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Privatization questioned

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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REPRESENTATIVE Pete Reyes questioned yesterday the legality of the administration's move to privatize certain government functions sans legislative concurrence.

Each of the government departments was created by law, thus their status can only be changed through amendments, Reyes said.

"I encourage the privatization of certain government sectors," Reyes said. "But if (the administration) is doing something that is not legally binding, then that will face a legal question later on."

The nursing division of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has already been privatized.

Next in line is the CHC's laboratory which will be taken over by a private company from Hawaii on Dec. 11.

Public Health Secretary Isamu Abraham has signed a letter of intent with the Clinical Laboratory Inc.

The government expects more hospital services privatized by mid-1996.

The Public School System also considers the privatization of the agency's meal services.

"I don't object to privatization plans especially if involves public health services but we want to avoid any legal problems that may arise from it later," Reyes said.

He added that placing government employees under the private sector might also entail problems regarding their benefits.

"We want to make sure that government employees who will be placed under the private sector are provided and extended the same benefits they get from the government, that's why legislative participation is important," Reyes said.

Reyes said he would bring the privatization issue to the House of Representatives as soon as the 10th Legislature buckles down to work in January.

Reyes said he would seek an oversight hearing of the issue.

The government, he added, does not have to wait for somebody to bring the question in to court.

"If somebody challenged the privatization move in court and it was found out that the executive is privatizing certain sectors in the government without concurrence of the legislature, then the government would be placed in jeopardy," Reyes said.

The congressman will seek a meeting with executive officials and legal counsels to discuss the matter.

Benavente retains Speakership

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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THE RULING Republican Party has voted to retain Diego Benavente as Speaker of the House of Representatives in the 10th Legislature.

Benavente made available to reporters the complete slate of House officers which is tentative until the entire chamber approved it when newly elected legislators assumed their posts in January.

The slate, however, is likely to stay as is, considering the fact that the Republicans are reigning in the next Legislature.

Of 18 House seats, 14 were grabbed by Republicans during the last elections.

Under the proposed slate, Rep. Jess Attao will also retain his seat as vice speaker, while Rep. Pete Reyes will be the new House floor leader.

Rep. Anna Tegereyo, the incumbent chairman of the health education and welfare committee, will head the ways and means body.

Rep. Malua Peters, on the other hand, will be the new chairman of the health, education welfare committee.

Other congressmen will also keep their chairmanship of the committees they currently head. The list is as follows:

•Rep. Manuel Tenorio - Natural Resources;

•Rep. Joaquin Adriano- Federal Funding Relations;

•Rep. Oscar Babauta- Judiciary Government and Law;

•Rep. Crispin Guerrero-Public Utilities and Transportation; and

•Rep. Michael Tenorio-Commerce and Tourism;

The Republican Party held yesterday its first general meeting since the Nov. 4 elections.

The meeting, held at the house of party chairman Ben Fitial, was attended by 14 representatives and seven senators who won in the Nov. 4 elections.

Ongoing as of press time, the meeting was aimed at setting the agenda for the 10th legislature.

In an interview with reporters, Benavente said the House will continue to tackle some of the issues left unresolved by the Ninth Legislature which include among others the budget and gambling issues.

Among other priorities of the 10th House, according to Benavente, include the areas of local infrastructure such as water services, as well the CNMI's relation with the federal government.

"The threat of CNMI losing control over labor and immigration is still there--very much alive," Benavente said. "We have to do what we can to improve our relations with the federal government."

The House, Benavente said, promises to be more cooperative with the administration while at

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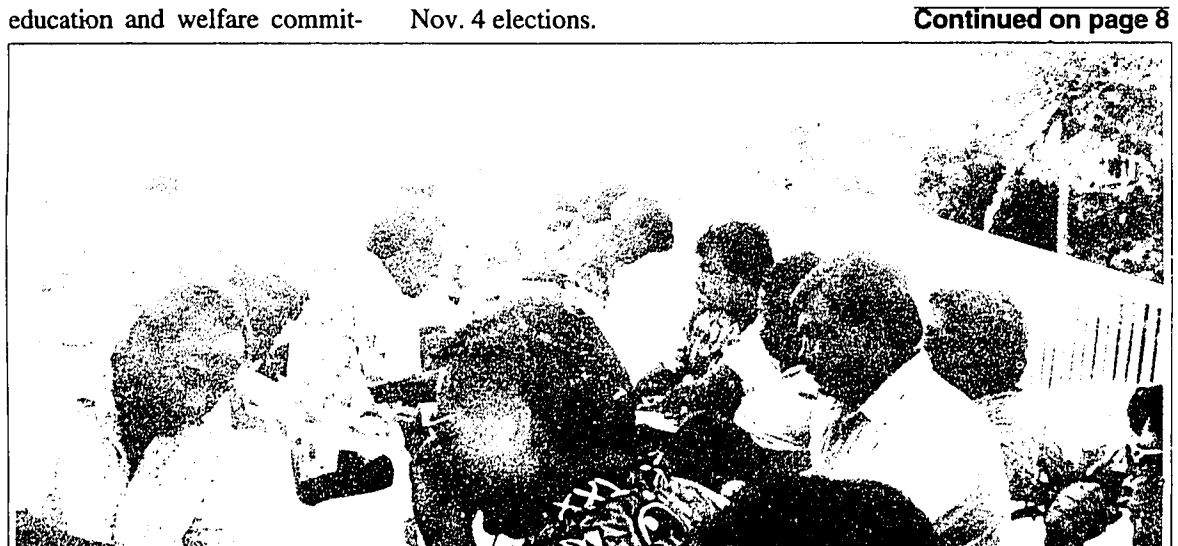

WINNERS ALL. *Republican senators and congressmen get together for the first time since the Nov. 4 elections. The meeting was preceded by sumptuous snacks at the house of party chairman Ben Fitial.*

Partial lifting of RP work ban soon

THE PHILIPPINE government will soon lift the ban on the deployment of hotel contract workers to the CNMI, Philippine Consul Generoso Calonge said.

The partial lifting of the ban, Calonge said, was among the recommendations presented by the Duque Mission after completing its fact-finding investigation in the Commonwealth.

Calonge supports the recommendation, which is awaiting approval by Philippine Labor Secretary Jose Brilliantes.

"It's on his (Brilliantes') desk and he is likely to sign it any moment," Calonge said.

He said the mission's fact-finding report showed that the tourism industry to which category hotel workers belong, "has been offering commendable protection to our contract workers."

Generoso Calonge

Labor abuse in the tourism industry "is almost zero," Calonge said. "Hotel workers are given good salary packages."

Among the categories of workers banned by the Philip-

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15 add'l charges against trader in rape case filed

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE ATTORNEY General's Office has filed 15 additional criminal charges against a businessman who allegedly raped the niece of his common-law-wife in Koblerville.

The AGO charged Ernie I. Gimen with 12 more counts of assault and battery, one attempted rape, and two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon.

This developed as more assault victims filed complaints against the defendant.

Originally, Gimen, who hails from Yap, was charged with one count of rape, and assault and battery before the Superior Court.

Assistant Atty. Gen. Yvonne O. Lee said last Nov. 4 Gimen had sexual intercourse with the victim "against her will by means of fear of immediate and unlawful injury to her."

Lee said the defendant threatened to beat up the 21-year-old victim if she would not remove her clothes.

The new information filed by Lee showed that Gimen assaulted the victim, through sexual contact, eight times for the month of September, once in October, and four times in November.

On Sept. 17 and 23, Gimen allegedly attempted to rape her by threatening to burn her if she would not have sexual intercourse with him.

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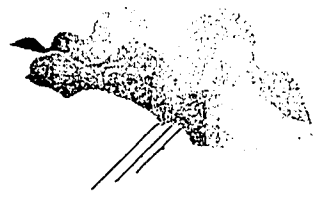
Weather Outlook



Partly cloudy with isolated showers

PAC NEWSPAPER STACKS

Minute scrutiny of programs underway

By DAVID ESPO

WASHINGTON (AP) - In agreeing to negotiate a seven-year balanced budget, President Clinton and Republicans in Congress cleared the way for an extraordinary showdown in which every federal program will be scrutinized.

"These will be tough talks," House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt of Missouri said Sunday night. After six insult-filled days, all sides surely can agree on that.

Republicans, who have taken votes all year to develop their own balanced-budget plan, will fight to safeguard their revolution. That means cutting spending, shrinking government, returning power to the states and preserving their cherished tax cut, both the per-child credit and a reduction in capital gains tax.

"The balanced budget shall adopt tax policies to help working families and to stimulate future economic growth," says the two-paragraph budget truce reached Sunday night.

Democrats, who have savaged Republicans all year, will do their best to save every last dollar for Medicare, Medicaid, education, the environment and other favored programs.

Medicare and Medicaid provide medical help for the elderly and the poor.

President Clinton made that plain when he said of Republicans, "Tonight represents the first sign of their willingness to move forward without forcing unacceptable cuts in health care, education and the environment on the American people."

Inevitably, Social Security will be on the table, and a back-door tax hike for some, as well.

The agreement that ended the government shutdown is only good until Dec. 15, when the threat of a partial shutdown reappears. That's four weeks to put together an agreement that has eluded Washington for a quarter-century.

The first clash is likely to come over what economic forecast to use. Republicans insisted on those developed by the Congressional Budget Office, but Democrats demanded some formula that opened the door to more spending.

The compromise does that, permitting negotiators to use this fall's more bullish budget office forecast rather than one from last winter, a change that makes roughly an extra dlrs 30 billion available.

The agreement also builds in a review process with the administration and outside economists that could mean even more optimistic assumptions about economic growth.

In the end, officials on all sides rushed to declare the American people the winners in the end of the partial shutdown.

Republicans won their bottom-line demand, though, when Clinton agreed on a seven-year balanced budget commitment. Republicans said he did so because sooner or later, he'd have lost his ability to sustain vetoes in Congress.

And even in the truce, Speaker Newt Gingrich and Majority Leader Bob Dole retained the ability to trigger another government shutdown crisis on Dec. 15 if talks aren't going to their liking.

White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta is surrounded by reporters in the White House briefing room Thursday, Nov. 16, as the partial shutdown of the federal government continued. AP

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Clinton says he won; Republicans say he lost

By SONYA ROSS

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton put federal employees back to work with the belief that he, not Congress, came out of their government-crippling standoff with the advantage for the next fight over the budget. While congressional Republicans gloated, calling him a loser who capitulated to their demand of a balanced budget in seven years, Clinton told reporters that he is the man with the advantage.

Bill Clinton

Consider this, Clinton said: If Congress passes a budget that forces "unacceptable cuts" in the programs he deems important, he won't sign it, raising the possibility of a second government shutdown. That is a prospect dreaded by Republican leaders, who bore most of the blame for the first one.

"You know what my standards are, and you know what I'll do if we meet them and what I'll do if we won't," Clinton said.

"So, from my point of view, this is a very good thing," he said. "The American people have won in two ways. The government will go back to work ... (and) we can have an open, honest, straightforward discussion about how best to balance the budget."

The temporary agreement reached Sunday put hundreds of thousands of federal workers back on the job immediately, ending a six-day furlough.

Had last week's impasse dragged on even a few days longer, the Office of Management and Budget said Sunday that military personnel might not have been paid and benefits to 3.3 million veterans would have been thwarted. Even prisons and veterans hospitals would not have been able to buy supplies.

Now, however, government funding will be extended until Dec. 15. The White House and Republicans agreed to seek legislation that balances the budget in seven years while preserving a solvent health care program for the elderly, welfare reform, and adequate funding for education and environmental programs.

Clinton said he wasn't concerned about accepting the seven years timetable. He focused on a key compromise: that the Congressional Budget Office - after consulting with White House budget advisers and private economists - would measure whether any eventual budget deal eliminates deficits.

That is important, because it could make a difference of nearly $ 500 billion in spending.

Water Task Force starts project

GOVERNOR'S Water Emergency Task Force Starts New Project Today

Progress Continues on Two Other Projects and Extra Focus on Drilling New Water Wells

CREWS began digging trenches yesterday in the Kagman II Homestead where 25,000 linear feet of new water pipeline will be installed.

The work is being coordinated by the Governor's Water Emergency Task Force which has another five water pipeline projects underway.

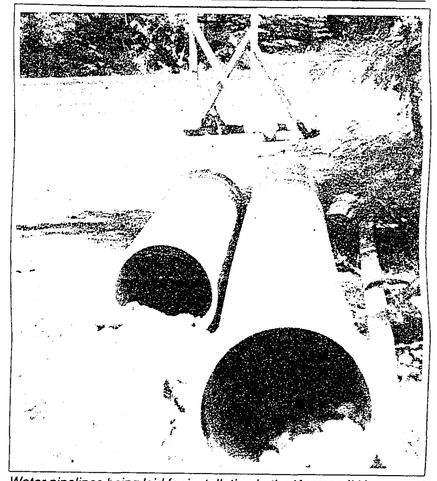
The Kagman II project will cost $900,000. Western Equipment, Incorporated won the bid from among several competitive contractors. When finished, every homestead lot in Kagman II will have a water pipeline and a meter installed.

Meantime, the water pipeline projects on Chalan Pale Arnold and Chalan Monsignor Guerrero are progressing well. As of yesterday afternoon, more than 9,160 linear feet of new waterlines were laid. Sablan Construction has mobilized three crews, working simultaneously during the State of Emergency.

Within the next few months, a total of 30,000 linear feet of new water pipeline will be installed along those two roads at a cost of $1.6 million.

As the construction of pipeline progresses, the Governor's Task Force is turning its attention to developing new sources of non-corrosive water. A total of ten (10) water wells will be developed at Obyan Field, near Saipan's airport.

According to USGS Hydrologist Robert Carruth, one of the new water wells has already been completed. "It's an excellent source of water as we expected," Carruth said. The CUC Water Division is now working to bring the new well into production.



Water pipelines being laid for installation in the Kagman II Homestead area.

US Senate adopts amendment to allow alien fishing crews

RESIDENT Representative Babauta has been successful in his efforts to correct a "glitch" in federal law that blocked the CNMI fishing industry from using nonresident aliens as crew members. The U.S. Senate has adopted language requested by the Resident Rep, to amend Section 8103, of Title 46, U.S. Code that would allow CNMI admitted aliens to serve on fishing vessels within the CNMI Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). The language has been adopted as part of a manager's amendment offered by Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) to S. 1004, the Coast Guard Authorization bill. The REp remains hopeful that the House will accept this provision and, in conference, that this issue would be resolved.

The Resident Rep has been working on this issue for over a year. Mr. Jack Castro, a local entrepreneur in the CNMI, brought the problem to light when he wrote Mr. Babauta for assistance.

The Covenant with the United States contains a provision that applies laws that are generally applicable to the several States, to the CNMI. Section 8103 as applied to the Northern Marianas, prohibits the employment of CNMI admitted aliens because the federal law did not include reference to the CNMI immigration laws.

Mr. Babauta initially contacted the Department of Transportation, Interior and Justice for their assistance. Although the Clinton Administration supported the CNMI position, hopes that the correction could be made administratively were not successful due in part to the language of Section 8103. After that, it was decided that legislative revision was necessary. Representative Babauta wrote Chairman Murkowski of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for his involvement. In his letter, Babauta stated, "I write to seek your assistance in resolving an issue of great importance to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), as an economic development matter, but equally as a matter of fair and just treatment."

