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Woman found dead

By Ferdie de la Torre
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AN UNIDENTIFIED woman believed to be a tourist was found dead at Saipan Grand Hotel beach in Susupe early yesterday morning.

The Variety gathered that the woman was seen floating near a speed boat located in front of the

Commonwealth Marine Leisure Corp. at 6:30 a.m.

Police investigators at the crime scene refused to release any information about the incident.

Investigators referred this reporter to Cathy Sheu, public safety information officer. Sheu was off duty because it was a holiday yesterday.

Sources, however, said the body

was discovered by a Bangladeshi security guard who was conducting a routine inspection at two CMLC speed boats which were anchored at the beach.

Responding police investigators immediately cordoned the beach side before they retrieved the body after about two hours, sources said.

As of yesterday afternoon, the no

one had claimed the body in the morgue of the Commonwealth Health Center.

An autopsy will be conducted to determine the cause of death of the woman.

Sources only described the woman as either a Japanese or a Korean and was wearing a blue T-shirt.

The same sources said the woman was possibly one of the hotel's guests.

Unconfirmed information showed that some guests were still swimming at the beach at 1 a.m.

At 1:30 a.m. a male and a female guests were allegedly observed arguing in the hotel's lobby.

Police are still investigating the case. The Department of Public Safety is expected to release more information to the media today.



US Army Reserve/Saipan members point their guns up in the air for the 21-rifle salute during yesterday's Memorial Day ceremony held at the Veterans' Memorial Monument in Susupe. (See story on page 3)

—(photo by Ferdie de la Torre)

US military to continue strong presence here, Brewer assures

By Rafael H. Arroyo
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THE US Military will continue to play a strong role in the Marianas and has no plans of giving up its lease of Tinian land, Rear Adm. David L. Brewer III said.

In an interview after keynoting yesterday's Memorial Day cer-

emonies held at the Susupe Veterans monument, the commander of the Naval Command for the Marianas (COMNAVMA) said the US still considers its military presence in the Marianas as vital to the stability of the region.

"I think the US military's role will continue to be very robust, strong here in the Marianas. We have no intentions of leaving the area," said Brewer.

Brewer was also asked to comment on a resolution being readied in the CNMI House of Representatives seeking a full return of the land currently leased by the military on Tinian pursuant to the section 802 of the Covenant.

He said as of now, there are no plans to release more Tinian land other than the 600 hectares that were negotiated in August of 1994 between Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja and then Pacific Commander Rear Adm. Edward Kristensen. Such a negotiation also led to a lease-back of over 3,000 hectares to the



David L. Brewer III

CNMI government.

"We've just given some land back on a leaseback to Tinian and as far as we're concerned, that's as far as it's going to go for now," said Brewer.

"We always evaluate our military lands. We do that on a routine basis worldwide. But there is no intent right now to get back any more land on Tinian," he said.

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NMI may get \$100-M share on galleon find

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

THE Commonwealth government will get 25 percent of the value of a 400-year-old sunken Spanish galleon that is being salvaged off the waters of Rota.

An appraisal committee tasked with estimating the value of the find has put the value of *Santa Margarita* to be about \$400 million, according to Director Manuel C. Sablan of the Coastal Resources Management.

Sablan said they could not rely on the estimated figure, however.

"What is going to happen is that once the IOTA (the contractor) starts salvaging for the removal of the treasure, the CNMI government would have a representative for the inventory," he said.

The 17th century vessel was one of two ships that sailed from the Philippines in July 1600 and



Manuel C. Sablan

sank in Rota in 1601.

Sablan said the historical treasures that would be retrieved might be auctioned off using the services either of Sotheby's or Christie's auction houses.

"However, we also have an option that the CNMI government can get that particular treasure," Sablan said.

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Disparity in federal, NMI wage levels may yet widen

THE DISPARITY between the Commonwealth and the federal minimum wage stands to widen further if a bill currently pending in the US Senate for a 90-cent increase is passed and enacted into law.

On the other hand, if Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio signs the wage increase bill passed by the CNMI Legislature last week, he may be defying concerns raised earlier by US Labor Sec. Robert Reich over the local minimum wage issue.

In a letter to Tenorio last February 2, US Labor Sec. Robert Reich reiterated the Clinton Administration's position that the current CNMI law that provides for a 30-cent should take its course.

Moreover, it should be incorporated into the Fair Labor Standards Act, as a provision enforceable under federal law, Reich said.

"It is our belief that continuation of the gradual but steady increase in the minimum wage previously adopted by the CNMI's executive branch and Legislature, enforceable by federal authorities as well as the Commonwealth, is in the best interests of both the CNMI and the United States," said Reich in his letter to Tenorio.

"A single minimum wage rate with established annual increases will be less confusing to employees and employers, will better enable employers to make long term business decisions and will promote compliance," added the US labor secretary.

The 30-cent yearly increases that Reich was referring to is now in

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Weather Outlook



Mostly sunny

Bill Clinton takes on Dole

By JOHN KING
WASHINGTON (AP) - Bob Dole's resignation from the Senate has not translated into a quick rebound in the polls. But, for a week anyway, it had one significant campaign impact: President Clinton was lured out of the White House.



Bill Clinton

For months, the White House has stuck to the disciplined script of Ronald Reagan's 1984 re-election campaign, using carefully crafted White House ceremonies and presidential events to boost the incumbent's standing.

Responses to salvos to Dole and other Republicans were largely left to aides, and sometimes Vice President Al Gore, as Clinton himself all but ignored the fact that he was coming under almost daily campaign criticism.

Adding his own page to this traditional incumbent strategy, Clinton doesn't even plan to formally announce he is seeking reelection.

But Clinton made abundantly clear over the past week that he is a candidate.

Clinton challenged Dole on defense policy, specifically the Republican's call for a new missile defense system.

Clinton also tried to pre-empt a

Clinton's deputy campaign manager. Still, she suggested Clinton was drawn personally into the fray because of direct criticism from Dole, and that the preference is to stick to his strategy.

"When we can, as long as we can and as far into the year as we can, this president is going to go on doing the job of being president," Lewis said.

Both campaigns claimed victory in last week's skirmishes.

Even Republicans who believed Clinton handled himself well last week were happy the president had directly joined the fray - and suggested it was at least partly a result of Dole getting out of the day-to-day Senate routine and into a position to directly challenge Clinton.

"While it won't show up on the ballot test for a while, the focus on issues is hurting Bill Clinton," asserted Republican National Committee Chairman Haley Barbour.

"When people focus on issues, they will remember that he lives to tell people one thing and then do something else."

That will be a recurring Republican theme in the weeks ahead, and hardly sounded by

Dole alone.

Yet for all the White House complaints, the Clinton campaign for months had been airing ads sharply critical of Dole and House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

"His campaign ads are highly negative and anything but gentle," said University of Wisconsin political scientist Charles O. Jones.

Indeed, the new Clinton ad labeling Dole a quitter for resigning his Senate seat surprised many strategists in both parties, not only because of its content but because it was launched after a fresh round of polls suggesting Dole's dra-

matic gesture had not brought him new support.

"Just because the guy is down doesn't mean you don't need to do things to keep him down," said Clinton adviser James Carville.

Barbour, however, suggested the tough attack on Dole, and Clinton's more aggressive campaign posture of late, was evidence of jitters.

"Candidates secure in their lead don't go harshly negative against their opponent more than five months before the election," Barbour said. "I think we've managed to get his attention."



Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, of Kan., poses with former Republican presidential rival Steve Forbes prior to their meeting on Capitol Hill Wednesday. Dole promised his presidential campaign will offer American voters "pro-growth" tax reform, but refused to spell out any specifics. AP Photo

President appeals to soldiers to end mutiny

By JOSEPH BENAMSE
BANGUI, Central African Republic (AP) - Rebel soldiers released some hostages Sunday after President Ange-Felix Patasse reiterated an offer of amnesty for mutineers and urged them back to their barracks.

The status of the nine-day-old mutiny was unclear following Patasse's radio address to the nation.

Rebel leader Sgt. Cyriaque Souke on Sunday alternated between denouncing Patasse and predicting his followers would soon return to barracks. The soldiers have been under pressure since France, the former colonial power, put its military might behind Patasse on Wednesday.

Rebels released four hostages, including a government minister and the parliament speaker, but continued to hold the army chief of staff, British Broadcasting Corp. reported.

Army chief of staff Col. Maurice Regonessa and five other hostages, all either prominent governing party figures or people with close govern-

ment ties, have been seized since the country's latest uprising began May 18.

Patasse, who came to power in the country's first multiparty election three years ago, spoke on private radio because the state radio station was destroyed in fighting last week.

"Central Africans... you elected me to lead you," Patasse said. "Trust me to reestablish peace and national unity, trust me to rebuild our country... together, we will triumph."

The army, long used to controlling this country, has balked at bowing to democratic leadership.

Patasse first offered amnesty Tuesday to the estimated 200 mutineers. He also fired a military leader they opposed and invited more opposition groups into his government. But at a news conference Saturday, the president refused to fire the chief of his presidential guards, Col. Bedaya Djader, whom rebels accuse of trying to take over the army.

House action dismays GST

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

AN EXECUTIVE of the GST Telecom, Inc., is disappointed with the House of Representatives' passage of the bill that strikes out the exclusive right of the company to install optic fiber cable in the Commonwealth's submerged lands.

J. Jeffrey Mayhook, GST's general counsel, hinted the possibility of the company scrapping the entire project if the House bill, also known as the Submerged Lands Act, is enacted into law.

House Bill 10-226 which was approved Friday on a 16-1 vote, allows the Micronesian Telecom, Corp. to enter into a similar submerged lands lease agreement with the government, as it removes the

three-year exclusivity clause for GST.

Mayhook said allowing carriers other than GST to install a similar cable project would place his company in the losing end, considering the limited market in the CNMI on which, he said, the MTC has already established a base.

"If the House action becomes law," Mayhook said in an interview, "then it would not make economic sense for GST, or any other carrier to come in and put in so much excess carrying capacity, when there's a company here that controls the market."

Mayhook said the House members have "misunderstood" GST's rationale for exclusivity.

The original lease agreement executed by the administration

and GST, imposes a three-year moratorium that keeps other carriers from laying optic fiber cable in the CNMI's submerged lands during the 25-year lease period.

"The exclusivity clause is essentially calculated to ensure that we have a long term competition," Mayhook said. "It is designed to allow us to have an opportunity to get the system built and then to have a chance to get a share of the market and ensure a stable future."

He said MTC, having been in the CNMI for several years, has already established a captive rate base, as well as existing facilities.

Whereas, he added, GST will have to start from scratch.

"You can't build a phone company overnight," he said. "Our concern is that the market cannot sup-

port two cables." Mayhook said even the MTC, in an earlier study, indicated the limitations of the carrying capacity of one cable.

"We would be lucky to use 41 percent of it. So if you are to deploy two cables, which is very costly. That would mean less than 25 percent of the total capacity would be used," the GST executive said.

Mayhook was also disappointed that access to the cable project was served to MTC on a silver platter.

"The government has undertaken a process that was fair. We thought we understood the rules," Mayhook said. "We met the criteria, we offered the best long term solution for achieving an effective long term competition. And

after going through the whole process, the House comes back and suggest that the losing bidder could come in."

The bill is on its way to the Senate.

Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio, who has always expressed preference for GST, is displeased with the House's action.

At any rate, Mayhook hopes the Senate will reconsider the lower house's position.

"The process is not over yet," Mayhook said. "We are here to testify before the Senate and present our side of the story."

The Senate's committee on public utilities, transportation and communications is preparing to hold public hearings on the cable project.

'Freedom is not free'

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

REAR Adm. David Brewer yesterday called for vigilance among the Northern Marianas people to keep democracy alive in America, and warned against the "risk of complacency."

Threats to democracy are always a possibility as shown by history, said Brewer, commander of the Naval Forces in the Marianas.

"We must not let complacency desecrate the graves of these veterans who lie here today, who paid the ultimate sacrifice," Brewer said, keynoting yesterday's Memorial Day ceremony held at the veterans memorial park in Susupe.

"We must be vigilant in encouraging our leadership to take heed from history and the memory of the fallen heroes and heroines and keep America's defense strong into the 21st century. Freedom is not free," Brewer said.

Aside from the fallen soldiers of the Northern Marianas, Brewer also dedicated the ceremony to the memory of Adm. Jeremy "Mike" Boorda, the chief of Naval Operations, who died two weeks ago.

Boorda allegedly committed sui-

cide on May 17 amid questions regarding the legitimacy of his Vietnam combat decorations. (See related story).

Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio also led the CNMI in commemorating the death of the Northern Marianas' heroes.

The Northern Marianas lost 71 Marine Scouts, 3,500 Americans were killed, and some 15,000 more were wounded during the battle of Saipan and Tinian.

"The brave men and women we honor today refused to take their freedom for granted. They sought out opportunities to be of service. They fought for themselves and they fought for the rest of us," Tenorio said.

The governor also called on the CNMI people to "take this opportunity to rededicate ourselves to service to our community, our Commonwealth and our nation as we salute those who gave their last full measure devotion."

