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Camacho not guilty

By Ferdie de la Torre
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THE SIX-man jury reached a verdict Friday night declaring Alvin A. Camacho not guilty of all charges in connection with the

June 10 fatal shooting incident in San Roque.

The jurors handed the verdict after deliberating for over two days in the Superior Court.

The 22-year-old Camacho was immediately hugged by his tearful father, Augustine, as deputy clerk Jovie Castro Flores finished reading the decision.

Relatives and friends also clapped their hands, prompting Associate Judge Miguel Demapan to remind them to maintain silence in the courtroom.

"No comment," a grinning Camacho told reporters.

"It's a fair verdict," said Augustine who had sit beside his son in the courtroom from day one giving moral support.

Defense lawyer G. Anthony Long said he was very pleased with the verdict.

Deputy Atty. Gen. Loren Sutton, chief of the Attorney General's Criminal Investigation Division, expressed disappointment with the decision.

Sutton said he hopes that the case would not give a message to the community that "if you get an altercation with somebody in a club it's all right to get a gun and shoot."

The prosecutor, however, said he respects the jury's ruling.

"The jury has ruled. That's what our criminal justice system," Sutton added.

It was the second murder case on Saipan handled by Sutton to lose in one month.

Sutton also prosecuted and lost the government's case against James Itibus who was accused of murdering a Bangladeshi security guard last year.

The San Roque shooting resulted in the death of 20-year-old

Jeffrey A. Omar and wounded Anthony S. Camacho, 19, Greg Magofna, 17, and Jesse Q. Tomokane, 17.

Camacho was charged with murder in the second degree, three counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, and illegal posses-

sion of a firearm.

The prosecution claimed that Camacho was "fed up" against the Tanapag group or from people throwing rocks at their house.

The government said Camacho prepared himself to shoot the

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Alvin Camacho gets hug after verdict was read.

Belvilyn wins Miss CNMI Universe '96

By Ferdie de la Torre
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BELVILYN A. Tenorio was crowned this year's Miss CNMI Universe during the 22nd annual Miss Northern Marianas Beauty Pageant held at the Nikko Hotel Friday night.

The equally lovely Kathleen Williams charmed her way to the Miss CNMI International title.

When the eight beautiful contestants were introduced in national costume, both Tenorio and Williams were readily standouts in terms of poise and audience impact.

The 18-year-old Tenorio

drew a warm response from the crowd particularly in the gown and swimsuit competitions.

The new CNMI Universe title holder, sponsored by Pena House Boutique, likewise showed eloquence.

During the question and answer portion, the 5'7" tall Tenorio was asked what she would do if she found out her close friend was on drugs.

She said she would have a long talk with him or her and give her counseling.

"A true friend is always there for a friend," said the confident

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Tenorio asks public auditor to do audit of gov't travels

By Rafael H. Arroyo
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio has asked the Public Auditor to conduct an audit of travel authorizations and airline tickets purchased by government agencies with Northwest Airlines since November 20 for compliance to a recently enacted law concerning frequent travel benefits.

In a memorandum to branch, department and activity heads as well as elected officials, Tenorio served notice to everyone traveling on government expense that all travel mileage accruing under frequent travel programs should

be compiled for government use under Public Law 9-54.

"This notice shall serve as a reminder to all government travelers as to the requirements of the law," said Tenorio in his March 12 memo.

"The purpose of the audit should be to determine whether P.L. 9-54 has been complied with and to make recommendations as to how the government can recoup those

miles unlawfully earned by government travelers," he said.

P.L. 9-54, which Tenorio signed into law on October 3, 1995, requires all bonus miles earned on flights purchased by any branch, department or agency of the CNMI government to be allocated to the Department of Public Health for the use of the medical referral program.

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'Lax' mail system adds to drug problem in NMI

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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THE LAXITY of Customs authorities in inspecting mails and packages that come in and out of the CNMI contributes to the flourishing of the drug trade in the island, according to a drug task force member.

The laxity is compounded by the decentralized postal and package delivery services in the CNMI, committee member Hans Hoogeven said.

What the CNMI needs, Hoogeven said, is "to develop, design and implement a mail processing that will improve the current operation with dramatic

savings in resources, both in personnel and funds" and "to become more efficient in the detection of drugs, guns and other contraband."

Hoogeven has submitted his position paper to the multisectoral drug task force during a recent meeting at the MultiPurpose Center in Susupe. He is a member of the task force's Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.

Under the current postal system, mail is received at the main post office in Chalan Kanoa. From there, the mails are distributed to the outlying post of-

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Weather Outlook



Partly cloudy with isolate light showers



Belvilyn Tenorio takes on the ramp during the swimsuit competition. The 18-year old beauty won the Miss CNMI Universe title.

Lee retains power in Taiwan

By ANNIE HUANG
TAIPEI, Taiwan - Cradling children in his arms and handing a bottle of champagne to cheering supporters, President Lee Teng-hui celebrated his landslide election victory Sunday with a promise to

Vows to seek better relations with China

work on improving relations with China. Firecrackers set off by shopkeepers greeted Lee as he began an islandwide tour to greet voters who for the first time elected their own president. They gave Lee 54 percent of the vote.

But just one day after Lee's triumph, newspapers were urging him to heal the rift that has led China to test-fire missiles and hold menacing war

games close to Taiwan. Lee did not signal any concessions, but said: "We will seek further development in our mainland relations. We will do it well."

I know you want stability, and you want to make money. Let's strive together for it," he said to roars of appreciation from a crowd of 2,000. The past few weeks were a very difficult time," he said.

People rushed to buy U.S. dollars and sold their homes as missiles were fired.

But everything is different today," Lee said. We have won a big victory~ a victory for

democracy."

Premier Lien Chan, Lee's running mate, called for a resumption of low-level talks suspended by China last summer.

At a news conference, Lien promised to promote trade and civilian exchanges, but urged China to shun any further deeds that could hurt people's feelings."

Asked about signing a treaty with China to end hostilities, Lien said Taiwan would seriously consider it, but added it would be a long process.

Beijing regardless as a covert independence-seeker who



Lee Teng-hui

that once the election was over they would move to defuse the crisis.

Several newspapers called on him to start doing so soon.

The island cannot prosper continuously without seeking improved relations with the mainland, which is separated from us only by a thin strip of water," said the English-language China Post.

The China Times suggested Lee should seek top-level talks with China, not just the low-level dialogue that started in 1993 and is now frozen.

The president should respond directly to the aspirations of Taiwanese opinion toward normalization" of China-Taiwan ties, it said.

The people want middle-of-the-road approaches and national security along with national dignity," it editorialized.

The Times and the Min Sheng Daily called for practical moves, such as raising the level of talks and considering an end to Taiwan's ban on direct air, mail and shipping links with the mainland.



Taiwanese Army troops salute during military exercise at Huko Army Base on Taiwan's northern coast Monday. The exercise, which was opened to the media for the first time, was called as China conducted last week missile tests and full scale war exercise near Taiwan. AP Photo

CNMI hails new beauty queens



Kathleen Williams waves to the crowd after winning Miss CNMI International '96 title.



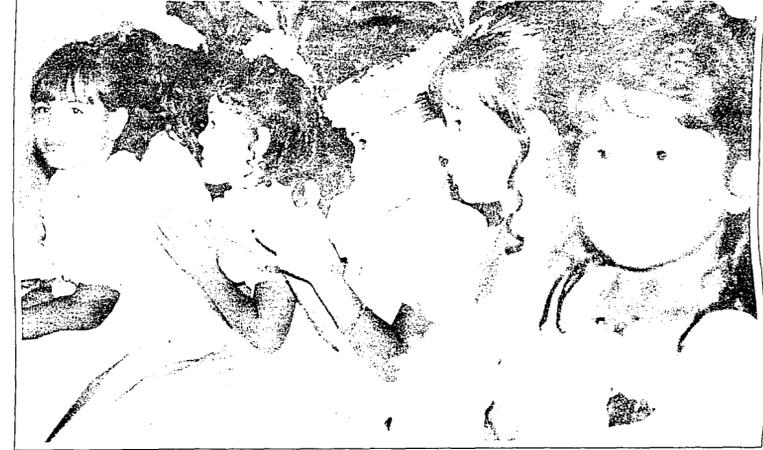
Five of the eight candidates (from left) Kathleen Williams, Jannie Melissa Tenorio, Melia Guerrero Kenney, Belvilyn Tenorio, and Jennifer Lisa C. White, show poise during the swimsuit competition.



Miss CNMI Universe '95 Karah Kirschenheiter (left photo) and Miss CNMI International '95 Elaine Tudela (right) wave during their farewell walk.



The panel of judges (from left) Brenda Perez Sana, Dr. Lionel Marks De Chabris, Atty. Virginia Sablan, Jon S. Fujinaka, and Atty. Juliana C. Sandvold.



Pageant flower belles sit together applauding their bets. The little girls escorted the candidates during the evening gown competition.

Belvilyn...

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Tenorio, daughter of former Congressman Juan I. Tenorio and Mrs. Rosita Tenorio of Tanapag.

She was hugged by her parents, relatives and friends after the pageant.

"I am so surprised. Everyone did a good job," Tenorio, a student at the Northern Marianas College, told reporters.

For winning the title, Tenorio will represent the Commonwealth in the Miss Universe pageant to be held in Las Vegas.

The prizes for the CNMI Universe include \$1,000 scholarship and \$800 cash award from NMBPA, round trip ticket to Miss Universe pageant from Continental Airlines, complimentary use of a car for one year courtesy of

Triple J. Motors, NMBPA Miss Universe pendant from the Perfect Setting, gifts, and trophy.

The 5'5" tall Williams was also a crowd favorite, showing poise and brain worthy of bagging the Miss International crown.

"I am very happy. I didn't know how I got the title. I was not expecting it," said the humble 19-year-old Williams.

Katie as Williams' friends call her, also won three other awards—Miss Photogenic, Miss Congeniality, and Best in National Costume.

Williams, a student of Marianas High School, is the daughter of Valerio and Angela Williams. She was sponsored by Tasi Tours.

Her prizes include \$1,000 scholarship and \$500 cash award from NMBPA, round trip ticket to Miss International Pageant courtesy of Japan Airlines, NMBPA Miss

Atlantis docks with Mir, adventure begins

By MARCIA DUNN—

SPACE CENTER, Houston - American astronaut Shannon Lucid floated into Russia's space station a five-month stay and hugged her new crewmates, following a docking by shuttle Atlantis.

"I'm happy to be here," a beaming Lucid said Saturday night. She is the

first American woman to live on the Mir station.

Atlantis slowly and gracefully moved in and linked with Mir as the spacecraft scored 245 miles (395 kms) above Russia. Two hours later, the hatches were opened and the six shuttle astronauts and two station cosmonauts embraced and shook hands.

"We just can't believe we're here," said Atlantis' commander, Kevin Chilton. Mir doesn't look real, although it certainly is, and it looked gigantic on the way in.

That's the unreal part of it. The real part, though, is the fact that there's a space station up here and we flew a shuttle up to it and docked to it."

The first order of business was moving Lucid and her personal gear into the station, occupied for the past month by cosmonauts

Yuri Onufrienko and Yuri Usachev, her new crewmates. Next came the traditional welcoming ceremony.

Chilton and his crew gave each of the Russians a chocolate Easter bunny, an autographed copy of Apollo 13 commander Jim Lovell's book "Lost Moon," and a blue golf shirt.

The Americans got medallions and emblem's depicting a docked shuttle and station.

It was the U.S. space agency NASA's third docking with the Russian station in less than a year.

NASA's communication lines were quiet as Chilton guided Atlantis into Mir's docking port. Until then, there had been almost nonstop chatter between the crews, in English and Russian.

Lucid couldn't wait to get inside Mir. "I think it'll be a great adventure," she said in a TV interview from Atlantis before the docking. "I'll be doing things that I haven't done before, staying a long time in space and seeing how I react when I spend a long time in space."

