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## 'Land system a mess'

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
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THE CNMI has lost more than a hundred million dollars, and stands to lose some more because of the local government's irregular transactions related to public land leases, a federal audit shows.

A March 20 report by the US interior department's inspector general, Wilma A. Lewis, concludes that "the Commonwealth

### Governor must respond by May 31, says IG report

lost \$118.4 million on completed exchanges of public land, could lose \$70.1 million on pending exchanges, and lost revenues of \$25.1 million on exchanged public lands that were leased to a developer by landowners."

In addition, the report states that "lease revenues of \$565,000 were lost, and the government

may lose additional lease revenues of \$469.2 million over the unexpired period of the leases."

The audit also found out that the "homestead recipients improperly received \$7 million from the unauthorized sale or lease of the lots; and homestead lots were awarded to applicants who were ineligible or who did not have the

greatest need."

These losses, according to the inspector general, took place because of the CNMI government's failure to develop management policies and procedures related to public lands leases.

The federal audit covered 12 lease transactions entered into by the government from 1987 to 1994.

The most recent land lease contracts executed by the government are equally controversial.

Last week, the administration was slapped with taxpayers' lawsuits in connection with three

transactions it signed recently by with the MDM Development Corp., World Corp; and Miyazawa International Educational Foundation. The government allegedly leased the lands "at unreasonable low prices."

Another similar case filed last year by Rep. Stanley Torres and Jeanne Rayphand, is still pending in the court.

One of the objectives of the inspector general's audit was to determine if the CNMI government was "controlling and utilizing US government land transferred to the Commonwealth."

These refer to lands from the

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Court marshals (left and in background) escort three suspected members of the so-called Fujian Group after yesterday's hearing in the Superior Court. The gang has been reportedly engaged in an extortion racket victimizing the Chinese business community.

## 3 more suspected 'extortionists' fall

By Ferdie de la Torre  
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THREE men claiming to be members of the so-called Fujian Group were arrested for allegedly beating a Chinese businessman who refused to give them "protection money" in Garapan Friday night.

The suspects identified as He Yuan Liu, Qiang Shi, and Hong Ping Lin, all Chinese nationals, were charged each with attempted theft by extortion and assault and battery.

The victim, Xue Jiandong, vice president of the American Saipan Zhenhua Corp., suffered swollen lips and numerous bruises in the different parts of the body. He was taken to the Common-

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## Senate passes probate bill in original version

THE SENATE has passed the bill seeking to change probate laws in the Commonwealth in the same version that was approved by the House of Representatives months back.

House Bill 10-147 passed the upper chamber during a session yesterday with a vote of 6-3.

Rota Senators Paul A. Manglona, Eusebio A. Hocog and Ricardo S. Atalig cast the three dissenting votes.

The measure now goes to the House enroute to the governor for his signature.

Approval of the bill in its original form was recommended by the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Government and Law after a series of public hearings were held on Saipan, Rota and Tinian.

Prior to the hearings, there has been heavy opposition to the bill in that it is allegedly a "special interest legislation" designed to have a bearing on the ongoing court disputes over the multi-million dollar estate left by the late Larry L. Hillblom.

There had also been concerns that if H.B. 10-147 is enacted in its current form, a lot of children may lose the right to inherit from their parents because illegitimate children may not be recognized

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## Tenorio leaning towards seeking reelection in '97



Froilan C. Tenorio

By Rafael H. Arroyo  
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GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio is still entertaining thoughts about running again in 1997 but everything will depend on whether Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja would agree to step aside.

In an interview yesterday,

Tenorio said he is leaning more towards seeking reelection, but not if Borja insists on running for governor himself.

"I haven't decided yet what I am going to do. As of now you might say that I'm still not a candidate," Tenorio told this reporter.

"But I would say at this time that there's more than a 50-50 chance that I might run again, depending on whether the Lt. gov. is running or not," said the governor.

According to Tenorio, he would still support Borja if the latter decides to pursue his candidacy. He, however, is leaving his options open.

"My position is still the same, if he is a candidate for governor, then I am not running. If he should agree to withdraw as a candidate, then of course, that will take care of that condition," the governor said.

Tenorio late last year shocked



Jesus C. Borja

political observers when he announced he was not seeking a second term of office due to personal reasons he refused to divulge.

He then endorsed Borja for the governorship in the elections slated for November next year.

Tenorio's announcement and

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## Weather Outlook

Mostly sunny

# Clinton still leads in polls



Acting Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, speaks to the press following a tour of Tzofim on the West Bank, Tuesday Nov. 14, 1995. Peres, who took over from assassinated Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, said he would like to broaden negotiations with Syria beyond the security issues that were the focus under his predecessor and hinted at possible accommodation with Palestinian Islamic fundamentalists. AP Photo

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bill Clinton continues to get high approval ratings while the numbers for his Republican rival, Sen. Bob Dole, continue to fall, according to the latest Harris poll.

Fifty-three percent of respondents gave Clinton a positive job rating while 46 percent gave him a negative rating, according to the poll Monday.

That was only fractionally higher than a poll found two weeks ago when Clinton's positive rating was 52 percent and his negative rating was 47 percent.

His best rating was January 1993, when it was 54 percent positive and 31 percent negative.

But the ratings of Dole, the presumptive Republican presidential candidate, and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, also a Republican, have fallen sharply, the poll found.

Their negative ratings, 65 percent for Dole and 71 percent for Gingrich, are higher than at any time since the Republicans won control of both houses of Congress in November 1994.

Only 32 percent of respondents gave Dole a positive job rating while 65 percent gave him a negative rating.

Two weeks earlier, Dole's positive rating was 36 percent rating and his negative rating was 59 percent.

Gingrich's positive rating of 26 percent was down four percentage points from two weeks earlier while his negative rating of 71 percent was up five percentage points from the 66 percent he got two weeks earlier.

"These results suggest President Clinton's lead over Republican candidate Bob Dole," said Humphrey Taylor, chairman of the Louis Harris and Associates Inc., "is more a result of Dole going sharply backwards than of the president going modestly forward."

The poll, of 1,004 adults, was conducted between May 2 and May 6 and had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

A Time magazine-CNN poll released Saturday indicated more than half of those surveyed approved of the way Clinton is doing his job, up from 47 percent in mid-January. The same poll showed 46 percent gave Dole a positive approval rating, down from 52 percent in January.

## Swiss man killed by wife's lover in north RP

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - A 64-year old Swiss man was shot and killed by the suspected lover of his Filipino wife in what police described Monday as a love-related murder case in a northern Philippine town.

Police said Walter Bredschneider was killed Saturday night allegedly by Villamor Vallan, a suspected lover of his Filipino wife, in the farming town of Bani in Pangasinan province.

Bredschneider was urinating in his backyard when the suspect, who was lurking in the dark, shot him with a handgun, Pangasinan provincial police director Rosendo Ferrer quoted witnesses as saying.

Ferrer said a manhunt for Vallan was on.

Bredschneider and his wife own a business in Bani, about 210 kilometers (130 miles) northwest of Manila. His hometown in Switzerland was not immediately available.

It was the second love-related tragedy for an European man married to a Filipino woman in just a week.

Last Friday, Austrian Herbert Schwighofer, 41, shot his two young daughters before killing himself at their house in suburban Las Pinas.

Police believe the man had been quarreling with his Filipino wife days before the incident because the woman was allegedly seeing another man.

Schwighofer, a native of Pernitz, Austria, left a note saying he was taking their daughters' lives and his own life so his wife can do what she wants.

# Wage hike OK'd by Senate

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
Variety News Staff

THE SENATE finally approved yesterday the legislation that would raise the local minimum wage by 30 cent per hour for all industries except the garment and construction businesses, which would adopt a 15-cent increase.

Seven senators voted in favor of the conference committee's version of House Bill 10-158. Sens. Ricardo Atalig and Paul Mangiona abstained. If the bill is signed into law by Gov.

Froilan C. Tenorio, minimum wage for all industries would be \$3.05 per hour beginning July 1. Minimum wage for garment and construction industries would be \$2.90.

Base wage for farmers, fishers and domestic helpers is raised from \$200 to \$300 per month.

The bill repeals the automatic 30-cent wage increase mandated by Public Laws 8-21 and 8-34.

The Senate passed the bill as it adopted all the recommendations of

the conference committee. The Senate deleted from the substitute version the exemption clause for small businesses or those earning less than \$500,000 in annual income.

The conference committee concluded that such exemption "is unwarranted."

"Although, the exemption for small

businesses would encourage growth in small businesses," the committee told the Senate and House leaders, "these businesses do not contribute sufficiently to the overall economic growth of the Commonwealth."

The committee has recommended that "future increase in the minimum wage should be based on annual stud-

ies and recommendations by the Wage and Salary Review Board." "Further, legislation on all employer-provided benefits should be considered with each increase in wages to balance the interests of the business sector with that of providing a living wage to all workers in the Commonwealth," the committee added.

## Emergency declaration not necessary, BOE chair says

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
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BOARD of Education Chairman Tom Pangelinan said yesterday the government can find a better way to address the problem of shortage of classrooms instead of declaring a state of emergency.

"A declaration of state of emergency is not necessary," Pangelinan said. "All we have to do is sit down together and shift our priority towards building schools out of CIP funds."

Pangelinan was reacting to Education Commissioner William Torres' request for the governor to declare a state of emergency for the Public School System.

Torres predict that the upsurge of the migrant population in the CNMI, and the tuition increases in private schools would trigger further increases in public school enrollment.



Tom Pangelinan

Pangelinan agrees with Torres that PSS is facing a crisis of classroom shortage, but he said the situation does not merit an emergency declaration.

"There was an oversight hearing at the legislature two weeks ago and this request was never brought up," Pangelinan said. "The board was not consulted on this matter, so everybody, including the legislators, were surprised to hear this."

The education board chief said he believes the government has enough resources to build more classrooms. "We're regressing a lot, economically," he said. "For the past few years, we have been building new golf courses."

The government, Pangelinan said, should wisely make use of this island's economic progress by giving priority to education.

"All we need to do is to sit down together, with the Governor, members of the Legislature, the Commissioner and the board, and look for a common approach to solving the classroom problems," Pangelinan said.

## Judicial complex workers walk out

THE CONSTRUCTION of the Judicial Complex in Susupe was disrupted yesterday when about 60 workers walked out to protest the delay of their salaries.

The laborers abandoned the construction site at 12 noon, leaving behind only about 40 workers.

One of the protesting workers told the Variety that they decided to walk out in order for the

Woosung Construction to release their salaries on time.

He claimed that while the Woosung employees received their wages Tuesday, their salaries were delayed for one week.

Engr. Ted Concepcion, Woosung supervisor, emphasized that those who walked out were "new drives" and their respective employers were not informed about their action.

Concepcion claimed that the pro-

cessing of the papers made the delay. But the "new drives" are expected to receive their salaries Wednesday or Thursday, he said.

The supervisor said if the protesting workers would not return to work today, the company would get laborers from other "sources."

The construction of the \$10.3 million complex started April 1995 and expected to end this November. (FDT)

## Burglar sets Capitol postal office on fire

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

AN UNIDENTIFIED person/s reportedly broke into the US Post Office at the Capitol Hill and set the office on fire yesterday morning.

No one was reported injured in the fire, investigators said.

CNMI Postmaster Joseph San Nicolas told the Variety that a customer saw thick smoke coming from the postal office at 6:30 a.m.

San Nicolas said responding fire fighters immediately controlled the blaze.

The fire burned the packages placed on the left side of the building, the postmaster said.

He said the money and stamps in the safe were intact as well as the letters.

San Nicolas asked the customers with packages to come and file their claims.

"There's no much damage...it's

just the inconvenience to our customers," he said. "We have to look for a temporary office."

The postmaster said FBI agents will assist the Guam Postal investigators to conduct an investigation into the incident.

A few months ago, the post office was also burglarized. Some checks were reportedly stolen.

Meanwhile, a fire of still unknown cause reportedly totally damaged a house which was made up of tin and wooden structure Saturday night in Chalan Lau Lau.

No one was injured, police said.

At Managaha Island, it was reported to DPS that a 55-year-old man was transported to the Commonwealth Health Center for drowning Friday afternoon.

A CHC doctor, however, claimed that the man died not of drowning but of cardiac arrest, police said.

The case was forwarded to the Attorney General's Office.

## Castro asks parties to comply with DNA process



Alexandro Castro

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

SUPERIOR Court Presiding Judge Alexandro Castro has asked for cooperation among the parties involved in the heirship claims to comply with the DNA testing process on Larry Hillblom's tissue sample.

In his written order allowing to proceed with the DNA test issued yesterday, Castro told the parties to follow in good faith the stipulated DNA testing protocol.

The suspended Hillblom's estate executor Bank of Saipan and petitioner Kaelani Kinney filed the protocol last Nov. 17 defining the role of the parties involved in opening Hillblom's alleged mole.

