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Staffers: No takeover



Kerry A. Knott

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TINIAN—The CNMI government will hear what it surely wants to hear from the seven Congressional staffers as they end their five-day visit today. They will not recommend a federal take over of local minimum wage and immigration.

Kerry A. Knott, chief of staff of House Majority Leader Dick Arme, said the CNMI "is handling its affairs well."

"We would like to see the CNMI maintain the terms of the Covenant, and I don't think there's a need at this point to change that," said Knott, the spokesman for the delegation.

Knott said the staffers, are con-

vinced the administration is taking serious efforts to address the situation, and they are not inclined to recommend a federal takeover.

The CNMI government controls the situation well amid "the unusual circumstances of being in competition with the Asian countries while being accountable to US standard," Knott told reporters during the delegates' tour on this island.

However, he identified the wage issue as a concern that needs to be worked at.

Interior Department Field Representative Jeff Schorr raised the wage issue during his meeting with the Washington delegates Wednesday night.

Schorr, in a separate interview, said that while his office acknowledges the reforms and progress taking place in the Commonwealth, the local government tends to backslide on its commitment to raise the minimum wage.

The fate of the wage increase proposal continues to hang in limbo.

The administration, the legislature and the business community could not meet eye-to-eye on the issue, but Knott said that is part of "a healthy debate."

"Different sectors have different points of view on the issue," Knott said, "but this important debate should be done without a great deal of coercion from Washington."

Schorr, for his part, said his office "is not recommending a federal takeover as long as the CNMI maintains

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Trip irritates Gallegly

Tenorio: I didn't know we had to seek clearance

By Rafael H. Arroyo
Variety News Staff

CALIFORNIA Congressman Elton Gallegly is unhappy over the ongoing visit of seven US Congressional staffers to the CNMI.

In a strongly-worded letter dated April 3rd, the chairman of the House Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs questioned Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio about the trip and asked him to submit a report detailing the nature and scope of the congressional visit.

"I would like to know how this delegation was selected, who paid for the trip and whether this effort was in any way supplemented by the territory's annual Covenant grant payments or any other federal funds," Gallegly told Tenorio.

The California congressman said he was unhappy about the trip of the staffers as neither him nor his staff were informed of the visit, its purpose or its desired result.

He said he would like to see a



Froilan C. Tenorio

detailed itinerary and any background materials distributed to the visiting delegation while here.

The congressman inquired whether the CNMI government is in effect using US money to lobby Congressional staffers against reform legislation being pushed by Gallegly's subcommittee.

"As you know, we have been pursuing legislation to bring badly-needed reforms to the Marianas - particularly in the application of federal immigration and labor laws," said Gallegly.

He said the information he is requesting from Tenorio would be of great benefit to his subcommittee "as we prepare to enact legislation that will guarantee residents of the CNMI many of the same rights and protections enjoyed by those of us in the mainland."

As of yesterday, the Administration has confirmed it is shouldering the cost of the staffers' trip to Saipan, including airfare, food, hotel accommodations and transportation.

The seven staffers - three from the office of House Majority Leader Dick Arme, and one each from the offices of Reps. Tom DeLay, Gil Gutknecht, Phil Crane and Billy Tauzin - arrived Monday and have been touring CNMI worker sites, garment factories, historic sites as well as meeting government officials.

When asked for a comment about



Elton Gallegly

the trip and Gallegly's subsequent reaction, Tenorio said he did not know the CNMI is required to get clearance from anybody before inviting the staffers.

"So frankly, I don't see any reason why we can't do this, neither could I see any reason from our end why these people must get clearance from Congressman Gallegly. If they have their own regulations within the US Congress, within the House, then I am sorry, I don't know anything about that," he added.

As to who paid for the trip, Tenorio stressed that the federal government need not worry about federal funds

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170 teachers in PSS bias suit to get back pay soon

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

ONE-HUNDRED seventy Filipino teachers on whose behalf the United States filed a lawsuit alleging discriminatory practices against them by the CNMI Public School System will soon get their monetary awards.

The US Department of Justice submitted last Monday its final recommendations of monetary awards, which are now awaiting the approval of the District Court for the Northern Marianas.

The lawsuit was filed by the US in 1992, and in September 1994 the court approved a consent decree to settle the case.

The US submitted its preliminary recommendations on monetary awards in June last year.

Eleven of the claimants filed their objections, and last Feb. 7 the court suggested minor modifications.

The recently submitted final report implements the court's Feb. 7 order.

According to the report, awards had been recommended for teachers who have demonstrated losses due to the PSS' allegedly discriminatory employment practices with regard to salary, job promotions, transportation expenses, housing expenses,

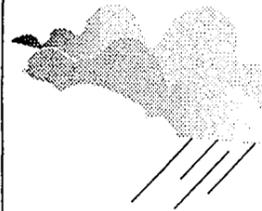
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Continental Micronesia Saipan general manager Mel Malloe, right, and other Continental employees donate a basket of toys and activity books for the children who will be spending Easter Sunday in the Pediatric Ward at the Commonwealth Health Center.

—Photo by Ferdie de la Torre

Weather Outlook



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers

Brown feared dead in crash

By TONY SMITH
VELJI DOL, Croatia (AP)—Scrambling over rocky cliffs, peering with flashlights through sheets of rain, rescuers Wednesday night reached the wreckage of the plane carrying U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown. He and 32 others aboard were presumed dead.

Reporters at the scene could see the plane resting on its belly on the top of a small hill in this coastal Adriatic village, near the port city of Dubrovnik. The plane's middle was burned.

Croatian police and U.S. soldiers were searching for bodies and survivors. Eleven hours after the crash, a U.S. State Depart-

ment official in Washington said Brown was presumed dead. Croatian TV also said all aboard the T-43 passenger jet were killed.

In Washington, a somber President Clinton called Brown "a magnificent life force" and urged prayers for those aboard the lost flight.

Four bodies—three men and a woman—had been recovered by midnight, Croatian Prime Minister Zlatko Matosa told Croatian state TV. Croatian special forces police said three more bodies were recovered by early Thursday, when the crash site was cordoned off to reporters.

A woman found alive at the scene died as a NATO helicopter carried her to a Dubrovnik hospital, flying through heavy rains and high winds.

Dubrovnik hospital doctors said they remained on full alert to treat survivors, but there was no word from the rescue scene early Thursday whether anyone else had lived through the crash.

Brown, 54, had been traveling in the region with about a dozen top American executives exploring business possibilities in the Balkans. Pentagon officials in

Washington said that 27 passengers and a crew of six were on board the flight to Dubrovnik.

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The plane took off from Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina, headquarters for U.S. soldiers with the NATO-led peace mission. A senior defense official in Washington said there were no indications of hostile action against the plane.

"We've got a pretty clear air picture in that area," the official said. "Early indications are it has more to do with tough weather and a tough approach."

Indeed, residents in Velji Dol pronounced VEL-ye Duhl- said Brown's plane crashed during one of the worst storms in decades. A strong wind from the south raged all day through Dubrovnik, a picturesque and historic port. No ships left port all day because the wind was so strong, local officials said.

Helicopters searching for Brown's plane turned around in heavy fog, but more than 100 special Croatian police managed to reach the hill, known locally as Sveti Ivan, or St. John.

Maj. Bryan Holt of U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, said a U.S. search-and-rescue team was at the scene, about an hour's walk from the village.

One villager said he saw the plane flying, heard a crash and

then jumped into a car and raced to the village to call police. "I saw the plane standing there," 53-year-old Ivo Djuricic said. "And I saw no signs of life."

Brown's aircraft disappeared from radar screens at 2:52 p.m. (1252 GMT) between the tiny island of Kalamota, a few miles (kilometers) southwest of Dubrovnik, and the Cilipi airport, Croatian security sources said. Visibility in the area was no more than 100 yards (90 meters), they said.

The plane was a T-43—the military version of a Boeing 737. According to the Air Force public affairs office, it was the same plane used earlier this week in Bosnia by Defense Secretary William Perry and for the recent trip to the Balkans by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and her daughter, Chelsea.

The plane was last inspected and cleared for service in June 1995 at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. It came off the Boeing line in 1973.

Officials said the plane approached the airport from Kalamota. Its path to Dubrovnik took it over Zupski Bay, and it apparently crashed into the hill as it crossed over land on the south side of the bay. The airport, 10 miles (16 kilometers) from Dubrovnik, lies just over the hill.

The airport is situated in mountainous terrain about three miles inland from the Adriatic Sea. Planes usually approach it from

over the water to avoid the mountains inland, but the approach from the sea is tricky as well. Before landing, planes encounter hills 300 to 600 feet (90 to 180 meters) high before a quick descent to the sole two-mile-long (three-kilometer-long) runway.

Croatian President Franjo Tudjman announced a top-level commission of inquiry into the plane crash and cabled President Clinton that he was "deeply shocked" by the news.

"Mr. President, I and the entire Croatian nation are feeling our deepest sympathies in this moment of pain," Tudjman said. The text of the cable was read on Croatian state television.

The HINA news agency said Prime Minister Zlatko Matosa of Croatia and U.S. Ambassador Peter Galbraith, who had been in Dubrovnik to welcome Brown, were touring the crash site.

Brown, who had planned to spend three days in Bosnia and Croatia, had said he was "really exhilarated" by his Wednesday visit to Bosnia. He brought hamburgers to U.S. troops in Tuzla, saw the fruits of peacekeeping and the potential for reconstruction.

Brown praised the soldiers, saying that without the U.S.-led NATO force, people wouldn't be returning to their homes, families would not be reunited, and meetings between former enemies would not be taking place. "So all of the United States says thanks to all of you."

HANMI to US group: We're OK



Clifford Grauers

pends largely upon a stable business climate that will be reassuring to investors, and a continuing ability to recruit both alien and local workers.

This was the message US congressional staffers were given yesterday in a lunch meeting with the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands (HANMI) held at Saipan Diamond Hotel.

HANMI President Clifford Grauers gave the 10-member delegation a brief "state of the hotel industry" report, outlining the economic benefits of the industry and discussing such issues as minimum wage.

"Since 1992, the Hotel Association has supported a gradual increase in the minimum wage of \$30 per year until we reach the US minimum wage. Even though the wage increase was held back this year, many of the hotels went

ahead and increased their minimum wages," said Grauers in response to a question from the delegation about the hotel's position on this issue.

"When you consider our minimum wage, you also have to consider all of the other costs—such as recruitment, housing, medical benefits—our wages are really a lot higher than they appear."

Grauers went on to say that claims of labor abuse in the CNMI were greatly exaggerated and in many cases isolated incidences had unjustly given the Commonwealth a bad name.

"The hotels in particular have a good record with virtually no labor abuses," Grauers explained. "In fact, we are self-policing to be sure that workers are treated well."

Several members of the delegation said that what they had been hearing in meetings with various government and business representatives were consistent across the board.

"It appears that the CNMI is making much more progress than some people in the Washington would have you believe," said one staffer.

Overall, the Association leaders said they felt the meeting with the delegation was an excellent opportunity to give the staffers of US congressmen a better understanding of the CNMI economy and local conditions.

The members acknowledged the silent powers of the staffers, who often times advise their bosses on important issues that could affect the CNMI.

"We appreciated the opportunity to set the record straight and let them see for themselves what goes on here," said Bart Jackson, general manager of Pacific Islands Club.

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands is made up of 17 leading hotels on Saipan, including the Aqua Resort Club, Chalan Kanoa Beach Club, Coral Ocean Point Resort Club, Dai-Ichi Saipan Beach Hotel, Micro Beach Hotel, Hafadai Beach Hotel, Oriental Hotel, Pacific Gardenia Hotel, Saipan Grand Hotel, and Summer Holiday Hotel. Associate members include the Marianas Visitors Bureau and Special Assistant to the Governor for Tourism and Trade Kurt Burkhardt.

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Staffers play tourists

MBY Mar-vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff
TINIAN—One of the seven Congressional staffers aimed his camera at his colleagues.

"Smile! Say cheeze!" Click!
"Watch out, guys. This will come out on the front page of Washington Post," quipped the camera-wielding staffer, obviously making reference to a Post news article that labeled their visit to the CNMI as a spring junket.

The staffers, who are here on a fact-finding mission, played tourists on Tinian yesterday, each carrying an instamatic camera.

They stopped over at historical sites on the island that played a major part in World War II, during which the US first got involved in the Northern Marianas.

They got history briefings from Pacific Island Aviation pilot Kevin

McQuiston, who served as their tourist guide.

Their first stop was at the atomic bomb pit where the Enola Gay took off to launch the end of the war 50 years ago. Then, they went to the Invasion Beach, where the US forces made an amphibious landing that surprised Japanese soldiers.

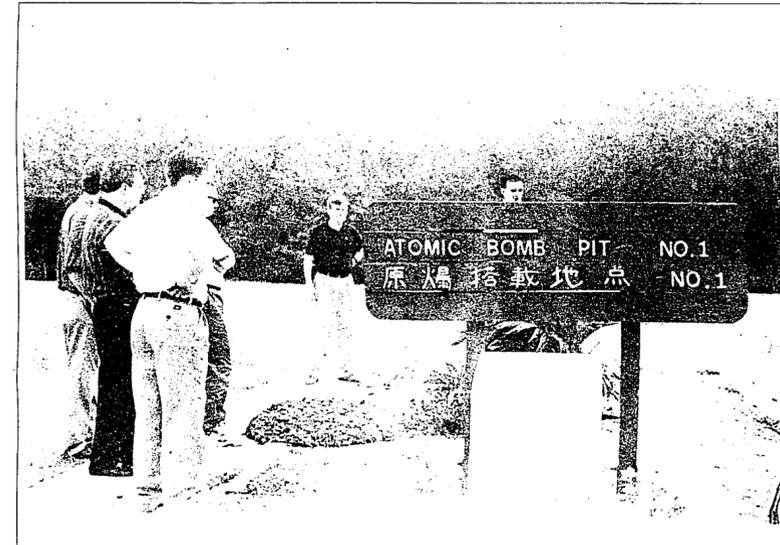
The visiting staffers were in awe, realizing the historical significance of the island many Americans are not familiar with.

"We enjoyed the tour," staffer Kerry A. Knott said.

Commenting on the Post report that described the staffers' trip as a spring junket, Knott said: "That's not true. The article was inaccurate."

He insists the group is on a fact-finding job.

"This is a serious trip, not a junket," Knott told reporters.



Congressional staffers stop over at the atomic bomb pit where the Enola Gay loaded the bombs that devastated Nagasaki and Hiroshima during World War II.

Inos asks visitors of Rota cave to seek permission

THE MAYOR'S Office respectfully requests that all persons wishing visit the I Chingai Cave on Rota do so only with the permission and assistance of our local Historic Preservation Office.

In a news release yesterday, Mayor Joseph S. Inos said the cave contents could be invaluable examples of ancient Chamorro art. The art is extremely vulnerable to damage caused by human visitation.

Visitors are not allowed in the cave without the presence of Historic Preservation personnel.

Anyone who wishes to visit the I Chingai Cave, contact the Rota office of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (670) 532-9453.

In return, C & CA will help make arrangements with Mr. Jun Duenas at the Rota Historic Preservation office for a guided tour of the site.

CNMI Public Law expressly prohibits any person to disturb cultural and historic property on public or private land. Criminal penalties back up this prohibition.

"We thank the public for the interest in the I Chingai Cave. We appreciate the support for this important cultural find. To preserve this treasure against harm, we ask that the site only be visited with the permission of the Historic Preservation Office. Your cooperation will be most sincerely appreciated," the Mayor said.



Joseph S. Inos

Terminated DFW employee takes DLNR secretary to court

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff
LANDS and Natural Resources Secretary Benigno M. Sablan became the subject of a complaint yesterday for the second time in 17 days.

The complaint was filed by Susan Anne Snow-Cotter before the District Court as a result of her termination from her employment allegedly without cause.

Last March 19 Sablan was also sued by the captain of the government-owned boat *CNMI Challenger* for alleged nonpayment of his salary since Oct. 16 last year.

Cotter, a citizen of the United States, said her employment as resources planner at the Division of Fish and Wildlife was terminated in April 1994, almost eight months before the expiration of her work contract.

She had worked for only one year and four months. She said her employment was for two years.

The complaint said Sablan ordered the acting chief of the DFW to terminate Cotter without cause.

Cotter was accordingly informed

on Feb. 8 by the acting chief that she would be terminated effective in 60 days. On the same day she received the termination notice.

Aside from Sablan, named respondents were the CNMI government, Eugene A. Santos, chair of the CNMI Civil Service Commission, and CSC members Felix R. Fitial, Wannete S. Malone, Jesus I. Taisague, and John Q. Guerrero.

Cotter claimed her due process and equal protection rights under the Fourteenth Amendment were infringed upon and violated.

She also claimed the CNMI breached the duty of good faith and fair dealing with her pursuant to her employment contract by terminating her.

The Civil Service Commission chairman and members also allegedly failed to protect Cotter's civil service rights.

Cotter asked the court to award her compensatory damages to be proved during trial and punitive damages totalling \$750,000.

She also asked that the court order



Benigno M. Sablan

the CNMI to declare that her termination was unlawful.

Last March 19, Augustin C. Aguon filed a complaint against Sablan, the CNMI, and the DFW for the alleged nonpayment of his salaries amounting to \$25,488.88.

Aguon has asked to be awarded general, punitive, and liquidated damages, all to be proved at the trial.

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EDITORIAL

Spare us the bashing

THE CNMI has done it again, landing on the pages of the most widely-read, liberal news daily in the nation's capital for the nth time.

This time, though, the issue was not about any new maid getting raped nor about any new garment factory exploiting foreign nationals working under slave-like conditions.

The article that appeared in the Federal Page of the Washington Post's April 3 issue was about the alleged "spring junket" taken by seven congressional staffers to Saipan, a destination virtually unknown to many of them, but one they had to come out and see out of curiosity.

Although the story's main point was to somehow question whether federal taxpayers' dollars are being misused for the pleasure of those who are powerful and connected enough to enjoy free travel, the story has opened a new opportunity to bring up the undying topic of labor abuse in the Commonwealth without having to dig for new incidents or fresh reports.

The mere fact that the supposedly abhorred junket has Saipan as destination presented a perfect vehicle for a follow-up to the bad things and deplorable incidents that hugged the headlines some time back.

What first appears as Gov. Tenorio's harmless, well-meaning invitation to the US staffers has now drawn the attention of Washington policymakers again to the issues. And so now we see the CNMI's top critic, the honorable Elton Gallegly, getting all riled up once again.

True, Mr. Gallegly may have reason to squirm. He sees a stubborn island territory practicing an expensive game of patronage politics when it has continued to accept federal dollars from the US taxpayers at a time when the prevailing mood in the nation is that of cutting costs.

He sees a controversial insular area trying to peddle influence when it should not continue to be accorded the special treatment it has enjoyed over the years from Uncle Sam.

So in the end, the surefire formula of gaining congressional advocates out of pampered visitors may have resulted to something negative in the eyes of the chairman.

Mr. Gallegly may now be seeing the Commonwealth as too much of "eager beaver" when all it had to do is to stay focused on the avowed reforms.

If the CNMI is truly convinced that it is doing so well in the areas of labor and immigration reforms, what is the point of having to spend money for federal visits when the notion it could create is that we're resorting to "PR ploys" to camouflage inadequacies. And that we are prone to the practice of condoning what may be perceived as unjustifiable spending.

Although image and impression may be all that matters, the money spent for the visit could have been put to better use locally in as much as there is an unending need to fund local endeavors.

CNMI leaders must remember we have a ballooning deficit we have to take care of.

There is a severe lack of funds to build the infrastructure needed to spruce up the economy.

And we have an economy that could not fully take off because leaders have failed to manifest resiliency in local policy making.

So how would skeptics like Mr. Gallegly feel right about us here if we would act like those big-time mainland lobbyists and interest groups who would stop at nothing to sway congressional opinion to their side?

The CNMI government, under the Tenorio Administration has indeed made tremendous progress on the reform issues, but it has to learn how to silently draw confidence from its triumphs.

It needs to tread carefully on how to deal with federal opinion as the adverse impression from congressional critics is still alive and only waiting to resurrect.

It is very sad indeed that the gesture of inviting federal observers, however well-meaning, has become too controversial in the eyes of Mr. Gallegly and seemed to have done more harm than good.

We sincerely hope not.

We implore the distinguished gentleman from California not to take this issue against the CNMI and just look at the reforms and the progress based on merit and effort.

It should be remembered that all the CNMI did was to invite the staffers to take a closer look at the situation here and to show them how the US may have been unfairly looking down at one of its youngest family members.

The staffers could have not come over if they did not want to and the criticism would not have been coming.

Spare us the spanking. Instead, give us the chance to prove that we have come a long way from being, as the Post have so easily labeled, an "island of exploitation."



TR's Marianas

By: John DelRosario

It's better to have friends than adversaries in Washington

Washington is the center of power. It is where national policy decisions are made and set for the entire country, insular possessions and the global village for that matter. We must accept this reality and learn to deal with it with a sense of maturity.

We cannot change Washington. However, Washington can change us at will too. We have to learn to deal with our national policymakers with a sense of responsibility. We have to learn (if we haven't already) that it (Washington) has unequivocal authority to sacrifice local policy decisions in favor of our national interest however absurd or obscure they may be.

It is our responsibility, therefore, to educate our national policymakers either directly or through their key-staff people of our concerns and aspirations so they do not trash nor neglect legitimate CNMI concerns. The manner in which Governor Tenorio addressed this matter—inviting US Congressional codel—is the way we should handle familiarization efforts of with some of the most powerful members of the US Congress.

