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Guerrero taps Inos



Larry I. Guerrero

By Rafael H. Arroyo
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FORMER Governor and now Republican aspirant Larry I. Guerrero yesterday announced he has chosen prominent educator Rita H. Inos as his runningmate in the upcoming gubernatorial elections.

Guerrero disclosed his choice of lieutenant governor in a letter to Republican Party Chairman Benigno R. Fitial yesterday.

He expressed confidence that the Guerrero-Inos tandem will be seen as the "most balanced and effective team ever presented."

"I have held many meetings and consultations with my family, close associates and responsible individuals in the community," Guerrero told Fitial. "As a result of this process, I have finally reached a decision."

Inos, who holds a PhD. in education and is regarded as one of the more respected educators in the CNMI, has been very active in the Pacific Regional Educational Laboratory.

Guerrero in announcing Inos said he is very pleased to be able to run with an individual of proven commitment and dedication to the interests of the community.

"For the first time in the CNMI, a woman has accepted the chal-

lenge of running for one of the highest elected positions," said Guerrero.

Characterizing Inos as a "people-oriented individual," Guerrero said her records show a vast educational experience and academic background.

"As a team, we will continue to fight to the fullest for the improvement and development of our education system. Our children, as our future leaders, deserve the highest quality education and nothing less," he said.

Guerrero, who lost to current Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio in the last gubernatorial elections is expected to figure in a primary that will pit him against another former



Rita H. Inos

governor, Pedro P. Tenorio.

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\$300 pay for maids not to take effect until 1997

By Rafael H. Arroyo
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WITH THE question of whether House Bill 10-158 is now law or not still unsettled, there is another question on the same measure that has people baffled and confused — When do workers from the exempt categories start getting the \$300 monthly minimum salary?

Under the measure, maids, fishermen and farmers would not still be covered by the \$3.05 minimum wage that is supposed to take effect on Monday.

Instead the bill provides that they will be covered by a special minimum wage that is not less than 40 and not more than 60 percent of the statutory minimum wage, amounting to not less than \$300 a month.

But according to Senate legal counsel Steve Woodruff maids, farmers, fishermen and any other workers in the exempt categories would not be getting the \$300 monthly minimum until after a year has passed, or by July 1, 1997.

Woodruff said he based such an opinion on his reading of Section 1 (c) of the bill which allows employers a grace period of one year before paying the new special minimum wage to serve out the terms of current worker employment contracts.

The new subsection reads, "The provisions of section 9221 (a)(2)

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Officials: Situation might boil over due to 'Ladrones' remark

By Rafael H. Arroyo
Variety News Staff

CRITICAL press statements made by a former Philippine



Tomas Concepcion

congressman about the people of the CNMI could lead to increased tensions between Filipinos and the local population, prominent members of the Filipino and local community on Saipan said.

Worse, the situation may boil over and might lead to unnecessary backlash against the worker population here, even violence, they warned.

Reactions to former labor sector Representative to the Philippine House Tomas Concepcion's characterization of Saipan as an "island of thieves" came quick yesterday, with three lawmakers and a key Filipino community

leader standing up in defense of the CNMI people.

"It is not right for a government leader like him to talk that way, especially in view of the fact that the CNMI is already trying to patch things up with the Philippine government on the labor issue," said Nick Lose, president of the Filipino Community on Saipan.

Loste said he fears that the Filipinos here would be the ones who may bear the brunt of the effects such critical statements may have.

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Public Works employees work double time yesterday to finish the construction of a stage in front of the Garapan Elementary School. Gov. Froilan Tenorio and other dignitaries will be on the stage to have a clearer view during the annual July 4th Liberation Day parade. —Photo by Ferdie de la Torre

Guam educates public on need to save power

Mary Rose S. Tigulo
For the Variety

GUAM- With the constant power outages and load shedding, Guam is pinning its hopes on a small scale program designed to educate the island on how to conserve energy.

For years, the Guam Energy Office has been issuing grants for schools and other GovGuam agencies that would help them start up energy efficient plans in their agencies.

"The program has always been there but the bottom line is who has the money," said Lorie Crisostomo, program coordinator for the Guam Energy Office.

Last month, the University of Guam is the first entity to have received a resolution from the Guam Energy Office recognizing

its efforts in conserving energy. According to Crisostomo, the university applied for an institution. Continued on page 46

Weather Outlook

Mostly sunny with brief light to moderate showers.

King Fahd offers \$2.7M reward

By ADNAN MALIK
DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) - Saudi Arabia's King Fahd offered condolences to the United States and a \$2.7 million reward for those responsible for the deadliest terror attack against Americans in the Gulf.

U.S. President Bill Clinton ordered an FBI team to the military housing complex here, where a truck bomb Tuesday night killed

For those responsible for truck bomb attack

19 people and wounded hundreds. U.S. officials said Tuesday's blast left 270 people injured, all American, but Saudi officials said 386 were injured, including 147 Saudis. The Pentagon initially reported 23 people were killed but later lowered the total to 19. Chunks of concrete from the eight-story building, mattresses

and shattered glass littered the military housing area where two men parked the truck with 2 1/2 tons of explosives Tuesday night. Saudi security forces cordoned off the bomb scene Wednesday to allow rescue teams and investigators to search the wreckage. In Washington, flags were lowered to half-staff at the White House, and the order was given to do the same at U.S. installations worldwide. Clinton was awaiting reports from U.S. commanders before considering whether to visit the scene himself, White House press secretary Mike McCurry said. "Anyone who attacks one American attacks all Americans," Clinton said Wednesday. "We will not rest in our efforts to find whoever is responsible for this outrage, to pursue them and to punish them."

Last month, the Saudis beheaded four Muslim militants convicted of exploding a car bomb Nov. 13 at a U.S.-run military training facility in Riyadh. Five

Americans and two Indians died. Underground extremists had threatened to attack U.S. interests in Saudi Arabia if the four were punished.

Tuesday's attackers apparently were spotted moments before the blast, but there was not enough time to completely evacuate two nearby apartment buildings.

A U.S. airman in an observation tower had reported a suspicious fuel truck stopped outside the compound, about 35 (meters) yards from the nearest building. When a Saudi officer approached, two men jumped out and drove off in a white car, a senior Defense Department official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The bomb went off minutes later.

Clinton leading despite Whitewater, FBI files

By MIKE MOKRZYCKI
NEW YORK (AP) - Most voters don't believe President Clinton's explanations of the FBI-files and Whitewater controversies, yet he maintains a 17-point lead over Bob Dole, according to a national poll.

That may be because voters in the NBC-Wall Street Journal poll released Wednesday said issues are more important than a candidate's character or values, by 62 percent to 25 percent. And of the five issues cited most often as important in deciding how to vote - drugs, education, crime, health care and promoting strong moral values - voters said Dole would do a better job than Clinton only in promoting moral values.

Even a plurality of Dole supporters - 46 percent - said issues are more important than character. Seventy-nine percent of Clinton backers said

that. The poll, conducted June 20-25, also found increasing ill will toward Hillary Rodham Clinton, with 44 percent viewing her negatively and 35 percent positively. And a growing majority - 62 percent - say she is lying about Whitewater.

While a strong majority said having Mrs. Clinton as first lady would not make them less likely to vote for her husband, 23 percent said it would; only 5 percent said that about Dole's wife, Elizabeth.

However, half said Mrs. Clinton is coming under fire because she is a prominent woman. Thirty-seven percent said the criticisms were justified.

Roughly half the poll was conducted before stories broke about Mrs. Clinton's consultations with a New Age guru, so it was unclear if those reports affected opinion toward the first lady.