Castro allowed petitioners Kinney and David Moncrieff, and Hillblom's live-in partner, Josephine Nocasa, the late businessman's Charitable Trust, the suspended executor and their experts to jointly examine and test the mole in order to obtain DNA information for paternity testing.

The judge also modified the court's last Feb. 6 order granting motion for DNA testing and for commissions to produce bodily samples.

By modifying the order, the court permitted the request for commissions to seek documents and deposition discovery from Dr. Douglas Ousterhoudt, the San Francisco Institute of Plastic Surgery, the University of California, the Center for Craniofacial Anomalies, and the Davies Medical Center.

The documents and depositions sought concern medical care rendered to Hillblom in 1993 and 1994, the existence, handling maintenance, custody, and disposition of bodily specimens and medical records of the treatment, and communications between the providers and any participant in the probate.

Castro added that the public's interest is best served by a speedy resolution of the heirship claims.

The DNA test will determine whether Kinney's son, Junior Larry Hillblom, and Julie Cuartero's daughter, Jellian, are indeed Hillblom's children.



Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture Executive Director Margarita Wonenberg (right) and other kibitzers gather near the post office after yesterday's fire in Capitol Hill.



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## Sakramenton Primet Komuñion

GI MAPOSÑA na Dameño gi Katedral Bithen de Carmen, guaha sitientai tantos na famaguon rumisibe i sakramenton primet komuñion. "Nai sige ham man matcha halom, hu haso kuarenta años malofan gi mismo Guma' Yuus 'nai hu resibe sakramenton primet komuñion.

Bonito i programan i famaguon sa' siha mismo tumaitai i epistula yan otro siha tinayuyot yan kanta komo patte gi seremonias. Esta na' fugo yangin un' huñgog mañganta i famaguon. Ti hoñgion na taiguihe minaleg niha pareho ha' pot kanta yan tinaitai. Anog na mauleg maestran yan maestron niha man mamana' gue.

I mas huna' presiso guihe na okasion gi ayo siha na famaguon i man maintroduse lokue' tinituhon yan propio na krineansan linala' espirituat. Ha tutuhon siempre man eyag haye yan hafa si Yuus. Gi kareran niha mona, siempre ha soda' balin fuetsan tinayuyot. Inafuetsas manman respetta yan kumomple i dies na masma' gas na lai gi hilo' tano'—I Dies na tinago' Yuus.

Uno na patte ni sumen bonito 'nai sumetmon si Pale Roger gi menan i famaguon ya hafa faisen 'nos kuantos kuestion i para u fan manresibe primet komuñion. Manman oppe famaguon hafa sustansian kuestion Pale Roger ya klaro na ha komprende i asunto. Sumen na magof i metgot na interes gi entre man primet komuñion kumetuño mas pot i Nanalibreta.

I otro sumen namagof guihe na okasion i pattisipasion mañaina 'nai ha pipet halom famaguon niha gi Guma' Yuus pot para u maresibe sakramenton primet komuñion. Dañgkulo signifikasionña gi un' saina 'nai ha pipet i patgonña halom pot para u presenta rumisibe i Sainata. Seguroyo' na manmanae' lokue' maug' na bendision pot ha komple obligasion saina.

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Mientras sige famaguon de manma'aregla, hulie' gi un' banda si Sister Remedio ya hana' hasoyo' tatte guihe na tiempo 'nai sumaonaa mamanague dotrina pot preparasion primet komuñion este na eskrebienten miyo.

'Nai sige man matcha ham halom para i siyan mame, hu haso si biahos defunta ni pumipetyo halom gi mismo Guma Yuus kuarenta años malofan. Dispues de seremonias, ha pipetyo' para i naftan tataho ya manaitai ham na dos. Hulie' gi un' bandan fasaña na tutuho' lagoña ya sige de hu konsidera kao guaho muna' pinite. 'Nai ha kuentese papa' si tataho na matto ham man besita pot primet komuñionyo', ti hu komprende hafa i sustansian i besitasion lao hu guot' mafñot lipesña 'nai sige tumañges.

Mamakot ham tatte gi gima' mame Chalan Kanoa 'nai guaha fina' amotsan taloane. Dispues de monhayan i sumen namagof na okasion, ha kaikaigues' si bihan mame para tatte giya siha. Mumakat dididi' korasonho sa' mampos hu tataña na u sagan ñaihon mohon estake manana si Yuus. Un' mañge na biha sa' gi oran trinitestegho, gaige gi fihonho ya sige ha konsuelayo' pot no baiho fan guot' mahetog gi maseha hafa sinisediho.

Buente pot tafat madisponen tataho gi Saina yan seso matto dinischaho kumetuño hafa yan hayegue'. Ayo mina mampos ansiasyo' tiempo pot para bai' n konbetsasion yan si biahos. Gi leblogho, sinatusan na biha sa' ha suñgong todos pinebleña gi hilo' motmut na guinaiya para guaho yan mañeluhos. Guiya pumipet ham halom ya ni un' biahe 'nai hu huñgog ha renunsiague' gi este na obligasion. Ayo na an' matto este na okasion, hu tayuyuyute fehman sa' guiya pumipet ham halom deste finenina esta' i uttimo.

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Magahet na ha gomgom korasonho 'nai hulie' i mañaina ha pipet halom famaguon niha pot para u resibe sakramenton primet komuñion. Ha konfitma giya guaho na memetgot ha' trabiha i sensian responsabilidad gi obligasion saina. Ginen este na kinemite 'nai un'lie' na kontodo siha metgot sentimenton niha na u felis i patgon gi kareraña ginen mauleg siha na finanague. Este na finanague ha tutuhongue' ginen halom guma', sige huyong esta i komunida. Si Yuus Maase!



JACK ANDERSON and MICHAEL BINSTEIN

## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Corruption thrives in Russian government

WASHINGTON — The honeymoon may be over for those seeking to make a quick buck on the new Russian frontier.

Mark Stoddard is a businessman in Utah, but his problems are thousands of miles away in Russia. Nevertheless, his story is one that's shared by thousands of Americans who saw the downfall of communism in Russia as a once-in-a-lifetime economic opportunity.

His is a cautionary tale that should give pause to international policy-makers who are eagerly boosting the Russian economy, most recently in the form of a \$10.2 billion loan from the International Monetary Fund. The loan is designed in part to help Russian President Boris Yeltsin shore up his support before the critical June elections. In reality much of this money could end up in the pockets of unscrupulous businessmen like those encountered by Stoddard.

Since 1990—when the Soviet Union was just starting to open its doors to the West—Stoddard has operated a small travel company that takes American tourists on river cruises through Russia's heartland. For the first five years, it was a good deal for everyone involved: The travelers got a relatively inexpensive, yet unforgettable vacation; the Russian government got much-needed hard currency by leasing part of its aging fleet of ships to an American entrepreneur; and Stoddard's company turned a healthy profit.

Like most small-business men who operate overseas Stoddard encountered his share of problems—petty thievery, small-time corruption and under performing staff. He says that he's lost at least \$100,000 over the years to unscrupulous operators. But nothing in his previous experience prepared him for what happened last fall.

After years of leasing his ships from the Volga River Shipping Co., a state-run organization, Stoddard was told in 1994 that he had to pay a "finder's fee" to a one of several private companies to find a ship to lease. It turned out that the principals in these private companies were also working for Volga River Shipping.

This arrangement worked fine until last year, when Stoddard's leasing agent demanded a \$45,000 deposit for the use of a ship this summer. Although he had reservations about sending such a large deposit, Stoddard paid the fee as it seemed the only

way to guarantee that he'd have a ship come summer.

But two weeks after sending the advance and signing a contract, Stoddard was told that the ship had been leased to someone else—who turned out to be a good friend of the leasing agent. Undeterred, he asked for his deposit back so he could look for another ship. The Russians refused.

In America, this would be an open-and-shut case of contract fraud. Stoddard paid a deposit and signed a contract but wasn't given a ship. But in Russia, such stories are par for the course. Stoddard explains:

"Now the corruption is so pervasive that the government bureaucrats are flaunting their corruption and openly demanding bribes, extorting and participating in illegal activities," he told our associate Jan Moller.

"They used to worry about what effect their actions would have on their country's image because the Soviets worried about such things. If the U.S.S.R. got a black eye, a head would roll. So the bureaucrats would toe the line with foreigners rather than cause embarrassment. Now it is open season on foreigners, for this shows their swagger and bravado."

It's nothing new for American companies to lose money in Russia. Many an entrepreneur who came to Russia seeking fortune has found failure instead. Until recently, however, most of the corruption they encountered came from newly established private companies. But Stoddard's experience shows that even government agencies have begun exploit-

ing foreign investors.

Stoddard stands little chance of recovering his money anytime soon. He has taken his case to Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, who has raised the matter with U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor. He's also enlisted the help of the U.S. Commerce Department, which is working through Russian authorities to recover the mon. But such cases can take years to resolve—which might as well be a lifetime for a business that depends on the bottom line. Stoddard has found another boat to lease in the meantime, through another government agency. And he remains confident that he'll get his money back eventually.

Russian officials would be wise to intervene, as a country that's experiencing capital flight to the tune of \$1 billion per month can ill afford to alienate entrepreneurs like Stoddard.

## Munson on PSS teachers lawsuit:

# No basis for retaliation claim

By Rick Alberto  
Variety News Staff  
A JUDGE yesterday said the claim of 62 non-resident teachers that the Public School System had retaliated against them when their work contracts were not renewed had no basis.

District Judge Alex R. Munson denied granting a temporary restraining order to suspend the PSS' notices of non-renewal served on the concerned teachers.

A total of 87 teachers have been given such notices by Education Commissioner William S. Torres.

Sixty-two of those teachers filed a complaint before the court, alleging that their non-renewal was in retaliation to their opposition to PSS policies and practices that they consid-

ered discriminatory or to their cooperation with the investigation of PSS employment practices by the United States.

Many of the teachers whose contracts were not renewed for next school year had in 1992 filed a complaint, filed on their behalf by the United States government, alleging discrimination in salary and other employment benefits.

That case was settled, resulting in the signing of a consent decree in 1994, enjoining the defendants to "refrain from taking any action with the purpose of retaliating."

The 62 teachers—60 of them Filipinos and two Indians—who filed the latest case claimed the PSS and the others named as defendants (the

CNMI government, the Board of Education, and Commissioner Torres) breached the consent decree.

Munson, during a hearing, said the accusations of retaliation were mere speculations. No injury had been inflicted on the teachers with their non-renewal, he also said.

He said there was no showing that the nonrenewed teachers couldn't get jobs in the Philippines.

Munson pointed out that Public Law 10-4 allows nonresident teachers to be renewed if the need is there.

Acting Atty. Gen. Sebastian Aloat, representing the defendants, told the court that 95 contracts had been sent out to prospective American teachers to work to replace the 87 nonresident mentors.



Alex R. Munson

Twenty-five additional contracts are also being prepared, he said. Aloat said they would file a motion to dismiss the suit next week.

If the court decides in favor of the teachers, there would be a hearing on the teachers' request for the court to

issue a preliminary and permanent injunction against the defendants to stop them from continuing to "take retaliatory actions"; from recruiting other teachers; and from continuing to "discriminate against plaintiffs on account of their place of origin."

Jay H. Sorensen, counsel for the teachers, said that they expect to produce evidence during the hearing for preliminary injunction, when basically the same questions as yesterday would be asked by Judge Munson.

He said that if Munson dismisses the case based on jurisdictional grounds, "basically there is no place else to go."

The 62 teachers are asking the court to order their reinstatement.

They claim the government is spending more by recruiting new teachers.

They also said that as public servants, they were protected by the Civil Service Act.

## Supreme Court orders stay of BOE certification for Taitano

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
Variety News Staff  
UPON order of the Supreme Court, the Board of Elections has stayed the certification of results of special election for Rota's education board seat.

At the same time, the high tribunal stayed the Superior Court's April 11 ruling which allowed four Rota voters to cast ballots during the special election.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Marty K. Taylor issued the stay order last week, acting on the petition filed by "toppled" education board member Aniceto Mundo.

The elections board was scheduled last Friday to certify Marja Lee Taitano as the winner in the special election held April 20, but Mundo moved to block it through high court's intervention.

In granting Mundo's request, Tay-

lor said that "the papers filed in support of this motion indicate good grounds for a stay to preserve the rights of the parties pending review by this court."

Mundo had told the high tribunal that the Superior Court stepped beyond its "statutory authority" when, in an April 11 ruling, it struck down the elections board's certification of his victory in the Nov. 4 elections, and ordered the holding of a special poll.

Mundo, through legal counsel Paul Lawlor, had argued that the trial court's authority under the election law was only to either confirm or reverse poll results. Ordering a special election, Mundo had pointed out, was a legislative and not a judicial function.

While recognizing the "good grounds for a stay," Taylor raised a potential dilemma with regard to

the jurisdiction issue.