It is vitally important an effort in the sense that over the last several years we had to endure national and international media bashing on such issues as labor abuse. We have given them the opportunity to see for themselves whether the negative portrayal of the islands by the national media is fact or fiction. I'm rather pleased to read positive comments that they have seen positive changes and local resolve to rectify accusations of slave labor, etc.

Congressional codel will leave the islands sometime today with first hand impressions and views of our sentiments on various substantive issues, the personalities behind the issues and their political agendas; differing views on the same issues; the capability or incapability of our policymakers to deal with substantive issues; and, who certain personalities are linked with and why, among others.

Through this interaction, they can relate our concerns and views to their superiors (members of Congress) on matters that would affect the CNMI. When we visit their side of the Pacific, our jobs are made easier by the fact that they now have a working knowledge of life in the islands. They would be prepared to listen to our little voices, voices of Americans who live outside mainstream America under entirely different set of circumstances uniquely peculiar to island settings. Their role in pushing for our needs is far more effective

than the functions of the Marianas Washington Office which is really one of a glorified liaison arrangement.

It pays to know this people on a one-on-one basis. Through friendship, frank exchange of views can take place where agreements are cemented and honest differences of opinions fully understood. It permits us to use points of disagreements for further discussion and refinement in hopes that they will be able to see our problems through our own pair of glasses. It may be difficult a task given that many of our policymakers aren't capable of articulation. However, it remains a window of opportunity for us to gradually convey our sentiments on pertinent policy questions.

In all our dealings, it is important that we treat our partners as friends and not as adversaries. Never forget for a moment that these key-staffers are people too. Rubbing them the wrong way won't get us the mileage that we need from our nation's capital. As powerful a member of the US House of Representatives, we must learn to work together with Congressman Dick Armey's key staff people. Friends, if you haven't learned as yet, key-staffers, in the final analysis, play a major role on the fate of issues on proposed legislation that would affect our livelihood in the CNMI. We need their understanding and they need our cooperation and political maturity. It's a two way street no matter how you twist it.

I find it rather disturbing too that some of us were a bit too quick in questioning the integrity of their mission out here. What's wrong with empowering key-staffers with appropriate information about the CNMI on a first hand basis on matters the media has portrayed negatively of the islands?

In the first place, we do not have the means to make a difference nor alter proposed federal policies. Doesn't it make sense that the efforts Governor Tenorio has taken would put to rest all the suspicion that emerged from media bashing in recent years? Well? I am sure you agree that it only takes common sense to understand with gratitude that the Governor's invitation will give us greater mileage than our nimble island minds could absorb. If you disagree because your ego was bruised inadvertently, it goes without saying that you don't necessarily have our interest at heart either.

I hope that our friends find their short trip informative and meaningful. I hope too that you have been accorded the true spirit of "Hafa Adai". At least, I can sleep well knowing that you will be returning home equipped with a better view and appreciation of our problems and concerns out here. With this, I hope that we can work to making partnership a reality once and for all. May you have a safe trip back home. Hafa Adai!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Enfield on fiber optic cable project

Dear Editor: Lately, there have been several news stories which have had inaccuracies regarding MTC. These stories have mis-stated our intentions with regard to our proposal to lay an undersea fiber optic cable.

MTC has, is, and will be working to meet or beat the competition in retards to our long distance rates. It does not matter how much MTC or GST invests in a fiber optic system; it is competition that sets the rates. Some of the stories that have run in the media indicate that MTC can somehow charge more if we want to. This is not true. If the competition charges \$1.00 per minute to call the US, how can MTC charge more and expect customers to use MTC?

In fact, since 1989 we have reduced basic direct dial rates to the US Mainland and Hawaii by 40%. While some stories have quoted \$1.85 as our regular rate to the US, this only applies to the first minute in the most expensive time period

of the day with no discount plans. More accurately, residential customers can pay \$1.06 to \$1.32 per additional minute and businesses can pay \$.79 to \$1.15 per additional minute, depending upon the time of day and the various MTC discount plans utilized for long distance calling. In addition, rates to Guam, Japan, the Philippines, and Korea have also been reduced - a direct result of health competition.

These discount plans are called WorldPass Savings. Offering substantial discounts on direct dial long distance calls to both residential and business customers. WorldPass Savings has no hidden charges, no limits and no sign-ups. Residential customers can receive an automatic savings of 15% on all international direct dial calls - anywhere, anytime - when \$25 or more is spent during a month. To begin seeing the savings, all customers need to do is choose MTC as their long distance carrier. WorldPass

Savings for Businesses offers monthly discounts of 25% to 37% on international direct dial calls, depending on monthly usage and contract terms.

In regards to the recent articles on the undersea fiber optic cable project, GST has proposed a \$24 million project. This is about \$10 million more than MTC's project will cost. Basically, GST must earn an additional \$10 million just to pay for their project. That may be why GST is planning to charge customers twice their cost of the cable up front. In addition, GST's minimum requirement for those companies wishing to use the cable will be an up front payment of \$700,000, whereas MTC will charge only a reasonable lease rate - allowing even small companies to afford the technology now. In compliance with FCC regulations and the new Telecommunications Act of 1996, MTC will offer fair rates on an equal basis to all. The statements made recently indicat-

ing otherwise are just not correct.

MTC was the originator of the submarine fiber optic plans for the CNMI. We are also the only telecommunications company that has completed all of the requirements of the CNMI's Submerged Lands Act. MTC already owns the cable and terminal equipment and is ready to complete the project now. MTC welcomes competition from GST and others, but GST demands that they be the only company allowed to install and operate an undersea fiber optic cable. GST wants the CNMI to give then a 3-year monopoly so that they can be guaranteed to make all of their investments back quickly. The difference is that MTC has a long term commitment to the CNMI, and unlike GST, we're not looking for a quick return.

GST and others would like you to believe that rates will automatically go down when the cable is placed. They are using this argument to sway public opinion toward their contract. The fact is that rates are already going down and will continue to do so, even if no cable is placed thanks to competition and other regulatory factors such as the 1886 Telecommunications Act.

At MTC, we are firm believers

that competition fosters the best environment for customers to benefit and we will gladly participate. CNMI. We are also the only telecommunications company that has completed all of the requirements of the CNMI's Submerged Lands Act. MTC already owns the cable and terminal equipment and is ready to complete the project now. MTC welcomes competition from GST and others, but GST demands that they be the only company allowed to install and operate an undersea fiber optic cable. GST wants the CNMI to give then a 3-year monopoly so that they can be guaranteed to make all of their investments back quickly. The difference is that MTC has a long term commitment to the CNMI, and unlike GST, we're not looking for a quick return.

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Sincerely,

ROB ENFIELD

MHS teacher seeks support for petition

Dear Editor:

There is currently a petition being circulated on the island addressing the concern that PSS will lose all of its non-resident teachers at the end of the current school year. I would like to express some of the concerns which led to the writing of this petition.

1.) Many of us very concerned for the students of the CNMI. Next school year they will be deprived of a great resource: their teachers.

Teachers who have served the Commonwealth for many years will be repaid for their commitment by being asked to leave. This is because many leaders feel that an American teacher with an American diploma is a very le-

gitimate replacement for a non-resident teacher with multiple years of teaching experience n island. There is currently an excellent teacher at Marianas High School who has been educating the children of the CNMI for 15 years. Although he was educated in a US university he is not a US citizen. Now the children of the CNMI will no longer have the opportunity to learn from this man. Can he adequately be replaced by a first year teacher from the US mainland?

2.) I am concerned about the effects on MHS. Commissioner Torres has told Governor Tenorio there will be no need for PSS to have the exemption status granted by Public Law 10-4. Of our 80

teachers, 35 will be affected by Public Law 10-4. These numbers combined with the departure of US mainland teachers may constitute a turnover of more than 50 percent. The students who are taking science classes will have only 4 teachers returning out of 10. Only one of these teachers has more than a year of on-island teaching experience. There will be no advanced science teacher returning. The Math Department will also be dealt a crushing blow. How can we claim to prepare our children for the Year 2000 with this kind of record?

3.) There has been a great deal of public commentary on how American schools and standards

are superior to other countries. This has led to the assumption that only American citizen teachers should educate the children of the commonwealth. If the people pushing for this racial purge of the school system have been through American universities, they know that concerned education systems hire instructors based on merit rather than ethnic background or the country stamped on their passport.

4.) The only statements that may sway the government are those of PSS Administration or those of the people. It appears that the PSS does not feel that losing veteran teachers to new Americans will harm education. Even in the light that the Commissioner and Board of Education Members will have to say

good-bye to colleagues who have served PSS for years. So it is up to us, the people of Saipan, to make our voices heard. If you feel strongly about the educational future of the Commonwealth, find out how PL 10-4 will affect your schools. If you don't like what will happen to the education system of the CNMI, please let your representatives, governor and PSS know your feelings. Call them, write them and visit them. If you agree with the petition, seek it out and sign it. Thank you for considering the education of the children of the CNMI.

Sincerely,

MICK HAMILTON
MHS Educator

CUC for the people, or vice versa

Dear Editor,

I recieved a notice from CUC of past due to amount amounting to \$508.05 which include a late payment of charge \$5.03. I always make it a point to pay-off my bills so that I will not be experiencing a home life without electricity. However, this January, my water meter was installed and immediately start registering gallons of usage like mad. The first monthly bill rang up a usage of 65,250 gallons and another 63,000 gallons for the month of Febuary which

amounted to \$202.80 and \$194.00 respectively. Last year I reduced my electrical bills by 1/2 by simply unplugging the water heater and home airconditioners. I wish to do the same thing with my water usage.

When I first recieved the water billings of 65,250 gallons usage, I immediately called up CUC to verify the correctness of my bill. I was informed to pay only the service fee which amounted to \$6.00 until further notice. I was waiting for that further notice. Then came that further notice

instructing me to pay \$503.02 and \$5.03 late payment charge within 14 days or else they will disconnect my electrical and/or water service. According to my record, I don't owe CUC except for the water usage which is still in dispute.

All I want to ask right now is for patience and understanding. Perhaps, the figure have to be debated in that we should question whether normal water consumption should be either equal to or greater than the entire Sina palo Village. I also understand that countless others are paying \$34.00 or less flat rate whom I know should be consuming double or three times what I am consuming. Perhaps, maybe

into the question of political fairness. At present, I question the integrity of CUC in their application of CUC policy. For example, if some are paying for water through metered consumption, then why are others do not? I understand that the golf course here in Rota is not paying for water and I believe that their consumption should be either equal to or greater than the entire Sina palo Village. I also understand that countless others are paying \$34.00 or less flat rate whom I know should be consuming double or three times what I am consuming. Perhaps, maybe

some people consume water without flat fee or a meter. If we talk about usage of our precious natural resources, and we are to charge the people on that basis, then we should do so fairly.

One more thing, please have all meters calibrated by a certified company. I wonder if the CUC Board of Directors are actually doing their job. Is the CUC working for the people or are the people going to work for CUC?

Sincerely,

Frank M. Atalig

Rosario responds to Paul Trombetta

Dear Editor:

Regarding Mr. Paul Trombetta's luminescent display of immaturity and white male superiority, I'd like to offer the following comments.

Despite his accusations of racism, I never lost focus of his views as a businessman which was more important than his racist attitude. He's confirmed, by the tone of his letter, that he is the ultimate racist.

I don't know who you are and frankly don't give a damn either, but it is your attitude (white male superiority) that I find notoriously racist. If you're from the mainland, then the fact that you're here running a bar confirms my suspicion that you too can't stand the 30 to 40 per cent tax in the State where you came from. And you're complaining about a seven per cent tax being levied against bars here? Your argument is fluid and

confirms that you're so smart as to display your stupidity. I've read too many books about life in mainstream America and how people have come to earn more for less. You must be one of them or you wouldn't be out here, right? Racist? My ancestors never had a history of killing and conquering Native Americans (Indians) nor did we ever turn Blacks (African Americans) into slaves as did your ancestors who mi-

grated to America as aliens. If you don't know your history, it's time you did because you have such shameless and warped views of the "ways" of other people. It's that white male superiority that's eating you in a setting whose generous tradition had you entrenched in your own little fantasy world of some exotic tropical island all to yourself. It's the island bug that has gotten you, yeah?

My English may not be that good, but I relish the fact that you were able to understand my misgivings about gross receipts and

excise taxes. Now, let's see you write your piece in the vernacular in the way that I write my Chamorro columns. I'll thank you from start to finish, everyday that you come into my class. And you wouldn't qualify to don the student role of St. Dominic either (if you know his story). Well, the next time I write about you, it'll be in Chamorro. I also want to see how funny your Chamorro will be in the land of Moros!

Sincerely,

John DelRosario, Jr.

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'Depoliticized' MVB sought

By Rafael H. Arroyo
Variety News Staff
REPRESENTATIVE Pete P. Reyes has introduced legislation that would repeal the section in Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio's Executive Order 94-3 pertaining to the Marianas Visitors Bureau.

House Bill 10-215, co-sponsored by 13 other House members, seeks to take out MVB under the umbrella of the Department of Commerce and restore its former status as an autonomous government entity.

"MVB should get out of politics. There seems to be a great deal of political involvement in

MVB. I think it should be one with independence and free from political interference," said Reyes in an interview yesterday.

"When politics is taken out, there's always efficiency," he added.

MVB used to be an independent government agency governed solely by a board of directors.

When Gov. Tenorio issued his 1994 E.O. to reorganize government, MVB was placed under the administrative umbrella of the Commerce Department.

Section 302 (b) of E.O. 94-3 provided that while the existence

of an MVB board is maintained, it has become a bureau under the executive branch.

Formerly, the MVB managing director is appointed by the board. After the E.O. took effect, the MVB's top manager is appointed by the governor and confirmed by the board.

According to Reyes, the current arrangement of MVB subjects the bureau to undue political interference as it is now under the control of the executive branch.

For example, Reyes said MVB could be dictated as to where to open an office, referring to the opening of tourism offices in To-

kyo, Osaka and other Asian cities.

Although Reyes said there may be legitimate promotional reasons for putting some of those offices, the process could be abused.

"MVB may be made to open an office somewhere to accommodate a political supporter in Japan, in Korea or any other places so they could have a government job. These are examples and I could go on and on. I am not accusing anyone but the possibility is there," said Reyes.

Another example of political interference Reyes cited was MVB's reported funding of the CNMI office in Manila.

The Manila office, which was established in 1994, serves as a contact office where workers from the Philippines undergo a clearance process prior to their departure for the CNMI.

Earlier reports had it that MVB is footing the expenses of the office in as much as it also doubles as an office dealing with promotion of CNMI tourism in the Philippines.

"I am not too sure about this. I've been trying for the past three years to find out how the office is being funded because we passed a budget act that zeroes out its operation. This means that there cannot funds reprogrammed to a zero funded operation under the Planning and Budgeting Act," said Reyes.

"So I cannot imagine how the office is getting funded, but I tell you employees there are receiving their checks, the rental is still being paid and operations go on as usual as if it is being funded," said Reyes.

"If MVB is indeed funding this despite a reported deficit realized by the bureau, I see it is being dictated and instructed to pay and it is not fair. Then this is one example of how politics is playing a role in MVB," the lawmaker stressed.

According to Reyes, politics



Pete P. Reyes

should be kept out of the bureau owing to the need to protect the CNMI's most basic economic base - tourism.

Japanese cultural group due Saturday

A CULTURAL exchange group from Suzu City, Ishikawa Prefecture, Japan are visiting Saipan to perform for the public on Saturday, April 13, 1996.

The cultural event, which will also feature a live band and a cultural performances by a Chamorro and Refalawach (Carolinian) group, will take place at the Susupe Beach Park between 9 and 11 am, a news release from the Marianas Visitors Bureau said.

The Taiko drummers are visiting the Northern Marianas as goodwill ambassadors to promote world peace between citizens of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Suzu city.

Following this cultural event, the Taiko drummers will tour the memorial monuments at the Marpi sites to pay respect to lives lost during the WWII battles in the Marianas.

The Taiko drummers have gone through other Asian countries for goodwill missions. This year, they have decided to visit our lovely islands. This event is open to the public.



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Victims sue cabby for \$1.5-M



Stephen J. Nutting.

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff
FOUR smashup victims, including three minor children, have sued the alleged drunken cabby and a taxi owner seeking \$1.5 million in damages.

Antonio I. Rogolifoi and his three kids demanded \$1 million in punitive damages against Ariel Tarrado and Juanito S. Marquez, taxi driver and owner respectively.

Rogolifoi and his children also sought \$585,000 in damages for their personal injuries as a result of the accident.

Also sued were the taxi's insurer—National Union Fire Insurance Co. of

Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, through its agents, Guam Insurance Adjusters, Inc. and Calvo's Insurance Underwriters, Inc.

The plaintiffs, through counsel Stephen J. Nutting, demanded damages for the fair market value of their pick-up truck in an amount to be proven in court.

In the civil complaint, Nutting said last July 30 at 6:57 p.m., Rogolifoi with his kids—Reginald, Melinda and Peter—on board the truck entered the 2-W Highway southward from an intersection in Chalan Lau Lau.

Nutting said while the truck went into the outer southbound lane, a

Subaru four-door sedan taxi driven at high speed southward by Tarrado swerved.

The taxi collided with Rogolifoi's truck from the rear, forcing the truck to run off the roadway and overturn twice. Rogolifoi's children were thrown away from their vehicle.

Nutting said Tarrado was intoxicated with a .225% blood alcohol level.

As a result of Tarrado's neglect, recklessness and drunkenness, the lawyer said, the Rogolifois suffered serious injuries which have caused and continue to cause "great mental, physical and nervous pain, suffering and disability."

Rogolifoi got contusions and abrasions, and soft tissue injuries to his neck and spine.

Peter sustained orbital fracture and hematomas of the right cerebral hemisphere and right temporal lobe.

On the other hand, Melinda received a fracture of the skull and lacerations and contusions.

Reginald suffered concussion, soft tissue injuries to his back and lacerations and contusions.

Nutting said the defendant acted maliciously and was guilty of a wanton disregard of the rights and safety of the victims.

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Faithful observe Good Friday

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

THE pall of gloom shrouds the whole of Christendom as it commemorates the Death and Passion of Christ today, Good Friday.

Christians are expected today to troop to churches to listen to preachers expounding on the Seven Last Words that Christ uttered on the Cross. Those who cannot go to the church or

who want to avoid the crowd will be making their own reflections in the confines or privacy of their homes.

Others will be making the way of the Cross.

Masses will not be celebrated today in Catholic churches.

Church rites will consist of only three parts: liturgy of the Word, veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.

A procession will take place at 5 p.m. at Mount Carmel cathedral and at 6:30 p.m. at Santa Remedios church in Tanapag.

Many people are expected to join the Church-organized procession to Mount Tapochao, which starts from Mount Carmel cathedral.

The cross to be carried to Mount Tapochao will be blessed in front of the cathedral at 7:30 a.m.

In the past some penitents carried their own cross as personal re-enactment of Christ's suffering.

They are expected to still do the same today, but the diocese of Chalan Kanoa is discouraging them from doing so.

The diocese has asked those wishing to carry a cross to Mount Tapochao to refrain from doing "separate public devotions of this sort."

"Good Friday is not a time for competing groups of cross bearers but for cooperation and humble worship as one community," a notice published in *North Star*, the diocesan weekly publication, stated.

Christians believe that Christ's death was the culmination of mankind's redemption.

During Black Saturday, Christians wait silently for Christ's Resurrection.

Easter Vigil rites and Masses will be conducted in churches in the evening.

The rites include the blessing of the fire and the water and the lighting of the Easter candle. Catholics will renew their baptismal vows renouncing sin and Satan, and profess their Faith.

On Easter Sunday, the gloom that pervades on Good Friday will turn into joy as Christians rejoice over their Risen Lord.

There will be a 5:30 a.m. Mass in Mount Tapochao.

The Protestants will have their Easter Sunrise services.

Conservationist Corner

THE CONSTRUCTION of the channel that leads to sediment basin #2 for Phase II Wetland Mitigation has been completed by Camacho Equipment. For the safety of the community, a fence is being built by the local government sponsors (Department of Lands and Natural Resources and Saipan & Northern Islands Soil and Water Conservation District) around the channel to prevent accidents. Vegetation on the disturbed construction areas has prevented significant erosion by providing adequate ground cover.

The surveys of the irrigation distribution lines, in which the Division of Lands and Survey staff assisted, have been completed. Surveys for Sediment Basin #2 are on-going, it will collect all of the sediment from rain-water run-off before it goes down to Tank Beach.

The design work for Phase III Wetland Mitigation is proceeding. The waterway has been designed and drawn by Jeffrey C. Wheaton and Pamela M. Sablan. Charles D. Zuller is working on the road crossing and the drop structure designs.

Richard H. Howard, recently, assumed his responsibilities as the new District Conservationist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDANRCS) for Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and the Northern Mariana Islands. He replaces William R. Yamarino who transferred to Maine in the U.S.A. Mr. Howard comes to this area most recently from Alabama where he worked as District Conservationist in two field offices. Prior to that he had worked in four locations in Maine serving as District Conservationist in two field offices there for 16 years. Mr. Howard has 26 years experience working with farmers, landusers, and community leaders in developing reasonable landuse practices which will control soil erosion, improve water quality, and enhance the environment.

