

Ramos: Diplomatic ties

By Mar Vic Munar
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MANILA- Philippine President Fidel V. Ramos wants to establish diplomatic relations with the CNMI government.

Ramos floated the idea during a closed-door meeting Tuesday with Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and other Commonwealth officials at Malacanang Palace.

"I could not respond when the president made the suggestion. He is aware of our relationship with the United States," Tenorio said in an interview with the Variety.

Establishing diplomatic relations with the CNMI is likely to face political impediments considering the Northern Marianas'

status under the United States.

The CNMI, being under the political umbrella of the federal government, cannot establish diplomatic relations with any country.

Under the Covenant that established the Commonwealth, defense and foreign affairs matters are for the federal government to decide on.

Nevertheless, Ramos instructed the foreign affairs office to study how his government could establish a setup wherein the Philippines and the CNMI could deal on a government-to-government basis.

At a press conference, Ramos said he has also instructed the Philippine Foreign Affairs and the



Fidel V. Ramos



Froilan C. Tenorio

Labor Departments to "enhance the memorandum of understanding the Philippines has with the CNMI."

Tenorio for his part assured the Ramos Administration "the things that happened in the past won't recur under my administration."

The meeting between the two government heads came on heels of Manila's decision to lift the ban on the deployment of workers to the CNMI.

"The lifting of the ban shows

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Manglona takes it upon self to act on controversial bills

Fiber optic bill now law; wage bill gets 'vetoed'

By Rafael H. Arroyo
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SENATE Vice President Paul A. Manglona, while acting governor, yesterday acted on two bills in apparent disregard of Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio's position on the said pieces of legislation.

Manglona, who became acting governor due to the absence of Tenorio, Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja and Senate President Jesus R. Sablan, signed House Bill 10-226 into law to effectively waive the requirement of a sub-merged land lease for anyone seeking to do the installation of a fiber optic telecommunications cable.

On the other hand, Manglona vetoed House Bill 10-158, which would have increased the mini-

mum wage by 30-cents but would have also done away with the automatic yearly increases under current law.

Manglona's actions, has been viewed as a coup of sorts, in as much as Gov. Tenorio has been quite adamant on how he feels about the two issues.

Tenorio, who is in the Philippines for yesterday's historic meeting with Philippine President Fidel V. Ramos, has said he will veto the fiber optic cable bill and that he will sign the minimum wage bill into law.

Before signing the veto on the wage bill, Manglona tried to verify if action has been taken already but none of the governor's staff seemed to know.

He and Senate legal counsel Steve Woodruff were told by the

staff that the governor's legal counsel, Doug Muir has the original copy of the fiber optic bill while that of the wage measure could not be located.

Without notification of any previous action on the two bills, it was determined that there will be no impediments to Manglona acting on them.

"At this point in time, there has been no notification to the Legislature of any action on H.B. 10-158 so I think the acting governor's action is justified determining that no action has been taken on that bill," said Woodruff.

"The governor has an affirmative obligation to inform the Legislature if he acts on legislation. We have not had any noti-

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Mafnas not guilty

By Ferdie de la Torre

Variety News Staff

THE SUPERIOR Court acquitted Ramon C. Mafnas yesterday of assault and battery charge in connection with the mauling of a Public School System teacher in San Roque last Nov. 13.

Associate Judge Miguel Demapan said after weighing the evidence and testimonies presented, the court found that the government failed to prove beyond reasonable doubt that Mafnas committed the crime against Cesar P. Belocora.

Demapan rendered his decision after a two-day bench trial.

Mafnas, who was the last witness to take the witness stand, admitted he pushed and kicked hard Belocora for self-

defense.

"No comment," the grinning Mafnas told reporters as he walked away from the courtroom after the decision was

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Ramon C. Mafnas

Guam's vice speaker apologizes to senator

By Mary Rose S. Tigulo

For the Variety

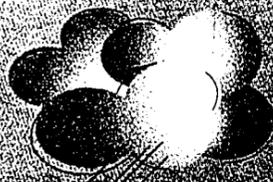
GUAM- Vice Speaker Ted Nelson has publicly apologized to fellow Senator Sonny Orsini and his family over allegations of mishandling of government funds.

Nelson said the Legislature regrets the embarrassment that the Orsini family went through as a result of an accusation of embezzlement and misappropriation of funds involving Orsini and his brother Andrew Orsini, then executive director of the State Council on Vocational Education (SCOVE).

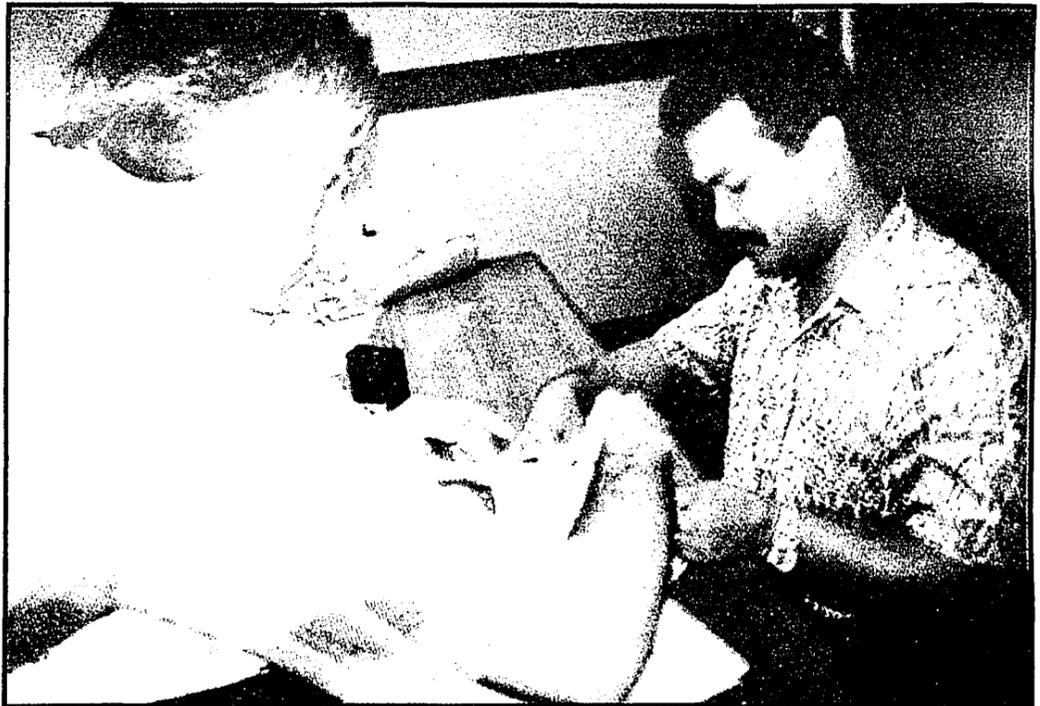
Orsini said that the final results of

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Weather Outlook



Mostly cloudy
with isolated showers



Senate Legal Counsel Steve Woodruff (left) assists acting Gov. Paul A. Manglona as the latter signs into law the bill on the proposed fiber optic cable project. Manglona also vetoed the bill to increase the minimum wage and rescind the yearly increases under P.L. 8-21.

Trade war gets averted

By JOE McDONALD
BEIJING (AP) - For the second time in 15 months, China and the United States have gone to the brink of a trade war before agreeing to stamp out piracy of American movies, compact discs and computer software.

US, China reach anti-piracy agreement



Charlene Barshefsky

U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky said Monday that Washington dropped plans for punitive tariffs after China committed to extensive, detailed steps to end illicit copying.

Barshefsky said U.S. officials would be closely involved in monitoring Chinese enforcement.

"We certainly will be back," she said.

The deal closed five days of negotiations that ran past a Monday deadline for Washington to impose punitive tariffs on \$ 2 billion in Chinese goods.

China had threatened to retaliate with trade sanctions and canceled business contracts. While China acknowledges that piracy has continued, it maintains it has complied with its commitments.

Unlike a February 1995 agreement signed by China that included only broad promises to combat piracy, the new deal lays out specific regulations and enforcement provisions, Barshefsky said.

She said that after failing to act on its promises for more than a year, China in the past several weeks launched a crackdown that closed 15 of 30 pirate CD factories with a total capacity of 50 million copies a year.

The recording, film and software industries claim copying of their products by Chinese pirate factories cost them \$ 2.3 billion last year in lost sales.

Industry officials at a late-night news conference at the U.S. Embassy applauded the agreement, but said they would be watching closely to ensure that China complied.

"What we have achieved is an important first step," said Jason Berman of the Recording Industry

Association of America. "These measures and the level of commitment to enforce them continuously will be the true test," he said, "but what we have seen recently and for the first time in 15 months are encouraging signs."

In Washington, President Clinton welcomed the end to a trade dispute that he said "cost a lot of money and jobs to the United States."

"I am pleased that a good agreement has been reached with the Chinese," Clinton said.

Industry representatives emerged from a White House briefing saying they were satisfied with the administration's efforts.

"It's the promise of a new future between China and the United States," said Jack Valenti, chairman of the Motion Picture Association.

Barshefsky said other elements of the deal include:

New Chinese regulations that will drop import restrictions on U.S. films and let American studios produce motion pictures and TV programs in China. Chinese officials had resisted giving U.S. studios such

broad access for fear of jeopardizing their domestic film industry.

New rules guaranteeing exclusive licensing rights for U.S. recording companies and a system to check music and film copyrights with international industry groups.

An enforcement role for China's powerful Ministry of Public Security, which controls a nationwide police force. During negotiations, U.S. officials said the ministry had been reluctant to get involved.

Rules banning unlicensed imports of equipment to make CDs, as well as provisions for inspectors to be stationed at CD factories around the clock to guard against forgeries.

A promise that U.S. officials can participate in monitoring enforcement and ensuring that shut-down factories remain closed.

Some of the 15 CD factories that continue to operate also may be shut down, while some could be licensed by American companies to make CDs legitimately, she said.

The latest dispute erupted after Washington accused Beijing of failing to live up to its 1995 agreement.

While acknowledging that piracy is continuing, China insists it has fulfilled the terms of the 1995

agreement. "China's achievements in crackdown on piracy and infringement of intellectual property rights are there for all to see," the official Xinhua News Agency quoted Vice Premier Li Lanqing as saying.

As Monday's deadline approached, China in the past several weeks issued a flurry of new anti-piracy regulations, raided unlicensed CD factories and proclaimed its commitment to protecting intellectual property.

Barshefsky said U.S. officials were convinced that China was cracking down in earnest.

"It is certainly not there yet, but China's recent actions represent serious and important steps in that direction," she said.



Chinese walk past a stack of empty computer boxes outside a store in Beijing. A boom in computers in China has led to a boom in software piracy, prompting the U.S. to threaten trade sanctions beginning June 17 unless China takes action against the piracy. Talks aimed at averting a trade war led to an anti-piracy agreement.

GOP report says Administration tried to impede criminal probes

By PETE YOST
WASHINGTON (AP) With the White House accusing Senate Republicans of conducting an inquisition, a draft report on Whitewater concludes that Clinton administration officials tried to impede criminal investigations of the affair to protect the president and first lady.

"Within months of the inauguration of President Clinton, senior administration officials began to take steps to minimize the legal and political damage to the Clintons arising from" criminal investigations of their business partners' savings and loan, says the draft by the Republican majority on the Senate Whitewater Committee.

In a broadly worded attack based on congressional hearings over the past year, the report concludes that the officials "repeatedly attempted to hinder, impede and control investigations of Whitewater and related matters."

Those actions, it said, raise "the possibility of obstruction of justice."

The report is scheduled for release Tuesday, but portions of a

draft version were leaked to news organizations over the weekend by congressional sources.

The allegations drew a swift rebuttal from White House officials, who said the conclusions are not supported by the facts and are the product of election-year politics.

Whitewater Committee Chairman Alfonse D'Amato, Republican of New York, "began most of his hearings by hurling innuendo," said White House spokesman Mark Fabiani. "He then called witnesses who never seemed to back up what he said. Now he's written a report that hurls the same innuendo."

"These leaks are typical of a political inquisition, not a search for the facts," Fabiani said.

The draft report questions whether President Clinton warned Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker of the looming Whitewater criminal investigation that recently resulted in Tucker's conviction on two felonies.

Recounting testimony before the committee, the report notes that senior presidential adviser Bruce Lindsey notified Clinton of a

Whitewater-related investigation two days before the president and then chief of staff Mack McLarty met with Tucker at the White House.

Clinton and McLarty deny briefing Tucker about the matter, but "senior White House officials undeniably put the president in the position where a legitimate question can be raised that such a briefing occurred," the report says.

Sections of the draft leaked earlier in the weekend pointed to Hillary Rodham Clinton as spearheading a White House effort to keep papers of the late deputy presidential counsel Vincent Foster away from law enforcement officials. Mrs. Clinton denies having any role.

But the report says Mrs. Clinton "dispatched her trusted lieutenants to contain any potential embarrassment or political damage" that might come up if investigators found Foster's papers.

