 6-2 victory that lifted the German to No. 2 in world rankings.

"It's a great finish to a great year," Stich said.

Sampras will finish the year as No. 1 despite the losing the final of the event that pits the top eight players in the world.

He had rolled through the tournament and came into the match as the favorite, having won his last nine finals. But the American never came close to the overwhelming performance he had shown in earlier matches. "It's disappointing," Sampras said. "I obviously had a great year and I can hold my head up high."

"I had my chances today, but when we get to crunch time he seems to get through it. Today he deserved to win. He just played a little bit more solid than I did. But I will get over it," Sampras said.

Sampras immediately ran into trouble, dropping his serve in the opening game.

Having problems with his serve, usually his most reliable weapon, Sampras he went down two breaks in the first set, before battling back. Stich twice served for the set and was broken both times, wasting two set points in the eighth game.

Sampras began the tibreak with a double-fault and Stich quickly seized a 6-1 lead. He wasted two set points but clinched it 7-3 when Sampras hit a backhand into the net.

He rallied in the second set, breaking Stich twice to even the score.

There were no breaks in the third set. The tiebreak was again frustrating for Sampras. He hit a serve at 200 kph (120 mph), only to see Stich gain a set point by whipping a return winner.

Sampras fought off two set points but Stich again prevailed 9-7.

. That brought his tiebreak record this season to 37-19.

"Everybody tends to play a bit loose the first couple of points in a breaker. I try to play every point very seriously and to be 100 percent there on the first point. That pays off," Stich said.

Sampras completely faded in the fourth set, dropping his first two service games as Stich went up 4-0.

The rest was a matter of routine and Stich blasted his 27th ace to finish the match in two hours, 57 minutes. He had 12 aces in the last set.

"The air was out of the balloon," Sampras said. "In the fourth set he just served huge. I had no chance."

Stich collected $1.24 million for his sixth title of the year and became the second German in a row to win the tour-ending event.

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Cowboys lose Smith, game to Falcons

NEW YORK (AP) - The Dallas Cowboys, already playing without injured quarterback Troy Aikman, lost running back Emmitt Smith two minutes before halftime and saw their seven-game National Football League winning streak end at seven with a 27-14 loss to the Atlanta Falcons.

Smith was sidelined with a bruised right quadricep.

"I took a knee to the quad," Smith said. "I'll take whatever treatment is necessary and see how it goes."

Dallas (7-3) had not lost since Smith returned from a two-game salary holdout at the start of the season. The Cowboys have only four days of rest before their next game, playing Miami on Thursday, the American Thanksgiving Day holiday.

Atlanta's swarming defense, which shut out the Los Angeles Rams last week, blanked Dallas for nearly three quarters. Deion Sanders, one of the Falcons' best defenders, also contributed on offense by catching a 70-yard touchdown pass and high-stepping to the end zone with 3:51 left.

Even before Smith was hurt, he did little. He was held to 1 yard on one carry and 9 yards on four passes from Bernie Kosar.

Atlanta (4-6) won for the fourth time in five games.

In other games, Miami defeated New England 17-13, Buffalo beat Indianapolis 23-9, the New York Jets topped Cincinnati 17-12, Chicago downed Kansas City 19-17, Green Bay defeated Detroit 26-17 and Houston stopped Cleveland 27-20.

In later games, it was Pittsburgh at Denver, the New York Giants at Philadelphia, the Los Angeles Raiders at San Diego and Washington at the Los Angeles Rams.

Minnesota was at Tampa Bay at night. On Monday night, New Orleans plays at San Francisco. Phoenix and Seattle were idle this week.

Dolphins 17, Patriots 13

At Miami, Steve DeBerg threw two touchdown passes in the fourth quarter and the Dolphins rallied past New England.

DeBerg, the oldest player in the league at 39, completed 16 of 27 passes for 252 yards and no interceptions. He was signed as a free agent after an injury to Scott Mitchell, who had replaced injured Dan Marino.