Dick, as he likes to be called, is a 1973 graduate of the University of Maine with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife Management. He is a Vietnam Veteran having served



Pamela M. Sablan

in the U.S. Army for four years. His wife, Deborah and daughter Jennifer are on island with him. Mrs. Howard now teaches at the Saipan International School. He has a son Christopher who is a junior at Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina.

His experiences and knowledge should be an asset to those efforts already underway in protecting and preserving the natural resources of the Mariana Islands. Anyone looking for assistance with conservation activities are welcome to contact Mr. Howard at the Horizon Building in Garapan or by calling the number listed below.

Other personnel changes in the Saipan Field Office include: Charles D. Zuller, who will be our new Kagan Watershed Project Engineer; his wife, Susie Zuller, came with him. Jeffrey C. Wheaton, the former Project Engineer, has transferred to the U.S.D.A.-Pacific Basin Office on Guam to assume his new position as the Area Conservation Engineer for the Pacific Basin.

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

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Red Cross honors Guerrero, Sablan

Jean D. Sablan and Juan "Pan" Guerrero were recognized by the Northern Mariana Islands Chapter of the American Red Cross for their tireless efforts to assist the Chapter in fund raising.

Jean D. Sablan was the Chair for the 1995 Club 200 event which raised nearly \$130,000. The event featured a grand buffet dinner at the Hyatt as well as a raffle with over 25 prizes that included \$25,000, a car and a truck. Juan "Pan" Guerrero also assisted with the Club 200 event and is a constant support to the Chapter in fund raising, a news release from the Chapter said.

According to Cassandra Ely, NMI Chapter Manager, all the services provided by the Chapter are made possible by the gener-

ous donations of the community and volunteers.

The Chapter does not get any federal monies for its operation or services and without the work of such wonderful volunteers such as Jean and Juan "Pan" the Chapter would not be able to provide services to the community.

Even in their acceptance speeches both volunteers were already talking about the 1996 Club 200.

Jean Sablan and Juan "Pan" Guerrero have both been volunteers for the NMI Chapter for a good number of years because they believe in the mission of the American Red Cross: to provide relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

The NMI Chapter provides relief to victims of single family fires and flooding, Heat and Safety classes that include CPR, First Aid, Water Safety, and HIV/AIDS education, Armed Forces Emergency Services as well as year-round community safety and disaster preparedness activities.



(from left, Larry Lee, Chapter Vice-Chair; Jerry Facey, Disaster Committee Chair; Jean D. Sablan, 1995 Club 200 Chair; Juan "Pan" Guerrero, Honorary Board Member; Florence Bocago, Board Chairperson.)

MVB asks public to take part in Flame Tree fest

THE MARIANAS Visitors Bureau is calling all cultural performers to register in the upcoming 1996 Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival scheduled on April 27 and 28.

According to a news released yesterday, for the first time, MVB will do video coverage of local cultural performing groups at the festival for future reference in the selection of groups for off-island promotions. "This video will not be used for any commercial purpose and is for exclusive use by the bureau," MVB said in a news release yesterday.

"The bureau has many traveling opportunities to showcase the Marianas Cultural performance throughout the year," said managing Director Anicia Tomokane.

"In the last couple of years, we have sent performing groups to the Korea visit USA, CNMI cultural fair in Taipei, the 10th JATA congress and travel show in Osaka, and MVB's Marianas tourism and trade office opening in Osaka," she added.

"The inclusion of cultural performers in our promotional efforts is another opportunity for the CNMI to present the beauty of our islands as a destination and to highlight the artistic values of the islands," she added.

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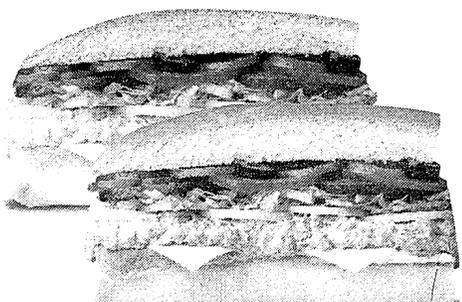
THE SUPERIOR Court clerk's office was burglarized again! An unidentified person/s reportedly broke into the office and took almost \$2,000 cash from the safe. The Variety gathered that the burglary was discovered when clerk of court chief Frank Tomokane, and cashier Lawrence L. Rosario were about to open the safe yesterday at 8 a.m. The suspect/s emptied the safe of money except the checks. Rosario was supposed to use the money for petty cash. Rosario and Tomokane put the money, which were part of the court's daily collections, inside the vault Wednesday before 5 p.m. Most clerk employees believed that the burglary was an "inside job" citing that the safe was not forced open and there was no sign of forcible entry into the office. Police are still investigating the case. Tomokane said hopefully the case would be solved by next week. The former clerk's office, which was located near Judge Alexandro Castro's chamber, was burglarized by an unidentified person/s last Aug. 31. Taken were undetermined amount of money from the drawers and tables of five court employees. A few years ago the same office was burglarized and the safe was taken away.—Ferdie de la Torre

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Participants in the recent Tanapag Cub Scouts Great Pinewood Derby pose for a photo with Boy Scout Commissioner Juan L. Babauta holding their ribbons and certificates. They are Chris and Doland Seidler, Marnet and BJ Sablan, John Gary Serrano, Joel Almand, Jimmy and Bradley Serapio, and Robert Almand. Not shown is Arnold Serapio

Attn. Tapochau trekkers

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Banes gives Rayphand, Torres an 'ultimatum'



David G. Banes
 By Ferdie de la Torre
 Variety News Staff

LAWYER David G. Banes, counsel for L&T Group of Companies, Ltd., threatened yesterday to seek another contempt order and sanctions against Rep. Stanley T. Torres, and lawyers Jeanne H. Rayphand and Theodore R. Mitchell. Banes made the threat after Mitchell filed Wednesday before the Superior Court an entry of appearance in the taxpayer lawsuit on behalf of Torres, Rayphand, and former Gov. Carlos S. Camacho. Torres and Rayphand, through counsel Mitchell, also appealed to the Supreme Court several decisions of Associate Judge Edward Manibusan in the taxpayer suit. In a letter, Banes gave Rayphand and Torres an ultimatum to withdraw their "appearance and appeal" until Monday 5 p.m. "Otherwise, we must conclude that

you both have consented to Mitchell acting on your behalf and you authorize and ratify his actions," said Banes. The L&T counsel reminded the two about the court's order holding them in contempt for allowing Mitchell to represent them and a decision removing them as representatives in the lawsuit. "To be specific, we will ask the court to suspend you Jeanne and Mr. Mitchell from the practice of law and impose fines of \$25,000 on you and Mr. Mitchell," Banes said. Meanwhile, Torres said Manibusan's decision removing them from lawsuit had made their appeal to the High Tribunal stronger. With the filing of entry of appearance, Torres said they have joined taxpayers Nick Sablan and Alex Tudela as members of the class action suit. "We're with them! They wanted it—they go it! And now we are even stronger in class membership with the addition of former Gov. Dr. Carlos S. Camacho. Our prayers have been answered," said the congressman in a press statement.

Torres also reacted to the ruling that he demonstrated anger and spite outweighing his desire to achieve the best possible outcome for the public and an unduly antagonistic person. "I wish to point out that my written statements can hardly match those made by the new litigant, Nick Sablan threats and insults directed at Judge Castro and to the good Bishop, which led to immediate order for urinalysis and blood tests," he added.



Stanley T. Torres

MHS backs renewals for 12 alien teachers

MARIANAS High School principal James Fegger has recommended the renewal of employment contracts of 12 nonresident teachers at MHS.



James Fegger

In a March 29 letter to Education Commissioner William Torres, Fegger said he is aware that the Public School System is recruiting U.S. teachers to replace the ones whose contracts would be terminated soon. However, Fegger said, he "conscientiously feel it is a disservice to our school, students and the community not to renew the Third Country national teachers who have been ever so important an educational resource for our children." Fegger seeks the renewal of contracts of 12 MHS teachers whose lengths of teaching experience range from seven to 24 years. These recommendees are Jose Faustino, Maria R. Cruz, Ramon S. Morales, Editha Jarabese, Renato M. Jarabese, Josefina Borre, Feliciano Soriano, Enrico Obsequio, Chandra Sekaran, Alda Punsalan, Noel Punsalan, and Shan M. Rajendran. They are teachers of Algebra, Science and special education.

"The impact of losing the highly qualified experienced and proven educators not only here at MHS but also in the CNMI, inclusively, is going to have a long-term detrimental effect on our efforts to improve and stabilize the quality of education that we are constantly seeking to attain," Fegger told Torres. (MCM)

2 men in rob try convicted

By Ferdie de la Torre
 Variety News Staff

THE SUPERIOR Court convicted two men for assaulting a woman who refused to give them money. The court sentenced He Minqui and Fa Ming Huang each to 20 days' imprisonment. Pursuant to a plea agreement, Associate Judge Miguel Demapan ordered Minqui and Huang, both Chinese nationals, to leave CNMI within 72 hours following their release from jail. The two were charged with assault and battery and two counts of attempted robbery. Through their counsel, Minqui and Huang entered into a plea agreement with the government and pleaded an Alford plea of guilty to attempted robbery.



In return, the government recommended to each of them five years in jail, all suspended except 20 days. Demapan accepted the agreement. Court information showed that last March 18 Minqui kicked and slapped a woman identified as Jiang Qing Mei. The two demanded money from Jiang but when she refused, the defendants kicked her in the torso and slapped her on the face. On March 21, the defendants returned and asked money again from her. They threatened to kill her by jumping off into the cliff in Marpi.

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In Irian Jaya

Rebels threaten to kill 12 hostages

THE West Papua separatist movement OPM rebels have threatened to kill 12 hostages held captive in Irian Jaya, if their demands are not met. The hostages include four Indonesians and eight Dutch

citizens. Among them, is a pregnant woman soon to deliver, the Post-Courier reports.

The rebels want four of their members, involved in negotiations with international human

rights organizations, for the release of the hostages. This is to be at a meeting which they will use as a venue to highlight their target of freedom and independence for West Papua.

Two representatives of the Geneva-based international committee of the Red Cross met with self-proclaimed OPM spokesman, Moses Werror in a meeting helped by the British high commission in

Port Moresby to negotiate the release of the hostages. An OPM spokesman who flew in from Vanimo this week, says they are still waiting for a response from the high commission and the Red Cross.

He says the rebels will kill the 12 hostages captured on January 8, if their demands are not met. He says the rebels have given the concerned authorities a six-month deadline since the hostages were taken captive, to convene negotiations and four months have already lapsed....Pacnews

Reduced share from room tax to mean hike in property tax

By BRUCE DUNFORD
HONOLULU (AP) - A proposal in the state Senate to cut \$10 million and then freeze the counties' share of the hotel room tax revenues at \$70 million could force an increase in property taxes, says Honolulu City Council Budget Committee Chairman Duke Baimum.

wai Visitors Bureau for tourism promotion and at the same time avoid further cuts to personal income tax credits.

Although Ikeda called the proposal "a cap" on the room tax revenues going to the counties, it would mean a substantial reduction in revenues for Honolulu and Maui, a lesser cut for Hawaii County and a substantial increase for Kauai County.

"It's a budget disaster for us," Baimum said. It would break the city's budget for the coming fiscal year by causing an \$8 million to \$10 million revenue shortfall, he

said. The freeze taking effect July 1 would mean a reduction of more than \$10 million from the estimated \$81 million going to the counties in the current fiscal year. In the 1995 fiscal year, the counties shared \$77.6 million.

Ikeda said she had warned the counties early in the legislative session to not count on any increase in revenues from the transient accommodations tax (TAT).

"What they've been doing is estimating what the take would be and then adding it to their budgets,

basing their budgets on that increase," she said. Currently, the counties share 95 percent of the revenues from the original five percent TAT. Another one percent tax was added two years ago to pay for the state convention center.

Besides the \$70 million cap, the measure would change the formula for sharing the revenues by the counties.

Honolulu would get 40 percent, or \$28 million, while each neighbor island county would get 20 percent, or \$14 million.

Women oppose allowing sex offenders out

THERE'S been opposition from women in the Cook islands to prison authorities allowing sex offenders out on daytime work details.

Last week, the Cook islands High Court sentenced Roger Tauarea, who had been out on a work detail, to five years concurrent jail to his life sentence, for breaking into two houses, RNZI reports.

He was in jail for raping and killing a four-year-old girl in 1994, but was allowed out to work on a taro patch belonging to an off-duty policeman who then left him alone. The government's consultant on women's affairs, Fanaura Kingstone, says it frightens her that the enforcers of the law don't see women's concerns over the use of the prisoners as important.

And, president of the house of traditional leaders, Pa Anki, says the inmates may be good workers, but they've offended before and may do it again.

Others have also protested at the situation, calling for changes to the current practices....Pacnews

Kiribati now has 4 HIV carriers

HEALTH authorities in Kiribati have detected two more HIV carriers in the country. This has brought to a total of four HIV cases in the country. Dr Tekeieta Kienene, says the new victims had their blood tested at the laboratory, and then sent overseas for confirmation, Radio Kiribati reports.

Dr. Kienene says the victims have been notified and consulted to avoid further spreading of the killer disease. Health authorities have advised the two patients to discuss their problems with their families to make constructive moves to avoid the spread of the disease.

The first two cases of HIV carriers in Kiribati were detected in 1991. Kienene says since there is no cure for this deadly disease, health authorities have continued their educational programmes, which is seen to be the most active tactic to avoid the rapid spread of HIV/AIDS....Pacnews

Marshalls after illegal aliens

By Giff Johnson
For the Variety

MAJURO - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs gave local businesses an ultimatum Wednesday: register your alien employees by Friday or be prepared to face fines and possible jail time.

More than half of the employers in the Marshall Islands have failed to register and pay alien

worker fees despite repeated reminders, according to officials in the Labor Division at the Ministry.

Of 106 businesses that employ aliens, only 45 have registered those workers to date and even some of those 45 companies have not paid the annual registration fee for each alien worker of \$100, Labor officials said.

Only 179 alien workers have paid their fees; there are currently some 1,215 aliens working in the Marshall Islands, according to the Ministry.

Citizens of the US and Federated States of Micronesia are exempt from the registration fees because of reciprocal employment opportunities for Marshall Islanders in those two nations.

Next to Americans, there are large numbers of alien workers from China, the Philippines, and Kiribati in the Marshall Islands. Most are in the construction and fishing industries.

The Foreign Ministry issued a warning to local businesses that have not complied with the law that they face up to \$2,000 fines and up to six months in jail for failure to register

and pay the fees. Alien employees who are not registered can be fined \$50 and receive up to five days in jail.

Since the letter was issued earlier this week, some businesses have come in to register but only a few, according to Labor officials, who added that they have been reminding local businesses since last October. The deadline for registering was in January.

Islanders worried by increasing cases of leprosy

By Giff Johnson
For the Variety

MAJURO - The discovery of a high rate of leprosy among Marshall Islanders has led the Ministry of Health to launch an aggressive screening and treatment program in Majuro.

Sixteen new cases, including many among young children, have been confirmed since January, demonstrating that the curable disease is active and spreading said Ministry officials yesterday.

Leprosy has been diagnosed in Majuro, Ebeye and many other islands, according to Dr. Kumar Jesudasan, a World Health Organization consultant, and Medex Ken Jetton, who are spearheading a drive to eradicate the disease.

A total of 172 cases have been diagnosed here. And although those numbers give the Marshall Islands one of the world's highest rates of leprosy, they may not tell the whole story because health staff so far have screened people on only a portion of Majuro and three outer islands - all of which show relatively large numbers of cases.

The Marshall Islands have a population of 56,000. Jesudasan said that more than 10 cases per 10,000 population is considered a severe problem and that the preliminary findings indicate that the Marshalls are well above 20 cases of leprosy per 10,000.

Significantly, of the 172 cases only 28 are being treated. While 37 have completed treatment, the 50 percent of the cases either have not sought treatment or have stopped taking medication that would cure them, Jesudasan said.

Jetton thinks that the reason people stop taking their medication maybe that because the skin

lesions disappear quickly they think that they are cured.

A major emphasis of the Ministry of Health's current screening and treatment campaign is to inform people about the need to complete treatment regimes to eradicate the disease, Jetton said.

What worries health officials in the Marshalls is that as many as one third of the cases here are in the 19 and under age group, while 75 percent are in people under 40 years of age.

In Fiji, where the disease is

generally under control, it is mostly seen in people above 40 years of age - a sign of declining epidemic, Jesudasan said.

A small scale screening program in the Marshall Islands late last year indicated "that leprosy was much worse than people thought," Jesudasan said.

Part of the problem too, is that prior to this year and the renewed focus on leprosy, many doctors and nurses in the Marshalls were not looking for or aware of the symptoms of leprosy - some of

which can be mistaken for other skin diseases.

However, Jesudasan said that after conducting trainings with health staff late last year, the number of cases identified has increased rapidly because health know what to look for.

Because of a staffing shortage at the Ministry, only three Public Health employees are currently working on the screening program. But that will change later in the year as the Ministry of Health prepares for a major

screening and treatment program scheduled to be launched in October.

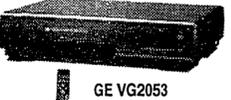
Jesudasan indicated that the WHO will be asked to assist the Marshall Islands campaign in October.

In the meantime, a limited screening program starting in Majuro, and several outer islands will be conducted in order to determine the magnitude of the problem. This will help in planning the treatment campaign for later this year, Jetton said.



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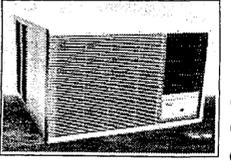
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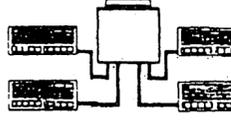
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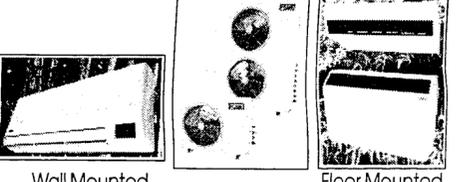
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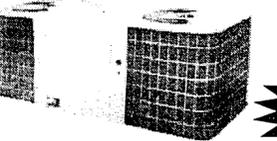
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PIC honors top employees



Roselle Garcia

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MS. Roselle Garcia and Mr. Juan Belen were honored as Employees of the Month of January at the Pacific Islands Club, Saipan.

Ms. Garcia joined the P.I.C. team in February of 1995 as a waitress at the Galley Cafe & Terrace. Since then, Roselle has proven herself to be a hard working, dedicated employee. She greets everyone with a sincere smile, and goes out of her way to be kind and courteous to guests and staff. With her attentive and professional manner, Roselle makes any dining experience at the Galley Cafe & Terrace an enjoyable time!

Juan has been a member of P.I.C.'s Security force since 1993. Juan re-

ceives kudos from his department for his hard work and efficient work ethic. His constant honesty and genuine caring for hotel guests and residents make his presence both appreciated as well as necessary. A deep heart-felt congratulations goes out to Mr. Juan Belen!

Pacific Islands Club has honored Edgar Pramis and Lunisio Santiago as February's Employees of the Month. Both were selected because of their hard work and their willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty.

Edgar Pramis works as a waiter in the Magellan Room and has been working for PIC since March, 1990. Edgar is a dependable worker and always attentive to the needs of the guests. During

busy times, Edgar is always there to help, and he does it with a smile. He has gained the respect of his managers and his fellow employees. His loyal service of 5 years makes him a valuable member of the PIC Team.

Lunisio Santiago works in the Housekeeping Department and has been with PIC since July, 1994. Lunisio was selected because he has proven over the past couple of years that he is dedicated to his job and to the company. Besides doing a great job day in and day out, he often goes the extra mile without being asked and he has put forth new ideas to help the Housekeeping Department run more smoothly. PIC is proud to have a true professional in Lunisio Santiago.

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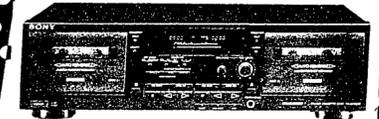
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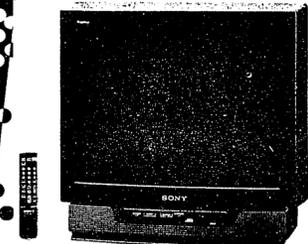
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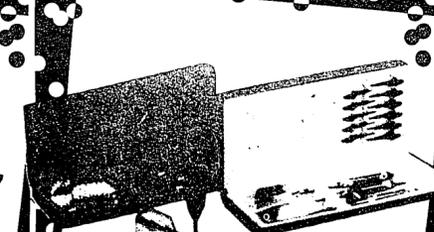


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March 21, 1996

Keep Saipan Clean & Beautiful

MVB to take lead role in Tagaman next year

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

AFTER all is said and done, the Marianas Visitors Bureau will be the lead agency in the holding of the 1997 Saipan Tagaman Triathlon tentatively scheduled for May 17 or 24. Earlier, there were moves to scale down the MVB's participation, limiting it only to "coordinative" work



Anicia Q. Tomokane

and having the private sector take the lead in organizing the international event.

MVB Managing Director Anicia Q. Tomokane said the magnitude of the event "is so big (that) without the involvement of the government, I can't see this kind of triathlon really proceed."

Tomokane told the Variety that during the holding of the sport event, of which Saipan hopes to become an important international venue, certain roads would be closed and government personnel from the Department of Public Safety, the Commonwealth Health Center, and the MVB would be harnessed.

"Therefore, the event must be sanctioned by a government arm, which is the MVB," Tomokane explained.