The survey found that if the election were today, 54 percent would vote for Clinton and 37 percent for Dole - identical to an NBC-Journal poll last month and similar to most other recent national polls.

The survey of 1,637 registered voters has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 2.5 percentage points.

Sixty-eight percent said the Clinton administration sought damaging political information about its opponents when it requested FBI background files on them. Only 18 percent believed the administration's explanation that the request for the files was a bureaucratic mistake.

Fifty-five percent said Clinton is not telling the truth about his personal finances and involvement in the Whitewater affair, and 35 percent said Clinton committed financial wrongdoing in the Whitewater matter. Both numbers are up from previous surveys.

Each FBI-file and Whitewater question was asked of half the poll respondents, and those results carry a 3.5-point error margin. Error or bias also can arise from question wording, refusal of some people to participate and other practical difficulties in conducting polls.

More Filipinos get food stamps



Patricia Palacios-De Beer

By Ferdie de la Torre
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FILIPINOS with US citizenship are the fastest growing ethnic group receiving benefits from the federally-funded food stamps program in the CNMI.

Patricia Palacios-De Beer, Nutrition Assistance Program administrator, told the Variety yesterday that the trend about ethnic participation in the food stamps program showed that US citizens with Filipino origin have been surpassing Trukese and Palauans who used to be consistently increasing.

De Beer pointed out that most of the Filipino recipients are children under 18 years old who were born in the Commonwealth.

The NAP administrator, however, stressed that Chamorros are still the top recipients of the program followed by Carolinians.

The NAP's statistics showed that in Fiscal Year 1993, Filipinos with US citizenship received \$118,455 benefits or 4.8% of the total pie.

The average household was 72

with 151 members. Filipino participation of the program increased in FY1994, getting \$189,922 or 5.3% of the overall benefit pie. The group posted an average household of 113 with 230 members.

Participation among Filipinos continued to grow in FY 1995, taking 6.4% of the total pie or benefitting \$251,455. The average household was up to 147 with 313 members.

In FYs 1993, 1994 and 1995, Chamorros dominated the program by receiving \$1,278,202 benefits or 51.7% of the pie, \$1,910,453 benefits or 53.8%, and \$1,966,761 or 50.1% respectively. In the same fiscal years, Carolinians followed the Chamorros getting \$583,510 benefits or 23.6% of the pie, \$764,030 or 21.5% and \$823,427 or 21% respectively.

In the three periods, Trukese got \$230,020 benefits with 9.3% of the pie, \$312,760 or 8.8% and \$401,910 or 10.2% respectively.

Palauans followed with \$202,124 with 8.2%, \$312,760 or 7.5%, and \$344,926 or 8.8% respectively.

The Yapese are in the bottom next to the Filipinos with \$9,941 or 0.4%, \$11,117 or 0.3% \$17,530 or 0.5%.

Ponapeans and others also joined the program.

Among all ethnic groups, it can be noted that in these three fiscal years, Filipinos were the ones increasingly active in availing the program.

De Beer attributed the growing numbers of Filipino participation to their huge population of workers in the Commonwealth.

"They (US citizens with Filipino origin) are impacting tremendously to the services program. They just keep on increasing," said De Beer.

Earlier, De Beer disclosed that the

U.S. Department of Agriculture-Food and Nutrition Service has provided CNMI \$5.1 million or a 37.8% increase in annual block grants for food stamps and its administrative costs for fiscal year 1996.

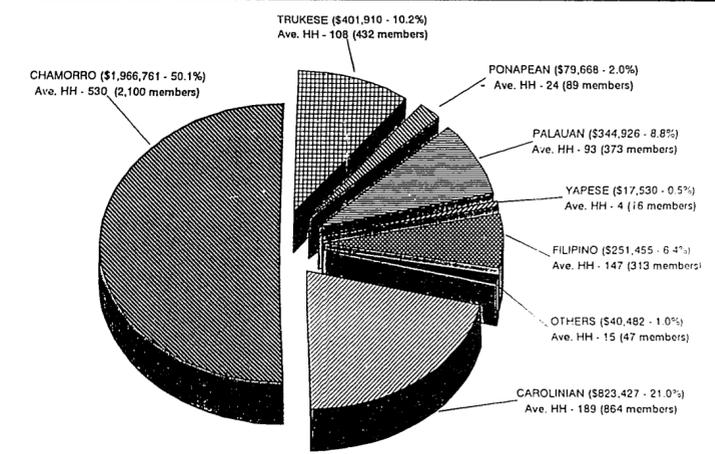
NAP statistics showed that the total 1995 participation reached

an all-time high of 13,315 or 1,110 average monthly participation.

De Beer said they increased last year the local coupons (for local products) from 25% (not 20% as earlier reported) to 30%, and reduced the regular coupons (imported goods) from 75% to 70%

to stimulate the local economy. NAP, which is 100 percent federally funded, was established in 1982 to alleviate malnutrition on the islands. The funds are available annually to disburse to eligible, needy individuals and for program administrative costs.

NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM Amount of Benefits by Ethnicity Fiscal Year 1995



Aldan gets 5 years in jail for less than a gram of 'ice', gun

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff
SUPERIOR Court Associate Judge Timothy Bellas sentenced yesterday a man to five years' imprisonment for possession of less than a gram of crystal methamphetamine and a rifle. Bellas ordered that Jesus Akiyama Aldan shall not be qualified for parole as the charges carry a mandatory sentence.

Bellas ruled that the firearm involved in the special allegation was indeed illegal.

Last month, the court found Aldan guilty of illegal possession of "ice." Bellas, however, asked Aldan's counsel Steven Pixley to submit a brief relating to the illegality of the gun prior to sentencing.

Pixley contended that the .22-cal. rifle found by the police during a raid at Aldan's house last July 20 is not illegal.

Pixley pointed out that the gun did not have a role in the crime as an offensive weapon nor Aldan possessed it.

He said the Ninth Circuit interpreting a federal statute involving drugs and weapons has held that there must be some relation or connection between the underlying criminal act and the use or possession of the firearm.

In his brief for sentencing hearing, Pixley added that the government did not introduce any evidence showing that his client used the weapon to facilitate any drug offense.

In his response, Assistant Atty. Gen. James Norcross, who represented the government, said it was not necessary pursuant to the statute in this case that the weapon facilitate

the drug offense nor be used in any way.

On Pixley's argument that the weapon was not illegal, Norcross said it is not persuasive because the gun was in fact illegal considering that the defendant possessed it without a valid identification card at the time of the arrest.

Norcross said Aldan has been con-

victed of possession of "ice" and it has been found that the loaded weapon was also within the defendant's possession.

Court information showed that Criminal Investigation Section agents from the Department of Public Safety raided Aldan's house in Iliyan and confiscated .74 grams of "ice" and a .22-cal. rifle.



Jesus A. Aldan confers with his counsel, Steve Pixley, after he was sentenced yesterday.

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Japanese national gets 18 months for 'ice' possession

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff
A JAPANESE national charged with possession of the controlled substance methamphetamine, commonly known as ice, was sentenced yesterday to one and one-half years in prison and to four years of supervised release.

Yoshihiro Yamashita, who used to co-own a jetski operation on Saipan, was arrested on Dec. 30 last year after police detectives allegedly found 30.81 grams of ice contained in five Ziploc packages.

He was indicted before the district court for ice possession with intent to distribute since according to an FBI special agent such an amount of ice "is greater than the amount an individual would possess for personal use and would be an amount possessed for distribution."

Police detectives who searched Yamashita's residence in Puerto Rico district reportedly found several documents believed to be ledgers containing narcotics information and the names of individuals known to be drug dealers and users.