For his part, Brewer reminded the CNMI people that war is a continuing threat.

"Successfully defending democracy, we are faced with, in

the words of our now befallen Adm. Mike Boorda, a new old risk," Brewer told the crowd gathered at the park.

The Navy official recalled that when the United States "won the first of the wars to end all wars," the military receded to complacency until another war came along.

"We stacked our rifles, mothballed our fleet, and pounded our swords into plowshares. Hitler cross the rhine in World War II and the Japanese attacked Pearl harbor, and we had to frantically rebuild."

Then came the wars in Korea, Vietnam and Iraq. Since the birth of the United States, he said, "we have not had a 20-year period of uninterrupted peace."

"Put it another way," he added, "no military career soldiers, sailor marine, or airman in this country's history has ever completed a military career when our nation is not engaged in armed conflict at least once."

This situation, Brewer said, gives a clue that American people should always be on the guard.

Brewer pays tribute to late Adm. Boorda

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

NAVY official Rear Adm. David L. Brewer, yesterday paid tribute to the late Adm. Jeremy "Mike" Boorda, chief of the US Naval Operations.

Boorda, a Vietnam war veteran, died in an apparent suicide last May 17.

"Adm. Boorda was a sailor's sailor," Brewer said in a speech delivered during the Memorial Day ceremony held at the Veterans Memorial Park in Susupe.

Boorda allegedly killed himself upon learning of the Newsweek magazine's plan to investigate the legitimacy of his Vietnam war decorations. Boorda was alleged to be wearing a fake "V" (valor) medal. Boorda served in the military for 41 years.

Brewer cited Boorda for lying about his age so he could enlist in the Navy at the age of 16.

"Adm. Boorda's compassion and dedication to your Navy and your country was unparalleled," Brewer said.

Brewer, chief of the the Naval



Boorda in an AP file photo

Forces in the Marianas, cited Boorda's forging of programs that ensured the best organized Navy in the world.

He worked to ensure a Navy that objects to any prejudice or discrimination, Brewer added.

"He was a fierce supporter of the deckplate sailor and forged a Navy that will ensure that a sailor will only be limited by his or her talent and persistence," Brewer said.



Veterans render salute to honor comrades during yesterday's Memorial Day ceremony.



Gov. Froilan Tenorio bows head after laying an executive wreath at the Veterans Monument yesterday. (Photo by Ferdie de la Torre)



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Selebrasion Sinkuenta Años

GUINE gi mapos na Bietnes, estudiante, maestro yan maestra yan mañaina maselebra i mina' sinkuenta años deste ke maestabese i primet na eskuela guine, esdesit, i William S. Reyes Elementary School.

Organisao na aktibidad para todos i manpattispao guihe na haane, kontodo fina' bokañ prefekto natibo plantao para todos i bumeste ayo na okasion.

Buente inhaso trenta años malofan 'nai kanaha' entero natibo mañasaga gi hagas seingsoñg Chalan Kanoa, Susupe, As Lito' yan Afetña. Todo estudiante siempre umeskuela finenina gi WSR Elementary School fuera ha' de 'nos kuantos ni manhanao guato gi kinder garten as madre.

Kanaha' lokue todo dañgkulo na fuñgion komunida guihe na tiempo makondudukta' gi plasan eskuela tat komo UN yan Liberation Day na aktibidad. Tat ti tatte guato para u ega' parade, piot sa' todo tiempo sumasaoñ i danderon i Navy. Dispues de aktibidad haane, mana' fagpo gi bailan chalan gi menan i offisinan Munisipalidad Saipan.

I oriyen eskuela binebeste nu i tronkun kamachili siha. Paire na fina' nuhoñg para i publiko gi todo aktibidad linahyan. I mas dañgkulo na fina' buruka guihe na tiempo ennao i mumon bulacheria. Los dimas, bonito yan safu memegaña na selebrasion.

Seguroyo' na guaha kampo gi korason ayo siha i maneskuela gi CK (WSR) Elementary School para i eskuela 'nai tatuhon man eyag fotmat na leksion. Agradesiyon todo i finaposta guihe na tiempo piot 'nai chumatsaga i tano' gi tinilaiken Navy yan Interior. Ai, lamegai na fina gupot Christmas hu letke sa' ti hulañgag lumagnos i bente sinko sientemos. Diberas na o'sun i maestragho humuñgog "esta gupa". Lao bula lokue' mangachonhgo fumapogue este na chinatsaga.

Tai malefagho un' taloane antes de oran amotsa, estaba un' laguana gi kanton bentana 'nai mamaisen i maestron mame haye tumuñgo hafa naañña ayo na fruta gi fino' English. Silensio i kuaatto 'nai halie' i maestro un' kanañ gi san lichen. 'Nai mafaisen i gachonhgo, ensegidas ilegña "legueners". Ai na duron chaleg. Lao mauleg ha' ta atbansa hombre haye ha' na Amerikano talie' ta agañg "Joe". Magahet na lagse' este i Chamorro gi mascha hafa na ineyag bastara ke hagas manmadoñgduñg guelata yan guelota.

Kase todo lokue' estudiantie guihe na tiempo chumage fumila gi menan bandera an ogaan Lunes 'nai talachai muñukoti "Stars Spangled Banner". Ayo ha' klaro i tutuhon "O' say can you see..." yan i uttimo "and the home of the free". Los dimas, kulan fino' Chamorro mohon entalo'ña i national anthem. Lao sin inbatgo, monhayan i kanta ke de hemunos kao fino English pat Chamorro.

I eskuela mafanaan William S. Reyes Elementary School komo onru para i defunto Mr. Reyes ni chumachalane edukasion famaguon natibo pareho ha' gi primet eskalera yan 'nai maneskuela famaguonta hiyoñg Marianas. Dispues de magraduha hao gi sais grado, humano lichen hao Saipan Intermediate School (Hopwood Jr. High). Dispues, i muna siña malag Guam ha konsige estudion niha gi Father Dueñas osino George Washington.

Guie na tiempo, i leksion primet yan segundo grado mafanage mañgge' fino' Chamorro. Un' tutuhon umeyag ABC gi fino English gi mina tres grado. Hmmm, adahe sa' sumen na' banidosu 'an untuñgo tumaitai estorian Dick, Jane, Sally yan Spot. Piot 'nai man eyag hit pot mansana, peras, ubas yan kahet. Kontodo basulan Agiñgan ta guaguadog para ta ke lie' hafa este siha na gulusinan lago. Suette sa' taya' imbeninao.

Seguroyo' lokue' na bula chamage mana' mutta sinko sientemos pot magacha' fumino Chamorro yan Carolinas. Adaha na insutto deste hafa prefekto liñguahita esta i fino' English. Teug' na insutto gi liñguahen natibo ya manmalefa na 'nai manmafañago hit, Chamorro yan Carolinas hila'ta. Mauleg ta implementa i mismo kastigo gi todo estudiantie ni paya' fumino' Chamorro yan Carolinas ke de hemunos kao pelun ginan lago, Chino, Koreano osino Japones. Debi u fan eyag fino' tano'.

Ti bai' malefa lokue' an matto i tiempion Christmas ya kada estudiantie manae' un' dikiki' na kahitan regalo ginen i American Red Cross. Ai na nina' magof sa' mafagpo' ha' i haanen gupot ya tat mas aseguro na regalo fuera ke palabra "regalo". Bueno, un' dañgkulo na congrayulasion para i WSR Elementary School!



No shutdown ahead, but fights loom

WASHINGTON (AP) - Even the House's fiery freshman Republicans say there won't be another federal shutdown this election year. But the \$ 1.63 trillion budget for 1997 will still be a high-profile political battleground for both parties.

The 16-month brawl between Congress and President Clinton that produced this year's budget was as bitter as any in memory, and it came down to two competing themes. Republicans said they are more serious than Clinton about slashing spending and taxes and reducing the size and power of government. Clinton and fellow Democrats latched onto the budget-balancing drive but claimed Republicans were pursuing it in an extreme, mean-spirited way.

With House-Senate bargainers ready to begin drafting a compromise budget-balancing blueprint and committee work under way on individual spending bills, the fight over fiscal 1997 has already begun. And both sides are sticking to the basic themes.

But with control of the White House and both houses of Congress at stake in less than six months, neither side seems willing to risk alienating voters by going to the mat.

"This is a presidential election year," said Rep. George Radanovich, president of the 74-member House Republican first-termers. "You're not going to see a government shutdown even discussed before the election. It's not in anybody's best interests."

But that's not to say there won't be battles. Both parties find it hard to resist the opportunities the budget offers to grab the high ground plus tarnish their rivals on issues such as cutting taxes, financing popular programs and controlling the deficit.

In some cases, there are internal strains. House Republicans have already voted to provide about as much in fiscal 1997, which begins Oct. 1, as they did

this year for annually approved domestic programs. But the amount is \$ 5 billion less than their more moderate Senate counterparts want.

It was Republican cuts in such programs - school aid, environmental cleanups - that Democrats criticized repeatedly last year in hopes of tarring Republicans as uncaring extremists. Many Republicans want to avoid a replay of those attacks, and the record 27-day government closure.

"What I am trying to do, so you all know, is to make sure we do not end up like we did last year," Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, Republican of New Mexico, said Thursday as senators voted 75-25 for his amendment adding the extra money.

House-Senate negotiators will ultimately agree to a compromise figure. But even with the full \$ 5 billion extra, 1997 spending would still fall \$ 14 billion below what the White House wants.

The administration is already on the attack. In a recent letter White House officials wrote describing emerging Republican spending plans, they tossed such incendiary phrases as "jeopardize our efforts to protect public health and the environment," "threatens to underfund our parks and public lands," and "drastically cut the president's anti-crime requests."

Republicans hope to take the offensive on the issue of tax cuts, which Democrats say are irresponsible during a time of fierce deficits but oppose at their own political peril.

Besides keeping the government functioning, will anything substantive be achieved on the budget in this year's political hothouse climate? Participants doubt it.

"I still have some hope," said Rep. Martin Sabo, Democrat of Minnesota, ranking Democrat on the House Budget Committee. "But it diminishes with each week."

Seaweed farmers clash in RP; 7 dead

ZAMBOANGA CITY, Philippines (AP) - A turf dispute between two seaweed businessmen in a southern Philippine island led to a gunbattle that killed 7 people and injured 12 others, police said Monday.

The fighting occurred Friday night at a coastal village of Pata Island in Sulu, according to Constantino Sayson, director of the Basilan island police command.

All the victims employees of the feuding seaweed businessmen, Sayson said.

Sulu is among the major producers of Philippine seaweed, which is exported mostly to the United States and Europe as semi-processed products.

Police learned of the clash from three of the injured workers who were taken for treatment to a hospital in nearby Basilan, said Sayson.

Pata is about 930 kilometers (576 miles) south of Manila, or 150 kilometers (90 miles) southwest

of Zamboanga. Hubari Jadjali, one of the wounded, told police the fighting erupted when armed followers of another seaweed businessman came onto the farm of their employer.

The police report did not identify the businessmen, saying only that they were prominent in Sulu.

Jadjali said his group sustained two deaths and five wounded. The rest of the casualties were from the rival camp.

Fighting ended when the intruding gunmen withdrew, he said.

Clashes among private armies are common in Sulu, a predominantly Muslim province known to have one of the heaviest concentrations of loose firearms in the country.

Sulu, like Basilan, is also host to thousands of government and rebel troops as well as bandit groups specializing either in kidnapping-for-ransom or piracy.

Tenorio backs 4-year limit

THE BILL passed by the House last week to require all non-resident workers to exit after four consecutive years of employment in the Commonwealth is gaining support from Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio.

In an interview yesterday, Tenorio said he finds merit in the proposal as he believes it would not pose any problems for workers.

"To me, the only reason why they (House) want this is so they can break up the stay of workers. For me, I just want everybody to know that the



Froilan C. Tenorio

opportunity to work here is a privilege, and not a right," said Tenorio.

According to the governor, he may go with it, "just so they know that they're not here permanently."

"Besides, most of them go home after two or three years to visit their families. So I don't think it's an inconvenience on the part of the workers. I think it's a reasonable condition to attach to this bill," said Tenorio.

House Bill 10-136, authored by Rep. Ana S.

Teregeyo, is attempting to bring back the restriction on the time period workers can stay without exiting, a provision that used to be in the statute until its repeal in 1993.

A limited stay for non-resident workers was enacted by the Legislature in 1988 out of concern that such workers may end up gaining permanent residency in the islands.

The issue was revisited in 1992 when government found it had to repatriate thousands of workers be-

cause of the four year sunset provision that brands them as excludable aliens.

After strong lobbying from the business sector, then Gov. Larry I. Guerrero enacted a law in 1993 repealing any such references to a four-year limit for workers recognizing the disruptive effect such a policy may have on private sector industries.

If Tenorio will indeed support the new bill, it will be just the Senate vote standing in the way of its enactment into law.

Kinney wants executor, counsel out of proceedings



Kaelani Kinney

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

PETITIONER Kaelani Kinney has recommended the permanent removal of Larry Hillblom's estate executor Bank of Saipan and its counsel Carlsmith law firm as one of the sanctions for violating its duty of loyalty to the estate due to conflicts of interest and self-dealing acts.