The actions of the White House in the week after Foster's suicide "were highly improper, they were deliberate and they adversely affected ongoing investigations by career law enforcement officials," the report alleges.

EMO defends detonations

By Rick Alberto
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THE Emergency Management Office yesterday said the detonation operation conducted off the coast of Rota last week was for the purpose of saving lives.

In response to accusations by a diver that the detonation of underwater ordnance destroyed precious coral reefs and killed fishes, the EMO, through Public Information Officer Richard Relyea, stressed that human lives, which the bomb detonations sought to save, superseded "everything else."

Relyea emphasized this several times during a press conference the EMO called.

Relyea admitted that some corals were destroyed during the blasts. "You can't have a detonation without some damage (to corals)," he told reporters.

Mark Michael, owner of Dive Rota, had protested the three-day detonation operation conducted last June 12-14 since it would accordingly destroy one of the most popular diving and snorkeling sites in the Mariana Islands, the Coral Garden.

But according to Relyea the Coral Garden "is still a viable dive spot," as he tried to show through a video which was shot after the operation.

Lynne Michael, co-owner of Dive Rota, and six other protesters

were arrested and briefly detained by the Rota police after they refused to leave the area.

A Rota hotelier was also quoted in a news report as saying the detonations had scared away fishes from the diving spots.

Last week's detonations, done by the EMO and a US Navy Explosive Ordnance Detachment team, were the second since May. Relyea said 10 depth charges (un-

derwater explosives aimed at submarines) were detonated.

In the first detonation, a green sea turtle, considered endangered, was killed, Michael claimed.

Relyea told the press conference that one thing about depth charges is "they're very unstable and sensitive."

"If one depth charge goes off, everybody will be killed. If he (Michael) is so concerned about

this area, why is he not concerned about human lives?" Relyea said. Relyea said less than 100 fishes were probably killed in the detonation operation.

In the first detonation, he added, no more than 100 fishes were killed.

Last week's detonations are probably the last, Relyea said. "I hope that we'll find no more bombs."

Gov't files additional charge against suspected armed robber

THE ATTORNEY General's Office has filed an additional charge against one of two suspects in a reported armed robbery at a store in Kannat Tabla last June 10.

In an amended complaint filed Monday before the Superior Court, the government added carrying a firearm charge against Long Zhen Nan.

Nan was also charged with robbery, two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, and illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition.

Nan's companion, Gung Zhi

Hang, was charged with robbery, and complicity to assault with a dangerous weapon.

According to Assistant Atty. Gen. James Norcross, last June 10 Nan and Hang, both armed with guns, forcibly took the property from the immediate control of Eun Chang.

Nan threatened to cause bodily injuries to Byung Kim and David Quitugua with a firearm.

Nan was found carrying a .22 cal. Ruger rifle without a firearm identification card, said Norcross in the complaint.

Nan was found in possession of one .22 cal. Ruger rifle and one or more rounds of .22 cal. ammunition without holding a firearm identification card.

Hang aided Nan in threatening to cause injury to Kim with a gun, said the complaint.

Police said the suspects, armed with guns, entered the Clara Market and started demanding money from the victim.

Responding police officers arrested the suspects in a boonie area behind Ninos Piza in Lower Dandan. (FDT)

MTC hails Manglona action on fiber optic cable measure

MICRONESIAN Telecommunications Corporation (MTC) yesterday hailed the signing of the fiber optic cable bill into law.

In a press statement issued yesterday, MTC said Acting Governor Paul A. Manglona's action in approving the amended version of HB 10-226 ends four years of delays in bringing the benefits of an fiber optic cable link to the CNMI.

"This is simply the next logical step in MTC's plans for giving the CNMI the best telecommunications system possible," said MTC's representative William Santos.

According to MTC, the enactment of the bill means there will be no exclusive right for any company to do the project and that any qualified company can have a submerged lands cable right-of-way if they comply with the terms and conditions states in the law.

The new cable is expected to bring needed relief in calling from the CNMI to the rest of the world.

It is said that it would result to reliable, uninterrupted connections to the outside world during typhoons; better quality transmission and capability for new kinds of multi-media and digital imaging services; interconnection ca-

pability required for the CNMI's conversion to the North American Numbering Plan (NANP) and more.

The cable also encourages competition and MTC will provide equal access at non-discriminatory rates to all long distance and communications companies wanting to operate in the CNMI, MTC said.

Now that the amended HB 10-226 has been signed into law, MTC's interisland fiber optic system can be built and operational by end of the year. All necessary permits have been obtained, and required environmental studies have already been completed, said MTC.

Japanese pilgrims come to consecrate Buddha shrine

By Rick Alberto
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SOME 70 Japanese, including two bishops and 15 priests, came here to attend the consecration of a new image of Buddha held yesterday morning at the International House of Prayer, or Nanmeido, in Sugar King Park.

The worshippers—coming from Shizuoka, Shiga, Osaka, Fukuoka, and Nagoya—belonged to the Jodo and Soto Zen sects.

The consecration, which was officiated by Rev. Ryokan Nakamura, former bishop of the Hawaii Jodo Mission, was the first of three ceremonies that lasted for 1 hour and 45 minutes.

According to Rev. Shinryu Akita, who built the hexagonal-shaped Nanmeido in 1993, the newly consecrated image is that of Amitabha Buddha, which is the Buddha of great love and compassion.

Amitabha Buddha is also the main Buddha of the Western Paradise.

The image was newly carved by Mr. Kaichi Kurihara of Toyonaka city, Osaka prefecture.

The second ceremony was the Sutra chanting by members of the Baika Chanting Association

in Japan. The chanting was a venerative offering to the principal image in Nanmeido, Jibo Kannon. This is an image of a mother holding a baby.

According to Akita, the image was put on the Nanameido altar to console the spirits of the deceased soldiers, both American and Japanese.

The association also installed in the house of prayer its central image, the Baika Kannon.

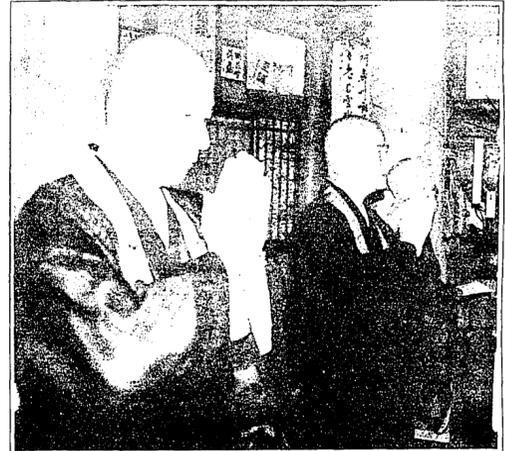
Akita said he hopes that the visit of the Buddhist chanting group would lead to more visits by other chanters.

"Fifty years have passed since World War II and the memory of the dead soldiers is gradually dying out. We hope other groups will come to continue making services and chanting hymns here in Saipan," Akita said in an interview.

The third ceremony was a memorial service for the spirits of the Japanese and American soldiers as well as of the local people who died during the Saipan battle.

During this part many of the chanters were in tears.

Another bishop, Rev. Kenryu Oshima, representative of Baika Hosan Kai from Shizuoka, Japan, officiated in the last two services.



PRAYER OF LOVE AND COMPASSION. Two Buddhist priests join in the consecrating ceremony for the image of Amitabha Buddha (shown in background, with radiating halo).



CONSOLING CHANTS. Some of the women chanters from the Baika Chanting Association pray to Jibo Kannon to console the spirits of soldiers who perished in the war 50 years ago.

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Racist Policies

WHEN we turn ourselves into reactionaries, the thought process, a universal standard in policy formulation, goes out the window. The sunset policy against non-citizen teachers, nurses, doctors and accountants depict our fear or inability to deal with the more fundamental problems in defining development of our human resources.

Thus, the racist policies against Filipinos, Indians, Chinese and others. We've obviously opted for what is convenient over the more enduring alternatives. If it were up to this scribe, I'd advocate for English speaking Chinese, Japanese and German instructors. All three still score the highest in science and math over statesiders. Japan produces university graduates who start out as clerks in the bigger companies at home. Evidently, Japan and Germany produce high school graduates that are as capable as any American college graduate outside academia.

Our sunset policy in this regard reminded this scribe of the national though racist cry to purchase "Made in the USA" products. Sounds great! However, it is a universal phenomenon that consumers care less about the origin of products for as long as they are quality items and relatively inexpensive. In other words, regardless of your race, what matters when it comes down to pocketbook arithmetic is the mileage you can get for your hard earned dollar! Otherwise, Americans won't be buying quality and inexpensive products other than their own, right? But Japan and other developing economies have been able to manufacture consumable products that meets the needs of most countries the world over. It is a fact of life!

The other day I had an interesting discussion with Representative Heinz Hofschneider about the double dipping policy of the NMI. Again, we were too quick slamming the doors of opportunities against our retired people. Many can still provide the needed manpower for the Public School System and other jobs where we can use the talents of our people. Not only did we fail them and ourselves in this regard, but we also fail them by not providing retraining programs so that they can eventually find meaningful employment in the private sector.

Point: The prohibition on double dipping has opened opportunities for other retirees, i.e., neighboring Guam to seek employment here and still rake-in retirement pay when they leave the islands. The arrangement isn't their fault, but they benefit from a heavenly opportunity to draw two retirement pay, one from Guam and one from the NMI. Talk about creating paradise for other retirees. Isn't it time that we revamp this policy so we allow our people employment opportunities and insist that eligibility in the retirement program for "other" retirees must certain criteria, i.e., ten years of service in order to qualify?

The Northern Marianas College has become the gargle mouth wash of politicians who use the collar of their office to show off the power that they have as policymakers. Some of our friends who don't that superficial intellectual look are into this destructive attitude as though they know better than the people at NMC.

I don't particularly care to know what's up their sleeves. But I do care about the role of NMC in a community where it is the only educational institution who addresses the educational and social needs of our young people securing lifetime skills. While politicians mouth off recklessly and heedlessly, NMC diligently works with indigenous students who wish to become nurses, teachers, secretaries, accountants, etc.

It is about time that we rally behind the work of NMC and get into constructive engagement with its management on how to improve its role so that it stays focus in its working relationship with both sectors to educate and train indigenous students and employees. If you learn to separate people from issues, you would have done these islands greater good in facilitating NMC's efforts to provide lifetime skills for our young people.

If Filipino teachers are way off in their teaching skills and credentials, then I would be the first to pull out my son from Mt. Carmel School. But I have carefully monitored my son's academic progress and I am proud to say that his Filipino teachers have demonstrated that they are as good as any American teacher I've had in school some twenty-five years ago, if not, better.

How far do we want to display our apparent sense of immaturity and well polished bigotry? What I find even more hypocritical is the intermarriages with Filipinos, but we still find pleasure in talking down against them to the extent that we translate them into policies. Friends, people are people and the basic need for every human being is the same all over regardless of the color of your skin or inability to utter that perfect American English inflection in a language that is even foreign to, believe it or not, Chamorros and Carolinians. Same difference, yeah? So what's our beef?

Last August at Children's Hospital in San Diego, I watched the many painful faces of parents from all walks of life as they wait for word about the fate of their loved-ones going through major surgery.

If anything, pain knows no color nor race. The need for comfort is the same when each of us is going through some heavy experiences in our daily lives. Evidently, the head nurse in the neo-natal intensive care unit is a Filipina who has the same surname as this scribe. Did it matter that she's a Filipina? Nope! She's a professional in every aspect of her work and is assigned stateside nurses who are committed to learning their



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Romania's orphans continue to languish

WASHINGTON — The situation of Romania's orphans is one of the world's ongoing tragedies, exacerbated by the same kind of xenophobia that caused its citizens to submit to the dictatorship of Nicolae Ceausescu for decades.

There are now more than 100,000 institutionalized children in Romania, and their living conditions are often primitive. Though the numbers had fallen at one point, the current figures are close to the number discovered after Ceausescu was overthrown in 1989.

The government's unwillingness to change its orphanage policies caused one of the most indefatigable relief organizations, Doctors Without Borders, to leave Romania last year.

And the government's refusal to permit massive adoption, based on stubborn insistence that Romanian children should stay "home," perpetuates the insanity Ceausescu began. Only 269 Romanian children were allowed to be adopted last year by American families—a process that can sometimes take years and involve significant bribes to government officials. That tiny number makes no dent in the number of children being institutionalized because of the poverty of their parents or other reasons.

Our associate Dale Van Atta was one of the first to visit Romania's orphanages after Ceausescu's fall. He saw first-hand the tragedy wrought by an epidemic of HIV-infected infants. Incredibly, nearly 90 percent of all AIDS victims in Romania at the time were children under the age of 4. Most were infected by dirty needles used for as many as a dozen patients before being cleaned or discarded.

Variou relief agencies have been successful in improving the lot of the infected, since these infants constituted a minor percentage of the more than 100,000 in orphanages. But the rest get little attention, no more than a few minutes each day. Doctors Without Borders, in its farewell report, estimated that at least one in 10 of these children will end their lives in psychiatric institutions —if they live past childhood.