Lucid had been preparing for more than a year for her five-month stay on Mir, 10 times longer than her longest space stint to date, and four times longer than her four previous space flights combined. No other American has ever spent 50 much time in orbit. Dr. Norman Thagard spent nearly four months on Mir last year. NASA needs more long-duration space experience before it starts to build and staff an international space station in a few years.

Lucid, 53, a biochemist and the first woman to fly in space five times, 15 to remain aboard Mir until August, when Atlantis returns with her replacement, NASA astronaut John Blaha.

Lucid expects her stay to be tolerable, if not enjoyable. Unlike Thagard, who had limited food selection and sparse family contact, Lucid got to choose her meals in advance and has been promised regular calls home. She'll spend most of her time conducting science experiments.

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Private Interest vs. Public Spending

A private enterprise is in business to make money or profit. This comes in the form of manufacturing or the sale of goods and services to consumers.

Here in the islands, businesses pay their quarterly remittance or taxes. These taxes come from the gross revenue of companies here. The bigger their profits, the larger their tax payment. Conversely, the lesser their profit margins, the lower their tax remittance. These taxes are paid into the NMI Treasury.

The bottom line question of every business operation is profit margin and there's no two ways about it.

An appreciable profit margin allows a business operation certain latitudes. It can reinvest its profits to improve current services or choose to expand to meet the growing demands of the market.

A break-even point triggers the alarm bell for a thorough analysis of every facet of the operations to plug the leak in the system. This review process is crucial in determining the next course of action. A decision, based on a set of facts, is subsequently made to trim excess baggage to ensure that the business survives.

This daily engagement with critical decisions which centers on survival makes people in this sector of the economy far more adept to the management term "efficiency". Because of their experience in this area, they are better suited to measuring success or failure which is reflected in the profit margins of the company they represent. Through diligence, they learn the value of hardwork; therefore, the value of the dollar. Furthermore, they spend within their means!

The government is not in the business of profit making. Its role is one of providing public services to its constituency. It gets its funds from taxes generated and paid by the private sector. Its operations is similar to a giant sand shark who feeds upon small and large predators by opening his jaws at the entrance of a cave at the ocean floor.

Because government employees do not have to work to ensure profits at the end of the year, it is very difficult for them to measure success. Whether a program works or not as planned, there's usually the attitude of indifference. Why? Because they didn't have to provide the funds themselves. They simply shrug off such failure and waste of public funds with indifference. Success or failure, they still get their paychecks every pay day Friday! This attitude breeds complacency.

It is for this reason that we find a diamond dozen "drone" workers in the public sector. Of course, there are hardworking employees who not only work the clock, but improve upon ways to save the government money. This group, however, is a different breed and would do well by working on as their own bosses in a private venture.

Over the years, we have raised government salaries without due regard to the welfare of private sector employees, nor is there consideration on the source of funds for such wage increase. The wage increase empowered government employees with additional purchasing power while private sector employees salivate at the new loot a good portion of which came from businesses they represent.

Politicians dictate increase in wages at will as though it came from privately owned savings accounts. Assuming for a minute that these funds were from your savings account, would you be as generous? It may have secured them greater mileage politically, but take a closer look at the discrepancy it has wreaked for those employed in the private sector. It may be politically correct, but it is a decision far from what any reasonable person would call responsible. Thus, the huge discrepancy in wages earned by government and private sector employees not to mention the mounting deficits.

The businesses are not against increasing wages; they are against mandate wages. Businesses have raised wages (average private sector wage is \$4.60 an hour) and they don't have to be told.

I think there should be a shift in policy for government employment. Such policy should include employment in the private sector for at least two years. This experience would allow for the gradual development of a responsible attitude in work ethics. It should give the employee a better perspective and appreciation of the value of hardwork. It would also prevent complacency from creeping in as a permanent trait in work attitude. It should basically result in a more responsible work force for the NMI Government.

The bottom line in the current debate on minimum wage is really one of skills. An employee who has a good education will never have to worry about receiving the minimum wage in that his salary will be commensurated with skills and experience. For instance, the average wage for educated people is around \$12.00 an hour in 1992. Those who have skeletal qualifications would have to begin at the minimum wage level. Interesting that most indigent job applicants prefer assignments in the government sector for obvious reasons. It's easy work and better perks plus a guaranteed check every two weeks whether they perform or not.

I think we're better off if we rechart our focus of attention from minimum wage to education of the local work force. We should strengthen current efforts to educate employees now working for both sectors. A goal for upward mobility should be formulated to grant merit increase for employees who attain certain credit hours. An effort should be made for the re-education of retirees so that they remain productive members of this community. If double dipping is the means to shave off the large number of foreign workers here, then let it be done for we would have allowed the productive use of our precious human resources.

The discrepancy inherent in our policies reflect the disjointed partnership of the two sectors. It is for this reason that too often policies run contrary to each depicting that it was considered on an ad hoc basis. It can be improved and should be improved by working together to make partnership a more meaningful endeavor. Thanks.



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WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Lott may be eying Dole's Senate leadership

WASHINGTON — The Senate Republican cloakroom is abuzz with rumors of palace intrigue

There is growing speculation that ambitious Majority Whip Trent Lott, R-Miss., the Senate's second-in-command, has his eyes on the majority leader's job held by Bob Dole. As a result, behind-the-scenes relations between Dole and Lott have grown increasingly distrustful in recent weeks.

The shotgun marriage between Dole and Lott began in 1994, after Lott edged out Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo. a Dole loyalist, by one vote for the No. 2 job. Defying early expectations, there's been calm for a year.

Dole diehards are now complaining that Lott has distanced himself from the majority leader on several key issues and blind sided him on others. Lott's supporters counter that Dole has often kept his deputy out of the leadership loop, while personalizing honest policy differences.

"I think it's clear that Lott is salivating," one Republican senator close to both men told us. "The problem is that Lott is displaying his ambition to be majority leader, and his impatience to wait. Dole's Senate term is up in 1998, and I don't think he would run again. But if he doesn't get the (presidential) nomination I think he would like to stay majority leader until he leaves."

Adding what could be the pivotal factor, this source added: "I don't think Lott wants to wait that long."

Dole told us in a recent interview that he won't "address anonymous sources," adding that "as far as I know we get along fine." But Dole conceded there could be some "presidential politics involved in this. I assume Lott helps (Republican candidate Phil) Gramm, I don't know. That's his right... I expect people to do their job, and he's done a good job."

Many senators are not so sanguine. One GOP senator in Lott's camp called the recent turn of events a "very troublesome thing."

"From my perspective Trent believes that his success depends on his loyalty to Bob Dole. Yet he knows that Bob Dole is not willing to put full confidence in him. ... I think (Lott) is somewhat frustrated because I don't think he sees that good will be reciprocated by the leader."

Sources say Dole was livid with Lott during the debate over whether to send American troops into Bosnia. Dole supported the deployment, while Lott chose the politically easy route of opposing the mission. Dole quickly became furious at what he felt was Lott's grandstanding—going on television to criticize the mission without the courtesy of consulting him first.

A group of Republican senators had just finished a meeting in Dole's office last December when a reporter asked Dole if he knew that Lott had just denounced the mission on television.

"Dole, of course, was very cool," said one Republican who attended the meeting. "But Dole was really steamed because Lott just blind-sided him.... I think that exacerbated things very dramatically."

Says Dole: "I don't think he really ever took an oath that he was going to support the leader on everything." In a sense, Lott did take an oath. Seeking to allay concerns that he would push a more confrontational conservative agenda on Dole Lott vowed back in 1994 that "there won't be a separate agenda. I'm going to ride shotgun for the leader."

The latest fracas was sparked by freshman Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., a Lott loyalist, who drew the ire of his colleagues by suggesting that Dole would face a challenge for the Senate's top spot if his presidential bid failed.

Lott, who did not return our repeated phone calls, lamely sought to distance himself from Santorum's remarks and claimed the thought hadn't crossed his mind. But colleagues recall the way he sandbagged Simpson for the assistant leader's job, and see a pattern. Weeks after reassuring Simpson that he had no plans to challenge him, Lott entered the race.

Lott's supporters theorize that Dole not Lott, may be engaged in a power-play to anoint his own successor: Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., chairman of the Republican Policy Committee.

"I think some of it is that Dole would prefer to see Nickles and doesn't really trust Trent," said this Lott ally. "I think Dole perceives a philosophical gap and doesn't want to give Trent any traction."

Audit gets House panel thinking twice on leases

By Rafael H. Arroyo
Variety News Staff

THE HOUSE Committee on Natural Resources may not be ready yet to recommend action on pending lease extension applications owing to a recent audit on public land leases released by the Public Auditor's Office.

According to Rep. Manuel A. Tenorio, Natural Resources chairman, his committee is going back to the drawing board after learning that some lessees of public land have been found not in compliance with their lease agreements.

"One of the things the committee would be looking into is the report of the Public Auditor with respect to individual developer's compliance to the terms of their lease agreements. Certainly the committee will take that into consideration," said Tenorio in an interview.

According to Tenorio, although he foresees no major delays in the committee work on the lease applications, the findings of the audit may have a bearing on the timely approval of one of the leases.

Approval of four pending lease extension applications, sought by Kan Pacific's Marianas Resort, Shimizu's Laolao Bay Golf Resort, SNM Corporation's Er-Est

Golf Resort Hotel, and Pacific Islands Club, are being pushed by House Speaker Diego T. Benavente.

The Public Auditor report which was released to the media earlier this month, indicates that several hotels and golf courses have re-neged on their lease agreements costing the government nearly a million dollars in rental under-payments.

Although only one of the four pending applicants was mentioned in the audit, Tenorio said the audit itself has made the committee reflect on the overall public land lease picture.

Besides, he said the committee has found it imperative for the members of the new Tenth Legislature to take a second look at the pending leases, including that for United Micronesia Development Association.

"We have asked in previous meetings that the various lessees submit a report to the committee on compliance to the terms and conditions of the various lease agreements. So far I have not received any response from the four major hotels whose lease extensions we are reviewing at this time," said Tenorio.

Asked whether the audit may prompt the committee to hold off action on the extension applica-



Manuel A. Tenorio

tions, Tenorio said: "I hope not."

"We have had an opportunity to meet with these people before, during the Ninth Legislature. I have provided copies to the members our committee report so now it depends on our ability to meet together as this requires a joint effort of the House and the Senate," said the Natural Resources chairman.

"I hope we will be able to address these four leases at the same time. I don't see any reason why we should be dwelling on this for a long time. Maybe, we can come up with a recommendation within the next month or so," said Tenorio.

Castro appoints Hillblom's estate special administrator



Alejandro Castro

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE SUPERIOR Court has appointed a New Mexico-based accountant as special administrator for Larry Lee Hillblom's estate.

In a three-page order, Presiding Judge Alejandro Castro tapped William I. Webster to administer the estate until authority of the sus-

pending executor Bank of Saipan has been restored or a new executor is named to take place.

Webster accepted the appointment. He signed Friday an oath to "faithfully, impartially, and to the best of ability, discharge all of the duties of special administrator."

Webster, a member of American Institute of Certified Public Accountants-Texas Society of CPA, reportedly has 32 years experience in public accounting and three years in private business.

Castro required the special administrator to post a \$120,000 bond to the lower court.

Webster will receive \$62,500 in monthly fee beginning March 15. As special administrator, Webster's duties include among other things:

- Preservation and management of the assets of the estate.
- Representation of the estate in all claims that have been filed by or against the estate in a court of law or administrative proceeding.

• Assumption of any and all contracts entered into by the suspended executor.

• Directing and reporting to the court on all estate's expenditures or transactions.

• Initializing ancillary probate actions.

• Representing the estate in and reporting to the court concerning the filing of all federal, Commonwealth, state and other required tax returns of Hillblom and the estate.

• Petitioning the court for the expenditure of estate assets necessary to carry out the duties.

In the interest of continuity, Castro asked Webster to work with the suspended executor in carrying out his duties.

In other development, the executor has moved for the recusal of law clerk Furnari and Castro in presiding Hillblom's estate probate proceedings.

David Nevitt, counsel for the executor, filed the motion before the lower court last week.