In her motion filed Friday to the Superior Court, Kinney, through counsel David J. Lujan, asked that the executor be surcharged for the entirety of the estate's loss.

Kinney also requested that the key transactions made by the executor, through its representative Joe Waechter, be unwound so that the estate is placed back in the position last July when the conspiracy was conducted with the seizure and control of the Bank of Saipan (BOS).

Presiding Judge Alexandro Castro affirmed the report of Special Master Rexford Kosack that the executor participated in a plan to take control of the estate and its administration by a group of claimants and potential beneficiaries.

Castro asked all interested parties in the probate to submit proposed remedies on how to deal or sanction the suspended executor.

Lujan said the probate requires a fresh start. An executor should be named who is unbiased, free from conflicts of interest and who will protect the estate for all potential heirs, he said.

Lujan pointed out that it may well be an abuse of discretion not to impose the removal penalty especially where there are multiple breaches of loyalty and other fiduciary obligations.

In order to make the estate whole

and to protect against similar behavior, the lawyer suggested that the estate must be reimbursed for all losses it has suffered due to the executor's improper conduct.

Citing Kosack's findings that the executor has been involved in a variety of acts of self-dealing, which has been aided and abetted by its lawyer, Lujan said their acts must be penalized by requiring them to return any fees paid from Hillblom's assets.

Lujan said punitive damages should be assessed against the executor because the extent of wrongdoing in the estate's administration is shocking.

Kinney's counsel said among the transactions need to be unwound are:

- BOS must return the 199,275 shares transferred by CHC.
- Rejection of DHLC and DHLI Loan Agreements.
- Reversal of Danao transfer of \$18.5 million from equity to debt.
- Removal of the Donnici Group from decision-making control of the major estate assets.



COME HOLY SPIRIT. Sor Theresa Liza P. Galero, a visionary who says she regularly talks to the Holy Child, "baptizes" a girl Sunday at the San Isidro beach while other children wait for their turn. Photo by Rick Alberto

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Gov't men trained as public speakers

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff
TWELVE employees from five government offices constituted the first batch of graduates of a pioneer course on effective public speaking for government men at the

Northern Marianas College Saturday. According to Melody Actouka, director of the NMC continuing education department, the course was designed to "help people gain confidence in their abilities to give

effective presentations." "We expect that people who went through this program will feel more confident as they go back to their various government agencies and give presentations whether it's in a public forum or before the legislature," Actouka said.

Dr. Bill Bingham, a speech instructor, conducted the course.

He said it was the first time the college offered such a course specially tailored for government employees, who "want to improve their ability to talk in front of a meeting or to present an informative package of ideas to, let's say, a legislative committee."

He said the government personnel were also trained on presenting a set of information in a "neutral and objective way."

The students underwent intensive daily sessions for one and one-half weeks for a total of 15 hours of instruction.

The instruction included assistance in identifying appropriate resources in the CNMI

archive and in the NMC library, Actouka said.

Those who took the short course, according to Actouka, were supported through training funds of the government agencies they come from.

The employees are from the Marianas Visitors Bureau, Women's Affairs Office, the Commonwealth Employees Credit Union, Commonwealth Ports Authority, and the Commonwealth Health Center.

"We look forward to having him again to assist us in other courses for government employees," Actouka said.

Edward I. Klingbergs, dean of Vocational Education, and Philip David, deputy director of the Office for Personnel Management, handed the certificates of completion to each of the 12 graduates in a simple ceremony.



FIRST BATCH. Graduates of a special course on effective public speaking pose for a souvenir photo with staff of the Vocational, Technical and Continuing Education. Dr. Bill Bingham, who conducted the course, is on the left, second row.

Marine ecotourism workshop slated

THE MARINE Ecotourism Workshop to be held at the Kalani Honua Resort on the Big Island of Hawaii, June 24-26, 1996, will help tourism operators capture a major new market niche of divers, snorkelers, fishers, boaters,

wildlife photographers and marine wildlife watchers who are interested in conservation.

Cutting-edge knowledge on marine tourism and conservation will be shared by instructors Bill Belleville (the founding editor of Rodale's Scuba Diving Magazine), Cliff Terry of TRB/Architects, Gerald Krause of the University of Rhode Island, Brain Tissot of the University of Hawaii at Hilo, and Hillary Vidars, author of Marine Conservation for the 21st Century. A full-day field trip to Kealakekua Bay and Pu'uhonua o Honaunua National Historic Park will allow participants to see actual examples of workshop topics and to snorkel with tour leaders Sara Peck, Education Specialist with University of Hawaii Sea Grant Extension Service, and Hillary Vidars.

The workshop is sponsored by the The Ecotourism Society (TES) in cooperation with the 1996 World Congress on Coastal and Marine Tourism and co-sponsored by the Pacific Business Center and the Hawaii Ecotourism Association.

Registration of \$495 for TES members and \$545 for non-members includes lodging at the Kalani Honua Conference and Retreat Center on 20 acres within Hawaii's largest conservation area. A special one-day (June 24) rate of \$185 for Hawaii residents does not include overnight accommodations, field trip or course text. All speeches will be presented on this day.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Halpenny, The Ecotourism Society, P.O. Box 755, North Bennington, VT 05257. Tel: 802-447-2121; Fax: 802-447-2122; or e-mail: ecotsoc@igc.apc.org.

'Ice' problem expected to persist

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff
ADDICTION specialist Joseph Kevin Villagomez has warned that

MVB expands image-building to South Korea

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

THE Marianas Visitors Bureau is expanding its image-building effort for the CNMI to South Korea with the hiring of an advertising and public relations agency in Seoul.

Jose C. Ayuyu, chair of the MVB PR and ad committee, said the ad agency in Korea is part of the overall plan to instill an "image recognition" for the CNMI.

"We want the CNMI to be known for cleanliness, the beauty, the open sky, the clean air. So we're trying to develop that image. That's what basically we're doing in South Korea. We're gonna get an expert in advertising (to) create an image of the Marianas that would be projected to the consumers in Korea," Ayuyu said.

Ayuyu's committee identified last week three prospective ad agencies to select from.

The Korean market has grown satisfactorily, Ayuyu said. "We're doing an excellent job (as gleaned from the) number of tourists coming in from there."

But Ayuyu said the "message that we're sending out to them in terms of advertising is not consistent. We wanna make it consistent."

Korean visitors registered a high 65 percent increase last month over the same month a year ago, from 9,960 to 16,395.

MVB Managing Director Anicia Q. Tomokane said what Korean visitors liked most in Saipan is the lack of traffic congestion, the clean air, and the unharassed treatment of visitors.

"Because of their satisfaction and the experience to breathe clean air and swim and just drive around free, they go back. That's one underlined factor that numbers continue to rise," Tomokane said.

Another factor contributing to the popularity of Saipan, Tomokane continued, is the added choices of Rota and Tinian as side destinations. "Not too many destinations have that. They (visitors) can easily access to the other two islands."

Tomokane said that because of these factors, "more honeymooners are coming here, and because of that, the airlines have chartered extra flights because they just cannot wait, the bookings are so full for the next month or two."

the drug problems in the CNMI will continue to increase.

Villagomez asked the people to be patient but persistent in the efforts to combat the drug problems "as the long-term solutions will take some time to unfold."

There were 242 people who had sought treatment at the Commonwealth Health Center for "ice" addiction between January to April, cited Villagomez in his speech during Thursday's "ice" conference at the Diamond Hotel.

Villagomez, who is the director of the Division of Mental Health and Social Services, said of the 242 patients, 208 were from Saipan, 13 from Rota and 21 from Tinian.

"This is another record setting pace for people seeking help. For every person that I see in treatment, there are between six to 10 others that are directly using drug with the patient that is not in treatment," the director pointed out.

These same people, he said, are doing their very best to sabotage the patient's recovery program.

Villagomez said some of the

people that they are doing drugs with are with family members.

"You read it in the newspapers on a daily basis that family members get arrested together," said Villagomez in his speech. "Respect, values, morals, the church, among others, used to be the glue that holds a family together."

At present, he said, the same families falling apart because these same things are being replaced by crystal methamphetamine.

The director underscored the need to get to the root of the drug problem by reiterating the importance of the basic foundation of society—the family.

He mentioned the importance in recognizing the Manamko (senior citizens) as critical component for both substance abuse prevention and treatment.

"Most of them, like most of us, are baffled with this drug called 'ice' and the associated crime and violence. They lived through a World War and bad economic times yet they were able to come through pretty

much unscathed because this sense of family cohesiveness that they held," Villagomez said.

The addiction specialist pointed out that the face of addiction is related to society's own values and beliefs, prejudices and misperceptions.

"Our efforts, to be successful, needs to reinstate our family values and beliefs and discard our prejudices and misperceptions," he said.

Villagomez said the treatment side needs to be looked at because most of the patients do not have criminal convictions yet.

Most, although involved in a criminal activity (the use of illegal drugs) are not arrested and taken to the court, he said.

"These are important individuals to look at because they are the ones that are living amongst us and creating problems in our lives," Villagomez said.

The director claimed that they are ones, although not caught, that are burglarizing, intimidat-



Joseph Kevin Villagomez

ing, assaulting and threatening the people in the community.

"We all need to work together to build up the walls of drug deterrence but we must first make sure that the foundation in which we are building upon is solid and secure. Our culture, our values, our morals, the family—all of these are the ingredients that will make the foundation solid," Villagomez concluded.

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1. SAIPAN GRAND HOTEL	05/03/96 SSm-96-X-193	FENCE	SUSUPE	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (05/09/96)
2. SUPERMIND INT'L.	05/03/96 SSm-96-X-194	FILMING	PUBLIC BEACH	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (05/09/96)
3. SAIPAN CREWBOATS	05/06/96 SPlm-96-X-195/6	DRYDOCK	SEAPLANE RAMP	PORT & INDUSTRIAL APC	APPROVED (05/09/96)
4. MACC	05/08/96 SSm-96-X-197	FILMING	PUBLIC BEACH	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (05/10/96)*
5. COMMONWEALTH MARINE LEISURE CORP.	05/08/96 SPlm-96-X-198	DRYDOCK	SEAPLANE RAMP	PORT & INDUSTRIAL APC	APPROVED (05/10/96)*
6. DAI-ICHI HOTEL	05/08/96 SMS(A)-96-X-199	STAFF HOUSING RE-CONSTRUCTION	GARAPAN	MAJOR SITING	APPROVED (05/10/96)*
7. HAN SAE GARMENT	05/09/96 SMS(A)-96-X-200	GUARD HOUSE/GATE	GUALO RAI	MAJOR SITING AMENDMENT	UNDER REVIEW*
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9. YELLOW CAB	05/10/96 SSm-96-X-202	FILMING	PUBLIC BEACH	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED (05/14/96)*
10. NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE	05/13/96 SLRm-96-X-203	BUOY	LADDER BEACH	LAGOON & REEF APC	APPROVED (05/21/96)*
11. SAIPAN DIAMOND HOTEL	05/14/96 SSm-96-X-204	LIGHTING PROJECT	SUSUPE	SHORELINE APC	UNDER REVIEW*
12. RIC TOURS, INC.	05/16/96 SSm-96-X-205	FILMING	PUBLIC BEACH	SHORELINE APC	UNDER REVIEW*
13. MABU CORP.	05/20/96 SSm-96-X-206	FILMING	PUBLIC BEACH	SHORELINE APC	UNDER REVIEW*
14. RIC TOURS, INC.	05/21/96 SSm-96-X-207	FILMING	PUBLIC BEACH	SHORELINE APC	UNDER REVIEW*
15. HYATT REGENCY SPN.	05/21/96 SSm-96-X-208	FUN FESTIVAL	MICRO BEACH	SHORELINE APC	UNDER REVIEW*
16. HOTEL NIKKO SAIPAN	05/23/96 SSm-96-X-209	BEACH HUTS	SAN ROQUE	SHORELINE APC	UNDER REVIEW*
17. UNITED INT'L. CORP.	02/09/96 SMS-96-X-51	GARMENT OPERATION	SAN ANTONIO	MAJOR SITING	APPROVED (05/14/96)
18. HAAS & HAYNIE CORP.	12/19/96 SMS-96-X-258	OBVAN BEACH RESORT	OBVAN	MAJOR SITING	APPROVED (05/20/96)
19. KUMKYUNG CORP.	04/04/96 SMS-96-X-144	GARMENT OPERATION	TANAPAG	MAJOR SITING	APPROVED (05/20/96)

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The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the CRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the CRM Office within fourteen (14) calendar days of publication of this notice. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local CRM Coordinators. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a CRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the CRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the CRM permit decision as provided in CRM Regulations, Section 8 (G).

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Hospital ends Marshalls referrals

By Giff Johnson
For the Variety

MAJURO - The Honolulu hospital that has provided treatment for Marshall Islands medical referral patients has given notice that it intends to terminate the agreement within 90 days. This is the latest development in a widening controversy surrounding misuse of money from a national health fund that is now on the verge of bankruptcy.