The tragedy is directly attributable to the folly of a dictator who outlawed abortion and birth control. In 1966, Ceausescu issued State Decree No. 770 which made abortion illegal for any woman under 45 who had not

yet produced four children. He was intent on increasing Romania's population from 22 to 30 million by the year 2000. He wanted more workers to build his vision of a rich Romania.

The first year, Romania's "mother heroines," as Ceausescu called them, did double the birth rate. But then it leveled off, as parents who couldn't feed their own children sought illegal abortions to end unwanted pregnancies.

Ceausescu then instituted County Demographic Commands, Communist Party officials whose sole job was to oversee monthly gynecological examinations of females of child-bearing age at their places of work. They were dubbed "the menstrual police" by some Romanians.

Despite these workplace examinations, the number of women injured or killed from illegal abortions soared. One Romanian source told us that in 1989 alone more than 300,000 women were hospitalized for abortion-related complications.

The number of infant deaths also soared. When the infant mortality rate outstripped all other European countries, an embarrassed Ceausescu ruled that births would not be registered until the baby had lived three months. Factoring that in, sources estimated that Ceausescu-era infant mortality rate reached as high as 100 deaths per 1,000 infants—compared to a West European average of fewer than 10 per 1,000.

Even if the baby or mother lived, the families were still faced with the enormous financial strain of caring for their children. Tens of thousands of babies were abandoned on doorsteps and at state facilities.

A few things have changed for the better, but the root problems of poverty and pride remain to condemn these children.

As before, health care workers and orphanage employees routinely steal goods sent for assistance for use by their own scantly surviving families or to sell on the black market.

And many parents are still abandoning children they can't afford. Even though birth control and abortion are now legal in Romania, the costs of these procedures remain out of reach for many.

Despite the sobering statistics, a Derverse national pride still prevents the adoption of these tragic orphans into comfortable homes in the West. "We won't sell our heritage," one Romanian official defiantly proclaimed, thus sentencing another generation of children to a life of psychological torture and abuse.

Man in knife attack nabbed

A MAN was arrested Monday for allegedly attacking a woman with a hunting knife. Ronney Santos Ito was

Kinney counsel ready for lie detector test

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

BARRY J. Israel, one of the counsels for Kaelani Kinney, has expressed willingness to take a lie detector test if needed to determine the truth behind bribery attempt issue.

In an affidavit submitted yesterday to the Superior Court, Israel admitted he participated in a meeting last March 1 attended by businessman Willie Tan, lawyers David Lujan and David Mair, Ben Fitial, among others.

Israel pointed out that during the meeting he did not hear Lujan or anyone offered Tan a seat on the Board of Directors of either DHL or DHL.

Tan told the court last Thursday that Kinney's camp offered to place him in the DHL Board of Directors if he would help remove Joe Waechter and other business associates from the administration of Larry Hillblom's estate.

Tan claimed that the meeting was arranged by Mair, a Guam-based law-

yer and Lujan's friend, at a bar in San Jose.

In that meeting, Tan said Lujan offered him to be on the board of directors of DHL, the biggest asset of Hillblom's \$450 million estate.

Tan is a key shareholder and director of the suspended estate executor Bank of Saipan.

Waechter is a member of BOS Board of Directors.

In his statement, Israel said he is prepared to take a polygraph test if that becomes necessary.

Meanwhile, Presiding Judge Alexandro Castro ordered yesterday that the hearings to allow the executor to show cause why it should not be removed are now closed.

Castro issued such order after having completed eight days of hearings.

The judge asked all interested parties and the Deputy Atty. Gen. for the State of California to submit their closing arguments in writing no later than June 28.

Ito swung the knife close to victim's waist and knee and told her that he wonders what it would feel like to be striking a human bone with the knife, said Forelli in the affidavit.

The prosecutor said the defendant had consumed alcohol before the incident.

Forelli said it was not the first time Ito threatened the victim with a dangerous weapon.

Meanwhile, a 32-year-old man was arrested the other day for shoplifting a bottle of liquor and a leather belt from Payless Supermarket and Townhouse Department Store.

Arrested was Jack Arurang of Chalan Kanoa.

In Garapan, Chris H. Walter, 29, was arrested for allegedly assaulting a 35-year-old man at Micro Beach Hotel yesterday.

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12 new PSS buses coming

TWELVE new buses for the Public School System is set to arrive on Friday, PSS said in a news release.

The new fleet acquisition is expected to somehow alleviate the current critical need for more buses to transport a steadily increasing public school enrollment.

When the new buses arrive, the PSS will finally be able to replace its 10 buses that were purchased in 1984, but are still being used, the release said.

These old gasoline-powered buses have been continually experiencing mechanical problems, which has caused delays in getting students to and from school, it added.

The new 66-passenger buses, paid for with the support of annual grants from the U.S. Federal Transit Authority, will include such modern features as rear-mounted diesel engines, air conditioning and video cameras for monitoring student behavior.

Rear-mounted diesel engines are considered more fuel-efficient and easier to repair than gasoline or front-mounted diesel engines.

The video cameras on board the buses are expected to drastically curtail the damage done by students to the seats of the buses. The problem currently costs the PSS more than \$10,000 each year, as the seats must be reupholstered annually.

With the video cameras in place, however, bus drivers will be able to review the tapes each day and spot any damage-causing students. Once a student has been caught, the rule will likely be that the student's parents will be responsible for paying for the damage and that the student cannot ride the bus again until payment is made.

The air conditioners on the buses are giant 104,000BTU units. The bus deal took more than a year to finalize before construction of the buses started at the Thomas Built Bus Company plant in High Point, North Carolina, last December.

In May of this year, the buses were completed and arrangements were made to deliver them to Saipan.

Delivery of the buses had to be done very carefully, however.

PSS Federal Programs Coordinator Tim Thornburgh, who negotiated the bus deal and made sure the buses would make it safely to Saipan, said that because of the serious threat of vandalism, the usual way of shipping buses across the United States is no longer by train. Instead, the buses are driven.

For the 12 PSS buses, that meant driving the buses for three nights — the buses are only driven at night, not during the day — from North Carolina to Los Angeles, California, for placing aboard a

ship to Saipan. That ship is expected to arrive this week and unload the new buses at the Saipan port this Friday.

Once the new buses arrive, Thornburgh said the PSS will likely decide to sell its 10 1984 model buses to the highest bidder.

Another important consideration with the new buses is preventive maintenance.

Thornburgh said PSS mechanics went to Honolulu earlier this year for training on how to do preventive maintenance on the new buses.

In addition, he said, a "trouble-

shooting" team from Thomas Built Bus Company will visit Saipan in July to provide about a week of training to PSS mechanics.

The buses have an estimated life span of 20 years, Thornburgh said. For more information, contact Tim Thornburgh at 6643790.



The library at Oleai Elementary School was transformed into a center for student exhibits at the school's Academic Fair earlier this month.

Filipinos rally behind Malaysian

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Twenty Filipinos protested in front of the Malaysian Embassy Monday, urging Malaysian authorities to free a woman accused of falsely alleging police torture of illegal immigrants.

The protesters also urged President Fidel Ramos to come to the defense of Irene Fernandez, director of the Malaysian-based Tenaganita Women's Force, who was arrested March 19 in Kuala Lumpur and is now on trial.

Ms. Fernandez, a Malaysian of Indian origin, has been accused in connection with a report alleging abuses against some 340 Bangladeshi, Filipino and other foreign workers in Malaysian detention camps.

The government has said there was no evidence of neglect or wrongdoing by authorities, and that deaths at the camps resulted from diseases brought by the victims

from their home countries.

"Ms. Fernandez is not the only one on trial. So are truth and respect for migrant rights and human rights," said Cherry Cruz, a spokeswoman of Manila's Network Opposed to Violence Against Women Migrants.

"The filing of charges against Ms. Fernandez is a clear and stern warning to anyone who dares expose the truth ...," she added.

Ms. Fernandez went on trial June 10 on charges of false and malicious statements, punishable by up to three years in prison and a fine of 35,000 ringgit (\$14,000).

Her lawyers say that convicting her would have a chilling effect on freedom of expression in Malaysia.

Kanlungan Center Foundation, another migrant workers support group in Manila, said in a statement that in the first five months of this year, 94,136 Filipino overseas workers encountered serious trouble, more than double the 40,971 in all of the previous year.

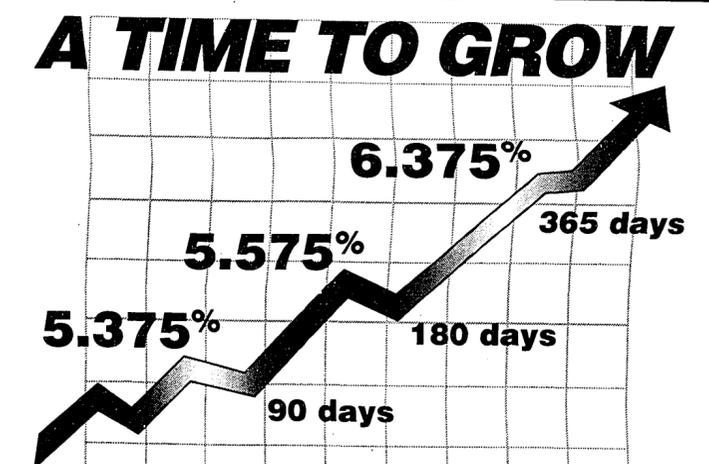
Cases of jailing of Filipino workers abroad have been reported prominently in Manila newspapers following the execu-

tion of Filipino maid Flor Contemplacion in Singapore in March last year.

The execution touched off a furor in the Philippines. Although Contemplacion confessed to the crime, many Filipinos believed

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Famed sharpshooter kills man in hostage drama

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - A police sharpshooter who has been featured in a popular movie killed a hostage-taker Tuesday with a single shot, ending a three-hour drama covered live by television and radio stations.

Spectators cheered after the shot by Inspector Jaime Santiago, who has killed three other hostage-takers. A movie of his life story has become one of the top grossers this year.

Santiago was called after a man armed with a rusty knife and a broken soft drink bottle seized 13-year-old student Ryan Bacea at the Torres High School canteen in Manila's Tondo district.

The man, Henry Gumabong, demanded to see Interior Secretary Robert Barbers and radio commentator Noli de Castro, saying he wanted to tell them

something about illegal drugs.

"We could not compromise the safety of the hostage," Chief Inspector Ernesto Fojas, chief of Manila's Tondo district, said of the decision to call Santiago, now head of Manila's Special Weapons and Tactics - SWAT - unit.

Fojas said Gumabong was apparently mentally unstable and already was harming his hostage.

Interviewed by a radio station later about whether he agreed with the decision to kill Gumabong, the boy replied: "Yes, he was hurting me in the neck with the broken bottle."

A relative said Gumabong, from Iloilo in the central Philippines, was in Manila to apply for a job abroad but she was unaware whether he had any problem.

Manila newsbriefs

(as culled by PR Consulate)

Estrada to meet Gore

FIVE years after campaigning against US bases in the Philippines Vice President Estrada prepares to gain lost ground with America when he meets his counterparts Al Gore this week - the highlight of the former's 15-day visit to the United States where he spent Independence Day with Filipino communities there.

Icasiano Gutierrez, Estrada's spokesman, said the meeting will also tackle a performance review of the federal gov-

ernment machinery and cooperation for sustainable development.

He said Estrada hopes to adopt some new features of the United States' federal government system to the Philippines' central system of government.

Gore chairs on eminent person's committee reviewing how a federal system of government deals with these problems, particularly those on public safety and corruption.

The Philippine Star

US eyes RP ports for R&R sites

ARMED Forces chief General Arturo Enrile yesterday denied formally discussing the Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA) with Admiral Joseph W. Prueher, Commander in Chief of the United States Pacific Command (USCINCPAC) during the recently concluded Second Quarterly Mutual Defense Board (MDB) meeting.

In an interview, Mr Enrile, clarified that the ACSA was only mentioned in passing and not formally discussed as previously reported.

"It was an informal discussion and not at the level of Mutual Defense Board.

We have not yet received the ACSA draft," Mr Enrile said.

Under the draft military agreement, the United States is "seriously" considering 22 commercial ports in the Philippines as possible sites for servicing US ships and as rest and recreation stations for US troops.

The 22 ports are Laog, San Fernando (La Union), Lingayen, Cubi Point, Manila, Batangas, Legazpi, Masbate, Palawan, Romblon, Roxas City, Calbayog, Tacloban, Baybay (Leyte), Liloilo, Bucalod, Cebu, Tagbilaran, Dumaguete, Cagayan De Oro, Zamboanga and Davao City.

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Palau visitors to hit 250,000

PALAU'S tourism industry is gearing for an increase in visitor arrivals and in foreseeing numbers to reach a quarter of a million in 20 years, the Tia Belau reported.

According to Immigration and Labor Offices, the number of visitors to the country is projected to increase from the 1995's 53,000 to 250,000 within 20 years.