Parasailing zone mulled

THE Coastal Resources Management plans to designate a zone for parasailing activity on Saipan's coastal waters.

CRM Director Manuel C. Sablan said he was working on certain amendments in the regulations including creating a management position for the Saipan Lagoon.

All parasailers, Sablan said, would be allowed only outside the reef.

"We'll concentrate (the banana boats) between the tank and the fishing base area; we place them in one place where they can go so we can easily identify them," he said.

He said that if there's an acci-

dent, it should occur within the designated area. "It should not occur any place else, because if it does occur any place else, we will fine them."

Parasailing is one of the more popular water sports here and it has become increasingly imperative to assure the safety of those practicing this sport— Rick Alberto

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Extortion ring in Garapan?

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff
FOUR Chinese were injured, including three who were stabbed, in separate incidents Thursday in Garapan believed to be perpetrated by a group engaged in extortion activities.

reported that three unidentified men entered the VIP Night Club, asking money from a 23-year-old man. When the man refused, one of the suspects struck him with a baseball bat on the head.

The group also demanded money from a 33-year-old man. But when the man refused, one of the suspects cut him with a knife. Both victims were taken to the Commonwealth Health Center.

At 4 a.m., two other Chinese men were taken to CHC after they were stabbed by five to six persons.

It was not clear yet whether the arrest of the two was related to Thursday's two stabbing cases.

The victims were sleeping in a residence when the suspects broke

Police said at 1:53 a.m. it was

into the house and attacked them with a knife.

One occupant was unhurt, police said.

On the same day, the police arrested He Minqui and Fu Ming Huang.

Court information showed that last Monday, He kicked and slapped a woman identified as Jiang Qing Mei.

The two demanded money from Jiang, kicked her in the torso and slapped her on the face.

On Thursday, the defendants returned and asked money from Jiang. They threatened to kill her by throwing her off into the cliff in Marpi, said Assistant Atty. Gen. Yvonne O. Lee.

Arrest warrant for Saipan businessman withdrawn

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

A BUSINESSMAN who had been ordered to pay over \$370,000 to his former employees saved himself from arrest Friday after a judge withdrew the bench warrant he had earlier issued following his attendance in an initial hearing called to determine his ability to pay.

District Judge Alex R. Munson issued an order quashing the arrest warrant for George Duenas based on the representations of Duenas' counsel, Russell H. Tansey, and the "good cause appearing thereby."

It was the first time Duenas, proprietor of the Commonwealth Security Services, Inc., appeared in any court proceeding after 11 of his former employees sued him in October last year for alleged nonpayment of wages and overtime pay as well as for allegedly illegal salary deductions.

Duenas did not bother to answer the complaint.

Duenas also did not show up in a hearing last Jan. 18 to prove up a default judgment. On the same day Munson issued an order favoring the 11 complainants who were awarded \$370,611.42, half of which (\$185,305.71) is in unpaid wages and overtime and the other half in liquidated damages, under a default judgment.

Duenas was also ordered to pay the attorney's fees totalling \$2,537.50 and the amount of \$235.50 in costs awarded to the plaintiffs.

But almost two months after the judgment, the awardees still had to receive what were due them.

They then filed a motion for order in aid of judgment which would examine Duenas' ability to pay the \$373,384.42 and determine the fastest way for him and his company to pay this amount.

Duenas again failed to attend the hearing for this motion last March 15. Because of Duenas' failure to attend the hearing, the complainants asked the court to issue a bench warrant for Duenas.

The court not only issued the bench warrant but also set a \$5,000 bail for the defendant.

In the March 22 hearings for the return of warrant of arrest and the motion for order in aid of judgment, Duenas finally appeared with his lawyer, Tansey.

During that hearing, the 11 awardees' lawyer, Jay H. Sorensen, said the documents that the defendant had brought were not those he wanted to see.

The documents Sorensen had asked the court to order the defendant to bring included the gross and income tax forms for the corporation for 1995; all income and expense statements of the corporation

for 1995; Duenas' income and gross revenue tax forms for 1995; check stubs or other evidence of wages or other income of Duenas in 1995 and this year; and any applications for loan or credit done by Duenas or the corporation during the last three years.

Duenas promised to produce the needed documents. He also informed the court the order in aid of judgment was not served on him personally but on Ben Duenas, his son, at a Puerto Rico house, where he (defendant) had not been residing.

The court ordered Duenas to gather the documents within a week and submit them to Sorensen for his review.

The 11 awardees—Teodoro L. Albia, Alexander U. Bautista, Melvin M. Molas, Franco Panganiban, Ireneo R. Co Jr., Joselito H. Villarosa, Ricardo B. Dulay, Danilo S. Lapececos, Rolando N. Moral, Augusto Felia, and Segundo Lapececos Jr.—in their complaint had said they were not paid their overtime at the rate of one and one-half times their regular rates.

They had also complained the company made illegal deductions from their pay, including "Saipan office fee," contract renewal costs, and equipment charges, as well as failed to pay withholding taxes and to provide W-2 forms despite the wage- and income-tax deductions from their salaries.

Mitchell declines appointment

LAWYER Theodore R. Mitchell has turned down his appointment as chairman of the Judicial Advisory Commission.

Although he was honored with the appointment, Mitchell said he had to decline it.

"My initial reaction to the appointment was positive, but upon further reflection and after taking a hard look at the matters pending in our small but busy office, I have been

forced by reality to take another look at it," said the Article XII lawyer in his letter to Senate President Jesus R. Sablan on Wednesday.

Among the workload Mitchell cited that would prevent him from devoting time to the Commission was the taxpayer and the Article XII litigations.

Mitchell said the constitutional organization has a very important function to serve in maintaining the highest standards and integrity of the judicial branch.



Theodore R. Mitchell

Tenorio ...

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All frequent flier miles, under the law, should be compiled into a mileage bank to help the program defray some of the travel costs incurred by patients being sent to off-island facilities.

Although Tenorio was confident that all executive branch travel miles has been placed into an account as coordinated by the Travel Office, he was not sure whether the law has been followed by those agencies and branches arranging their own travel.

The CNMI government last November 20 entered into an

agreement with Northwest Airlines whereby each government traveler ticketed on Northwest flights is issued a new World Perks number, separate from their personal World Perks card, for the purpose of directly crediting miles earned into a government account.

Tenorio said he expects to enter into a similar arrangement with Continental Micronesia within next month.

Concerned that some Northwest bonus miles may not have been credited to the mileage bank established pursuant to P.L. 9-54, Tenorio ordered an audit be conducted and steps be taken to ensure government recoups whatever was lost.

"For those government travel-

ers who have accumulated mileage under their personal World Perks accounts since Nov. 20, 1995, they should obtain a government World Perks number from the Travel Office and then arrange to transfer their government mileage from their personal World Perks account to the government's account," said Tenorio.

"I want to make sure that all government travelers are complying with P.L. 9-54 in order to save the government unnecessary medical referral transportation costs," said the governor.

Meanwhile, the House of Representatives has taken issue with the concerns raised by Tenorio over frequent flyer miles program as it pertains to government.

Tinian parents assail Farrell

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

THE LACK of teachers continues to bug public schools on Tinian, leading the students' parents to doubt the effectivity of the Public School



Don Farrell

System's recruitment program. "There are still vacant positions unfilled since the opening of the school year," irate parents wrote Board of Education vice chairman Don Farrell. "You are boasting that PSS recruitment program has been going on for two years, how come these schools in the CNMI are still vacant?"

The parents wrote a separate letter to Speaker Diego Benavente expressing their frustration over the perennial teacher problem in the island.

The parents wrote Farrell in reaction to the board official's earlier statement that the PSS was prepared to deal with the departure of alien teachers whose contracts may not be renewed.

PSS has officially stated its preference for teachers from the US main-

land. The parents described this policy as "prejudicial."

"Alien teachers are among those highly qualified teachers PSS has," the parents said.

The parents said racial discrimination should be set aside. "We want teachers... (who) can discipline our children, impart quality education, structure their classroom for con-

ductive learning and establish better teacher-pupil-staff relationship," they said.

There are a few local teachers in Tinian public schools, and some of them have shifted to other jobs at PSS, the parents said. "How can the goal of PSS... be met when our very own local teachers are not even satisfied?"

Not one local teacher has been hired to teach Bilingual, the parents said.

Most of the time, they said, their children are handled by teacher aides whenever their master teachers are absent.

"As much as possible, we don't want our children to be handled by teacher aides only," the parents said.

Another US Congressional mission arriving next week

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

ANOTHER delegation from Washington will be visiting Saipan next week upon invitation of the government, public information officer Mark Broadhurst said yesterday.

"The administration wants to show them the good things about the Commonwealth," Broadhurst said. "We want to show them that the problems in the past are being addressed by the local government."

The delegation, according to Broadhurst, is composed of 12 staffers from top Republican members of the US House of Representatives. They will arrive Saipan on April 1 for a five-day visit.

"It will make a lot more sense to start with the staffers because they are the ones who are really involved in the formulation of positions taken by congressmen on certain issues," Broadhurst said. "They need to have a better understanding of what's really going on in the Commonwealth."

Most of the delegates, Broadhurst said, belong to offices of congressional members who handle committees that deal with CNMI and other insular affairs.

The congressional staffers will meet with top government officials as well as business leaders.

Negative publicity on the labor condition in the CNMI has drawn the federal authorities' attention. A fact-finding mission led by Insular Affairs Di-

rector Al Stayman and two top US senators came here last month to look into labor and immigration matters in the Commonwealth.

Despite the local government's assurance that reforms are taking place in the CNMI, criticisms from quarters outside the island continue.

The latest blows came from legislators of Hawaii and Guam who, through congressional resolutions, sought a federal takeover of CNMI immigration and wage control.

This move by Hawaii and Guam legislatures, Broadhurst said, "irked" the administration. "It seems like people from the outside who have poor understanding of what life is really like here are prejudging us based on hearsay," the government spokesperson said.

The resolutions were "erroneous," in the first place, Broadhurst said.

"They are calling for the federal government to come in when it is already here," Broadhurst said, adding that the relations between Washington and the CNMI are "getting better."

If the federal government was not happy with the way things were going in the CNMI, Broadhurst said, it would have taken back the privileges enjoyed by the local government.

"The governor's philosophy is to invite the lion to the den," Broadhurst said. "Those who think that life here is rotten should come out here first and get a little understanding before they prejudice us."

Managaha waters OK

THE DIVISION of Environmental Quality (DEQ) analyzed water samples collected from Managaha island recreational beaches this month. None of the samples collected contained excessive concentration of fecal coliform bacteria, which exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards.

The Division of Environmental Quality analyzes samples of Managaha island recreational beaches (11).

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6. Firm's Business Experience	5%
7. Safety procedure proposed and assumption of liability	10%
8. Number and Availability of manpower	10%
9. Financial ability of the Company	10%

A non refundable fee of twenty five U.S. Dollars (\$25.00) must accompany the proposal. The twenty five dollars may be a certified check, a cashier's check or other forms acceptable to the Public School System, made payable to the Treasurer, Public School System, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The proposer is requested to submit with his proposal a copy of his business license. Any inquiry to the RFP may contact Louise Concepcion at telephone number 288-0705 during regular working hours.

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Ancient cave art found on Rota?



Rota Mayor Joseph Inos examines evidence of possible stone age Chamorro art in the Chiugai cave

ANCIENT Chamorro art in a Rota cave? It looks like it, says Rota's Mayor Joseph S. Inos.

"In addition to very extensive Japanese-era remains, the cave contains a large number of pictographs done in black pigment," said the Mayor after a recent visit to the cave.

"Some of the artwork is really impressive. We're asking our Historical Preservation Office to get a professional archaeological team in there as soon as possible."

A 1995 report of the Center for Archaeological Investigations at Southern Illinois University termed the site "most spectacular."

"I would agree," said the Mayor. "We don't know the age of these impressive drawings. First we need to protect the site, and then get on with

a proper study."

A local hunter only recently discovered the cave site in the I Chiugai area on Rota's rugged south east coast. Ancient Chamorros may have sketched the drawings thousands of years ago.