Yamashita will stay in federal custody only for the next one year since the six months that he had spent in jail since Jan. 18 has been

credited. Yamashita had faced a sentence of from 5 to 40 years in prison. Under an agreement, the government prosecutor recommended a sentence of not more than three years, but Judge Alex R. Munson, who used to follow government recommendations, even went far below the minimum sentence.

Munson also ordered the defendant to pay a fine of \$20,000 payable in installments.

The court recognized the defendant's substantial assistance in giving information to federal law enforcers on other criminal activities in the Commonwealth.

In court, Yamashita's counsel admitted his client was a drug user and was involved in drug distribution.

Munson advised Yamashita to take advantage of worthwhile programs while in prison that would make him a more productive and better person.

Munson told Yamashita that he had to choose between keeping himself away from drugs forever or making a second offense.

Choosing the latter, the judge said, would send him back to jail with a harsher sentence, perhaps even a lifetime in jail.

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EDITORIAL

Stop the hatred, please

JUST when the CNMI and the Philippine governments have made progress in strengthening their relations, a new controversy has threatened to blow up the bridge that has just been built.

Not only did the comments made by former Philippine Senator Tomas Concepcion hurt the feelings of the people of the Commonwealth very badly, they threaten to blow the gap much wider than ever.

The statements are without basis and are obviously meant to degrade and insult. Thus, the controversy now has instantly become the talk of the town owing to the way it was fired off from the hip.

To accuse CNMI employers of cheating Filipino workers, though hurting in itself, could be tolerable. At least, such an accusation is somehow relative to the constantly refashioned allegations of labor abuse.

But for Concepcion to call the people of the CNMI names, as in "the island of thieves," is in no way relevant to the issue of labor abuse.

The Islas de Ladrones tag, as we were told, was coined after the olden natives of the Marianas, who at that time steal the screws and nails that kept together the boats of Spaniards during the 16th century.

From a historic point of view, that may be amusing. But not if used in a sinister and malicious fashion as Mr. Concepcion allegedly did.

How could the ways of people 400 years ago apply to the current labor situation in the CNMI?

By saying what he said, he is courting disaster and hatred, not for himself as he is safely in Manila, 10,000 miles away.

It is the thousands of Filipinos currently living and working on Saipan that are at risk—those who may have to bear the brunt of all these controversies.

Concepcion, being a former sectoral representative in the Philippine Congress, should know better than making such half-cocked barbs against host communities of Filipino contract workers.

He is one tasked with representing the interests of the working class in the national lawmaking body and has taken on an oath that he will advocate for the well-being and welfare of his constituents.

Being a labor rep, he may have developed a strong attachment to the organized labor movement and may have gotten used to blasting management like second nature.

It may be true that saying the most slambang passage would endear him to the people he wants to please, the labor advocates.

But that as it may, he should reflect and think also about the Filipinos on Saipan and consequences of his actions and statements on them.

After all, they are also his constituents.

Will it hurt my people even more if I castigate their host communities? Will it be just, considering that the host government has already manifested a gesture of friendship.

If there is that possibility of a backlash, why do it?

One should realize that the inference of "ladrones" would surely blow the top of even the most mild-mannered Chamorro. To say that one people's culture is of a lower category is very degrading up to the point it actually incites violence.

It is just plain and simply wrong for him to say what he said.

And in case he hasn't noticed yet during his short trip to Saipan months back, the Philippine community here is quite satisfied with how things are going on in the CNMI. They have acknowledged that there have been problems in the past but the important thing is something is indeed being done to correct them and to increase vigilance so problems don't recur.

And of course, there is that unquestionable belief that Saipan is still a beautiful place to be in despite the problems.

That is why although we recognize the need for our alien workers to be protected of their rights and dignity, we must now stand in defense of the people of the CNMI who we believe have been unjustly wronged in this vicious, senseless attack on their dignity. We would like to encourage the Filipino community here to stand up and express their strong resentment to any move to frustrate the goals of a strengthened friendship between the Philippines and the CNMI.

Let's put things in their proper perspective and after we've decided who in our conscience is right, let us air our sentiments loudly so such incidents don't happen again.



TR's Marianas
By: John DelRosario

US Dept. of Interior's Vicious Agenda

I've always held the suspicion that the US Department of Interior has an agenda to permanently ruin the visions of the fathers of the Covenant Agreement which guaranteed the NMI the right to self-government. The discovery that Interior has been undermining the NMI in countries like the Philippines on labor issues clearly confirms that it's out on a search and destroy mission, viciously bent on subjugating our twenty-year-old democratic institutions to the 1962 level under its stewardship.

So Interior confirms its role as the evil architect of creating diversionary issues to shield its hidden agenda in order to preserve the arbitrary authority to issue dictates, mandates, sanctions and intimidations against a self-governing commonwealth. It is indeed galling that it has little respect at all to honoring and preserving the integrity of our inalienable right to self-government as set forth under specific terms and conditions of the Covenant. And it has the audacity to hold little brown boys to strict adherence to federal policies and dictates. Has it held other insular areas to the same standards? Nothing can be further from the truth!

Interior's stewardship of the islands is riddled with blatant discrimination and human rights abuses of guess who: Micronesians! It instituted a three-tiered pay scale where Micronesians were paid \$.33 an hour, foreigners a lesser amount and white Anglo-Saxons \$1.00 an hour. Despite findings by the Ninth Circuit Court that such pay scale is factually discriminatory, Interior never bothered to right nearly thirty years of wrong it has committed against Micronesians. But one must admire Interior's clandestine activities in the Philippines against the NMI who volunteered information to strangle honest efforts to rectify labor concerns. Interior's intent to make life miserable for this group of Americans to pave the way for Uncle Sam (Interior's OITA) to come to our rescue as though we're a bunch of brown invalids.

The so-called Allen Stayman Report is a compilation of a warped intelligence report full of excesses conveniently omitting twenty years of joint US/NMI efforts which culminated in phenomenal economic success of the islands unheard of in the entire Pacific region. This achievement didn't evolve out of this air. It took more than half-a-billion dollars of US Government investment (taxpayers money), foreign investor dollars and local resolve to build it up to the current economic level however sluggish it may be today.

I suppose Stayman's agenda depicts a typical government bureaucrat's entrenchment with the spoiler system whose productivity or performance has never been measured to determine success or failure. Imagine if his job requires determining profit margins at the end of the year. Interior would be bankrupt instantly and there won't be anymore funds to take care of the real needs of Native

Americans, much less those whose right to self-government must be destroyed at all cost. Under this scenario, Allen Stayman would be out in the streets selling pencils and months old newspapers. But he must justify self-preservation even at our expense, a self-righteous agenda that violates Covenant Sections 101, 103 and 105.

We also take notice of the increasing number of federal agency officials in the islands whose growing presence has the appearance of "technical experts" when it is too obvious that it is part of Stayman's subtle scheme to gradually take-over the NMI. More so than ever before, the hidden agenda is to inject senseless federal policies aimed strictly at frustrating the export sector of the local economy. I sense that this is a racist agenda and all because there's hardly any Anglo-Saxon businessman engaged in the garment industry. But Mr. Stayman should know that the person he wants to see brought to his knees is a US Citizen! Since when is profit making in business "Un-American"?

As a permanent member of the American political family, it boggles the mind that the treatment we've received is far from being family. We're treated either as an instrumentality, agency, bastards or illegal foreigners by those in the federal government like Stayman who feels that policy out here is acceptable only if it is dictated from his office in Washington. We're still subject to the usual "set-aside" policies of the federal government and though we yell long and hard to end this maligned inequity, nobody in Washington reviews the messy and intrusive meddling of federal malcontents to put them in their rightful place.