The average length of stay is expected to increase from 4.5 days

to 5.5 days and this will result in the average number of visitors present on any specified day increasing from 653 to 767. The number of visitors for the first five months of this year shows an increase of 10% over last year.

In order to accommodate this surge, an additional 2,500 hotel rooms will have to be added to the existing 680 thus increasing the tourism industry workforce over 100% with over 70% of the

workforce being non-Palauan.

Currently 46% of the tourism workforce are non-Palauans; this and other factors lead to monetary "leakage" because foreign workers remit money back to their home of origin, tour groups off-island take a percentage of the profits, etc. leaving only a margin of the incoming "tourist" funding in the hands of Palauans and Palauan businesses.

This high number of visitors also has an adverse impact on public infrastructures. The sewage treatment plant is now working at maximum capacity, the water system is producing water of inferior quality, the electrical power generating system is nearing maximum capacity, the landfill is already full, traffic is congested with no system of public transportation.

If current trends continue, water and power will have to be rationed to three hours per day, the landfill dump site at M-Dock will be overflowing and traffic in Koror will be at a standstill within

a few years unless immediate and drastic steps are taken by the government to prepare for this eventually.

The National Committee on Population and Children (CoPopChi) made several recommendations in their conference held in March 1996. The committee recommended a cap on the number of visitors, reasoning that the large number of visitors will destroy the marine environment and the natural beauty of Palau. Since it is these resources which attract visitors, the tourism industry could then thus collapse and with it, and in a worst case scenario, the national economy would follow.

The committee further recommended a five-year moratorium on construction of new hotels and rooms beyond those already approved and initiated. During the five-year moratorium period, a National Tourism Policy should be developed. This policy would encourage "eco-tourism" and strive to increase average daily

expenditures by visitors, diversify visitor activities beyond diving and increase participation by Palauans in the industry at all levels (ownership, management and workforce).

The Tourism Policy should favor smaller, Palauan family owned and operated hotels with the National Development Bank giving priority assistance to Palauan hotel owners and tourist operators to improve the quality of their product.

Finally, the laws and regulations affecting the sectors should be strictly enforced. In order to strengthen enforcement it was recommended that a new Ministry of Environment and Tourism be created.—Tia Belau

Lazy cops on way out, says PNG official

LAZY, drunk and disobedient police officers are on the way out in Papua New Guinea.

Police commissioner Bob Nenta was quoted as saying he was ashamed of the Rambo-like image being projected by some of his officers, according to the Weekend Australian.

Vowing to restore police standards and credibility, Nenta provided a frank if disturbing picture of the state of the 4,000 strong Royal PNG constabulary, where absenteeism, drunkenness and irresponsibility towards police property, including firearms and vehicles, have become endemic.

Nenta said all they do is consume our very scarce resources, smash up our vehicles and occupy barracks, and give nothing back.

The Weekend Australian's South Pacific correspondent said that under the new crackdown, police in PNG will face stiff penalties, in some cases instant dismissal, if they fail to adhere strictly to uniform, employment and behavior regulations....Pacnews

'No reason for PNG to invade Solomon Is.'

SOLOMON Islands deputy prime minister and foreign minister Danny Philip says he does not see why Papua New Guinea should invade his country.

He made the comment in response to allegations by secessionist rebels from the PNG island of Bougainville that the PNG Defense Force has been ordered to invade Solomons, RNZI reported.

The Bougainville Revolutionary Army claims to have intercepted an order to invade Solomon Islands and make it a province of PNG.

Philip said the two countries are not at war, and the problems at their common sea border are just spill-over effects of the Bougainville crisis.

Solomon Islands police commissioner Morton Siriheti said despite the absurdity of the claim, national security authorities are taking it seriously....Pacnews

Curfew re-imposed

A-DUSK-to-dawn curfew has been re-imposed on Buka and the northern tip of mainland Bougainville.

Provincial police commander in Buka, chief inspector Joel Kean, said security measures for the north-west area and Buka had been stepped up to prepare for operations by security forces in Central and South Bougainville, NBC reported.

Kean said the six-to-six curfew was necessary for an all-out war between the security forces and the BRA rebels.

Security measures include checkpoints at Kokopau and of all civil air charters to the mainland, a ban on non-Bougainvilleans' travel and screening of television programs and any public meetings without proper approval from the security forces.

Kean has urged all the villagers on the northern tip of Bougainville, Buka, Petats, Saposa and Taiof Islands to seek refuge in safe areas as the security forces make a major cleanup of rebel strongholds....Pacnews

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Clinton, Dole camps trade shots

By RON FOURNIER
WASHINGTON (AP) - With Republicans openly questioning President Clinton's credibility and character, the White House has fashioned a strategy to turn the tables and accuse Bob Dole of playing "Pinocchio politics." Vice President Al Gore, in an unusually harsh assessment of Clinton's Republican rival, used Dole's record on tobacco issues to challenge the

senator's integrity Monday. The former senator and fellow Republicans "seem to believe that the way to turn their tattered campaign into a Cinderella story is to engage in the politics of Pinocchio: Forget about the truth, tell a bunch of lies and let someone else pull the strings," Gore said in a speech in Philadelphia, an electoral vote battleground. The remarks could be the first

volley in a character war, with both camps dialing up reporters and feeding fax machines to prove how low each side can stoop. After months of raising doubts about Clinton's character, Republicans hoped to make inroads this week from a scathing report on the White House's handling of Whitewater matters, a second trial of Clinton supporters in Arkansas and mounting interest in the collection of FBI files on Republicans. "Let's face it," said Dole spokeswoman Christina Martin. "On the issue of truth, if the Clinton administration practices what it preaches they wouldn't be having such a bad week."



Al Gore



Bob Dole

him of being beholden to wealthy tobacco interests. "It's not worth stinking up your reputation with the smoky stench of special interest politics and the dangerous din of dishonesty. Their Pinocchio politics are easy to unmask," Gore said. It was surprisingly tough language aimed at a man whose record and service to the country were praised by Clinton after Dole resigned the Senate. And it didn't stop there. The Clinton-Gore campaign circulated Phillip Morris ads running in Europe that compare the hazards of smoking to drinking milk. It was a clear reference to Dole's saying last week that smoking is not good for kids, "but a lot of other things aren't good. Some would say milk's not good."

Clinton-Gore campaign spokesman Joe Lockhart said Phillip Morris paid big money to advertise in Europe, but "over here, they just have to give money to Bob Dole and he'll do it for them." The Dole campaign has done some research, too. They provided copies of articles dating to the 1980s that show Gore's family once grew tobacco, Gore accepted donations from tobacco interests as a U.S. senator and he opposed a ban on tobacco ads in 1987. Lobbying the day's final bomb in this war on character, Dole dismissed Gore's speech as a diversionary tactic. "I know they're worried about all these FBI files they're finding around the White House," he said while campaigning in California.

Hillary says she recalls little of billing records

WASHINGTON (AP) - With Senate Whitewater Committee Republicans zeroing in on Hillary Rodham Clinton, the Senate panel's Republican and Democratic members are ending a year-long investigation with sharply opposing final reports. The panel's Democratic report is supportive of the first lady, according to congressional sources. The Republicans conclude that the first lady was behind an effort to keep law enforcement officials away from the files of White House Deputy Counsel Vincent Foster following his July 1993 suicide. Both reports were being released Tuesday, but some contents of the Republican report were leaked over the weekend. The leaking is part of a "political vendetta" - an attempt to get "political mileage out of baseless charges," said White House spokesman Mike McCurry. One topic being dealt with extensively in both reports was the mysterious reappearance of Mrs. Clinton's billing records. In a last battle Monday, committee Republicans and the first lady's Whitewater lawyer focused on the issue - with Mrs. Clinton saying she recalled almost nothing about the documents. The FBI found her fingerprints on them. The billing records, which sur-

faced in the White House in January two years after Whitewater investigators subpoenaed them, outline her work for the Arkansas savings and loan at the center of the Whitewater affair. They refer to more than 12 previously undisclosed conversations she had about Castle Grande, a failed real estate development in Arkansas owned by her Whitewater partner. In a terse two-page affidavit released Monday, the first lady did not directly answer the committee's questions about a telephone conversation she had about one aspect of Castle Grande. Instead, she allowed her lawyer, David Kendall, to discount the accusation of an Arkansas savings and loan executive who says Mrs. Clinton dismissed his warning of an improper loan transaction. Suggesting that savings and loan executive Don Denton made up the story, Kendall pointed out that Denton was granted immunity from prosecution several months ago in exchange for his cooperation with Whitewater prosecutors. The report also points to Mrs. Clinton as spearheading a White House effort to keep Foster's White House files away from law enforcement officials in the days following his June 1993 suicide. The files contained information on Whitewater and the White House travel office firings.

FAA forces ValuJet to the ground

By LAURA MECKLER
WASHINGTON (AP) - ValuJet halted operations Tuesday under pressure from the same government officials who declared the discount airline safe after a ValuJet plane crashed five weeks ago in the Florida Everglades. The Federal Aviation Administration found "several serious deficiencies in ValuJet's operations" following an intensive 30-day inspection, FAA Administrator David Hinson said Monday.

ValuJet called the FAA action "grossly unfair" and said it hoped to be back in operation within 30 days. ValuJet President Lewis Jordan said the airline would provide full refunds for ticket holders. The airline, which serves 31 cities in 19 states, canceled all of Tuesday's flights, along with many on Monday night. In forcing ValuJet out of the skies, Hinson cited "system-wide deficiencies" in the fast-growing airline's maintenance program and "multiple shortcomings" in its quality control over outside contractors that are responsible for much of the airline's maintenance. ValuJet also failed to establish the airworthiness of some of its airplanes, he said. And for the first time, Hinson said the FAA was partly to blame for failing to adequately inspect ValuJet's fleet. "Clearly we have some culpability at the agency," he told ABC news.

He said he would announce personnel and "other organizational changes" Tuesday within the FAA, which came under fire as earlier problems with ValuJet surfaced after the May 11 crash that killed all 110 people aboard. In the five weeks since the ValuJet DC-9 went down, the airline has come under widespread criticism. An FAA preliminary report on the Atlanta-based airline, completed May 6, uncovered at least 100 problems, with inspectors finding mechanics unfamiliar with the equipment they were working on and cases where work was reported as complete that hadn't been started. An internal FAA report also surfaced showing ValuJet's accident rate was 10 times that of major carriers. And the inspector general for the Transportation Department, Mary Fackler Schiavo, repeatedly voiced concerns about ValuJet's safety, saying she would not fly the low-cost carrier.

Yet in the days following the crash, Hinson and Transportation Secretary Federico Pena repeatedly declared ValuJet safe and said they would fly it. On Monday, Hinson said it was fair to question those statements now, but he argued the airline seemed safe "based upon the evidence that existed at the time." He noted that the FAA was in the midst of a special review of ValuJet when the plane

crashed. Hinson said the FAA eventually would have found the problems with ValuJet that led to the grounding, even if the Everglades crash had never occurred. "It would have taken somewhat longer because we would not have had such a focused inspection," he said. ValuJet stock fell five-eighths of a point Monday, before the FAA's announcement was made. Hinson said ValuJet agreed in writing to halt operations until it can demonstrate "appropriate corrective action" on a number of issues. He did not estimate how long that will take or what the airline must do. ValuJet complained that it was unable to respond to the FAA concerns raised during the investigation, which included about 2,000 inspections. ValuJet noted that there was no evidence that maintenance was to blame for the crash. Rather, the National Transportation Safety Board suspects that oxygen canisters being carried illegally in the plane's cargo hold may have caught fire minutes after takeoff from Miami International Airport. Other recent FAA groundings have included Kiwi International Air Lines, based in Newark, New Jersey, which was suspended for four days in December 1994 for failing to document pilot training. In March 1995, Miami-based Arrow Air halted operations after the FAA charged that it was not complying with safety directives.

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Mishaps mar military exercises

HONOLULU (AP) - A Canadian jet made an emergency landing and a Japanese naval helicopter caught fire as military exercises involving the United States and five Pacific Rim countries wound down.

The Canadian F-18 jet was forced to return to Honolulu International Airport shortly after its departure Monday afternoon for a military base in California.

The pilot reported multiple control problems and was unable to make an in-air refueling with a tanker, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration said.

The jet landed safely and the pilot was unhurt.

A Japanese SH-60 helicopter had landed at Barbers Point Naval Air Station Monday afternoon and was taxiing on the ground when its helo burst into flames, the U.S. Pacific Command said.

Eight people on board the helicopter suffered minor injuries, officials said. The Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force is investigating.

Both the Canadian jet and Japanese helicopter were taking part

in six-nation military exercises also involving the United States, Chile, Australia and South Korea. The exercises are scheduled to end this week.

On June 4, a Japanese destroyer shot down a U.S. jet with

two Navy airmen on board when it mistakenly fired at the jet instead of a target it was pulling 3 miles (5 kms) behind it.

The two men ejected and were rescued. According to Japanese news

reports, the order to fire was given too soon, indicating human error.

A spokesman for Japan's Defense Agency, which is investigating the June 4 accident, said the cause has not yet been determined.