Mark Higgs ran for 108 yards for Miami (8-2), giving coach Don Shula his 326th career victory. The Patriots (1-9) have lost five in a row, the last four games by a total of 11 points. They have dropped nine straight to the Dolphins.

Bills 23, Colts 9

At Orchard Park, N.Y., Jim Kelly came back from last week's concussion and threw two touchdown passes that led the Bills over Indianapolis. Kelly was knocked out of a 23-0 loss in Pittsburgh on Monday night. Thurman Thomas

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Takes year to determine Palermo's future

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) - Doctors say they won't know for a year whether former U.S. Major League Baseball umpire Steve Palermo will be able to walk normally and return to the game.

Palermo was in stable condition and good spirits Sunday, two days after a 10-hour operation to remove scar tissue compressing the nerves on the left side of his spinal cord, according to a nursing supervisor at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center.

Palermo, 43, was partially paralyzed by a mugger's bullet when he came to the aid of two waitresses being attacked in the parking lot of a Dallas restaurant in July 1991.

Dr. Arthur Pappas, an orthopedic surgeon who led a team of six doctors in Friday's operation, said all the spinal nerves appeared to be intact and getting a good blood supply. He said surgeons managed to free most of the nerves from scar tissue that was pressing on them, so spinal fluid can now pass through the area.

Doctors will perform tests that should give them a better idea of the potential for returned nerve function, Pappas said.

"In a few days, we will have indicators of change," Pappas said.

Doctors originally told Palermo he would never walk again. He has waged a relentless battle to regain full use of his legs, and now can walk haltingly with the aid of canes.

But he wants to umpire again. Despite excellent recovery on his right side, his left side remains weak and his rehabilitation has stalled in the last year.

Akebono beats Musashimaru to win Grand Sumo tourney

FUKUOKA, Japan (AP) - Akebono slapped down fellow American Musashimaru in a playoff Sunday to capture the championship of the 15-day Kyushu Grand Sumo Tournament.

It was the 24-year-old yokozuna (grand champion) Akebono's third straight tournament title and sixth overall since his 1988 debut. He received prize money of $46,700.

Wrestling before a capacity crowd of 11,000, Akebono fought off sekiwake (junior champion) Musashimaru's thrusting and driving attempts and quickly slapped him down to the dirt.

"I am very pleased to win the championship," said Akebono, whose real name is Chad Rowan.

"I tried not to let him put his head on my chest and also tried to fight off his fast driving charge.

"I can't lose to the same wrestler twice in one tournament," Akebono said of the playoff. Musashimaru had pulled down Akebono on the eighth day, handing him his first upset in the tournement.

The two wrestlers wound up

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Morse shows no remorse

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - "Gentleman" John Morse boosted an already considerable fan club on the Australian golf tour with a decision to penalize himself in Australian PGA tournament Sunday.

Officials and fellow players were full of praise for the American after he took the step that knocked him out of a four-way playoff for the title.

The two-stroke penalty left him with a 1-over-par 71, and two strokes away from entering the playoff.

While Morse had no choice under the rules, and by reputation would not have thought twice about it, match committee chairman Graeme Nightingale said it was unlikely anyone else noticed Morse's purely technical rule breach on the 18th hole.

And tournament winner Ian Baker-Finch of Australia said it was the sort of breach some players may have ignored in less dramatic circumstances.

"That's golf but I think it's fantastic that he had the guts to do it," Baker-Finch said.

Morse's "offense" was to knock down several twigs and some leaves on the backswing for his second shot. He stopped in midshot. Ironically, if he had continued and hit the ball there would have been no penalty.

The penalty was incurred under Rule 13, which prohibits a player from improving "the area of his intended swing."

Morse left Sunday for Melbourne, where he will next week play in the Australian Open, a title he won in a playoff with Australian Craig Parry in 1990.

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