The problems of "political referrals" medical referrals that do not follow agreement guidelines - is the reason for Kuakini Medical Center terminating the contract, according to Social Security, which handles payments for medical referral. The end of the referral service will only come in early August.

Kuakini has been the Marshalls main provider of medical care for patients needing off-island referrals.

Queen's Hospital has indicated it will assist the Marshall Islands with referrals, according to Social Security. Meanwhile, off-island medical re-

errals are not the only health service under threat by misuse of the health fund. Use of the health fund, a national health insurance program, has been strongly criticized by an attorney who represented Social Security until late last week when the government fired him.

Social Security's chairman Dennis Momotaro said that the board wanted private attorney Carl Ingram to remain counsel for Social Security, but that because of a new law passed last year, the board needed to get government approval for his contract.

The government's attorney general turned down the request and assigned an attorney in the AG's office to represent Social Security. Momotaro said that it wasn't the board that terminated Ingram; it was because the AG said he wouldn't retain the private lawyer for social security. Ingram has published a series of letters in the local newspaper, The Journal, raising serious charges of misuse of the Social Security health funds by government officials.

Health Secretary Donald Capelle

said he is upset and concerned about the impact that the near bankruptcy of health fund will have on the purchase of medicine and medical supplies for hospitals in the Marshall Islands that depend on health fund money.

Capelle made the point that in his opinion medicines and medical supplies are far more important than off-island medical referrals. "Medicine are essential," he said. "They're for the majority of the people. We can't ask everyone to sacrifice for one person (getting off-island treatment)."

Capelle said that a cap should be put on medical referrals. For medical referrals off-island, the Marshalls "must live within our means," he said. But the priority must be put on funds for medicine, he said.

Capelle said that he hasn't had any input into the use of the health fund, and the problem is that if there are no funds to buy medicines, people will point fingers at the Ministry, not a Social Security, which administers the fund. "We get the blame, but we don't have any part in the policy making," he said. "Something needs to be done to rectify this situation."

Social Security officials said, however, that their power to regulate and monitor expenditures was taken away by political leaders several years ago and that now they merely pay bills, having no authority to review expenditures.

Marshalls high court orders legal office to hand in records

By Giff Johnson
For the Variety

MAJURO - The Marshalls High Court told the government's Legal Aid Office that it must turn over financial records that the Auditor General wants to investigate.

In a ruling this week, Acting Chief Justice Daniel Cadra said that Legal Aid could not use "attorney-client privilege" to avoid giving client trust account information to the auditor.

The client trust accounts have been subject of a legal battle between the Attorney General and Legal Aid attorneys over whether the financial documents must be handed over for audit. It is the first time for a government agency to go to court to try to block an audit.

The High Court ended the debate with its ruling. Rules of attorney-client privilege only protect "confidential communications" between a client and an attorney, and bank accounts do not come under this category, Cadra said.

"Deposits and disbursements (and records of deposits and disbursements) from a client's trust account can not be characterized as 'confidential communications' within the meaning of the rule," Cadra said.

Probate awards, war claims, Nuclear Claims Tribunal payments and any other money that goes into a client trust account "are matters of public record and are, by no means, confidential," he said, adding that clients cannot expect these monies to be kept confidential.

"Marshalls Legal Aid is an agency of the government and is funded by public money," Cadra said. "The Auditor General has been provided information that Legal Aid has been charging clients fees in violation of the Government Fees Act 1984... and the Constitution. The government certainly has a legitimate interest in assuring such a situation has not occurred and is not occurring."

Tonga princess rejects magazine's allegation

PRINCESS Pilelevu of Tonga has strongly rejected as a gross misrepresentation of fact, the allegation in the Islands Business magazine that TongaSat is in so much trouble it has turned to government to bail it out.

The allegation was published in the Whispers column of the May edition of the magazine claiming too that TongaSat has moved in top civil servants like Busby Kautoke and former Secretary of Foreign Affairs Sione Kite to help strengthen the company, Radio Tonga reports.

Princess Pilelevu who is chairman of TongaSat told Radio Tonga these allegations are unfounded, and she blamed the source of information as

attempting to ruin the image of the company.

She says TongaSat is a marketing agent for the government of Tonga which is trying to find clients to lease the seven orbital slots allocated to Tonga by International Telecommunications Union.

TongaSat is currently negotiating with clients to lease the remaining three slots.

She says misrepresentation would make it difficult for TongaSat to attract clients to lease the remaining three orbital slots.

Princess Pilelevu adds that Sione Kite has retired as a civil servant and he has been appointed Managing Director of TongaSat...Pacnews

Time to stem flight of doctors, says Rabuka

Fiji prime minister Sitiveni Rabuka says it is time for the country to provide attractive working conditions to retain doctors, as the emigration of doctors is a drain on Fiji's professional and human resources.

He says government has undertaken a review of the salary and work conditions of doctors in the public sector, and modest improvements in this area within the resources available will be made, the Fiji Times

reports.

Rabuka was speaking at the opening of the Fiji College of General Practitioners conference at the Coral Coast Saturday.

He said government planned to introduce post-graduate courses in anaesthetics, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology at the Fiji School of Medicine in the hope of encouraging young doctors to commit themselves to serving the country...Pacnews

Fiji break-ins increase by 70% over five years

Fiji police latest statistics show that the number of break-ins between 1990 to 1995 had increased by 70 percent.

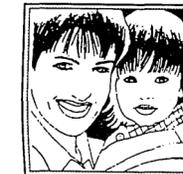
In 1995 alone more than 15 percent of crimes reported were liquor-related.

Speaking at the 20th national con-

vention of the Apex Club over the weekend, police commissioner Isikia Savua highlighted "Crime and Drug Abuse Prevention", the Fiji Times reports.

He says the police will continually reiterate its stand against the legalization of marijuana...Pacnews

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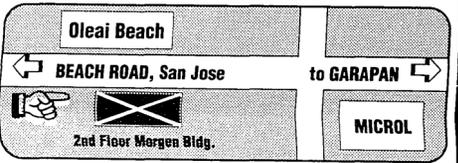


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State Rehabilitation Advisory Council

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 11 of PL. 8-41, the Open Government Act of 1992, the State Rehabilitation Advisory Council hereby serves notice that it will hold its 3rd Regular Meeting on Friday, May 31, 1996 in Rota, at the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation in Teneto Village. Interested persons are welcomed to attend.

AGENDA

- I. Call To Order
- II. Adoption of Agenda & Review of SRAC February 13, 1996 Minutes
- III. Old Business:
 1. Discussion of Consumer Satisfaction Survey Results
 2. Partnerships in Employment Conference
 3. Discussion of Annual Report
 4. Replacement of former member
 5. Draft of OVR Policies & Procedures
 6. Clarification of Personal Assistance Definition
- IV. New Business:
 1. 1996 Rehabilitation Counseling with Deaf and Hearing Adults
 2. Correspondence:
 - a. Letter from Fiscal Officer to SRAC Chairman
 - b. Memo from OVR Director to SRAC Chairman
 - c. Joint letter to Governor regarding ADA
 - d. Letter from OVR Director to Region IX-RSA
 - e. Memo from OVR Director to SRAC Chairman
 3. ADA Statewide Conference, North Carolina
 4. SRAC Membership Training
 5. RAC Manual
 6. Financial Status Report
 7. Confidentiality
 8. Standing Committees (State Plan and Policy & Procedure)
- V. Miscellaneous
- VI. Adjournment

/s/ Patricia T. Conley, Director
May 22, 1996

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, individuals who wish to attend this meeting but require accessibility accommodations such as large print or sign language interpreter must call 664-6537 (voice) or 322-6449 (TDD) to allow organizers ample time and access to public meetings.

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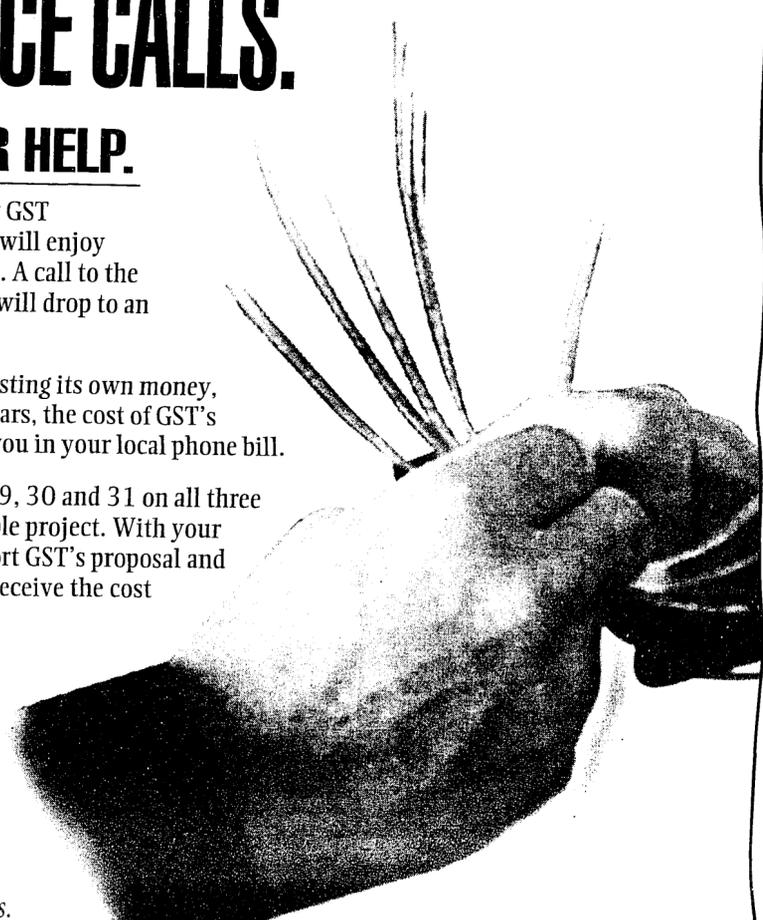
10 am Wed., May 29, Chamber, Capitol Hill, Saipan

10am Thurs., May 30, Gym Multi-purpose Center, Tinian

10am Fri., May 31, Round House, Rota

Here are the members of the CNMI Senate and their telephone numbers.

The Honorable Sen. Jesus R. Sablan	664-0946
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The Honorable Sen. Esteven M. King	664-7682(Tinian 433-3244)
The Honorable Sen. David M. Cing	664-5501
The Honorable Sen. Juan P. Tenorio	664-6610
The Honorable Sen. Eusebio A. Hocog	664-7682
The Honorable Sen. Ricardo S. Atalig	664-4084



Japan housing scandal widens

TOKYO (AP) - A realtor whose millions of dollars in borrowings turned sour was arrested Monday on charges he tried to block a bank's effort to recover some of the bad debt.

The arrest of Kichinosuke Sasaki, 63, president of Togensha, a Tokyo-based realtor, was the second in two months in a widening scandal centered around housing loan companies called "jusen."

Last month, the president of a company in Osaka was arrested on fraud charges.

Sasaki had amassed 72.8 billion yen (\$ 680 million) in loans from jusen, police say.

The government has been under fire over the planned use of

685 billion yen (\$ 6.3 billion) in taxpayers' money to help liquidate the seven jusen. The bailout plan has yet to pass Parliament.

Fueling the public outrage is the fact that the lenders helped speculative investment schemes, rather than homeowners.

Under the easy credit policy in the late 1980s, land prices sky-

rocketed. The collapse of the so-called "bubble economy" in the early 1990s left banks holding as collateral land whose value had plunged.

Sasaki is accused of setting up a fraudulent contract to block plans by the Industrial Bank to auction 3,200 square meters (36,000 square feet) of land in a hot-spring resort to collect about 20 billion yen (\$ 185 million).

Sasaki also is suspected of evading 130 million yen (\$ 1.2 million) in income tax, Kyodo News said.

In testimony before Parliament in March, Sasaki accused the government of not doing enough to reform land policies.

In its heyday, Togensha, founded in 1971, owned about 100 buildings and up-scale apartments in Tokyo.

Former president Fujita of Japan upper house dies

TOKYO (AP) - Masaaki Fujita, former president of Japan's upper house of Parliament, died of a stroke at a Tokyo hospital Monday morning, his family members said. He was 74.

Fujita, a native of Hiroshima, was president of the House of Councilors between July 1986 and September 1988, when he suffered a stroke.

The next year he retired from politics.

Fujita, a graduate of the commerce faculty at Tokyo's Waseda University, began a career with Fujita Corp., a medium-size construction company led by his rela-

tives, before entering politics in 1965.

Fujita first won an upper house seat in 1965 as a candidate of the Liberal Democratic Party, Japan's dominant political party from 1955 to 1993.

Under the Takeo Fukuda Cabinet formed in 1976, Fujita was appointed director-general of the Management and Coordination Agency and the Okinawa Development Agency.

Fujita is survived by wife, Jun, three sons and one daughter. A funeral service is scheduled to be held at Tokyo's Tsukiji Honganji Temple Thursday.