Jun Duenas, Historic Preservation Officer in Rota, sus-

pects the cave shows the best known examples of cave art in the Marianas.

"Properly developed the Chiugai Cave will mean a great deal to a better understanding of our history and culture," said Mayor Inos. "It will also enhance visitor interest in Rota."

Bush fires not good for deer population

By: Pamela Sablan
For the Variety

CONTRARY to the belief of those who set fires on public land, burning does not help increase deer numbers. In fact, it can actually decrease the deer population as burning could reduce plant life, needed for the deer's sustenance. This was according to

Dan Grout from the US Fish and Wildlife Service in Rota who said that while a few deer may return to a burned site months after to feed on the new grass shoots, burning reduces the amount of forest and grass that the deer needs to live and feed on.

Continual burning in the Talakaya area causes soil erosion, and grass cannot grow on heavily eroded slopes which have been continually burned.

In addition, to the damage the fires cause to the deer, the soil, and the reforestation projects designed to help the deer and other wildlife, the burning and erosion also ends up polluting the clear streams of Rota, as without the grass and trees to hold the soil, silt and dirt flow down hill into the streams, making them unusable for drinking, and killing the fish which live in the stream.

The silt and dirt then gets washed downstream in the rainy season and ends burying the reef, killing the coral, and destroying the spawning grounds for fish in the ocean.

"What were once white beaches turn into brown and mud flats and deltas, as happened last November at Guanán," says Grout.

"Please don't burn the grassland or the forest on public land - it only harms the deer, fish, and wildlife, the beaches, reef, and you are destroying your beautiful island," he said in a report.

Meanwhile, the same release noted that all types of erosion by water occur in a three-part process.

First, the erosive force of raindrops or flowing water breaks the natural physical and chemical bonds between soil particles. Then, surface flow carries particles downslopes. Where the erosive energy of the water decreases for example, at the bottom of a hill-some particles are deposited as sediment.

Water erosion may move tons of soil per hectare during one storm, or it may move less than a ton per hectare over several decades.

The surface runoff may carry them all the way to the ocean. Erosion rates depend mainly on the characteristics of four interacting factors:

- the type and amount of rainfall;
- the length and steepness of slope;
- the erodibility of soil; and
- the management of the land.

For further information please call NRCS/Saipan and Northern Islands Soil & Water Conservation District at 233-3415 or 233-0650.

Marshalls hotel plans recruitment from US

By Giff Johnson
For the Variety

MAJURO- Marshallese living in the United States are being recruited to work at the Marshall Islands government's new 150-room hotel, which is being built to be open in time for the /south Pacific Forum that will meet in Majuro at the end of August.

Up to 125 new jobs will be opening shortly at the government's new hotel in Majuro, which will have a major economic impact on Majuro, a city of 25,000.

Outrigger Hotels of Hawaii, which is managing the hotel, is actively recruiting Marshallese living in Hawaii and California as well as planning to hire locally, according to Laverne Salvador, the hotel's manager.

Last week, Outrigger sponsored a "job fair" for Marshall Islanders in Honolulu and will do another one in Southern California, where there is a large Marshall Islands community, after this month, she said. The company is trying to recruit skilled islanders to

return home and staff the hotel. Outrigger begins recruiting new staff in Majuro beginning the third week of April.

"There will be only three expatriate managers," she said. "The rest will be Marshallese. The commitment we've made is to have Marshallese running the hotel."

Although the July opening date for the \$10 million hotel is still three months away, preparation is well underway. The hotel is on a "fast-track" construction pace to be open in time to provide accommodations for the Pacific Island heads of state at the Forum but filling the hotel beyond the Forum will be a challenge for Outrigger.

The Hawaii-based hotel chain knows that tourism barely exists as an industry in the Marshall Islands and "is going to change that," said Salvador. "There are definitely going to be more visions coming to the Marshall Islands," she added.

"For Outrigger to succeed, we need

to concentrate on the niche market," she said. The hotel intends to work closely with dive operators and sports fishermen to develop both activities for visitors.

The hotel will be called "Outrigger Marshall Islands Resorts," an advertising campaign for the Marshall Islands through its own network in Hawaii and the United States, and also at Kwajalein, the US Army missile testing base in the Marshalls. The hotel has a military liaison person who will promote travel opportunities for Kwajalein residents, she said.

"our public relations approach is to get the word out about the Marshall Islands," she said. "Continental may not be full coming into Majuro but that's because there is no awareness of the Marshall Islands as destination."

Salvador added: "If we can build a broad base for tourism it will have a domino effect for local businesses and vendors. Everybody's volume of business will grow."

Fiji PM to meet 10 escaped prisoners

Fiji's prime minister, Sitiveni Rabuka, has agreed to meet ten escaped prisoners who broke out of the maximum security prison at Naboro, RN21 reports. He says he is prepared to meet the prisoners at a secret location today and hear their allegations of ill-treatment, including beatings, within the prison complex.

However, prison officials have dismissed the prisoners' claims as lies. Home affairs minister, Colonel Paul Manuei, has spoken to the media in Fiji, and says they should help in trying to reduce crime. He gave recent examples of newspaper articles concern-

ing a drug farm and also an interview earlier this week with the escaped prisoners.

Colonel Manuei says crime is the biggest problem for the country after the Constitutional Review and the agreements concerning the lease of indigenously owned land.

He says cooperation from the media could assist in making sure crime does not get out of hand. Media representatives have told the minister they are prepared to cooperate, as long as there is no conflict over the question of ethics and story sources....Pacnews

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Tanapag boys as indicated when he borrowed a .22 semi-automatic rifle from Alvin Adriano in Navy Hill.

Camacho was positively identified by Raymond S. Salas and Magofna as one who shot at the group.

The defense, however, maintained that Camacho did not fire a gun citing the results of a gun residue test conducted by the police which proved

inconsistent that Camacho pulled a trigger.

Long said if the Tanapag gang did not come to Camacho's house nothing would have happened.

The 14-day trial started last March 5. The government presented 21 witnesses, including a forensic scientist from Texas and a forensic pathologist from Guam. The defense presented at least 10.

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files and go through to customs inspection.

Packages delivered by carrier companies such as DHL, FedEx and UPS are delivered to various post offices from their receiving centers.

"Packages delivered via Air-Freight are cleared by Customs and picked up at the air-freight terminal. These may or may not be inspected," Hooeven said. He described this as a "loose method of control."

Hooeven recommended that the Customs office designate a mail-drop which would serve as the "clearing house" for all mails and packages that reach the CNMI, including those delivered

by express carrier companies.

This system, he said, would need a cooperation among the US Post Office, airline companies and law enforcement agencies.

Hooeven said all mails and packages for Tinian, Rota, and Guam should be pre-sorted on Saipan before taking them to those neighboring islands.

Hooeven also recommended that a trained dog be stationed at the Customs to detect contraband that may be hidden in packages.

Richard Pierce, governor's task force committee chairman, said he would consider Hooeven's recommendations to the final executive report he will submit to Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio this week.

PNG recalls Bougainville ceasefire

THE Papua New Guinea government has lifted the ceasefire on Bougainville and ordered additional troops sent there, following an upsurge in violence which has left 12 security force personnel dead, RNZI reports. Prime Minister, Sir Julius Chan, has told the security forces to flush out the rebels and end the eight-year conflict.

He says the government will fund the security forces up to the maximum capacity the country can afford, on top of the US\$26 million provided under the the 1996 budget, to end the slaughter of innocent people and bring back normalcy to the province.

Sir Julius says secessionist rebels have not been sincere in their efforts to secure a peaceful solution to the eight year conflict. He says every time an agreement of any sort was reached, the rebels reneged and continued killing.

The prime minister says the Bougainville conflict has been manipulated by the rebels, and is now a nasty guerrilla action perpetrated by dangerous criminals. Sir Julius says the PNG defence forces will now operate under the full powers used when troops were first called in to quell the secessionist uprising on Bougainville in December 1988.

Meanwhile, Australia's new foreign minister, Alexander Downer, has urged both PNG and the rebels to revive peace talks. He says the Australian government does not believe there can be a military solution and urges both sides show restraint.

Mr. Downer says the security situation is preventing delivery of Australian aid to help restore Bougainville's economy....Pacnews

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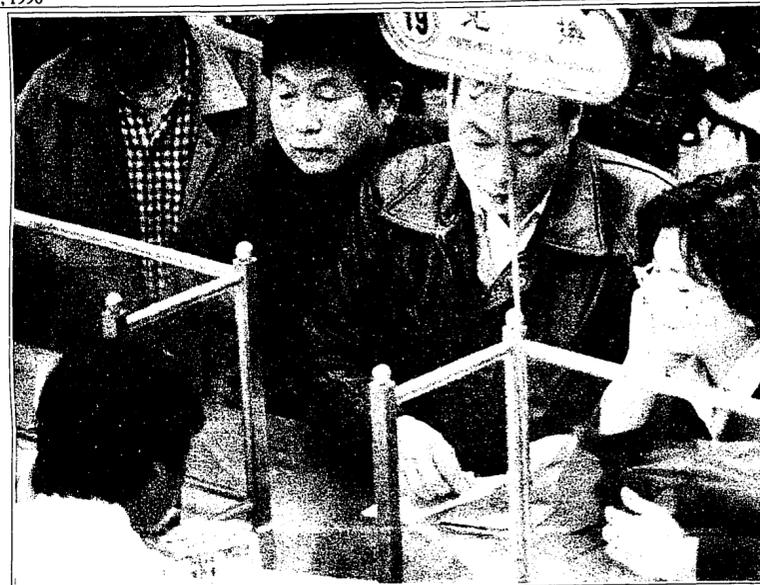
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Proposals must be submitted to the Commonwealth Ports Authority, Office of the Executive Director, P.O. Box 1055, Saipan International Airport, on or before March 29, at 10 AM at which time the proposal(s) will be publicly opened and read. The CPA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals pursuant to Section 3.2 (7) of CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations.



Taiwanese line up at a bank teller's window to buy U.S. dollars last week in reaction to Chinese military exercises near Taiwan. There has been a rush to buy the U.S. currency as a hedge against war. AP Photo

Police called in as summit in Colombia turns unruly

By FRANK BAJAK
CARTAGENA, Colombia (AP) - Tempers exploded over the thorny issue of intellectual property rights at the Western hemispheric trade summit on Wednesday as organizers summoned police to calm unruly South American pharmaceutical representatives.

"There were boos. There were charges of manipulation" said Harvey E. Bale Jr., a senior vice president of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America. "It was the most violent meeting I ever attended."

The disruption of the working group meeting - whose violence was only verbal - was over what the protagonists called an attempt by U.S. groups to omit their dissenting opinion from a report to be presented Wednesday to trade ministers from 34 nations.

"They want a law that only benefits them," protested Pablo Maron Challu, executive director of CILFA, which represents Argentine drug companies. "We can't tell the ministers we are in agreement when we are not." Challu represents companies considered

pirates by the American pharmaceutical industry, which says they cost it \$1 billion annually in Brazil and Argentina alone by ignoring U.S. patents.

He said drug-makers operating in 14 countries including Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela and Colombia oppose the strict patent regulations demanded by the U.S. drug and publishing industries, which he said "hurt small, developing countries" while benefiting 20-30 big multinational laboratories.

First-world countries should be more generous in sharing technology with the developing world, he said, calling his differences with the U.S. concerns "philosophical."

Summit coordinator Jorge Ramirez Ocampo had to personally intervene to get the working group to include the dissenting opinion in its final report, one of 13 presented to trade ministers on Wednesday.

"The sentiments in these matters sometimes get very complicated," said Ramirez, a former Colombian development minister.

Bale said the issues are actually quite simple: the Argentina-centered

pharmaceutical "pirates" want to be able to continue producing heart drugs, antibiotics, anti-ulcerants and other medications based on U.S.-developed products whose patents are still pending.

They also want their governments to be able to oblige multinational companies like Pfizer, Merck and Squibb, whom Bale represents, to license drugs to domestic producers at low royalty rates, he said.