Meanwhile, indigenous leaders in the wings sigh at the infusion of combined instability in policies from within and without and the apparent destruction of our credibility with major investors. Both Interior and a handful of legislative malcontents have sported their warped sense of basic economics only to ruin investor confidence in the NMI. Perhaps this is the quiet agenda of malcontents from within and without to ascertain eventual destitution and dependency for indigenous posterity. We want to be the "triumphant individual" that Robert Reich describes in his book "Tales of a New America".

Despite the thriving economies of East Asian countries, we know by heart that we will never benefit directly from such economic whirlwind. We've done economic missions in hopes of luring major investments. Unfortunately, our score is fat zeroes aplenty! Mind you, even if Stayman partakes in this effort, opportunities to lure replacement industries stands a fat chance of success!

Paradigms have changed, Mr. Stayman, and you must learn to treat the people of the NMI with the same dignity you have conveyed to other fellow Americans. The political bible of the NMI—Covenant Agreement—prohibits you and your likes in the federal government from willfully discarding our inalienable right to self-government. You must cease and desist from your agenda to dismantle the garment industry if you can't guarantee another 14 years of guaranteed Covenant funding (a form of unfunded liability) or if your agency can't create at least 3,000 direct and indirect jobs as a result of the presence of the garment industry here. No sir, it'll be anarchistic at best, abolition of American Democracy for this group of Americans at worst! Thanks.

JACK ANDERSON and MICHAEL BINSTEIN WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Local traffickers are loved in Mexico

CULIACAN, Mexico—In this remote region along Mexico's Pacific coast, the most popular local figures aren't athletes, entertainers or political leader. They're drug dealers—who are making—millions of pesos smuggling narcotics into the United States.

The drug dealers' popularity among the local campesinos—or peasants—has become one of the major roadblocks for the Mexican government in its drive to bring these drug lords to justice.

Evidence can be found at a well-attended shrine in this small city, which sits in a region that's long been a haven for drug smugglers. The small blue chapel, built by popular demand in 1983 against the wishes of the Catholic church, is home to a plaster bust of a mustachioed thief in a white cowboy shirt.

His name is Jesus Malverde—a highwayman, a common criminal and a hero to the campesinos. According to legend, Malverde was a Mexican Robin Hood, who took from the rich and gave to the poor until he was hanged in 1909 by Mexican authorities.

Not long after his death, local peasants began ascribing miracles to Malverde: The blind saw, the deaf heard and the lame walked. Busts were made of him and placed on wooden platforms, and the people streamed to the shrine with prayers and requests for miracles, offering gifts in return. The unending traffic caused a local movement to build the more permanent shrine in 1983.

"He is a saint to these people because he was one of them," said a local Catholic priest, who asked not to be named. "We think it's a terrible injustice to true (Catholic) saints, but nothing we have done seems to stop the flow of people coming here."

Instead of mentioning Malverde by name, most locals simply say they are going to pray to "El Narcosanton," the "Big Narco Saint." Among the biggest favor-seekers over the years have been the local drug traffickers. The supplicants include farmers, who grow marijuana and opium in the nearby mountains and come to the shrine to ask for good weather for their crops.

It also includes "Padrinos," or godfathers, like the now-imprisoned Rafael Caro Quintero, who used to come here regularly for good luck. Asking the same priest about Caro Quintero, who was convicted of torturing and murdering a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent, produces more evidence of the local stature enjoyed by the drug lords.

The priest would not defend how Caro Quintero earned his money, nor did he deny that the godfather was responsible for shoot-outs and deaths in Culiacan. Yet he took great pains to point out the good things that Caro Quintero did with his ill-gotten gains. He built roads, the priest said, and brought electricity to outlying areas. Some of the money was spent on public buildings, and a lot was given to the Catholic church.

One high-ranking Mexican government official explains that drug money often buys silence among the locals. It's a system that helps the drug lords elude capture—while keeping peasants dependent on what is often the only local source of jobs and income.

"Do you think these people weep about what drugs are doing to Americans?" this official asked. "No, many see these drug traffickers as—yes, using illicit means—robbing from the rich of the United States to give back to the poor here in Mexico. The campesinos think Americans have more money than they need, and if their pampered and spoiled children want to buy cocaine, why should they not benefit?"

Visitors to nearby Guamuchilito, a rural village that is the home base of Amado Carrillo Fuentes, are unlikely to hear an ill word spoken about the man who has become the No. 1 drug trafficker in Mexico.

Carrillo has come to be known as "the Lord of the Skies" because of his use of large airplanes to transport cocaine from Colombia. Where drug shipments were once measured in pounds they are now measured in tons.

Carrillo has been connected to hundreds of murders in Mexico and the United States. Yet that doesn't seem to bother the town priest, the Rev. Pedro Coronado, who had this to say to an outsider: "He and his family are good, quiet Christian people, just like anyone else here." Among other things, Carrillo's money has paid for the local church.

It should come as no surprise that the drug dealers have grown in local prestige as their profits and influence have risen over the last decade. Mexico has now become the transshipment point for up to 70 percent of all illegal narcotics that enter the United States each year. And with the close cooperation of the campesinos of Mexico, those numbers show no signs of diminishing.

Letters to the editor are welcome on any subject so long as they are hand-signed (no photocopied signatures please.) Letters addressed to other publications or to third parties are discouraged. No more name withheld letter.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

There is hope for jail inmates

Dear Editor:

We would like to respond to the news item on your Wednesday, June 12, 1996, "Cing takes on issue of dilapidated jail facilities" where it was stated it "...because local corrections don't have education..."

We would like to inform the Senator and the community as a whole that the Northern Marianas College Adult Education program has been conducting classes at the Department of Corrections for several years. We offer courses from literacy, basic, middle (Pre-GED), secondary level (GED) to the inmates who are non-high school graduates and those who want to improve their skills. The

core courses offered are: Reading, Writing, Social Studies, Science, and Mathematics. English as a second language is offered to those who need it.

Recently, there are 2 completers, those who earned their high school diploma through the General Educational Development. There are 2 more candidates for completion.

One of the inmates was a GED graduate. He completed his AA in Liberal Arts at the College 2 years ago and is now tutoring 5 of his fellow inmates who are at the literacy level.

We know that the corrections education can be expanded. We have been discussing the possibility of making vocational

courses including computer courses available to the inmates by bringing them to the College but the funding constraint makes it impractical at this point.

The availability of funding can make it possible to develop educational programs that enhance the skills of the inmates in order for them to adjust to the community life much better when their terms is over the minimizing the chance of recidivism.

For more information on the Adult Education program and Corrections, you may contact the program at the College, telephone number 234-5498. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Fe Y. Calixterio

Rota High valedictorian laments coral destruction

Dear Editor:

Congratulate me, I am the valedictorian of Rota High School's Class of 1996. I was told by numerous people on the evening of Wednesday, June 12th that the future is mine. The next day, the United States Navy detonated ten depth charges at one of our island's most beautiful dive spots, annihilating the coral wildlife for a 175 foot radius, including a couple of animals that were on the federal endangered list. Is this the future that is mine? Is this my future HERITAGE? If the leaders of the CNMI are going to alter my future in this way on a regular basis, I'm not sure I want it.