A U.S. Marine from the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit guards two people from the fictitious nation of "Pacifica", played by Hawaii based Marines, during a simulated evacuation from a U.S. Embassy at Marine Corp Base, Hawaii in Honolulu. The 11th MEU unit, based out of Camp Pendleton, Calif., might be called to perform similar evacuation operations while on six month deployment to the western Pacific and southwest Asia. Marines are currently dealing with an operation in Liberia. AP Photo

Five illegal aliens die crossing Mexico to US

TUCSON, Arizona (AP) - Five illegal aliens crossing the desert from Mexico into the United States died from heat exposure and dehydration, U.S. Border Patrol agents said. A sixth person survived.

Authorities found two bodies on Sunday, about 300 yards (meters) from where they found three other bodies a day earlier. Agents found the lone survivor badly dehydrated and delirious Wednesday night, patrol spokesman Rob Daniels said Monday.

None of the victims has been identified, police said.

The men were trying to cross the desert near Casa Grande. Daniels said they were believed on their way to Eloy for farm work.

Daniels said the survivor wasn't sure how many people were traveling with him. But he said authorities don't think there were any others in the group.

One other person is known to have died this year trying to cross the Arizona desert. In early May, a 30-year-old Peruvian woman was found dead west of Douglas.

The border agency has been running public service announcements in Mexico warning about the dangers of crossing the desert into the United States because of deadly temperatures.

Temperatures near Casa Grande hit 108 degrees Fahrenheit (42 Celsius) last Wednesday, the National Weather Service said.

Hundreds fleeing Burma

To escape forced relocation

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - About 600 Karenni refugees have recently fled eastern Burma to Thailand to escape forced relocation by the Burmese military, exiled Burmese dissidents reported Tuesday.

The All Burma Students' Democratic Front, based in the Thai border town of Mae Sot, said that the Burmese army has burned three of seven villages between the Salween River and Pun Creek as they were abandoned by their inhabitants.

The ethnic Karenni were ordered to leave their home villages and resettle in a town, Shar Taw, where they could be more easily controlled, according to the student front.

The student front report, received in Bangkok, could not be

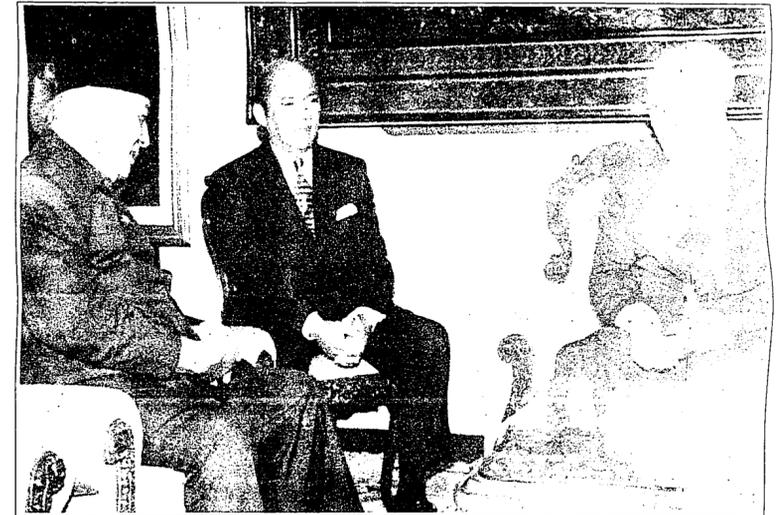
independently confirmed.

The group comprises students who fled Burma after the military brutally suppressed pro-democracy demonstrations in 1988.

The alleged forced relocations would accompany a renewed offensive against the Karenni National Progressive Party following the collapse of a cease-fire last March, the statement said. The army hopes to deprive the rebels of civilian support.

The student front said that some 2,000 people were affected by the relocation order and claimed that Burmese troops had deployed to prevent villagers from fleeing to Thailand.

The ruling military dictatorship, formally known as the State Law and Order Restoration Council, or SLORC, has reached ceasefires with many of the ethnic rebel groups that have fought for decades for autonomy along Burma's rugged eastern frontier.



Indonesian President Suharto, left, talks with William Brown, right, President Bill Clinton's special envoy on Burma, Friday in Jakarta. Brown is on his tour of six Asian countries to seek a coordinated response to on going developments in Burma. Man in center is unidentified. AP Photo

HK gov't welcomes US-China piracy deal

HONG KONG (AP) - The Hong Kong government on Tuesday welcomed the latest U.S.-China deal to combat copyright piracy, but newspapers doubted the battle was over.

"We can expect a repeat next year. And the year after. The problem will not go away as long as American products are beyond the reach of the many and corruption is so widespread on the mainland," the Hongkong Standard editorialized.

China and the United States went to the brink of a trade war before agreeing late Monday on a blueprint for stamping out piracy of American movies, compact disks and computer software.

Washington had threatened to impose punitive tariffs on Chinese exports unless Beijing cracked down on factories producing counterfeit goods.

A Hong Kong government statement called the deal "good news" for the British colony, which depends heavily on China trade and feared a trade war would cost it more than 11,000 jobs and knock 0.4 percentage points off its growth rate.

It said the measures would help Hong Kong's own battle against the counterfeit software freely available in its stores.

Mark Michelson, chairman of the American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, said the deal "bodes well for the future of Sino-U.S. relations."

"Foreign capital and modern technology essential to China's economic development will be more forthcoming if China can demonstrate effective intellectual property protection," he said in a statement.

But the South China Morning Post called the dispute "a phony war," saying the United States did not want to lose trade with China, while China did not want to lose access to American technology and knowhow.

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Military blacklists arms dealers

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)-The head of Thailand's armed forces said he will blacklist some weapons dealers in response to a smear campaign accusing the military of corruption in the purchase of armored vehicles, Radio Thailand reported Tuesday.

Armed Forces Supreme Commander Gen. Viroj Saengsanit said the leaflet campaign against the military was launched by a weapons dealer who failed to obtain

contracts with the armed forces.

The accusations of corruption surfaced after the military announced it would purchase \$ 200 million worth of armored vehicles from state-owned Giat Industries of France.

Some analysts questioned the deal because the vehicles are prototypes and Giat Industries is in debt. Those factors mean the purchase violates Defense Ministry guidelines on arms procurement.

Viroj said he knew the identity of the dealer behind the leaflet campaign. It was traced by a phone number on a fax of the leaflet sent to a local television station, he said.

Although he declined to name the dealer, The Bangkok Post quoted military sources as saying it was Hawkeye Intergrade of Canada.

A Hawkeye executive denied his company was behind the leaf-

lets.

Defense analysts have criticized the military for a lack of transparency in arms purchases which, they say, has led to several scandals.

Prime Minister Banharn Silpa-archa's political party has been dogged by accusations it accepted bribes to ensure the Navy would buy submarines from Kockums, a Swedish company.

Although no evidence has been produced to substantiate the charge, analysts say the secretive nature of the military's decision-making process has kept the controversy alive.

The Prime Minister's party threatened to sue a Swedish peace activist who made the charge, but never filed suit.

Gen. Viroj said the armed forces will closely coordinate with the police department to effectively deal with rumor mongers or those who intend to taint the reputation of the military.

He said dealers who sell substandard products, charge unreasonably high prices or fail to provide after sales service will be blacklisted.

Manufacturers will be informed of who the blacklisted agents are, Viroj said.

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The project, in general, consists of the procurement and installation of a standby generator and generator house in accordance with the plans and specifications. Construction work must be performed without interrupting on-going seaport operations.

The project is being financed by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award will be made within 60 calendar days from the receipt of proposals. Depending upon availability of funds, the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) reserves the right to uphold such proposal in effect for three (3) months from the date of the proposals opening.

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/s/ CARLOS A. SHODA
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June 1996

2 Pakistanis nabbed for smuggling heroin

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)-Two Pakistani nationals were arrested at Colombo's international airport for smuggling heroin concealed in their shoes, an official said Tuesday.

They flew in from Singapore on Sunday night by an Air Lanka flight, said Mali Piyasena, a customs official.

The two face death penalty or life imprisonment. They were identified as Mohammed Afzal, 49, and Mohammed Sarvar, 40, and each carried 500 grams (one

pound) of heroin valued at one million rupees (\$ 18,000) in Sri Lanka. But it costs 10 times more in London.

The couriers are suspected to have picked up heroin in Bangkok before flying to Singapore, said Piyasena.

He said many drug smugglers from Pakistan have started using Colombo as a transit point from Asia to Europe.

Ten Pakistani nationals have been caught carrying drugs in Sri Lanka since January, the official said.



A Vietnamese boy runs towards the chartered plane as his parents follow during voluntary repatriation of some 200 Vietnamese refugees at Puerto Princessa in Palawan, Tuesday. The refugees, some of whom have stayed in the camp here for eight years, took advantage of the voluntary repatriation program prior to the formal closure of refugees camp on June 30, 1996. More than 2,000 refugees are still housed in the camp. AP Photo

Housing lenders bailout OK'd

TOKYO (AP) - After months of bitter debate, Japan's Parliament on Tuesday passed into law a government plan to spend taxpayer money on an unpopular bailout for bankrupt housing lenders.

Parliament's upper house gave final approval to a package of six financial bills, one of which calls for using 685 billion yen (\$ 6.3 billion) in public funds for the plan.

The bills had passed the more powerful lower house earlier this month.

The passage clears the way for establishing an institution to liquidate the assets of the housing lenders, or "jusen," which collapsed under the weight of bad loans made to real estate speculators before Japanese land prices plummeted in the early 1990s.

The seven companies are believed saddled with more than 7 trillion yen (\$ 65 billion) in bad debts as a result.

The government's plan caused public outrage as many Japanese believed that taxpayers were getting stuck with the bill to clean up the losses.

Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto had said the money was necessary to restore international trust in Japan's financial system.

Besides the jusen, banks and other financial institutions have suffered from the collapse of the late 1980s "bubble economy," a period of easy credit and rampant land and stock speculation.

The Ministry of Finance said

Parliament passed bills on stabilizing the financial system.

Political theatrics characterized much of the parliamentary session that began in January and ends Wednesday. Shouting and minor scuffles sometimes marred debate.

At one point, the main opposition party staged a three-week round-the-clock sit-in to disrupt deliberations. But the tactics, seen as obstructive, never gained public support.

The law also authorizes the government to use additional public funds to cover half of the secondary losses expected to arise from the liquidation.

Those losses are estimated at nearly 2 trillion yen (\$ 18.3 billion).

In an attempt to win back public confidence, the government in recent days has been working to persuade banks and

farm cooperatives to agree to take on a bigger share of the bailout burden to reduce the cost to taxpayers.

Finance Minister Wataru Kubo said Tuesday he aims to reach a basic accord on such a framework by Wednesday.

Among the other bills in the package passed Tuesday are measures allowing closer monitoring of the financial system by the Ministry of Finance.



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Launch of Columbia may yet be postponed

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) - A crew of seven astronauts have arrived here from Houston, primed for an extended science flight beginning Thursday aboard space shuttle Columbia.

But Florida's capricious summer thunderstorms and schedule pressures including the launch of a spy satellite may force a delay to July 5.

Filling the giant fuel tank Wednesday evening in what may be bad weather looks "a little bit dicey," shuttle weather officer Ed Priselac said Monday.

He said liftoff may occur between 10:49 a.m. (1449 GMT) and 1:19 p.m. (1719 GMT) Thursday if the weather permits.

The National Weather Service predicts cloudy skies and showers and thunderstorms for that day throughout Central Florida.

John Stealey, NASA's test director, said if the shuttle cannot get off the ground by Saturday, it would have to take a back seat to the launch of two previously scheduled unmanned rockets, a Delta and a Titan.

Business/Trade



Japan's Bill Gates hits it big

By YURI KAGEYAMA
TOKYO (AP) - He's known as Japan's Bill Gates.
It's a fitting title for Softbank

Corp. President Masayoshi Son, the top name in Japan's personal computer business - and an extraordinary success story in a society that tends to

squelch both start-up firms and self-made mavericks.
The companies that Softbank has touched, through acquisition, invest-

ments or joint ventures, make up a list of the hottest players in the computer business: Microsoft Corp., Yahoo, Novell, Cisco Systems, Ziff-Davis, Comdex, CyberCash, Freelander, among others.

"We're the No. 1 company in this business," Son says with a quiet ease that's startling to those more used to the typically oblique, self-effacing Japanese speech.

"What's key is to believe in your product, your technology or your company - how you can pour your spirit into it."

Although some analysts caution against perpetual growth prospects for a strategy so centered around acquisitions, Son's approach has worked wonders so far.

For the fiscal year ending in March, Softbank's consolidated pretax profit tripled from the previous year, totaling 14 billion yen (\$ 132 million). Sales rose 77 percent to 171 billion yen (\$ 1.6 billion) from 97 billion yen (\$ 910 million).

"He's probably a genius," Nomura Research Institute analyst Yoshinori Tanahashi says of Son. "He spotted a great business opportunity from the get-go."