The head of an Argentine pharmaceutical think-tank, Felix Rozanski, said the status quo in his country discourages private investment in research and home-grown jobs in high-tech fields.

"We're going to continue to be very slow to develop if intellectual property rights are not protected," he said, noting that most monies invested in research in Latin America continue to be public.

This conference is all about how to attract investment to Latin America and you can't do that if you don't protect intellectual property rights, many summit participants note.

"Right now Asia and Eastern Europe have stronger intellectual property right protection than Latin America," said Bale. "This hemisphere, in order to complete in the 21st century, has to have stronger intellectual copyright protection."

The trade ministers, including U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor, were to meet behind closed doors on Thursday to work out a final communique.

As vice ministers worked out details on Wednesday, Kantor told two U.S. reporters that language on intellectual property rights had not yet been worked out but predicted that outstanding issues will be resolved.

He would not offer details on what the document will include, saying only that it will be very specific.

"When you compare this with other regional negotiations in the past or multilateral negotiations, this is a very impressive beginning," Kantor said.

Cultist admits part in gas attacks

TOKYO (AP) - A senior doomsday cult member told a court Thursday he played a part in the lethal nerve gas attacks on Tokyo's subways, but was innocent of murder because he had been brainwashed, Kyodo News reported.

Yoshihiro Inoue, 26, said he was following orders from Aum Shinri Kyo cult leader Shoko Asahara, and "there was a danger we would be killed if we turned him down," Kyodo added.

Officials of the Tokyo District Court declined to confirm any details of the opening session of Inoue's trial.

He is accused of supervising cult members who carried out the actual attack, and of organizing other crimes allegedly intended to confuse police investigations of the cult.

Inoue was the "intelligence minister" in an organization that Asahara reportedly intended to

take power after a cataclysmic war that the cult leader predicted could begin as early as 1997.

His trial began one day after the first anniversary of the nerve gas attacks that killed 12 people and hurt more than 5,500 others. A group of mourners held a memorial ceremony Wednesday at one of the targeted subway stations.

Other charges against Inoue include a mail bombing, a cyanide gas attack at a Tokyo train station, the murder of another cult follower and the kidnapping and poisoning death of a man who reportedly was trying to persuade his sister not to donate land to the cult.

Inoue used the "brainwashing" defense against all the charges, Kyodo said.

He reportedly recruited 1,000 of the group's 10,000 members in Japan and was a close confidante of Asahara, but has renounced the cult since his arrest last May 14.

In an unusual move, presiding Judge Itsuro Uemura enforced a request by Inoue's defense that prosecutors read aloud the names of 3,807 people whose deaths or injuries in the subway gassing were included in the indictment, Kyodo added.

Asahara, 41, goes on trial on murder charges April 24. The cult has been stripped of its legal status as a religion, and about 170 of its senior members are in jail. Several trials have begun, but there have been no major verdicts yet.

Police investigators searching cult property last year found tons of ingredients to make sarin nerve gas, machine-gun parts, and evidence of plans for biological and guerrilla warfare.

Also Thursday, the same court sentenced three other cult members convicted earlier of manufacturing and testing automatic pistols at the cult's main commune near Mount Fuji, southwest of Tokyo.

A court official said the three - Shusaku Watakabe, Shigeo Ota and Hiroki Tsuno - received prison terms ranging from 1 1/2 to 3 years.

India satellite in orbit to test launch vehicle

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - India launched a satellite Thursday from a coastal town in southern India to do astronomy experiments and to spot minerals on the ground, news reports said.

The 15-story-high rocket, called Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, blasted off from the town of Sriharikota in the morning and put a 930 kilogram (2,046-pound) satellite into orbit.

The satellite, which spins around the poles of the earth at a height of 817 kilometers (506 miles), will help Indian scientists gather data on land use, and survey minerals in the ground.

The launch on a clear morning from Sriharikota, 2,100 kilometers (1,300 miles) southeast of

New Delhi, ends the testing of three such rockets. Indian scientists now plan to make more powerful rockets to carry heavier satellites farther into space.

The country's space program suffered a setback in 1993 when the Clinton administration successfully persuaded the Russian space organization from transferring rocket technology to India, fearing it might be used for military purposes.

India says its space program is for peaceful purposes and is independent of the development of medium and long-range missiles.

Indian scientists have themselves designed, built and tested five types of ballistic missiles over the years.



Barbara Adams of Little Rock, Ark., arrives at the Little Rock, Ark., federal courthouse early wearing her Star Trek uniform complete with plastic replicas of weapons and other devices on her belt. The woman was chosen as an alternate juror in the Whitewater trial of Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker and former business partners James and Susan McDougal. AP Photo

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44 soldiers killed in Sri Lankan rebel ambush

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka - Separatist rebels ambushed army troops in the jungles of eastern Sri Lanka, killing 40 soldiers and wounding 13, the military said Sunday.

The ambush occurred Saturday at the village of Vandaramulla, 130 miles (210 kms) east of the capital Colombo, as the troops marched in advance of a supply convoy, officials said.

The military responded to the attack with helicopter gunships and fired rockets and machine guns at attackers, officials said. E.

Troops battled for about an hour before the Tamil guerrillas gave up the attack. The military esti-

mated that 50 guerrillas were killed, but couldn't confirm the figure.

A passenger bus in the area was caught in the cross fire and one civilian was killed and four wounded, the military said.

Tamil rebels have escalated attacks in eastern Sri Lanka, after the fall of their stronghold of northern Jaffna city on Dec. 5. I'

The rebels are fighting for a homeland in northern and eastern Sri Lanka for minority Tamils. They accuse the Sinhalese majority of widespread discrimination in education and jobs, more than 40,000 people have been killed since 1983.

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Taiwan deports businessman

By JOE McDONALD
TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - Taiwan has deported a Chinese-American businessman who denied claims by a presidential candidate that he was an assassin, an official said Thursday.
 The claim by Peng Ming-min, who didn't publicly offer any supporting evidence, injected a bizarre element into a campaign overshadowed by threatening Chinese war games near Taiwan.
 Chinese drills using live ammunition in the Taiwan Strait ended Wednesday, although other exercises near Taiwanese islets are to continue through Taiwan's presidential election on Saturday.
 Businessman Tony Young, 45, was detained when he arrived Wednesday from Hong Kong, questioned by authorities and deported as "unwelcome," said the official, who spoke on condition

of anonymity. Airport officials said he was put aboard a Singapore Airlines flight to Los Angeles.
 According to the China Times newspaper, Young denied allegations he was a member of a Chinese gang in the United States, and said he came to clear his name after being publicly accused.
 The government has said several people sneaked into Taiwan as part of a plot against the campaign, but gave no names or evidence. However, it has tightened security for President Lee Teng-hui and his three challengers.
 Also Wednesday, U.S. officials confirmed the Clinton administration has approved Taiwan's request to buy Stinger anti-aircraft missiles and other weaponry.
 They said Taiwan's request

to buy submarines was turned down. Stingers are used against close-in air attack. In addition, the U.S. officials said Taiwan has permission to buy an advanced targeting and navigation system for fighter jets and electronic warfare devices.
 Lee, the Taiwanese president, offered a conciliatory gesture to China on Wednesday, saying he wants better ties and eventual reunification with the mainland.
 His prime minister, Lien Chan, added that Taiwan wants a peace treaty with the rival Communist government of the mainland, but only after it renounces the use of force to capture the island.
 The war games are intended as a warning to Taiwan, the base of the Nationalists since their 1949 defeat in China's civil war, not to drop their shared goal of reunification and declare outright independence.

"We would like in the future to have China unified, in freedom (and) democracy," Lee told a news conference. "We are not threats to anybody. We are friends to all people."
 On Thursday, the presidents of 60 Taiwanese colleges and universities issued a joint statement calling on China to stop the war games immediately.
 Announced by Chen Wei-chao, president of the prestigious National Taiwan University, the statement said the exercises will harm Taiwan-China relations and threaten public safety.
 War games held Wednesday just 11 miles (18 kilometers) from outlying Taiwanese islets involved "only a few ship activities," Taiwan's Defense Ministry said. But it said that with better weather Thursday, full-fledged air, sea and land maneuvers probably would begin.

Taiwan and China have flourishing trade and investment links but no diplomatic relations, and Lee has refused talks on reunification until China becomes democratic.
 The vote for Taiwan's first directly elected president completes a decade of reforms that have transformed the island from a dictatorship into a democracy.
 Taiwan hasn't said it expects China to use the war games to launch an invasion, and China hasn't said it intends to. But hundreds of people have fled Taiwanese islands near the Chinese coast.
 Military analysts say China, which has little naval experience, would have difficulty capturing Taiwan, which has a large, sophisticated air force and 400,000-member military.
 The pro-Chinese newspaper Wen Wei Po of Hong Kong countered Wednesday that China's military abilities have been underestimated.
 Quoting an unnamed military analyst, it said that because of Taiwan's long coastline, Chinese forces attacking at several points could easily seize one or more beachheads.
 Opinion polls published last week, before a pre-election ban took effect, showed Lee in the lead.
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Polish PM on tour of countries in SE Asia

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - Polish Prime Minister Wlodzimierz Cimoszewicz arrived in Thailand Wednesday on the second stop of a Southeast Asian tour.
 Cimoszewicz, accompanied by his wife Barbara and a large delegation of officials and businessmen, arrived from Indonesia, where he said Warsaw and Jakarta agreed to expand economic cooperation in areas such as coal mining and infrastructure development.
 In his talks with Indonesian leaders, he offered Polish technology to modernize shipping facilities and generate electric power, and cooperation in the aircraft industry.
 Cimoszewicz, 45, who became prime minister last month, was to visit an industrial estate in Thailand's eastern seaboard area Wednesday afternoon.
 On Thursday, he was to meet with Thai Prime Minister Banham Silpa-archa, attend the signing of an agreement on science and technology and have an audience with King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

Ramos confident on peace plans

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Despite sporadic fighting and terrorist attacks, President Fidel Ramos vowed Wednesday that hard-liners will not be able to derail efforts to end the 24-year-old Muslim insurgency in the southern Philippines.
 "The process cannot be simply scuttled just because some people want to have their way," he said.
 Ramos did not mention any particular group but he appeared to be referring to the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.
 The MILF broke away from the Moro National Liberation Front, the mainstream Muslim rebel group that has been negotiating with the Ramos administration since 1993 for peace in the southern islands called Mindanao.
 On Monday, MILF leaders threatened a full-scale war against the government after the military

captured MILF-controlled villages in central Mindanao.
 As part of the peace process, the government has agreed to allow the two fronts to maintain troops in certain areas in Mindanao.
 The military took some of these areas on the border of Maguindanao and Sultan Kudarat, 960 kilometers (600 miles) south-east of Manila, after MILF guerrillas attacked three army detachments there Saturday. MILF leaders acknowledged losing 13 fighters in the battles, while the military said it lost one soldier.
 Ramos told reporters that the central Mindanao fighting could be related to a series of bomb and grenade attacks on Catholic churches in Zamboanga City, 850 kilometers (530 miles) south of Manila.
 Authorities say the bombings are designed to force a wedge

between Muslims and Christians and prevent a peace agreement that would allow a MNLF-led autonomous region in Mindanao.
 The leader of the MNLF, Nur Misuari, wants the autonomous region to include 12 provinces and nine cities of Mindanao, plus the southwestern island of Palawan.
 Many of these areas, however, have majority Christian populations whose leaders don't want them in the autonomous region.
 Ramos said the government is prepared to "undertake firm and decisive measures to stabilize the situation and to sustain the peace process."
 At the same time, he urged people "not to fan the rumors, speculations and exaggerations which tend to aggravate the anxieties of our people." "Let's all give peace and development a chance," he said.