Tomokane also said that the holding of the triathlon championship, which would be the ninth, is part of the MVB's promotional effort to attract travelers to the CNMI. "In promoting the event, we have to be

involved. We have to take the lead as in the past...I never said that MVB would back out from making it happen."

She said the MVB would shoulder the production of promotional posters and take the lead in disseminating information about the event.

Solicitation of sponsorships will also become the responsibility of the MVB, which will be accountable for monetary contributions received.

In the 1995 Tagaman, differences over "unaccounted" expenses reported in the promotion of the event in Japan erupted between Tomokane and the Pacific Development, Inc./Kinki Nippon Tours Co. Ltd., the sole promoter of the Tagaman in Japan.

PDI/KNT claimed from the MVB \$51,000 in "outstanding balance," but Tomokane refused to authorize any payment in the absence of receipts.

This year's Tagaman, which would have been held in October, was cancelled for lack of time to prepare.

Tagaman committee chair Bill Sakovich said that this early they're trying to organize the different committees to prepare for the big sport event.

He said the date for the holding of the triathlon would be determined as soon as the tide occurrences are known because the "tide is very critical in the Tagaman."

Triathlon is a combination of swimming, running, and biking.

Sakovich said they would need roughly \$200,000 to hold the Tagaman.

"If someone wants to sponsor the whole thing for that amount, fine. Otherwise, we get three or four sponsors in equal shares," he said.

Perry John P. Tenorio, a member of the committee and is also the membership and community programs manager of the MVB, said the committee members will be responsible for recruiting volunteers for the event.

Tenorio, whose role is to coordinate with the private companies being tapped as possible sponsors, said they hope to get the support of the airlines and companies which had been supportive in the past like Shimuzu Corp., which has been "a strong supporter of the Tagaman triathlon."

3rd annual Easter Egg Hunt slated

CHILDREN K-12 years of age are invited to take part in the 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and First Lady Grace Lynn Tenorio, and Lt. Governor Jesus C. and Mrs. Mary Ann P. Borja. The Ester Bunny will be waiting for you, so don't forget to come join the fun and win lots of prizes.

Where: Garapan Central Park and Sugar King Park
When: April 7, 1996
Time: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

DPHS celebrates past and current successes

HEALTH officials at the Division of Public Health Services are showcasing their accomplishments in protecting CNMI citizen's health as part of this year's Public Health Awareness Week, which runs from April 08-13.

The theme of this annual event is "Celebrating Success."

"This is a wonderful way to remind people of the important role Public Health plays in protecting our health every single day," says Health Sec. Isamu Abraham in a news release yesterday.

"For example," he said, "Public Health ensures that diseases are kept under control and food supply is safe."

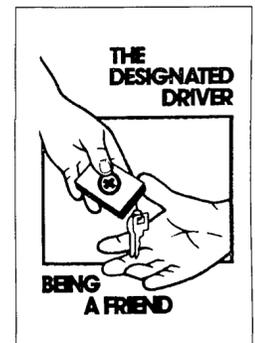
Physicians coming for veterans

THE DIVISION of Veterans Affairs, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs wish to inform all U.S. Armed Forces Veterans of the Vietnam Era, Persian Gulf and all Veterans with Service Connected disability who wish to see a VA Physicians should contact your local VA at telephone number 233-3475 for an appointment. The VA Physician will be on island on April 25, 1996. A copy of your discharge papers (DD214) is needed to determine your eligibility. All interested veterans are encouraged to call the Division of Veterans Affairs.

MVB still accepting applications

THE MARIANAS Visitors Bureau is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications for Fiscal Year 1996 membership, commencing on April 1996. Membership Application Forms are available at the MVB office located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Room 21.

Please contact MVB at Tel. no. 234-8325 and ask for Ms. Kathy Palacios and Mr. Perry Tenorio, to obtain a copy of the application form and a listing of membership benefits. As always, we are happy to answer any of your questions.



"Without Public Health's involvement, we would have nothing to celebrate. Instead, we would be grieving about a lot of things," he added.

Public Health Awareness week was established as a way of recognizing the contributions of public health and prevention services to the CNMI's well-being. After all, a clean bill of health is one of Life's most precious gifts; Public Health helps make that a reality, the release said.

Herein health officials at the Division of Public Health are promoting the following:

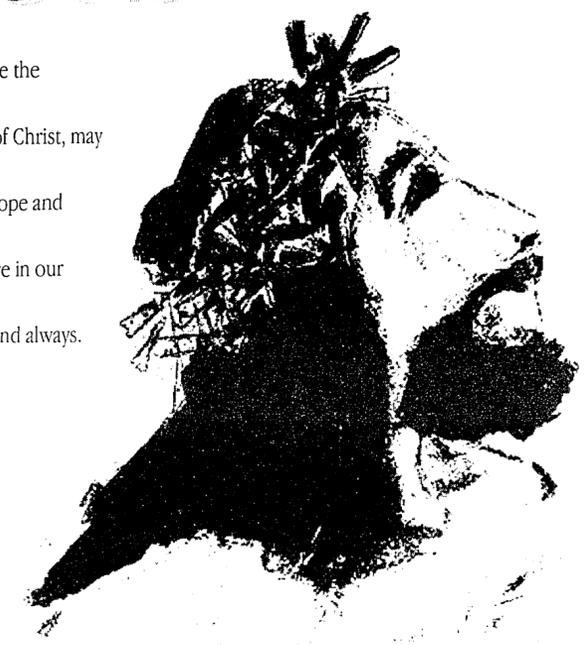
- April 8 - Children with Special Health Care Needs
 - April 9 - Family Planning/Teen Pregnancy
 - April 10 - Mental Health
 - April 11 - Diabetes
 - April 12 - Sanitations
 - April 13 - Community Health promotion
- The public is invited to attend.



Randall Gromlich and Victorino Borja from the Micronesian Telecommunications Corporation (MTC) present Arts Council Executive Director Margarita DLG. Wonenberg, Community and Cultural Affairs Director Tom Tebuteb and Flame Tree Arts festival chairman Martin Sablan with a donation towards the 15th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival. MTC, Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc. and DFS Saipan Ltd. are major corporate sponsors of this year's arts festival. Photo by: Rob Hunter

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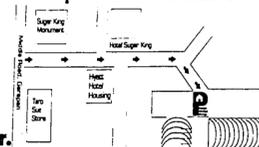
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Earnings limit raised for working beneficiaries

IF YOU are age 65 or older - but not yet 70 - and still working, you can earn \$12,500 this year before your Social Security benefits are reduced \$1 for every \$3 in earnings. There is no limit for people aged 70 and older, a news released from the US Social Security Administration said.

A new law, signed March 29, increases the annual earnings limit from

\$11,520 in 1996 and gradually raises it to \$30,000 in 2002. In 1997, the limit will be \$13,500; 1998, \$14,500; 1999, \$15,500; 2000, \$17,000; 2001, \$25,000; 2002, \$30,000. After 2002, the annual exempt amount will be indexed to growth in average wages.

The new law does not change the earnings limit for workers who are age 62 but under age 65. That limit is

\$8,280 in 1996 and will increase in future years with increases in average wages, as under present law.

Only your earnings are affected by Social Security's earnings limit. The law does not count non-work income such as investments, interests, pensions, rental income, capital gains, and other income not resulting from current work.

San Antonio PTA to meet on Tuesday

THE SAN Antonio Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association will meet on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 pm at the school cafeteria.

- Agenda:
1. President's Report - Council of PTA Proceedings and other important matters
 2. Principal's report
 3. Cultural Heritage week
 4. Student Leadership Summit
 5. School Year 96-97 Registration
 6. New Staff/Retirees on board

DEQ water quality report

THE DIVISION of Environmental Quality (DEQ) analyzed water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainages this week. The samples collected from the following locations contained excessive concentration of fecal coliform bacteria which exceeded the CNMI Marine Quality Standards.

- Drainage south of Hafa Adai Hotel.

High concentrations of Fecal Coliforms may be the result of stormwater runoff due to rainstorms. Fecal coliform bacteria are not usually disease causing. The bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. Studies have shown that storm water runoff in

tropical environments may also contain fecal coliform bacteria from the natural environment.

To adequately address public health concerns, DEQ maintains its policy of advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations within 48 hours of this notice.

The Division of Environmental Quality analyzes samples of marine recreational and storm drainage water from 18 locations on the west side of Saipan island each week.

DEQ welcomes all inquiries as to the quality of the beach water. The public is encouraged to contact DEQ at 234-6114 with any questions concerning this matter.

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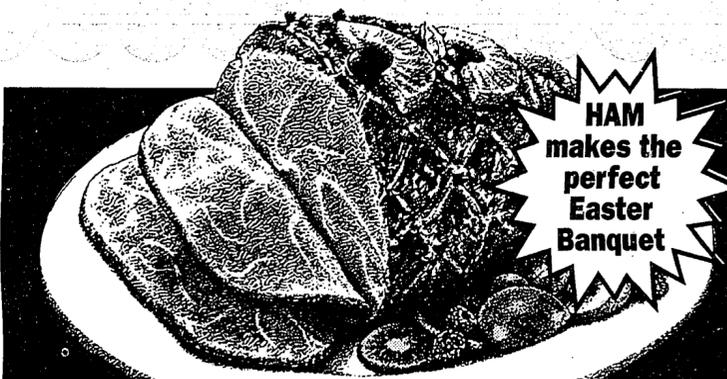
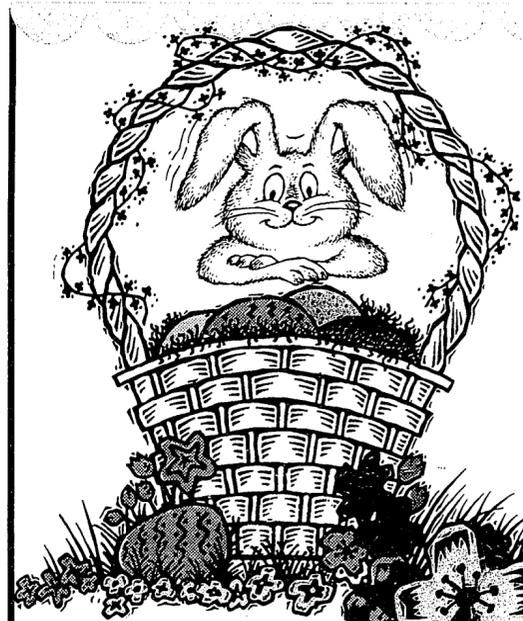
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Feature Presenter:
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Thousands mourn dead student

By JU-YEON KIM
 SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Thousands of students, teachers and activists turned out Thursday to mourn the law student who died last week during a violent confrontation with police.

Doctors said Roh Su-sok died of cardiac arrest, but students say Roh, 20, would not have died if police had not used excessive force and tear gas to break up the protest rally last Friday.

Students have staged violent rallies daily since then to protest Roh's death.

At Yonsei University, a slow, mournful dirge rang out as the coffin was slowly carried out by students dressed in funeral white. Weeping family members in flowing white robes followed.

One student carried a framed photograph of Roh, adorned with white chrysanthemums, traditional funeral flowers.

Buildings and trees at the uni-

versity, a hotbed of anti-government sentiment, were draped with dozens of black and white banners demanding President Kim Young-sam apologize for the incident.

"Bring down Kim Young-sam's government!" students and other activists chanted. Others sang anti-government songs, pumping fists in the air to the beat of the dirge.

Some wore white shirts imprinted with Roh's smiling face, others wore black headbands.

"Bring Su-sok back," they read. "We will no longer forgive," read one huge black banner. Others fluttered in strong spring winds as the blocks long procession slowly wound its way toward a park in downtown Seoul 4 kilometers (2.5 miles) away.

Mourners were to hold a memorial service at the park before the coffin was taken to the southern city of Kwangju for a late night burial.

Some 10,000 police were de-

ployed near the university and along the route of the procession in case of violence.

At Friday's protest, police beat dozens of demonstrators with cud-

gels and shields, dragging them along the pavement. Roh was found unconscious, and was pronounced dead upon arrival at a hospital.

Absentee voting for parliament begins

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Absentee voting for next week's parliamentary election began Thursday, with some 790,000 people eligible to cast ballots.

The April 11 election is considered a midterm report card for President Kim Young-sam and his ruling party, which now holds a comfortable legislative majority.

Some 1,300 candidates are seeking the 253 seats up for grabs in the 299-seat unicameral General Assembly.

The remaining 46 will be divided among the parties on a proportional vote basis.

Most of the absentee voters are

conscripted soldiers. The Defense Ministry said its 558,660 soldiers will complete their ballots by Saturday.

Also among those voting in absence are former Presidents Chun Doo-hwan and Roh Tae-woo. On trial for treason and mutiny as well as taking bribes during their years in power, Chun and Roh are being held without bail.

The central election oversight committee has said that 132 candidates are under investigation for election fraud, and 57 people have been booked so far for violations.

Past elections have been marked by lavish gifts to voters by candi-

Students had been demonstrating to demand that President Kim disclose his election funds and the government increase education funding.

Students had unlimited purses. But with a new law setting strict spending limits, officials had hoped this election would be South Korea's cleanest ever.

Australian ex-official says gov't must build nuke arms

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - Fearing a threat from Indonesia after President Suharto is gone, Australia's former governor-general said Thursday that Australia should be able to build nuclear weapons to defend itself.

Bill Hayden, who was foreign minister from 1983-87 and just retired as Queen Elizabeth II's representative in Australia in February, said Australia must have the capacity to go nuclear because it is isolated and vulnerable.

He suggested one potential trouble area could be Indonesia.

"While Suharto is there, while people who are likely to succeed him are around, I don't think we have got any problems but we may have in the future," Hayden said in a radio interview.

He questioned why Indonesia had such a massive nuclear generation program despite its potential resources in coal and water for power generation.

He said many countries were one step short of nuclear weaponry and that is where he would like to see Australia.

"They have the ability, the technical ability to manufacture nuclear weapons, but they don't do so, and that's what I would want to see us do," he said.

"If there is a thin likelihood (of a threat) over the longer term, then I would start working so we could be prepared and accelerate the program accordingly."

Hayden, who says in his autobiography that he had urged Prime Minister Bob Hawke in 1984 to develop nuclear technology, said he was a supporter of a ban on nuclear weapons but this had not yet happened.

Lightning kills three in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) - Three Indonesian construction workers were killed when they were hit by lightning, it was reported Thursday.

Police said they were on the porch of their quarters at the site of a condominium under construction at Plentong, near Johor Baharu, 300 kilometers (180 miles) south of Kuala Lumpur, when they were struck during a thunderstorm Wednesday, the New Straits Times reported.

They were badly burnt and pronounced dead at a private clinic. Police identified them as Amin, 25, Satiman, 32 and Shahnin, 30. Their full names were not available.

Inmates flee with hostages

By ANY CABRERA
 APARECIDA DE GOIANIA, Brazil (AP) - Inmates holding at least six hostages fled a top-security prison with a police escort, guns, ammunition, bulletproof vests, cellular phones and \$100,000 the authorities agreed to give them.

Under police escort, the inmates drove eight cars in single file out the front gate of the Agro-Industrial Penitentiary on Wednesday, a hostage in each car as a human shield and the side windows of the vehicles covered with newspaper and blankets.

As part of a deal worked out with the authorities, two police cars escorted the inmates out of the prison and through a barricade of officers and sharpshooters. The cars carried an undetermined number of people down a lone access road through a cow pasture at dusk.

Police said it appeared that the inmates who started the uprising a week ago were heading east toward Brasilia, the capital, about 125 miles (200 kilometers) away.

Earlier in the day, the inmates' ringleader said he would leave with 42 other inmates and a number of hostages after dark - and then come back.

"I won't flee," Leonardo Pareja said at a news conference in the prison yard. "I'll go out with the others, but then I'll return."

The standoff at the Agro-Industrial Penitentiary began on March 28, when inmates overpowered 27 officials and reporters during a tour of the overcrowded prison.

The prisoners later released nine hostages in exchange for food and water. The others were locked in a cell with canisters of cooking gas,

which the prisoners threatened to explode if police invaded.

The prison, built for 450 prisoners, holds about twice that. Similar conditions exist at most of Brazil's 511 prisons and jails, meant to hold 60,000 inmates but actually housing nearly 130,000.

Overcrowding has raised fears that the rebellion here could trigger other uprisings across this country of 155 million people. The government has tightened security at Brazilian prisons to head off any copycat rebellions. Police agreed earlier Wednesday to give the inmates getaway cars, guns and \$100,000.

Because of that, the inmates released the other 10 hostages, and promised to let the remaining people go within 10 hours after their getaway as long as police guaranteed that they would not pursue the prisoners.

Authorities agreed to that de-

mand, and to give the inmates the car, 16 .38-caliber revolvers, ammunition, 25 bulletproof vests, three cellular phones and the money.

Officials said at least six hostages were in the getaway cars. In the confusion, they could not confirm earlier reports that the inmates had taken eight hostages with them.

Eli Forte, a spokesman for the government negotiators, said earlier in the day that he believed the week-old crisis would end on Wednesday.

"The atmosphere is one of calm and confidence that all will end well," Forte said.

Authorities said the oddly diplomatic solution to the standoff was due largely to the mediation of Pareja, a 22-year-old kidnaper and bank robber.

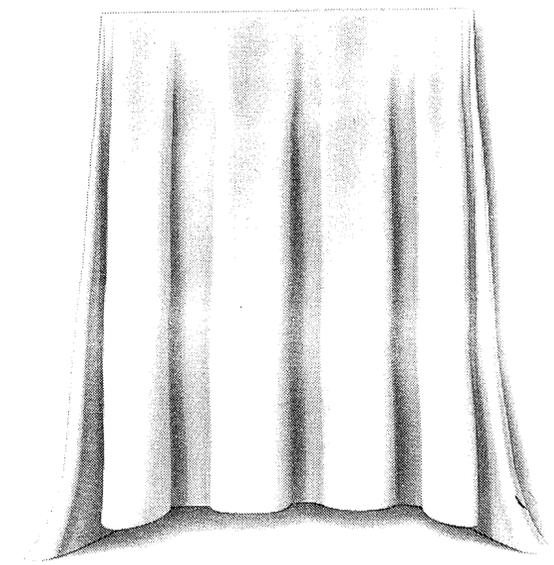
Among those who praised him was prison director Nicola

Limongi, one of the hostages freed. On Sunday, he had climbed atop a prison wall, tearfully pleaded for the government to

accept the inmates' demands, then said goodbye to his family with a heart-wrenching "Forgive me for my mistakes."

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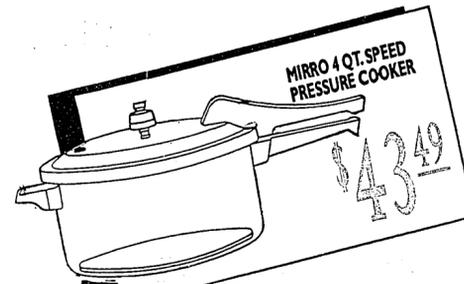
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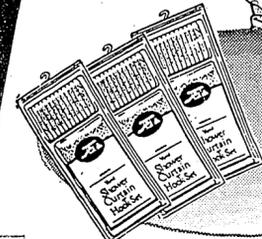
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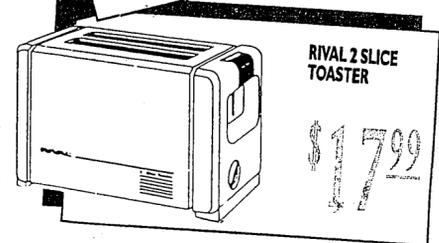
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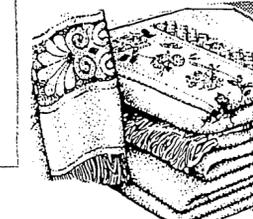
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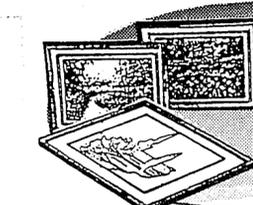
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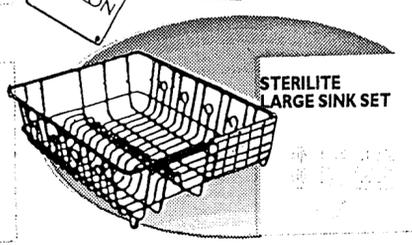
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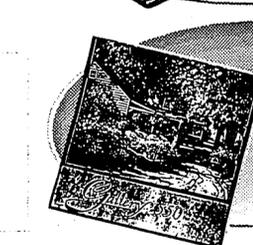
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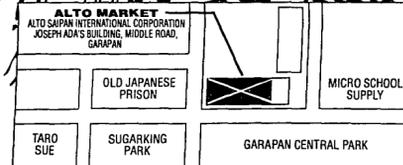
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Number of addicts increasing in China

BEIJING (AP) - Despite efforts to curb a burgeoning drug trade through its borders, the number of people addicted to illicit drugs has grown to more than half a million, an official report said Thursday.

There were 520,000 officially known drug addicts in China by the end of 1995, according to figures released at the National Narcotics Control Commission, which is meeting in Beijing this week.

Since these are officially recorded statistics, the total number of addicts is probably much higher.

More than 73,700 people were

arrested in connection with some 57,500 drug-related cases last year, and 2,032 received sentences of death or life imprisonment, the newspaper China Daily quoted Bai Jingfu, a Public Security Bureau vice minister, as saying.