What particularly ticks me off is that there does not seem to have been a lot of intense thought in-

corporated in the plans for disposing of the depth charges. One day after the Emergency Management Office issued a memorandum stating that had located 10 of the bombs, six men signed a declaration of a state of emergency and gave their permission to have the bombs detonated. In that day, how many studies were made in the area to assess the best possible way to dispose of the bombs? How much research was done? With all the United States military's multi-billion dollar budget, they decided that the best way to handle the situation was to just blow the thing up! I seriously doubt that there was enough time to consider how the detonations would affect the ecology. The amount of time it would take for the coral to recover, what kinds of

endangered species might inhabit the area, how the value of the beachside property bordering that area would plummet, how our economy would suffer...Did they consider any of this? And why? after more than fifty years, was it suddenly a matter of life or death that the charges be gone in a matter of days? Call me ignorant, but I don't get it!

The June 19, 1996 issue of the Pacific Daily News (pg.4) quotes Richard Reylea, a representative of the Northern Marianas Emergency Management Office, as saying the damage to the area was "very, very minimal."

This seems a bit inconsistent with his other statements, concerning how a single bomb could kill or injure anyone within 2,500

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Lib Day committee says thanks to Mobil

Dear Editor:

This is an open letter to Mr. Paul Rea.

On behalf of the 1996 Liberation Day Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and Mobil Oil Micronesia, Inc. for the "gift" you've provided to the people of the CNMI in bringing out the Hawaiian entertainment group "Kapena". The free concert was enjoyed by the

entire Commonwealth Community. It was even more meaningful to us with our limited financial resources, to actually see professional entertainment such as "Kapena". Without Mobil Oil Micronesia, Inc.'s foresight in sponsoring this Micronesia tour by Kapena, the people (young and old) would have not been able to personally experience this type of entertainment. Your "gift" to us

in Micronesia truly demonstrates the "pacific way" in sharing whatever good fortune comes your way with the people who made it happen.

Once again, as we say in this part of Micronesia, "Si Yu'us Ma'ase" and congratulations on your 30th year in assisting us in Micronesia!

Sincerely,
Maria T. Pangelinan

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Employees sue clothes store

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff
TWO employees of a big clothes shop filed a complaint before the district court yesterday over alleged nonpayment of overtime pay and regular wage.

Bank of Guam declares dividend for 2nd quarter

The Bank of Guam Board of Directors in its regular meeting of June 24, 1996 authorized the payment of common stock dividends at \$0.08 per share for the second quarter ending this June 30.

Anthony A. Leon Guerrero, President of Chief Executive Officer of the Bank and Vice-Chairman of the Board, stated that the continuing profitable performance of Bank of Guam has allowed the payment of dividends to shareholders.

"The attention to detail by the Bank's management and staff has made it possible to maintain a high rate of return for our shareholders, who have given their support to us over the past twenty-four(24) years," he said, in a news release.

The second quarter payment of the regular dividends will be for common stock shareholders of record as of June 30, 1996. Such dividends will be paid on the quarter ending June 30, 1996.

(CNMI) Corp.; Vashi Hamrani, president; Rajkumar Nathrani, manager; and Murlidhar Nathrani, general manager for both stores in the CNMI and Guam.

Kumar claimed his unpaid overtime compensation covered certain periods in 1993-96, while Bricia's in 1991-95.

They also claimed they were not paid the right wages and that the defendants allowed "improper" deductions from their pay checks. These deductions included renewal fee of employment contract, medical fee, uniforms, transportation, and equipment.

Kumar claimed that despite the

fact that the minimum wage in the CNMI was \$2.15 in August 1993 and increased to \$2.45 in on Dec. 20 of the same year, he was paid the equivalent of 35 cents per hour from Aug. 29, 1993 to Sept. 17, 1994.

He said he received a lump sum of \$60 monthly in Indian currency. From Sept. 29, 1994 up to the present, he continued, he has been receiving 52 cents per hour or \$90 monthly in Indian currency despite the fact that on Jan. 1, 1995, the minimum wage increased to \$2.75 per hour.

The complainants also claimed they received falsified pay checks

reflecting payment of hourly wages for a falsified amount of hours.

The pay checks were allegedly supported by falsified time sheets which "did not reflect the amount of non-overtime hours."

Moreover, they complained, the defendants demanded that Kumar and Bricia return the entire amount shown on the falsified pay check either in cash or in cashier's check payable to one of the defendants' suppliers.

Kumar and Bricia demanded to be paid the compensation for their wages and overtime as determined at the trial as well as liquidated damages.



Mauro Sanchez Jr., Rogelio Menor and Joel Veloria, workers from RB Construction, undertake the fencing of the area near the Old Japanese in preparation for the CNMI museum project.

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NMC's accreditation renewed

NORTHERN Marianas College President Agnes McPhetres received word Thursday that the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) has renewed NMC's accreditation for another six years until the year 2002.

"I'm proud that the accreditation commission has again officially recognized the quality of our instructional and support programs by accrediting us for the maximum period possible," McPhetres said.

"The faculty and staff of NMC work hard to provide services to our people and deserve credit for this official recognition into the next century," she said.

Faculty Senate President Ed Zehr said much of the credit has to go to the Board of Regents and President McPhetres.

"Everyone knows how hard the president has worked to make NMC what it is today," he said, "but she could not have done so without the strong support of our regents." N.M.C. was first officially



Agnes McPhetres

accredited in 1985 by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), the established accrediting institution for California, Hawaii and the U.S. Pacific Islands.

Accreditation is acknowledged by all legitimate educational institutions and the U.S. Department of Education as a fundamental prerequisite for quality instructional programs. In effect, it is a certification of quality for the institution and is an important component in determining the

transferability of course credits from one institution to another. The U.S. DOE does not provide grant funding nor student financial assistance to unaccredited institutions.

The NMC accreditation renewal process began in 1994 when committees of NMC faculty and staff members were organized to address a variety of organizational and instructional subjects that would be reviewed by a visiting mission from the accreditation commission.

First priority was given to ensuring that concerns raised in the 1990 visit had been addressed and that NMC was prepared to review its own performance in doing so.

"Dean Ivan Propst and Dr. Barbara Moir were instrumental in shepherding us through this elaborate self-study process," McPhetres said.

The visiting mission came to the CNMI in March of this year. The members, all faculty and staff members from other community colleges,

spent several days reviewing documents and interviewing college employees about NMC's operations.

"I just hope that I don't have to hear one more person say NMC is not accredited," Administrative Vice-President Tee Abraham said.

"We have been accredited for years and we've just been given the longest term of accreditation possible and that is something about which everyone in the CNMI can be proud," Abraham said.

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Tenorio Administration reports: 'Success in US Senate hearing'



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Juan N. Babauta

THE TENORIO Administration has reported success in its appearance yesterday before a US Senate oversight hearing on CNMI labor and immigration reform issues.

In a news release yesterday, the Administration said it has succeeded in carrying its message for continued local control and less federal intervention.

Acting Attorney General Sebastian Aloat, who testified in behalf of the Tenorio Administration, argued for continued local control on the areas of minimum wage and immigration.

Testifying before packed back-to-back hearings in both the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and the House Native American and Insular Affairs Subcommittee, Aloat targeted the Department of Interior's recent inter-agency task force report on the labor, immigration and law enforcement initiative.

He also urged Congressmen to reject the Report's misguided rec-

ommendation to federalize the minimum wage.

While identifying the numerous flaws in the Report Aloat brought into sharp focus for Congress the immigration reforms and substantial progress of the Tenorio Administration.

Both hearings were well attended by Members of Congress who requested additional information about the CNMI.

Democratic Congressman Dale Kildee from Michigan, was so interested he announced at the hearing his intention to visit the Commonwealth to see more for himself.