In person, the slightly built, unpretentious 38-year-old Son doesn't appear the part of the savvy, aggressive American-style entrepreneur. He wears an unobtrusive gray suit, no flashy jewelry. His demeanor is patient and matter-of-fact rather than commanding.

"Son-san - he's walking down the street, you can never see him as somebody who is a billionaire," says Jerry Yang, co-founder of Yahoo of the United States, in which Softbank is a top shareholder.

Yang described Son as the kind of unassuming, approachable guy, who loves late-night pizza parties, adding, "He is very down to earth." Such qualities may have helped Son maneuver in conformist, hierarchical Japan.

Besides comparing him to Microsoft founder Gates, the local media also call Son "ojin-kiraah," or "Old-Man-Killer," referring to his knack for charming the elders of big business.

"I make a point to respect Japanese culture and be courteous to older people," Son said in a recent interview.

Son, a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, is also adept at doing business with Americans, giving him a strategic edge over his Japanese rivals.

Japan's personal computer industry, although growing rapidly, still lags behind the United States. And

Americans have definitely outrun the Japanese in software development and Internet use.

Son acknowledges being a member of a discriminated minority in Japan. His grandfather immigrated from the Korean Peninsula to work in the coal mines, and that may have helped him turn his eyes abroad early.

His parents, who always encouraged his ambitions, ran restaurant businesses in Japan.

"Being of Korean background, I thought as a child that things might be pretty hard," he recalls.

Inspired by the free spirit of the West Coast, he moved to the United States while in high school.

It was in the United States that Son found his ethnic pride. He dropped his Japanese last name, Yasumoto, and reclaimed his Korean name.

"I found my identity - that I didn't have to fit a certain mold but that I was me," he said.

"All human beings are the same. In the United States, people come from all over the world, all races, all backgrounds. And they're all doing what they want, many scoring huge successes. When I saw that, I became more open. It freed my soul."

America also introduced him to computers.

When he came across a close-up photograph of a computer chip in a magazine, Son was so struck by the beauty of its dazzling rainbow colors he felt numb and cried.

He slept with the photo under his pillow.

A million-dollar payment he received from Japanese electronics giant, Sharp Corp., for his Berkeley-days invention - a pocket translator - came in handy when Son founded Softbank in 1981.

Since then, Softbank has grown to become the largest software distributor in Japan, employing 5,000 people in the United States and 1,000 in Japan.

"He always thought big," recalls former legislator Takeshi Iwaya, who has known Son since they were teenagers.

"He's a pioneer. Even in a society strapped by rigid regulations, he has shown that with talent and hard work you can succeed."

Of the tag "Japan's Bill Gates," Son says it's an honor. But unlike Microsoft, he notes, Softbank deals in "infrastructure," or support businesses for the digital age, not in manufacturing the actual software.

"We can have a partnership. And that's good because it would be terrible to have to compete with Bill Gates," Son says. "Except, in a game of golf, I can beat him."

Sumitomo probe widens

By ROB WELLS
WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. investigators have widened their probe of Sumitomo Corp.'s \$ 1.8 billion loss to encompass all firms the Japanese metals giant dealt with in the copper market, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission said.

The investigation intensified amid disclosures that questions about the scandal's central figure were raised more than five years ago by another copper trader, David L. Threlkeld. Threlkeld alleged that Sumitomo's chief copper trader, Yasuo Hamanaka, had asked him to falsify trading records in 1991.

Sumitomo had said in announcing the losses last week that it became aware of improper trading by Hamanaka only earlier this month. Sumitomo said Thursday that Hamanaka falsified the company's books and records to cover up the estimated \$ 1.8 billion in losses over 10 years. Hamanaka, who was based in Tokyo, has since been fired.

In a statement Monday, acting chairman of the commission John Tull described a sweeping review of Sumitomo's trading and business relationships. "In order to restore the confidence necessary for this market ... I have directed the commission staff to examine any and all relationships, financial or otherwise, between Sumitomo and any of the business concerns whose identities have surfaced or will surface in the course of the commission's surveillance of the copper market," Tull's statement said.

The CFTC is the main U.S. regulator for commodities and futures markets. It investigated companies whose activities may influence the markets.

One of the companies under the commission's review is Global Minerals and Metals Corp. of New York, according to a source familiar with the investigation, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Global Minerals sold Sumitomo contracts to buy copper, according to Global attorney Peter Havles.

Global has denied wrongdoing and said it isn't a target of any CFTC Sumitomo probe, Havles said, but the firm has been subpoenaed to provide information for a general investigation by the commission into unusual volatility in the copper markets.

The New York Times reported in Tuesday's editions that Global and its president, David Campbell, were also subpoenaed Monday by federal prosecutors. Citing traders familiar with Global, the paper said it made \$ 150 million in 1994, its first year of trading, because of its relationship with Sumitomo.

of any CFTC Sumitomo probe, Havles said, but the firm has been subpoenaed to provide information for a general investigation by the commission into unusual volatility in the copper markets.



Tomichi Akiyama, right, president of Sumitomo Corp., gestures before a throng of reporters and photographers as he speaks about the company's disclosure of \$ 1.8 billion loss racked up by a rogue trader in Tokyo Friday. Akiyama stressed that the trader was acting alone. AP Photo

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Pope will beatify two Nazi critics during Germany trip

By COLLEEN BARRY
BERLIN (AP) - Making his first visit to the city that was the center of the Nazi world, Pope John Paul II is coming to Berlin this week to beatify two German priests who opposed Adolf Hitler.



Pope John Paul II

The Roman Catholic Church has long defended itself against criticism that it did not do enough to save European Jews from the Holocaust. And the pope often has expressed horror that Jews were singled out during World War II.

He is focusing on that period of history by staging Sunday's beatification ceremony - a step toward sainthood - in Berlin's Olympic Stadium, built for the 1936 Games that Hitler saw as a triumph of his regime.

One of the priests to be beatified is the Rev. Bernhard Lichtenberg. After witnessing the Kristallnacht destruction of Jewish stores and synagogues on Nov. 9, 1938, he was moved for the first time to condemn the Nazis' mistreatment of Jews from his pulpit at Berlin's cathedral.

"Outside, a temple is burning. It is also a house of God," Lichtenberg told parishioners.

In the years that followed, Lichtenberg became one of the Catholic Church's most visible opponents of the Nazi regime, dedicating regular evening prayers at St. Hedwig's not only to Christian victims of the Nazis, as he had before Kristallnacht, but also to the Jews.

He was finally arrested in 1941. Sentenced to two years in jail, he was not released when his term expired. The 67-year-old priest, weakened by illness, died in transit to the Dachau concentration

camp on Nov. 5, 1943.

The second beatification candidate, the Rev. Karl Leisner, was sent to a concentration camp a month before his ordination in 1939, because he was overheard expressing regret that Hitler had not been assassinated.

While in Dachau, Leisner was ordained by a fellow inmate, French Bishop Gabriel Piguet. Leisner survived five years in Sachsenhausen and Dachau, but was so weakened by tuberculosis that he died four months after being liberated by American troops.

The pope's three-day visit begins Friday in the old religious city of Paderborn, 120 miles (195 kms) north of Frankfurt. It will not only reach Germany's substantial Catholic population, but that of neighboring Poland.

Some 20,000 Poles, including many living in Germany, will be among the 125,000 people expected at the Olympic Stadium to watch the Polish-born pope celebrate

Mass with a chalice used by Lichtenberg.

During his visit to Berlin, John Paul II will ride the bulletproof "popemobile" through the Brandenburg Gate and meet privately with Chancellor Helmut Kohl, a Catholic who told church newspapers recently that he personally disagreed with the Vatican's opposition to birth control.

As in previous visits to Germany, the pope will also meet with members of the Jewish community, including the leader of the Central Council for German Jews, Ignatz Bubis.

Although the Vatican has not gone so far, the German church acknowledges it did not oppose the persecution of non-Catholics strongly enough.

"Some blame the church, certainly not without reason, that it did not speak out clearly against the persecution of Jews early enough," said Rudolf Hammerschmidt, a spokesman for the German Catholic Bishops Conference.

Lichtenberg and Leisner were not alone among German Catholic clergy opposing the Nazis. Church officials say 8,021 priests were detained for activities viewed as a threat to the regime, 110 died in concentration camps and 59 were executed.

Bubis, the Jewish leader, said he had no objections to the pope focusing attention on the two priests.

"They opposed Nazism and deserve this honor," Bubis said.

"In general" is something else again, and that's why only two are being honored and not many more."



Thai pop superstar Tata Young performs during a concert in Bangkok in this undated 1995 file photo. Sixteen-year-old Tata, whose father is an American and mother is a Thai, is one of many mixed-blood Thais who have succeeded in the Thai entertainment industry. AP Photo

Noted British WWII hero, diplomat dies

LONDON (AP) - Sir Fitzroy Maclean, World War II hero, founder member of Britain's crack Special Air Service commandos - and reportedly the inspiration for James Bond - has died of a heart attack, his family said Tuesday. He was 85.

Maclean, who most memorably parachuted behind German lines in 1943 to help Yugoslavian partisans, died on Saturday while staying with friends in southern England, his son Charles said.

The tall, taciturn Scot also had careers as a diplomat and lawmaker and was a travel writer.

In a tribute, the government's senior official in Scotland, Michael Forsyth, called Maclean "a great man from a great generation."

The son of a distinguished soldier from one of Scotland's proud Highland clans, Maclean was educated at Eton and Cambridge University before joining the Foreign Office in 1933. Before the outbreak of World War II, he served in Paris and in Moscow, witnessing Joseph Stalin's show trials in 1938.

He also traveled alone through the Soviet Union's central Asian provinces; later vividly recalled in his book, "Eastern Approaches."

Eager to join the war, he was frustrated by a Foreign Office ruling that he was engaged on vital duties. But in 1941, he discovered that if he declared a wish to stand for Parliament, he would be obliged to resign.

He immediately joined the Cameron Highlanders regiment, and

soon afterward was chosen Conservative Party lawmaker for Lancaster in northwest England.

On active service in Cairo, he became friendly with David Stirling, founder of the SAS, which was fighting a guerrilla war against Gen. Erwin Rommel's troops in the western Sahara desert.

On one occasion, dispatched to blow up enemy installations in the Libyan port of Benghazi, now Benghazi, he wore Arab headgear as a disguise and used his fluent Italian to convince Italian sentries he was on their side.

In 1943, Prime Minister Winston Churchill chose Maclean to parachute into German-occupied Yugoslavia as his personal representative to the partisans of Josip Broz Tito, who was later to lead Yugoslavia.

Maclean recalled his brief was "to find out who was killing the most Germans, and to help them kill some more."

His efforts to hamper the Nazi occupiers, which included blowing up bridges in Bosnia-Herzegovina, became the stuff of wartime legend.

After the war, Maclean resumed his duties as a lawmaker, later representing the Scottish seat of Bute and North Ayrshire. He retired from politics in 1974.

In his later years, he wrote books on history, travel and adventure. "The Back of Beyond" is an account of his adventures beyond the Ural mountains into Samarkand, Mongolia and Turkistan.

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DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARIA EVANGELISTA AQUINO

(January 5, 1917)

Was called to her eternal rest on Wednesday, June 12, 1996 at the age of 79.

The Holy Rosary is being said nightly at 8:00 p.m. at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Juan & Marylee Aquino in China Town.

Visiting and last respects be paid on June 20, 1996 (Thursday) at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Juan & Marylee Aquino from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Cathedral Church and interment will follow at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

The family appreciates your thoughts and prayers.

She is predeceased by her parents: Daniel B. Evangelista, Vicenta R. Evangelista Husband: Mariano F. Aquino

Children & Spouses: Regino E. Aquino & Susan Aquino; Daniel E. Aquino & Jemma A. Montejar; Juan E. Aquino & Marylee P. Aquino; Quirino E. Aquino & Rosa S. Aquino; Josephine K. DL Cruz

Brothers & Sisters-in-laws: Sylvestre R. Evangelista & Guadalupe DLC. Evangelista; Faustina E. Aquino (Deceased); Pedro R. Evangelista (Deceased) & Regina B. Evangelista; Alejandro R. Evangelista (Deceased) & Vicenta L. Evangelista; Jose R. & Maria C. Evangelista (Wife); Patrosina E. Taisacan & Sabino Taisacan (Deceased) Consolacion E. Taitano & Vicente S. Taitano (Both Deceased); Vicente R. Evangelista (Deceased)

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

SABLAN ENTERPRISES, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
LIANA SABLAN ALDAN, Defendant.
SMALL CLAIM CASE NO. 93-136, and consolidated cases (S.C. Nos. 93-159, 93-878, and 93-901)

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a First Amended Writ of Execution issued by the Court in this matter on May 31, 1996, I have levied and executed upon, and will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for current lawful money of the United States, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot 010 K 491, situated in Koblerville, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

The sale will be held on Friday, July 5, 1996, at the hour of 1:00 p.m., at the law offices of White, Pierce, Malman & Nutting, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

The sale will be held without any warranties whatsoever, whether express or implied, all of which are hereby expressly disclaimed. The sale is subject to approval by the Court. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids, for any reason.