He said China plans more strenuous efforts to combat the problem. It is worst in the southern provinces of Guangdong, Guangxi and Yunnan, which border the infamous Golden Triangle region - source of much of the world's illicit narcotics.

About 2,380 kilograms of heroin, 1,100 kilograms of opium and 460 kilograms of marijuana were seized, the report said.

UK Government gets anti-terrorism powers

LONDON (AP) - New anti-terrorism powers, proposed after a renewal of IRA bombings two months ago, became law on Wednesday.

The laws, which passed both houses of Parliament, were backed by most of the Labor opposition as well as the Conservative government.

Home Secretary Michael Howard had proposed an expansion of the existing Prevention of Terrorism Act, which the government may enforce at its discretion.

After the Irish Republican Army declared a cease-fire in 1994, the government rescinded police powers under the old act which allowed for spot vehicle inspections and luggage searches.

But soon after the IRA called off its cease-fire on Feb. 9, killing two Londoners with a large bomb in a business district, Howard allowed police to use the powers again.

The reinforced act will allow police to:

- Stop and frisk pedestrians in a

designated area.

- Search a range of non-residential premises when responding to a general warning of a bomb or other security threat. It would not apply to homes.

- Search unaccompanied freight at ports.

It would also affirm police powers under common law to cordon off areas and enforce temporary parking bans.

Baroness Blatch, a junior minister, told the House of Lords on Wednesday that the government was considering making the act permanent, instead of discretionary.

"What should happen when the present hostilities we know about cease; and would there be a place for a permanent Prevention of Terrorism Act on the statute book? That is also being considered," she said.

A few Labor party backbenchers defied their leadership and voted against the act. They and civil liberties groups said its measures were draconian.

But Howard insisted existing police powers had not gone far enough.

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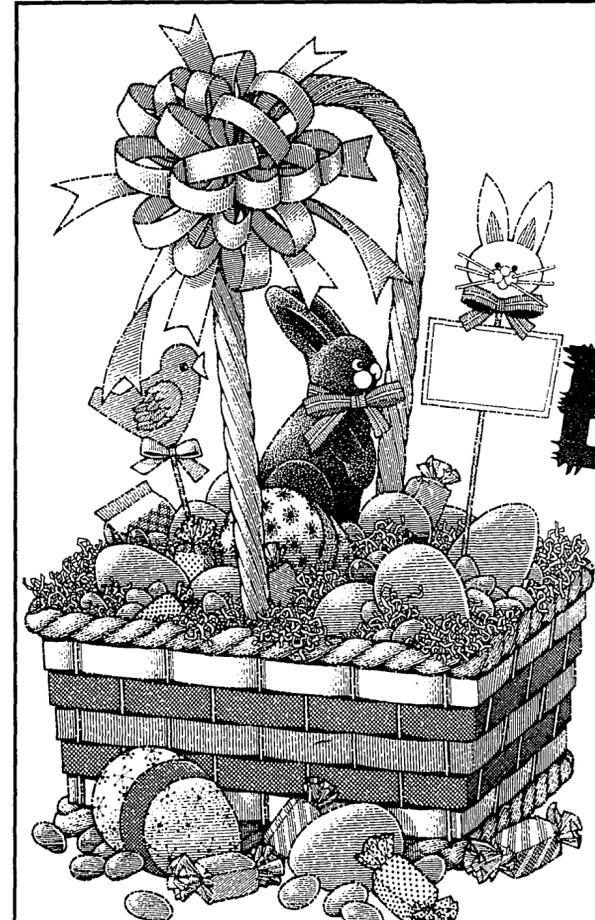
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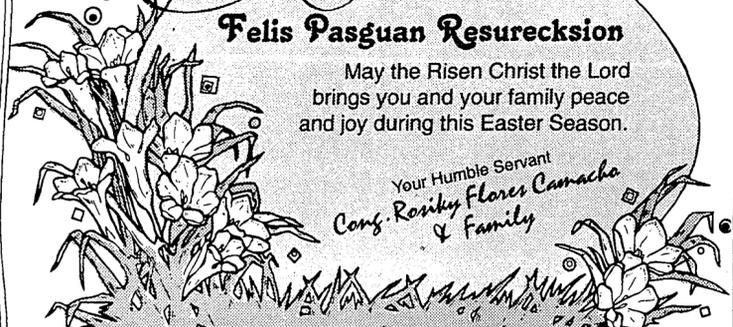
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Political activist kills self in Northern India

CHANDIGARH, India (AP) - A political activist died Thursday, two days after he set himself on fire to protest his party's choice of a candidate for a national election.

Param Ram, 62, was hospitalized with 60 percent of his body burned in Chandigarh, which serves as the capital of two northern states, Punjab and Haryana, police said.

Ram was mad that his Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party ignored the proposed candidacy Jai

Ram Joshi, a local party leader, and chose another one for the Chandigarh parliamentary seat.

On Tuesday, Ram attended a protest meeting held by Joshi and nearly 500 other party workers. He later poured kerosene on himself and set himself on fire.

The Bharatiya Janata Party is India's largest opposition group, but neither it or the governing Congress Party are expected to win a majority in Parliament during the April and May election.

Survey of 4 nations finds one in four children works

NEW YORK (AP) - Violence and harassment directed at abortion clinics across the United States dropped significantly in the first seven months of 1995, The New York Times reported Thursday.

The Times, citing a survey of 310 clinics to be released this week by the Feminist Majority Foundation, said 39 percent of the clinics surveyed reported instances of serious violence and such harassment as arson and death threats down from the year before. Fifty-two percent reported a decline

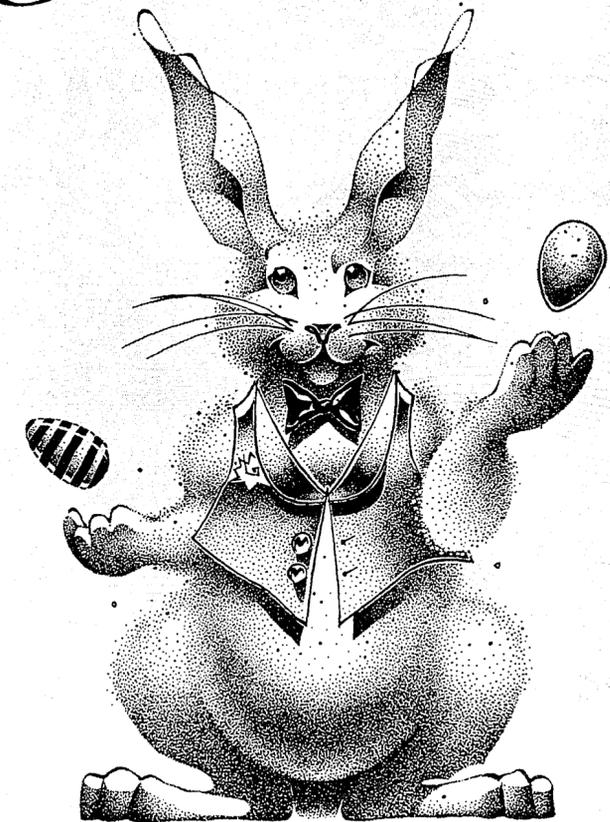
compared with the same period in 1994.

The Arlington, Virginia-based feminist advocacy group said it was the first time in three years of the survey that more clinics reported decreases in violent incidents than increases.

The foundation attributed the decline to a 1994 federal law guaranteeing access to clinics that provide abortions and to a 1994 Supreme Court ruling upholding the legality of "buffer zones" to keep protesters away from clinics.

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For critics and backers alike

Globetrotting Brown trademark

By JOHN SOLOMON
WASHINGTON (AP) - With business executives always in tow, Ron Brown preached his message of economic expansion from the cloistered cities of China to the far reaches of sub-Saharan Africa.

His aggressive salesmanship on foreign soil was his trademark as commerce secretary - one that earned accolades but also complaints that he spent too much and used trade missions as political pay backs for wealthy Democratic donors.

On Tuesday, Brown's latest trade mission - to the Balkans - ended tragically with a downed plane on Croatia's coast.

In three years as the chief cheerleader for U.S. businesses, Brown headed numerous trade missions that touched North and South America, Europe, Asia and Africa. He logged tens of thousands of miles (kilometers) touting American trade interests in the Middle East, Ireland, India, Brazil and numerous countries in Asia.

The results often seemed impressive. Brown's backers in corporate America beamed upon the return of each mission, often boasting of huge new business deals in faraway lands that would spell new jobs here.

At the end of the 1994 mission to Beijing, the commerce secretary boasted that some \$6 billion in contracts for U.S. companies had been signed in just 10 days.

"He's done more than any previous administration in promoting American exports," Calmen Coeh, the head of the largest group of U.S. exporters, declared at the time.

And when the aerospace industry was struck with defense cutbacks, Brown successfully lobbied the Saudis and Chinese to secure billion-dollar-plus contracts for Boeing and McDonnell Douglas.

Soon, however, the gloss began to wear thin.

A trade group successfully sued in 1994 to force Brown to release records detailing how participants were chosen.

It revealed rosters for trade missions heavily tilted toward big Democratic donors, the same Brown had solicited for donations as the party's chairman during the early 1990s.

They also disclosed how a \$100,000 Democratic donor was added belatedly to the China trip, and how a top commerce official promised that the "politically connected" would be "pushed" for the limited number of slots on trade missions.

The costs and enduring results of the trade missions also came under scrutiny.

Last year, Brown came under criticism when it was disclosed that 80 percent of the contracts he had boasted of signing in China had not yet materialized.

And earlier this year, an audit disclosed that travel expenses for Brown's office were 145 percent larger than those of his well-traveled Republican predecessor, Robert Mosbacher.

The department had exceeded its congressionally allotted travel budget by 55 percent in 1994 alone.

The same study disclosed that Brown's department had improperly rerouted funds earmarked for other purposes to cover the high travel costs, which included paying for many political associates and nongovernment consultants to travel with him.

Incensed by the frequent travel of Brown and Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary, Republicans in Congress attached a provision to a temporary spending measure to restrict travel by the Clinton Cabinet.

Brown shrugged off most of the criticism, denying there was any political shenanigans involved in arranging trade missions and insisting the high travel costs were a worthwhile investment in America's economic future.

And he continued his tireless promotion of U.S. exports on new trips, whipping up enthusiasm with the same charisma he used to rally demoralized Democratic troops after a devastating loss in the 1988 elections.

Japan's prime minister pays tribute to Brown

TOKYO (AP) - Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto on Thursday paid tribute to U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown, presumed dead in a plane crash in Croatia, as an able and articulate negotiator.

Hashimoto, who was trade minister before he became prime minister in January, had frequent close contact with Brown in U.S.-Japanese trade sessions.

"I have good memories of him as my counterpart" in trade talks, Hashimoto told reporters. "He was very logical, and we always had

good discussions." Japanese officials said Brown had been scheduled to visit Japan later this month, accompanying President Clinton on a state visit.

Hashimoto said he had contacted the U.S. Commerce Department to convey his concern when the crash was first reported. The State Department later said all 33 people aboard were presumed dead.

A senior Japanese Foreign Ministry official, speaking on condition of anonymity, was quoted as saying there was concern about how Brown's death might affect trade relations.



First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, escorted by unidentified priests, arrives for a meeting with the Ecumenical Patriarch in Istanbul, tom conduct a roundtable discussion with various religious leaders before leaving for Greece. Her eight-day journey ended Sunday. AP Photo.

Whitewater witness claims:

'Clinton present as loan was discussed'

By JAMES JEFFERSON
LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - Then-Gov. Bill Clinton attended a meeting at which one of his Whitewater partners discussed work on a land development that later was completed by illegally using money from a \$300,000 loan, a banker testified.

In his third day on the stand, David Hale said Wednesday that President Clinton, then the Arkansas governor,

Peruvian President names five to various ministries

LIMA, Peru (AP) - President Alberto Fujimori swore in five new ministers Wednesday, including Alberto Pandolfi, who will succeed the ousted prime minister, Dante Cordova.

Pandolfi, who also was named to the post of Ministry of Fisheries, is a former president of the board of director of the state-owned oil company, Petroperu. Cordova was ousted in a dispute over economic policy. Pandolfi's appointment was viewed by analysts as a move to strengthen the government's free-market economic reforms and complete the privatization of Petroperu.

Opposition to the controversial sale of Petroperu has been gaining momentum in recent months, and opponents have begun a petition drive to force a referendum to stop the sale.

Economists already had indicated that the removal of Cordova, who also served as education minister, was a clear indication the government would continue the economic reforms Fujimori began when he took office in 1990.

Cordova reportedly was forced out because he was at odds with the policies of Economy Minister Jorge Camet, a free-market hardliner.

Peru does not have a parliamentary form of government and the prime minister's post is mostly ceremonial, which is why the prime minister usually serves as head of another ministry.

When the prime minister resigns, all other ministers submit their resignations for consideration. Fujimori replaced four of them.

Economist Jorge Gonzales Izquierdo, an occasional critic of the government economic policy will head the Labor Ministry, replacing Sandro Fuentes, who took the post in July.

Engineer Rodolfo Munante Sanguinetti will head the Agriculture Ministry, replacing Absalon Vasquez; civil engineer Elsa Carrera, a Lima city council member, replaces Manuel Vara Ochoa as minister of Transportation, Communications, Housing and Construction; former Energy and Mining Minister Daniel Hokama, who stepped down last year for health reasons, was renamed to that job, replacing Amado Yataco.

Fujimori reconfirmed the heads seven other ministries, including Camet, but left the posts of education and health unfilled.

was present with Hale and Clinton's Whitewater partner James McDougal in early 1986 when McDougal discussed developing land south of Little Rock. The meeting was in McDougal's office in a trailer at one of McDougal's land developments near Little Rock, Hale said.

Hale also testified that during the meeting the three talked about a \$150,000 Small Business Administration loan which, at McDougal's request, eventually grew to \$300,000.

But Hale's testimony did not indicate whether there was any discussion of using any of the federal loan for the land development - a use that would be illegal.

Hale testified in the fifth week of the trial of a 21-count indictment against Gov. Jim Guy Tucker, McDougal and McDougal's ex-wife Susan. The indictment says the three committed fraud and conspiracy in obtaining and using \$3 million in federally backed loans.

The McDougals were partners with the president and Hillary Rodham Clinton during 1978-92 in Whitewater Development Corp., a real estate de-



Bill Clinton

velopment north of Little Rock. All of the partners say they lost substantial sums in Whitewater.

The \$300,000 loan was written to Mrs. McDougal's advertising company, Master Marketing. But Hale testified Tuesday that the money actually went to McDougal and Clinton.

Clinton's lawyer, David Kendall, said Tuesday that in a deposition in another case last May the president had given an "unequivocal denial" about any wrongdoing.

Hale told investigators and reporters that Clinton pressured him to make the \$300,000 loan in 1986 to Mrs. McDougal. Clinton has called his account "a bunch of bull."

Hale testified Wednesday that after the loan was approved by the SBA as working capital for Mrs. McDougal's firm, McDougal tried to substitute loan application documents in the files at Hale's company. Hale said McDougal wanted to do this to show how the money actually had been spent.

Hale testified Tuesday that during preliminary discussions about the loan, Clinton said, "My name can't show up on this." That was the first time it has been alleged under oath that the president benefited from an illegal loan.

lending company, was not asked whether McDougal knew it was illegal to use the loan in a way different from how it was listed on the original loan application.

U.S. District Judge George Howard Jr. would not let prosecutors ask Hale whether he believed Clinton knew how money discussed at the meeting was spent. Defense attorney W.H. "Buddy" Sutton said during a break that such questions were not permissible under the rules of evidence unless Clinton had been charged in a conspiracy or named as an unindicted co-conspirator.

Clinton has not been charged in the Whitewater investigation. Hale's company, Capital Management Services Inc., was a small business investment company that under SBA rules was barred from lending money to buy and develop real estate.

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States, Lloyd's agree to 'cease fire'

By ROB WELLS
WASHINGTON (AP) - State securities regulators and Lloyd's of London, the giant insurance market, agreed to a one-month "cease fire" in their growing legal battle in order to begin settlement talks.

Nine states have cases against Lloyd's alleging securities fraud and other violations in its recruitment of U.S. investors in

the 1970s and 1980s. One case, filed by state securities regulators in Arizona, alleges some investors were defrauded because they were put in excessively risky insurance syndicates, such as those underwriting asbestos claims, against their wishes.

Lloyd's of London is a major player in the global insurance market, taking on such risks as

insuring tricky construction projects to the voices of rock stars.

Under the agreement announced Wednesday, Lloyd's for the next month will cease calling on U.S. investors to make additional payments through letters of credit to cover claims in the British insurance market, according to the North American Securities Administrators Asso-

ciation Inc., a group of state regulators investigating Lloyd's.

"We believe it will be of benefit to tone things down for a while and give both sides a chance to talk with each other," said Philip A. Feigin, a Colorado Securities Commissioner and chairman of the association's task force.

In a statement, Feigin said he hoped that over the next month both sides would gain a better understanding of their opponents' issues and talks would begin "to promote equitable and comprehensive solutions to these important problems."

Feigin said the agreement isn't supposed to act as a stay of any pending court proceeding.

Instead, the agreement encourages state regulators to hold off on initiating new legal action until the NASAA committee sifts through the complex legal issues surrounding the Lloyd's investigation, he said.

Peter Lane, managing director for Lloyd's North America, said in a statement the agreement gives Lloyd's a chance to educate state regulators about the insurance market's complex workings.

Lane said some of the states "leapt before they looked" and filed cases "based upon misunderstandings and misperceptions."

"The Lloyd's insurance market is vital to the interests of thousands of American citizens around the world," he said. Lloyd's still intends to fulfill its

insurance commitments during the one-month period, Lane added.

The state cases created an uproar in the U.S. insurance community, which said the lawsuits could damage reinsurance agreements with Lloyd's and perhaps prevent Lloyd's ability to pay out on some U.S. claims.

Such concerns sent the California Insurance Commissioner to federal court last month to block a Lloyd's lawsuit filed by the California securities commissioner.

Lloyd's lost more than \$12 billion in the five years ended in 1992 because it paid out on a wide variety of insurance claims for asbestos lawsuits, hurricanes and earthquakes in the United States.

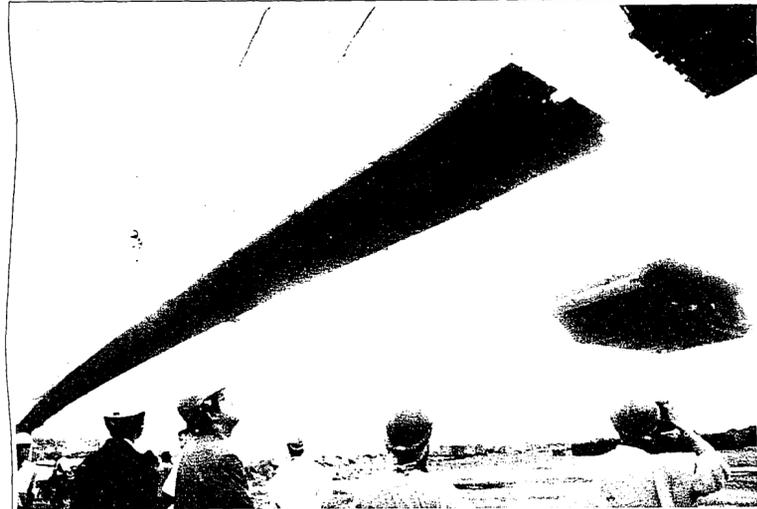
In March, Lloyd's sent letters to 34,000 investors, known as "names," to settle disputes over insurance claims that evaporated their investors' personal fortunes.

Lloyd's has offered the names \$4.3 billion to absorb some of their liability.

Louisiana regulators broke ranks with the NASAA task force and reached a separate settlement with Lloyd's last week.

That agreement will let Lloyd's pay claims to policyholders while it tries to resolve disputes with investors.

The other states with pending cases are California, Ohio, Arizona, Illinois, Colorado, Missouri, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Virginia, according to NASAA.



Construction workers and photographers watch as the last link in the Tsing Ma Bridge is lifted place Thursday. The 1.34 miles (2.16 km) long bridge will be the world's longest suspension bridge carrying both road and rail traffic. The Bridge, which is scheduled for completion in May 1997, will provide a link to Hong Kong's new airport. AP Photo

Beating adds to US-Mexico tensions

By JOHN RICE
MEXICO CITY (AP)-The clubbing of two Mexicans by California sheriff's deputies has opened new wounds in the already bruised relationship between the United States and Mexico.

Mexico's Department of Foreign Relations expressed "profound concern" that the beating could affect relations between the two nations. And the country's ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party said Wednesday that the beating "demonstrates the

degree of irrationality that racist and xenophobic attitudes have reached in the United States, sometimes as a product of electoral campaigns."

Relations were rocky before Monday's beating, and many saw the baton blows by the Riverside County sheriff's deputies - and the outrage over them - as symptoms of the strained ties as much as causes of them. Scared by U.S. invasions, interventions and threats, Mexico historically has tried to keep its northern neighbor

at arm's length. But the sheer force of geography and increasing flows of money and people across the 2,000-mile (3,200-kilometer) border have pulled the countries together.

Relations between the United States and Mexico reached a high point in 1994 with the North American Free Trade Agreement. Since then, they have been bumpy.