Meetings between the Resident Representative's office and Committee staff proved productive. The Chairman supported the issue and incorporated appropriate language in S. 638, the Insular Development Act of 1995. This provision was added to the Interior Appropriations bill and later omitted because the issue was not financial in nature.

The Resident Rep continued working with the Senate, turning his sights to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

The Committee's review of S 1004, the Coast Guard Authorization bill proved a more appropriate vehicle for this amendment because of its dealings with fisheries and maritime issues. Mr. Babauta was successful in getting the Committee to adopt the language as an amendment to the Coast Guard bill.

"This is probably the most appropriate place for this provision," Babauta said. "It has been a long fight to correct this situation, and I am hopeful that we will prove successful when the Senate and the House meet in conference on this authorization bill."

Student nabbed for assault

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

A DRUNKEN student was arrested for allegedly assaulting a man and damaging a police vehicle on Saipan last Friday.

Antonio Wabol Nekaifes, a student at the Northern Marianas College, was charged with eight counts of different criminal offenses before the Superior Court.

He was charged with disturbing the peace, assault and battery, criminal trespass, two counts of criminal mischief, resisting arrest, obstructing justice, and minor in consumption of alcohol.

Assistant Atty. Gen. Alan L. Lane said Nekaifes, a resident of As Matuis, entered the property of Juan Ilo and physically assaulted the latter.

Responding police officers arrived, but the defendant allegedly tried to resist arrest from Officer Norman Suda and "interfere with a law enforcement officer (Officer Robert Charley) in the lawful pursuit of his duties."

Nekaifes, who was reportedly under the influence of alcohol beverages at the time, also damaged a police vehicle before he was finally subdued.

During yesterday's hearing, Associate Judge Timothy H. Bellas released Nekaifes on a $5,000 unsecured bond to his mother who served as a third party custodian.

Bellas ordered the defendant to observe an 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew.

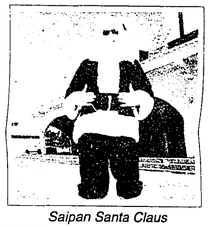
Arraignment was set for Nov. 27.

Antonio Wabol Nekaifes being handcuffed by a police officer after a court hearing yesterday.

Announcements

Santa's coming

GIVE your school, office or private Christmas party that extra special touch with a visit from Saipan's very own SANTA CLAUS! All proceeds raised from Santa's appearances go directly to the NMI Chapter of the American Red Cross. So get into the Christmas spirit by bringing joy and happiness to your holiday gatherings and at the same time, make a worthwhile contribution to the American Red Cross NMI Chapter. For more information, call 234-7524 or 288-4050.



Saipan Santa Claus

Golden anniversary

THE planning committee of the 50th Golden Anniversary of William S. Reyes Elementary (formerly Chalan Kanoa Elementary) School is holding a carwash fundraising activity on Saturday, Nov. 25, at McDonalds.

Bring your cars to be cleaned from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and drive away in a clean vehicle.

Republican meeting

THE Commonwealth Republican Party will hold its general membership meeting on Nov. 21, at 6:30 p.m. at Garapan Central Park.

All members and interested persons are welcome to attend the meeting.

Mount Carmel PTA

A NEW set of PTA officers will be elected at Mount Carmel School tomorrow. Susana Fleming, Faith Wiseman, Tina Ogumoro, and Kina Chong have been nominated and are now being contacted by the Nominations Committee for their acceptance.

Those who accept the nomination will be included n a written ballot. The ballots will be distributed at the PTA election meeting tomorrow at 6:45 p.m. in the MCS gym/cafeteria area. The ballots will be tabulated and the results announced after which the new officers will take their positions.

Guilty to liquor theft

A MAN caught stealing two bottles of liquor from a store last March 12 has entered a plea agreement with the government.

Don E. Ngiraked, through counsel Gregory Baka, and Assistant Atty. Gen. Gabriel E. Acosta, have reached a plea negotiation.

Under the agreement, Ngiraked will plead guilty to theft. In return, the government agrees to recommend a suspended imposition of sentence for a period of six months.

Ngiraked, however, must pay $100 fine in six months, and $20 more in restitution to Angel Market II store during the suspended sentence.

Court information showed that the defendant was observed by a store employee taking two bottles of vodka from the Angel Market II without paying it.

Each bottle was worth $10.

The employee recognized Ngiraked from prior transactions. The defendant later made admission that he stole from the store. (FDT)

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I Proan Natibó

by John S. DelRosario, JR.

SESO ta huñgog membron lehislatura mañguentos na i asunton casino gambling debi de i taotao u'diniside. Bueno, seguro dinanche ennao na posision sa' sustansiao i asunto ya propio gi hinason niha na i taotao u'diniside. Guaha mina'añao gi tinilaikan linala'ta yangin u'halom este na industria. Taya' problemaho nu este na posision sa' guaha merituña.

Yangin pot dañgkulo na tinilaika gi linala' natibo, hafa mas señores yan señoras na tinilaika takeke prebine 'nai hagas tana' atbetto i pettan Marianas ya lamita gi papulasion taotao hiyoñg? Na ti pot este na motibo na pot tres años esta na tiempo ni sige ha' i Congresson Estados Unidos ni ha aminasa hit pot diskuidon immigrasion?

Megai besis lokue' 'nai huhuñgog mamente kuestion morat. Atan maisa hamyo gi espehos ya i taimancha finenina u'kuentos. Yangin ginen mamababa hao yan asaguan taotao osino mismo muchachamo gi halom guma', gai mamahlao u'musa hila' hipokrito osino siempre unmana' haso pot chatbidamo checho konkabido. Lokue', yangin guaha 'nai umbale' hao yan palaoan salon, diberas na taya' bisnesmo umadiñgan pot morat. Yangin madibutsia hao yan primet asaguamo, ni hago tanpoko tai pudet mama' un'tunas na fisga.

Maila ta diñgo pot unrato i hagas yayas na atgumento kontra industrian casino ya ta bisita iya Bridgeport, Connecticut 'nai gaige un'tropan Indian (Hashantucket Pequot) ni manman hatsa casino gi tano' niha. Este na tropan Indian ennao ha' i tres sientos bente uno (321) na taotao. Ginen i $900 Miyon na fasilidat casino man ninae' fuetsa gi kanaha' todo disposision komunida guihe na siuda.

Gi mapos na sakan, mamatinas este na tropan Indian $800 Miyon pesos ginen gananasian salape' casino. Guine gi mapos na Septiembre, *mannae' regalo ($10 Miyon pesos) guato gi Smithsonian Institution* giya Washington, D.C. pot para u'asegura na mana' saonao estorian Hashantucket Pequot Indians (taotao niha) guihe na institusion.

Para u'fan manhatsa balin $150 Miyon pesos na sentron kuttura (cultural center) 'nai siña i famaguon niha ha arastreha i estorian guelon niha. I konsihilion este na grupon Indian i Hashantucket Pequot ha u'usa ganansian casino pot para u'asegura mauleg yan felis yan futuron famaguon niha pot siete hinerasion.

Ti manman añgoho gi ganansian casino ni mahatsa gi halom tano' niha. Para u'usa patte gi este na ganansia para ufan hatsa bonito yan kabales na fasilidat turista puede ke siña mas mañgombida bisita ginen hiyoñg. Este na fasilidat siempre ufan mahatsa sin uma sakrifisio i naturat na boniniton tano' niha. Todo hafa ha petsige, gaige na ha inbesta ganansian salape' casino gi futuron famaguon niha.

Guaha 9,000 na taotao ha emplelea guine na casino i mafananaan Foxwoods Resort Casino giya Ledyard, Connecticut. Mampos adelantao este na familian Indian linala' niha ginen salape' casino ya megai pago siuda ma'estudiadiaye kao u'fañaonao guine na klasen industria pot para u'prebeniye taotao niha mauleg yan lalibiano na estao linala' gi man mamamaila' siha na tiempo.

'Nai sige hu haso i prinsipio ni ha usa este na familian Indian pot para u'kubre, pareho ha' nesesidat yan futuron famaguon niha, matto unos kuantos asunto kontodo kuestion kao u'lala' industrian casino giya Tinian. Yangin homlu' este na industria gi bisinuta, hafa na puru fasilidat temporario manmahatsa enlugat de fasilidat petmanente? Sin tafan adage, lamegai fattaña iya Tinian muna' ti seguroyo' na u'guaha adelanto gi atorisao na industria.

Pot ihemplo: Taya' fasilidat internasionat na plasan batkon aire para u'siña tumunog diaramente i 747 na dinañgkulon roplano. Tinahoñg aktibidat turista para u'tane' siha i turista antes osino dispues de man monhayan man hugando huegon casino. Ti u'adelantague' otro fasilidat ni para u'fan mahatsa pot casino sa' tinahoñg taotao para u'sinapotta tat komo sagan chumocho, tenda siha, yan otro na fina' bisnis.

Ti huchachanda i atorisao na industrian casino giya Tinian. Man namagof na taotague sa' dañgkulo ansian niha manman espiha koyentura pot para u'ayudan maisa siha umadelanta futuron famaguon niha. Man daña uno yan otro ya man apipet gi hilo sensian kooperasion pot para u'atbansa linala' niha. Taiguine mohon sensian taotao Saipan, Luta yan Sankatan na islas. Lao para todo animon niha, taigue i pumalo man impottante na alimiento 'nai siña luma'la' i casino taimano i hagas ha guife deste tutuhon. Sen mas Si Yuus Maase yan Ghilisow!

JACK ANDERSON and MICHAEL BINSTEIN

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

After 50 years, the U.N. must evolve

UNITED NATIONS—As heads of state from around the world gather here this week, little may be said about the need to reform this bloated organization. Yet the U.N.'s 50th anniversary presents a golden opportunity to reform the Programs and spending habits that have made this body a laughing stock to many.

Over the past year, our associate Dale Van Atta spoke with dozens of U.N. officials and diplomats around the world to pick their brains on what needs to be changed at the U.N. All had suggestions, and most believed the U.N. was capable of reforming itself—even though previous efforts have failed. A summary of those recommendations follows:

—The most important change would also be the toughest: shaking up the entrenched bureaucracy. The current culture of patronage and entitlement—which has doomed some of the best-laid plans at the U.N.—should be replaced by a system of service and rewards. To do this, recruitment procedures must be radically changed to ensure that competent people are hired and incompetent or unproductive staff are terminated. Onetime buy outs may be a good way to go, according to one citizens' commission looking at the U.N.

—The U.N. and its agencies must establish attainable goals. According to a recent presentation by Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali to his top lieutenants, a restructuring plan is in the works that would " create a mission-driven and result-oriented organization." If successful, it would be a long-overdue reform.

Utopian goals like "eradicating poverty" by a certain date, or "health care for all by the year 2000," should be abandoned for more achievable, incremental change. Otherwise, there is no yardstick for measuring success, which suggests that perennial management failures will continue to go unchecked.

In fact, some of the most successful U.N. agencies are those with narrow goals, such as the Universal Postal Union, which maintains the world postal system, the International Telecommunication Union, which allocates radio frequencies, and the World Meteorological Organization, which has developed a global network of weather stations.

—Foremost among the U.N.'s goals should be real encouragement of human rights around the world. The safeguarding of individual human rights was a founding principle of the U.N. But it has been woefully remiss on this score—except when it came to knocking Israel and South Africa.

The U.N. has been noticeably silent on criticism of human rights abuses in East Timor, Cuba and Tibet. The People's Republic of China regularly uses its muscle to prevent criticism of its policies. Last year, for example, a Chinese dissident was prevented from entering the building to speak to the U.N. Correspondents Association.

— A two-term limit should be established for the executive heads of U.N. agencies like the U.N. High Commission for Refugees and the Food and Agriculture Organization. This would encourage a system of advancement based upon quality of work not loyalty to the boss. Many of the past problems experienced in the U.N.'s specialized agencies have come straight from the top, the products of petty fiefdoms where abuse has too often been rampant. The U.N. Staff Report flatly agreed in a front-page January 1992 article: "When corruption is high ranking, the whole organization suffers."

—The American-led push that created an in-house inspector general, who doesn't answer to the secretary general, is a step in the right direction. But the new office needs a larger budget and more qualified inspectors. Good auditors are worth their weight in gold. The office needs to be publicly accountable through regular reports that show where and how the money is spent. Budget visibility is the vital first step for any organization to become accountable.

According to the American mission here, the U.N. has one auditor for every 346 staffers at the U.N. Secretariat. The U.S. government, by comparison, employs one auditor for every 125 staffers.

What U.N. bureaucrats need to remember—and what outsiders should never forget—is that it's the taxpayers of the world who pay their salaries. American taxpayers bear the brunt by contributing about 25 percent of the funding each year. For that kind of money, U.S. taxpayers have the right to expect an efficient and effective organization—not the Third World bureaucracy that's been allowed to build up over the past 50 years.

'Equal wage, benefits' for local workers

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

ACTING Gov. Jesus Borja has signed into law a bill establishing wage and benefit conditions for resident workers that match those of nonresidents.

Borja signed House Bill 9-360 despite what he perceived as flaws in the legislation.

Borja said the bill, which became Public Law 9-71, gives resident workers a "fair deal."

The legislature, in passing the bill, pointed out that "the current mandated benefits for alien laborers provided to them in addition to earned wages unfairly discriminates against local workers because these benefits are not available to local workers."

Under the newly signed law, all benefits accorded to nonresident workers such as food, housing, transportation and health insurance, or cash equivalent, shall also be enjoyed by resident workers.

Cash compensation benefit is to be added to resident worker's base wages or salary, the standard rate of which shall be determined by the Secretary of Labor and Immigration.

The acting governor, nevertheless, did not fail to spot the "potential problems" in the bill which applies only to resident workers making less than $4.25 per hour.

These workers, Borja noted, constituted only a small minority of all resident workers.

The bill, Borja said, could place some employers in an "awkward position" if they have both resident and nonresident workers in low-paying positions.

"These employers would either have to pay their resident workers and more (which could expose them to liability) or give the resident workers benefits that are not really needed," Borja said in a letter to Senate President Juan S. Demapan and Speaker Diego Benavente.

"Despite the bill's flaws, I will sign it because I want to further the policy of fair treatment for residents."

To solve the dilemma, Borja suggested that the minimum wage be raised to $4.25 per hour and allow employers to make deductions for room and board.

The acting governor urged the Wage and Salary Review Board to address the issue.

The bill, which was signed Nov. 16, will take effect 30 days hence.

Ex-cop injured while trying to elude arrest

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

FOR allegedly trying to elude police arrest, a former police officer was injured when a motorcycle he was driving with reportedly struck an island along 2W Highway in Chalan Lau Lau before dawn Sunday.

Public Safety Information Officer Cathy Sheu said after the accident, Jesus A. Omar was treated at the Commonwealth Health Center for further observation.

Sheu said the latest report, however, indicated that Omar was released from the hospital yesterday.

Preliminary police investigations showed that a police vehicle noticed a blue motorcycle travelling on 2W Highway in Garapan with its head and tail lights switched off.

The police signalled Omar who was driving the motorcycle to pull over. But Omar instead sped off toward south of the Middle Road until he got an accident near a traffic light.

Omar was charged with reckless driving, DUI, and eluding a police officer.

Meanwhile, two teenaged boys were picked up for illegal possession of controlled substance and traffic violations in separate incidents before dawn Saturday.