Fidel Ramos

Imelda to purchase generator for Marcos crypt if power cut

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Imelda Marcos will buy a generator to keep the refrigerated body of her husband Ferdinand preserved if a local power company cuts off electricity because of unpaid bills, a report said Thursday.
 The power cooperative in former President Marcos' northern home province of Ilocos Norte was to cut power to the crypt Monday but then granted the Marcos family until April 30 to settle some 4 million pesos (\$154,000) in unpaid bills extending back to 1989.
 Marcos family lawyer Oliver Lozano said the generator would be used until the government frees assets it seized from Marcos that could be used to pay the bills, the nationally circulated Philippine Daily Inquirer reported.
 The Marcos crypt uses about 12,000 pesos (dls 460) worth of electricity a month.
 Government officials and private groups have volunteered to help pay the bills, the Inquirer said.
 Marcos, who was ousted in a "people power" revolt in February 1986, died in exile in Hawaii in September 1989. Subsequent administrations have attempted to regain billions of dollars in assets he allegedly amassed illegally during his 20-year presidency.
 Mrs. Marcos had no immediate comment on the report, and Lozano was unavailable Thursday.
 Marcos remains unburied because the government has refused to allow his body to return to Manila out of concerns that people still loyal to him could create unrest in the capital.

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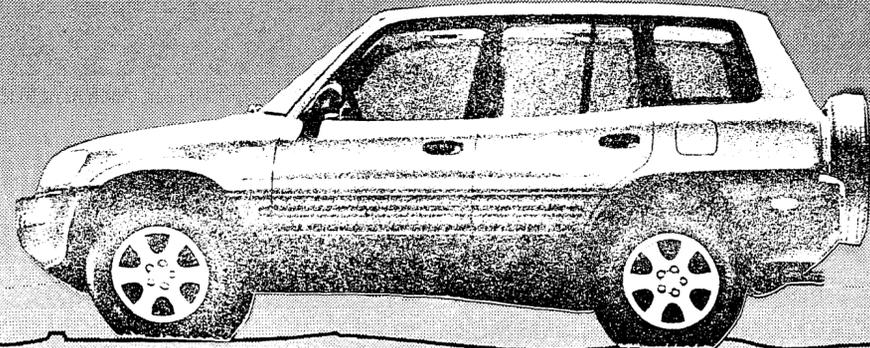
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People walk by a sidewalk lined with flowers leading up to the Dunblane Primary School in Dunblane, Scotland Monday, where people continue to lay flowers in memory of the 16 children and one teacher who died during a shooting at the school last Wednesday. Private funeral services for the victims started Monday. AP

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Buckle Up Saipan!

Nationwide school strikes worry teachers, students

By BART JONES
CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) - There were no teachers at Roberto Marquez's high school on Wednesday, but he showed up anyway. He and buddy Alejandro Sanz brought their computer textbooks to the library and spent three hours studying, undeterred by the nationwide teachers' strike that has kept

six million students out of classes and entered its ninth day with negotiations stalled. "The teachers should give us classes like they normally do," complained Roberto, 16. "I want to do well in life." Teachers want the government to nearly quadruple their salary of 42,600 bolivars (\$147) a month, not enough to allow most families to meet

minimal food needs. Many teachers moonlight doing odd jobs to make ends meet. The basic monthly food basket costs a family of five about 70,000 bolivars (\$241), according to the nation's largest union, the Confederation of Venezuelan Workers. The government, facing a deficit and the worst recession in years, says it can't come up with anywhere near what teachers want. "There's no money," said Heriberto Gonzalez, the chief government negotiator. Jesus Ramirez, coordinator of unions representing 210,000 public school teachers, responded that "the government is deaf. At the beginning of the '80s, we were the best-paid teachers in Latin America. Now we're the worst paid." Salaries have fallen as the world price of oil, Venezuela's major export, has dropped sharply from the boom years of the late 1970s. Public school strikes aren't uncommon. Students lost six weeks of classes in 1993-94. Many schools are run down and lack books, paper, classroom space and even running water. The Experimental School of Caracas, once a model, was forced to close recently because its bathrooms weren't working. "The government has abandoned education," said Cruz Lopez, 38, a history teacher at Fermin Toro High School, one of the city's top public schools.

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Dole, Gingrich unveil missile defense plan

By JOHN DIAMOND
WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and House Speaker Newt Gingrich are offering a new plan to deploy national missile defenses to protect against attack by rogue nations. President Clinton vetoed such a proposal late last year.

The legislation, which reflects a longstanding Republican priority, runs counter to the Clinton administration position that the current threat from countries such as North Korea does not warrant a costly missile defense system.

Under the Dole-Gingrich measure that was to be introduced Thursday, the United States would be required to deploy a national missile defense system capable of defending all 50 states from a limited missile attack by 2003.

Clinton in December vetoed a defense bill containing similar language. He argued that it might require the United States to abrogate the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

Republicans, eager to avoid losing the defense bill entirely, struck out the language but left in a funding increase for missile defense research.

Senior Republican lawmakers have indicated that they will add money to Clinton's 1997 defense budget request.

With his missile defense stance, Dole, who has clinched the Republican presidential nomination, can draw a sharp distinction between his own views and Clinton's on national security matters.

Earlier this month, Dole wrote to Sen. Strom Thurmond, chairman of the Senate Armed Ser-



Bob Dole



Newt Gingrich

vices Committee, requesting that the committee's version of the 1997 defense budget contain money to keep the B-2 bomber program alive.

The B-2 is built by Northrop Grumman Corp. in Southern California. Dole plans to visit Palmdale, California, site of Northrop's B-2 assembly plant, to attend a B-2 rally Friday.

The Clinton administration opposes building more B-2 bombers, saying the military has higher priorities, such as the F-22 fighter and the C-17 cargo plane. But under pressure from B-2 supporters this year, Clinton agreed to order another Pentagon bomber study. It will be completed after the election.

On missile defense, top Clinton administration officials say nations such as Iraq, Iran, Libya and North Korea are far from having the missile capability to launch an attack against the United States.

Gen. Malcolm O'Neill, head of

the Pentagon's Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, told lawmakers Wednesday that under the plan, the Pentagon would invest in national missile defense research over the next three years to reach the point where, if the threat had changed, a defense system could be deployed by 2003 for an additional investment of \$1.5 billion.

Clinton's position has support among many Democrats in a sharply divided Senate.

"It is outrageously wasteful for this country to even consider at this point a national missile defense system - particularly now that the Cold War is over," said Sen. Bennett Johnston, a Louisiana Democrat.

Johnston repeated an argument used frequently by national missile defense foes: Rogue or terrorist states are more likely to send a weapon into the United States in a suitcase than on top of a missile.



John C. Salvi III, center, stands with head bowed as he is found guilty on two counts of murder in Norfolk Superior Court in Dedham, Mass., Monday. Salvi, 24, was found guilty Monday of murdering two women and wounding five other people in a shooting spree at two Boston-area abortion clinics. Salvi is seen with his attorneys Janice Bassil, left, and J.W. Carney, right. AP Photo

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All creditors of the claimants against the corporation are required to present their respective claims and demands in writing to the corporation so that it can proceed to collect its assets, convey and dispose of its properties, satisfy, and discharge its liabilities and obligations and do all other acts required to liquidate its business affairs.

A person filing a claim must state the description and basis of the claim, the relevant dates and the amount of the claim. A claim against the corporation will be barred unless proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within five (5) years after the date of publication of this notice.

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v.
Lone Star Casino Corporation (CNMI) and Lone Star Casino Corporation, Defendants.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 96-268
MERLYN DELOS SANTOS-VAILOCES, Petitioner, versus WILFREDO M. VAILOCES Respondent.

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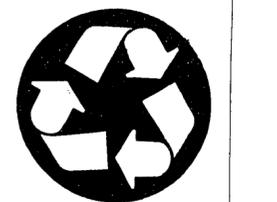
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NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PAIK, SO JA, of Saipan, CNMI, has filed a petition in the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be appointed as Administratrix of the Estate of KOH, CHOUNG SOON, Deceased. The attorneys of record is the Law Offices of David A. Wiseman, P.O. Box 2607, Saipan, MP 96950. The hearing on said petition is set on April 2, 1996 at the hour of 1:30 p.m. at the Superior Court, Susupe, Saipan, CNMI.
Notice is also hereby given to all creditors, heirs and any person having any interest in or claim against the estate of KOH, CHOUNG SOON, Deceased, to file any claim they may have with the Superior Court or the Law Offices of David A. Wiseman, attorneys for Petitioner, at the above address, within sixty (60) days after the date of first publication of this Notice.
DATED this 21st day of March, 1996.
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
CIVIL CASE NO. 95-1105
BUDGET RENT A CAR INTERNATIONAL (SAIPAN), INC. Plaintiff
vs.
JOHN AQUINO, Defendant.
SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION
TO: The Above-Named Defendant.
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, the original of which was filed with the above-entitled Court, within Twenty Days after the last publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Law Office of Brian Sara Nicholas, Attorney at Law, 2nd Floor, Rm. 207, P.O. Box 2876, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts of the above-entitled Court for filing.
Your Answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of Courts at Civic Center Building, Susupe Village, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your attorney and sent to the Clerk of Courts by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.
If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this summons, judgement by default pursuant to the court rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
SO ORDERED on this 29th day of February, 1996
/s/ FRANK TOMOKANE,
Clerk of Court
/s/Deputy Clerk of Court

Farmers to bury .6-M chickens to protest glut
KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)- The consumers federation on Thursday criticized threats by farmers to bury 600,000 chickens because of a glut.
The farmers said they planned the action because of a glut caused by the government allowing chicken imports.
President Hamdan Adnan of the Malaysian Consumer Association described the plan as ridiculous and urged the poultry producers to confer with the authorities to resolve the issue.
Hamdan said the authorities were correct in allowing imports during last month's lunar new year and Muslim holidays, but the situation has to be monitored to prevent over-supply.
Mae Wheatly, chairman of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said the plan would amount to blatant cruelty to animals.
"I hope the government and police will do all they can to book the farmers who will be involved in this irresponsible act," she said.

RP seizes Malaysian boats, nab fishermen
MANILA, Philippines (AP) - A navy patrol seized two fishing boats and arrested 18 Malaysians caught fishing illegally in Philippine waters, the navy said Wednesday.
Lt. Pabito Togonon, navy information officer, said the boats were found Sunday a few kilometers (miles) off the islet of Mangsee, northwest of Palawan Island in the central Philippines.
Togonon said the fishermen, all from Kudat, Malaysia, were turned over to Palawan officials, who will file charges of illegal entry against them.
Malaysia and the Philippines have overlapping territorial claims. They are also among six countries claiming all or part of the Spratly Islands chain, which is near Palawan.
The other claimants of the Spratly include Brunei, Vietnam, Taiwan and China.



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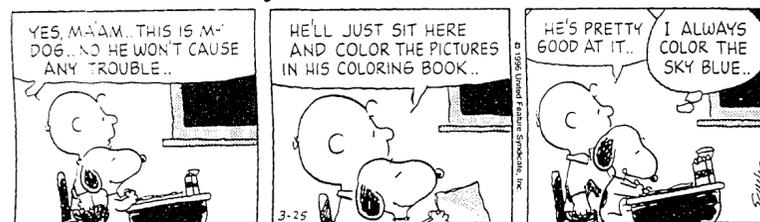
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STELLA WILDER YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

Born today, you are quite adroit at solving other people's problems, but you often let your ego get the better of you. Some may think that this is the combined result of self-doubt, confusion and an unwillingness to see things as they really are in your life. On the contrary, whenever you give yourself time to think, you are accurate and incisive. However, you are concerned more often with others' problems rather than your own, and occasionally you are unaware of your problems until it is almost too late to do anything about them!

Your personal affairs will take a back seat to your professional endeavors, particularly when you are young. You will fight to have the right to chart your own course, probably against the wishes of a parent or other authority figure. You always want to do things your way!