The outrage over the clubbing joins disputes over tomatoes, drugs, trucks, immigration and Cuba in a list of

differences that indicate many on both sides of the border find the relationship too close for comfort. Mexicans overwhelmingly see racism - directed against them - in the building U.S. campaign to reduce immigration. They take special offense at the 1994 California vote to slash services to illegal immigrants and Republican presidential candidate Pat Buchanan's frequent criticism of Mexican trade and immigration.

"I think that the verbal aggression by the senators or the U.S. executive was an authorization for the physical aggression by the police," Sen. Jose Angel Conchello of the conservative National Action Party, Mexico's second-largest political force, said Wednesday of the California beating. He said the police reaction was "on the level of animals" and was "the practical expression of hostility, of hatred, which exists in the United States against foreigners."

Feelings also have been hurt by the efforts of some U.S. senators to punish Mexico for failing to do more to stop drugs from heading north - a problem Mexicans say is caused by consumption in the United States.

Even so, the Mexican government has tried to appease the senators by

pushing its army deep into the fight against drugs - a move into civilian crime-fighting that is controversial in a country that until 1946 was governed by retired generals.

In recent weeks, U.S. farmers have battled imports of Mexican tomatoes and avocados - attracting campaigning presidential candidates in Florida and California - while truckers blocked greater access for Mexican trucks.

Mexican farmers say growing imports of U.S. corn threaten their meager livelihoods. Unions are fighting efforts to let U.S. companies invest in their pension funds.

The United States is angered by Mexico's close relations with Cuba. In turn, Mexico claims that a U.S. law enacted March 12 to punish foreigners who deal with Cuba violates its sovereignty.

So the attack by Riverside County deputies on two Mexicans suspected of being illegal immigrants struck a tender nerve.

Newspapers ran stories and photographs across their front pages. Television networks broadcast videotape of it repeatedly. Police posted extra riot police around the U.S. Embassy, fearing protests - which did not materialize.

Convene parliament, military urged

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - Burma's democratic opposition has called on the military government to honor its past promises and convene the Parliament elected in 1990.

Aung Shwe, a former military man and chairman of the National League for Democracy, the political party of 1991 Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi, made the appeal in a letter, a copy of which was seen by The Associated Press in Bangkok Thursday.

The March 28 letter was co-signed by the party's central committee, of which Suu Kyi is a member, and addressed to Gen. Than Shwe, leader of the military government.

It cited several statements made by the government at news conferences promising to convene the elected Parliament.

"We cannot specify a definite time to convene (Parliament) but we have no intention whatsoever to deny it," Aung Shwe quoted the military government as saying.

The people and his party had carefully noted the statement, he added.

"Hence it is now necessary to convene (Parliament) as soon as possible," Aung Shwe wrote.

The National League for Democ-

racy won 392 of 485 parliamentary seats in the 1990 election, but the military government refused to honor the result and instead insisted the poll was to pick representatives to draw up guidelines for a new constitution.

In November 1995, the NLD boycotted the convention drafting the constitution. Its leaders said delegates were not allowed to debate or discuss proposals put forth by the military.

Despite winning 82 percent of the vote in the election, the NLD held only about 15 percent of the seats at the convention.

Injection treatment effective for impotence

BOSTON (AP) - The first injection treatment approved for relieving impotence works well in most men, allowing sexual intercourse that both they and their partners consider satisfactory, a study found.

Self-administered injections have been used routinely for the past decade to help men who have trouble achieving erections.

However, only one of them, the drug Caverject, has been formally approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for this purpose.

A study of the drug by its maker, Upjohn Co., was published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

In an accompanying editorial, Dr. Larry I. Lipshultz of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston called the injections "a well-accepted and efficacious treatment for erectile dysfunction."

The study involved 683 men who used the injections for six months.

The men reported being able to have sexual activity after 94 percent of the injections. The sex was described as satisfactory by 87 percent of the men and 86 percent of their partners.

The chief complaint: mild penile pain reported occasionally by half of the men.

The treatment appears to work regardless of whether the impotence is caused by nerve, blood flow or psychological problems.

Caverject, known generically as alprostadil, was approved by the FDA last July.

It is a synthetic form of the hormone prostaglandin E-1 and works by relaxing muscle tissue in the penis to improve blood flow.

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Defiant band behind the Montana standoff

By DAVID FOSTER
JORDAN, Montana (AP)—A hard-luck farmer swamped by debt. A mother fleeing child-welfare officials. Some fast-talking strangers hawking cure-alls for financial woes.

Taken together they are the Freemen, now notorious as a defiant band of racist, anti-government militants. Taken apart, however, they are more diverse - and more amateurish - than the ominous headlines imply.

If not for their guns and dreams of Armageddon, the 20 or so people fending off the FBI from a foreclosed wheat farm dubbed "Justus Township" might be deemed just a common collection of misfits and miscreants.

Some came to this isolated corner of the West to hide from the law. Others came to confront it. The law obliged. For 11 days, more than 100 federal agents have patrolled the snowy hills and fields around the farm, while rifle-toting Freemen stand sentry behind barricades.

Whether this standoff ends in grudging surrender or disastrous disintegration depends as much on the character and motives of the Freemen as it does on any FBI strategy.

"For months, we kept hearing of these criminals moving up near here," said Ruth Coulter, 64, a rancher's wife who lives nearby. "You get sort of nervous. It's not the kind of people you want for neighbors."

She emphasizes she's talking about the outsiders, not the two families of local farmers who got tangled up with the Freemen.

Those are the Stantons - Agnes, her son Ebert and his wife, Val.

And the Clarks - Ralph and Kay, whose 960-acre farm is now "Justus Township"; their son, Edwin, and Edwin's son, Casey, next door; and Ralph's brother Emmett and his wife, Rosie, who live across the road.

There's no question some of the Clarks and Stantons are in big trouble, named in federal indictments for bank fraud and threatening officials. But neighbors say they're not criminals at heart.

Losers, yes. Lazy, maybe. Dreamers and schemers. But terrorists? Hardly.

"I always enjoyed Ralph," said Bob Cowin, the Coulters' hired hand. "He's a heck of a nice guy. And Edwin, he's an artist. With a welding torch he can build anything. What I can't figure, with that talent, is why didn't he just get a job?"

Ralph Clark's troubles date at least as far back as 1982, when hail and drought flattened his crops. Without them, he couldn't make payments on his farm loan, and the Farmers Home Administration moved to foreclose. Clark fought in the courts for 12 years, but his farm was auctioned off in April 1994.

Brother Emmett had similar problems, and his place was sold at auction last fall.

By then they'd become acquainted with several well-traveled men who seemed to offer a way out: LeRoy Schweitzer, Rodney Skurdal, Dale Jacobi, Daniel Petersen Jr.

They called themselves Freemen, and they said the farmers didn't owe the government one red cent. Why? Because the government was unconstitutional.

They had documents to prove it - a carload of documents, in undecipherable jargon, all purportedly showing that they, as free white men, could renounce governmental authority, start their own government and issue their own checks.

The farmers invited the outsiders to live at their foreclosed farms. They arrived late last September, under cover of night and just in time; rumors were that the FBI was about to raid their former hideout in Roundup, an hour down the highway.

These outsiders were misfits of another sort.

After cracking his skull in a Wyoming oil-rig accident in 1983, Skurdal had trouble remembering things and developed an "odd personality," according to witness statements in documents from a lawsuit he filed against the company.

That's also when Skurdal became obsessed with constitutional issues and started having run-ins with police because he refused to use a driver's license. When he got workers' compensation for the accident, he demanded payment in gold and silver.

LeRoy Schweitzer, meantime, was deep into his protest activism. A cropduster who stopped paying income taxes in 1978, he became known for clever financial schemes and court-clogging lawsuits.

At the farm, they created a Freemen training center for the patriots who would take America back for its "true citizens": white, Christian men of Northern European stock.

They declared sovereignty, issued millions of dollars in phony money orders and checks, set up common-law courts and threatened to kill any officials who stood in their way.

Then they invited people to come learn their methods.

In January, the Rev. Helen Young, a Jordan pastor, ventured to the compound to see if these troubled souls needed ministering. They told her their Christian Identity beliefs decreed white males are the pinnacle of creation, destined to save the United States from a tyrannical conspiracy masterminded by Jews, whom they say are Satan's offspring.

On March 25, just as determined local ranchers were assembling a posse and talking of storming the farm themselves, the FBI moved in.

The locals are shaking their heads. How did their neighbors get caught up in something so odd?

"I think they got taken in," Bob Cowin said. This Freemen stuff, he said, is like the spring mud that will follow the melting snow.

"They were looking for some way to save their farm," Cowin said. "They got into this Freemen thing, and the deeper they got, the harder it was to get out."

Pilots of supersonic plane tuned in on TV

By BILL BASKERVILL
HAMPTON, Virginia (AP) - Pilots of a 1,400-mph (2,250-kph) supersonic passenger plane envisioned by NASA wouldn't look out the window when landing the huge plane. They'd be watching television.

When taking off, climbing, cruising at 65,000 feet (19,800 meters), the pilots' eyes would also be glued to the TV.

Like Charles A. Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis, this country's latest incarnation of the supersonic transport idea would have no forward windows.

Lindbergh needed the window area of the Spirit for a gas tank when he made the trans-Atlantic solo flight nearly 70 years ago. "Lindy" used a tiny periscope for forward vision, but occasionally poked his head out a side window for reference.

Fuel was also a major consideration in eliminating the front windows of the high-speed civil transport - the HSCT - that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the aircraft industry have researched since 1990 and hope to have flying by 2006.

The distinctive droop nose of the world's only SST - the British-French Concorde - allows pilots to see the runway while landing and taking off.

But the equipment needed to lower and raise the Concorde's needle nose adds weight, and the nose in the angled position adds drag. All that requires more power to keep the Concorde in the air. Engines running at higher power gulp more fuel and that adds to the cost of a Concorde ticket - about \$7,600 round trip from New York to London.

"Synthetic vision" is the alternative to a hydraulic-powered mechanical nose.

"It seems to be a weird and unsafe idea," said Michael S. Lewis, NASA's program manager of cockpit engineering for the HSCT.

Weird, maybe. Unsafe, probably not.

Using high-resolution video, infrared and radar sensors, synthetic vision is being designed to allow the HSCT's two-member crew to perceive far more than they could ever take in by gazing through a windshield. The system would be complemented by side windows.

The faux vision "will always be looking everywhere, unlike the human eye which is focused on one spot," said Lewis. "It will be 100 percent vigilant, a never-tiring safety lookout."

NASA's Langley Research Center recently completed a three-month test of in-flight artificial sight. A NASA 737 aircraft with a windowless research cockpit and a Westinghouse BAC 1-11 avionics test aircraft made a total of about 20 flights.

Video and infrared images were combined with computer-generated avionic graphics that gave the pilot cues during approaches and landings, though the system was crude compared to high-resolution electronic eyes scientists envision.

One of the NASA test pilots for those flights, Mike Wusk, said it was a strange departure from visual references outside the cockpit.

"It's a two-dimensional picture so you do lose some depth perception," said Wusk, "but you've got suffi-

cient information to land the airplane."

Wusk said, however, he was concerned whether synthetic vision could spot small aircraft and birds. Super-sensitive sensors would detect small planes as well as flocks of birds, Lewis said. He noted that a single bird doesn't pose much of a threat to an airliner.

The advantage of synthetic vision is "I can put a whole lot more information on display than a pilot could see out the window," said McDonnell Douglas test pilot Mike Norman. "I can draw a virtual pathway in the sky or on the ground for taxing."

Norman said test pilots were comfortable with the synthetic vision system. "We are all anxious to see it with improved sensors."

The system would probably be triple redundant and backed up by an automatic landing system and conventional instrumentation on video displays.

Lewis said researchers will work in about two years whether synthetic vision will meet the critically precise performance standards set for it.

He expressed optimism it will work but added, "Unless it is certifiably safe it will never see the light of day on the airplane." If that happens, the HSCT would probably have a droop nose like the Concorde, he said.

The 300-foot-long (91-meter-long) HSCT would carry about 300 passengers at speeds up to Mach 2.4, or 1,400 mph (2,253 kph), over 5,750 miles (9,250 kilometers). Travel time from California to Japan would be cut from 10 hours to 4 1/2 hours with an estimated 20 percent fare increase over current subsonic prices.

The Concorde, with a maximum load of 100 passengers, cruises at Mach 2.0, or about 1,340 mph (2,160 kph). Its range is 3,740 miles (6,000 kilometers). A total of 12 Concorde are in service with British Airways and Air France.

Wallace C. Sawyer, director of the HSCT project for NASA, said a 2002 deadline has been set for completing research, which also is focused sharply on environmental issues, propulsion and the materials and structure of the plane.

At that point the aircraft industry, a partner with NASA in the \$1.9 billion research effort, will decide whether to build as many as 500 HSCTs.

The HSCT program comes 20 years after the first American SST effort foundered because of overriding worries over the plane's effect on the environment.

"We were a little bit arrogant about environmental issues," said Sawyer, who has been with NASA since 1965. "We worked hard on the technology side but did not take into consideration the sonic boom, noise, emissions and depletion of the ozone."

Those factors are now a priority, he said.

The HSCT effort got additional impetus in February when Japan's Science and Technology Agency said it planned to develop a supersonic passenger plane.

"This is as good a wake-up call as you're going to get," said Sawyer, noting that the major market for the American aircraft would be Pacific Rim countries.

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2. Experience - 30 pls.
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One (1) original and five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelop marked CUC RFP 96-0024 to the CUC Procurement & Supply Manager, Lower Base, P.O. Box 1220, Saipan MP 96950 no later than Monday, April 15, 1996 at 1600 hours (4:00 pm), local time.

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Timothy Villagomez
Executive Director

Comet impact craters 'discovered' in Chad

By JANE E. ALLEN
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Scientists believe they've discovered a chain of impact craters in the central African nation of Chad that may have been formed when a large, fragmented asteroid or comet slammed into Earth about 360 million years ago.

They compare the source to Shoemaker-Levy 9, the "string of pearls" comet that smashed into the gaseous atmosphere of Jupiter in July 1994.

Scientists detected evidence of the African craters in radar images captured by the space shuttle Endeavour in April and October 1994.

The Spaceborne Imaging Radar C-X-band Synthetic Aperture Radar, called SIR-C-X-SAR, turned up signs of two new craters adjacent to a known impact site called Aorounga in northern Chad.

Aorounga South, the most prominent crater, was previously detected in satellite images and hand-held photos captured by the shuttle. It has been verified from studies on the ground. The existence of Aorounga Central and Aorounga North must still be verified by scientists.

"The Aorounga craters are only the second chain of large craters known on Earth and were apparently formed by the breakup of a large comet or asteroid prior to impact," said Adriana Ocampo, a geologist with NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

"With ground confirmation, this second chain will provide valuable data on the nature and origin of small bodies that cross Earth's orbit."

Ocampo presented her findings at the Lunar and Planetary Science Conference in Houston on March 20.

Michael Rampino, a scientist at New York University who in January published research identifying the first chain of impact craters on Earth, was excited about Ocampo's findings.

"I think that we need data from the ground to confirm that these are impact structures," Rampino said, calling it "a good bet" that the geologic

features seen in Chad were a second line of impact craters.

He believes the first line is a 435-mile-long (700 kilometer) chain of eight circular features stretching from southern Illinois through central Missouri and into Kansas.

"The combination of using the new space-based technology and geological methods of mapping and looking for these things on the ground is the way to go to see if there are any more of these chains," Rampino said. Ocampo believes the comet or asteroid fragments that smacked into Chad were all about one-third to two-thirds of a mile (1 kilometer) in diameter and the resulting craters all measured about 7.5 to 10.5 miles (12 to 17 kilometers) wide.

Such geologic features are seen elsewhere in our solar system: Jupiter's moon Callisto has similar, equal-sized impact craters.

Kevin Pope, a SIR-C team member from Geo Eco Arc Research in La Canada-Flintridge, said the two new impact craters were the first detected by the space-based radar system.

John McHone, a SIR-C science team member from the University of Arizona, remains skeptical.

Although he said the Aorounga craters could very well be impact craters, he cautioned that "we don't have the kind of evidence we need to catalog them yet."

Ocampo said the impacts that caused the Chad craters weren't big enough to cause the dinosaur die-offs believed to have resulted when an asteroid smashed into Mexico's Yucatan about 65 million years ago. But she said they could have contributed to a period of mass biological extinction seen 360 million years ago.

The space-based radar project is managed by JPL for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Office of Mission to Planet Earth. It's a joint venture among the U.S., German and Italian space agencies.

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the enforcement of its law." He believes the local government "can manage its own affairs."

"The question is 'will they exert effort to do so.' Hopefully that will happen," the interior official said.

The Office of Human Rights Advocate, meanwhile, is disappointed with the staffers making "a biased conclusion" without taking a visit to the other side of the fence.

"It is disappointing that the staffers failed to accomplish their claimed mission to investigate the truth," human rights advocate Eric Grégoire said in a press statement. "Unfortunately they never met with advocates union supporters, and others whose views do not reflect the limited interest of the Tenorio administration."

At any rate, Grégoire said, the human rights office will continue to assist the community.

"We will strive to protect the rights and freedom of everyone, including the maids who are raped and forced home under phony deportations, the night club dancers who are locked up in barracks after work, garment workers who live and work under communist oppression and any other person who is made to suffer abuse, those of us living here all know exist," Grégoire said.

A story ran by Washington Post in its Wednesday issue raised concern that the staffers might "steer clear" of human rights issues in the CNMI. The delegation's trip was fully paid for by the local government.

Reacting to the Post story, Knott said: "That's not true. There are several inaccuracies in the story.

We toured Willy Tan's factory, visited the workers barracks.... We asked all types of questions regarding these (human rights) and what we're learning is not exactly the same as what the Washington

Post was talking about."

Another controversy that surrounds the staffers' visit deals with the significance of the offices they represent to the CNMI and other insular affairs. The Post said the

visiting staffers are "not normally plugged into territorial issues."

"We're not here by any name to go around," Knott said.

He said the staffers "will be more than happy to sit down" and

"relay what we've learned" to the heads of a pertinent House body—particularly the subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs headed by Rep. Elton Gallegly.

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being used, as the CNMI is paying for it out of local monies.

"If we ended up paying for the trip, I can guarantee everyone in Washington and all American taxpayers that the cost of the trip will be paid out of our own local revenues not federal monies as was insinuated," said Gov. Tenorio in an interview yesterday.

In a press statement his office issued, Tenorio said the need for the visit is very apparent "from our point of view, but perhaps not as clear in Washington."

"Simply, after years of re-hashing past mistakes of our young US commonwealth during visits to Washington, it is time that the Congress get a first-hand look at what is going on here," said the governor. "Certainly, every state feels a need to tell their story and elected members of the Congress perform this important service for them."

"Unfortunately for the CNMI, we do not enjoy such representation. Selective information about the CNMI has disinfomed many in the capital and it is our obligation to change this. We will not sit back and allow this 'information gap' to continue!" the governor explained.

As governor, Tenorio said he has made a variety of commitments for change and reform to the US Congress and its committees, as well as individual members and that he is

proud to be able to tell visitors to that the CNMI is carrying out its promises every day.

"This is the truth, not merely a message, and is one that we must communicate. We'll bring as many Congressional staffers and other of-

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and reimbursement of tuition certification courses.

Under the consent decree, a settlement fund of \$2.1 million was put up, of which \$1.2 million is for relief for salary and promotions discrimination.

The remaining \$900,000 was allotted for those denied transportation, housing, or education benefits.

Of the amount, \$1.2 million would go to back salaries and promotions discrimination, while the remaining \$900,000 for those denied of transportation, housing or education benefits.

After the consent decree was approved, the PSS sent claim forms to about 200 prospective claimants. A total of 171 claim forms were returned, of which 159 made it to the Nov. 23, 1994 deadline.

Eleven forms postmarked after that date were, however, accepted after the teachers' reasons for the delay were found accept-

able. One claim form from Divina Tolentino de la Cruz was received only last Feb. 10, but this was rejected.

Her reason that she had learned about the consent decree from a colleague in the CNMI was found not valid. "Given the publicity and general awareness of this matter throughout the Commonwealth, it is highly unlikely that De la Cruz's submission of a claim form 14 months late can be justified," the report said.

The report said considering her claim would delay the distribution of awards to other claimants as this would entail a recalculation of all awards.

Considering De la Cruz's claim would also require the reduction of the recommended awards. "At some point, claims—even if they are legitimate—must be cut off, and that time has arrived in this case. We recommend Ms. De la Cruz be declared ineligible to file a claim," said the report, which was submitted by Deval L. Patrick,

assistant attorney general of the US Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division. After the court approves the monetary award recommendations, the US will send offers of monetary awards to all the claimants, who are to return the release forms accepting the awards within 45 days after receiving offers.

After the receipt of the offer, the US will move the court within 10 days for order authorizing the clerk of court to release the amounts due the claimants.

Marc Bendick Jr., a labor economist, calculated the monetary claims. The largest single award went to Isabelita Cruz Guevara, who received a total of \$51,750, of which \$31,707 was salary award and the remaining \$20,043 for housing.

The salary awards totaled \$1,267,402; promotions award, \$6,867; housing, \$818,148; transportation, \$52,585; and tuition, \$84,978.