The two were identified as Alvin Cabrera Tudela, 19, of As Lito, and Vincent W. Salas, 18, of Capitol Hill.

When police officers pulled over the vehicles of Tudela and Salas for traffic violations in Dandan and Gualo Rai respectively, the two allegedly yielded suspected marijuana.

In another police report, three men were arrested during a riot in a residence in Chalan Lau Lau Sunday night.

Jeffrey M. Rangamar, 24, and Brandon M. Rangamar, 22, were nabbed for riot, while Ernie S. Rangamar, 25, for obstruction of justice.

In Chalan Piao, a 22-year-old woman was injured after she was allegedly assaulted by three women Sunday night.

One of the suspects also cut the victim with a broken glass bottle, police said.

Fake-bill suspect to admit guilt

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

A MAN in whose possession fake dollar bills were allegedly found earlier this month has agreed to plead guilty under a plea agreement he forged with the government.

Under the agreement, Froilan P. Yap will be charged by the United States government with one count of possession of 11 counterfeit $100 bills with intent to defraud.

Yap was arrested Nov. 10 after a complaint was filed against him by the federal government before the District Court on a charge of importation and possession of fake US currency with intent to defraud.

According to the complaint, Yap, on Nov. 9, brought into the CNMI counterfeited $100 bills amounting to $1,100 in violation of Title 18, Section 472, of the US Code.

Yap had allegedly confessed to having purchased the fake currency from an individual in Manila for 50,000 pesos (about $2,000).

Yap waived his right to an indictment by a grand jury so that the US filed the formal charge yesterday based on available information.

Violation of Title 18, Section 472, of the US Code carries the maximum sentence of 15 years of imprisonment, a $250,000 fine, and a $50 special assessment fee.

Under the plea agreement, however, Yap may receive a supervised release term of up to five years at the discretion of the court, subsequent to his actual term of incarceration.

By agreeing to plead guilty, Yap will not undergo any further trial.

The court may only ask him questions about the offense to which he pleaded guilty. Yap's answers can be used against him in prosecution.

Last Friday Yap filed a request to waive presentence investigation and for the court to proceed to sentencing immediately after acceptance of his plea of guilty.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The **Marianas Visitors Bureau (MVB)** is soliciting proposals for an award to an independent contractor to prepare MVB's annual report for fiscal year ending September 30, 1995. The proposal should include but not limited to the following:

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All proposals must be in a sealed envelope marked **"RFP 96-101"** and submitted to the MVB Office located on the 2nd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building, Room 20, no later than 3:30 p.m., Thursday, November 30, 1995. All proposals will be publicly acknowledged at that time.

MVB reserves the right to award or reject any or all proposals for any reason. For more information, please contact the **Marianas Visitors Bureau at 234-8325.**

/s/ Anicia Q. Tomokane
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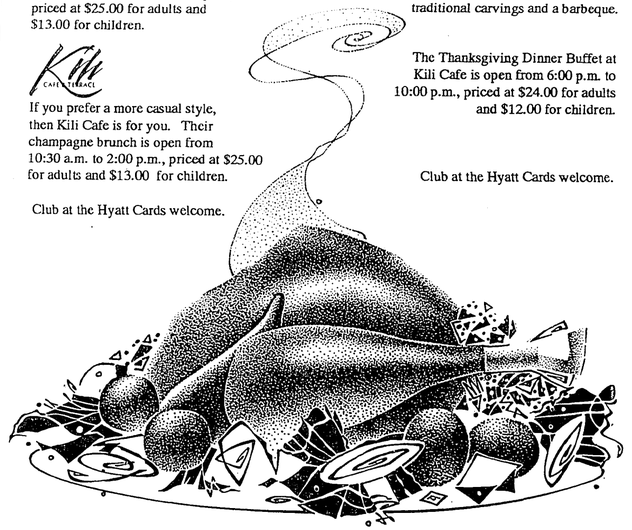

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The Philippines
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P34-M assistance donated to victims

THE European community Humanitarian Office (ECHO) said it was sending P34 million worth of assistance to victims of typhoon "Rosing" that left more than 600 people dead in Bicol and Luzon. This is in addition to the P17 million or 500,000 ecus in humanitarian relief that the EC group of nations sent last Oct. 17 to help victims of Mt. Parker in South Cotabato, and of Mt. Pinatubo in Pampanga, Zambales and Bataan.

The P34 million assistance will be chanelled through Medicine Sans Prontieres (MSF) and the International Federation of the Red Cross in the form of emergency supplies to the victims.

Aside from these, another one million ecus or P33 million has been earmarked for the rehabilitation of 270 baranggays in Catanduanes, one of the most battered areas in the Bicol region, where Rosing cut a swath of destruction.

Beijing allows fishing in disputed Spratlys?

BEIJING has been giving fishing permits to their citizens so they can operate within the contested Spratley islands, the military claimed.

A report submitted by the western Command (Westcom) to Armed Forces Chief General Arturo Enrile, disclosed that the 14 Chinese fishermen arrested last month inside the Kalayaan group of islands have acquired permits from their local bureau of fishery.

These fishermen as well as the 62 others earlier arrested has long been fishing inside the Philippines. Kalayaan chain and even carrying with them the permits issued to them so they could fish in the area.

The 14 fishermen were released recently with no charges filed against them, while 58 of the 62 fishermen earlier arrested had been released after they were pardoned by President Fidel Ramos.

The remaining four are still being detained in Palawan on charges of illegal fishing, possession of explosives and illegal entry.

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Ramos as eager in promoting RP as investment paradise

PRESIDENT Fidel Ramos, arriving in Oita, Japan to attend the Third Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit, immediately promoted the Philippines to Japanese officials as an investment haven.

The President was welcomed by Japanese officials led by Oita Prefecture Gov. Morihiko Hiramatsu who later briefed Ramos and his party on Hiramatsu's successful "One Village, One Product Movement."

The program won for Hiramatsu the 1995 Ramon Magsaysay award for government service. The President took the opportunity to promote the Calabarzon (Cavite-Laguna-Batangas-Rizal) growth zone, which he said has an existing partnership of friendship and cooperation with the Oita prefecture.

Hiramatsu reiterated his commitment to put up fish ports in the Calabarzon and Lucena with funding from a private Japanese company.

Ramos raised food security as his main agenda and made side trips to two Japanese prefectures (Oita and Fukuoka) to "get some development ideas that he might wish to apply" in the Philippines, Malacanang said.

The visit to the prefectures was also expected to generate investment prospects for Philippine businesses, the small and medium enterprises in particular, a palace statement said.

Fidel V. Ramos

World Bank, ADB to lend for projects

LENDING institutions, including the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank have expressed willingness to lend to investors interested in joining the country's power privatization plan.

Officials of the lending institutions said independent power producers need at least $2 billion (P52 million) yearly. This means $20 billion (P520 million) in financing over the nest 10 years.

The World Bank and ADB are two of the biggest creditors of the National Power Corp. They have been pressing the government to privatize the power sector in order to attract more private investments.

New immigration law urged

IMMIGRATION Commissioner Leandro Vercelles has urged Congress to pass a new immigration law to enable the government to implement a modern and relevant immigration policy.

"Surely, there has to be a new law that will enable our government to implement a modern and relevant immigration policy, one that will effectively complement our efforts to attact more foreign investments and attain Philippines 2000," Verceles stressed.

Verceles said that he wants to speed up the enactment of a new immigration law which would, in part, allow aliens to petition their immediate relatives who will then be eligible for permanent residency.

$600-M rapid transit system

A $600 MILLION elevated rapid transit system is set to be constructed from Fort Bonifacio in Makati City to the proposed Clark International Airport in Pampanga to accommodate the anticipated flow of passenger traffic once the airport facility becomes operational.

According to sources, however, a big multi-million-dollar infrastructure project for the country is now being finalized in Madrid.

The same sources added that there has already been a contract signing and the done deal will be announced upon President Ramos' arrival from Osaka.

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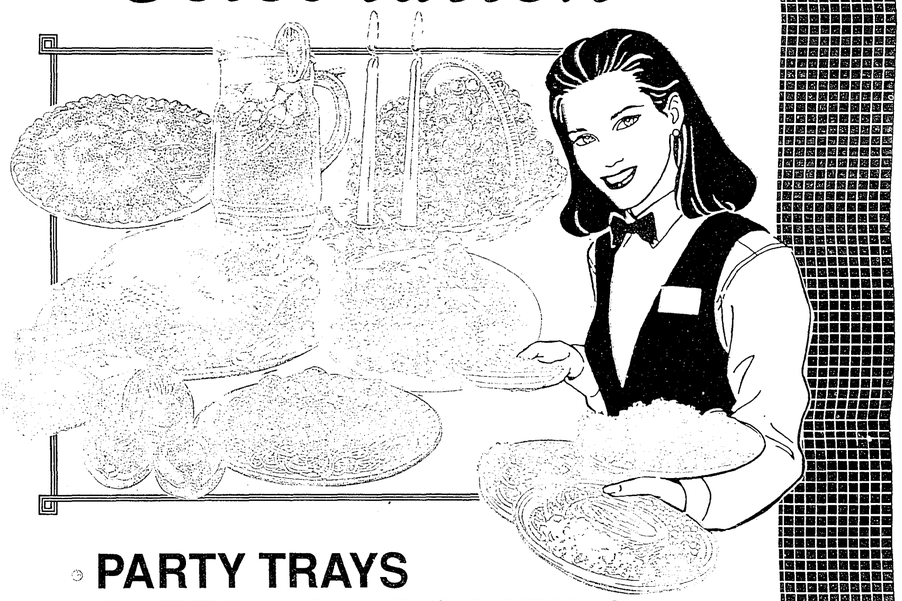

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Pacific Islands

Marshall Islanders go to polls

For the Variety

MAJURO, Marshall Is. - Overcast skies and rainy weather didn't dampen the enthusiasm of voters in this capital who turned out by the thousands yesterday to cast their votes in the national parliamentary election.

The absentee voting stations here, were packed with voters from shortly after the opening at 7 a.m., waiting patiently in line for their turn to vote. The majority of adults living in Majuro vote on an absentee basis for senators and mayors from rural, outer atolls, accounting for the Majuro polling stations appearing relatively unutilized compared with the absentee stations.

Close to 50 percent of the 55,000 Marshall Islanders live in Majuro. There are slightly more than 20,000 registered voters, according to chief electoral officer Joseph Jorlang.

Four-term President Amata Kabua is expected to be returned with a substantial majority, guaranteeing him an unprecedented fifth term as the nation's first and only president.

The 1995 election campaign has contrasted dramatically, however, with the last national election. In 1991, the country's first organized opposition party formed and strongly contested many previously "safe" government seats, losing for the most part by only narrow margins.

The political campaign four years ago was rancorous and harsh, as for the first time party-based candidates contested issues of government ethics, accountability and corruption. This election has been tame by comparison.

The opposition party - Ralik Ratak Democratic Party - has been mothballed, the heat of the 1991 election having taken its toll, and candidates have returned to the earlier format featuring one-on-one campaign battles among the individual candidates running for the 33 seats in the national parliament, known as the Nitijela.

About 100 candidates are vying for the seats.

Only among candidates for Rongelop - the atoll that was engulfed in nuclear fallout from the 1954 "Bravo" hydrogen bomb test - has there been public debate on key issues relating to negotiations with the United States for a multi-million dollar trust fund to pay for a nuclear cleanup and resettlement of Rongelap. With the demise of the opposition party, there have been few, if any, national issues invoked in a campaign of individuals.

PNG gov't demands apology

THE PAPUA New Guinea government has demanded an apology from the Australian high commission in Port Moresby over claims of retaliatory actions against Australians following the last week's killing of a Papua New Guinean woman, Hellen Merkle, by Victorian police.

A statement from the secretary for foreign affairs and trade, Gabriel Dusava, refuted the claims describing it as totally irresponsible and insensitive to the negative impact such speculation can have on the people on both countries.

Mr. Dusava, an uncle of Helen Merkle, said the high commission warning and advice to Australians to cancel travel arrangements to PNG is absolutely baseless and must be taken as unfriendly.

Secretary Dusava will be summoning the Australian high commissioner, Bill Farmer, today to seek an explanation to the basis of the statement by the high commission's information officer, Grant Thompson.

This is the second time that Mr. Thompson has made statements that has resulted in diplomatic action by the PNG government. The first was early this year relating to the "Fuzzy Wuzzy" war compensation claims....Pacnews

Fiji bows to pressure

THE FIJI government has bowed to pressure from manufacturers and will not now impose the 5 per cent customs duty on raw materials, plant and machinery announced in the 1996 budget earlier this month.

Fiji Television quotes well placed sources as saying the measure was lifted after strong opposition from the Fiji manufacturers association.

It followed a meeting between association officials and the finance minister, Berenado Vunibobo, in Suva on Friday.

The manufacturers association had described the 5 per cent duty as a major burden on manufacturers that would disadvantage them against imports and local investors.

Meanwhile, Fiji's House of Representatives will begin debating the 1996 budget this morning with opposition leader Jai Ram Reddy's reply to the budget.....Pacnews

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the same time, "give the people what they expect."

"The people have spoken during the last elections; they expect something else," Benavente said. "I'm looking forward to a more straightforward direction that this leadership is going to take."

The next legislature, he added, "will make a difference in the next two years."

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pine government include farmers, waitresses, construction workers and entertainers.

"Construction workers and entertainers may be last in the line, "Calonge said. "But we look forward to the total lifting of the ban in the future."

The Philippine government imposed a ban on certain categories of contract workers in the CNMI earlier this year due to reports of labor abuses.

In the meantime, Calonge said, the Philippine government aims to strengthen the office of the labor attache on Saipan.

Labor attache Jesus Varela arrived on Saipan last month. Another labor representative, Dennis Ancheta, is scheduled to arrive this month, Calonge said. (MCM)

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Last Sept. 26 or 27, the defendant also allegedly stabbed another woman, identified as Neiar Kolios, on her hand with a knife.

Gimen punched Neiar and broke her arm last Oct. 18.

He struck her with his hand on the back of head and mouth last Nov. 1.

The last assault on Neiar occurred on Nov. 3, when Gimen punched her in the mouth.

Last Nov. 1, Gimen also allegedly struck another person, identified as T. Kolios, on the head with his hand.

On Sept. 26 or 27, Gimen allegedly grabbed Elizabeth Kolios by the hair and threatened to harm her with an axe.

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As election nears...

Egypt still in search of a vision

By ANTHONY SHADID

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - The hour-long show "Mubarak's Achievements" on state-run Channel One was anything but subtle.

There was the president in Washington, the president with Yasser Arafat, the president opening a museum and the president cutting short a visit abroad to comfort Egyptians in crisis.

Democracy in Egypt? The credit goes to Hosni Mubarak. A revival of the arts? The same. Peace between Israel and the Palestinians? Even that was the work of Egypt's president.

"A man of peace and legitimacy," the narrator intoned.

It is election season in Egypt, and government-owned newspapers, television and magazines have wasted no time trying to rally public support for Mubarak and his National Democratic Party ahead of parliamentary elections Nov. 29.

The ruling party, personified by Mubarak, touts its virtues. Thirteen opposition parties and Islamic activists dissent.

No matter. All agree the ruling party - either through its vast patronage network or crude rigging - will win in a landslide. All they can hope for, opposition candidates say, is a handful of seats in the People's Assembly that will give Egypt's much-maligned democracy some technical credibility.