Addressing the proposals to federalize the minimum wage, the Attorney General told the legislators: "Make no mistake, Governor Tenorio and many other leaders of the Commonwealth support an increase in the minimum wage. But by how much, how fast, at what price and by whom?"

are the key questions. While no

legislative action was taken at the hearings, members are realizing that the people of the CNMI want minimum wage decisions to be addressed at home.

According to the Administration, it also appears that Energy and Natural Committee Chairman Frank Murkowski (R-Alaska) has taken on the CNMI's proposal that it be allowed to complete a study on the minimum wage.

The administration release said Murkowski may not tell the CNMI people what to do with regards to the labor and minimum wage issue but that he was interested in the Hay Group study on the minimum wage recently commissioned by the Governor.

"He was very encouraged by the prospect of some real information that could provide the basis for sound decision making on the subject," read the release.

Murkowski, however, reportedly showed no interest in Resident Representative Juan N.

Babauta's call to establish a federal wage board system to address the minimum wage issue.

Also, to Babauta's surprise, his proposal to impose a cap on immigration into the CNMI did not sit well with members or CNMI residents in the audience.

Aloat in his testimony took issue with a number of statements in the DOI Report ranging from basic problems with the underlying facts on which the report was based, to the fundamental agency bias and misperceptions about the interests of the people of the CNMI.

He told members of the progress made under the LIIDS program and the strides in law enforcement over the past year.

Aloat also reminded them "that the meat on the bones of reform is occurring everyday back in the Commonwealth involving many people you will never hear of here in the halls of Congress."

The acting AG responded in de-

tail to a long presentation before the House subcommittee by the Department of Interior's Inspector General Wilma Lewis who reportedly "rehashed" an earlier report on the management of public lands in the CNMI.

Although not part of his prepared testimony, Aloat was quick to call the IG on her "fundamentally flawed assumptions" as well as mistakes in the analysis.

He pointed out that only 4 of the 22 leases upon which she based her analysis were entered into in the current Administration and that 7 of the 8 audits conducted by her office were undertaken before Governor Tenorio took office.

This prompted a similar line of questioning from Members present at the hearing and so interested Chairman Elton Gallegly (R-CA) that he relinquished his time to ask questions, in order to provide additional time for Aloat's testimony.

In a surprising turnabout from some earlier comments about the CNMI, Chairman Gallegly warmly received the Acting Attorney General and seemed favorably impressed with the progress to date.

Aloat closed his testimony with an eloquent statement to the lawmakers calling on them to recognize that Tenorio, like the governor of any state, has the right to be given the opportunity to complete the reform process he has started - whether he succeeds or fails - for what is the democratic way.

In addition to the Chairman of the two committees and Congressman Kildee, the hearings were attended by Congressman "Doc" Hastings (R-WA), Wayne Gilchrest (R-MD) and Delegates Robert Underwood (D-GU) and Eni Faleomavaega (D-AS) all of whom commented favorably about the CNMI on the record. Senators Bennett Johnston (D-LA) and Daniel Akaka (D-HI) also attended the Senate hearing.

Upon learning of the outcome of the hearings, Governor Tenorio said, "I am truly encouraged by the events today. I am looking forward to providing the additional information and to build on the good relationship started at these hearings."

Governor Tenorio called Gallegly's comments a "turning point" in the CNMI's relationship with Capitol Hill.

Alano returns plaque

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

A TEACHER who was presented a paper certificate of recognition has returned it back after accusing school officials of discrimination.

Ernie O. Alano, one of 15 departing teachers who were given an appreciation party by teachers and officials of Hopwood Junior High School, said five of them (four Filipinos and one American) who received a paper certificate enclosed in a plastic frame demand "a full explanation" from the administration.

Two other American teachers received a paper certificate.

Eight (seven Filipino and one Korean), on the other hand, were given plaques of appreciation.

Alano, in a written memo to the Hopwood staff, said what happened to the seven of them was an insult.

He said the plastic frame was worth no more than \$10. It was in fact worth \$8. He estimated the engraved plaque to cost more than \$100. Its actual cost, according to Vice Principal for Instructions Angelita Buniag, was \$35.

"The reason why I am putting a price tag is to show in a very obvious way the clear disparity in the administration's way of showing appreciation to its staff," said Alano, who was declared CNMI Teacher of the Year in 1993-94.

Principal David Borja admitted that there were indeed two kinds of certificates of recognition given to the departing teachers, many of them among the 87 nonresident teachers whose contracts were not renewed by the Public School System under the alien workers law (Public Law 10-4).

Borja, in an interview, said the school administration decided to give plaques to teachers who contributed a lot of extra things outside of the class-



Ernie O. Alano,

rooms.

One such teacher, he said, was Janet Cruz, adviser for the National Junior Honor Society. He recalled one instance when there were visiting students from Guam.

"She coordinated and made sure our students were here on a weekend," Borja said.

Vice Principal for Instructions Angelita Buniag, a Filipina herself, denies there was discrimination. The decision to give plaques to teachers considered outstanding was made by Borja, Buniag, and Vice Principal for Student Services Billy Billy.

"When we decided on the two kinds of recognition, there was no intent to discriminate," Buniag told the Variety.

She said the decision was preceded by a lot of discussion among the three of them.

She likened the recognition to the students' graded honors of summa cum laude (highest honors), magna cum laude (great honors), and cum laude (with honors).

The first suggestion was for all honorees to receive a latte stone but this was considered too expensive.

Borja, a former military man, suggested that there should be some sort of criteria to follow, citing as example military awards like commendation award and highest merit award.

Billy, for his part, said that the performance of the teacher from be-

ginning to end, including his dealings and relationships with people in the school be considered.

The framed recognition that Alano received stated that he was being recognized for his "outstanding performance and nine years of valuable services as a teacher/accreditation coordinator."

On the other hand, what was engraved on the plaque was a "certificate of appreciation for outstanding and dedicated service."

"In essence, we recognized all the (departing) teachers. None were left out. There was no dis-

crimination," Borja told the Variety.

He added that the recognition awards were a prerogative of the school administration, stressing that it could have chosen not to give the awards.

Borja said that Alano's questioning of the recognition he received was tantamount to asking why he did not deserve the plaque.

"The recognition was (in fact) a token of the school's appreciation for the teachers' services. It was a gift from the school," Borja said.

Explaining Alano's actions,

Borja said the Filipino English teacher was "in some ways discriminating against me."

"He seems to find faults with people around him," he added.

But Alano's demand for a "full" explanation from the administration is shared by fellow recipients of the paper recognition, Arlene Ng, Evelyn Reyes, Arnold Reyes, and Carrie Lucas.

"They, just like me, want to know why they, too, received the paper certificates with the plastic frame. We have been insulted, treated unjustly, and discriminated against," Alano said.

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Men charged of 15 counts of check forgery

THE ATTORNEY General's Office filed criminal charges yesterday against two men who allegedly forged several checks belonging to a night club in separate incidents at different establishments.

Froilan M. Camacho and Joseph K. Sablan were charged with 15 counts of forgery before the Superior Court.

Court information showed that last May 7, Camacho forged a Bank of Guam check in the amount of \$152 belonging to Double Shot Night Club at Tatts Lotto.

From April 29 to May 5 last year, Camacho forged two Bank of Hawaii checks amounting \$210 belonging to Double Shot Night Club at Tatts Lotto.

Other Double Shot checks which were altered for the month of May were at J. M. Enterprise, Orchids Karaoke, Ike's Store, Nana's, Liberty Plaza, SM Grocery, Queen's Karaoke, Coco's Night Club, and Galaxy Diner.