Also born on this date are: Howard Cosell, sportscaster; Aretha Franklin, singer; Elton John, singer-songwriter; Gloria Steinem, feminist, journalist. 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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26
ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You must make sure that there is a good way to address every eventuality today. You will not want to leave too much to chance at this time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today, you will want to march hand in hand with someone who shares your motives, your methods, and your dreams. Teamwork will count!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You may learn something surprising about a friend or loved one today which will actually reflect on you in a highly unexpected way.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You will have a chance today to work closely with people who can gain a great deal of information from your experience. You will gain from listening at all times!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Keep your head above water at all times today, and keep your eyes peeled for a place to make a safe landing. You will near the end of a rough patch.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Rules and regulations exist for your benefit, and today you will not want to risk success simply by acting stubborn.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You will get an idea of what things are really about today, if only for a brief moment or two. You can carry this information with you all ways.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today, you will rely heavily on the help that others will offer you in the course of your routine. You will notice an unusual development this evening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You may near the end of a personal journey, and today will be a good day to put your philosophical lessons to use in a practical way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — It will not take you long to prepare today, so you can get down to business earlier than usual. This could become a new routine.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Put yourself in the forefront today and what you have to offer is bound to be noticed by those who count. Don't stay in the background.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — A more rapid pace might serve you well today, but it is all up to you. Do you have what it takes to throw caution to the winds?
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monly called styrofoam) is made from benzene, a known carcinogen; each year Americans produce enough styrofoam cups to circle the earth 436 times. Polystyrene is also completely non-biodegradable — the cup holding this morning's coffee is likely to remain somewhere on earth in 500 years. Use non-disposable containers whenever possible and ask for paper cups and plates at fast food restaurants.

Gardeners, if you're getting a head start on seed buying for the spring, remember that tomatoes provide 15-17 of the 20 amino acids needed for protein synthesis.

The 88 constellations generally rec-

ognized today are an amalgam of many that have been recognized throughout different cultures in different eras.

The first of 1995's four eclipses will be the partial lunar eclipse that is expected on April 15.

The state that does best in graduating its high school students is Minnesota, sending 89.2 percent of them home with a sheepskin. Louisiana comes in last with a graduation rate of 52.9 percent.

The black swallower can swallow fish twice its size by stretching its jaws and stomach.

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- 1 Spring mo.
- 4 Shifted sails
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- 17 City for the 1995 Summer Olympics
- 19 Actress
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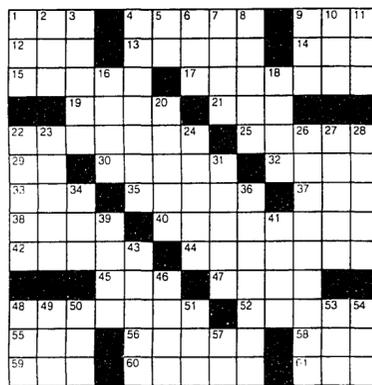
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- 44 Tropical nuts
- 45 Damage
- 47 Epic tale
- 48 Resilient
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- 55 — ami
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- 58 "Caroline in the City" star
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Saipan Major League Score Box

Wheels vs Flyers, Game 7 statistics

Wheels	POS	AB	R	H	RBI	FLYERS	POS	AB	R	H	RBI
Manny Evangelista	RF	4	0	2	0	Wesley	P	3	1	1	0
Henry Lizama	LF	1	1	1	0	Philip Celis	2B	3	1	1	1
Bob Lizama	DH	5	0	1	1	Francisco George	CF	3	0	0	0
Pele Roberto	CF	5	3	2	1	Sylvan Pua	1B	3	0	0	0
Ron Benavente	SS	5	2	2	2	John You	3B	1	0	0	0
Reno Celis	SS	5	2	2	2	Victor Dukor	SS	3	0	0	0
Frank Pangelinan	LF	4	2	4	2	Ben Taitano	RF	3	0	0	0
Larry Guemero	C	4	2	2	3	Jess Angui	C	3	0	1	0
Bill Oulano	2B	5	3	2	1	Tony Cepeda	DH	2	0	0	0
Orng F. Camacho	1B	4	1	1	1	Wilder Ngotel	P	3	0	0	0
Eddie Santos	P	0	0	0	0	Inao Wesley	RF	1	1	0	0
Elmer Sablan	P	0	0	0	0	Seni Singuru	P	0	0	0	0

BASE ON BALL: F. Pangelinan, G.F. Camacho, I. Wesley, L. Guemero
STRIKEOUT: M. Evangelista, B. Lizama, P. Roberto, G. Camacho, P. Celis, V. Dukor, J. Angui
STOLEN BASE: 2-Bill Oulano, 1-M. Evangelista, P. Roberto, R. Benavente, Frank Pangelinan
TRIPLE: Reno Celis, Frank Pangelinan
ERROR: Demei You-2, R. Celis, G. Camacho, Vic Dukor, Ben Taitano-1 each.

Running score

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	Error	LOB
Wheels	0	2	6	1	0	0	7	-	-	16	19	4	8
Flyers	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	-	-	3	4	2	3

Pitcher

Pitcher	Team	Inn	R	ER	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	WP	DEC
Elmer Sablan	Wheels	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	-
Eddie Santos	Wheels	6	3	1	3	0	0	0	1	2	2	W
Wilder Ngotel	Flyers	203	6	3	6	0	2	0	1	1	0	L
Wes Takeo	Flyers	4	6	3	8	0	0	0	2	2	1	-
Seni Singuru	Flyers	1	4	4	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	-

Ceballos...

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told Lakers executive vice president Jerry West is that Ceballos had a personal situation to deal with. Johnson will make his second consecutive start at small forward Sunday in place of Ceballos. Johnson said Saturday. We'll welcome him back, but there will be some questions. We want to know if he's committed to the Lakers and

what we're trying to do. If he's not, then he shouldn't come back at all," Johnson said. Ceballos will lose \$27,378 per game for the duration of the suspension. He is being fined \$1,444 for each missed practice, but he saved some money when the Lakers canceled Friday's practice. Definitely, it's a bad thing," Lakers center Vlade Divac said. The timing wasn't good to us. Lakers coach Del Harris wonders if Ceballos will be back by the time the team begins a six-game road trip Tuesday at Orlando. This is a day-at-a-time situation," Harris said.

McCall...

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his WBO junior featherweight title with a unanimous decision over fellow Venezuelan Yoiber Ortega. Cerneno used his height and reach advantage to offset the attacking Ortega in a fight which featured few exchanges. There were no knockdowns. Although Ortega was the aggressor throughout the 12-round bout, he could not successfully follow his occasional left leads. When Cerneno stayed away, the champion scored with left jabs. Judge Paul Herman scored it 116-112, Marco Torres had it 116-115 and Guy Juttas gave it to Cerneno 115-114. I thought I was robbed," Ortega said. Cerneno ran away from the whole fight. I was ready to fight but he didn't want any part of it. The victory improves Cerneno's record 24-1, Ortega, 30, who entered

the bout as the WBA's top-ranked contender, is 21-2. He was real difficult to figure, and strong," Cerneno said. But my left hand worked well." Cerneno's strategy was evident from the early rounds. Ortega meanwhile, had planned to stay inside and wear down Cerneno with body punches. In the fifth, Ortega landed a solid left to the head which temporarily stunned Cerneno. But Cerneno resumed his lead left jab in the following round and Ortega could not land telling blows. Cerneno also scored occasionally with body shots, especially in the fight's final rounds. His uppercut also proved successful whenever Ortega tried to stay inside. Cerneno, 26, won the title by defeating former champion Wilfredo Vazquez last May and successfully defended it with a victory over Jesus Salud in November. I will be a champion for a long time," Cerneno said. Next time, I'll be more

polished." Cerneno weighed 121 pounds (54.9 kilos) for the bout while Ortega weighed 120 pounds (54.4 kilograms). In earlier action, Miller stopped Brian LaSpada in the ninth round to defend his WBO cruiserweight title. Miller, from Philadelphia, overpowered LaSpada in his second title defense. The fight's end came when LaSpada's left eye was too bloodied, forcing referee Bill Connor to stop the bout on the ring physician's advice at 56 seconds into the ninth. Miller's dominance began soon after Connor's instructions. A minute into the fight, Miller floored LaSpada with a right to the head. Although he controlled the fight's early rounds with lead lefts and combinations, Miller sustained a cut above the left eye in the fifth. LaSpada used effective lefts and rights to the head in what was his best round of the bout.

Toyota...

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Pangelinan also reached home plate. Ed Santos pitched the first six innings. He gave up three runs, one earned run, struck out two and walked one batter. Elmer Sablan pitched for the Wheels in the last inning and struck out first batter Victory Dukor. Sablan gave up a single to Jess Angui but got Inao Wesley on a grounder to second for the second out.

Next batter Jess Angui ripped a single but got Wilbur Ngotel on a grounder to second for the final out. Left fielder Frank Pangelinan went 4-for-4, including a triple and two RBIs. Catcher Larry Guerrero went 2-for-4, scored two runs and three RBIs to lead the Wheels. Last Wednesday, the Miller Lite Brewers won their second game in a row. They defeated San Vicente Sunrises, 7-4. Ahead by two runs, 5-3, with one down and two runners on base in the

bottom of the fourth, Brewers manager Tony Rogolifoi did not take chances and sent in Joe Guerrero. Guerrero hit the first batter he faced loading the bases, retired the next two and took the Brewers out of the jam. He went on to finish the last five innings and allowed one unearned run, while he struck out nine, including three of the last four. Guerrero increased his strikeout record to 16 in 11 2/3 innings. Winning pitcher was Joe Guerrero, 2-0. Losing pitcher was Jess Aldan, 0-1. —By Francisco M. Palacios

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first half. After a 3-pointer by Enig gave the Tide its second lead of the first half at 37-36 with 17 seconds left — the Cardinal went back in front on Nygaard's 3-pointer from the corner with three seconds to go. Enis and Starbird had a shootout in the first half with Starbird scoring 18 points, including a 3-pointer with 2:34 on the clock, and Enis getting 17.

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took the lead 15 times as against eight times by the Wheelers. The scores got tied in 11 instances spread in the game. The Sharks, at one time led by 10 points in the first half, 43-33, seven minutes remaining, and as much as 16 points in the last half, 74-68, nine minutes and 18 seconds remaining. Before the game, Sharks coach Cuci Alvarez promised no repeat of the 26-point deficit and that his players will come in strong like real sharks. Sablan projected a 15-point victory, modestly low compared to the last game. "We had a problem in the middle of the first half. Our passes were not good. But I have been saying to our friends that I will guarantee them a

title victory and we achieved that," coach Sablan said. As expected, Bubos played exceptionally well for the Sharks with a game-high 38 points. Bubos also played an effective decoy for Luis Cepeda who escaped with 28 points as Wheelers' Dado Vistal kept a close guard on Bubos. The most accomplished thief in the game was Tom Cruse who made nine steals, seven of them converted into points, one of which was a court-to-court performance. He converted 13 points, Swing Agnon 12, Rene Layon six, Ian Carr four and Roberto Quitigua two. Vistal made key rejections that kept the Sharks within reach, while Lizama tied the score four times. Lizama and Vistal topscored for the Wheels with 28 points apiece, George De Guzman had 16, while Iglesias, who spirited the Wheels'

offensive in the opening minutes, finished with 15 points. Robert Lee had seven and Felix Palacios and Yosh Gabaldon had five points each. Sharks' Robert Quitigua, who is nursing a left knee ligament injury, tried to help his team and played. But he was sidelined after one minute and 33 seconds of play when he injured again his knee after scoring the Shark's first two points. Before the game, Sablan aired his concern on Quitigua's decision to play. "Giving his leg a run is good for his team if the outcome is good. But for a final game sacrifice, it's not worth it." Quitigua was under medical advice not to play basketball for four months. He has not played for one and a half months. "My legs are okay now. I can't do much this time for my team but

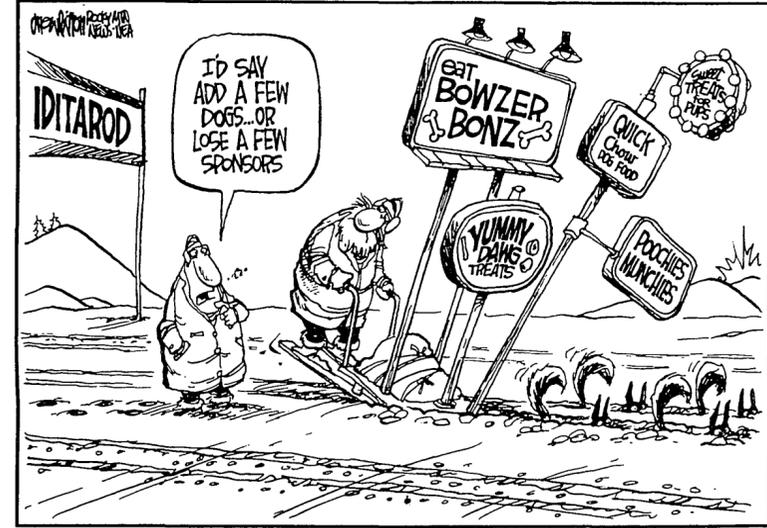
my absence could do nothing. It's better to play and help my team a little," Quitigua said before the start of the game. The title was the first for Sablan as a solo coach since he returned from a four-year stay in the United States. He is also the first coach to win the men's league under the Basketball Association of the Northern Mariana Islands (BANMI) association. In the awarding ceremony Saturday that followed, Vistal and Lizama were voted as the playoff's and regular season's Most Valuable Players. Winsor Peter was the scoring and three-point champion. The team sportsmanship award was accorded to OI' Aces II. The regular season runner-up was the Sharks, Brothers third and SNE/FT fourth.