Citing section 6425(c) of the Commonwealth Code, Taylor said that "in an election contest, the judgement of the [trial] court shall be final and unappealable."

"These jurisdictional concerns are implicated even by the granting of a stay pending review," Taylor stated in the order issued May 8. "Nevertheless, the Court considers a stay necessary to enable it to determine whether it had jurisdiction over this matter, as well as to assess the merits if jurisdiction is present."

Meanwhile, Board of Education Chairman Tom Pangelinan laments the "prolonged" legal battle, saying that it "is hampering the board's operations."

The education board, he said, could not hold meetings because of the constant lack of quorum.

## Man gets a month in jail for theft, forgery

THE SUPERIOR Court gave a one month jail term to a man who grabbed a backpack belonging to a tourist and passed forged checks in separate incidents.

The court sentenced George Camacho Villagomez to one year imprisonment, all suspended except 11 months for forgery.

Villagomez was ordered to pay restitution amounting \$700 to Happy Market, \$300 to Len's Restaurant, and \$350 to Angel Corp.

For theft, Villagomez was sentenced to 30 days' jail term, but 20 days were suspended. The remaining 10 days were converted to 80

hours of community work service in nine months.

He was also required to pay \$100 fine.

Villagomez was charged with theft and four counts of forgery. He, however, entered a plea agreement with the government by admitting charges of theft and one count of forgery.

Following the agreement, the court dismissed the remaining forgery charges.

Court and police information showed that while the 32-year-old Souichi Ichimura was swimming at Makaka Beach last February 28, Villagomez grabbed the tourist backpack containing items on the beachside.

Ichimura chased the defendant, resulting to a scuffle.

The tourist managed to get back his backpack and immediately reported the incident to a police officer who happened to be near the area.

Last Jan. 10, Villagomez also forged four checks from Union Bank and passed it to different establishments. (FDT)

## Oleai home coming

OLEAI Elementary School is inviting its graduates to the First Alumni Homecoming to be held June 1 at the school's cafeteria.

According to principal Evelyn O. Manglona, the affair will honor all graduates from 1958 to 1995.

For inquiries, call Evelyn Manglona/Mrs. Beltran/Mrs. Guerrero at OES office, telephone 234-6167; or student governor Connie Cruz, 235-5304 (after 6 p.m.); or Lani Morales, 235-6733, (after 6 p.m.)

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# Mitchell reacts to IG audit

THE COUNSEL for the three taxpayer plaintiffs who sued Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio over leases of public land is all riled up over the recent Inspector General audit of the CNMI public lands system.



Theodore R. Mitchell

In a press statement issued yesterday, lawyer Theodore R. Mitchell said the IG's findings give credence to his clients' claims that there is a lot to be desired with the way public lands are being managed by the Tenorio Administration.

"The findings of that report are quite appalling," Mitchell said. "The total losses suffered by the Commonwealth on account of both land exchanges and public land leases at bargain basement prices amounts to \$683,388,762."

"The governor is solely responsible for these losses, because in 1994 by executive order he dissolved the MPLC and took it upon himself to personally manage all Commonwealth public land," he added.

According to the Inspector General report, the Commonwealth lost a total of \$213.6 million from exchanges of public land in which valuable land was exchanged cheap.

According to the report, a copy of

which was obtained by the Variety, the Commonwealth has suffered an actual loss of \$564,715 on two leases; it has failed to collect rent now due totalling \$1,789,611 and it stands to lose a total of \$467,434,436 in rent in the future.

The total loss in rental income is \$469,788,762.

The Inspector General report based its calculations on the MPLC's Public Land Use Plan which requires that the rent in all public land leases must be at fair market value, or better.

"The Governor's argument is fallacious," according to Mitchell. "Without realizing it, perhaps, he says that he must give the public land away at discount prices, so that the people can reap the benefits of the development."

"In fact, the developer will simply pocket the savings he makes from having been able to lease the land so cheaply," Mitchell contended.

"The point is this: the land can be leased at fair market value and the Commonwealth will still enjoy the indirect benefits of the development," Mitchell added. "Then, the people will benefit both ways. Unless the Governor does something to cancel or renegotiate those leases, the people will lose a total of \$469,788,762 dollars!" said the Saipan lawyer.

According to Mitchell, the disturbing thing about it is that the Inspector General's report is based on only 12 out of 101 commercial leases and only 5 out of a total of 317 land exchanges.

"This Inspector General report reveals another shocking fact," Mitchell said. "As of the end of calendar 1992, 72% of all useable public land has been leased out," he said. "We have only 6,313 hectares of useable public land to

begin with and 4,541 hectares are gone already, for one purpose or another," Mitchell claims.

That means that only 28%, or 1772 hectares are left, he lamented.

"What kind of land is that 1772 hectares? How can it be put to the best use for the benefit of all? And what about future generations? Will there be a place for them? These are the pressing questions which cry out for an answer," Mitchell said.

He added that with their lawsuits, they hope to make a contribution to solving these problems before it is too late, if it isn't too late already.

According to Mitchell, the people of

the Commonwealth stand to lose at least \$469.8 million in revenue from the lease of public land if Governor Tenorio's land policies are not stopped.

The three suits claimed, among other things, that the Governor leased public lands to the World Corporation, MDM Development Corporation and the International Miyazawa Educational Foundation for substantially less than fair market value.

Dr. Carlos S. Camacho is the lead plaintiff in all three cases, joined by Jeanne H. Rayphand, Stanley T. Torres is a plaintiff in the World Corporation and MDM Development cases.

## 3 more . . . Continued from page 1

wealth Health Center.

During yesterday's bail hearing, Assistant Atty. Gen. James Norcross said a week earlier, two of the three suspects approached Jiandong at his establishment called Just For You Beauty Salon.

The two suspects, introducing as members of the Fujian Gang, asked Jiandong to give them \$1500 as protection money for two months, Norcross said.

Last Friday at 8:30 p.m., Norcross said Liu, Shi and Lin went back demanding for the money from the businessman.

When Jiandong refused, the suspects beat him.

The victim ran away but the defendants caught him and mauled him near Koban Karaoke, which is reportedly owned by Liu and Shi.

Norcross said during the beatings, the suspects allegedly told Jiandong that although he was detained, they would be released in 24 hours because they know the police officers here.

The prosecutor said the defendants reminded the victim on what had happened to one Tian Ming in Banzai Cliff last year.

Norcross told the court that a check with the Department of Public Safety showed that Ming was reported missing and his car was found abandoned at the cliff.

Norcross recommended \$75,000 cash bail for each defendant considering the serious charges against them. The defendants failed to show proof of passport, visa, business permit, car registration and other documents, the prosecutor said.

## Tenorio . . . Continued from page 1

his avowed support for Borja prompted the latter to announce his candidacy months later.

But a recent move within party circles to draft the Tenorio-Borja combination again has given Tenorio second thoughts about his planned exit from politics in 1997.

When asked if he might consider running with Tenorio again, Borja said he still has to rethink his plans and wait for a planned meeting between him, Tenorio and members of the Democratic Party central executive committee.

## Senate . . . Continued from page 1

as heirs unless their fathers openly and notoriously held them as their own during their lifetime.

The Attorney General's Office has also previously termed some provisions of the bill unconstitutional as they may deny the right to due process.

The bill was proposed by Rep. Oscar

ector said.

Antonio Atalig, counsel for the defendants, asked the court to reduce the amount citing that his clients are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Atalig said the trio who have nothing to do with the Fujian Group, are willing to produce documents.

The defense lawyer pointed out that the bottom line there is a person who would act as a third party custodian for his clients.

Superior Court Associate Judge Miguel Demapan agreed to release the three on \$70,000 unsecured bond plus \$5,000 cash each to Roy T. Rios, landlord of the defendants.

Friday's incident occurred a few meters away from the Koban Police. Last May 5, three suspected members of Fujian Group kidnaped businessman Zhong Jun Lu in front of Koban Police.

Lu was mauled and stabbed in the right thigh at the Capitol Hill Cemetery before he was dropped back in Garapan.

The arrest of Liu, Shi and Lin brings to 13 suspected members of the Fujian Group nabbed by authorities in less than two months.

Since last March 21, eight Chinese nationals have been injured, including one who was shot. Four were also "marked for death" in separate reported extortion-related incidents on Saipan.

Sources said the gang, which reportedly engaged in extortion racket victimizing the Chinese business community, was named after the lush Fujian Province located east of China. Most of the gang members have been reportedly recruited from the province.

# 'Witnesses to War' shown Thursday

MEMBERS of the public, including many of its "stars" will get first look at a locally produced video which records the World War II experience of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands.

In the audience for the public screening of "Witnesses to War" (Thurs, May 16th, 1996) 7 p.m. Joeten-Kiyu Library, Susupe) will be many of the nearly two dozen local residents who

shared their recollections as part of the production. "Witnesses to War" was funded by Northern Marianas College and the CNMI Humanities Council and produced by Bruce Lloyd Media Services of Saipan.

The completed video follows the history of the war as it affected the Mariana Islands from late 1930s to the postwar beginnings of American-style democracy. It includes exten-

sive interviews with local people as well as rarely seen color footage of both Camp Susupe and the combat action that leveled Garapan and drove residents into the hills while the fighting raged around them. The video concludes with a look at the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands fifty years after the war.

"I can assure you that ("Witnesses to War") reflects and honors both your bravery and resourcefulness in surviving a difficult time, as well as presenting our islands of today in very favorable terms. "Northern Marianas College President Agnes M. McPhetres in a letter inviting the "witnesses" to the showing. "Unfortunately," McPhetres said, "some of the witnesses interviewed for this video are no longer with us."

Northern Marianas College will be

marketing and distributing videotapes of the three-part production.

"Millions of civilians throughout the world lost their lives or suffered terrible disruption during World War

II. While there are hundreds, thousands of films dealing with World War II, very few civilians ever get a chance to tell their story for history," McPhetres told the "witnesses."

## Licence renewals

THE Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) division of the Department of Commerce reminds all licensed business establishments that applications for Alcohol Beverage Control license renewals are now being accepted at the ABC Office located at the Department of Commerce Building on Capitol Hill. The deadline for filing of renewal applications, including payment of fees, is June 30, 1996, a notice from the Department said.

All licenses whose renewal fees remain unpaid as of June 30, 1996

will automatically be suspended pursuant to 4 CMC Section 5528. Licenses which remain suspended as of July 31, 1996 due to unpaid renewal fees will automatically be revoked and the Secretary of Commerce shall not issue a renewal license. If a license is revoked as of July 31, 1996, a new application must be submitted for consideration by the Secretary of Commerce, said the notice.

For more information please call the ABC Office at telephone numbers 664-3060 or 664-3065.

## Manila Briefs As culled by RP consulate

### RP pilgrims back from Mecca

HUNDREDS of Filipino Muslims have started to arrive at the premier airport yesterday morning after completing a month-long pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia. Almost 400 Filipino pilgrims returned on board a Saudi Arabia airlines jetliner and were met at the airport by the (OMA) Regional Director Sultan Macanub Banuabac and Col. Aliakbar Bangcola, chairman of the Mecca

Reception Committee. Bancola said that a total of 4,970 Filipino Muslims went to Mecca starting last April 1 to join more than five-million pilgrims from all over the world. The Mecca pilgrimage, according to Bangcola, is the last pillar of Islam which is every Muslim must do. The returning Filipinos are now called Hajjis to show that they are all pilgrims to Mecca. Bulletin

### OCW forest park planned

LAST Wednesday, an agreement was signed by several parties to establish the Overseas Filipino Forest Park on grounds belonging to the Cultural Center of the Phils along Roxas Boulevard. The signatories were the Cultural Center of the Phils, the CFO, the Phil. Tourism Authority and the Departments of Environment and Natural Resources and

Labor. The Forest Park will also serve as a botanical garden where endemic species of Phil. hardwood and plants will be conserved. The project would also include setting up of facilities to encourage the Park's development into the routine meeting and gathering place of visiting overseas Filipinos and balikbayans. Phil Journal

### 180 illegal aliens shunned

AT least 880 illegal and undesirable aliens, including 140 suspected yakuza members and 54 suspected international terrorists, drug lords, pedophiles and illegal recruiters, were not allowed entry from January to April this year, reported the Bureau of Immigration. Immigration Commissioner Leandro Verceles said the foreigners were

refused entry because they have no entry visas or return tickets or were found to be carrying tampered or expired passports. The bureau also barred from leaving 358 Filipinos during the same period. He said 177 of the 358 were suspected "tourist workers," 51 are under hold departure orders, and 103 improperly documented workers. Today

### 98 fishermen repatriated

THE DFA said that Phil. Consulate General in Manado, Indonesia repatriated last month 98 Filipino fishermen who were apprehended by Indonesian Navy for illegal entry and fishing. Consul General Rodrigo S.A. Aragon said in a report to the DFA that no less than Pres. Fidel Ramos ordered the expeditions dispatch of

the Phil. Navy ship, the BRP Dagupan City LC-51m to effect the mass repatriation of the Filipino fishermen. Aragon disclosed that a total of 206 Filipino fishermen and 21 RP-registered fishing boats were apprehended by Indonesian authorities from April 7 to 16 this year. Bulletin

### Kohl to visit Manila October

GERMAN Chancellor Helmut Kohl had formally accepted the invitation of Pres. Ramos to visit the Phils in October, a source from the German foreign office said. Phil. Ambassador to Bonn, F. del Rosario, who personally handed the invitation letter of Pres. Ramos to Chancellor Kohl Wednesday, said the German leader's visit to Manila will reciprocate Pres. Ramos' visit to Germany in September 1994. In his one-page letter of invitation, Pres. Ramos said a visit by

Kohl "will certainly further strengthen Phil-German political, economic and socio-cultural relations and pave the way for avenues like bilateral cooperation on our respective regions." "It will, likewise, be an auspicious time to reaffirm our shared belief in the principles of Christian Democratic governance which binds our govts together," said Ramos, referring to Kohl's affiliation with the Christian Democratic Union. Chronicle

### RP-Singapore army training

THE Phil Army and the Singapore Armed Forces will hold a 14-day training exercise in the city state of Singapore, Army Maj. Gen. Clemente Mariano announced yesterday. Code-named "Anoa-Singa 4/96," the joint Army training exercise will be conducted in the Singapore Armed Forces training area from May 14-26, Mariano

through Army spokesman Lt. Col Antonio Inciong, said. The move is perceived by observers as a forward step toward full military cooperation between the two countries, whose diplomatic relations soured following the hanging of Filipinos maid Flor Contemplacion a year ago. Phil Star

## Voting for stude actors ends May 16

THIS week is the last in the voting for Triple J Motors and Triple J Mitsubishi's "Third Annual Student Scholarship Program," featuring local students in a series of television advertisements.