In June, the club checks forged were at Pacific Gardenia, Marg's Kitchen, Arirang Market, and Shell gas, according to the complaint. (FDT)

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US journalists here on mission



Washington D.C. think-tanks. Members of the National Center for Public Policy Research delegation to the CNMI during yesterday's press conference. From left, Kenneth Smith, Daniel Mitchell, Dong Bandow and Marlo Lewis Jr. The group is here on a fact finding mission

A GROUP of free market journalists from Washington, D.C. are currently on Saipan on a fact-finding mission, the Administration said in a news release yesterday.

The four-member group from the National Center for Public Policy Research is working on a project that would focus on the CNMI experience as a basis for further studies on US economic policy.

The NCPPR is a conservative research and action foundation which serves as a resource center for conservative activists and for journalists and policy makers.

While doing so it seeks to promote enlightened and reasoned debate on timely public policy issues. It is a non-partisan, tax exempt public policy educational foundation established in 1982 and dedicated to the principles of a strong national defense, free competitive enterprises, and individual liberty.

While here they will be meeting with local entrepreneurs, government officials and community leaders.

The group is composed of:

- Doug Bandow - A Senior Fellow

at Cato Institute, a public policy research organization based in Washington, D.C. Bandow is a nationally syndicated columnist with Copley News Service and the former editor of Inquiry magazine.

• Marlo Lewis, Jr. - Lewis is Executive Director of the Competitive Enterprise Institute, a free market advocacy and research organization headquartered in Washington, D.C. CEI emphasizes the marketing and implementation of classical liberal ideals, believing limited government and competition best serve the public interest.

• Daniel J. Mitchell - Mitchell currently serves as the McKenna Senior Fellow in Political Economy at the Heritage Foundation. His main focus is federal tax reform, and he is one of the nation's leading experts on flat tax. In addition to tax, Mitchell is also working on the budget, economic growth issues, and Social Security privatization. His responsibilities at the Foundation include authoring papers, writing editorials, and presenting the free-market viewpoint to newspaper, television, and radio media.

Along with his wife Nancy, Mitchell co-hosts the morning daily, "Mitchells in the Morning," which can be seen by more than 10 million households.

• Kenneth D. Smith - Smith is an editorial writer for the Washington Times, in Washington, D.C. He is responsible for daily editorials on a variety of federal, state and local issues, particularly environmental, civil rights and economic matters nationally and Virginia General Assembly legislation.

• Kenneth E. Grubbs, Jr. - Grubbs is the Editorial Director and Vice President of The Orange County Register and Contributing Editor of the World Trade magazine. He has been with The Orange County Register since 1967. He also has covered stories in Europe, Asia, North Africa, Latin America and the Pacific.

Man gets 6 years for stealing

THE SUPERIOR Court gave yesterday a six-year jail term to a man convicted of burglary and theft.

The court sentenced Gregorio Ilo Teregeyo to 10 years' imprisonment, all but six years suspended.

The sentence, however, will run concurrent with the sentence Teregeyo is presently serving in three previous criminal cases.

The court ordered Teregeyo to pay restitution to Evelyn G. Piteg and obey all criminal laws.

Court information showed that last Feb. 18 Teregeyo entered the residence of Piteg by tearing the window screen. Once inside, he stole jewelry and a watch.

The court accepted the plea agreement entered by Teregeyo with the government.

Teregeyo was earlier convicted for burglarizing and stealing money and other items from three residential houses in separate incidents last November. (FDT)

RP mining industry picks up

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Australian exports of mining equipment, services and technology to the Philippines is expected to quadruple in the next two years, a group of

Australian mining equipment suppliers said Wednesday.

Alan Broome, chairman of Austmine group, said the re-energized mining industry in the Philippines has placed it among the group's favored countries including China,

India, Indonesia and Chile. "The bottom line is that we try to work best with those countries that are enthusiastic with what we have to offer," Broome said in a press conference.

Officials of Austmine, com-

posed of more than 100 Australian companies, are making a weeklong visit to Manila to promote their products.

Australia, a leading producer of mining equipment, currently exports its products to 44 countries worldwide.

Report: Insecticides being needlessly used on rice

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Many farmers in Asia are needlessly using insecticides on their rice crops, and many still use highly toxic chemicals, the world's leader in rice research said Thursday.

Asian rice farmers continue to use pesticides such as methyl parathion and monocrotophos, long banned in Europe, Japan and the United States for being hazardous, the Philippines-based International Rice Research Institute said in a report.

The World Health Organization has found that exposure to these chemicals can cause heart problems, nervous system disorders, and even death.

The institute said that in the Philippines, about four-fifths of insecticide sprays are used for the wrong pests and at the wrong time, negating any benefits from the chemicals.

In Thailand, two-thirds of farmers surveyed in Chainat and Lop Buri provinces spray in the first month after planting, which agriculture extension specialist Khun Lakchai Meenakanit described as unnecessary.

Because some farmers think highly visible insects cause more damage, many harmless insects like the leafhoppers are often killed with pesticides, says institute entomologist K.L. Heong.

"This belief has made farmers victims of insecticide misuse," the report quoted Heong as saying.

The institute's report was based on discussions and papers presented last week in Bangkok, Thailand, by 40 scientists from Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.

The meeting sought to evaluate pest control practices in Asia and find alternatives to pesticides or ensure their proper use.

Once accused of promoting rice varieties heavily dependent on chemical fertilizers and pesticides, the institute now is promoting the use of disease-resistant varieties that need less chemicals.

It also advocates training farmers to identify friendly insects that can help fight harmful ones and to use insecticides without destroying useful insects.

Experts say the techniques are gaining acceptance among Filipino farmers.

But Agriculture Undersecretary Joemarie Gerochi said last week the government has had trouble enforcing a ban on hazardous chemicals. Gerochi said chemical companies use "the massive resources and influence at their disposal to challenge government regulatory decisions and undermine efforts in working for a more rational approach to the control of poisonous substances."

Ocean farming technology to put more fish on table

By ROMY TANGBAWAN

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - While pollution, overuse and misuse are depleting local fishing grounds, officials said Thursday an ocean farming method developed in Australia could put more fish on Philippine tables.

The new "open sea net station system" will be tested in the Philippines to determine how to adapt it to local conditions, fishery officials said.

The system uses giant cages to raise fish in captivity, but in the open sea. The fish are kept in giant pyramid-shaped cages anchored to the ocean floor, with most of the 2,700-cubic-meter (95,337-cubic-foot) structure submerged.

Researchers of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources plan to experiment with popular local species like grouper, chanus chanus, siganid, red snapper and sea bass.

Domingo Jocson, chief of the bureau's fishing methods section, said an experimental station in waters 176 meters (580 feet) deep will be set up in Sucot Bay off Bacon town in Sorsogon province, 380 kilometers (235 miles) southeast of Manila.

The structure "is virtually weatherproof, making it feasible for use even in typhoon-prone parts of the country," said Jocson.

The system would entail large investments for ordinary fishermen. One station is estimated to cost about 2 million pesos (\$ 76,000), with returns expected

after about 1 1/2 years.

Bureau Director Dennis Araullo says, however, the returns then could amount to 4 million to 6 million pesos (\$ 153,000 to \$ 230,000) a year, based on two crops a year and 25 to 38 metric tons per crop.

Agriculture Secretary Salvador Escudero has authorized the bureau to put up pilot stations in the northern and central Philippines, hoping to encourage private investors to adopt the system.

Using the system would not only increase fish production but also ease pressure on coastal and inland fishery resources, Escudero said.

So far, only Australia is using the system, officials said.

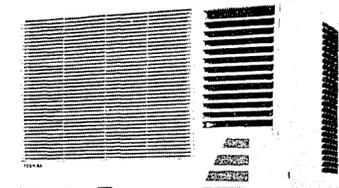
With a backward fishing fleet, the Philippines is unable to keep up with domestic demand for fish despite its vast marine resources.