Remains interred at war dead memorial

TOKYO (AP) - The remains of nearly 2,000 Japanese killed in World War II were interred in a Tokyo war memorial Monday, more than half a century after Japan's defeat.

The 1,954 remains were found over the past year on Iwo Jima and other Pacific Islands and in the Russian Far East, according to Health Ministry officials. The Health Ministry is in charge of official MIA searches.

About 700 people, including Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, attended the annual interment ceremony at Tokyo's Chidorigafuchi memorial, which is located near the Imperial Palace.

Japan surrendered to the Allies in 1945.

Each year more than 1,000 sets of newly recovered remains are interred at the Tokyo memorial. The remains are either of unidentified dead or of those without any living relatives.

Although 51 years have passed, the bodies of hundreds of thousands of Japanese who died in combat overseas have yet to be found.

Because of the confusion in the closing days of the war and the destruction of many official records, however, officials say there are no clear figures on the number of Japanese MIAs.

Serial litterbug plans to leave Singapore

SINGAPORE (AP) - A serial litterbug sentenced twice to pick up trash in public says it won't happen again - he is so angry that he plans to leave Singapore.

Indrarijitra Raj Pati Rai spent 2 1/2 hours Saturday sweeping up at a shopping center, wearing a bright yellow vest reading "Corrective Work Order" while dozens of passers-by stared at him.

"You're humiliating your own citizens. And if you're doing that, I don't think I should be a citizen of this country anymore," the 27-year-old bus driver said during a break from his work.

Indrarijitra is the first person sentenced twice under Singapore's strict anti-littering rules, which impose such public service in hopes of shaming offenders into changing their ways.

He said he plans to go to work for a friend who owns a company overseas. "If I'm lucky, I won't be here in a few months," he said.

He received his first sentence for throwing papers in the street last August and his second for flicking a cigarette into a storm drain in March.

US signals backing for Peres

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG WASHINGTON (AP) - The Clinton administration's position on this week's Israeli elections comes down to this: Steer away from openly endorsing Shimon Peres but make clear U.S. backing for his policies.

"Now is not the time to turn back," President Clinton said last week in remarks he directed to "the people of Israel."

Unspoken but implied was the administration's belief that a victory Wednesday for Benjamin Netanyahu, Peres' challenger in the contest for prime minister, could result in turning back from the peace process.

"We don't look at Netanyahu the man; we look at what policies we are supporting in the region," said a White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In the Israeli contest, the differences in policies are clear.

Edward Djerejian, who served as U.S. ambassador to Syria and later to Israel, said the Middle East peace process "is virtually on hold until May 29. I think these elections will open up a new chapter in the process no matter which way they go."

He predicted that if the incumbent Peres and the Labor party are victorious "the negotiations will be resumed as soon as possible on the Palestinian and Syrian tracks."

A victory by Netanyahu and the Likud party would mean that there is "no question the pace will slacken," Djerejian said.

The peace process moves on several tracks involving Israel and its former adversaries.

Jordan and Israel have signed a peace agreement and established diplomatic relations, a situation Netanyahu and the Likud party do not challenge.

Israel has granted the Palestinians autonomy in Gaza and parts of the West Bank.

But difficult issues remain for so-called final status negotiations including the status of Jerusalem, which Israel claims as its capital. The Palestinians also want the city to be the capital of an independent Palestinian state.

"One could expect at least a pause and a policy assessment by a Likud government before deciding ... how to initiate final status negotiations with the Palestinian authority," said Djerejian.

The former ambassador also pointed out that a complicating factor in assessing the potential impact of the elections is that Israeli voters will elect a prime minister directly for the first time and cast a separate ballot for members of the Israeli parliament.

That opens the possibility of divided government along the lines of the situation in Washington - an executive of one party having to deal with a legislature controlled by the opposition.

One oddity of the U.S. view of the contenders for prime minister is that the one that makes the administration more nervous is the more "American" of the two.

Netanyahu spent his teen-age years in Philadelphia and then after a stint in the Israeli army returned to the United States and studied architecture and business administration at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from which he graduated in 1975.

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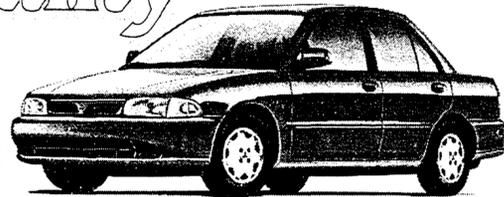
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Cockpit voice recorder found

By LISA HOLEWA

MIAMI (AP) - A police sergeant searching the murky waters where ValuJet Flight 592 crashed into the Everglades has found the crucial cockpit voice recorder.

The voice recorder could provide important clues as to why the discount airline's DC-9

crashed May 11, killing all 110 people aboard.

"When we stopped for a break, I said, 'God, so far I've just prayed for you to keep everyone safe out here and I haven't asked for your help finding anything.

Now I'm asking you to help us find this recorder," Metro-Dade

Sgt. Felix Jimenez said Sunday. "The next time I put my probe into the water, it hit the recorder," Jimenez said.

The recorder was taken to the headquarters of the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board in Washington for analysis, spokesman Mike Benson said.

The outer case holding the re-

recorder showed "impact damage" but no fire damage, Benson said after the box arrived in Washington. The recorder itself looked "still sound and in good shape."

Because of the U.S. holiday Memorial Day on Monday, it was unclear when analysis of the recorder would start, Benson said.

"We want to know what happened in the cockpit, the last moment.

We are hopeful that the conversation between the pilot and other sound will give us important clues," Benson said.

Jimenez said the recorder was under water and partially submerged in the Everglades muck southeast of the crater where the plane nose-dived.

The recorder was about 100 feet (30 meters) from where the flight data recorder was found May 13.

Earlier Sunday, investigators said they found fire and smoke

damage in the passenger cabin of the aircraft.

Speculation of the cause of fire has focused on the 119 oxygen canisters loaded into the planes' front cargo hold, which lies underneath the cabin.

ValuJet was not authorized to carry the canisters, which contain a volatile mix of chemicals used to provide oxygen to passenger emergency masks.

Investigators are using the aircraft debris to reconstruct the forward part of the cargo hold to find the pattern of smoke and fire, which could tell them where the fire began and how it spread.

They also plan to build a cargo hold with oxygen canisters and set it on fire to try to recreate what happened, Feith said.

About 35 to 40 percent of the aircraft and 20 percent of the human remains have been recovered.



A diver in a special suit is escorted to the search area Tuesday, where a ValuJet DC-9 crash in the Everglades near Miami over a week ago. Heavy silt in the crater, believed to hold the bulk of the wreckage, cut short the search. AP Photo

Chechen leader off to meet with Yeltsin

MOSCOW (AP) - President Boris Yeltsin prepared for long-awaited peace talks Monday on ending the Chechen war as a separatist leader left a rebel outpost to fly to Moscow.

But the meeting was still in doubt after rebels said Sunday their leader, Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, might still back out of the trip if Russian troops continue attacks.

Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin said Yandarbiyev had left an area near the Chechen village of Shali for Moscow on Monday morning, accompanied by 10 Chechen guards and 10 Russian security officers.

But the delegation had not arrived as expected for their flight out of the neighboring republic of Ingushetia, the Interfax news agency said.

Meanwhile, the commander of Russian troops in Chechnya, Gen. Vyacheslav Tikhomirov, declared a three-day unilateral cease-fire during the talks, the ITAR-Tass news agency said.

It was not clear when the truce was to begin.

Yeltsin seemed confident that the talks would take place and met with Chernomyrdin on Monday in the Kremlin to discuss the war.

The talks would be the highest-level meetings yet in the 17-month Chechnya war. Yeltsin, campaigning hard for presidential elections three weeks away, is anxious to prove to voters that he is trying to end the unpopular war.

Both Yeltsin and Yandarbiyev have said in recent days they are optimistic of a breakthrough in negotiating a cease-fire, though more difficult questions of Chechnya's independence will be put off for later.

Scattered clashes continued



Boris Yeltsin

across the southern republic overnight.

One Russian serviceman was wounded when he stepped on a mine, ITAR-Tass said.

Russian military leaders have been cool to the idea of talks, and new Russian offensives have been reported in recent days around the rebel strongholds of Vedeno, Shatoi, and the key village of Bamut.

Yandarbiyev's team includes Akhmed Zakayev, the rebels' commander of the key southwest front, and the rebels' former chief negotiator, Khozhakhmed Yarikhanov, among others.

The leader of the Russian-backed Chechen government, Doku Zavgayev, said he also would attend.

The rebels in the past refused to meet with Zavgayev, but have said they will view him as a member of the Russian delegation.

An estimated 30,000 people have been killed since December 1994, when Russian troops went into Chechnya, in southern Russia's Caucasus Mountains, to put down its separatist drive.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands has been allocated \$616,000 in Community development Block Grants, \$40,000 in emergency shelter Grants and \$350,000 in Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Program, for Program Year 1996 by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (U.S. HUD).

The grant funds, authorized under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, may be used for a wide range of community development activities principally benefiting low and moderate income persons. Information concerning eligible uses of the grant funds may be obtained upon requests at the offices of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation located on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

The CDBG program requires a grant recipient to certify that it will minimize displacement of persons as a result of activities assisted with CDBG funds. The CNMI government does not plan on undertaking any activities which will cause displacement of persons. In the event of any unforeseen displacement resulting from any CDBG-funded activity, the CNMI government will comply with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and applicable local law.

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, which administers the CDBG and HOME Programs and the Division of Youth Affairs, which administers the Emergency Shelter Grant Program, will be jointly conducting public hearings to obtain the view of citizens on community development housing needs, as identified on the Five-Year (1995-1999) Consolidated Plan, and to provide information on the status of approved and ongoing projects for these programs. The hearings have been scheduled to be held as follows:

1. On Tinian, May 29, 1996 at 7:00 p.m., at the Tinian Multipurpose Gym.
2. On Rota, May 30, 1996 at 7:00 p.m., at the Rota Public Library.
3. On Saipan, May 31, 1996 at 7:00 p.m., at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan.

Additional inquiries concerning the CDBG and HOME Programs may be directed in writing to the Corporate Director, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box, 514, Saipan, MP 96950, or by calling telephone numbers 234-7689/9447. Inquiries with respect to the ESG Program may be directed in writing to the Administrator, Division of Youth Services, P.O. Box 1000 CK, Saipan, MP 96950, or by calling telephone number 233-9075.

MARYLOU ADA SIROK
Corporate Director

Twins collapse and die; cops can't tell who's who

PERTH, Australia (AP) - Identical twin brothers who lived their whole lives together for 61 years died together only minutes apart on Sunday, both suffering heart attacks.

"They came into the world together and went out together," a police spokesman said.

The Perth bachelors had been watching a body-building championship at a casino when one of the brothers collapsed, police said.

An ambulance crew was

called, but before they arrived, another crew was sent for the other brother.

Neither regained consciousness. Autopsies will be conducted, but "There is no evidence at this stage to suggest this is anything other than a tragic coincidence," the police spokesman said. He was not named under department policy.

The brothers moved from Tasmania in 1989 and shared a house in Perth.

"Police who attended the

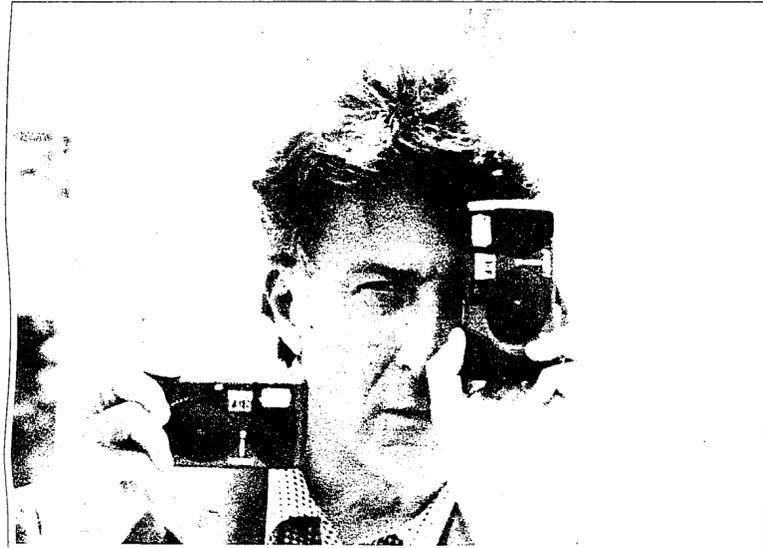
home found identical pairs of everything.

All their clothes were in sets of two," the spokesman said. "Apparently they were inseparable."

Police will not release the twins' identities until they have been formally identified.

The spokesman said dental records may be needed to tell the brothers apart.

"It's not enough to positively identify them; we have to be positive which brother is which," he said.



Actor Dustin Hoffman clowns around as he poses for photographers at the terrace of his hotel during the International Cannes Film Festival in Cannes, on the French Riviera. Hoffman was there to announce plans for his film production company.

AP Photo

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.