Eight students from Saipan's High Schools are competing for a total of \$5,000 in college scholarship prizes, which will be awarded by Triple J management this coming Saturday.

The students helped write and acted in the four commercials, which promote the various automobiles Triple J sells. The spots are currently airing during the local news each evening on both Marianas Cable Vision and Saipan Cable TV.

Students starring in the commercials include: Daveyann Castro, Ed Javier, Brenda Lai, Jung Wan Lee, Chelo Marie Minquito, Ian Pangelinan, Gary Villagomez and Shaun Yanuaria.

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## NMC seeks academic achiever

THE Adult Basic Education/General Educational Development Program of the Northern Marianas College has been trying to get in touch with Joseph Sizemore.

Reason: He will be conferred next Saturday the American Council on Education National Award for having garnered a "real high" score of 64 in the GED tests.

According to Fe Calixterio, GED administrator and ABE director, the telephone number they had been calling to contact Sizemore wasn't the right number. They had also written

Sizemore in the address he had given, but so far they had gotten no reply.

Calixterio said Sizemore's score is the highest so far since the CNMI started giving the tests in 1971.

"Joseph is an exceptional person because of his achievement; that's a very rare achievement," Calixterio said, referring to Sizemore's high GED tests score.

Sizemore, 22, is the fourth to be conferred the national award. A score of 50, considered high, makes one eligible to receive the award. Forty is the passing score.

This year some 50 individuals took the tests, and 30 of them passed.

The GDE tests give high school dropouts the opportunity to earn high school credentials.

The tests are administered in the United States and its territories.

Almost 15 percent of all high school graduates in the US each year are holders of GED diplomas.

The tests, which last for seven and one-half hours, are divided into five parts: social studies, literature and arts, mathematics, science, and writing. —Rick Alberto

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of 2 CMC 4141 et sec, the PUBLIC PURPOSE LAND EXCHANGE AUTHORIZATION ACT of 1987, notice is hereby given of the Division of Public Lands, under the Department of Lands and Natural Resources intention to enter into an exchange agreement involving the parcels of land described below. Concerned persons may request a hearing on any proposed exchange by contacting the Division of Public Lands on or by May 31, 1996. If so requested, hearings on the transactions listed below will be scheduled on June 4, 1996, at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Division of Public Lands.

Public Purpose	- Right of Way Acquisition
Private Land	- Saipan Tract/Lot No. 016 B 53, located in Tanapag, containing an area of 1, 281 square meters.
Public Land	- Saipan Tract/Lot No. 141 E 06, located in Tanapag, containing an area of 26,349 square meters.
	- Part of Saipan Tract/Lot No. 053 A 59, located in Marpi, containing an area of 6,000 square meters.

## NUTISIAN PUPBLIKO

Signon gi probenshon siha gi 2 CMC 4141 et sec i PUBLIC PURPOSE LAND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1987, sino i tulakan tano para proposhon pupbliko na akton 1987, nutisia manana i ginen este put i intension-na i Division of Public Lands, gi pa' pa i Department of Lands and Natural Resources humalom gi kontratan atulakan tano ni ha alefakta i pedason tano siha ni manmadeskribi gi sampapa. Man interesante siha na peirsona sina mamamaisan ineungkog put maseha manu/hala na priponi put tulakan tano. Aagang i Division of Public Lands antes pat osino gi May 31, 1996. Yanggen guaha ineungkog manikuasta, i ineungkog siempre para i sigiente siha na transakshon u pan makondukta gi June 4, 1996, gi oran atas 9:00 gi egegan gi halom i kuaton konfrensian i Division of Public Lands.

PROPOSTION PUPUBLIKO	- I Machule' Tano Para i Chalan
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	- Parte gi Sitio Numiru 053 A 59, giya Marpi, ya ha konsisiste 6, 000 metro kuadro na area.

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# German firm to build Majuro plant

By Giff Johnson  
For the Variety  
MARSHALLS Energy Company (MEC) officials signed a letter of intent in Honolulu last week with representatives of Deutz, a German company that won the bid to build a new power plant for Marshall capital of Majuro.

"It's a good deal," said MEC general manager Bill Roberts of the price of \$10.35 million for a 12.5 megawatt power plant. The diesel power plant is expected to begin construction by late 1996, and be in operation within 12 months from start of construction.

"It's complete 'turn-key' operation that has performance guarantees and performance bonds," Roberts said, which means if the plant does not perform to the specifications in the contract, Deutz is responsible for the problem. In addition, the agreement provides that the company will provide spare parts for the first three-to-five years of operations, depending on usage.

Roberts said that a construction boom in Majuro that is developing a new 150-room hotel, and other hotels expected to open within the next two years are fueling the need for additional power in Majuro. Business developments aside, Majuro's population has doubled since the early 1980s to more than 25,000 people, according to estimates of the government's planning office.

The currently operating plant is almost 15 years old and will need to be shut down for complete overhaul of its four elderly engines, Robert said. The current power plant, built in 1981, will continue in use after the new plant is built, but in a back-up, standby mode, he said.

Meanwhile, the regular session of the FSM Congress convened in Palikir today. President Bailey Olter, in a memorandum to government officials, said the major work of the Congress will be devoted to the FSM's 1997 fiscal year budget....Pacnews

## PNG PM invited to meet with Aussie counterpart

PAPUA New Guinea's prime minister, Sir Julius Chan, has been invited to meet with the new Australian prime minister, John Howard, in Sydney today.

The meeting will be the first between the two leaders, since Howard and his Liberal-National Coalition was swept to power last month, the National reports.

The two prime ministers are expected to discuss a broad range of issues of bilateral, regional and international significance.

Chan, had been invited to officiate and deliver a keynote address titled "Working Together Toward The Year 2000" at the second PNG Mining and Petroleum Investment Conference, beginning this morning.

The PNG prime minister will also hold his first meeting with PNG's new heads of missions and posts to Australia....Pacnews

## FSM citizens told Pohnpei must decrease dependence on the US

A WIDE cross-section of citizens in the Federated States of Micronesia have been told that Pohnpei must decrease its dependency on the United States for funding and should boost its fisheries and agricultural output, Hawaii Public Radio reports.

Speaking during the opening of the First Pohnpei Economic Summit in FSM's capital island of Palikir, Pohnpei governor Del Pangelinan says that Pohnpei faces a revenue decline in the US Compact Free Association aid.

During the summit sessions, Iso Nahnken Salvador Iriarte, who spoke on behalf of the traditional chamber of chiefs, says Pohnpei must focus on what really is good for Pohnpei, and not on what other FSM states may want.

The summit which has now concluded was held to obtain the background information required to reach consensus on Pohnpei's 1997 development goals and priorities.

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## Fiji union congress withdraws from talks with Rubaka gov't

The Fiji Trade Union Congress has withdrawn from talks with the Rabuka government on labour reforms.

The Fiji Times reports that F-T-U-C has accused government of not honoring the commitment it made with the congress on the proposed changes to the reforms introduced in 1991.

F-T-U-C general secretary Pratap Chand says this is a very serious issue and feels it is high time the congress takes action to ensure government changes the reforms which have often been described as "restrictive and draconian".

He says the F-T-U-C has now withdrawn from the Consultative Committee on Economic Strategy, the Labour Advisory Board and the Tripartite Forum.

The Daily Post reports the congress is planning an international campaign against the Rabuka government. It believes the F-T-U-C may ask its sister organizations internationally to place a black ban on Fiji exports.

Chand says they will lobby for support from the European Union and the trade committee of the United States Congress....Pacnews

## Chief's signature forged in ship deal, Vanua district people claim

PEOPLE of the Vanua (district) of Marou in Fiji's Yasawa group claim someone forged the signature of their chief to obtain a license from government to allow a tourist

cruise ship to sail to the island group.

The Daily Post reports the villagers are not against the cruise vessel's operation, but want to know who forged the signature of their chief, Adi Titilia Vanisa, in a letter to infrastructure minister Ratu Inoke Kubuabola.

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former trust territory of the Pacific Islands Government transferred to the CNMI in 1978 when it agreed to be in a political union with the US.

The letter dated April 11th and signed by three chiefs, urged the minister to allow the Captain Cook Cruises' vessel "Reef Escape" to operate in the whole of Yasawa group.

The inspector general's audit revealed that the CNMI's Marianas Public Land Corporation (now the Division of Public Lands) did not:

•exchange public land for private land of comparable value;

•use the current land valuation in land exchanges;

•use public land in efficient manner; and

•assess all rental amounts payable under lease agreements.

In several transactions between 1991 and 1994, for example, the audit found that the MPLC exchanged public lands based on outdated appraisal values.

In two specific cases on May 27 and 28, 1993, the MPLC used appraisal values that were applicable one year before the actual transaction.

The report says: "First, 17,246 square meters of public lands were exchanged for 10,000 square meters of private land valued at \$1,119,977 and \$840,000, respectively.

"Second 66,062 square meters of public land valued at \$4,596,594 and \$4,590,768, respectively. However, for both exchanges the corporation had applied a 1990 appraisal value to the public land and arbitrarily applied an unsupported value to the private land rather than using the 1992 appraisal values."

The inspector general also blew the whistle on the corporation's failure to collect rental fees from at least six lessees "that had delinquent receivables"

"The corporation," the report says, "did not have policies and procedures to ensure that lease rental payments were collected."

In a memorandum to Tenorio, Lewis recalled that the IG's office transmitted a draft report to the local government on Nov. 13, 1995.

"We made seven recommendations to the Governor to correct the deficiencies noted," Lewis said. "However, since the governor did not provide a response to the draft report, the recommendations are unresolved."

### Attention Italian Food Lovers!!!

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Directors of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), a subsidiary corporation of the Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA), hereby serves notice that it will hold its regular Board meeting on Thursday, May 16, 1996 at 10:30 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room in Garapan, Saipan. The public is welcomed to attend.