DATED, this 6th day of June, 1996:

/s/ JOHN B. JOYNER

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF: CONSOLACION SUSAN CASTRO FLEMING, A MINOR CHILD, BY ROBERT EDWARD DUNN and BERTHILLIA CASTRO DUNN, PETITIONERS.
ADOPTION CASE NO. 96-42

NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Adoption of the above named minor child by ROBERT EDWARD DUNN and BERTHILLIA CASTRO DUNN as Petitioners, has been filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A HEARING of said Petition for Adoption will be held in Courtroom "C" of the above entitled Court on June 27, 1996 at 1:30 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter.

Dated this 11th day of June, 1996.

By: Deputy Clerk of Court

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
CIVIL ACTION NO. 95-390

ALEX TUDELA and NICOLAS C. SABLAN Plaintiffs
vs.
FROILAN C. TENORIO
Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and L&T GROUP OF COMPANIES.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT and NOTICE OF COURT HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-entitled taxpayers action involving the lease of public land located on Lower Navy Hill to L&T Group of Companies is presently scheduled for a public settlement hearing on July 29, 1996, at 9:00 am. at the Superior Court, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands before Judge Edward Maribusan. The purpose of this hearing is to determine whether the proposed settlement is fair and reasonable. The parties to the law suit have entered into a proposed settlement which would guarantee that the CNMI Government receive a minimum rent over the term of the 25 year lease of \$11.5 million. L&T intends to construct a mall project at the site. A copy of the proposed settlement is available at the Clerk of Superior Court's Office in Susupe, Saipan. Written comments, including objections or favorable comments, shall be submitted to the Court on or before July 19, 1996.

DATED this 18th day of June, 1996.

Manglona . . .

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fication to that regard. So as far I can say, the acting governor is within his powers to act on that legislation at this time," the Senate legal counsel said.

"Seeing all things were in order, Manglona went ahead and vetoed the wage bill.

"This is a very painful decision. It is very hard for me. As you know this legislation came from the Legislature so in a way I am going against my colleagues," said Manglona as he disapproved the

measure.
"I have taken a lot of factors in my decision on this bill. By taking this action, although it may be unpopular, I think it is only in the best interest of the people," he said.

Manglona said he vetoed the bill to prevent impending moves in US Congress to take away the CNMI's control over local minimum wage.

"If this bill were to become law, it is virtually certain that our minimum wage would be federalized. That is, it would become a matter of federal law, and changes, no matter how desperate the need,

could be obtained only by going humbly, beseechingly to the US Congress—which has little time for tiny islands in the Pacific—and petitioning for amendment," said Manglona in his veto message.

Asked why he took action without waiting for the governor to come back, Manglona said, "The door is open. The governor in the past has always allowed his acting governor to act on critical issues.

"If he had wanted to act on this, immediately, he would have taken action as he did on other legislation on his desk before he left," said Manglona.

According to the acting governor, there would have been less pressure on his part if he were to just let the bill ride along and wait for the governor. He, however felt the decision is very critical and that immediate action is necessary.

"As I have said, it's on the desk and anyone who's acting governor can dispose of it, using his best judgment for the future of our Commonwealth," he said.

The governor was quoted in a press interview Friday and on numerous previous occasions as saying he will for sure sign the wage bill into law.

As for Manglona, he defended his veto saying, "As acting governor, I have a constitutional duty to exercise the duties and powers of the office in the manner that in my

considered judgment is in the best interest of the people of the Commonwealth."

"Right now, US Congress is considering federalizing our minimum wage. Present circumstances call for a decision to be made now. It is my duty to make that decision," he said.

On the other hand, Manglona signed into law House Bill 10-226, which would pave the way for a much liberal governmental process pertaining to the planned installation of a fiber optic cable connecting the CNMI's three major islands.

The bill, which was reportedly transmitted to the governor's office just yesterday, was passed by the Legislature last week in a version that has already elicited stern opposition from Gov. Tenorio.

The bill seeks to forego the requirement under the Submerged Lands Act that a submerged land lease, approved by the governor and both houses of Legislature, be obtained first before any submarine telecommunications cable is laid.

With the bill already law, GST Telecom and Micronesian Telecommunications Corp. (MTC) would just have to secure the pertinent right of way, the appropriate local and federal permits and pay an annual fee of \$60,000 to be able to pursue their fiber optic cable projects.

"I think the overriding question in me signing this bill is what is in the best interest of the people. I can stand firmly that this is the best decision for the Commonwealth on this issue," he said.

The governor's special assistant for telecommunications, David Ecret was present yesterday as Manglona signed H.B. 10-226 into law but he reserved comment until discussing the matter with the governor.

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STELLA WILDER YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder
Born today, you maintain an old-fashioned and, according to some people, outdated outlook on life, but it serves you well and you don't insist that others accept, adopt, or agree with your way of thinking. Like most Gemini natives born toward the middle of June, you are independent almost to a fault, and you behave more like a Cancer native in regard to business affairs. You prefer to do things on your own and in your own way at all times. Even though you do not follow the rules, more than likely you are the one who developed these rules in the first place.
Your life will probably develop in three or four distinct phases, and once one has passed into memory you will not have the ability to recapture it. This will teach you the value of looking and moving ahead at all times, and as a result you will not live in the past or get lost in your memories.
Also born on this date are: Paula Abdul, singer, dancer, choreographer; Alan Cranston, U.S. senator; Pauline Kael, film critic; Salman Rushdie, author; Kathleen Turner, actress.
To see what is in store for you

tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.
THURSDAY, JUNE 20
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You will want to start early today, but you should not be premature. Timing will be everything right now, and you must use your head.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A goal which seems to be easily attainable at the beginning of the day may prove to be quite difficult when the time comes. You must try to work harder.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your aspirations may be unclear at this time, and the appropriate methods to use to reach your goals will be even less secure in your mind. Get back to basics.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Now is a perfect time for you to contact someone who has been out of your life lately. You can't start over, but you can make amends.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — This will be a good day to make a libration. Remember, you will have to make the first move in many of these situations.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You will receive a sign which will lead you in an unusual direction before the day is over. You may be

looking for a change of pace.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Even though you respect the way things have been done in the past, there is no reason why you can't develop valid new methods of your own.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Seek and ye shall find today. You will have much of what you've wanted by the end of the day. Do not think you have it all, however.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — What begins as a mild flirtation must be kept under control today or your head before long.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Your heart and your mind may battle for supremacy today, but only your pocketbook will know the score. Try to be realistic.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Are you ready for a challenge? You can be sure that before today is over you will face something which will demand that you perform your best.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Even the tiniest error can cost you a great deal at this time. You must try to remain firmly in control, and don't give in to temptation.

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DATE BOOK

June 19, 1996

Today is the 171st day of 1996 and the 92nd day of spring.
TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1848, the first women's rights convention opened at Seneca Falls, N.Y.
On this day in 1953, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were executed for passing atomic secrets to the Soviet Union.
On this day in 1978, the cartoon strip Garfield appeared for the first time.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Blaise Pascal

(1623-1662), philosopher-mathematician-physicist; Guy Lombardo (1902-1977), bandleader; Lou Gehrig (1903-1941), baseball great; Abe Fortas (1919-1982), U.S. Supreme Court justice; Salman Rushdie (1947-), writer; is 49; Paula Abdul (1962-), singer-dancer, is 34.
TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1946, the first heavyweight boxing championship was shown on television. Joe Louis successfully defended his title by knocking out Billy Conn in the eighth round.
TODAY'S QUOTE: "Justice without strength is helpless, strength without justice is tyrannical." — Unable to make what is just strong, we have made what is strong just." — Blaise Pascal
TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in

1969, more than an inch and a half of rain fell in about 30 minutes near Castelford, Idaho, causing destructive flash flooding.
SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing Ltd.
TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (June 15) and first quarter (June 24).
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What a happy thought: When you use the mute button on the remote control, you're giving electronic laryngitis to the TV bucklers.
An unbiased poll is one with which you completely agree.

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

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1 Former Dodger Ron
4 Concerning (2 wds.)
8 Actor — Gulager
11 Soft duck feathers
13 Roman bronze
14 Hosp. asst.
15 Pedal digit
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18 — Victor
20 TV's Tarzan
22 CD
23 Several
25 Swiss river
27 Obtains
30 Bus. abbr.
32 Female ruff
34 Day (Sp.)
35 Lupino ID
37 Flat metal plate for pancakes
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41 "Beverly Hillsbillies" character

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1 Five (Sp.)
2 — Sullivan
3 Still
4 Writer

Answer to Previous Puzzle
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Grid for crossword puzzle with clues and answers. Clues include: 11 Makes a mistake, 12 Fish eggs, 17 Canine, 19 — "Blue?", 21 Fabric measure, 24 Chang's twin, 26 Cerise, 28 Uncle (Sp.), 29 Mr. Mino, 31 — Magnon, 33 Pixie, 35 H-L linkup, 36 Garland, 38 — "Big Girl Now", 39 Recede, 42 Douse, 45 Chicago's st., 47 Dutch airline, 49 — Nash, 51 Fertile spots in desert, 52 Unplayed golf holes, 54 Wrestling pads, 56 Needlefish, 58 Kin to beret?, 59 A Gershwin, 60 Thanksgiving mo., 62 Spring month, 66 — Mans, 67 Tellurium symbol.

KidSpot™ CONNECT THE NUMBERED DOTS TO MAKE A PICTURE. TO FIND ITS NAME, PUT THE FIRST LETTER OF EACH NUMBERED DRAWING IN THE BOXES BELOW.

Activity titled 'WHO'S WEARING THE LONG TUSKS?' with a drawing of a mammoth and numbered dots. Includes a grid for the first letters of the numbered drawings.

Advertisement for 'YOU'RE GOING TO FLIP OVER FLIPPER!' featuring Paul Hogan and Eljah Wood. Includes showtimes: Thursday 7:00, Friday 7:00, 9:00, Saturday 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00. Also mentions 'THE MOVIE HOUSE' and 'Showtimes 234-FILM'.

Sports investors form new pro league

By ALAN ROBINSON PITTSBURGH (AP) — If the NBA, the CBA and the USBL aren't enough, pro basketball fans can get ready for some new initials: the IBL.
The International Basketball League, founded by several former pro sports executives and agents, plans to begin playing in November 1997 in 10 North American cities. Teams will be located in non-NBA markets, and all arenas must hold at least 12,000.
Unlike the NBA or the Continental Basketball Association, the IBL will operate under a single entity structure.

All teams and players will be employees of a single corporation. Investors will buy into the league rather than individual franchises.
"The single entity structure allows for revenue sharing for all teams, therefore limiting the financial inequalities between large and small markets," league founder Paul Marth said. "This configuration also will maintain a competitive balance. The teams will have equal funding and talent."
Pittsburgh will probably be one of the 10 initial markets, which have not yet been named but are expected to be chosen by August.

"We've identified 23 non-NBA cities where the market is strong enough and arenas are big enough," Marth said.
The league already is eyeing expansion to other continents, especially in the Mediterranean region, where recent surveys show basketball's popularity rivals or surpasses that of soccer.
"It will be an international league," said Marth, who began work on the league 2 1/2 years ago.
The IBL expects to sign not only former college players, but former high school players who do not enter college. Players who lack a college background will be encouraged to attend classes during the off-season under a league-funded scholarship program.
Marth said the IBL will not encourage players to skip college and turn pro but, under right-to-work laws, cannot bar players 18 and older from playing.
"If they're the best players, they deserve the chance to play," Marth said.
The league plans to announce a commissioner and its television plans soon.
Marth, a former Steelers defen-

sive back, once ran the NHL's Pittsburgh Penguins and the Pittsburgh Maulers of the defunct USFL for owner Edward J. DeBartolo. He also was the San Francisco 49ers' general counsel.
Marth's behind-the-scenes work, undertaken at the urging of Steelers executive Dan Rooney, was largely responsible for ending the 1982 NFL players strike.
Also involved in the IBL are Ken Sawyer, former chief financial officer of the NHL; Henry Richitelli Jr., a former International Management Group executive; Paul Garafolo, a former ProServ executive; and Arthur Cipriani Jr., the major investor.

Taxi fares expected to rise during Atlanta Olympics

ATLANTA (AP) — Don't want to drive during the Olympics? Expect to pay a prettier penny for taxi service. The Atlanta City Council on Monday approved a temporary hike in local taxi fares because of the volume of Olympic visitors expected this summer.
The higher rates start July 10 and last until Aug. 30.
Taxi rides within downtown will jump to \$ 8 from \$ 5 per person. The fare will be \$ 5 apiece for two or more passengers.

Taxi rides from the airport to downtown will cost \$ 25, an increase from \$ 18 per person. Two riders will pay \$ 15 per person instead of \$ 10 each, and three passengers or more will each pay \$ 10, up from \$ 8 per person.

Japanese ...