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10:20 - 10:45	MSDS's: Key to Chemical Hazards	3:30 - 3:45	Fire Hazards in the Garment Industry
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Hundreds attend rebel conference

By TRINA KLEIST
SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP) - Activists from across the Americas converged Wednesday on isolated jungle villages in southern Mexico to discuss how to reverse a trend toward a global economy.
 Lugging tents, insect repellent, jugs of water and sleeping bags, they are setting up camp on creaking buses for a five-hour ride down dirt roads, many of the 400 participants got an early start for the four-day meeting, which starts Thursday.
 The meeting is sponsored by the

Zapatista National Liberation Army, the band of Mayan Indians who rose up on New Year's Day, 1994, to protest conditions for peasants and Indians in Chiapas, Mexico's poorest state.
 Supporters of the Zapatistas have been felling trees on the edge of the Lacandon Jungle to build simple meeting houses, open-air cooking hearths and latrines for the visitors.
 Delegates will discuss the economic, social, political and cultural impact of a worldwide market economy. Rebels have criticized

globalization as anti-democratic, saying it limits local control and fuels poverty.
 The gathering, called by rebel military leader Subcomandante Marcos in January, is part of the rebels' attempt to create a peaceful, civilian movement that supports their demands for economic, social and political reforms.
 Similar meetings are to be held in April in Berlin, Tokyo, Sidney and African cities. A larger gathering is planned for the village of La Realidad, one of the Lacandon jungle sites, in late July.

Consortium buys NZ gov't radio stations

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) - A consortium of American, Irish and Australian interests has agreed to buy 41 government-owned commercial radio stations.
 The government said Friday it is selling its New Zealand Radio Network company, the country's biggest radio broadcaster, for \$60.5 million (\$N.Z. 89 million).
 The three-way consortium consists of San Antonio-based Clear Channel Communications (CCC), Australian Provincial Newspaper Holdings Limited (APN) and New Zealand publisher Wilson & Horton Limited, which is controlled by Irishman and Heinz Limited chief executive Tony O'Reilly.
 CCC operates 16 television stations and 61 radio stations in San Antonio, Houston, Austin, Tulsa, Miami, Tampa, Oklahoma City, New Orleans, Louisville, Cleve-

land, Richmond and New Haven.
 CCC and APN also jointly own the Australian Radio Network.
 State-Owned Enterprises and Trade Minister Philip Burdon said the sale price, which was almost double initial market expectations, was due to a "highly competitive tender process."
 London-based radio operator GWR and Canadian television company Canwest Global Communications, were the other major bidders for the network, which has been owned by the government since 1938.
 Burdon said the government "will no longer be in the high-risk business of owning a string of rock and news-talk radio stations."
 It will continue to operate a non-commercial public broadcasting radio network.

INVITATION FOR BID
CUC IFB 96-0023
 MARCH 15, 1996

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting bids from interested firms for the supply of nine (9) 34.5/13.8 kV power transformers, or four (4) 34.5/13.8 kV, 30/40/50 MVA power transformers.

Bids forms and specifications may be picked up the CUC Procurement & Supply, Office in Lower Base, between the hours of 7:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., local time during normal working days.

Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Manager Procurement & Supply, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Saipan, MP 96950 and endorsed with the name of the bidder and the title: 34.5/13.8kV Power Transformers and ITB No. 96-0023. Sealed bids shall be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m., local time, April 30, 1996.

This IFB does not commit the CUC to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a bid under this request, or to procure or contract for materials.

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation reserves the right to reject any and all bids in accordance with Section 3.2(7) of its Procurement Rules and Regulations.

All inquires shall be directed to Mr. Michael W. Randall at telephone number (670) 322-4033, Ext. 30, or Fax Number (670) 322-6582.

Timothy P. Villagomez
 Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
CUC RFP 96-0025
 March 15, 1996

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting proposals for Janitorial Services for its buildings. Specifications may be picked-up at the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Procurement and Supply Office, Lower Base, between 0730 to 1630 hours (7:30 am to 4:30 pm).

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Cost - 40 points
2. Experience - 30 points
3. Approach to Project - 30 points

One (1) original and five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelop marked CUC RFP 96-0025 to the CUC Procurement & Supply Manager, Lower Base, P.O. Box 1220, Saipan, MP 96950 no later than Monday, April 15, 1996 at 1600 hours (4:00 pm) local time.

Discussions may be concluded with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals and such revisions may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose or obtaining the best and final offers. In conducting discussions, there shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposals, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

All inquiries shall be directed to Mr. Frank T. Flores, Special Advisor to CUC Procurement & Supply at Telephone number (670) 322-4033, ext. 16, or Fax number (670) 322-6582.

Timothy P. Villagomez
 Executive Director

APPRECIATION MESSAGE

We, the family of the late honorable

Felix Fitial Rabauliman,



Would like to extend our sincere appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to all the families, friends and the kind and loving individuals who shared our pain during our time of grief. We are eternally grateful for your support and prayers, and we thank you for joining us in the days of the rosary in asking our maker to accept our beloved father and friend into his kingdom.

Ghilisow, Si Yuus Maase, and Thank You

Fourth Anniversary Rosary



FRANCISCO CRISOSTIMO ALDAN

We the family of the late Francisco Crisostimo Aldan would like to invite all our relatives and friends to join us in the Fourth Anniversary of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather.

Nightly rosary will be held at the residence of Mrs. Bernadita Aldan in Sadog Tasi at 8:00 pm beginning Wednesday April 10, 1996. Daily masses will be offered 6:00 am at Kristo Rai church.

On a final day, April 18, 1996, Thursday, rosary will be said at 12:00 noon.

Mass of Intention will be offered at Kristo Rai Church at 5:00 pm, April 18, 1996.

Dinner will follow at the residence of Mrs. Bernadita Aldan at Sadog Tasi.

Please join us.

Thank you
 The Family

Business briefs from Asia-Pacific

TOKYO
TOKYO (AP) - Fuji Photo Film Inc., Japan's largest color film company, said Thursday it is building an imaging equipment plant in China.
 Fuji said a wholly-owned company has been set up in Suzhou city in the province of Jiangsu, and will begin production at the plant in June.
 The new company is capitalized at \$29 million, Fuji said.
 The new company, Fujifilm Imaging System (Suzhou) Co., will make cameras and electronic equipment that captures images from analog photos, with production scheduled to begin in June.
 Full-scale production is expected by July 1997, with a capacity of between 50,000 to 60,000 units a month.
 The company will sell the products in China and export them to other countries, but Fuji has no plans to import the goods into Japan, the spokesman said. He would not comment on projected sales from the new plant.
 Demand for imaging equipment is rising and building the plant in China will lower production costs, Fuji said.
 Foreign companies capitalized at more than \$30 million require the approval of China's central government, but this project only required the approval of the local government, the spokesman said.

TOKYO
TOKYO (AP) - Sales of imported cars, trucks and buses in Japan in fiscal year 1995 rose 21 percent to 402,608 units in the previous year, the Japan Automobile Importers Association reported Thursday.
 Japan's fiscal year runs from April through March.
 The association also said imports rose 14 percent in March from the year-earlier month to 51,342 units.
 The sharp increase in March's imported vehicle sales, which followed a jump of 16 percent in February, marked the 29th consecutive month of year-on-year rise.
 The sales figure for March included 13,580 cars made by Japanese auto makers at their overseas plants, up four percent from the previous year.
 The rise in March's import sales was led by the U.S.'s big three auto makers, including General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp.
 The success of the three companies last month is attributed to the recent introduction in Japan of right-hand

drive versions of their popular models.
 Among the U.S. makers, General Motors saw its Japanese sales more than triple from the year earlier month. The rise was due to the strong sales of the Chevrolet Cavalier, which is marketed through Toyota Motor Corp's national dealer network as the Toyota Cavalier with right-hand drive. The model made its Japanese debut in late January.
BEIJING
BEIJING (AP) - China has developed an electric bus that is expected to go into production this year, the state-run Xinhua News Agency reported Thursday.
 The 14-meter-long (40-foot-long) bus can travel at a speed of 90 kph (55 mph) for 120 kilometers (74 miles) with each charge.
 The bus was developed by the Chinese Commission of Science, Technology and Industry for National Defense and the Northrup Grumman Corp. of the United States.
 The Beijing Trolleybus Co., which took part in the development of the bus, wants to put it into operation as soon as possible, Xinhua said. The first models are expected to be produced in the third quarter of this year.

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Commonwealth for the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
DPW96-RFP-011

The Department of Public Works is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified vendors for the Supply and Installation of furniture for the Saipan Senior Citizens Center, Garapan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Proposals in duplicate will be accepted in the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply at Lower Base, Saipan until 4:00 p.m. local time, April 12, 1996. Any proposals received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

The Scope of Work is available on or after April 2, 1996 at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, Saipan.

Proposals will be evaluated and selection made based on the following criteria:

- a. Experience of the vendor on similar projects
- b. Price
- c. Quality of products
- d. Time frame to deliver/install products
- e. Warranty

Catalog cuts or brochures of the furniture to be supplied and installed shall be included in the sealed proposals for proper evaluation.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at DPW Conference Room at 10:00 a.m., April 9, 1996. The proposers shall submit their questions in writing.

All proposal documents received shall be the sole property of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in the proposal in the interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/EDWARD B. PALACIOS
 Director, Division of Procurement & Supply
 Date: 3/28/96

/s/EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO
 Secretary of Public Works
 Date: 3/28/96

COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' CREDIT UNION
PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to advise all former members of Saipan Credit Union (SCU) who have an outstanding SCU loan to contact the Commonwealth Government Employees' Credit Union (CGECU). The CGECU will now actively pursue collection on all unpaid SCU loans and other receivables pursuant to the collection plans adopted by the Board of Directors.

If you have shares in the SCU and you want to confirm your share account balance, please call the CGECU. If you have both shares and an outstanding loan balance and wish to offset your loan against your share account, please give CGECU a letter authorizing such transaction. If you share account exceeds your loan balance, then the excess amount will be paid to you after the creditors' claims are satisfied.

This is also to advise all creditors of SCU that the CGECU will repay the outstanding debts of SCU from the SCU receivables. The repayment schedule will be based on actual collection of SCU receivable on a monthly basis.

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SHANGHAI
SHANGHAI, China (AP) - Dongfang Group Co. recently became China's first listed company to receive loans from the World Bank, said the Shanghai Securities News Thursday. The World Bank issued the Harbin-based Group's finance unit a \$30 million low-interest long-term loan, which will be used for technological upgrad-

ing. The report said the loan marks the first of several future loans Dongfang expects to receive from the World Bank. Dongfang lists Class A shares, those traded by Chinese nationals, on the Shanghai Stock Exchange. **SYDNEY**
SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - Qantas Airways Ltd. has announced its intention to seek approvals to increase the

frequency of its flights to China. Chief executive James Strong said Thursday the international carrier would introduce twice weekly services to Shanghai in late August as the first phase of the planned expansion. Qantas would open an office in Shanghai within a few weeks and would also seek approvals to operate another two weekly services into China by the middle of next year. "This would bring our weekly fre-

quency between the two countries to four, operating to both Shanghai and Beijing," Strong said. The announcement followed the Australian government's negotiation last week of a substantial increase in air services between China and Australia. Qantas resumed flying to Beijing in March last year after folding its service in 1987.

The report said the better than expected result was due to high tax revenues from a net foreign exchange gain and good earnings from state-owned businesses.

The Treasury said tax revenues were 3.1 percent higher and expenses were 0.5 percent lower than forecast.

A breakdown of tax revenues showed the company tax take increased by 20 percent in the period compared with the same period last year, attributable to increased profitability of companies, the running down of tax losses and earlier recognition of revenue.

Net public debt at 30.132 billion New Zealand dollars (\$20.490 billion) fell to 34.4 percent of gross domestic product, 1 percent lower than forecast.

WELLINGTON

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) - The New Zealand government achieved an operating surplus of 3.281 billion New Zealand dollars (\$2.231 billion) in the eight months to Feb. 29. A Treasury report released on Thursday said the surplus was 1.316 billion New Zealand dollars (\$895 million) ahead of forecast.

Dollar down, stocks mixed in Tokyo

TOKYO (AP) - The dollar slipped against the Japanese yen in quiet trading Thursday as dealers adjusted their positions ahead of the Easter holiday and release of U.S. economic data Friday. Stock prices were mixed.

The U.S. dollar has been easing lower on concerns that Japan's historically low interest rates may be getting ready to go up again as the economy emerges from a prolonged slowdown.

Many market players were staying on the sidelines ahead of the release Friday of American jobless figures for March, a well-watched indicator of economic activity.

The dollar was trading at 106.95 yen at mid-afternoon, down from 107.12 yen late Thursday but slightly above 106.91 yen in late New York trading.

Stock prices were mixed on low volume, with many foreign traders

sidelined ahead of the Easter holiday, which begins Friday.

The Nikkei Stock Average closed up 6.43 points, or 0.03 percent, at 21,471.16 points. On Wednesday, the index had lost 135.35 points, or 0.63 percent.

Broader indexes fell slightly, reflecting concerns that the market might be overheating after its recent surge to four-year highs.

The Tokyo Stock Price Index of all issues listed on the first section fell 3.09 points, or 0.19 percent, to 1,642.50. The TOPIX fell 4.43 points, or 0.2 percent, the day before.

The stock market got little mileage from comments by Bank of Japan Governor Yasuo Mutsushita Thursday, who was apparently trying to reassure investors a day after sending stock and bond prices lower with comments suggesting that the bank might raise interest rates soon.

POSITION OPENINGS CHRISTIAN DIOR SAIPAN, LTD.

BOUTIQUE MANAGER

Christian Dior Saipan, Ltd. seeks an experienced Boutique Manager to supervise operations at its boutique to be opened in Garapan, Saipan in May 1996. The boutique will retail luxury fashion garments and accessories.

Duties will include the supervision of all retail operations, management of retail sales clerks, coordination of displays and show windows, control of inventory, maintenance of detailed transaction records, assisting in the purchasing of stocks, liaison with the regional head office with regard to retail and advertising activities and handling general matters associated with the day to day management of the boutique.

Salary range is \$1,600.00-3,000/per month and will be commensurate with related experience and the applicant's capabilities in the English and Japanese languages.

SALES ASSISTANTS

Christian Dior Saipan, Ltd. seeks sales assistants for its new boutique to be opened in Garapan, Saipan in May 1996. The boutique will be retailing luxury garments and accessories.

Reporting to the Boutique Manager, their duties will include providing sales assistance to customers, processing invoices and customers payments, arranging merchandise within the boutique, assisting with displays and promotional activities, assisting with the receipt of stock and storage arrangements, ensuring the boutique is well presented and other duties as may be requested by the Boutique Manager to assist with the day to day operation of the boutique.

Salary range is \$1,000-2,400/per month and will commensurate with previous experience in retailing luxury products and the applicant's capabilities in the English and Japanese languages.

The positions are based on Saipan and interested applicants should forward their resume with a photograph, details of their current and expected salary and any other relevant details to Ernst & Young, Suite 209, Oleai Business Center, P.O. Box 3198, Saipan, MP 96950, marked for the attention of Mr. Michael Pai.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Due to a heavy business period on Saturday, April 6 and Sunday, April 7, 1996, Waterpark Passes will be unavailable to the public.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The CNMI Youth Advisory Council for the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) program will hold its regular meeting as follows:

DATE: Thursday, April 19, 1996
TIME: 8:30 AM
PLACE: Pacific Gardenia Hotel Conference Room, Chalan Kanoa

AGENDA:

1. Review of minutes (10/23/95).
2. Review/approval of sub grant applications for FY1995 & 1996 fund awards
3. Review/approval of CNMI's FY1996 Grant Application under JJDP program.
4. Miscellaneous.

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The CNMI Supervisory Council for the Improvement of the Criminal Justice System will hold its regular meeting as follows:

DATE: Friday, April 19, 1996
TIME: 8:30 AM
PLACE: Pacific Gardenia Hotel Conference Room, Chalan Kanoa

AGENDA:

1. Review of minutes (10/24/95).
2. Review/approval of subgrant applications for FY 1995 & FY 1996 fund awards.
3. Review/approval of CNMI's FY 1996 Grant Applications under JJDP & Byrne programs.
4. Miscellaneous

Regular meetings are open to the public. Interested persons are welcome. Please call the Criminal Justice Planning Agency at 664-4550 for more information.

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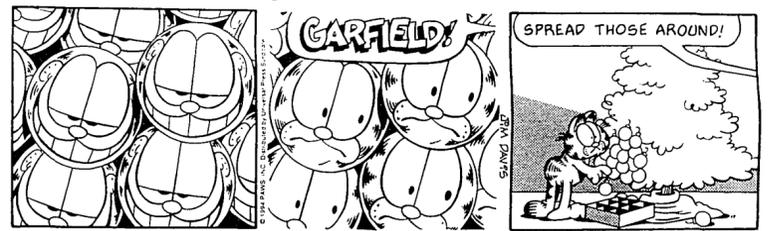
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Also born on this date are: Roger Corman, director; Arthur Hailey, author; Gregory Peck, actor; Colin Powell, general and author.

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.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6
ARIES (March 21-April 18) — Try to keep everything in place today, and do everything as soon as you can. Order and symmetry will be essential to your spiritual health.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Someone may annoy you today and you will not be surprised when you find out who it is. You will have the power to nip this in the bud.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Do not let a bad situation progress too far today. If you do, you will find that it has become unbearable already.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Something which seems to hold a great deal of promise may prove disappointing today. Try to focus on something unlikely to happen.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — At your workplace and in your home, the more unusual it is, the more you will like it. You may want someone else to call the shots today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) — Take care not to meet stubbornness with stubbornness today. If you do, neither party will get very far at all. Try to be a little more flexible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Take care not to live too much in your head at this time. In addition, trust your instincts because they will not steer you in the wrong direction.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Your warm and sensitive side may be revealed today through a chain of unusual and unsuspected circumstances.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You will be a little too optimistic today. Why can't you admit that your emotions are getting the better of you?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Someone may try to steal your thunder today and there's no reason why you shouldn't let him or her have a chance. You will remain in control.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Take care not to ask too much of your resources today. Keep your expectations within the realm of the possible, and consider alternative sources.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You can enjoy today's developments without having to take part, but it will be much more fun for you to get right into the thick of things.

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Human sperm must swim the equivalent of about three miles upstream to reach their destination. Only 500 or so of the 20 million race participants make it near the egg.

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A group of rhinoceroses is called a crash.

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A new comic collection by John Ker schbaum, "If New York City Was the World," (Citadel, \$8.95) makes some clever observations about the Big Apple. Regarding their urban savvy, the book notes that "87 percent of New Yorkers can tell the difference between an automobile backfire and a gunshot." As for etiquette, the reader is informed that "The mugger on the left has the right-of-way."

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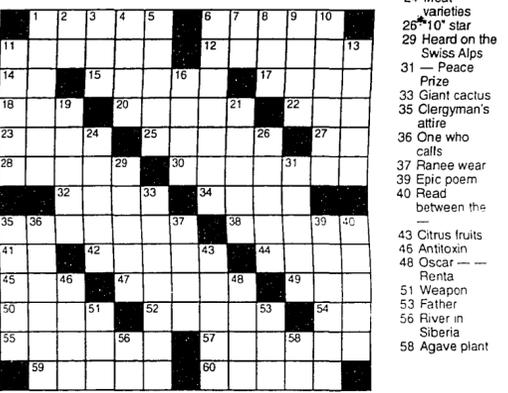
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Russel, Chargers agree on one-year deal

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The San Diego Chargers agreed to a one-year deal with free agent running back Leonard Russell, who was waived by St. Louis last season after missing a practice and being late for team functions.

Neither Russell nor his agent were available for comment after the Wednesday announcement. Russell gained 103 yards in the first two games of 1995 with the Rams, but was then used only sparingly, with Jerome Bettis taking over. He finished with 203 yards on 66 carries in 11 games.

Russell was waived in mid-December after failing to show for a practice walkthrough. Coach Rich Brooks said Russell also missed some meetings and was late for other team functions.

"I think the circumstances maybe are a little different," said Beathard, noting that Russell will make \$275,000, the minimum for a fifth-year player, plus incentives. "We've expressed our feelings to Leonard. He'll have to go by the rules and be in shape and do things the other players do. Talk's cheap, but I think he's in a position where he does want to prove he can be a productive back in this league."

Russell was the offensive rookie of the year in 1991 after rushing for 959 yards and four touchdowns. His best season was 1993, when he had 1,088 yards and seven touchdowns. He played with Denver in 1994.

His career numbers are 3,260 rushing yards and 22 touchdowns, plus 109 catches for 666 yards.

Shaq will miss two games

NEW YORK (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal could miss as many as three games for the Orlando Magic to help with funeral arrangements for his grandmother.

O'Neal's maternal grandmother, Odessa Chambliss, died Tuesday night in Newark, New Jersey, after a long illness, Magic spokesman Alex Martins said Wednesday. Martins said he was told by the family that O'Neal was with his grandmother when she died.

The Magic were scheduled to play the New York Knicks on Wednesday night, followed by home games Thursday against Boston and Sunday against the Chicago Bulls. Martins said O'Neal's status for the Bulls' game was uncertain. The funeral is scheduled for Saturday.

Oilers running back nabbed for dog fight training

EAST GREENWICH TOWNSHIP, New Jersey (AP) — Todd McNair of the Houston Oilers has been charged with mistreating 22 pit bulls seized at his property where authorities say the animals were being trained for dogfights.

On Wednesday, McNair told Houston television station KRIV that he is innocent and that he had no intention of training dogs to fight.

Neighbors reported hearing dogs barking and crying and seeing puppies and adult dogs in cages filled with dog feces. Goess said all the animals were in poor condition and one dog had a broken leg.