But as Mubarak enters his 15th year in power, what the election slogans do not say about Egypt's state of mind may be far more important.

The Arab world's most populous country - and America's main Arab ally - is in trouble, intellectuals, government opponents and even some supporters of the regime say. And nothing is more indicative of the malaise, they say, than the gap between the regime and those it rules. "Many think the government is not up to the challenges around. Meanwhile, there is a government that thinks its doing a perfect job - not even a good job, a perfect job," said Saad Eddin Ibrahim, a sociologist at American University in Cairo.

"You can't have any more discordance than that," he said.

Mubarak does have some things to brag about. His government upgraded Cairo's antiquated telephone and electrical systems. And he regained Egypt its prominence in the Arab world after it was ostracized for making peace with Israel in 1979.

But despite more than dlrs 18 billion in U.S. economic aid, the economy slumbers, with nearly one in five Egyptians out of work. Economic growth the past two years was - by official estimates - just 1 percent to 1.5 percent. Others say the economy may have even shrunk.

Because of inflation, government employees find that their salaries - the equivalent of $90 a month for a mid-level bureaucrat - buy half as much today as they did 20 years ago. After big jumps in the 1970s, per capita income has steadily declined for a decade.

More daunting is the feeling of deprivation in a country that has for decades prided itself as the cultural, military and political axis of the Arab world. Whatever their faults, Mubarak's larger-than-life predecessors - Gamal Abdel-Nasser and Anwar Sadat - were dynamic leaders who promised Egypt a future.

Now the country and its 60 million people are in a funk. Egypt is subservient to its wealthy, oil-exporting neighbors, overshadowed by Israel's emerging political prowess and left behind as Jordan, the Palestinians and even Persian Gulf countries rush to profit from Israel's entrance into the region's economy.

The small, secular opposition parties offer tired promises to tiny, ineffectual audiences. More portentous, critics say, the government is unable to offer a vision of Egypt's future, doggedly determined to stick to a status quo that is wanting.

The Cabinet - appointed in 1986 - is the longest-serving government in Egypt's modern history. The average age of the ministers is 63. Mubarak's virtue as interlocutor between America, other Arabs and Israel is rapidly disappearing, worrying Egyptian officials that Washington's $2.1 billion in annual aid may soon vanish as well.

Even more ominous to the government's credibility are the frequent articles in opposition newspapers that refer to the transgressions of "sons of high officials," a not-so-cryptic reference to Mubarak and several ministers. Corruption, which is by all accounts rife, threatens to tarnish the one quality that gave Mubarak a degree of support - personal integrity. The government itself seems aware of its lackluster appeal. Through glowing tributes to Nasser in government newspapers and even a film about his 1956 nationalization of the Suez Canal on state-run television, the government has tried to mine the strong vein of support for Nasser and nostalgia about his era.

Also telling is its crackdown on the Muslim Brotherhood, which seeks to replace Egypt's avowedly secular regime with Islamic rule through peaceful, democratic means.

Although officially outlawed, the Brotherhood has been allowed to operate openly for years and its supporters have won seats in Parliament under the banner of other parties.

But this year, with the Brotherhood's simple slogan "Islam is the solution" appealing to voters weary of corruption and economic hardship, the government has arrested dozens of its younger, dynamic members. In an unprecedented move, it put 82 on trial.

Still, the Brotherhood is running 150 candidates for the 454-seat parliament. Their platform is comfortably vague: the imposition of Islamic law, though they have said they will treat minority Christians as equals and not force women to wear the veil. The government's crackdown may swell its appeal.

"If we wanted safety, we could have just sat at our homes," said Mamoun el-Hodeiby, the Brotherhood's spokesman. "We will be patient and leave the revenge for our suffering up to God."

In essence, said Ibrahim, the sociologist, the threat the Brotherhood poses is its appeal to the dissatisfied middle class - the group that gave birth to Egypt's political movements this century as well as its three presidents: Mubarak, Sadat and Nasser.

As incomes and opportunities have dwindled, the middle class has either become alienated or joined the ranks of Islamists, Ibrahim said. The Brotherhood capitalizes on that insecurity.

The battle with the Islamist alternative is the real fight.

The other 13 parties - from the free market proponents in the Wafd Party to the leftists in the Tagamua Party - acknowledge the Brotherhood's influence. The Wafd, for one, agreed not to run candidates against the Brotherhood's leaders in return for similar treatment.

Opposition parties say the odds are stacked against them anyway. They allege ballot stuffing and complain about a lack of time on state-owned media and the government's refusal to allow an independent body to oversee the ballot.

Botanist Jane Shen-Miller poses amid the leaves of a sacred lotus plant, a "sibling" of plants germinated from 1,288-year-old seeds found in an ancient Chinese lakebed, in a greenhouse at the University of California at Los Angeles Monday, Nov. 13. It is believed to be the oldest living seed ever germinated by scientists, and contains an enzyme with anti-aging potential, researchers announced. AP

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NMHC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals in the interest of the government.

/is/ Marylou Ada Sirok
Corporate Director

Summit a swan song for Murayama?

By PETER LANDERS

OSAKA, Japan (AP) - Every Japanese kabuki theater has a narrow runway known as the "hanamichi" - the flower path - by which actors leave the stage.

Many wonder whether the just-ended summit of Asia-Pacific leaders could turn out to be Japanese Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama's flower path - a final flourish to a term in office that has already lasted far longer than most observers expected.

The summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum worked out pretty well for Murayama.

There were no terrorist attacks by renegade members of the doomsday cult accused in the subway attack. There was no major discord among the visiting leaders. There was even a string of beautiful fall days, with perfect autumn colors in the park surrounding Osaka Castle.

But Murayama faces political storms when he gets back to Tokyo.

The prime minister took office in June 1994, a foreign-policy neophyte propelled into power by an odd-couple alliance of left-leaning Socialists and conservative Liberal Democrats.

Now that coalition is being shaken at its foundations.

Murayama's Socialist party, which hasn't done well in an election in years, is in the midst of seemingly endless discussions about breaking up and regrouping as a broad-based "liberal" party.

The discussions have revived the 40-year-old intramural strife among the Socialists, which began in the Cold War when party ideologists couldn't agree on how closely Japan should resemble the Soviet Union. Meanwhile the Liberal Democratic Party, which dominates the coalition through its parliamentary strength, has an aggressive new leader in hawkish trade minister Ryutaro Hashimoto.

The Liberal Democrats are favored to win a parliamentary by-election in southern Japan Sunday, which could boost Hashimoto's confidence and encourage him to push aside the Socialists.

The Liberal Democrats, however, lack a majority in Parliament's lower house, which chooses the prime minister. Elections for the lower house don't have to be held until July 1997, and Hashimoto fears that the opposition New Frontier Party could win an early election.

The political struggle between the ruling and opposition camps has dominated Parliament this fall, with Liberal Democratic politicians trying to score points by attacking a religious group that supports the New Frontier Party.

The two rival parties share conservative pro-U.S. policies but neither has had much to say about the major problems facing Japan, such as the huge bad-loan problems plaguing banks and the strains in the U.S.-Japan alliance.

The upshot? There's no obvious candidate to replace Murayama - and it's just possible that the grandfatherly 71-year-old leader will defy the odds and be back for Japan's next international summit, the Group of Seven gathering next summer in France.

The prime minister, for his part, seemed to get a lift from the Osaka outcome.

Black activists issue ambitious nat'l plan

By KIM I. MILLS

WASHINGTON (AP) - Organizers of last month's Million Man March issued a "National Strategic Action Agenda" that calls for creating an economic development trust, a national health plan and an international black communications network, among other ambitious goals.

At a Saturday news conference that was part religious revival, the Rev. Benjamin Chavis Jr. and Nation of Islam Leader Louis Farrakhan outlined how they hope to maintain the momentum from the rally of black men that was held in Washington.

"It is our contract as social change agents that we're going to transform all our movements to be God-centered movements," Chavis said told reporters.

"There's no debate about a need for our movement to be God-centric because the Million Man March was God-centric."

The nine-point agenda, adopted at the end of the fifth annual National African American Leadership Summit, also calls for a national black political convention in 1996, a moratorium on the death penalty, statehood for the District of Columbia and financial reparations to blacks for the injustice of slavery.

On the last subject, a reporter asked Chavis if he was calling for monthly, annual or lump-sum payments.

"To calculate the suffering, the genocide of what has been done to our people is going to take some time," Chavis said. "That is why it would be unfair to our ancestors to throw off some number to try to quantify the shedding of their blood."

Much of the two-page agenda was general, with no costs specified or discussion of how such ideas could be made reality.

In the past, Chavis has said the proposed African American Economic Development Trust could be established by collecting dlrs 10 each from 10 million black Americans. But on Saturday, he said "there will be other mechanisms" for raising money, without elaborating.

Likewise, he said the Abundant Life National Health Plan could be created merely by having black Americans pay into this plan what they are already paying into established health care plans - and he said the plan would be open to anyone, not just blacks.

Farrakhan spoke of the transformations he has seen or heard about in the lives of black men since the march Oct. 16.

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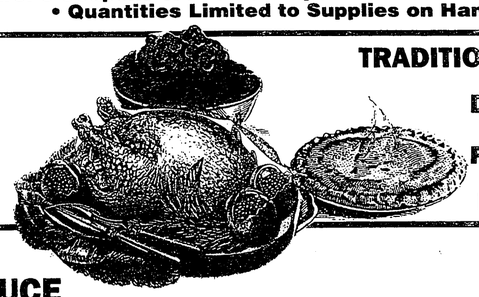

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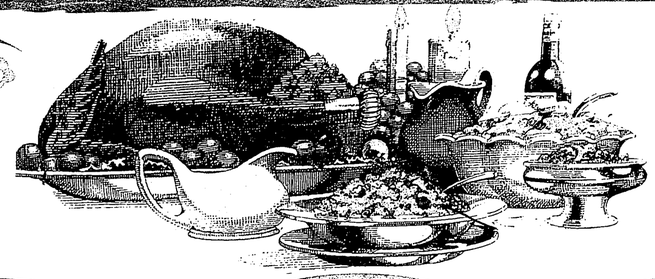

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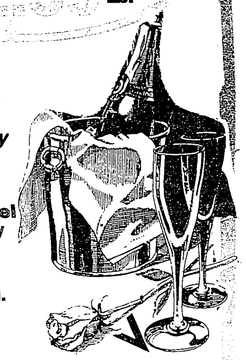

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'We're nearing Bosnia war end'—US

By BARRY SCHWEID

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) - The Bosnia peace talks will conclude Monday with either a plan to end a 43-war month war in the Balkans or a breakdown in efforts to settle it, the U.S. State Department spokesman said Sunday.

"Clearly, we are approaching the end," Nicholas Burns, the State Department spokesman, said. Cautiously, he told reporters "it could be an initialing ceremony or it could be a press conference that marks the end of these peace talks without an agreement."

At least four major issues are settled, The Associated Press was told.

A draft provides for a collective presidency, with ethnic groups sharing authority; separation of rival armies with a demilitarized zone four kilometers (2.5 miles) wide; U.S. arming of the Bosnian army and the Bosnian Serbs' retaining control of Srebrenica and Zepa, two Muslim enclaves seized by the Serbs, U.S. officials said.

The Muslims, meanwhile, would retain Gorazde, another enclave that was on the verge of falling to the Serbs before NATO air strikes prompted a cease-fire Oct. 5.

"We just feel that after 19 days the parties have had a lot of time to debate these issues," Burns said as Secretary of State Warren Christopher met again with Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic.

With signs pointing to a successful outcome, Burns said "it could go either way." He said Milosevic, Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic and Croatian President Franjo Tudjman, who was due to return from Zagreb on Sunday night, "truly want a comprehensive agreement."

Other U.S. officials said several disputed issues were either resolved or close to settlement. "It also depends on the map," one of the officials, demanding anonymity, told The Associated Press.

Balkan sources said, meanwhile, the Croatians had yielded to Bosnian Serbs control of a chokepoint along the land link between Serbs' holdings in eastern and western Bosnia. The Serbs, meanwhile, were said to have agreed to a constitutional provision banning secession from the future Bosnian state.

Talks that began Saturday ended at 2:30 a.m. local time (0830 GMT), an 18-hour work day for many of the mediators and participants, with "significant differences."

"What I can't promise you is that these negotiations will succeed," Burns told reporters after the talks resumed Sunday. Christopher was scheduled to meet with Izetbegovic after seeing Milosevic, and then go into an "uneven pattern" of mediating, the spokesman said.

"Clearly, we are approaching the end," he said.

The aim is to end the war while preserving some semblance of nationhood for the Muslim-led government in Sarajevo. There are to be two ethnic republics, one controlled by Bosnian Serbs and the other jointly by Muslims and Croats.

Burns said the United States was discussing with the Bosnian government a plan to provide weapons and equipment to its army. He said those talks would continue after any accord.

The United States and its mediating partners, the European Union and Russia, were sending a clear message to the warring factions that "the time has come to choose between peace and war."

There is a limit to how much mediators can do, and how much time they could spend on the Bosnia situation, Burns said. "I think we've reached that time where today has to be the day and where tomorrow has to be the defining day, the day of the outcome."

Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic, left, shakes hands with Croatian President Franjo Tudjman after they signed an accord Friday, Nov. 10, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, that bolsters a Muslim-Croat alliance that is seen as a fundamental building block for a Bosnia peace agreement. Secretary of State Warren Christopher is at left rear. AP

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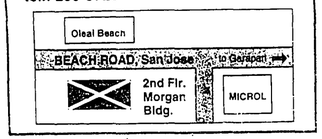

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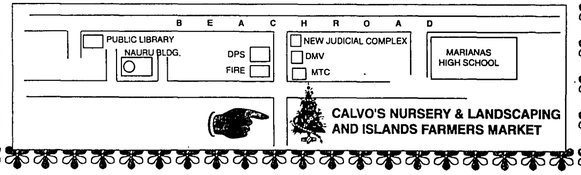

US envoy updates Peres on Syria

JERUSALEM (AP) - Prime Minister Shimon Peres met Sunday with a U.S. envoy who told him Syria was interested in renewing peace talks, media reports said.

Israel's Channel 2 TV said the envoy, Dennis Ross, was trying to arrange an unprecedented meeting between Peres and Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk a-Sharaa when the two will be in Barcelona, Spain for an economic conference next week.

In the four years of Israeli-Syrian talks, the highest-level meetings to date have been between the sides' army chiefs.

The head of Israel's military, Lt. Gen. Amnon Shahak, also participated in Tuesday's three-hour meeting between Ross and Peres. Israel TV said Ross brought a message from Syrian President Hafez Assad proposing a resumption of talks.

No statements were made to reporters afterward, and no other details were available.

The talks have been stalled for months, with Israel refusing to publicly commit to return the Golan Heights, seized in 1967, and Syria balking at Israel's security demands including early warning stations in land it vacates.

There are indications that Peres intends to step up efforts to reach a deal by the spring. The new premier has suggested he will broaden the talks beyond the security considerations that were the focus under Yitzhak Rabin, who was assassinated Nov. 4.

State-run media in Damascus have in turn praised Peres for appearing serious about making peace with Syria.

Acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres speaks to the press following a tour of Tzofim on the West Bank, Tuesday, Nov. 14. Peres, who took over from assassinated Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, said he would like to broaden negotiations with Syria beyond the security issues that were the focus under his predecessor and hinted at possible accommodation with Palestinian Islamic fundamentalists. AP

Arafat applauded in West Bank visit

By SCHEREZADE FARAMARZI

JENIN, West Bank (AP) - Thousands of Palestinians whistled and clapped Sunday as PLO chief Yasser Arafat arrived by helicopter in this West Bank city to celebrate the expansion of autonomy.

"In the name of God we meet here in liberated Jenin," Arafat told a cheering crowd. "Together we shall build an independent Palestinian state."

Arafat listed the seven West Bank cities - starting with Jenin and ending with Hebron - that Israeli troops are scheduled to pull out of by spring. "After that we shall pray together in Jerusalem," he said.

Arafat was making his first visit to Jenin since the city was turned over to Palestinian rule last week. Jenin is the first city to gain autonomy under the Israel-PLO agreement signed in September. Jericho and the Gaza Strip became autonomous in May 1994 under an earlier Israel-PLO agreement.

Banners greeting the Palestinian leader were hung from Israel's former army headquarters, handed over to Palestinian police by departing Israeli soldiers six days ago.

"Welcome to the commander of the revolution who paved the way to freedom," said one banner. "You are the symbol, you are the father," read another.

Arafat urged the crowd to take part in Palestinian elections, scheduled for Jan. 20, and said he had not forgotten the plight of thousands of Palestinian prisoners still in Israeli jails.

"I tell them to be patient," he said. "This is the path to peace in the land of peace."

The crowd was jubilant.

"If I get a chance to get close to him, I will sing to him and then dance for him," said 70-year-old Khadija Hussein. "I will tell him welcome a hundred times."

Mrs. Hussein came to greet Arafat from a nearby village dressed in a ankle-length white dress and white belt.

Hundreds of Palestinian police mixed in with the crowd, trying to keep the people out of the PLO headquarters where Arafat was scheduled to speak. A line of bodyguards armed with rifles squatted in front of Arafat as he spoke.

The tight security came in the wake of a reported assassination attempt on Arafat last week by members of the extremist Abu Nidal faction who had infiltrated into the Gaza Strip.

Israeli troops left Jenin last Monday as part of the Sept. 28 autonomy accord which calls for a handover of six West Bank cities and nearly 500 villages to the PLO by the end of the year, and of most of the city of Hebron by the end of March.

The pace of the withdrawal was stepped up after the Nov. 4 assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin by a Jewish extremist opposed to yielding land for peace.

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Walesa fails to turn back rival

By FRANK BAJAK

WARSAW, Poland (AP) - Lech Walesa staged a remarkable political comeback but was vanquished by an articulate ex-Communist in a presidential runoff that exposed lingering divisions in Polish society, state polling agency projections showed.

Aleksander Kwasniewski's 51.4 percent of the vote Sunday gave him roughly a half million more votes than the incumbent, according to a sampling of unofficial ballot results compiled by state television's OBOP agency.

Walesa's popularity plummeted during his five-year term as Poles rejected his bull-headed style. He fired three prime ministers, alienated potential allies and feuded constantly with the leftist-dominated parliament. Kwasniewski promised to promote compromise. A former Communist sports minister, he attracted young voters as well as the victims of free-market reforms with the slogan "Let's Choose The Future."

Though Poland's economy is growing at 5.5 percent annually, the transition from a centrally planned economy was costly and many Poles blamed Walesa. Unemployment stands at 15 percent. One in eight Poles lives in poverty.

Political analysts did not expect a Kwasniewski victory to turn back the clock on Poland's reform path, and financial analysts said they expected a continued bullish stock market and robust foreign investment. However, Poland's chances for swift acceptance into NATO could be hurt with a former Communist as president. Reluctant members of the Western alliance would have a pretext for keeping the country at arm's length.

A Kwasniewski victory would also give his coalition, which has enjoyed a parliamentary majority since 1993, the potential to strongly influence Poland's new constitution. A draft is due by spring.

Sunday's vote was so close that neither candidate acknowledged victory or defeat, although a somber-looking Walesa, 52, appeared only briefly after the polls closed and thanked his voters.

Kwasniewski, 41, had already left his headquarters when the projections were announced, triggering a frenzy of joy among youthful campaign workers. They danced, screamed and sang "May He Live 100 Years."

The 67.2 percent voter turnout Sunday was post-Communist Poland's highest, and Kwasniewski attributed it to young voters, who responded to his slick, Western-style campaign and upbeat, sophisticated style. "Those young people without historical sentiments or prejudices are our greatest chance, our greatest hope," Kwasniewski told chanting supporters Sunday night.

Walesa never appeared at his campaign headquarters, where supporters fell silent hearing the news and slowly began filing out.

Many Poles feared a loss for the fading Solidarity hero could mean a return of the corrupt apparatchiks who had gathered the spoils of totalitarian rule in 45 years as Moscow's subordinate.

But Kwasniewski called such fears unfounded, and reiterated Sunday that he would stay the course set by Walesa.

"I am convinced that the democracy that is evolving among us shows the growing maturity of Polish society," he told supporters, calling on all Poles to end political divisions.

But initial reactions did not bode well for political reconciliation.

Defense Minister Zbigniew Okonski said he and the other two ministers named by Walesa for the leftist Cabinet would resign if the results stuck. The others are Foreign Minister Wladyslaw Bartoszewski and Interior Minister Andrzej Milczanowski.

"I'm struck by the drama of just how split Polish society still is," said Bronislaw Geremek, a leading centrist and former Solidarity adviser who heads parliament's foreign affairs committee.

After leading the movement that toppled the Communists six years ago, Walesa saw Solidarity splinter into different camps he was unable to unite.

Although he had squandered his political support, Walesa was considered the only candidate capable of defeating Kwasniewski.

He battled back from an abysmal 10 percent approval rating in June to better 11 challengers in the election's Nov. 5 first round.

Walesa was backed in the election by his old union, a wide range of centrist and right-wing groups rooted in Solidarity and the powerful Roman Catholic church.

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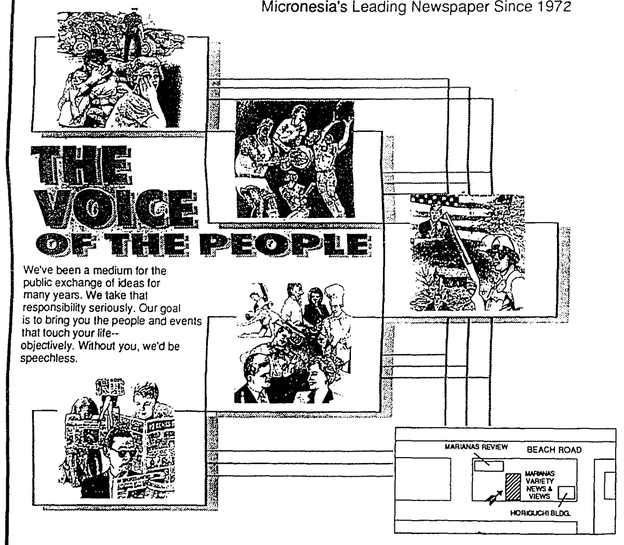

Brazilian air force minister resigns

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) - The Brazilian Air Force minister resigned Sunday amid a scandal involving a $ 1.4 billion contract for an Amazon radar system.

The office of the presidency confirmed the resignation of Brig. Mauro Gandra, whose alleged ties to a representative of a U.S. defense contractor have thrust him into the scandal.

On Friday President Henrique Cardoso fired a key adviser after a magazine reported that the aide and a representative of the U.S.-based Raytheon Co. discussed bribing a senator to obtain the radar contract.

Tapes from a federal police wire tap obtained by the newsweekly Isto E showed a conversation between the presidential aide and the Raytheon representative in which Gandra's name is mentioned.

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Prosecutors question Roh in jail

By JU-YEON KIM

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Prosecutors went to jail Monday to question former President Roh Tae-woo again about a massive bribery scandal that has rocked South Korea for a month.

It was the first questioning of Roh since he was arrested last Thursday on charges of accepting huge bribes from businesses in return for lucrative government contracts.

His former chief bodyguard, Lee Hyun-woo, was arrested a day later for allegedly helping collect the bribes. Lee was also charged with taking at least $3.2 million in bribes for himself.

Prosecutors said they also will summon two close confidants of Roh _ former presidential economic adviser Kim Jong-in and former banker Lee Won-jo - for questioning this week.

The two, along with government legislator Kum Jin-ho, were accused of playing a key role in establishing Roh's slush fund. Kum, related to Roh by marriage, has been questioned twice already.

Roh has admitted he amassed a $650 million slush fund during his 1988-93 presidency, but refused to disclose how and from whom he collected the money. He maintains it came from donations, not bribes.

But prosecutors, after questioning nearly 40 businessmen, said they have found that Roh received money in exchange for major government projects, including nuclear power plants, military bases and airports.

When Roh was arrested, he had only $230 million in secret bank accounts. The prosecution has yet to find where the rest of the money went.

Collecting a slush fund from businesses had been a longstanding practice under past military-backed governments. Incumbent President Kim Young-sam, a former dissident, has vowed to put an end to the practice.

Roh earlier told prosecutors that he spent parts of his slush fund for his governing Democratic Liberal Party but refused to disclose details. A key dispute is whether any of Roh's money was funneled into Kim's successful 1992 campaign. Kim, who succeeded Roh, has denied the allegations.

Top opposition leader Kim Dae-jung, who has admitted receiving $2.5 million from Roh for his unsuccessful 1992 presidential bid, claims the president must have received much more.

Kim Dae-jung's main opposition political group, the National Congress for New Politics, said it will continue to demand that President Kim disclose how much he got from Roh for his campaign.

President Kim, back Monday from the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Japan, is reportedly considering issuing a special statement to clarify his position.

Local newspapers said the president is expected to announce plans to establish a new legal and institutional system for the government to sever decades-old collusive ties with businesses.

Meanwhile, government officials said Roh was adjusting well to life in jail, but newspapers reported other inmates at the Seoul Detention House have shown growing anger at his special treatment.

As many as 16 inmates sometimes share a cell the size of Roh's, which is four times the size of single cells. Roh is also allowed to receive unlimited visits.

Former South Korean President Roh Tae-woo sits in the backseat of a car taking him to prison from Seoul prosecutor's office after the second questioning concerning political slush funds last Thursday. After a month-long investigation that has gripped the nation, Roh was arrested on charges of accepting multimillion-dollar bribes from South Korea's leading businesses. (AP Photo)

Fuel crisis over in Solomon Islands

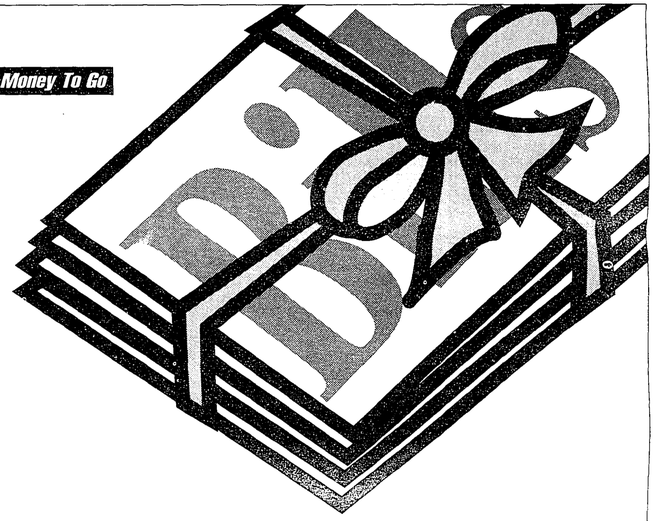
THE FUEL crisis in the Solomon Islands will be over by Thursday this week, according to one major fuel and oil distributor, in Honiara, Shell company (PAC) Ltd.

The Solomon Islands has been faced with acute fuel shortage in the pat two weeks resulting from the recent re-scheduling of an overseas oil tanker to Indonesia.

Shell Honiara says another oil tanker is arriving Honiara Wednesday and by Thursday the fuel situation should be back to normal.

Meanwhile, the Air Niugini/ Solomon Airlines joint service between Port Moresby and Honiara was delayed for two hours yesterday upsetting transitting passengers in both ports.

PACNEWS was told 17 passengers and all cargoes from Port Moresby had to be off-loaded to allow for the aircraft to carry enough fuel for the return trip from Honiara. However, Shell Honiara said there was enough fuel in Honiara for the return trip, but a miscommunication within Air Niugini caused the delay.....Pacnews



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NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for AIR-CONDITIONING AND RENOVATION FOR THE MAIN HOLDROOM AND CUSTOMS/BAGGAGE CLAIM AREA, AT SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, CPA Project No. CPA-SA-003-95 will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 1055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950, until 2:00 P.M., Thursday December 21, 1995, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of architectural enclosure, air-conditioning and associated renovation and ADA code upgrades to the existing Main Holdroom and Customs/Baggage Claim Area at the main terminal building at Saipan International Airport all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within two months (2) from the receipt of proposals. Depending upon availability of funds, CPA reserves the right to hold such proposal in effect for three (3) months from the date of proposal opening.

This contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended, of September 24, 1965, the Federal Labor provisions and the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) provisions as contained in the contract, specifications and proposal documents.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the U.S. Secretary of Labor. A copy of the Department of Labor Wage Rate Determination is applicable to this contract and is made a part of this specification (See Section 70-24).

Each proposer must complete, sign and furnish, prior to award of the contract (CPA Proj. No. CPA-SA-003-95) the "Proposer's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities" (See Specifications).

Required Notices for All Contracts.

a. The proposer must supply all the information required by the proposal forms and specifications.

b. The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA), in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, hereby notifies all proposers that they (proposers) must affirmatively insure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for award.

The proposer's attention is invited to the fact that the proposed contract shall be under and subject to the equal opportunity clause as set forth in Part III, Section 302(b) of Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, to the contract and labor provisions as set forth in Section 152.55 and Appendix H, Part 152, of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the applicable provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) implemented by Part 21 of the Regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation. Also, the proposed contract will be subject to the Contractor's Certification of non-segregated facilities.

The apparent low bidder and any known first tier subcontractor will be subject to a pre-award, equal opportunity compliance review by representatives of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, U.S. Department of Labor, before the award of the contract for the purpose of determining whether the proposer and/or his subcontractors are able to comply with the provisions of the equal opportunity clause.

If the proposer has participated in a previous contract subject to the equal opportunity clause and has not submitted compliance reports as required by applicable instructions, the proposer shall submit, prior to award of contract, a compliance report covering the delinquent period.

A proposer or prospective prime contractor or proposed subcontractor shall be required to submit such information as the FAA or the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance, request prior to the award of a contract or subcontract. When a determination has been made to award the contract or subcontract to a specified contractor, such contractor shall be required, prior to award, or after the award, or both to furnish such other information as the FAA or the Director requests.

Contract documents, including plans and specifications, may be examined at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, or can be obtained from this office upon the payment of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS ($350.00) for each set of plan documents. This amount is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made by check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at the SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING, at 10:00 A.M. on, Wednesday December 6, 1995 to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Consultant, in writing, at least five (5) days in advance for answers at this pre-proposal conference, with a copy of same mailed simultaneously to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority. Attendance at the pre-proposal conference and site visit are considered essential to the potential contractor's understanding the project elements.