- The agenda is as follows:
- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
    - A. Call to Order/Roll
    - B. Adoption of Agenda
    - C. Adoption of Previous Minutes: March 28, 1996
  - II. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS
    - A. Section 8 Rehabilitation Project - Mihaville
    - B. Tinian Children's Park
    - C. Saipan Multipurpose Recreational Facility - NMC Campus
    - D. Schedule of Public Hearings on Rota, Tinian and Saipan
  - III. HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS CONTRACT
  - IV. LEASE PROPOSALS FOR NMHC PROPERTIES
  - V. CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
    - A. Legislative House Bill - \$10 Million MPLT, Residential Loans
    - B. Department of Finance, Memorandum of Understanding
    - C. Loan Guaranty, Bank of Guam and PEOCS
    - D. Direct Family Home Loan - Guam Savings & Loan Association
      1. Increase in Maximum Loan Limit \$187,500
      2. Waiver of Bank Denial
      3. Loan Processing Procedures
    - E. Appointment of Administrator for Deceased Loan Borrower
    - F. Residential Construction Permits
  - VI. OTHER MATTERS
  - VII. ADJOURNMENT
- Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13, Executive Session may be held on discussion concerning items on the aforementioned agenda.
- /s/ JUAN S. TENORIO  
Chairman of the Board



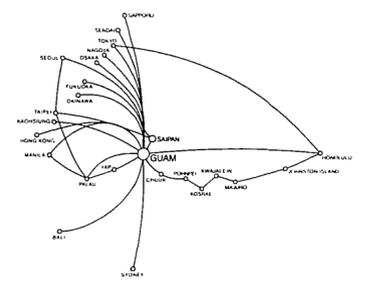
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## After last month's shelling of Lebanon

# Arabs waver in support of Peres

By SCHEHEREZADE FARAMARZI  
KFAR QASSEM, Israel (AP) - Prime Minister Shimon Peres needs the votes of Israeli Arabs if he hopes to win his election battle with hard-line challenger Benjamin Netanyahu. But after Israel's bombing blitz in Lebanon last month, truck driver

Nader Issa and many other Arabs are threatening to withhold their traditional support for the Labor Party, whose leader, Peres, has been the architect of Mideast peacemaking. "Before the attack on Lebanon, I had planned to work for Peres' campaign day and night, to make sure he

wins," said Issa, 23, sitting in a cafe in this Arab village near the Tel Aviv airport. "But then I saw on television children with their heads blown away. I cannot believe that someone who is capable of committing such an act can also want peace."

Such misgivings come at a time when Peres needs the support of Arab voters more than ever.

His lead over Netanyahu is slim, and changes in the electoral system - Israelis will choose their prime minister directly for the first time in the May 29 parliamentary elections - give Arab voters more clout.

Netanyahu is likely to get slightly more Jewish votes than Peres and only overwhelming Arab support would tip the balance in Peres' favor. Arabs make up about 12 percent of the electorate, or 450,000 out of 3.9 million eligible voters.

A recent survey suggested 31 percent of Arab voters who initially planned to vote for Peres would cast blank ballots to protest the Lebanon bombardment.

Tamam Jabali, 60, said she would abstain in the vote for prime minister. "Anyone with brains will not vote," Mrs. Jabali said in a heated discussion with family members in the courtyard of her home in the Arab village of Taibeh. "Israel doesn't like Arabs."

Her sister-in-law, Safa, 56, added: "If Peres kills Muslims in Lebanon, it means he has no respect for the lives of his Muslim people. It's an insult to us."

But pollster Hanoch Smith predicts some of the anger will dissipate. He expects 85 percent to 90 percent of Arab voters to cast their ballots for Peres, with a turnout of about 75 percent in the Arab community.

Issa, the truck driver, said he hasn't made up his mind. "I want Peres to win, but I don't want to have to vote for him," Issa said.

Israeli Arab politicians have seized upon such misgivings in an effort to leverage political gains for their community.

Arab legislators met with Peres and told him they would deliver the Arab vote only if he met a list of conditions.

Among their demands: the appointment of an Arab minister in Peres' next Cabinet, a first for Israel; construction of an Arab university; an end to the painful, 10-week-old blockade of the West Bank and Gaza Strip that was imposed after a series of suicide bombings by Islamic militants.

"We refuse to be in anyone's pocket, even Peres', and we refuse to cooperate with Peres. We shall work on crushing the view that Arabs have no choice but to vote Labor," said Ibrahim Sarsour, mayor of Kfar Qassem and a member of the Islamic movement that for the first time is taking part in the elections.

In an attempt to appease Arab voters, Peres said last week that he would consider appointing an



Shimon Peres

Arab minister to his Cabinet if elected.

Some of Peres' campaign commercials are aimed specifically at Arabs, complete with catchy Arabic-language jingles.

The message: a Peres government will deliver peace with Syria, Lebanon and the Palestinians over the next four years and try to close the gap in income and education between Jewish and Arab communities.

In one clip, Peres is shown with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, Jordan's King Hussein and other Arab leaders. Other footage shows Arab teen-agers in a computer class.

But commentators say such efforts are too little too late.

"The rift between Labor and the Arab public is deep and originates in grievances over decades of neglect," commentator Aryeh Dayan wrote in the newspaper Davar Rishon.

Israeli governments have consistently spent less in Arab communities than in Jewish towns and villages.

In 1992, Peres' predecessor, Yitzhak Rabin, refused to invite Arab parties into his ruling coalition as a matter of principle, even though the Arab legislators provided the crucial votes that prevented the right wing from forming a government.

Nasaf Masalha, an Arab legislator and Labor Party member, says the Arabs must not abandon Peres, even though he has been slighted by the party establishment.

In 1994, when Health Minister Haim Ramon resigned to become head of the Histadrut Trade Union Federation, Rabin refused to name Masalha, then deputy health minister, as Ramon's replacement.

Despite this, Masalha is campaigning hard for Peres, telling Arabs that "the future of the peace process is connected to Peres being elected."

# Crash site yields no remains

By LISA HOLEWA  
MIAMI (AP) - The Florida Everglades - a desolate, flat expanse of sawgrass, water, muck and wildlife - is frustrating emergency workers looking for bodies and clues in a plane crash that killed 109 people.

Authorities on Sunday called off the search for possible survivors of the crash of ValuJet Flight 592, which nose-dived into the Everglades with 104 passengers and five crew members.

Concern about alligators and poisonous snakes, temperatures above 80 F (27 C) with high humidity, mosquitoes and up to 40 feet (12 meters) of mud and dead grass blocked efforts to recover bodies.

The DC-9 had been in the air only eight minutes on a Saturday flight to Atlanta when crew members reported smoke in the cockpit. They attempted to turn around but the plane crashed about 15 miles (25 kilometers) northwest of Miami International Airport. The source of the smoke was unknown.

Tapes of the conversation between a male crew member and the airport tower indicate there also was smoke in the passenger cabin, National Transportation Safety Board Vice Chairman Robert Francis

said at a news conference. "As the conversation went on there was in the view of the controller and in the view of the people who listened to the tape ... a considerable sense of urgency on the part of the pilot," Francis said.

Gregory Feith, NTSB investigator in charge, said the last intelligible transmission from the plane was the crew member's acknowledgement of a request to turn back, assignment of a new descent altitude and the location of the nearest airport.

Investigators have located the plane's two engines, but did not expect to find large portions of the plane intact, Francis said.

Francis said much of the wreckage in the swampy waters is painted blue, which is the color ValuJet paints the rear of its planes, where the flight data and cockpit voice recorders are located.

Finding the blue plane sections encouraged investigators they would recover the recorders, Francis said. The devices are key to understanding what happened to the plane and what was said in the final moments before the crash.

The swamp yielded pieces of clothing Sunday, in addition to a family photo album and a floating airplane seat

that were found Saturday.

"There's no evidence of the plane. It's gone," said Bret Rugg, 41, whose wife Terri was on the plane. He had taken his two sons, ages 5 and 11, to meet their mother on her return from a cruise she made as a travel agency owner. Also among the passengers were U.S. football player Rodney Culver and his wife, Karen.

Valujet, a discount airline, has had at least three accidents since it began operations in 1993. The most serious was a runway fire last year that destroyed a plane.

Workers at the remote crash site spent the morning trying to determine how to recover the remains and wreckage.

"If they're out of here before two weeks I'll be surprised," said Detective Ed Munn.

Divers wore protective rubber suits after suffering irritated skin Saturday from aviation fuel and hydraulic fluid. They searched the muck by hand, unable to see more than a few inches (centimeters) in front of them in the water.

ValuJet Airlines Inc. President Lewis Jordan said he took full responsibility for the crash, but added there was no indication anything was wrong before the 27-year-old plane

took off. A list of the plane's past problems showed nothing out of the ordinary, he said. Federal Aviation Administration records showed the jet

had returned to airports seven times in two years because of various maintenance problems, from an oil leak to loss of cabin pressure.

## Airline chief defends use, upkeep of aging jet fleet

By WILL LESTER  
MIAMI (AP) - A 27-year-old DC-9 that crashed in the Everglades with 109 people aboard was forced back to airports seven times in the last two years by problems that included lost cabin pressure, federal records show.

"There was nothing 'abnormal or shocking' about the downed plane's history, ValuJet Airlines Inc. President Lewis Jordan said Sunday.

"I have reviewed the list ... and saw such things as overheating of a constant speed drive, a pressurization problem and a door ajar," Jordan said.

Jordan defended the economy airline's use of a fleet of aging DC-9s, many built more than 25 years ago, and his company's arrangement to contract for training of young pilots hired at lower salaries.

"A properly maintained airplane that is 25, 26 or 27 years old is as safe as a brand new airplane coming off the line. I can't say it any more strongly than that," he said at a Miami news conference.

And despite a four-month review begun in February by the FAA, aviation consultants cautioned against drawing hasty conclusions from maintenance records.

It is "far too early to determine that the past incidents" had any relationship to Saturday's crash, said Mike Clark, an aviation consultant from Florida.

The plane that plummeted into the Everglades on Saturday was trying to return for an emergency landing at Miami International Airport after pilots reported smoke in the cockpit. ValuJet Flight 592 crashed 25 kilometers (15 miles) short, killing 104 passengers and five crew members.

ValuJet bought the reconditioned plane from McDonnell Douglas, which had repurchased it from Delta Airlines. Its owners last gave it an annual inspection in October, an intermediate inspection in March and a routine inspection four days before it crashed.

Federal Aviation Administration records showed the plane has returned to airports seven times in two years with a variety of problems, including a loose oil cap that caused the plane to lose 10 quarts (9.5 liters) of oil; a faulty heat exchanger; an overheated constant speed drive, which provides electrical energy; a faulty hydraulic pump; a rear stair door ajar; and on two occasions when the plane lost pressure.

In April 1995, the plane made an emergency landing in Memphis, Tennessee, after it hit turbulence and began to descend mysteriously, causing cabin oxygen masks to pop out.

The FAA inspected the airline for seven days in February and then began a 120-day followup inspection. The agency was prompted by several mishaps, including a fire on a taxiing airplane last June that injured seven people and three occasions earlier this year in which planes skidded or rolled off runways.

## FAA launches intensified safety review for ValuJet

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID  
WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal officials are launching an intense safety review of ValuJet Airlines Monday, inspecting everything from use of cockpit checklists to heavy maintenance following the fatal crash of one of the budget carrier's planes.

A week-long safety checkup of the airline, originally scheduled for next week, was moved up and extended to 30 days, the Federal Aviation Administration's regulatory chief, Anthony Broderick, said Sunday.

He said Transportation Secretary Federico Pena and FAA Administrator David R. Hinson decided on the move after visiting Miami, near the site where a ValuJet DC-9 carrying 109 people crashed Saturday.

Following a series of earlier incidents, the FAA conducted a seven-day safety evaluation of ValuJet in February and was planning the second week-long check to ensure that recommended changes had been made.

Earlier Sunday, Pena said the Atlanta-based airline had fully cooperated with the FAA.

"We made recommendations, they responded to our recommendations. ... So that is why this particular crash is so troubling," he said.

Broderick said the intensified checkup will include a review of procedures at six major maintenance centers operated by ValuJet contractors.

Also under review will be engine maintenance facilities operated by

Aero Thrust in Miami and Air New Zealand in New Zealand.

In addition, the FAA said dozens of FAA inspectors will visit ValuJet's 29 line maintenance facilities where minor repairs are done between flights, and the airline's new Technical Sup-

port Center in Atlanta and at Washington Dulles International Airport.

FAA observers will ride in the cockpit of many of the airline's planes over the next 30 days to review crew training procedures, use of checklist, dispatching and other areas.

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# Mandela eyes economic jumpstart



South African President Nelson Mandela, left, gestures while talking to chairman of the Constitutional Assembly Cyril Ramaphosa, right., and Deputy President F.W. de Klerk, center, after the adoption of the country's New Constitution in Cape Town's Parliament last Wednesday. AP photo.

By DONNA BRYSON  
**JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP)** - The sidewalks of downtown Johannesburg are a rough-and-ready shopping mall, so crowded with vendors and their wares that passers-by sometimes can't pass by.

It's a consumer carnival that testifies both to the failures of South Africa's economy, and the resiliency of its people.

Traders display potatoes piled upon plastic plates. Women drape hand-crocheted doilies over the grimy cement. Young men in trendy jeans offer watches in velvet-lined briefcases.

The old white-minority government wanted blacks in the cities only as workers for whites. But as unemployment soared, the apartheid regime yielded to the sheer numbers of hawkers and vendors swarming the streets.

Today, the new black-led government of President Nelson Mandela is trying to find ways to harness their street sense to fuel economic growth.

A visit to the bus shelter that Isaiah Hladswaya has transformed

into a shoe shop shows South Africa's curbside entrepreneurs have energy, ingenuity and will, if not capital or formal education.

When Hladswaya arrived 14 years ago from a farming town, he found prospects were poor for a 20-year-old whose farm worker father couldn't afford sending him past the first year of primary school.