Earth Tip: Polystyrene foam (com-

monly called styrofoam) is made from benzene, a known carcinogen; each year Americans produce enough styrofoam cups to circle the earth 436 times. Polystyrene is also completely non-biodegradable — the cup holding this morning's coffee is likely to remain somewhere on earth in 500 years. Use non-disposable containers whenever possible and ask for paper cups and plates at fast food restaurants.

Gardeners, if you're getting a head start on seed buying for the spring, remember that tomatoes provide 15-17 of the 20 amino acids needed for protein synthesis.

The black swallower can swallow fish twice its size by stretching its jaws and stomach.



SPORTS



Wheelers win heart-stopping title match

COACH Tony Sablan's Toyota Wheels bagged the 2nd Miller Lite Men's Basketball crown over Saipan E Tours Sharks by one point in the last six seconds of the heart-stopping championship match Saturday at the Adagym in Susupe.

It was a hard-won battle for the Wheelers.

Tied at 99 all, the Sharks posted their second to the last score-leading shot when Luis Cepeda hooked a foul and went 2-for-2 at the line, 53 seconds left, for a two-point lead, 101-99.

2nd Miller Lite Men's Basketball League

It looked like the Sharks were on their way to winning their first title when the Wheelers committed a traveling error after a turnover.

But Ray Lizama completed an offensive rebound and tied the score at 101 all with barely 30 seconds remaining.

Edwin Bubos, who spearheaded the Sharks' offensive right from the first half, converted a penetrating shot, 20 seconds remain-

ing. Bubos' shot allowed his team to lead for the last time, 103-101.

After a six-second scramble for ball possession, Frank Iglesias managed to fish a foul and went 1-for-2, cutting the Sharks' lead down to one, 103-102, nine sec-

onds remaining in the game.

Iglesias missed his second shot but the Wheels took advantage of the situation and converted the winning rebound shot for the final 104-103 lead.

The game was red-hot from the

start.

The Sharks lost 26 points in the previous game and vowed to return with "no magic tricks and to play on a strictly business manner."

The Sharks controlled most of the duration of the game. They

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Toyota scores second straight win in SML

DEFENDING champion Toyota Wheels team rolled to its second consecutive win with a 16-3, seven-inning shutout victory over Air Micronesia Flyers last Friday at the Francisco M. Palacios Ballfield.

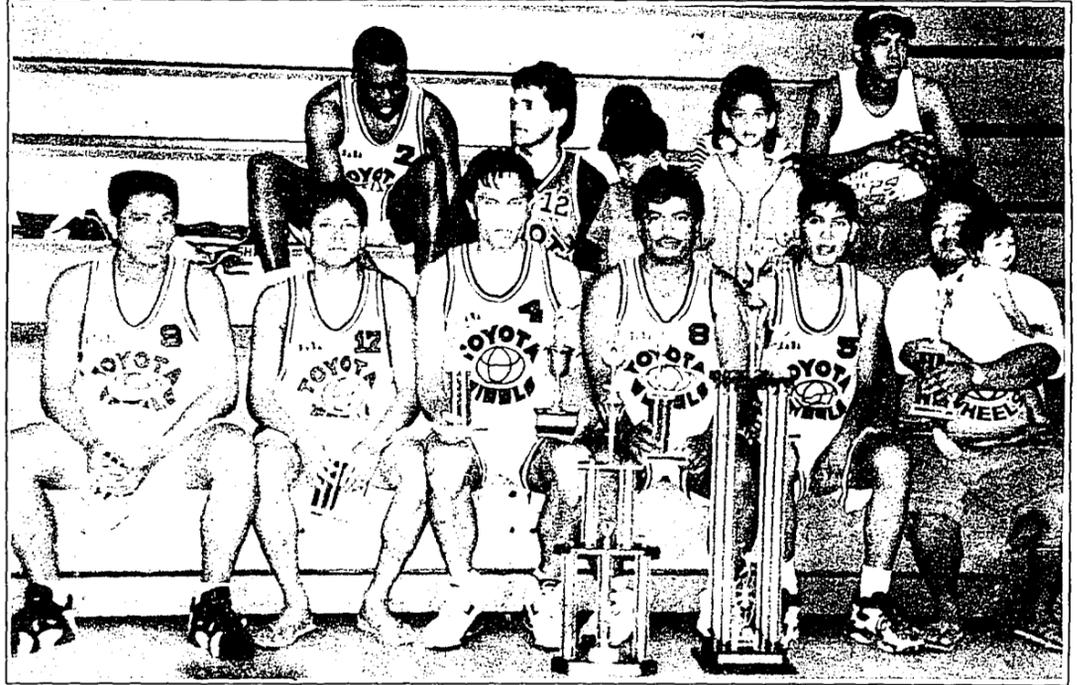
The Wheels jumped to an early 9-0 lead going to the bottom half of the fourth with two runs in the second inning on three hits and six more runs in the third on five hits, highlighted by Reno Celis' and Frank Pangelinan's back-to-back triple.

Toyota scored one more run at

the top of the fourth inning before the Flyers came up with two runs on three hits in their half of the bottom and one run in the fifth, for a 9-3 trail.

The Wheels exploded with seven runs on seven hits in the seventh inning on a two-run single by catcher Lary Guerrero. Bill Quitano was driven in by Pete Roberto. Greg F. Camacho scored on Ron Benavente's hit. Manny Evangelista, Pete Roberto, Ron Benavente, Reno Celis and Frank

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First BANMI Champions. Toyota Wheelers' (seated front, from left) Noel Remolano, Felix Palacios, playoff's Most Valuable Player Dado Vistal, coach Tony Sablan, George De Guzman, Abner Venus and his first baby, with (back, from left) Robert Lee, Yosh Gabaldon and Sablan's 10-year-old son, Andrew.

SCA evens series with Loners

Game 5 to determine ladies' roccball champ

THE ladies' roccball league best-of-five title series between the Loners and Sisters/Cousins Association will go full length with the fifth and decisive game to be played tomorrow. SCA took game four, tying the series with two games each.

The Sisters and Cousins Association won game four in four sets. SCA won by posting a big lead early in the first two sets last Friday at the Marianas High School Puga Court in Susupe.

SCA went ahead with a 10-point lead at the end of the first set, 18-8 and came back stronger in the second set with an additional 12-point lead, 17-5,

for a commanding 22-point advantage, 35-13, going to the third set.

The Loners showed they were still in the game when they rebounded with a scunk win in the next set, 11-0, cutting the lead down to 11 points, 35-24, after three sets of play.

The Loners continued their offensive and were up by a three-point set lead, 6-3, in the fourth but ran out of time to fully catch up with SCA. The Loners, however, managed to cut SCA's highest 22-point game lead down to 8 points with the final score at 38-30.

There were 13 aces, nine kees and two goals scored in the game

with Shirley Phillips of the Sisters and Cousins emerging as the heavy hitter with five aces and one kee.

Joanne Elimas was the top scorer for the Loners with one ace, two kees and one goal.

Games one and three of the series were won by the Loners, 43-17 and 23-9. SCA won game two with the score of 24-19.

In today's game, the winner takes home the title.

Meanwhile, the world cup games between the Marianas High School Brotherhood and college/village champion Hardkore will be scheduled for next week.

Ceballos annoys Magic Johnson

INGLEWOOD, California - Cedric Ceballos stayed away from the Los Angeles Lakers without permission for a fourth straight day, and Magic Johnson expressed annoyance at his teammate's absence.

Ceballos remains under indefinite suspension without pay while working out what his agent calls a personal thing.

He did not show for practice Saturday, and had not contacted any Lakers executive by evening.

Even if does make contact Sunday, it was unlikely Ceballos would play against Charlotte at the Forum.

The Lakers' co-captain and leading scorer has been water skiing in Arizona since missing the team's flight to Seattle on Wednesday.

Ceballos' reasons for leaving are still unknown because he has communicated nothing to the Lakers through his agent Fred Slaughter.

However, he reportedly is unhappy about his reduced playing time.

He played a season-low 12 minutes and scored 2 points in a win over the SuperSonics on Tuesday.

The only thing Slaughter has

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McCall stops Stanton in 6th round

MIAMI-Former WBC heavyweight champion Oliver McCall stopped James Stanton in the sixth round of a scheduled 10-round bout. In other action Saturday night, Venezuela's Antonio Cermeno retained his World Boxing Association junior featherweight, and Nate Miller defended his World Boxing Association cruiserweight title.

McCall, now living in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, controlled Stanton the entire fight. Using an early fight knockdown, McCall did not let Stanton build an attack.

The combination of punches, which often had Stanton on the retreat, forced Stanton's cornermen to not allow

their fighter to answer the bell for the sixth round.

He hurt me a couple of times," Stanton said. The shots took their toll on me."

McCall, 30, improved his record to 28-6 with 20 knockouts.

Stanton, 23, drops to 16-2.

"I don't blame him for quitting," McCall said. I was too strong for him. He showed me he was a good boxer, but I kept my poise. Once I hit him with a good shot, I had him."

McCall's "good shot" came in the second round, when he sent Stanton to the canvas with a left uppercut. The knockdown was set up when McCall opened with a strong combination to

Stanton's head.

In the ensuing rounds, McCall began to utilize a jab and solid rights. Stanton managed to answer McCall's lead punches with occasional rights.

McCall won the WBC heavyweight title with a second-round knockout of Lennox Lewis in 1994. After a successful title defense against Larry Holmes in April 1995, he was dethroned of big crown by Frank Bruno last September.

McCall weighed 228 pounds (103.4 kilos) for the bout while Stanton, from Philadelphia, was at 216 (98 kilos).

Also Saturday, Cermeno retained

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Seattle final four

ALABAMA (24-8) was the only one of five Southeastern Conference teams which didn't get to the regional final. Vanderbilt, Tennessee, Georgia and Auburn make up half of the field that's left in the hunt for the national championship.

Stanford, without Starbird, had to rely on Mulitauaopele for all its overtime points.

The 6-foot-3 sophomore from Seattle gave the Cardinal a 76-74 lead with 19 seconds gone in overtime with a 5-foot hook shot. With 2:30 to go, Ezell tied the score with two free throws.

Pam Duncan's 3-pointer gave the

Crimson Tide a 74-71 lead with 1:12 to go. But Jamila Wideman sent the game into overtime with a 13-pointer from the top of the key with 58.8 seconds left in Iregulation, tying the score at 74-74.

Stanford outscored Alabama 10-1 in the first 3:47 of the second half for a 49-38 lead, but the Crimson Tide then went on an 1B-1 run for a 56-50 lead with 8:09 left.

Vanessa Nygaard added 12 points for Stanford, while Dominique Canty had 18 for Alabama.

Stanford led 39-37 at halftime after being in front 28-16 with 7:13 left in the

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