Each prospective proposer shall file with the Commonwealth Ports Authority, a notice of his/her intention to propose in a form substantially similar to that supplied in the specifications, not less than six (6) calendar days prior to the date hereinabove designated for opening of proposals.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in accordance with Section 3.2(7) of its Procurement Rules and Regulations.

Carlos A. Shoda
Executive Director
Date: November 16, 1995

Asia Business Briefs

Tax target met

BEIJING (AP) - Tax authorities in China met their fiscal year target for personal income tax collections, taking in 10 billion yuan ($1.2 billion) by the end of October, People's Daily reported Monday.

The sum was the largest ever collected in the 16-year history of the personal income tax in China, the leading Communist Party newspaper said. Desperately short of cash despite the success of economic reforms, the central government revamped the tax code starting in 1994. That year personal income tax receipts totalled 7.2 billion yuan ($867 million).

An obviously pleased People's Daily, in a front-page article, reported that the rise in collections proved that "citizens aren't as indifferent to the tax as they were before.

"It can be said, national taxes are in the people's hearts."

The top income taxpayers reads like a "Who's Who" of China's economically successful areas: Guangdong province, the cities of Beijing and Shanghai, and Liaoning, Fujian and Zhejiang provinces.

Emergency liquidity

HONG KONG (AP) - The governor of the Bank of Thailand said Monday his country will formally agree with the Monetary Authority of Singapore to provide emergency U.S. dollar liquidity to defend either country's currency should one come under attack from speculators.

Vijit Supinit said that on Dec. 15 Thailand would sign "the exact same arrangement" with Singapore that it also signed Monday with Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia and Australia.

He added that other countries present at the Hong Kong signing Monday, including China, Japan, Korea, New Zealand and the Philippines, also expressed interest in signing bilateral agreements with Thailand.

They didn't participate in Monday's signing because "the whole thing was quickly arranged in the last month or two," he said.

Manufacturing grows

SINGAPORE (AP) - Singapore's manufacturing output grew by 11.7 percent in September and 9.6 percent in the first nine months of 1995, compared to the same period last year, the Economic Development Board said Monday.

Among the top ten industries, only petroleum recorded negative growth in this period, the EDB said in its latest monthly index of industrial production.

"The machinery industry led the growth in September. Output was 24.4 percent higher than the same period a year ago. The construction of oil rigs, lifting equipment, conveyers and semiconductor manufacturing equipment contributed to the increase," the report said.

Output of electronics products increased by 18.1 percent from a year ago. In that sector, semiconductors, disk drives, other computer peripherals and PC segments maintained strong growth, contributed to by export orders.

Benz-Maruti research

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - German automobile giant Mercedes Benz may cooperate with India's Maruti car company to research the Indian market, a new agency reported Monday.

"We have to learn a lot from Maruti," Mercedes Benz's Vice President Gunter W. Loock was quoted by Press Trust of India news agency as saying.

Benz has tied up with India's leading truck manufacturer, Tata, to produce a car that will sell for nearly two million rupees (dlrs 59,000). Maruti's luxury car, a 1,300 cc model, sells for 450,000 rupees ($13,235).

Maruti, a joint venture between Indian government and Japan's Suzuki Co., has captured the small car market with its low-priced 800 cc model. When it was introduced in the mid-1980s, it was the first modern car in the Indian market that had to be content with models designed in the 1940s and 1950s.

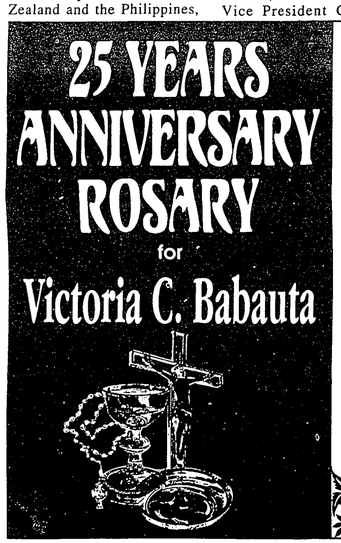
Isuzu truck production

TOKYO (AP) - Isuzu Motors Ltd. of Japan plans to increase truck production at its Thai plant to meet strong demand, a company official said Monday. The annual production will be boosted to 180,000 trucks in several months from the current 140,000 trucks, mainly 1-ton models, said the Isuzu official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The official said the amount of new investment for the increased production at affiliate Isuzu Motors Co. Thailand has yet to be decided.

Isuzu only recently announced it would spend 2 billion yen ($19.6 million) at the Thai plant, set up in 1966, to expand production capacity to 140,000 from 100,000, Kyodo News Service reported.

Sales of trucks by the Thai plant are expected to increase 24 percent on the year to 122,000 trucks in the current fiscal year, which ends March 31, 1996, the report said. ^



We, the family of the late "VICTORIA CASTRO BABAUTA" better known as "Victorian Francisco" of San Roque, would like to invite our relatives and friends to join us in prayers to celebrate the 25 years anniversary rosary beginning on November 22, 1995. The nightly rosary will start at 7:00 p.m., at the residence of Elizabeth Castro and Tomas B. Aldan at As Matuis.

On the last day, the rosary will be said at 12:00 noon and the Mass will be celebrated at San Roque Church at 5:30 p.m. on November 30, 1995. Dinner will be served after the mass at the residence of Elizabeth Castro and Tomas B. Aldan at As Matuis.

Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated.

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Business/Finance

Budget standoff end catapults dollar

TOKYO (AP) - The U.S. dollar was higher against the Japanese yen at midafternoon in Tokyo Monday, supported by improving prospects for the U.S. budget standoff, while prices on the Tokyo Stock Exchange finished higher.

The dollar's strength came as players bought the American currency in a positive reaction to Sunday's agreement between the Clinton administration and congressional Republicans.

The two sides ended a six-day budget standoff Sunday night, sending federal employees back to work with an agreement that provides four weeks to negotiate a way to balance the budget within seven years. Traders said, however, there was selling pressure against the dollar at around 102.80 yen, the dollar's intraday morning high.

At 3 p.m. (0600 GMT), the dollar was traded at 102.50 yen, up 0.66 yen from late Friday and also above its level in late Friday's New York trading at 102.05 yen.

Meanwhile, the dollar's strength against the yen and reported measures to tackle problem loans extended to Japan's seven housing loan corporations combined to give confidence to investors, dealers said.

The Nihon Keizai, a major Japanese economic newspaper, said in its Sunday editions that the Finance Ministry has drafted a set of measures to tackle over 7 trillion yen ($68.6 billion) in non-performing loans held by the seven housing loan corporations.

The problem loans held by the housing loan firms continued to put off many potential investors concerned about the ability of Japan's finance authorities to put the nation's banking system back on track. Japan's banking system has been under international scrutiny following a series of scandals, including the Daiwa Bank bond trading debacle and 37.4 trillion yen (dlrs 374 billion) in bad loans held by Japanese banks.

Oregon to get new semiconductor plant

TOKYO (AP) - A major Japanese maker of electronics factories, said Monday it will build a 4 billion yen ($ 39.2 million) plant in the United States to mass produce semiconductor manufacturing equipment. The parent company, Tokyo Electron Ltd., will set up Tokyo Electron Oregon, capitalized at $ 5 million, in Hillsboro on the western outskirts of Portland, Oreg., company spokesman Shoji Kato said.

Tokyo Electron's production subsidiary, Tokyo Electron Tohoku, will invest the whole of its capital in the new U.S. plant, to be built by August 1996 on a 196,000 square-meter (2.2 million square-foot) property.

Kato said start-up of the new plant is slated for September, and that most of the key parts for use in building the semiconductor-manufacturing equipment will be shipped from Japan at first. But he added that "the local content of parts will eventually be raised to close to 100 percent eventually."

Tokyo Electron, set up in 1963 as an electronics trading company, is now a major semiconductor-manufacturing equipment maker listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange's first section.

Tentative agreement may end Boeing strike

By TIM KLASS

SEATTLE (AP) - The Machinists union and The Boeing Co. reached a tentative agreement that could end a 6 1/2-week strike at the world's largest civilian aircraft manufacturer.

The agreement was reached Sunday after 1 1/2 days of negotiations, the first since the strike began Oct. 6. Union members were scheduled to vote on the offer Tuesday. Union leaders were recommending approval. Union leaders said the proposal offered protections against sending out work to outside companies, expanded benefits to laid-off workers and gave higher pensions.

Boeing also softened its demand for sharp increases in health insurance premium payments, the union said.

More than 32,000 workers in three states walked off the job in a dispute over job security, medical benefits and pay. The union had filed charges with the U.S. National Labor Relations Board accusing Boeing of unfair labor practice.

Last Monday, the Board issued a ruling supporting the union's contentions that Boeing acted unfairly by withholding data the union wanted on the company's proposed overhaul of medical benefits and on subcontracting. Machinists blame subcontracting for elimination of many of the 18,000 union jobs that were lost in recent years. Boeing blames job losses on an industry downturn that cut the company's jet production in half.

The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, the largest union at Boeing, represents more than 32,000 production workers.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NMC RFP NO. 96-139

The **NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE** is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified Contractors for the Mechanical portion (Air Conditioning) of **DISTANCE EDUCATION / RADIO STATION** in building "N" at the NMC As Terlaje Campus.

For details, blueprints are available at bidder's expense at BLUEPRINT SERVICES, in Chalan Laulau, telephone no. 234-8391. Proposals will be entertained only from qualified Air Conditioning contracts. Bidders are free to alter the design if, in their opinion, the installation would be improved and with the approval of NMC CIP Coordinator. Bidders must provide manpower, materials and equipment for the complete "turn-key" installation.

Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelop marked with the respective **NMC RFP NO. 96-139**; to the NMC Procurement & Property Management Office As Terlaje Campus, Bldg. "L", Saipan, no later than 11:30 a.m. December 01, 1995.

The **Northern Marianas College** reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defect in proposals if determined by the College to be in its best interest. All proposals shall become the property of NMC. For additional information, please call NMC Procurement at 234-3690 extension nos. 2300,2301 or 2302.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The **Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA)** is soliciting proposals for the procurement of one (1) new tractor for agricultural use and one (1) 15 feet Batwing Mower with hydraulic accessories. The tractor should equipped with **2300/2500 RPM,** 70-80 gross HP, on PTO, two-wheel drive with the tire size 16.9 x24 x 89 reply gear, 7.50 x 16 x 6 front, power steering, dual stage clutch, hydraulic system, diesel fuel, 12 volt system with all additional standard equipment and transmission of eight forward and four speed reverse with sliding collars and helical gears industrial yellow color, four cylinders, 450 RPM PTO.

Proposals must be submitted to the **Commonwealth Ports Authority**, Office of the Executive Director, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 1055, Saipan, MP 96950, on or before December 1, 1995 at 10 a.m. at which time the proposal(s) will be publicly opened and read. The CPA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals pursuant to Section 3.2(7) of the CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations.

/s/Mr. Joe B. Aldan
Acting Executive Director

Info h'way to make world one big store

NEW YORK - The information highway will help businesses improve productivity, but many workers will suffer because it will promote a leaner corporate world and prompt layoffs, Microsoft Corp.'s founder Bill Gates says.

"Corporate structures will evolve," Gates wrote in his long-awaited book, "The Road Ahead." "Lots of companies will eventually be far smaller because using the information highway will make it easy to find and work with outside resources."

The breakdown of boundaries through the information highway will diminish the gap between "the have and have-not nations" but developed countries and their workers will still maintain a sizable lead," Gates said. "The net effect will be a wealthier world, which should be stabilizing," the billionaire chairman of Microsoft wrote.

Excerpts from the book on the information highway were published in the Nov. 27 issue of Newsweek magazine, which goes on sale Monday. The Sunday Times of London published the first excerpts this week. The book goes on sale Friday.

Gates described the information highway as a market he believes will eventually become the "world's central department store."

"It will be where we social animals will sell, trade, invest, haggle, pick stuff up, argue, meet new people, and hang out," Gates wrote.

"All the goods for sale in the world will be available for you to examine, compare, and often, customize," Gates said. "When you want something you'll be able to tell your computer to find it for you at the best price offered by any acceptable source or ask your computer to "haggle" with the computers of various sellers."

Gates warned the government against attempting to design or dictate the nature of the information highway. He urged governments to deregulate the communications industry to enable the highway to start.

He cautioned companies against merging to "bring all aspects of highway expertise into one organization." He said it will be a long time before companies making such investments can determine how wise they were. Gates estimated in that it will cost about $ 120 billion to connect the 100 million homes in the United States to the information highway. He predicted that by the millennium the first manifestations of the highway will be apparent in the United Sates.

"We are watching something historic happen, and it will affect the world seismically, the same way the scientific method, the invention of printing, and the arrival of the Industrial Age did."

Gates predicted that future technology will enable people to customize movies and news, watch television shows at their own convenience, give up paper currency and play bridge with faraway friends.

"The highway will enable capabilities that seem magical when they are described, but represent a technology at work to make our lives easier and better," he wrote.

A wallet size personal computer will eliminate such things as airline tickets and keys. As you pass through an airport gate, for example, the wallet PC will connect to the airport's computers and verify that you have paid for a ticket.

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"You'll be able to listen to any song, any time, anywhere, piped in from the world's largest record store: the information highway," Gates wrote. Gates' book is being marketed with an arsenal of high-tech gadgets, including a companion CD-ROM containing links to information on the Internet.

Publisher Viking originally planned to print 500,000 advance copies, but demand from booksellers bumped the number up to 800,000.

The CD-ROM, which is included in the hardback's $ 29.95 cost, comes with video clips of Gates' speeches and other multimedia information, including a tour of the elaborate home he is building in Medina, Washington.

Microsoft Corp. chief executive officer Bill Gates calls for another question from an audience of Boston area Girl Scouts Friday, Nov. 10, at the Computer Museum in Boston, where Gates appeared as a special guest at the museum. AP

Sanyo to set up a subsidiary

TOKYO (AP) - Sanyo Electric Co. said Monday it is setting up a subsidiary to specialize in solar energy technology and manufacturing to satisfy a growing demand in that field.

Sanyo Solar Industries Co. will consolidate and expand Sanyo's engineering, manufacturing and sales of solar-related products, a written statement said.

Capitalized at 450 million yen ($4.41 million), the new wholly-owned subsidiary will employ 180 people in Osaka, central Japan. The new company will help Sanyo boost production of its 10 megawatt solar cells.

The parent company has been developing amorphous solar cells for use in electric power systems with the support of the government-affiliated New Energy and Industry Technology Development Organization. In 1994, Sanyo further developed its crystal solar cell business by establishing a manufacturing company in the United States.

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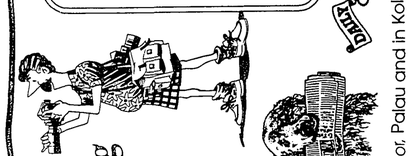

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On behalf of my family, I am humbly proud to extend a very warm and sincere appreciation, YAN DANGKULU NA SI YUUS MASE, to all my supporters who voted for me in the last November 1995 General Election.

While it was true that I did not make it, your confidence and the more than kind and generous spirit you had shown me was enough for me to go on and serve you in my own little way even though outside our political arena.

To all the Winners, good luck and more power and I hope to see you all doing the best service you can especially to those poor people who need your services. Remember that you are all now a Public Servant and you owe them to the people who voted for you. Bear in mind that your services should be directed to the people for the glory of God.