Hladswaya made do with short-term work in factories and gardens for three years before hitting on shining shoes. Soon, he was repairing shoes as well.

"I taught myself. I just watched the other shoe repairers as I walked around town," Hladswaya said as he hammered heel tips onto a woman's navy pumps. His customer waited in a battered chair, her stockings feet perched on a stool.

A worker can double his income with the move from shining to repairing shoes, said Lawrence Schlemmer, an economics researcher with the Institute of Race Relations.

He said South Africa must focus on preparing people to create wealth, and could look to models like Mexico and India, where small-scale entrepreneurs turn raw materials like silver and clay into artistic merchandise.

"Training has to become a nationwide priority," Schlemmer said. "I don't see any hope for combating unemployment except in the informal sector."

Unemployment is estimated as high as 40 percent among the black majority, and many of those with work earn pitifully low wages. Hladswaya earns about 400 rand - the equivalent of about \$ 100 - a month, twice as much as one of his brothers who stayed on the farm.

Hladswaya has a loyal clientele in the neighborhood around the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, a first-world facade that symbolizes the concentration of wealth in a few - mostly white - hands.

In a vacant lot behind the imposing brick-and-glass building, black women sell corn roasted over garbage can fires. A 1-rand (25-cent) ear of corn is a common lunch for the poor.

The Department of Trade and Industry estimates 3.5 million South Africans are, like Hladswaya, making their way with tiny businesses, compared to 15 million working in the formal economy.

Seeking advice on developing the vast number of "survival enterprises," the department turned to groups like the Get Ahead Foundation.

The foundation makes loans of as little as 500 rand (about \$125) to help sidewalk vendors buy fruit, backyard mechanics buy tools, kitchen table seamstresses buy fabric. Don MacRobert, the group's director, said it has helped thousands of vendors who would be ignored by banks.

# Search on for Everest climbers

By BINAYA GURUACHARYA  
**KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)** - Rescuers battled fierce winds as they searched for eight missing

climbers and attempted to reach 22 people stranded on a 5-mile (8 kilometers) high pass on Mount Everest.

The climbers, hailing from 11 separate expeditions, became disoriented or were forced to cut short their treks when a blizzard

hit the world's highest mountain over the weekend.

There were reports that some of the missing climbers had died, but they couldn't immediately be confirmed.

In one bit of good news, Seaborn B. Weathers, 49, of Dallas, who had been reported stricken climber and themselves to safety. They were in good condition and heading toward their base camp on Sunday, the report said.

Karen Dickinson, Fischer's business partner in Seattle who's been in touch with the expedition, said she believed Fischer had died.

Reports before the blizzard showed Fischer's climb was largely uneventful until the end. On May 2, a dispatch from Jane Bromet at the base camp described Fischer as "feeling super-strong, acclimatized and strong," still planning to start the last phase of the ascent May 6 and reach the top May 9.

## New Zealand mountaineers stunned by Everest tragedy

**CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand (AP)** - New Zealand's mountaineering fraternity was in shock Monday after learning that Mount Everest has probably claimed the lives of two of the nation's most experienced mountaineers.

Hopes have been dashed for seven blizzard-bound climbers, including New Zealanders Rob Hall and Andrew Harris, who were last seen alive during the descent of Mount Everest.

New Zealand Adventure Tourism Council chief executive Geoff Gabites said the latest contact with the base camp on South Col on Sunday night brought grim news.

"It seems at least three climbers are unaccounted for. These include Rob and Andy," Gabites said Monday. "It seems a major successful ascent of Everest has degen-

erated into a nightmare."

Hall and Harris were guides for the Christchurch-based company Adventure Consultants, which guides paying climbers to the Mount Everest summit.

The latest trip was the fifth expedition by the company set up by Hall and his friend, the late Gary Ball, who died in the Himalayas on Oct. 6, 1993.

Gabites said there were 10 people on the current expedition - seven paying clients and three guides, including Hall and Harris.

Hall's oxygen is believed to have run out. Alpine experts say no one has ever survived two nights in the open without oxygen on the south summit of Mount Everest.

"We haven't heard from Rob, and Andy's fate sounds tragic," Gabites said.

"Andy had helped evacuate people to the camp at South

Col. He had hallucinated and walked out of his tent and disappeared. It's a sad situation.

We understand his body has been found but this has not been confirmed."

Colin Monteath, a staff member of Adventure Consultants, has been in radio contact with climbers at Hall's base camp but was not expected to hear any more news until about midday Monday.

Hall, frostbitten on his hands and feet, had decided it was too dangerous to continue the descent by himself.

Monteath said a snow shelter that Hall dug with his hands and ice-axe probably gave him little protection from the freezing winds.

Hall was on his eighth expedition to Everest and had reached the summit five times - the only non-sherpa to have stood at the summit more than four times.

## Doomed NZ climber had one last telephone call to pregnant wife

**CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand (AP)** - One of New Zealand's greatest mountaineers, Rob Hall, said his final farewell to his pregnant wife before perishing alone near the summit of Mount Everest, a friend said Monday.

Hall, who was crippled with frostbite when he called his wife on his fading radio, is one of eight people believed to have died on Mount Everest following a ferocious weekend blizzard.

Four were from the New Zealand expedition: Andy Harris, 31, an experienced guide from Queenstown, New Zealand; Doug Hansen, 44, of Renton, Washington; and Yasuko Namba, 47, of Tokyo. On Friday, Yasuko became the second Japanese woman to reach the summit.

For Hall, it was his fifth successful ascent of Everest - more than any other Western climber.

But a close friend of Hall, Geoff Gabites, said the expedition turned into a nightmare on the descent. A fierce blizzard swept over Mount Everest as the expedition of eight climbers - who paid US \$60,000 each - and three guides battled to make their way to safety.

Gabites, chief executive of the Adventure Tourism Council, said Harris became dehydrated after making it back to Camp Four, but was missing from his tent when fellow climbers checked his condition Sunday.

"It seems he hallucinated and walked out in a disoriented state." It is believed he fell over a cliff.

"Rob stayed with the American, Doug Hansen, who was ill and

struggling in the conditions. They spent a night out in the open, but Hansen did not survive."

Hall's situation on Saturday night was totally unsurvivable, being without oxygen, fluids and protection from freezing winds near the south summit of Everest, Gabites said.

"He and Mr. Hansen had to try and stay awake for the night. They would have had difficulty getting fluids into their bodies.

Dehydration is a killer at that altitude."

Hall was able to speak to his seven-month pregnant wife Jan Arnold at home in Christchurch before Everest claimed his life some time on Saturday night, Gabites said.

"I don't know what his last words were. It was a personal conversation between him and Jan. We are sure Rob did not survive another night out in the open."

Adventure Consultants, a company set up by Hall and his close friend Gary Ball, said Monday that it accepted that Hall had perished "near the top of the world."

Hall loved mountaineering, it was his life and he was consumed by the exhilaration of climbing the world's tallest mountain, Gabites said.

In 1990, Hall and Ball climbed the world's seven highest mountains in seven months.

Three years ago, Hall said he did the most difficult thing in his life, by saying goodbye to Ball on the Himalayas after his friend died of altitude sickness.

He had to let go the ropes to cast

Ball's body into a crevasse after making a pact with his friend that he, too, would remain on the mountain should he die.

Now the bodies of both mountaineers remain among the peaks in Nepal.

"Rob's body will now be around the South Summit and nature will take its course in looking after that body," Gabites said. "It can't be recovered."

## Moderate earthquake rocks small southern isle

**TOKYO (AP)** - A moderate earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 4.8 rocked a small island about 300 kilometers (186 miles) south of Tokyo on Monday morning, the Central Meteorological Agency said.

There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries from the 10:55 a.m. (0255 GMT) undersea earthquake.

The tremor was centered at a depth about 10 kilometers (6 miles) beneath the sea near Hachijo island, the agency said. There was no tsunami alert issued. Tsunamis are seismic waves caused by undersea disturbances such as volcanic activities or earthquakes.

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# Japan current account surplus dips

TOKYO (AP) - Rising imports and more spending by Japanese tourists abroad helped bring down the surplus in Japan's broadest measure of trade once again in March, the government announced Monday.

Japan's surplus in its current account, which measures not only flows of merchandise but also services, tourism and investment, fell 8.5 percent in March from the same

month last year to 1.263 trillion yen (\$ 12.03 billion at current exchange rates).

Imports continued to grow faster than exports, bringing the merchandise portion of the current account surplus down 7.1 percent to 1.369 trillion yen (\$ 13.04 billion).

Those merchandise trade figures are based on settled contracts, as opposed to more widely-quoted data measured as goods pass customs. Japan

reported last month that its customs-cleared merchandise surplus fell 23 percent to \$ 10.69 billion in March.

A finance ministry official briefing reporters said the current account surplus remains on a declining trend and has been falling every month since December 1994, except for July last year.

Continuing efforts to move production overseas and the surging value of the yen over the last few years have been eroding the level of Japan's trade surpluses.

The high yen forces exporters to raise prices overseas, making their products less competitive.

On other measures of its current account, Japan's deficit in

services continued to grow, reflecting a wider transport deficit and increased spending by Japanese nationals overseas.

The deficit in service trade increased to 502.7 billion yen (\$ 4.69 billion) from 438.4 billion yen (\$4.18 billion) in March 1995.

As in past months, the rise in imports in March was led by semi-conductors, computers, petroleum products and automobiles.

The value of crude oil imports, which account for a large portion of Japan's overall imports, edged up 3.6 percent in March as the average import price rose 0.9 percent from a year earlier to dlr\$ 18.72 per barrel.

The surplus in income grew

thanks to more income from direct investment overseas.

The Ministry of Finance also reported Monday that the current account surplus dropped sharply for the entire Japanese fiscal year ending March 31, marking the third straight fiscal year of decline.

For the entire fiscal year, the surplus shrank 24 percent to 9.465 trillion yen (\$ 90.14 billion) from 12.428 trillion yen (\$ 118.36 billion) in the previous fiscal year.

Japan only announces figures for its overall current account and does not break the data down by nation.

## Experts to attempt test-tube whales

TOKYO (AP) - Sperm and eggs removed from dozens of minke whales aboard Japanese research ships are currently being used for in-vitro experiments, a researcher said Monday.

If the removed eggs become fertilized, it will be the first-ever artificial insemination of whale eggs, according to Yutaka Fukui, professor of livestock breeding at Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine.

The eggs are currently in test tubes, but is unclear if they have been fertilized. "We'll know in a month if it was a success," he said in a Monday telephone interview with The Associated Press.

Fukui was among the scientists aboard the Japanese Antarctic whaling expedition, which caught 440 minke whales between November 1995 and March 1996.

The fleet returned to Japan last month. According to International Whaling Commission rules, the whale carcasses must be sold as meat.

The fertilization technique was similar to that used for cows, Fukui said. Among the biggest difference, he said was that it takes a single day for a cow ovum to mature, whereas the minke's ovum needed more than three days.

The outcome of the experiment will be publicly announced at a meeting of scholars, Fukui said.

Once fertilized, the eggs will not be implanted into a female minke.



RECYCLE



Toyota President Hiroshi Okuda waves to the media during a press conference Wednesday, before the official groundbreaking ceremony of the new Toyota plant in Princeton, Ind. Toyota says they expect the \$700 million plant to ultimately provide jobs for 1,300 and build T100 pickup trucks. AP Photo

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# Flying doctors bailing out

By PETER JAMES SPIELMANN  
**BROKEN HILL, Australia (AP)** - Flying doctors are a proud symbol of Australia and even inspired a prime-time TV drama, but here at the Broken Hill doctors use U.S.-made Beechcraft King Air planes.

Independent flying doctor services sprang up later in other Australian regions, operating from Alice Springs, Port Hedland, Kalgoorlie, Cairns and other towns and cities.

The Royal Flying Doctor Service has suffered near-constant turnover of its doctors, with 40 quitting since 1985 — an average of one each three months or so.

"You get a different doctor out every week," said Garry Astill, a town councilor in the hamlet of Menindee, some 60 miles (95 km) southeast of Broken Hill.

"Continuity is important, especially for a lot of the aboriginal people," Astill said. He and other Outback residents say the procession of new faces unsettles patients and threatens the health of their communities.

"Probably they're all very good doctors — but when we get good doctors, we can't keep them. Why?" The Broken Hill office is supposed to have four or five doctors, but often has had as few as two due to resignations.

The Royal Flying Doctor Service was founded in 1928 to serve ranchers, farmers, prospectors and aborigines scattered throughout the Outback, several days' travel from medical service in the cities.

The Rev. John Flynn, a Presbyterian missionary, gave isolated ranches and communities medicine kits and pedal-powered radios

to call for help, and chartered an open-cockpit, De Havilland DH50-A single-engine biplane to bring in the doctor and evacuate the seriously ill. Today, the Broken Hill doctors use U.S.-made Beechcraft King Air planes.