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Sigon gi probenshon siha gi 2 CMC 4141 et sec i PUBLIC PURPOSE LAND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1987, sino i tulaikan 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 atulaikan tano ni ha afeleka i pedason tano siha ni manmadeknibi gi sampapa. Man interesante siha na petsona sina manmamaisen inekungok put maseha manu'hafa na priniponi put tulaikan tano. A'agang i Division of Public Lands antes pat osino gi May 31, 1996. Yanggen guaha inekungok mankuesta, i inekungok siempre para i sigiente siha na transakshon u fan makondakta gi June 4, 1996, gi oran alas 9:00 gi eggan gi halom i kuaton konfrensian i Division of Public Lands.

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People and places

Stars draw crowd in Sydney

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - Thousands lined Sydney's main street Sunday to catch a glimpse of Sylvester Stallone, Bruce Willis and Jean-Claude Van Damme at the opening of Australia's first Planet Hollywood.

The crowd - estimated by police to be between 5,000 and 10,000 - screamed as the celebrities made their way down the red carpet to a stage set up in the middle of the street.

Actor Charlie Sheen and

model Cindy Crawford also made an appearance at the bar and restaurant chain's 32nd outlet.

To the accompaniment of the "Rocky" theme, Stallone bounded onto the stage acknowledging the cheers of the 10- and 20-deep crowd.

"Oh stop that, I'm not a god," Stallone said. "I thought we saw enthusiasm in Las Vegas, I thought we saw enthusiasm in New York, in Rome - but you bury them."

Author to graduates: Defy gods'

ANNANDALE-ON-HUDSON, New York (AP) - Salman Rushdie, whose novel "The Satanic Verses" forced him into seclusion seven years ago, called on Bard College graduates to "defy their gods."

In his first commencement address, the British author said the 247 graduates will find themselves up against "big and little gods, corporate and incorporeal gods, all of them demanding to be worshipped and obeyed."

"Defy them. That's my advice to you," he said Saturday. "For as the myths tell us, it is by defying the gods that human beings have best expressed their humanity."

Rushdie, 48, went into hiding in February 1989, after the late Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini issued a "fatwa," or death sentence for the author and placed a \$1 million bounty on his head.

The ayatollah claimed "The Satanic Verses" blasphemed Islam.

Recently, Rushdie has been more relaxed about appearing in public and has said he is losing interest in the fatwa.

Allen, Figgis jazz jamming

NEW YORK (AP) - "Leaving Las Vegas" director Mike Figgis was collaborating with Woody Allen on a new project the other night.

The two writer-directors weren't behind the camera, however. They were jamming on stage, with Figgis on trumpet and Allen on

clarinet at Michael's Pub, the New York Post reported Sunday.

When Figgis first sat in, he asked if the band could play "I Wish That I Could Shimmy Like My Sister Kate," the Post says. The song is the same one Allen asked if he could play when he first got up to play with the band years ago.

Longest bridal veil ever

ASCOLI PICENO, Italy (AP) - Here comes the bride. And there goes her veil - down the aisle and out the door.

Claudia Armillei paraded through her town and into the church Sunday trailing a 400-meter (1,320-foot) creation of lace, ribbon and mesh fabric.

The mayor presided over the procession through the mountain town about 250 ki-

lometers (150 miles) north-east of Rome.

A team of assistants - and some passersby - helped tote the mammoth veil.

The 23-year-old bride said she believed it was the longest bridal veil ever made. No wanted to ruin her wedding day with the news that the Guinness Book of Records has no such listing.

Elvis Presley pilgrimage

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP) - A tour bus headed to Elvis Presley's home with envoys from 18 countries made an unscheduled stop to pick up a portly, hitchhiking man in white sequins.

It wasn't the late pop star himself, but impersonator John Hemphill.

"This is really nice of y'all to stop for me," Hemphill said to the dignitaries, including representatives from France and Egypt. "I was on my way home and I didn't want to walk. I'm not really into that physical fitness thing."

The visit to the King's gaudy home, called Graceland, was

hastily arranged when the dignitaries became upset after being told the former Presley residence wasn't on the itinerary.

"It was a rebellion," said Ambassador L. John Wood of New Zealand.

After taking in Presley's home, Wood wasn't very diplomatic: "That shows you can be a good singer and have appalling taste," he said.

The foreign officials were in town for the Memphis in May International Festival. Other tour stops included St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the offices of Federal Express.

Burma military assails Suu Kyi

By AYE AYE WIN RANGOON, Burma (AP) - Burma's military rulers denounced pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi and her followers Monday as dupes and maggots after she defiantly opened an opposition congress the regime had arrested hundreds of people to stop.

The opposition meanwhile reported that an unknown number of the 262 people detained last week have been transferred to the notorious Insein Prison near Rangoon, where political prisoners reportedly suffer routine torture.

Suu Kyi went ahead with the second day of the conference, the most important gathering of her National League for Democracy since her release last July from six years of house arrest. Proceedings were closed to the press, but she promised to host reporters to tea afterwards.

Lt. Gen Khin Nyunt, leader of the ruling State Law and Order Restoration Council, or SLORC, denounced the meeting in a front-page story carried Monday in the New Light of Myanmar, a state-controlled newspaper.

Speaking at Rangoon University on Sunday, Khin Nyunt

said that the United States and Western nations were attempting to recolonize Burma, which the SLORC calls Myanmar.

"There is a group of persons in Myanmar swaying to the enticement of a big nation, which is attempting to bring Myanmar under its influence through the pretext of democracy and human rights," Khin Nyunt said. "What they see is the bait and not the hook. They are doing as dictated."

The same newspaper ran a harsh editorial that called the pro-democracy movement a foreign-orchestrated conspiracy using "maggots that can eat away into the flesh."

It was impossible to confirm whether detainees had been transferred to Insein Prison.

The regime claimed last week that they were only being "questioned ... as guests of the government" at undisclosed locations.

None is known to have been released.

Amnesty International, the London-based human-rights group, reported last year that at least 800 political prisoners were being held at Insein. Interrogators reportedly beat prisoners unconscious, made

them crawl over sharp stones, and kept them for hours in the blazing sun.

Some had been shackled for two months at a time. They were kept in overcrowded conditions, poorly fed, and sometimes died from inadequate medical care, Amnesty reported.

Suu Kyi, winner of the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize for her non-violent promotion of democracy, staged a political coup by going ahead with the congress and announcing several more would be held - a direct challenge to the SLORC, which has been denounced around the world for trying to stop the present one.

Signaling she will no longer allow the regime to ignore her repeated calls for dialogue, Suu Kyi said the party would "increase our actions to fulfill the will of the people and bring about national reconciliation."

Later, up to 10,000 people gathered at the gates of her lakeside home in Rangoon - four times the usual number that appear on weekends to hear her speak.

The turnout marked a swell in overt support among ordinary Burmese, often cowed by the omnipresent police state.

Suu Kyi called the SLORC "bullies" and demanded the regime honor results of the 1990 elections her party won overwhelmingly.

Only 17 of the original delegates attended the conference. At least 238 others, plus 24 ordinary supporters, had been detained.

The gathering marks the anniversary of the elections and was intended to bring together the opposition candidates who won 392 of 485 seats.

Many had already been killed, jailed or driven into exile.

The crackdown focused international attention on Burma and brought new criticism of foreign companies eager to profit by helping the junta to develop Burma's economy, destroyed during nearly 34 years of military rule.

Suu Kyi, daughter of Burma's independence hero, Aung San, emerged as opposition leader during street protests in 1988 that were crushed when troops killed hundreds of people.

The United States, Japan, Britain, Germany, France and Australia have denounced the crackdown, but Burma's Southeast Asian neighbors, eager to trade with Burma, have been more circumspect.

The White House has announced plans to send a special envoy to Europe and Asia in an attempt to coordinate a response.

In South Korea, President Kim

young-sam, himself a former dissident, has expressed support for

Suu Kyi and her movement, his spokesman said Monday.

Korean President backs Burma democracy move



Kim young-sam

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - President Kim Young-sam supports Aung San Suu Kyi in her pro-democracy struggle against Burma's military junta, his spokesman said Monday.

"President Kim is concerned about the arrests of pro-democracy figures in Burma and the continuing house arrest (of Suu Kyi), and expressed strong hopes that the Burmese government will continue its efforts for democratization and respect human rights," presidential spokesman Yoon Yoe-joon said.

Kim, himself a former dissident, was elected president in 1993 after three decades of military rule in South Korea.

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Supporters for the National League for Democracy (NLD) prepare posters of pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi at her Rangoon residence Wednesday. The arrests of 87 NLD members by Burma's military regime started late Monday but is not expected to effect plans to hold a conference of opposition leaders this weekend. AP Photo

Mild quake rocks central Japan

TOKYO (AP) - A mild earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 4.7 rocked central Japan on Monday morning, the Central Meteorological Agency said.

There were no reports of

damage or injuries from the tremor, which was centered at a depth of about 30 kilometers (19 miles) in central Shizuoka Prefecture (state), a local police spokesman said.

The earthquake struck at

5:38 a.m. (2038 GMT Sunday) about 150 kilometers (90 miles) west of Tokyo.

A magnitude 4 tremor can shake houses and buildings and swing of hanging objects such as lamps.

A real 21st century challenge Man evolves into urban species

By CHARLES J. HANLEY
BANGALORE, India (AP) - Dogs astray in Bangalore often wind up in concrete-and-wire cages, 2 feet by 4 (60 centimeters to 1.2 meters). But stray humans can do even worse.

Down a muddy, rutted lane from the dogcatchers' pound, Maliga Veermuthu and her five children have landed in a corrugated-metal shed, 20 feet by 40 (6 meters by 12 meters), a dark and stifling "home" they share, intimately, with other slum-dwellers - 20 families in all, each with the living space of five dogs.

"When it comes to the way we live, you aren't going to find much difference between humans and the animals up there," the middle-aged widow said bitterly.

City life. Sometime in the next few years, around century's end, it will become the life most of us lead: Projections say more than half of humanity will be residents of cities, those centers of commerce, creativity and squalor where, 100 years ago, only one person in 40 lived.

Explosive growth has transformed Bangalore. In the past 10 years, its population has expanded by 1.6 million people - and now tops 5 million.

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ADOPTION CASE NO. 96-29
IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF:
MARICHELLE HERNANDEZ, and
MARVIN HERNANDEZ,
NOTICE OF HEARING
minors,
BY: TITO BACARRO SALAS, and
ELENA MUNA SALAS,
Petitioners.

Notice is hereby given that on June 13, 1996 at 1:30 p.m. in the court-house of the Superior Court in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the petitioners will petition the Court to adopt the above named minors. Dated this 24th day of May, 1996.

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But the urbanization of the planet can be seen far beyond southern India, in the teeming hillside slums of Rio de Janeiro and the endless dry-lake shantytowns of Mexico City, in the bursting seams of Nairobi and the bamboo barrios of Manila.

It shows up in the air pollution, water shortages, disease and crime that have afflicted Third World metropolises as they absorbed four out of five of the 1.2 billion city-dwellers added to the world's population since 1970.

During much of that time, Arcot Ramachandran ran the U.N. Center on Human Settlements in Nairobi, capital of Kenya. Today, semiretired in Bangalore, he envisions things getting worse before they get better.

"Human settlements will be the real challenge of the 21st century," the Indian technocrat said.

On June 3, diplomats, mayors and urban planners from around the world gathered for a U.N. "city summit" in Istanbul, where the challenges will be in plain view: Half that Turkish city's people are squatters, in shantytowns on the city fringes.

The Habitat conference gives specialists a chance to exchange practical ideas for grappling with cities' many-sided problems and to debate whether to enshrine a "right to housing" in an international document. Many countries support the idea, but the United States is reluctant, saying it could lead to impossible demands on governments.

If it's a right, it's one that's abused daily. The United Nations estimates 100 million people worldwide are homeless and 1 billion live in inadequate housing. That world can be found in microcosm in the slums of Bangalore.

"We have 700,000 people in 450 slums," said Adikeshavelu Ravindra, chairman of the Bangalore Development Authority. Many are migrants from a countryside where population growth and agricultural mechanization

are driving people from the land. Bangalore's Slum Improvement Board is building 2,000 homes a year, moving squatters out of shanties thrown up on government land. "But that's nowhere near meeting demand," Ravindra said. "Obviously it's not possible for the government to provide housing."

Impossible or not, Maliga Veermuthu is waiting.

Her family was among 167 whose huts burned down a year ago in the Lakshman Rau Nagar slum, a sprawl of leaning thatched huts and rough brick hovels, of dust-coated children and women in bright-hued saris.

"Government officials came at 1 a.m. that night and told us they would try to get us homes," said Veermuthu, a small, sickly woman who earns the equivalent of 40 cents a day as a house servant.

Twenty families, meanwhile, were crowded into the temporary shed, their lives separated by thin gunny sacks hung pole to pole.

"We've gone to see the officials three or four times since, and still we have nothing," Veermuthu said. She has her explanation - politics. "They come and promise things and get our votes and we are still suffering."

Others have other explanations, like J. Shanmuganath, a political advocate for lower-caste Bangaloreans.

"All these people burning down their huts, it's too much for the government to handle," he said.