Once again, I would like to reiterate my philosophy in life..... "From the people to the leadership and from the leadership to the people" Your leadership will surely make the difference.

Thank you and have a wonderful Thanksgiving Day.
DAVID N. RIOS AND FAMILY

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CIVIL ACTION NO: 95-64(R)

In Re the Adoption of
JOSHUA OGO QUITUGUA,
A Minor Child.

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP AND ADOPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Antonio Rios Quitugua and Maria Mesngon Quitugua have filed with the Clerk of this Court a Petition for the Termination of Parent-Child Relationship and the Adoption of Joshua Ogo Quitugua, a minor child. The hearing on the Petition is set for 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, the 6th day of December, 1995, at the Commonwealth Superior Court, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The place of hearing is moved from Saipan to Rota.

Dated this 16th day of November, 1995.
/s/ Clerk of Court

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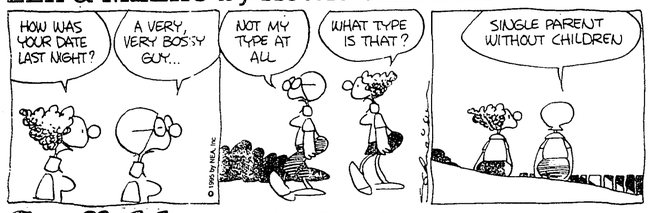

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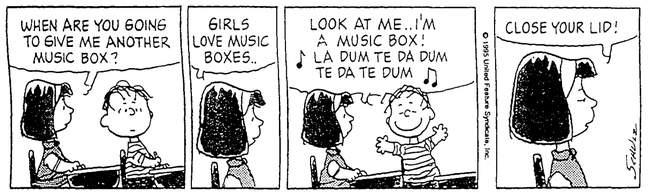

STELLA WILDER

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

TUESDAY, NOV. 21

Born today, you know how to make something out of nothing. You never shrink from a challenge and use hardship as your inspiration. People who hover humbly in the background receive your disdain. Never satisfied with playing the traditional roles, you are more interested in breaking new ground whenever possible and you use the element of surprise to your advantage. You have a knack for making money, and you are creative and inventive in regard to financial matters.

You may be the first natural born leader to emerge from your family in a long time, and you will be a source of great pride to your parents and siblings. You would rather chart your own course, but you can recognize situations in which it would be wise to follow in another's footsteps.

Also born on this date are: Hetty Green, financier; Pope Benedict XV; Voltaire, philosopher and satirist; Ken Griffey Jr. and Stan Musial, baseball players; Lorna Luft and Marlo Thomas, actresses; Natalia Makarova, ballerina.

To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — It will be time for you to leave the sidelines and get in the game today. Others eagerly await your energy and input.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your opponents will not make many mistakes today, so make sure you are meticulously prepared and on top of your game.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — In order to get colleagues to improve their skills and produce better products, you may have to be the bad guy today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Even though colleagues may ask your advice today, your comments will not be taken seriously if you do not present these pearls of wisdom in a professional manner.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You will have to be careful not to overexert yourself when performing a simple task. Make sure you know when to pull back.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Despite stiff competition today, you have what it takes to triumph over your adversaries. Disregard any of your limitations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Stop fussing about your work today, and let others offer constructive criticism. Concentrate instead on giving your all.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You may be getting in your own way these days simply because you insist on stopping and thinking about things at every turn. Trust in momentum!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You can be just as effective today if you remain in the background. You don't always have to be in the spotlight. Your support will be appreciated.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Remember that the show isn't over until the fat lady sings. There will be no reason to quit unless you have no choice.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — If you take advantage of your natural gifts today, you could get results that would place you squarely on top of the heap.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — The pace may feel too slow and leisurely for you today, but the fact is that you may actually need a little more time to contemplate.

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CLOSERS

Although losing only 8 percent of the water in our bodies is fatal to humans, certain toads can survive droughts by losing up to 60 percent of their body water.

The Alaskan coastline is longer than the entire coastline of the 48 continental United States.

Marie Curie, a two-time Nobel Prize winner and one of the most brilliant scientific minds of her day, was denied membership into the French Academy based solely on the fact that she was a woman.

As a child, Ludwig van Beethoven was deemed hopeless as a composer by his music teachers and even made a poor impression upon his sometime instructor, Joseph Hayden.

An early version of the comic book was the chapbook, named after the chapmen (peddlers) who sold them. "Mary Rowlandson's Captivity," an illustrated story of a woman captured by Indians, sold 5 million copies in 1682. Cheaply prices and crudely drawn, chapbooks reached the height of their popularity by the mid 1800s, but disappeared completely after the U.S. Civil War.

Ocean plants make up over 80 percent of the earth's overall plant life.

Although he never finished high school, and was fired from his job as postmaster because of his tendency to gossip with his friends and read instead of concentrating on his work, William Faulkner went on to receive the Nobel Prize for literature.

Whereas domestic turkeys are rather stupid creatures (turkey chicks will starve to death if they are not taught to eat, and many grown turkeys drown from looking up during rainstorms), the wild turkey is one of the most intelligent of all birds. Benjamin Franklin, in fact, suggested that the wild turkey be the national bird of the United States instead of the bald eagle.

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

1 Flap
4 — Rose Lee
9 — and arrow
12 That woman
13 Wardrobe size
14 Gums
15 Obliteration
17 Behind
19 Appearance
20 Spoiled child
21 Island of exile
23 Most ridiculous
27 "— — Children"
29 Jacket and trousers
30 — — cummings
31 "Norma —"
32 Devoured
34 Make into leather
35 SW state
36 Become boring
37 Elliott —
39 Better-tasting
42 Smaller amount
43 Part of brain
44 Glazes
46 — -Saxon
48 Andes country
51 — Costello
52 Abalone
54 Actor Vigoda
55 Mimic
56 Small ridge
57 Kennel sound

DOWN

1 "— Lion King"
2 — Lingus (airline)
3 Briar
4 Paste
5 Tales
6 Before (prefix)
7 Gilbert ID
8 Colt
9 Small mesa
10 Corrida cheer
11 Armed conflict
16 Old name for Thailand
18 — accompli
20 "— Velvet"
21 Merits
22 South American animal
24 Tropical basket fiber
25 Fastens
26 Cares for
28 Almanac
33 Inter —; among others
34 Monday's follower
36 Canvass
38 Genus of olive trees
40 Indefinite
41 Kitchen utensil
45 Hair ringlet
46 — — carte
47 M-Q linkup
48 Large bird
49 Kimono sash
50 Cotton cloth
53 Doctor's asst.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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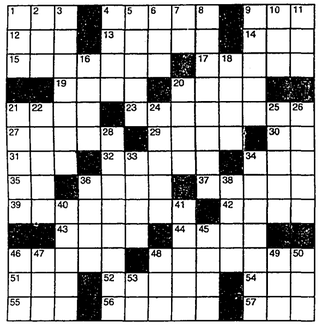

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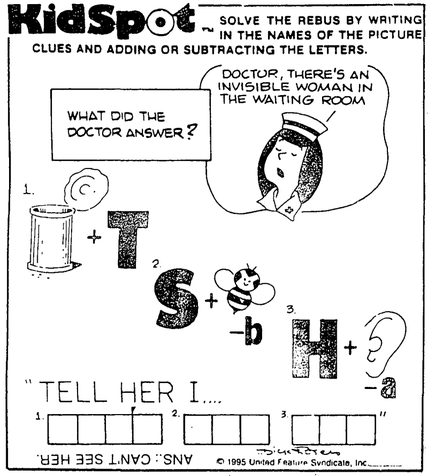

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Hong Kong to host '97 World Taekwondo championships

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The World Taekwondo Federation decided Sunday to hold the 1997 world championships in Hong Kong, after the British colony's return to Chinese rule, a Philippine taekwondo official said.

Roberto Aventejado, president of the Philippine Taekwondo Association, said the federation's general assembly voted to hold the 13th men's world championship and the 6th women's championship Nov. 13-20, 1997, in Hong Kong.

Aventejado said he did not expect any political problems from the Chinese takeover of Hong Kong because Beijing has announced it will adopt a "one country, two systems" policy in Hong Kong.

"When Hong Kong made the bid to host the championships, they were expecting that they will remain as Hong Kong," he said. "When we voted for Hong Kong, we saw no problem on the issue of politics. ... We must remain apolitical."

Wawe . . .

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inning and for more runs in the second.

Just For Fun prevented a shutout defeat when it staged a four-run rally. Aguon scored three RBIs and a triple for Amigas. Debra Camacho had two RBIs and a double, and Pauline Tudela one RBI and a triple.

Why Not 10, Money Makers 7

Cosmos took its third win from the Money Makers to join the Amigas and the Loonies in third place.

With runs scored in almost every inning, Why Not failed to stop the visitors from doing the same. Money Makers from the Department of Finance trailed closely behind but were knocked off in the top of the seventh.

Why Not's Zera Dela Cruz scored three RBIs and two doubles.

Sluggers 7, Darlings 3

PSS Sluggers came strong in the first inning taking four runs from their visitors without giving the same opportunity. Li'l Darlings took two runs in the fourth and one in the seventh, while the Sluggers took two more in the sixth and one in the seventh inning.

The power hitter in the game was Sluggers' Dolores Rasiang with four RBIs after hitting a grandslam.

Review 5, DCCA 3

In the last game of the day, DCCA was unable to mow down Labor and Immigration. Both teams struggled defensively to hold their opponent from scoring, and both succeeded — except in one inning.

DCCA took three runs in the second inning, while Review and Challenge took theirs in the fourth. Top batter of the game were Review's Cathy "Bolis" Pangelinan with three RBIs and an inside the park homer, and Bertha Sablan with two RBIs and a homer of her own.

Standings as of Nov. 18 Games schedule

Team	W	L
Wawe	5	0
Sluggers	4	1
Review & Challenge	4	1
Looney Toonies	3	2
Amigas	3	2
Why Not	3	2
Emergency Crew	2	1
Money Makers	1	3
DCCA	1	3
Li'l Darlings	1	4
Capitalists	1	4
Just For Fun	0	5

Nov.25

DCCA vs Money Makers
Capitalists vs Sluggers
Looney Toonies vs Why Not
Amigas vs Review & Challenge
Li'l Darlings vs Wawe
Emergency Crew vs Just For Fun

Everyone is invited to watch the games at Susupe Softball Field and cheer their favorite team. Games starts at 9 a.m. every Saturday.

FT . . .

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In the second game, coach Juan Diaz started working on his vow to end the Brothers' four-year drought by winning its first game of the season against newcomer Primos team.

Primos lost the game but it sent a clear signal to the other teams that it has ace shooters beyond the perimeter in Charlie Sablan and Darcy Maratita.

Sablan and Maratita combined seven rainbow shots which was about a quarter of the total points converted by Primos in the game.

SPG veteran Ed Diaz, Tony Diaz and Jess Dela Cruz led the Brothers to a six-point lead in the top half by combining 32 points.

Sharp-shooting Charlie Sablan tried to rally his team with 16 points but Ed Diaz matched his shots *mano-por-mano* with 18 points.

Primos' Ben Guerrero and Ray Duenas aided Sablan with eight points each, but that as well was matched by Tony Diaz and James Diaz with 10 and 9 points, respectively.

The Brothers team widened its lead with eight points more in the last half for the final 14-point deficit.

Sablan topscored for Primos with 29 points. Maratita and Duenas each had 14, Guerrero 10, Jun Fujihira 9, Ben Palacios 5, Dennis Reyes 4, while Joe Lizama, Dave Sablan and Alex Maratita each had 2.

On the Brothers' side, Ed Diaz was the top gunner with 34 points. Tony Diaz had 18, Jess Dela Cruz and Jeff Diaz each had 14, James Diaz 13, Jack Diaz 10, Darren Butteris 2 and Felix Ayuyu 1.

The schedule last night was Brewers versus D' 4s and Sunrisers versus Panthers when Variety Sports went to press.

Palau . . .

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won their first game of the season.

Diego Kaipat went 2-for-3 with a walk and scored thrice, while his brother Joe went 2-for-4 with doubles in their first victory. Mariano Aguon went 2-for-3 and scored twice for the losing team.

Kautz Glass Glazers team earned its third win in the season. It defeated O&K Goods, 12-7.

Jeff Cabrera went 3-for-4 and scored twice, while Paul Camacho and brothers Tony and and Greg all homered to lead the Glazers to victory after the season's opening loss.

Joe Quitano hit a three-run homer and Nover Haruo went perfect 3-for-3 in an effort that also fell short.

Kabekel edged Division B defending pennant champion L.A. Bombers, 17-16, in one of the most exciting game of the day where the lead changed thrice.

SSA triples champion Paul Ogumuro did a perfect 4-for-4 scoring three singles and one triple as he score thrice.

John Nevilles went 2-for-5 including a clutch single that won the game in the bottom of the last inning. Sean Frink and Steve Coleman also went 2-for-4 for Kabekel.

In the losing team, Tom Torres went 3-for-4 and Ben Hocog 3-for-5.

In the penultimate game of the day, Noel Ignacio played a perfect defense and batted 2-for-2 including an FC and a solo homer during the matchup between Specs and Ambassadors.

Rasco Yamada had a perfect 3-for-3 including a triple to lead Spec to a perfect 3-0 win-loss record.

Rasco Yamada was also involved in a total of 10 putouts record in the league for an infielder.

Olikong Tkel and Dennis Olkerril bot went 1-for-2 in a losing effort.

In the last game, Ray Saka went 3-for-3 with three RBIs and scored thrice including a two-run homer. Benito Ichikawa also hit 3-for-3 and scored twice to lead defending champion Red Torch to its third victory of the season.

George Matsuda went 2-for-3 with a solo homer for the victorious team. Melvin Teregeyo and Cummins Skang both went 2-for-2 in a losing cause.

Swede . . .

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minutes of her triumph, with a helicopter and private jet laid on by tournament organizers to get her to Sydney in time for a flight to New York.

Sorenstam will on Monday night be presented with an award as Player of the Year on the U.S. LPGA Tour.

She had only one birdie over the first 12 holes Sunday but three more over the final six holes.

"I realized early on that I wasn't hitting the ball as well as I needed to beat the (world) record," she said. "I was a little tentative today and I was swinging the clubs too fast — I didn't play as aggressively as I would have liked."

Sorenstam had only four bogeys over the four rounds and recorded her second win in Australia. Last year, she won the Australian Open.

The victory moved her closer to overhauling Davies as the world's top-ranked player.

Two-time champion Jane Geddes of the United States recorded her fifth top-three finish in the event, carding a final round 70 to be second on 278.

Liselotte Neumann, Sorenstam's compatriot and winner of last week's Australian Open, finished equal third with Davies, who had been winning for her third straight victory at Royal Pines.

Neumann had a final round of 72, while Davies carded a 68.

Sorenstam equalled her best ever 72-hole score. She won the Austrian Open at 22-under earlier this year.

The event offered total prize of $ U.S. 225,000 — making it the richest tournament in Australian women's golf.