Today no one in Australia is more than 90 minutes from medical help, with flying doctors serving 80 percent of inland Australia, over 2.4 million square miles (6.3 million sq. km.). All together, the services treat about 140,000 patients a year among a population of 400,000.

The romantic image of the home-grown service inspired a long-running, prime time TV series, "The Flying Doctors," set in Broken Hill, which proved popular in Britain and Europe as well as in Australia in the late 1980s.

But since 1985 a succession of doctors have resigned from Broken Hill rather than work with Clyde Thomson, the executive director of the service.

Thomson and other Royal Flying Doctor Service officials have repeatedly refused to talk to the AP or any other media about the problems.

The crisis reached a watershed when the senior doctor,

Jon McKeon, resigned last year with two junior medical officers. McKeon complained that Thomson, a pilot turned administrator, "basically runs the base as a top-heavy dictatorship. He dictates medical policy down to the final detail."

Doctors had no role in running the operation, which was completely at Thomson's discretion.

Dr. John Affleck, the chief medical officer at Broken Hill before McKeon, said: "There has been a considerable amount of difficulty dealing with management up there."

"I was there for 5 1/2 years, nobody else stayed more than two years and many left after a year or less," he said.

Dr. Affleck is distantly related to Arthur Affleck, the first pilot hired by Flynn in 1928 when he founded the flying doctor service.

The complaints about Thomson, who is not a doctor, focus on lack of support for medical staff, or blaming them for the service's shortcomings.

The service appointed the former head of Western Australia's state Health Department, Dr. Peter Brennan, to try to resolve the management problem.

His report, released this month, found that the turnover of doctors had hurt medical care in the area for at least 10 years.

Not only doctors, but "past and present nurses, pilots and other staff" had trouble working with Thomson, it said.

"Many of (them) draw atten-

tion to his style and communication skills, with which they also have difficulties," the report said.

Earlier this month, New South Wales' Health Minister Andrew Refshauge called for reassurances from the service that it can continue to serve the state's far west.

The Royal Flying Doctor Services council decided to retain Thomson as executive director, but also hired a consultant to try to resolve the management and communication problems.

Aborigines will also be appointed to the service's board of directors.

"We're pleased in one way," Astill said. "They've recommended management style changes, though we would have probably preferred management changes."

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## Cholera alert in Penang

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) - Health authorities said Monday they have issued a cholera alert and closed 11 restaurants on Penang island, where 32 people have been hospitalized with the disease.

Penang, off Malaysia's northwestern coast, is a major tourist destination and a center for electronics companies.

Cholera, spread by food and water contaminated with human feces, causes severe diarrhea and vomiting. Although easily treated

if caught early, it rapidly dehydrates victims and can kill within 20 hours.

Director of Health Services Dr. Shafie Ooyub said chlorine levels in drinking water would be temporarily increased.

He warned against consuming commercially produced ice, which most of those who tested positive said they had done.

Medical teams have been sent to investigate and to warn people to eat only cooked food, Shafie said.

## Japan speeds up redesign job for its H-2 rocket

TOKYO (AP) - Japan plans to speed up a redesigning of its first domestically developed rocket in hopes of sharply lowering launching costs, officials said Monday.

Its present H-2 rockets cost about \$ 145 million each, nearly twice as much as Europe's Ariane 4.

Unlike Europe, the United States and China, Japan so far has not sold satellite-launching services to other countries, nor has it announced plans to do so.

But the cost of launching its own could be reduced by about 6 billion yen (\$ 57 million) each with a drastic redesigning, said an official of the Science and Technology Agency.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said offi-

cialists still are conducting a detailed review of the remodeling schedule and its cost, with an aim of finishing the project 1 1/2 years earlier than originally planned.

It hopes to have the new H-2A ready to launch two satellites and an unmanned, experimental Japanese version of a space shuttle in 2000 and 2001, he added.

Original plans for those launches called for using the H-2, which is capable of lifting a two-ton satellite into a stationary orbit.

Japan spent \$ 2.4 billion developing the H-2, which so far has successfully launched three satellites, starting in 1994, from Tanegashima Space Center on an island 985 kilometers (615 miles) southwest of Tokyo.

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# Malaria on rebound in India

**NEW DELHI, India (AP)** - Thirty years ago, the number of reported malaria cases in India had dropped to 100,000 a year. Today it hovers over 2 million.

Malaria came back for many reasons.

One immediate cause: The U.S. government, reacting to India's war with Pakistan in 1965, reduced aid to New Delhi, including the DDT insecticide that had rid many Indian houses of mosquitoes. This reprieve gave the insects time to

develop resistance to DDT, and later to other insecticides.

G.P. Singh Dhillon, deputy director of the National Malaria Eradication Program, said India's economic development also contributed to the spread of the disease - in some surprising ways.

"When you develop agriculture via irrigation," he said, "along with it comes malaria" - via pools of stagnant water where mosquitoes can breed.

And construction projects have

produced local epidemics, he said. When itinerant laborers come from malarial areas, they sometimes pass on the malaria parasite to mosquitoes that bite them, and the insects then spread the disease locally.

The government has boosted its anti-malaria spending to \$41 million this year, from \$32 million in 1995.

"India is a good example of political commitment to malaria control," said Kazem Behbehani, director of tropical disease control

for the World Health Organization in Geneva.

He said African governments, their hospitals overflowing with malaria patients, are also looking for ways to expand anti-malaria programs.

## Search on for protection against complex disease

**WORLDWIDE**, on many fronts, hundreds of researchers are attacking malaria's frustrating complexity. Some are investigating new drug therapies. Some hope to genetically alter mosquitoes so they can't play host to the parasites. Here in Maprik, American immunologist Anuraj Shankar is looking at whether zinc and Vitamin A supplements help immunity.

But the ultimate goal, made urgent by malaria's growing drug resistance, is a vaccine to provide long-term protection.

"It's perhaps the most important public health problem in the world," Patarroyo said in his chosen disease.

The 49-year-old vaccinologist, lean, balding, intense, first made headlines in 1992, when he reported testing a vaccine that seemed to protect half those inoculated in South America.

He was met with immediate skepticism.

For a decade, he had operated outside the U.S.-European mainstream of malaria research, at an Amazon jungle station where the Colombian government supplied him with owl monkeys, prized as the only good test animals for malaria vaccines.

Patarroyo's approach was laborious: He synthetically produced proteins that appeared in plasmodium falciparum's chemical makeup, and vaccinated monkeys with each, to see whether it triggered an immune response that protected them against malaria.

Over 14 years, he has gone through 106 proteins and protein components - and 2,000 monkeys. And he settled on one chemical mix, dubbed SPf66.

But when U.S. researchers tried to duplicate Patarroyo's positive SPf66 results in monkeys, they came up negative. And when the Colombian announced his 1992 results, involving 45,000 people in four countries, outside scientists suggested the study was sloppily conducted.

Patarroyo accused his northern critics of "intellectual racism," of prejudice against a Third World scientist. He found defenders among Third World health ministers, and sympathy in important places.

"If you're coming from a situation that's not Harvard, not Yale, you have to fight for recognition," said Howard D. Engers, who oversees malaria vaccine research for WHO.

More trials were needed. Under WHO supervision, SPf66 was tried out in malaria's African epicenter, and in 1994 intriguing results were reported: It appeared to protect almost one-third of the 1-to-5-year-olds inoculated in a Tanzanian village.

But the sampling was small and the margin of error large. And then, last year, British scientists reported SPf66 did no good at all when injected in

"But money is needed from outside sources ... especially American money," Behbehani said. The United States, demanding WHO management reforms, has withheld \$211 million it owes the organization for 1995 and 1996.

under-1-year-olds in West Africa. Researchers now await the report from the latest trial, on children in Thailand, expected by mid-1996. Patarroyo, meanwhile, has donated the vaccine to WHO, forgoing any royalties for himself.

What if SPf66 proves to be 30 percent effective with a few years' duration? Would that justify a worldwide vaccination campaign?

Engers says it would, that a WHO analysis found such a vaccine would cost just \$10 to \$20 per life saved.

Others disagree. "30 percent is not adequate," Indian malaria specialist G.P. Singh Dhillon said in New Delhi. "It'll last only a few years and it's against falciparum, which is only 40 percent of India's problem."

Many malariaologists say looking for a "silver bullet" is futile. The disease is too complex, the parasites too variable.

Patarroyo agrees - to a point. "From the beginning it was clear SPf66 was a partial solution, but it was the way to get to the final solution," he said.

"... It is amazing how they criticize me. ... Where is their work? I want to see another vaccine candidate with 30 percent results."

Here in Papua New Guinea, researchers do have another vaccine, developed with Australian help, one of a half-dozen on WHO's "candidate" list.

Trials are beginning in the thatched-bamboo villages near Maprik, where half the children have at least low levels of the parasite in their blood. An unprotected person can get 400 mosquito bites in a night here.

The tests will take two years, but Michael Alpers, director of Papua New Guinea's Institute of Medical Research, takes a long view.

After all, the vaccine is the product of 17 years of institute research, during which he once had to wait 18 months for clearance from the Americans to use their owl monkeys to test just one vaccine component.

And Alpers is realistic. "This is not going to be a be-all and end-all," he said.

But he and colleague Blaise Genton, a vaccine specialist, know time may be short, too.

Drug resistance is increasing in New Guinea, and malaria is spreading to the island's cooler Central Highlands - just as scientists predict global warming may reintroduce the disease into temperate zones worldwide.

The moving target continues moving. And an army of scientists is struggling to keep up. "That's what makes it so difficult to develop a malaria vaccine," Genton said.

"It's one of the most unknown diseases. And the more I work in this area, the more I understand I don't know."



Heng Samrin, king substitute, plows several furrows during a Sacred Furrow ceremony in Phnom Penh. The Sacred Furrow is held on a field near Royal Palace on the Fourth day of the waning moon in the lunar month of a year. At the end of the ceremony, sacred cows are allowed to eat on several plates of different grains they wish. The grains are believed to be the most abundant during the season. AP Photo

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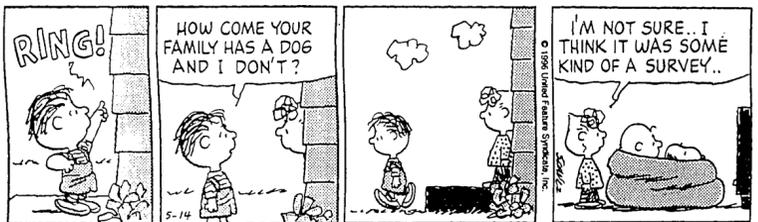
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By Stella Wilder

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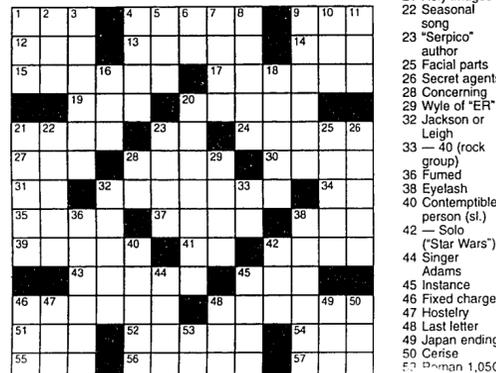
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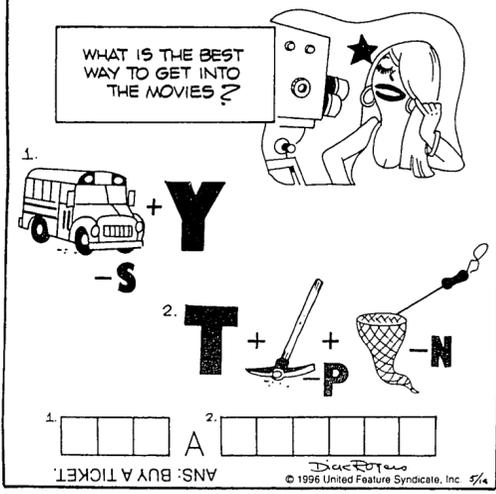
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Bulls lead Knicks in semis 3-1

NEW YORK (AP) - The Bulls are headed back to Chicago with a 3-1 lead, thanks to Bill Wennington and not Michael Jordan.

seconds remained, but Wennington made two key baskets late in the game and the Bulls beat the New York Knicks 94-91 Sunday.

Knicks to come back from an 11-point deficit and take a 89-86 lead. Wennington broke the drought with a dunk over Patrick Ewing with 1:32 left, then the reserve center put Chicago ahead for good on a baseline jumper with

37 seconds to go. Ewing missed a jumper and Jordan made two foul shots with 11.2 seconds left, giving the Knicks a chance to try for a tie.

before he drained a 3-pointer that would have tied it. Chicago rebounded cleanly to Wennington and the horn sounded, and the Bulls had dodged a loss to a team that's giving them more trouble than anyone expected.