The 1995 conflagration apparently was an accident, but it's widely known that other slum-dwellers have set their own homes ablaze in a desperate bid for help.

Do they have a "right to housing"? At the Istanbul conference, some may point to Singapore, where most people live in government-built apartments bought at subsidized prices. But that city-state is tiny, minutely planned and affluent.

In India, said Ravindra, Bangalore's chief civil servant, the "right" would mean, at best, that the government would "devise strategies to assure some kind of adequate shelter for everyone."

The strategies already include government promotion of private credit programs for slum-dwellers, loans that some in Lakshman Rau Nagar have tapped, borrowing 7,000 rupees - \$200 - to replace their shacks with tiny brick structures.

But the squatters' needs go beyond brick and mortar, just as Bangalore's problems extend beyond the worst slums.

Water flows to city residents only two to three hours a day. Electricity supplies are little better - major industries are enduring a 50 percent power cut. The air grows more polluted daily, filled with fumes from 1.6 million motor vehicles, a number that ballooned by one-third in five years.

Plainly, Bangalore didn't anticipate its explosive growth. Neither did dozens of other overburdened cities across the Third World.

Severe water shortages are likely soon in Cairo, Egypt, in Lagos, Nigeria, and in Sao Paulo, Brazil, among others. Chinese cities are choking on

pollution levels 10 times higher than in Western industrial cities. Squatters make up more than half the population of cities as diverse as Caracas, Venezuela, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

In their 11 days in Istanbul, the Habitat experts can barely begin to address such challenges. But they can highlight important themes, the conference's secretary-general says.

"Big cities are not the answer. We have to look at how to decentralize," Wally N' Dow said in New York. "Satellite cities are a must. Smaller cities are a must."

And viewing cities in a wider context is also a must, said a leading Indian urban specialist.

"We create these problems by denying facilities, services, jobs to the vast majority of Indians - the 75 percent who are still rural," said Aash Kumar Maitra of New Delhi's School of Planning and Architecture. "That migrant would not come to the city if he wasn't forced to."

The root problem is recognized even - or especially - in the Lakshman Rau Nagar slum, home to many migrants from the poor neighboring state of Tamil Nadu.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 94-623
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WALTER M. DALE, Deceased.
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT
TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that a Petition For Final Settlement has been filed in this Court by L. L. Bass, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Walter M. Dale, Deceased, praying that his acts be approved; that his account be settled and allowed; that he will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; that the administration of the Estate be closed; that the Petitioner be finally discharged as Executor of the Estate of Walter M. Dale, Deceased, and that he be released from further liability.
You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 11th day of June, 1996 at 1:30 p.m. of said day, in said Court, in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail thereon, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.
L.L. BASS
Executor

Notice is hereby given that on June 13, 1996 at 1:30 pm. in the court-house of the Superior Court in Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, the petitioners will petition the Court to adopt the above-named minor.
Dated this 24th day of May, 1996.
/s/REYNALDO O. YANA
Attorney for Petitioners

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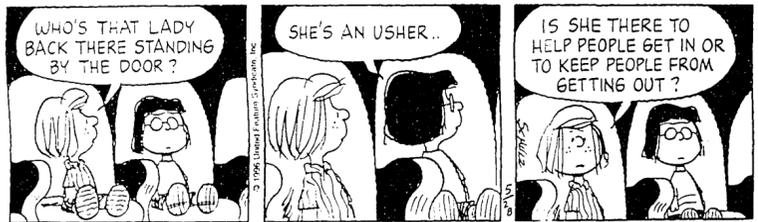
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STELLA WILDER YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

From today, you are a thoughtful and caring individual, but at times your efforts will be misunderstood in some way and you must remain prepared. Not everyone will be on your particular wavelength at all times. Indeed, some people will mistake your efforts for those of an individual concerned only with himself. In fact, your activities benefit others more often than not. Still, this does not mean that you are not ambitious. You are driven, but you are content to take small steps forward rather than rushing headlong toward your goal. You give yourself plenty of time to work for the benefit of others.

You will make an effort to cultivate both your professional talents and your social skills. You are at home at the workplace as well as at the high-brow gatherings of the rich and famous. You are determined to be rich and famous your whole life.

Also born on this date are: Gladys Knight, singer; Sondra Locke, actress; Joseph Guillotine, physician and inventor.

To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph.

Graph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29 GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — An argument with a loved one may be unavoidable today, but you must realize that ultimately, you are both striving for the same things.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Something which appears out of the blue today may prove dangerous, and you will want to be well-equipped to deal with any related crisis.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Now will not be the right time to pick up those bad habits you abandoned long ago. Remember that you do not have to rely on those same old unhealthy crutches.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Steer clear of people who know how to ruffle your feathers and push your buttons today. You may be more vulnerable than you are willing to admit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — This will be a good day to re-examine your priorities, and to try to align yourself more accurately with a loved one if necessary.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Either you or a good friend will have to make a sacrifice today. Perhaps you both can reach a compromise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Today, it will be important to avoid the mistake of looking at a professional situation from an emotional viewpoint.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You must remain calm today, despite attempts others may make to keep you off balance. How you resolve this situation will illustrate your positive qualities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Someone you know and love will need your help today in a big way, and you must prepare to set aside your desires temporarily.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — This will be a perfect time to remember that you have made an important agreement with a friend or family member that must not be broken.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — An opportunity which appears promising will most likely deliver the proposed benefits today. Do not hesitate to take advantage simply because of superstition.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Someone from your past may make his or her presence known once again in an odd and perhaps unsettling way. You will need some answers now!

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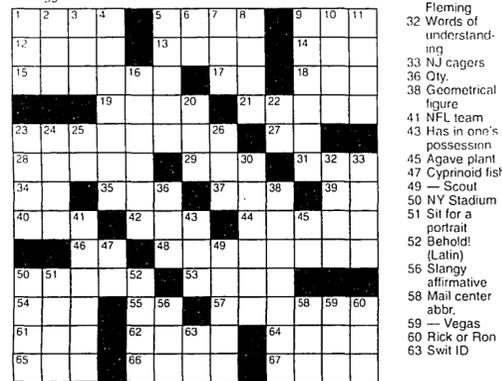
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Davies' biggest skins hole ever

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Laura Davies obviously enjoys the Skins Game format. She has an extra \$ 340,000 to prove it.

Davies made a 12-foot (4 meter) birdie putt on the 14th hole to claim 10 skins and \$ 300,000, clinching the title in Sunday's final nine holes of the LPGA Skins Game.

For Davies, the key to success in Skins Game competition is to know when to be aggressive. Since total score is not a concern, the philosophy is different from tournament play.

"The Skins Game format really gives you the chance to enjoy 18 holes of golf," said Davies, who won an LPGA Skins Game record \$ 340,000. "You can take a few risks. It's worth taking yourself out of a few holes to get your-

self into a few."

Davies also learned from her mistakes. She left a 12-foot (4 meter) putt short on No. 12, a miscalculation that cost her \$ 220,000.

Two holes later, faced with a putt of the same length, Davies, the long-hitting native of Coventry, England, took a more bold approach to convert her 12-foot (4 meter) birdie attempt and take Sunday's biggest prize.

"I was thinking about the money, I have to admit that I was," said Davies after winning the most money on any single hole in Skins Game history, including PGA and Seniors. "I didn't want to leave it short like I did on the other putt. If you miss it, you get nothing. I was shaking for the next hour. That was the most nervous I've ever

been over a putt." Defending champion Dottie Pepper and 1995 LPGA Player of the Year Annika Sorenstam finished with \$ 100,000 each. Pepper pushed her career skins earnings to \$ 460,000, second to Davies. Beth Daniel became the fourth player in the six-year history of

the competition to finish with no money. Only \$ 80,000 of the \$ 210,000 available on Saturday was won, meaning a \$ 130,000 carryover into Sunday's final nine holes at Stonebriar Country Club. No skins were taken over the first four holes on Sunday, leaving 10 skins on the line and setting up Davies' big

payday, which also earns her an automatic bid to next year's competition. Sorenstam converted a 12-foot (4 meter) birdie putt on the par-5 18th to win \$ 80,000 and the final two skins. Pepper made a 2-foot (6 meter) tap-in for a birdie on the par-5 16th for two skins and \$ 80,000.

Budweiser to give away trip to Olympics for Saipan resident

MARPAC, announced the beginning of Budweiser's "Grab the Gold" sweepstakes that will run from May 15 through July 15, 1996. Anheuser-Busch has hidden 100 gold cans in special Budweiser, Bud Light, Bud Dry and Bud Ice 12 packs at participating Saipan stores. If a customer finds a gold

can in their 12-pack, he or she should bring it to MARPAC to be registered for the "Bud World Party" drawing. The winner must be present at the drawing on July 6, 1996 at Gilligan's. The grand prize winner will receive two round trip tickets to the Olympics from Saipan, hotel accommodations, Olympic tickets to

several events and spending money. Saipan residents can also win by calling the two media co-sponsors, Power 99 & Saipan Cable TV. Each week, the two media stations will have call-in contests that will qualify three people or more to enter into the Grand Prize drawing.

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Ranked 37th on the money list going into the tournament, he earned \$ 270,000 with the victory.

He finished third at the Hawaiian Open and the Greater Greensboro Open, and has made nine of his last 11 cuts. He ranks second in driving distance this year with a 283.4-yard (259-meters) average.

Stricker's previous best tour finish was a tie for second at last year's Northern Telecom Open in Tucson, Arizona.

With his caddie-wife Nicki following along in her tartan hat, Stricker encountered trouble at the par-3 ninth, where his long putt for birdie sailed past the hole and into the rough near a stream. He made a nice chip recovery for his only bogey of the day.

Stricker then parred six holes in a row, including a save at No. 11 after his tee shot landed in the rough. Although Waite and O'Meara got within a stroke on the back nine, Stricker

never lost the lead, and sealed the win with a 12-foot (4-meter) putt for birdie at No. 16.

"No. 11 was a key point for us," Stricker said. "From the tee I thought it was in the water, and as we got there it was just on the edge. We got that up and down, and it was really a key momentum-builder for us."

O'Meara, who shot 67, and Waite, a New Zealander who carded a 66 after a 31 on the front nine, were undone in similar ways. O'Meara bogeyed the 15th after sending his second shot into the sand. Waite did the same at No. 16. In 1993, Waite birdied the hole in the final round when he won this event, his only U.S. PGA Tour victory.

"The difference from when I won and today was the birdie at 16 and the bogey at 16," Waite said.

Faxon shot a 67 and Hoch a 68. Jay Williamson, the leader after three rounds, fell apart with a 79 and tied for 23rd. John Daly, armed with his new O-iron, fell from contention when he bogeyed the second hole and shot a 73 to finish tied for 10th.

Dodgers ...

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his 16th homer as Florida stopped the Cardinals' five-game winning streak with an 8-2 win.

Conine, 5-for-39 in his previous 11 games, went 3-for-3 with three RBIs. He hit a two-run homer in the second and a solo shot in the fifth for an 8-0 lead against Donovan Osborne (3-3).

David Weathers (2-0) allowed seven hits and one earned run in 6 1-3 innings. The game was called with no outs in the top of the eighth after a rain delay of 1:17.

Braves 6, Pirates 3 In Pittsburgh, Marquis Grissom hit a three-run homer in the 13th inning off Dan Miceli (0-2) as the Braves beat the Pirates 6-3. Javy Lopez hit two solo homers for

the Braves, who won for the ninth time in 11 games.

Terrell Wade (1-0) pitched two scoreless innings for his first major league victory. Mike Bielecki pitched the 13th for only his second major league save and his first since 1990.

Mets 1, Padres 0 In New York, Bobby Jones scattered five hits in eight innings to win his fifth straight decision and Bernard Gilkey homered in the first off Sean Bergman (2-5), as the Mets beat San Diego 1-0.

Jones (5-1) struck out four, walked one and allowed only one runner to reach third. John Franco finished for his ninth save in 12 chances, helping the Mets win for just the fifth time in 14 games.

Astros 7, Cubs 2 In Houston, Jeff Bagwell drove in three runs and Shane Reynolds (7-

3) allowed two runs and four hits in seven innings as Houston beat Chicago 7-2, completing its first three-game home sweep of Chicago in seven seasons.

UMDA ...

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tennis facility. Entry forms are available at Las Vegas Discount Golf & Tennis or American Memorial Park.

The entry fee is just \$5.00 per event with all fees going to the NMITA Junior Development Fund.

All entrants are guaranteed more than one match and a free T-shirt. For more information contact Arisa Sakai at 234-6632 or Jeff Race at 322-5652.

Disparity ...

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danger of getting eliminated through House Bill 10-158, which would defer any wage deviations to the discretion of a local wage and salary board.

Likewise, the bill seeks to exempt the garment and construction industries from the 30-cent hike for 1996 as they will be only be subjected to a 15-cent wage increase per hour.

Such a proposal may seem unacceptable in as much as the US Department of Labor has been very much concerned about wage violations in both sectors, as well as in other foreign labor-intensive industries.