SABA Games Results
Nov. 18 games statistics

First Game
Team: FT Construction

Players	No.	3P	2P	FT	F	TP
L. Hartman	14	2	3	3/6	0	15
E. Cosino	18	3	5	1/2	3	20
R. Sumaong	16	0	3	—	1	6
D. Paraiyno	12	0	2	1/4	1	5
E. Gutierrez	11	0	0	1/2	3	1
R. Alegre	5	0	7	3/6	4	17
D. Bicera	15	0	1	0/2	0	2
N. Domingues	10	0	4	2/3	2	10
Total		**5**	**2511/25**		**14**	**76**

Team: Toyota Wheels

Players	No.	3P	2P	FT	F	TP
F. Iglecias	14	0	1	—	2	2
F. Palacios	17	0	2	0/2	1	4
B. Lee	7	0	5	—	2	10
D. Vistal	4	0	2	1/2	3	5
R. Lizama	10	0	5	1/1	2	11
N. Remolano	9	0	1	0/1	4	2
J. Iakopo	11	0	1	—	3	2
J. Richardson	6	0	2	6/7	1	10
N. Acielo	3	0	8	—	3	16
G. De Guzman	5	0	0	—	1	0
Total		**0**	**27**	**8/13**	**22**	**82**

Halftime score: FT 36, Wheels 27

Second Game
Team: Brothers

Players	No.	3P	2P	FT	F	TP
Ed Diaz	9	1	13	5/9	3	34
Jess Dela Cruz	6	0	5	4/6	4	14
Tony Diaz	8	0	6	6/9	1	18
Felix Ayuyu	21	0	1	1/2	2	1
James Diaz	11	1	5	0/2	2	13
Jeff Diaz	7	0	6	2/5	4	14
Jack Diaz	4	0	5	—	0	10
Darren Butteris	14	0	1	—	0	2
Mike Sablan	16	0	0	—	2	0
Total		**2**	**4118/33**		**18**	**106**

Team: Primos

Players	No.	3P	2P	FT	F	TP
Alex Maratita	14	0	1	—	5	2
Ben Guerrero	12	1	4	2/4	3	10
Ben Palacios	8	0	1	3/6	2	5
Charlie Sablan	16	3	9	2/4	4	29
Darcy Maratita	9	4	1	—	4	14
Dave Sablan	5	0	1	—	1	2
Dennis Reyes	6	0	1	2/2	2	4
Joe Lizama	10	0	1	—	0	2
June Fujihira	18	0	4	1/2	3	9
Ray Duenas	11	1	5	1/2	1	14
Total		**828**	**11/20**		**25**	**91**

Halftime score: Brothers 50, Primos 44

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Jets 26; and Minnesota 43, New Orleans 24.

San Francisco was at Miami in the Monday night game.

Cowboys at Raiders

Troy Aikman added to Dallas' offense with a 17-yard touchdown pass to Michael Irvin. Smith gained 111 yards on 29 carries and had scoring runs of 13, 4 and 4 yards. Irvin caught 7 passes for 109 yards, while Aikman was 19 of 24 for 227 yards.

Oakland played the second half without Jeff Hostetler, who reinjured his left shoulder, and Evans threw touchdown passes of 24 yards to Tim Brown and 16 yards to Kerry Cash, pulling the Raiders within 31-21 early in the fourth quarter.

Chiefs 20, Oilers 13

Mark Collins returned Todd McNair's fumble 34 yards for a touchdown with 15 seconds left, putting the Chiefs at an NFL-best 10-1 for the first time in franchise history.

Kansas City appeared headed for its fourth overtime this season. Then McNair, a former Chief, fumbled when hit by Doug Terry, and Collins scooped up the ball and scored almost untouched.

Eagles 28, Giants 19

Randall Cunningham has found a niche with Philadelphia. He polishes off the New York Giants for Rodney Peete when he gets injured.

Just as he did five weeks ago, when he last played, Cunningham finished for Peete, who hurt his hip. And the Eagles kept the pressure on Dallas in the NFC East with their 7-4 record.

Packers 31, Browns 20

The way the Browns are playing, Baltimore might not want them. They lost their third straight as Brett Favre passed for three touchdowns and ran for another. That, coupled with Chicago's loss, put the Packers (7-4) into first place in the NFC Central Division.

Colts 24, Patriots 10

Just 10 games into his career, Curtis Martin of New England (4-7) invited comparisons with second-year running back Marshall Faulk of Indianapolis. OK, let's compare.

Faulk ran for 96 yards, caught eight passes and scored once as he and Jim Harbaugh led the Colts (6-5), who broke a two-game losing streak. Martin ran for 48 yards and a touchdown. Harbaugh was 20 of 26 passes for 232 yards and two touchdowns.

Panthers 27, Cardinals 7

Kerry Collins threw for 201 yards and two touchdowns as Carolina held Arizona to its lowest yardage total in 40 years.

In winning for the fifth time in six games, Carolina (5-6) continued to distance itself from the previous record for victories by a first-year NFL team.

Lions 24, Bears 17

It looks like the Lions took owner William Clay Ford seriously. Even with Scott Mitchell injured, Detroit (5-6) won its second straight game since Ford told Lions coach Wayne Fontes he'd be gone if he didn't make the playoffs.

Steelers 49, Bengals 31

Kordell Stewart caught a 71-yard touchdown pass that put Pittsburgh ahead as the Steelers (7-4) scored 36 straight points in the second half.

Pittsburgh overcame an 18-point deficit _ its second-biggest comeback ever _ for its fourth straight win.

Neil O'Donnell threw two touchdown passes, and Bam Morris ran for three more scores in the final 22 minutes.

Falcons 31, Rams 6

Jeff George passed for 352 yards and four touchdowns, three to Terance Mathis, as the Falcons (7-4) handed St. Louis (6-5) its fourth loss in five games and took over the lead in the NFC West. The two teams came into the game tied for the division lead.

Seahawks 27, Redskins 20

Robert Blackmon intercepted passes by Gus Frerotte and Heath Shuler, and Chris Warren ran for 136 yards as the Seahawks beat Washington (3-8).

Seattle (5-6) took advantage of five Washington turnovers to win its third straight game.

Buccaneers 17, Jaguars 16

Jacksonville coach Tom Coughlin decided to go for the 2-point conversion and the win. He wound up with a 1-point loss.

Steve Beuerlein, replacing the injured Mark Brunnell, threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Pete Mitchell with 37 seconds to play, pulling the Jaguars within 1.

Broncos 30, Chargers 27

Terrell Davis ran for 176 yards, including 53 on Denver's game-winning drive, and the Broncos won on Jason Elam's 32-yard field goal with 2 seconds left. Denver moved to 6-5 and still is in the playoff hunt, while San Diego, playing for the second straight week without running back Natrone Means, fell to 4-7.

Bill 28, Jets 26

Jim Kelly threw for 316 yards, hitting Billy Brooks seven times for 103 yards and two touchdowns, and Buffalo held on to win when Thomas Smith broke up the Jets' 2-point conversion pass.

The Jets pulled within 2 points when Boomer Esiason hit Adrian Murrell with a 41-yard desperation pass in the end zone on the game's last play.

Vikings 43, Saints 24

Warren Moon turned 39 Saturday, then turned in one of the best performances of his 12-year NFL career a day later. He threw for 338 yards and four touchdowns for Minnesota (6-5).

Moon completed 25 of 32 passes before leaving midway through the third quarter.

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tenders who shared free lunch and drinks at the end of the friendly competition.

Golfers interested in joining the December tournament are advised that the event will be held on Dec. 19, while the Ace of Aces tournament is scheduled on Dec. 23.

A membership meeting will also be held on Dec. 23. The venue and time will be announced later.

SPORTS

Wawe reaches 5-0 mark

WAWE ladies remained the solo leaders in the 3rd Government Inter-Agency Slowpitch Softball League.

Last weekend, Wawe reached its 5-0 win-loss mark when it defeated its latest opponent, the Commerce Capitalists in the fourth game of six pairings Saturday in Susupe.

The Capitalists played like champions when they refused to quit early in the game even after one of their players was injured, leaving them with only nine players against the undefeated team.

The Capitalists, with only one win and limited players, were able to steal four runs from Wawe in the fourth inning.

Wawe showed no mercy on the Capitalists, took advantage of the situation and scored 14 runs in the first inning alone. Wawe scored five more runs for the final 19-4 margin.

The power hitter of the game was Wawe's Dolores Yanneris and Rita Lial each with two RBIs.

Emergency Crew 10,
Toonies 9

In the opener, defending champion CHC Emergency Crew had a close call in the hands of NMC Looney Toonies.

The Loonies came strong in the first inning with Brenda Haddox scoring a two-run double and an inside-the-park homer in the seventh inning.

The Crew were able to closely trail the Loonies in every inning, but the devastating blow came in the bottom of the seventh when the Loonies, ahead by one run, made a big defense error that enabled the Crew to garner the runs needed to win the game.

The Crew's power hitter for the day was Lilian Ada with two RBIs.

Just For Fun 12,
Amigas 4

Just For Fun were unable to steal their first win in the second game of the day against Stevedore Amigas.

Aided by Lilian Aguon, powerhouse Amigas took advantage of their host and scored six runs in the first

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FT, Brothers join early SABA winners

FT Construction and Brothers squads defeated their respective rivals to join the early winners in the 1995-96 Miller Lite Men's Basketball League Saturday at the Ada gym in Susupe.

FT defeated Toyota Wheels by 14 points in the opener matchup, 76-62, while the Brothers likewise downed by 14 points the new Primos team, 104-90.

The Wheelers had an even scoring in the first half while the FT offensive was led by newly acquired slotman Lloyd Hartman and Ed Cosino.

The Construction cagers closed the top half with a nine-point lead when Hartman and Cosino combined 20 points.

Toyota improved its offensive within the perimeter in the last half, but a combined three triples by Cosino and Hartman and series of shots by Ric Alegre neutralized the offensive of Wheeler Nilo Acielo, Ray Lizama and Robert Lee despite a combined 26 points.

As the Wheelers converted 35 points in the final half, FT countered with 40 points that widened its lead to the final margin.

Acielo scored most for the Wheels with 16 points. Lizama had 11, Lee and John Richardson each had 10, Dado Vistal 5, Felix Palacios 4, and Frank Iglesias, Noel Remolano and Jerome Iakopo 2 each.

On the FT side, Ed Cosino scored 20, Hartman 15, Alegre 17, Noel Dominguez 10, Rene Sumaong 6, Dong Parayno 5, Bicera 2 and Evan Gutierrez 1.

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SAVA sets Thanksgiving, Christmas spike leagues

THE SAIPAN Amateur Volleyball Association informs volleyball enthusiasts about the cancellation of the coed volleyball league scheduled this month.

Instead, there will be a Thanksgiving tournament on Nov. 24, 25 and 26 at the Ada gym basketball court. Entry fee is $100.

Interested spikers may contact Jeff Pua at 234-7987, Bego Odishi at 664-1069, Rose Igitol at 234-3690 extension 1811, or Ryan Camacho at 233-7926.

Deadline for submission of rosters is on Nov. 23.

SAVA will likewise hold a three-day tournament on Dec. 22, 23 and 24.

Details of the December tournament will be announced later.

Palau League: Red Torch, Tigers lead Division BSpecs, Turtles ahead in Div. A

SPECS and Turtles teams shared the lead in Division A while Red Torch joined Koror Tigers at the top of Division B standings after defeating their respective rivals in weekend four of the Palau League Association Men's Slowpitch Softball games last Sunday at Koblerville Ballfield.

The Turtles won over Stevedore Waves, 15-4, in game three. Specs bested the Ambassadors in game seven, 6-2, while Red Torch shut out Wild Thing in the last game, 11-0.

In the first game, Just For Fun edged Peleliu, 4-3.

Ton Cepeda went 2-for-3 and scored a run. Ben Guerrero hit a triple and added an RBI to lead Just For Fun to its first win of the season.

Steve Hesus hit a two-run homer in a losing effort.

Peleliu had a tying run and a walk-on-base with no outs in the bottom of the last inning but failed to score a run.

In game two, Chinatown Wolfpack defeated Nan Madol, 9-5.

Jack Diaz went 3-for-3 with two RBIs and Roman Yaneris went 2-for-2 and likewise scored twice to lead Chinatown over winless Nan Madol.

Alfonso Luzama went 2-for-3, a double and one triple in an effort that fell short.

In what is considered a major upset, the Turtles, behind Sylvan Pua and Joe Guerrero, scored two-run homers each in game three against Stevedore Waves.

The Turtles simply swam through the Waves en route to a 10-run, 5-inning mercy rule victory.

Sid Sablan was the star of the losing team. He went 1-for-2 with a towering three-run homer.

In game four, Aschooschoo defeated Kool Running, 9-7. Aschooschoo finally found their winning form as they

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Swede netter wins Aussie Masters

GOLD COAST, Australia (AP) — Annika Sorenstam of Sweden carded a cautious 4-under-par 69 on Sunday but still won the Alpine Australian Ladies Masters golf championship by a record margin of eight strokes.

Sorenstam had a 72-hole total of 270, finishing 22-under-par — also a tournament record.

Sorenstam, who had earlier rounds of 66-68-67 over the par-73, 5,626 meters (6,152 yards) Royal Pines resort course, bettered the previous record of 20-under-par set by Laura Davies of Britain last year.

She missed out by four shots on equalling the world record of 25-under-par set by Davies in winning this year's Irish Open title.

The win was the sixth of the year for U.S. Open champion Sorenstam, who was the leading money winner on both the U.S. LPGA and European tours. She collected $ U.S. 33,750 for the victory.

The 25-year-old left the course within

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Four golfers excel in SGA tourney

ED MANIBUSAN, Louie Duenas, Antonette Aquino and Rosie Davies bested 35 golfers in the latest Saipan Golfers Association Ace of the Month competition held at Laulau Golf Course last weekend.

Manibusan led five top finishers in the men's low gross. He shot 78, Brian Reyes 78, Frank Castro 81, Rex Palacios 82, and Tony Taitano 82.

In the men's low net, Louie Duenas shot 68, Ray Diaz 68, Rudy Sablan 68, Rep. Pete Reyes 69 and Pete Tenorio 70.

In the ladies' division, Antonette topped other players with a low gross 91 score. Rosie Davies topped the women's low net with 74, Aquino 78 and Tilde Cabrera 79.

Cash prizes were given away to the top finishers, while a trophy was given to the SGA Ace of the month winner. Turkeys were distributed to all con-

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NFL scene: Cowboys down Raiders

NEW YORK (AP) _ When it comes to battling football teams from northern California, Dallas is improving its luck.

One week after losing 38-20 to the San Francisco 49ers at Dallas, the Cowboys defeated the Oakland Raiders 34-21 Sunday, keeping two games between themselves and Philadelphia in the NFC East Division.

Emmitt Smith ran for three touchdowns, and the Cowboys held on in the face of a determined Oakland rally, led by backup Vince Evans.

"When we lost that game last week, we lost a lot. A lot of emotion," Smith said. "I think this game was very important for us."

In other NFL games, it was Kansas City 20, Houston 13; Philadelphia 28, New York Giants 19; Green Bay 31, Cleveland 20; Indianapolis 24, New England 10; Carolina 27, Arizona 7; Detroit 24, Chicago 17; Pittsburgh 49, Cincinnati 31; Atlanta 31, St. Louis 6; Seattle 27, Washington 20; Tampa Bay 17, Jacksonville 16; Denver 30, San Diego 27; Buffalo 28, New York

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Hard-pitching rookie. *Hideo Nomo smiles during a news conference in Tokyo recently. The Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher won the National League Rookie of the Year Award, becoming the first Japanese player to win a major US baseball award. (AP Photo)*

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