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and 1986 as part of a group of touring major league stars. "My daughter is learning Japanese and maybe she'll be able to teach me something I can use."
Kinugasa was delighted to make a new friend, someone who possesses many of the same qualities as he does. "This trip has been an incredible experience, a once in a lifetime thing," Kinugasa said through an interpreter. "The best part of the trip was the fact that I was able to meet Cal, talk to him and share our experiences."
Ripken agreed, noting, "It was great to be able to compare notes and share stories with somebody who has been

NBA ...

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mean he shot him. Daniel just shot him," Demery testified. "We both stood there and watched the man die."
The two realized whom they had killed when they rifled his possessions. After stealing an NBA championship ring off James Jordan's finger, along with his shoes and clothes, Demery and Green dumped the body in a swamp in South Carolina, then went joyriding in the car, all the while making phone calls from the dead man's cellular phone.
The telephone calls helped investigators track them down, and both were found guilty of murder and sentenced to life in prison.

US Navy detonations

THE U.S. Navy Explosive Ordnance Detachment Team from Guam will be on Saipan June 19, 1996 to detonate World War II live ordnance explosives. The set time for the land detonations is from 2:00 noon until 4:00 pm at the Marpi Landfill east of Cowtown.
The general location of the detonation will be on the island of Saipan in the Marpi Landfill area east of Cowtown, 15 degrees 16 minutes 10 seconds North 145 degrees, 49 minutes 03 seconds and three thousand (3,000) feet above sea level. Due to the danger imposed by this detonation, the general public especially tour operators, and commercial pilots are advised to stay at least one mile away from the designated area during the date and time indicated.
Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Emergency Management Office at 322-9529/99528. Your cooperation and understanding on this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Guam's

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an audit done for SCOVE can be presented as evidence that neither he nor his brother was mishandling funds.
"These audit reports are enough evidence to show that there was no intent of misappropriation on my part," he said.
Earlier this year, Orsini, who is chairman of the Committee on Rules, turned over his duties in supervising central operations to then Vice Chairman Sen. John P. Aguon.
Two separate audit reports were then conducted for the two agencies.
The first audit conducted for the

Committee on Rules reported that "no fraud, misappropriation of funds, illegal activities or impropriety were found to have occurred in central operation in the Committee on Rules."
The result of that audit, however, revealed that legislative books were not being closed and were un-auditable even before 1986.
Orsini said that this was due to reasons such as excessive turnover of employers per legislative year.
Orsini said that the findings of the first audit along with the audit conducted for SCOVE exonerated him and his brother as well as from any wrongdoing.
The audit report submitted by Public Auditor Robert G.P. Cruz to Nelson on May 8, 1996 revealed that the SCOVE

audit which include the \$15,000 advanced fund by the Rules Committee appears to be SCOVE related expenditures.
The report also said that "there is no evidence that any of the \$15,000 was embezzled by former Executive Director Andrew Orsini, or any individual at the Guam Legislature."
Orsini said that although he is relieved that this issue has resolved itself is has not exonerated him completely.
He also said that it has taught him a valuable lesson in his political career. Orsini also said that although his intentions were good he got punished for it.

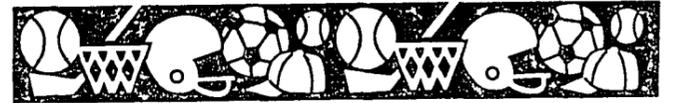
Ramos ...

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that the Philippines is satisfied with our reforms," Tenorio told a briefing with Manila reporters.
Tenorio said, despite the lifting of the ban on maids and entertainers, he does not expect an influx of workers under these categories to the Commonwealth.
"There are no new nightclubs in the Commonwealth and I also don't think there'll be a bigger demands for maids. However, we may need more construction workers," Tenorio said.
As for the fate of the 87 Filipino teachers whose contracts were not renewed by the Public School System, Tenorio said he will find a way

to accommodate them.
"We're building more schools and I'm sure there would be room for some of them," the governor said.
Present at the meeting on the CNMI panel were Attorney General Sebastian Aloat, Tenorio 902 adviser Brenda Tenorio and Public Information Officer Mark Broadhurst.
Other members of the CNMI delegation were Representative Jesus Atiao, Karl Reyes, Jess Cabrera, and business magnate Willie Tan. They did not take part in the meeting, though.
Tenorio handed Ramos a book about the Northern Marianas as a gift.
Ramos invited Tenorio and other CNMI officials to come back to Manila for the celebration of the July 4th Liberation Day.

Mafnas slapped off a can of beer from the hand of Belocora.
Demapan said the court found that the injury on Belocora's left side of face was not caused as a result of punching.
All witnesses claimed there was no punching took place contrary to Belocora's statements, said the judge.
Demapan said Belocora was not limping and was never punched. Mafnas only kicked and pushed him.
Demapan said Mafnas' manner of questioning to Belocora was not insulting but Belocora felt otherwise.
Demapan said Belocora's repeating of phrases of words and placing machete in a car showed signs of angry.
"The court is convinced Belocora wanted to fight Mafnas," said the judge.
At the closing arguments, Assistant Atty. Gen. Alan Lane said evidence showed that Belocora had no intention to fight against Mafnas.
Lane said words are not legal grounds to assault another person.
Defense counsel Ken Govendo said it was clear that Mafnas acted on self defense citing that Belocora took a machete and raised a can of beer.
Govendo mentioned that the prosecution did not even present medical records to show Belocora's injuries.
Govendo described the teacher as "an actor and liar."

SPORTS



Cliff anglers haul big ones

ROTA's shoreline cliffs was swarming with cliff line anglers at last weekend's 10th Annual Rota Cliff Fishing Derby sponsored by Marianas Visitors Bureau and the Mayors Office of Rota.

The three day Derby attracted a total of 50 participants from Guam, Tinian and the hosting island. Fishing sites were Liyo, As Motmos, Pona and Malilok Cliffs, a news release.

Martin Duenas, coordinator of the event said that after three days of cliff fishing, Daniel A. Leon Guerrero from Guam took home the biggest fish category trophy along with his winning 33 lbs. Black

Skipjack.

Placing second was Alvin King from Rota with his 12 lbs. White Snapper, followed by Mario Aspacio also from Rota who closed up third with his 11 lbs. Skipjack (Mamulan).

In the total weight category, Rota's Rolando Javanag captured 1st place with his catches totaling 31.5 lbs. Mario Aspacio also from Rota captured second place with his catches totaling 29.5 lbs. Don F. Garcia from Rota trailed Aspacio and captured third place with his catches totaling 23.5 lbs.

In the most variety category, fisherman Leon Masga from Tinian

captured first place with his catches totaling 21 different species.

Masga who is known for placing in the most variety category also placed first in the same category at the 14th Annual Tinian Fishing Derby held in Tinian last February.

Fermina Blas, a female participant from Rota captured second place with her catches totaling 20 different species. Blas was one fish short to tie up with Masga.

John Quitugua Sr. from Rota closed up the most variety category

at third with his 19 different species catch, just one fish short to tie up with Blas.

The next Cliff Fishing Derby is the 15th Annual Rota Cliff Fishing Derby tentatively scheduled for February 14 - 16, 1997.



Rota angler Alvin King receives his trophy from MVB official Perry Tenorio for placing second in the recently concluded Rota Cliff Fishing Derby. Others in photo are Commerce resident director Glenn Manglona (left), Mayor Inos' representative Tim Bruce and MVB's Martin Duenas (right).

June 16th Local Race Results

Position	Kart No	Racer	Fastest Time
*1st	38	Mike Chavarria	52.779
*2nd	10	Jude Dickinson	52.621
*3rd	2	Frank "kiko" Oliver	52.490
4th	36	Hideaki Yoshida	52.888
5th	37	Ricky Chico	53.203
6th	20	Lito Parulan	53.100
7th	23	Elly Apoong	52.990
8th	26	Greg Hurst	52.497

US boxers oust Russians

MIAMI (AP) - A U.S. boxing team, featuring six fighters who will compete in next month's Olympic Games, defeated a Russian squad 8-4 in an exhibition match Monday night.

The Olympians were led by medal hopeful Antonio Tarver.

The light-heavyweight overcame a first-round knockdown to beat Igor Dzagoev 31-11. Toney used rights and lefts to score repeatedly and bloody Dzagoev's face in the final two rounds.

Other Olympians in the exhibition were light-flyweight Albert Guardado, featherweight Floyd Mayweather, light-welterweight David Diaz, light-middleweight

David Reid and heavyweight Nate Jones. All but Jones won.

The Russian team featured no Olympic fighters.

Jones lost to Andrei Moiseev, 17-16.

Reid overcame a deficit in the first two rounds to defeat Vissarion Jaboev 18-16.

Diaz decisioned Oleg Sergeev, 32-17.

Mayweather used rights to the head of Viacheslav Smimov to get three standing eight counts, eventually stopping the fight at 2:25 of the third round.

Guardado used quick combinations to beat Serguei Kazakov 28-8.

In other bouts featuring U.S. Olympic alternates:

middleweight Ronald Simms lost to Serguei Mizerna, 15-7;

welterweight Fared Samad decisioned Alexei Anakin, 14-4;

lightweight David Jackson decisioned Alexandre Maletin, 45-29;

Russian super-heavyweight Andrei Moiseev won by walkover over Ryan Bneske.

Because of technical problems, the computerized scoring system was not used for the first two bouts and were scored through jury decision.

Russian bantamweight Alexandre Mitishev decisioned Jason Pires, 3-0, and flyweight Donovan Carey scored a 3-0 decision over Alexei Nikitin.

Expos end Rockies streak

IN Denver, Shane Andrews homered twice and Ugueth Urbina won his fourth straight decision as Montreal ended Colorado's six-game winning streak.

Andrews went 3-for-4 and drove in four runs for the Expos, who have won five of their last six.

Andrews hit his ninth and 10th homers of the season and had his third three-hit game in his last five games.

Urbina (4-0) gave up five hits over 6 1-3 innings. Mel Rojas pitched the final 1 2-3 innings for his 10th save.

Marvin Freeman (4-4) lost for the first time since May 9, allowing seven hits and five runs in seven innings.

Andres Galarraga and Dante Bichette homered for the Rockies.

Astros 5, Reds 4

In Houston, Jeff Bagwell hit a two-run double in the seventh inning for Houston.

Bagwell, who leads the National League with 67 RBIs, doubled to center off Reds reliever Jeff Shaw (2-3) with none out in the seventh to make it 5-4.

Rick Wilkins homered and had three hits for the Astros.

Reliever Anthony Young (3-3) pitched two innings for the win. Dean Hartgraves got two outs in the ninth before Todd Jones finished for his 14th save, striking out Barry Larkin with the tying run at first.

Reggie Sanders' two-run single in the fifth gave the Reds a 4-2 lead.

Japanese, US baseball stars end whirlwind tour

By DAVID GINSBURG
BALTIMORE (AP) - Cal Ripken and Satcho Kinugasa closed out their whirlwind three-city tour Monday and resolved to meet again sometime soon in Japan.

Ripken and Kinugasa sat side-by-side during a late afternoon news conference, then exchanged jerseys in front of the pitcher's mound prior to the Baltimore Orioles' game against the Texas Rangers.

Kinugasa then toed the rubber and threw out the ceremonial first pitch to a crouching Ripken.

It was Ripken's 2,219th consecutive game played, an ongoing world record.

Kinugasa appeared in 2,215 straight games in Japan from 1970 to 1987, a mark Ripken surpassed Friday in Kansas City as Kinugasa watched from the stands.

The two men met in Detroit for lunch last Tuesday, then hooked up in Kansas City before teaming up at Camden Yards for a final time Monday. Kinugasa was scheduled to return to Japan on Tuesday, but both seemed eager to renew their friendship in Kinugasa's homeland.

"Hopefully I'll get a chance to go back there sometime," said Ripken, who previously visited Japan in 1984

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NBA title on Father's Day special for Michael Jordan

By CHRIS SHERIDAN

CHICAGO (AP) - His body shook as he sobbed uncontrollably. He hugged the basketball as tight as he wished he could hold his father.

In his hour of triumph, as the Chicago Bulls won the NBA championship on Father's Day, Michael Jordan grieved with a display of raw, touching emotion that brought closure to the personal hell endured so publicly by the greatest basketball player in the world.

"I can't even put it into words," said Jordan, whose crying spasm on

the floor of the locker room was broadcast to an audience that had tuned in to see the crowning moment in his team's season of unprecedented accomplishments. Viewers saw that, then watched the unexpected,

"I knew he was watching. This was for dad. I'm very happy for him," Jordan said. "I never doubted that I could get back this moment, and the fact that it happened on Father's Day makes it even more special.

The last time Jordan won a title was in June 1993, and his father was a public presence back then, speaking

publicly on his son's behalf because Jordan was irked with the media for chronicling his gambling exploits in the newspapers and on television.

Two months later, his father James was dead, killed by Larry Martin Demery and Daniel Andre Green while he napped alongside the road late one night in the sleek red Lexus his son had bought for him.

"He made a statement like, 'What is this?' or 'What's going on?' As soon as these words were out of his mouth, Daniel cut him off. By that I

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