The pit bulls — 17 adult dogs and five puppies — were taken to a county animal shelter in Clayton, police said. All the dogs had scars on their heads and faces and many appeared to be malnourished and nursed fresh, bleeding wounds, authorities said.

Goess said police did not know that McNair owned the property or the dogs until he contacted the animal shelter to get the dogs back Tuesday. McNair was charged with some 81 offenses involving cruelty to animals.

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McNair, 30, was arrested Tuesday on cruelty-to-animal charges and released from the Gloucester County Jail in Woodbury after posting \$10,000 bail.

The most serious charge against McNair is a criminal complaint for possessing pit bulls for the purpose of fighting, Goess said. If convicted, he could face a \$7,500 fine and 3-5 years in prison, he said.

McNair, a running back, graduated from Temple and played for the Kansas City Chiefs from 1989 to 1993. He joined the Oilers in 1994.

Friends...

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McSherry from coaching a bar league, called the late umpire "a kind big bear."

McSherry's fans included Sister Nora Kelly of the Sisters of Mercy. She hadn't met McSherry, but came to the wake because she had always admired him.

lifelong baseball fan. "He was fair. He wasn't arrogant and he would listen to both sides."

FHP...

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tively and ripped the gap wide open up to the game's end.

Christian Atalig and Randy Rosario powered FHP by finishing 22 and 19 points, respectively. The two overshadowed Delfin Lubao's 14-point offensive for O'Douls.

McSherry's funeral was scheduled for Friday at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church in the Bronx.



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FHP's Opre finished with 15 points, Mendiola 10, Alfred Romulox, David Glais four and Frank Aldan and Jay Abona had two points each.

SCCL's Roman Maranan finished with 9 points, followed by Noel Montalbo with eight, while Edwin Manansala and Mayie Tagle contributed six points each.

O'Douls' Montano contributed 11 points, Ehrol Villegas nine, Imperial eight, Jessie Roberto seven, Michael Fidelino four, Gilbert Padua three, and Jaynil Legaspi and Gary Papanut had two points each.

Edgar Tadeo of Canada Dry supported Chang and Mendoza with 17 points, while Noel Ignacio and Victor Alcantara converted 11 and 10 points, respectively.

In the other match, Richard Chang and Neal Mendoza lifted Canada Dry/Mom's Round Two over SCCL by combining 39 points. Their effort allowed Canada Dry to edge SCCL by three points at game's end.

The third game between Crushed Orange and Heineken was postponed.

SCCL's Roy Mangiliman and Jhun Buice spearheaded SCCL's resistance with a combined 45 points in a losing effort.

It was a close match in the first half. Mom's Round 2 edged SCCL by a

Toyota...

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seven innings, outscoring Aces 10 to 6. Glazers were led by Wilber Ada with three RBIs and Mike "Rock" Guerrero with two. But their efforts were not enough to overcome the Aces' seven-run lead.

Seven of the Aces runs in the first three innings were unearned as the Glazers committed six errors.

Aces returned the favor and allowed seven unearned runs. Aces committed eight errors in the last six innings. Glazers rallied and outscored the Aces 9-1 late in the last three innings.

The Glazers dropped down to the cellar with a 0-3 record.

Ed Diaz was the winning pitcher, 1-0, while the losing pitcher was Roy Magofna. By Sony Daleno and Frank M. Palacios

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Elias...

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Complex. The selection process for the all-star team will be open to all players of any age in the BANMI league.

After a series of tryouts for the Saipan players, Rangamar will go to Tinian and Rota for tryouts for the players there.

Rangamar will initially pick 12 players from Saipan but the number will be decreased depending on how many players he could recruit from Rota and Tinian.

Rangamar aims to end the tryouts and form a final team lineup at the end of this month.

"I am encouraging all BANMI players to try out and the players in Rota and Tinian to prepare for the tryouts in their respective areas to make it to the all-star team," the former SABA president said.

Once a team lineup is formed, the team will compete in the upcoming island-wide men's league as part of its preparation program.

"It does not mean that once a player is selected to play in the island-wide league, he could no longer be excluded from the team."

If a selected player will not do good in the league, he could be excluded and the team will be limited to just 10 players," Rangamar said.

Rangamar spirited the CNMI youth team to winning the Marianas Invitational Basketball Tournament in 1995, and dethroning Guam's Umatac. Umatac regained the title this year with Rangamar's team placing second in a five-team tournament held last month.

He also managed the youth team that won the Rotary Club League under coach Matt Metiao this year.

He has attended clinics conducted by Chris Jones, John Martin and Terry

Daughtery in Saipan and has won a string of six titles for the teams he had handled from 1988 to the present.

As CNMI coach to the FSM games, Rangamar will focus his team's training regimen on offense.

"The training will be about fast play, man-to-man defense and not zone play. I like to see a team that will attack based on team play and not just one or two key players taking the lead," Rangamar said.

Interested BANMI players and players from Rota and Tinian may call Rangamar at the Ada gym office, 234-1001, for more information about the tryouts.

Oikong Tkel led the Ambassadors' offense. He went 4-for-5 with two singles, double and triple. The win assured Ambassadors a spot in Division A play-off.

Tony Moreham led Kabekel's offense. He had a perfect 5-for-5 including a home run that tied the game at the top of the 7th inning.

Game 5: Waves 15, Kool Running 14
Game 3: Pepsi SPEC 15, OK's Marlins 11

Kuich Damian, Jerry Ayuyu, Darwin Mista and Winsor Peteral homered to lead SPEC over OK's Marlins. Marlins put up a good fight against a 16 to 1 team. With the victory, Pepsi SPEC has clinched the Division A pennant.

Dwight Haruo hit three-run homer for the Marlins in a losing effort.

Game 4: Ambassadors 19, 7-Up 18
Ambassadors delivered Kabekel its second loss in two weeks in a come from behind victory. The defeat denied Kabekel from clinching the Division B pennant.

Nick Guerrero went 3-for-4 with a three-run homer and Sid Sablan hit a three-run homer at the bottom of the 7th during a six-run rally that helped Waves win the game. Roy Norita went 2-for-3, including a homer for Kool Running.

Game 6: Bombers 14, Warriors 13
Bombers needed the game to force a

two-way tie for the fourth playoff spot in B division. The Bombers trailed 13-11 in the bottom of the 7th inning when they rallied with three runs for a come-from-behind victory.

Mel Sakisat went 2-for-4 with a double and a homer and five RBIs for the victory. Hoover Ngrichong homered and Scot Santos went perfect 4-for-4 for the Warriors.

Game 7: Wolfpack 7, Just For Fun 0
Just for Fun forfeit the game when it could not produce enough uniformed players.

Game 8: Peleliu 10, Aschooschoo 6
In the final game of the day, Peleliu defeated Aschooschoo by four runs. Dominic Remeliek went 3-for-3, Garney Mobel and Steve Hesus homered to lead Peleliu's offense. John Duenas led Aschooschoo's offense and posted 2-for-2 with two runs scored.

Nan Madol and Red Torch won by default. Their opponents are now out of the league due to four forfeitures.

Saipan Major League Score Box

Game 11 statistics, Aces vs Glazers											
Aces	POS	AB	R	H	RBI	GLAZERS	POS	AB	R	H	RBI
Inosuke Yamada	CF	2	4	1	2	Ken Kalen	LF	4	4	1	0
Ben Hoocog	3B	5	3	2	2	Mike Guerrero	SS	5	4	4	2
Glen Coleman	SS	6	2	3	1	Wilber Ada	3B	5	1	2	2
Glen Palacios	2B	5	0	0	1	Tony Camacho	1B	5	0	3	4
Ed Kapileo	1B	4	0	0	1	Eddie Sablan	DH	1	0	0	0
Mabel	LF	5	0	2	1	Mano Aguon	C	4	0	0	0
John Diaz	DH	4	3	1	1	Jeff Cabrera	2B/RF	3	1	2	1
Chris Nelson	C	4	2	1	1	Dennis Camacho	CF	3	0	0	0
Marvin Tereyego	RF	2	1	1	0	Ben Castro	RF	1	0	0	0
Giovani Mira	1B	2	0	0	0	Roy Magofna	P	3	1	2	0
Mark Toves	RF	2	0	0	0	Albert Castro	P	4	2	0	0

Base on ball: 34. Yamada, 2-J. Diaz, Chris Nelson, K. Kalen, 1-B. Hoocog, Mabel, M. Aguon, D. Camacho and W. Ada.
Strikeouts: B. Hoocog, J. Diaz, C. Nelson, M. Tereyego, G. Mira, M. Toves, K. Kalen, M. Guerrero, W. Ada, Tony Camacho, M. Aguon, B. Castro, A. Castro.
Hit by pitch: Glen Palacios, M. Guerrero, Mark Toves.
Sacrifice: Marvin Tereyego, Tony Camacho, Dennis Camacho.
Double: Steve Coleman and Wilber Ada.
Error: 3-Mike Guerrero, 2-B. Hoocog, G. Palacios, C. Nelson, B. Castro, Roy Magofna; 1-L. Yamada, S. Coleman, Mabel, K. Kalen, W. Ada, M. Aguon.

Running score:	Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	Error	LOB
Aces		2	3	5	0	1	4	0	1	1	16	11	9	12
Glazers		1	0	2	0	1	0	3	3	4	13	14	10	10

Pitcher	Team	Inn	R	ER	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	WP	Dec.
Roy Magofna	Glazers	2/2/3	9	4	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	=
Albert Castro	Glazers	6/1/3	7	2	5	1	0	0	6/2	8	0	0
Eddie Diaz	Aces	5	4	3	6	0	0	0	0	5/1	10	W
Ben Aguon	Aces	2	3	0	2	1	0	0	2	22	0	
Bill Camacho	Aces	2	6	3	5	1	0	0	2	22	0	

Compiled for Variety Sports by Francisco M. Palacios

SML top candidates to the NMI Mobil Games all-star team

(Based on first 3-game statistics compiled by Francisco M. Palacios)

Team	Position	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	HP	Bat Avg.
First-Base													
Wheels	Greg F. Camacho	3	13	3	6	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	.462
Glazers	Greg C. Camacho	2	8	3	2	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	.250
Chiefs	Nick Koshiro	3	9	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	.222
Brewer	Bill Benavente	3	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	.143
Flyers	Sylvan Pua	3	10	2	1	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	.100
Second-Base													
Chiefs	Riang Yoshino	3	12	1	6	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	.500
Brewers	Jess Mesa	3	13	3	6	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	.462
Wheels	Bill Quitano	3	13	6	5	1	1	0	3	1	1	0	.385
Sunrisers	Jerome Salas	3	14	7	4	0	1	0	2	2	2	0	.286
Aces	Glen Palacios	3	13	1	3	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	.231
Third-Base													
Glazers	Wilbers Ada	3	13	2	6	2	0	0	3	1	2	1	.462
Aces	Ben Hoocog	3	13	5	5	1	0	0	3	2	2	0	.385
Wheels	Ron Benavente	3	12	6	4	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	.333
Chiefs	Brady Ubodei	3	12	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	.250
Brewers	Darius Rekesmik	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Short-Stopper													
Aces	Steve Coleman	3	15	4	9	2	1	0	2	0	1	1	.600
Wheels	Reno Celis	3	14	4	7	0	1	0	4	0	2	0	.500
Sunriser	Jason Wesley	3	12	6	6	0	0	0	3	2	5	0	.500
Glazers	Mike Guerrero	3	13	4	6	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	.385
Brewers	Nick Guerrero	3	15	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.267
Catcher													
Sunriser	Ray Rengui	3	13	2	6	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	.462
Chiefs	Rasoo Yamada	3	13	3	5	0	0	0	3	2	3	0	.385
Wheels	Larry Guerrero	3	12	3	3	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	.250
Brewers	Jack Guerrero	3	12	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	.250
Aces	Jerry Ayuyu	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	1.000
Left-Field													
Aces	Mabel Ngrimgemelas	3	13	4	9	1	0	0	5	1	0	0	.692
Wheels	Frank Pangelinan	3	11	3	5	0	1	0	4	3	0	0	.455
Brewers	Tony Luzama	3	14	1	3	3	0	0	2	1	5	0	.214
Chiefs	Ray Saka	2	7	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	.286
Elite	Tom Barcinas	2	7	1	2	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	.286
Center-Field													
Glazers	Tony Camacho	3	11	1	6	1	0	0	5	2	4	1	.545
Sunriser	Frank Torres	3	11	1	6	0	0	0	6	1	1	1	.54

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Palau men's Softball

SPEC clinches Division A pennant

Team Standings of March 31

Division A	W	L	Division B	W	L
1. Pepsi SPEC	16	1	1. 7-Up Kabekel	14	3
2. Turtles	14	3	2. Koror Tigers	14	3
3. Ambassadors	9	8	3. Red Torch	11	6
4. Sed Kau	8	9	4. Wild Thing	10	7
5. Peleliu	7	10	5. L.A. Bombers	10	7
6. Stevedore Waves	6	11	6. OK's Marlins	9	8
7. Just for Fun	4	13	7. Kool Running	9	8
8. Warriors	4	13	8. C.Town Wolfpack	7	10
9. K.Glass Glazers	4	10*	9. Aschooschoo	5	12
10. O&K Goods	1	16*	10. Nan Madol	5	12

* Out of the League due to four forfeited games.

Pepsi SPEC secured the Division A pennant title in the Palau Men's Slowpitch Softball, while Koror Tigers managed to share anew the top post in Division B with Kabekel by over the weekend.

SPEC won the pennant by besting Ok's Marlins in game three, 15-11.

Tigers defeated Sedi Kau in game two and tied Kabekel, which was defeated by Ambassadors in game four, 19-18.

Game 1, Turtles 22, Wild Thing 3

Jack Guerrero hit two homers, Joe Guerrero hit a three-run homer and

Francis George added another home run as the Turtles crawled all over Wild Thing. Wild Thing desperately needs a game to keep its playoff chances alive. Melvin Teregeyo went 2-for-2 for Wild Thing.

Game 2: Tigers 18,

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Aces win 3rd straight in SML

Toyota bests Brewers

TOYOTA Wheels won over Miller Lite Brewers, 8-2, Wednesday, while on Monday, UMDA Aces scored their third straight game of the season and outlasted winless Kautz Glass Glazers in the Saipan Major League at the Francisco M. Palacios ballfield in Susupe.

After three scoreless innings in the Wheels-Brewers match, Brewers' James Ada scored the first run. He reached first base on a shortstop error and was sent home by John Acosta on a single.

Wheels scored four runs at the bottom of the inning when Ron Benavente and Reno Celis got on base on a base-on-ball and scored on wild pitches. The other two runs were scored on costly errors by the Brewers, for a 4-1 Wheels lead.

Wheels scored another four runs in the next three innings, and took a comfortable 8 to 1 lead, going to the top half of the ninth inning.

Brewers scored their second run on Jess Mesa's leadoff triple to left-center. He reached home plate on a single by John Acosta, for the final 8 to 2 score.

The winning pitcher was Elmer Sablan. He pitched seven complete innings.

Tony Benavente struck out three Brewers in two innings. Elmer Sablan struck out seven batters in leading the Wheelers to their third straight victory.

The Wheelers are now tied in first place with UMDA Aces team which earned its third straight win by beating

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Micronesian Tennis Championship nears

THE PACIFIC Islands Club and the American Memorial Park will host the upcoming 15th Duty Free Shoppers Saipan Micronesian Championships, organized by the Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association (NMITA).

Headquarters for the two-week-end tournament will be at PIC.

Doubles with men's and women's 3.0, 4.0, 5.0 and over 40 will be played on April 20 to 21.

Singles with the same categories as doubles, plus junior girls and boys 18-and-under and 12-and-under are scheduled on April 27 to 28.

For NMITA members, fees are \$10 per person per event and \$5 for juniors and \$15 per person per event for non-members.

Pick up entries at PPP, Las Vegas Discount Golf and Tennis in Garapan, or American Memorial Park Tennis facilities. Drop them at Las Vegas Golf and Tennis or fax to 322-1319.

The deadline for submission of entry fees and application is on April 13 at 5 p.m.

For more information call director Sandra Nolan at 235-2467, or JJ Richardson at 234-8928.

Rodman ad removed due to traffic jams

CHICAGO (AP) — Even Dennis Rodman's likeness is getting ejected.

The painting of the Chicago Bulls' forward on billboard-type advertising — blamed for tying up traffic heading downtown on a busy expressway for two weeks — will be painted over, officials of Bigsby And Kruthers clothiers, whose ad Rodman graces, said Wednesday.

Rodman — wearing a suit and tie with cutouts of his interchangeable colored hair — will be whitewashed

Thursday from the large white building near the Kennedy Expressway. The likeness will be repainted on the other side of the building so that he can only be seen at a distance by commuters heading out of the city. The cutouts will be sold at auction for charity, the clothiers' chain said.

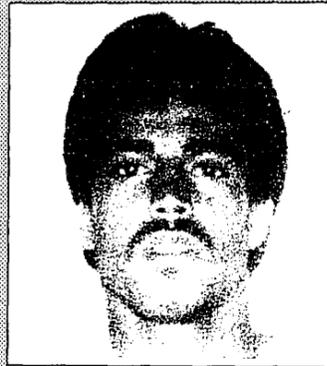
Rodman took the news in stride. "If they want to take me down, let them take me down. It might save some lives," Rodman said at Wednesday's team practice in Deerfield.

Elias Rangamar to coach quintet to first Micronesian Basketball Federation Games

By Sony Daleno
Variety Sports Staff

ELIAS Rangamar will coach the Commonwealth men's team to the first Micronesian Basketball Federation Games in Kosrae, the Federated States of Micronesia in August.

Rangamar was chosen by the board members of the Basketball Association of the Northern Mariana Islands (BANMI) in a meeting Wednesday at the Ada gym conference room.



Elias Rangamar

Aside from Rangamar, Toyota Wheels coach Tony Sablan also signified his intention to apply, but his busy schedule prevented him from submitting his resume' which was one of the bases for the selection.

Rangamar, who will be coaching a CNMI men's all-star team for a regional game for the first time, will start holding a series of tryouts on Monday, 5:30, at the track and field ground of the Susupe Sports

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Rocball World Cup title

Hardkore a win shy to three-peat

By Sony Daleno
The Variety Sports Staff

ROCBALL World Cup defending champion Hardkore is just one win away to winning its third title after taking game two yesterday.

Hardkore earned a two-game lead in the best-of-five series with Brotherhood at the Marianas High School Puguia Court.

Last Tuesday, college/village division champion Hardkore took game one, winning both sets, 19-13 and 17-9, for a 12-point victory, 34-

22.

Unlike the "catchup-and-win" play in game one, Hardkore took game two with an overwhelming 36-point victory, 50-14. It won all four sets of the match.

Hardkore started out with a commanding lead in each set. Hardkore took the first set, 14-1, and scunked Brotherhood in the second set, 10-0, for a 23-point lead, going to the third set.

Hardkore then took the third set, 18-13 "match," and closed the match with Brotherhood in the hole in the fourth set, 5 to 3.

There were a total of six aces, one xunk, 17 kees and one goal scored in the game.

Joe Mettao of Hardkore was the heavy hitter with one ace, three kees and one goal scored for a total of 11 points.

Jarleston Kukkun was the heavy hitter for Brotherhood with three kees for six points.

Game three of the series will be played on Monday. If Hardkore wins, it will be a three-peat for the team from the Northern Marianas College.

FHP keeps win streak in PABA

FHP juniors demolished O'Douls by a commanding 20-point margin, while Mom's Round 2 men's team bested Crushed Grapes by three points in the continuation last Sunday of the Pepsi-Philippine Amateur Basketball Association League at the Civic Center in Susupe.

The FHP—O' Douls opener game

ended 80-60. Mom's Round 2 beat Crushed Grapes, 77-74.

In the first game, Aris Opres and Francis Mendiola, with Christian Atalig's six points, combined 22 points and gave FHP a six-point lead at the top half, 36-30.

O' Doul's Delfin Lubao and Juanito Montano pulled 15 points in the same

period, while John Imperial contributed six points to keep FHP within reach.

In the last half, FHP came back stronger defensively and offensively. The effort slowed down O' Douls' offensive as Atalig and Randy Rosario surged with 14 and 15 points respec-

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Friends remember umpire McSherry

DOBBS FERRY, New York (AP) — Friends, neighbors and baseball fans paid their last respects Wednesday to major league umpire John McSherry, all describing him as a good guy who loved the game.

"Where he died is where he lived, behind home plate," said John Burke of Central Valley, who grew up with McSherry in the Bronx. "He was a man who was big in body, big in spirit, big in heart."

McSherry, 51, who lived in Dobbs Ferry, suffered a massive heart attack as he called balls and strikes Monday

at the Cincinnati Reds' opening game.

He collapsed on the field and was pronounced dead a short while later.

McSherry, a large man who listed his weight as 328 pounds (149 kilograms), had a history of medical problems and had been scheduled to see a doctor Monday, but put it off for a day.

At the Edwards-Dowdle Funeral Home in Dobbs Ferry, McSherry's live-in companion Marion Doyle was visited mostly by locals who knew McSherry in this small Westchester town just north of New York City.

A baseball rested in the coffin next to McSherry and one of the many floral arrangements was in the shape of a baseball bat. Pictures of McSherry working as an umpire were in the room as well.

"He was very sweet," remembered Donna Medeiros, the owner of the Getty gas station where McSherry bought gas. "He always gave me a dlr 2 tip, had a smile on his face and always made me laugh."

Edward Tasker, who knew

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