"The US Department of Labor has consistently found widespread overtime violations in the CNMI, including common violations of the Commonwealth's minimum wage, most especially in the major industries that principally utilize temporary foreign guestworkers such as garment manufacturing, construction, hotel, guard and janitorial services and the hospitality industry," Reich wrote.

House Bill 10-158 passed the CNMI Senate two weeks ago as per the recommendation of a joint legislative conference committee. In a session last week, the House

accepted the Senate action despite warnings from House Speaker Diego T. Benavente that the bill may likely resurrect US Congress moves to federalize the CNMI minimum wage.

In an interview yesterday, Gov. Tenorio said he is likely to sign the bill into law. The governor said acceptance of the new wage bill will be made alongside plans for an independent wage study by a US-based consultant.

Meanwhile, the goal set forth under Public Law 8-21 to raise the CNMI minimum wage at a level comparable to the current federal minimum wage may no longer be a realistic goal.

In a vote taken last Thursday, (D.C. time), the US House of Representatives passed legislation that would increase the US minimum wage by 90 cents, from the current \$4.25 an hour to \$4.75 by July 1st and to \$5.15 effective a year later.

According to an article in the May 24th issue of the Washington Post, approval of the new wage legislation came with a vote of 281-144 after moderate Republicans joined with Democrats to stymie a GOP effort to exempt small businesses from \$500,000 or less gross income from all mini-

mum wage and overtime provisions of federal labor law.

It could be recalled that the CNMI Senate had earlier tried to insert a provision in House Bill 10-158 to also exempt small businesses in the less \$500,000 gross revenue bracket from the impending wage hike.

Although the fate of the federal wage measure is uncertain in the US Senate, the Post reported that President Clinton has called on Senate Majority leader Bob Dole to have it voted on before the latter leaves office early next month.

Dole, who is the likely Republican presidential candidate has resigned his Senate post to concentrate on his bid to contest the presidency from Clinton in this year's election.

According to the Post report, the US House vote was taken amidst charges made by House Majority Leader Dick Armey that the Democrats were pushing the wage issue "just to appease labor unions in this election year."

It added that while public opinion polls show a large majority of Americans favoring a wage increase, Republicans argued it would hurt workers by making them "too expensive to hire."

BUCKLE-UP SAIPAN

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The Peloponnesian War, which was fought between the Greek city-states Athens and Sparta in the fifth century B.C., officially ended earlier this year when the mayors of the two cities signed a peace treaty.

The world's population has more than doubled since 1950.

An alligator can outrace a man for distances up to 150 feet.

The monetary unit of Malawi is the kwacha.

There were 3,954,000 live births in the United States in 1995 and 2,279,000 deaths, resulting in a natural population increase of 1,675,000.

In 1976, there were 61 nuclear reactors operating in the United States. In 1994 there were 109.

Around the world, more goods and services were produced from 1950 to 1993 than from 8,000 B.C. to 1949.

This year, Saturn is at its brightest in August, but that is none too bright at all.

Some 75 percent of the South American country of Suriname consists of largely unexplored hills.

Ever have one of those days when putting your best foot forward gets you absolutely nothing but stomped on by somebody else?

To the aficionados of whatever it is that is called music these days, "waltz" are things you need four of to keep the roof from falling.

Why is it that the musician who plays that tiny triangle in the symphony orchestra always weighs at least 240 pounds?

Our lawyer boasts of his wardrobe. He's proud of his tax suit, his malpractice suit, his malfeasance-in-office suit...

SPORTS



Sonics 1 win from finals

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - John Stockton missed a 3-point shot at the buzzer Sunday, leaving the Seattle SuperSonics' one victory from the National Basketball Association Finals.

The 88-86 win by Seattle ended Utah's string of playoff home victories at seven and gave the SuperSonics a 3-1 lead in the Western Conference finals.

Game 5 is Tuesday night, and a victory by Seattle would put the Sonics in the finals for the first time since 1979.

Sunday's game was the closest of the series, and it all came down to the last shot. Utah inbounded under its basket with 12.2 seconds left. Stockton dribbled upcourt and got the ball to Karl Malone in the low post.

Seattle quickly double-teamed him, and Malone found Stockton open two steps behind the 3-point line. The shot looked good while in the air, but it bounced off the rim and the buzzer sounded.

The Sonics were jubilant as

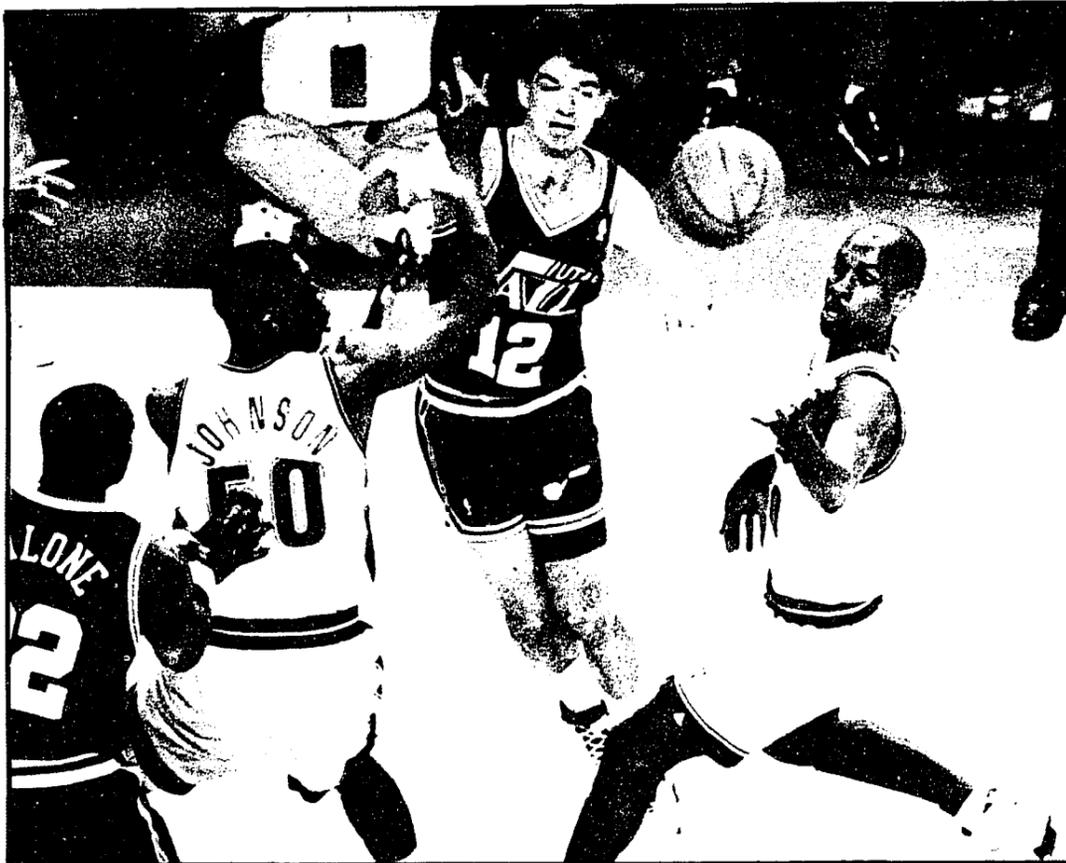
they ran off the floor, knowing they could be playing in the finals as early as next Friday night if they win Game 5 and the Bulls sweep the Magic on Monday in the other conference final.

"We feel good," Seattle guard Gary Payton said. "We know they're going to come back strong. We've just got to go home and take care of business."

Other than the final shot, the difference came at the foul line. Seattle was 31-for-36, making 21 in a row in one stretch, and Utah was only 11-for-22.

Sam Perkins came off the bench to lead Seattle with 20 points and Payton had 19 as he won yet another duel with Stockton. Shawn Kemp fouled out in only 23 minutes, but had 18 points, eight rebounds and a pair of blocks.

Malone led Utah with 25 and Jeff Hornacek had 19. Stockton finished with seven points, failing to reach double figures for the fourth straight time in the series.



Utah Jazz' John Stockton passes between the arms of Seattle SuperSonics' Ervin Johnson and teammate Gary Payton in the first quarter of their Western Finals game two last week in Seattle. The Jazz' Karl Malone is also in on the play. (AP Photo)

Bud Light Dart League

Standings as of May 25, 1996

Masters Division

Team Name	W	L	Pct.
Copenhagen/Skoal Outdoors	132	50	72.53
Skoal Racing Bandits	111	71	60.99
Kio's Bouncers	86	66	56.68
Mogambo African Kings	109	86	55.90
Henry's Bouncers	97	81	54.49
Angus Beef Eaters	51	118	30.18
Tommy's Terrors	34	135	20.12

A-Division

Team Red Dog Beer	130	57	69.52
Len's Restaurant	127	60	67.91
P.O.I. Surf Hits	118	69	63.10
Mozart's Overthrow	109	78	58.29
Tom's Superheroes II	108	79	57.75
Oleai Beach Restaurant	105	82	56.15
Songbird Blackbirds	78	109	41.71
Lite Beer	69	118	36.90
Miller MGD	67	120	35.83
Dart Vaders	24	163	12.83

B-Division

Songbird Bees	130	57	69.52
Dart Haus Blue	121	66	64.71
Rudolpho's Jr.	115	72	61.50
Bud Ice Low Lites	112	75	59.89
Rust Evaders	101	86	54.01
Team STS	86	101	45.99
Mogambo African Warriors	77	110	41.18
Hot 98 Roots, Rock & Reggae	72	115	38.50
Wolfgang	67	120	35.83
Duty Free Shoppers	54	133	28.88

C-Division

Songbird C Notes	127	49	72.16
Dart Haus C2	112	64	63.64
Rudolpho's Rudartos	110	77	58.82
Oleai Beach Boys	92	73	55.76
Sign Design	90	75	54.55
Wiseman's Barristers	69	96	44.82
Mom's Dart Babes	78	109	41.71
Dart Haus C1	26	161	13.90

Mixed Doubles Division

Sheldon & Yoli	122	65	65.24
Cary & Becky	112	75	59.89
Chuck & Stephanie	108	79	57.75
Mark & Gladys	105	82	56.15
Burt & Rosemarie	94	93	50.27
Larry & Doreen	88	99	47.06
Bob & Miles	88	99	47.06
Tom & Mary	85	102	45.45
Bob & Merle	79	108	42.25
Paul & Rowena	54	133	28.88

General Information: This is the last week, 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 a.m. We will have a brief meeting with elections and a tournament (the format has not yet been decided).

New winner at Kemper Open

By JOSEPH WHITE
POTOMAC, Maryland (AP) - Steve Stricker shot a 3-under-par 68 and became the fifth new winner on the PGA Tour this year, beating a quartet of players by three strokes Sunday to capture the \$1.5 million Kemper Open.

In steady rain, Stricker took the lead with a birdie at No. 5 and an eagle at the sixth, then held on and

finished with a 270 total. Mark O'Meara, Brad Faxon, Grant Waite and Scott Hoch tied for second.

"It always creeps in your mind about winning," said Stricker, whose wife is his caddie. "You've always got to fight it off, it seems like. We handled it pretty well coming down the stretch."

The other first-time winners this year came in a five-week span in

March and April: Tim Herron at the Honda Classic, Paul Goydos at the Bay Hill Invitational, Scott McCarron at the Freeport-McDermott Classic and Paul Stankowski at the BellSouth Classic.

Stricker, a third-year PGA Tour pro, has been showing signs of a breakthrough most of the year.

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Dodgers beat Expos

MONTREAL (AP) - Mike Blowers hit a three-run double in the ninth inning as the Los Angeles Dodgers rallied past the Montreal Expos 4-3 Sunday for a three-game sweep and their ninth win in 12 games.

Tom Candiotti (3-4) allowed just two hits in eight innings but trailed following Sherman Obando's homer in the seventh.

Blowers hit a bases-loaded double off Mel Rojas (3-3) and Roger Cedeno added an RBI groundout for a 4-1 lead. Moises Alou hit a two-run single in the bottom half off Todd Worrell, who got his 14th save.

Marlins 8, Cardinals 2

In Miami, Jeff Conine homered twice and Gary Sheffield hit

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UMDA tennis tourney organized by youth

A MAJOR sporting event organized by kids? That's what makes the UMDA 4th Annual Junior Tennis Championships so special, according to Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association Director of Development Jeff Race.

"As far as I know, it's the only major sports event on Saipan organized by the kids themselves. Putting together their own tournament is another aspect of the sport for them to learn about," said Race.

Also, it makes them aware that while they're getting a lot out of tennis, that they have to put something back into it as well.

"I think this is one of the reasons why a quality company like UMDA has chosen to sponsor this event," he said.

Tournament Director Arisa Sakai, who at seventeen has held an ITF Junior World Ranking for two years, wants all kids interested in tennis to know that this is the biggest junior event of the year and that Junior tennis players of all levels are invited to participate in the championships.

The events consist of boys and girls 18 & under, 14 & under and 12 & under singles, as well as 18 & under and 12 & under doubles.

The UMDA 4th Annual Junior Tennis Championships will be held on June 8th, 9th, and 15th at the Coral Ocean Point Resort Club's new

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