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Sandberg hit his eighth homer, in the first inning off Mark Clark (1-5), who lost his third straight decision. Sosa led off the fourth with his 11th home run - and fifth off the Mets - to make it 2-0.

league-leading 56th homer as they finished off their first sweep this season and first in Pittsburgh of three games or more since June 6-8, 1977. Hill went 4-for-5 to raise his average to .550 during the Giants' 5-1 road trip.

Goff to score five unearned runs. Mark Grudzielanek went 5-for-5, tying a career high, and scored three runs, and Henry Rodriguez and F.P. Santangelo added two-run doubles as Montreal improved its major-league best home record to 16-4.

Johnson hit a two-out homer in the bottom of the ninth inning to give Florida its seventh straight victory and a sweep of Colorado. Johnson, who entered the game as a defensive replacement in the eighth, connected off Curtis Leskanic (2-2) for his seventh homer.

Petkovsek pitched well, and Tom Pagnozzi had two RBIs to lead St. Louis over Hideo Nomo, avoiding a sweep by Los Angeles. Nomo (5-3), who had won three straight, allowed four runs on nine hits with six strikeouts and two walks in his five innings.

Stunned . . . Continued from page 20

to the death of a good friend," said kicker John Carney, who helped Culver coordinate team chapel sessions and was a fellow Notre Dame alum.

a positive influence, you better not wait for tomorrow." Everyone had the same impression of the 26-year-old running back - pleasant, humble, team-oriented, devoted father and husband, an all-around good guy who had his priorities straight.

office. "I've been wanting to get away, and yet I knew I had to stay there for phone calls and things of that nature," he said. "You want to reflect on it yourself and think about him."

concerned. They're still part of our family." "He wasn't the marquee name, but we played every bit as good with Rodney in there as the starter," Beathard said.

They don't demand any time, never cause any problems. These are the guys who hold teams together."

Brazilian . . . Continued from page 20

into the tournament, was playing in his first final since November 1990. Although he had the edge in experience, the former Swedish star showed signs of nervousness early.

"The whole match was in the first three games," Wilander said. "Today, I think in the beginning, I was maybe a bit too pumped up, and I was worried about winning the match and the tournament rather than how I'm going to beat this guy."

"At the same time, I felt I had everything to lose and nothing to win," he added. "For him it was the opposite. That might have helped him relax a little more."

Meligeni has seemed relaxed this week. Sunday, he danced for the crowd after one point and played peek-a-boo with Wilander from behind the grandstand after flying over a clock while chasing down a ball early in the second set.

Several times, he tracked down balls that appeared to be unreachable, turning clear winners for his opponent into momentum-turning points for himself.

Mickelson . . . Continued from page 20

"If he keeps playing like he is, he's going to be well paid for coming here." He did and he was. Mickelson led the tournament after the second round and went on to become the first player to win at least three times in a year since Greg Norman and Lee Janzen each won three in 1995.

The final round over the Four Seasons Tournament Players Course unfolded with Mickelson nursing a fragile one-shot lead over reigning U.S. Open champion Corey Pavin, journeyman Mark Wiebe and "Good Time" Charlie Rymer.

Meligeni needed a dramatic change in strategy to pull it off. Instead of staying back on the baseline and rallying with the crafty Swede, Meligeni turned aggressive and rushed the net whenever possible. He won 23 of the 27 points at the net.

"I played hard. I went to the net and I never got to the net like this," Meligeni said. "That was the difference today for me."

Meligeni broke Wilander in the third and fifth games of the second set before finishing with a flourish - a rocket backhand right on the line at match point, his 19th winner. Meligeni's other ATP Tour win came last summer in Bastad, Sweden.



Tongan boxer Paea Wolfgramm takes a break from working out at former Olympic boxer Michael Carbajal's Ninth Street Gym in Phoenix, Arizona. At left is Danny Carbajal, Michael's brother manager, who has been training Wolfgramm.



# Sonics dethrone Rockets

SHAWN Kemp scored five of Seattle's 13 points in overtime as the Sonics fended off an emotion-filled comeback by two-time NBA champion Houston to win 114-107 Sunday and complete a sweep of the best-of-seven NBA Western Conference semifinals.

The Rockets erased a 20-point second-half deficit, forcing overtime on Sam Cassell's 3-pointer with 4.1 seconds left in regulation, and took their only lead of the game in the overtime. Over the last two seasons, Houston had won its previous eight playoff

games in which it faced elimination but couldn't do it a ninth time.

Kemp had 32 points and 15 rebounds and Gary Payton added 24 points and 11 assists to pace the Sonics, who will face the winner of the San Antonio-Utah series in the Western Conference finals.

The Sonics went on a 9-0 run in the overtime to overcome Houston's first lead of the game in the extra period.

Clyde Drexler had a free throw to open the overtime, then Mario Elie's shot went in off the glass with 3:18 to go to give the Rockets a 104-101 advantage.

But Sam Perkins hit a pair of free throws, Hersey Hawkins had a layup, Kemp was fouled as his shot went in and converted for a 3-point play, then

Hawkins made another pair of free throws to put Seattle ahead to stay.

Houston, showing the heart that marked its tenure as NBA champion, tied the game at 101 with 4.1 seconds to go in regulation on Cassell's big shot.

Magic 103, Hawks 96

In Atlanta, the Magic, led by 24 points from Shaquille O'Neal, took a 3-0 lead over Atlanta in the best-of-7 Eastern Conference semifinals. It was the sixth straight victory of the playoffs for Orlando.

Foul trouble kept O'Neal on the bench for long stretches in the second half, but he came up with two big plays in the final minutes.

After Atlanta cut the Magic lead

to 97-96 on two free throws by Christian Laettner with 2:47 remaining, O'Neal caught a pass in the lane with Laettner on his back. Instead of trying to force up a shot and risk his sixth foul, O'Neal dished the ball outside to Dennis Scott, who hit a 3-pointer with 2:28 left.

Anfernee Hardaway tipped in his own miss with 1:46 remaining to give the Magic a 102-96 lead, then O'Neal sealed the victory at the defensive end. Steve Smith drove through the lane but was stuffed by Shaq, with the ball deflecting out of bounds off Smith's back.

Laettner led Atlanta with 26 points and Mookie Blaylock kept the Hawks close in the third quarter with 16 of his 20 points.

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### MASTERS DIVISION

Team Name	W	L	%
1. Copenhagen/Skoal Outdoors	125	44	73.96
2. Skoal Racing Bandits	99	57	63.46
3. Henry's Bouncers	93	76	55.03
4. Mogambo African Kings	92	77	54.44
5. Kio's Bouncers	81	75	51.92
6. Angus Beef Eaters	51	118	30.18
7. Tommy's Terrors	31	125	19.87

### B DIVISION

Team Name	W	L	%
1. Songbird Bees	115	50	69.70
2. Dart Haus Blue	103	62	62.42
3. Bud Ice Low Lifes	99	66	60.00
4. Rudolpho's Jr.	99	66	60.00
5. Rust Evader	92	73	55.76
6. Team STS	78	87	47.27
7. Hot 98 Roots, Rock & Reggae	65	100	39.39
8. Mogambo African Warriors	64	101	38.79
9. Wolfgang	59	106	35.76
10. Duty Free Shoppers	51	114	30.91

### C DIVISION

Team Name	W	L	%
1. Songbird C Notes	122	43	73.94
2. Dart HAUS C2	101	64	61.21
3. Rudolpho's Rudartos	98	67	59.39
4. Oleai Beach Boys	92	73	55.76
5. Sign Design	84	70	54.55
6. Wiseman's Barristers	64	90	41.56
7. Mom's Dart Babes	64	101	38.79
8. Dart Haus C1	24	141	14.55

### A-DIVISION

Team Name	W	L	%
1. Team Red Dog Beer	106	48	68.83
2. Len's Restaurant	107	58	64.85
3. Mozart's Overthrow	99	66	60.00
4. P.O.I. Sure Hits	91	63	59.09
5. Tom's Superheroes II	93	72	56.36
6. Oleai Beach Restaurant	92	73	55.76
7. Songbird Blackbirds	75	90	45.45
8. Lite Beer	61	104	36.97
9. Miller MGD	56	98	36.36
10. Dart Vaders	23	131	14.94

### MIXED DOUBLES DIVISION

Team Name	W	L	%
1. Sheldon & Yoli	104	61	63.03
2. Chuck & Stephanie	87	67	56.49
3. Gary & Becky	90	75	54.55
4. Mark & Gladys	89	76	53.94
5. Paul & Rowena	74	80	48.05
6. Tom & Mary	77	88	46.67
7. Burt & Rosemarie	76	89	46.06
8. Bob & Merle	74	91	44.85
9. Larry & Doreen	73	92	44.24
10. Bob & Miles	70	95	42.42

We only have three weeks left, any make up games need to be made up by May 31, 1996. If you can't reach the opposing team, call us and we will try to help you. Although we don't have phone numbers for everyone.

The End of Season Banquet will be on June 16, 1996 at Charlie's Cabaret in PIC. Sign in will begin at 9:30 am. We will have a brief meeting with elections and a tournament (the format has not yet been decided). Hope to see you there!!

We will be assembling the trophies on Wednesday night at 7:00 pm. If you would like to join us for pizza, beer, soft drinks and lots of work call Mary on the Beeper (236-5090)

## Phillies snap Braves win streak

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Undeclared rookie Mike Grace outdueled Greg Maddux, pitching a four-hitter as the Philadelphia Phillies snapped Atlanta's seven-game winning streak with a 6-0 victory over the Braves. Grace (6-0) struck out five on Sunday and walked only one while retiring the final 17 batters in his first career shutout. Four-time Cy Young Award winner Maddux (4-3) lost consecutively for the first time since June 22 and 27, 1994. The only threat against Grace came in the fourth inning.

Mark Lemke led off with a single, but Chipper Jones' bid for a base hit struck Lemke. Fred McGriff followed with a single, but Grace got David Justice on a long fly and Ryan Klesko on a groundout.

The Phillies scored three runs in the first. Lenny Dykstra led off with a single and moved to second on Mickey Morandini's bunt single. One out later, Todd Zeile had an RBI double before a run-scoring grounder linked to a bad throw by shortstop Jeff Blauser resulted in two more runs.

Cubs 3, Mets 0

In New York, Jim Bullinger

pitched a two-hitter, and Ryne Sandberg and Sammy Sosa had home runs as Chicago broke a five-game losing streak.

The 30-year-old Bullinger (2-3) struck out four and did not allow a walk in his first shutout and complete game since July 30, 1995 against Philadelphia. Jeff Kent had both hits for the Mets.

The game was tranquil, a reversal from Saturday, when a brushback-inspired brawl led to the ejections of eight players and a coach.

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## Brazilian wins US Men's Clay Court tennis title

PINEHURST, North Carolina (AP) - Fernando Meligeni, who held off six match points earlier in the week, did not need a great escape as he overpowered Mats Wilander to win the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championship, his second career ATP Tour title.

The 25-year-old Brazilian won the first three games on Sunday and never let up on his way to a comfortable 6-4, 6-2 victory. He earned a first-prize check of \$37,500.

"Today is one of the best matches I have played," Meligeni said. "Mats knows what he has to do to beat a guy and he has beaten me three times before. But today, I got into the match and played more aggressive. I didn't make a lot of mistakes. That was the big difference."

Wilander, whose 33 career championships are one fewer than the rest of the 32-player field combined coming

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## Stunned Chargers deal with another tragedy

By BERNIE WILSON

SAN DIEGO (AP) - There was plenty for the San Diego Chargers to say about teammate Rodney Culver; the tough part was expressing it.

With glum faces and voices that trailed off, the Chargers numbly dealt with their second tragedy in 11 months. Culver and his wife Karen were aboard the airliner that nose-dived into the Florida Everglades on Saturday.

A year ago, starting outside linebacker David Griggs was killed in a car crash in a Miami suburb.

On Sunday came word that authorities called off the search for possible survivors of the fatal crash of ValuJet Flight 592, which carried 104 passengers and five crew members.

"A tragedy like this makes football seem small and insignificant compared

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## Mickelson gets third US win in '96

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Phil Mickelson chipped in for a dramatic eagle 3 at the 16th green Sunday en route to a closing 4-under-par 66 and won the GTE Byron Nelson Classic by two strokes.

It was his second eagle of the day and gave him a 15-under total of 265.

The left-hander nosed out Australian Craig Parry to become the first three-time winner on the U.S. PGA Tour this year. It was his eighth career victory.

The \$270,000 first prize was his biggest paycheck ever and vaulted him from third to first on the American order of merit with \$1,072,145.

Parry, who was in the clubhouse and tied for the lead when Mickelson made the pivotal eagle, finished with a 65. David Duval also had a 65 and was third, another shot back.

Nick Price and Jeff Sluman, with 67s, tied for fourth at 269.

Mickelson interrupted his holiday to play here at the request of tournament namesake Byron Nelson. As a national television audience tuned in Sunday, Nelson said:

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