The latest data available show that in 1994, the Philippines' fish imports of 241,194 metric tons surpassed its export volume by 69,114 tons.

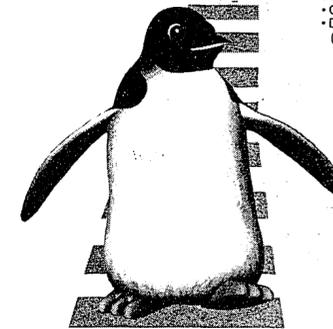
Lutgarda Penolio of the bureau's brackish water fishery section said that amount of imports costs about \$ 483 million. She said exports include shrimp and aquarium fish.

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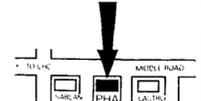


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Woodruff, however, clarified

that his interpretation of such a provision under the assumption that House Bill 10-158 would have already become law as Governor Froilan C. Tenorio purports it to be.

Woodruff said he and Senate Vice President Paul A. Manglona maintains the position that the new minimum wage bill did not become law by virtue of the latter's veto of the measure last June 18.

Manglona, while acting governor that day disapproved House Bill 10-158 concerned about

moves in US Congress to federalize the CNMI's minimum wage laws.

But after signing the veto, Manglona and Woodruff learned that the governor may have already signed the bill three days earlier to invalidate the veto.

Manglona has argued that his veto is still valid and binding in that it may have nullified whatever actions Tenorio has taken on the bill. His argument was that Tenorio's signature does not constitute final action in as much as it

has not left his custody at the time of the veto.

"The main issue here is whether the governor has taken the legislation outside his custody and control. In other words, it could be that he has given it to his secretary to go to the process of numbering for transmittal over to the Legislature," said manglona in an interview.

"In other words, if he can no longer change his mind as to whether he is going to veto or approve it, then it is out of his control. So for me and our legal

counsel, then it would have been public law," Manglona clarified.

"But if it is still under his control and his personal adviser's control, wherein he can always take it back and change his decision, then it is still not a public law. The key point is, has it gotten out of his control and custody?"

Tenorio, on the other hand, argued that his signature is binding and that the new law will be enforced by July 1st, the effectivity date of the 30-cent and 15-cent increases in the minimum wage.

Officials:...

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"There is an effect to the workers here. He should have joined in efforts to have good relations between the CNMI and the Philippines if he care for his constituents," said Loste.

Concepcion in a PDN news report from Manila was quoted as having said CNMI residents cheat workers here and are of a "lower cultural category."

He made the statement during a press conference called by the Trade Union Congress of the Philippines, the largest umbrella organization of the organized labor movement in the country.

Concepcion, who months ago visited the Commonwealth at the height of the Filipino worker ban, criticized the manner the CNMI has been handling its labor affairs and lashed at the local people here as "descendants of thieves."

Over at the Philippine Consulate, a staffer told the Variety that as a result of the harsh statements,

one angry local resident came complaining about Concepcion's remarks.

The staffer said the man, while holding a copy of the news report, barged in and blasted at the staff saying, "Don't you know that this could start a war?"

Lawmakers also immediately took the cudgels for the local people, and started criticizing Concepcion.

"What was said was unnecessary, derogatory and embarrassing," said Rep. Stanley T. Torres. "It might create ill-feelings between locals and the Filipinos living and working here, feelings of unnecessary anger."

Torres, considered to be the staunchest critic of the union movement on Saipan, said he was shocked at Concepcion's comment, saying it was unbecoming of a respectable Filipino leader.

"It will only ignite unnecessary anger towards Filipinos," he said.

Another lawmaker, Rep. Ana S. Teregeyo was also very disappointed with the statement, saying it was an insult to the people

of the Commonwealth. "It is unfortunate that the former congressman had to say what he said. I don't believe that the people of the Commonwealth should be labeled the way he labeled us — as 'thieves.'"

"I don't know where he's coming from. But if he is going to continue to look at us on the negative side in this whole issue of labor abuse, he should take a second look, we are related and we are of the same heritage," Teregeyo asserted.

She added, "This is a free country. If the Filipinos or any third country nationals do not want to stay in the Commonwealth, fine, the door is open, they can all get back to where they came from," Teregeyo said.

Congressman Vicent M. Atalig, who represents Rota, the island that figured prominently in the whole issue of labor abuse, also cried foul.

"The Philippines and the CNMI need one another. We are held closer economically so statements like that are grossly inappropriate," said Atalig.

Indigenous Affairs Resident Executive Juan B. Tudela, when asked for a comment yesterday said his office has prepared an official statement on the Concepcion remarks but deferred release of it until he discusses the matter with Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio.

He, however, said the statements made will surely anger locals here.

Newspaper columnist John Del Rosario, who is a former Indigenous Affairs Resident Executive during the Guerrero Administration said the statement may have very serious consequences.

"The statements were highly inflammatory. It will only ignite fire on an already raging inferno. He should have been a bit more discreet," said Rosario.

"We know the reputation of the Philippines, from the moment you enter to the day you leave. It is rife with corruption. I like to ask Mr. Concepcion to look himself in the mirror and

call me thief again," said Rosario. "Besides, if they feel his people are being discriminated and abused, the best I can recommend is call them back home."

Asked what can be the ramifications of Concepcion's remarks, Rosario said, "Violence, it might stir up violence against the Filipino community here, though unjustifiably."

"He should have known that people are people and they could react," he added.

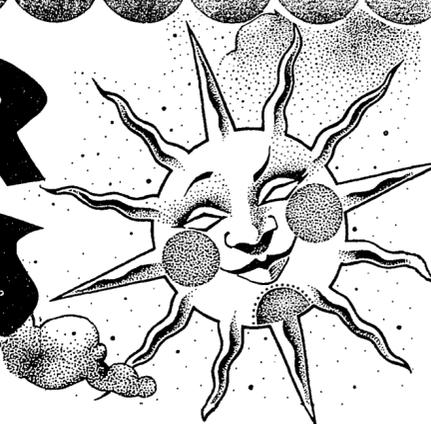
When asked for comment yesterday about the controversy, the Philippine Consulate said it has yet to prepare an official statement.

Acting Consul Danny Lozano, however stressed that Concepcion's statements are not reflective of the sentiment of the Philippine government.

"We have no control over press statements made in Manila, as there is also such a thing there as freedom of speech," said Lozano. He however, added they were taken by surprise with the harsh words.

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Man in hollow block attack to serve time

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE SUPERIOR Court sentenced yesterday a man to 30 days in jail for attacking another person with a can of beer, an ice chest and a hollow block.

Judge Edward Manibusan gave Francisco Blas Igsaisar two years' imprisonment, all suspended except 30 days, for the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Manibusan ordered Igsaisar to pay \$250 fine, and \$778.40 restitution to Joaquin Taisacan Quitugua for lost of overtime wages.

For disturbing the peace, Igsaisar was sentenced to six months in jail, all suspended except 10 days. The jail term will run concurrent with the sentence on the first charge.

The judge dismissed the remaining charges.

Court information showed that last April 30, Igsaisar came to Quitugua's house and struck the latter with a can of beer.

While the victim was lying on the ground, the defendant punched and kicked him then hit him on the back with an ice chest and a hollow block.

At thistime, Juanita Blas Camacho, was unreasonably annoyed and disturbed by the defendant, according to the complaint.

Igsaisar was charged with two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, possession of ammunition without identification card, and disturbing the peace.

He entered into a plea agreement with the government by pleading guilty to the two charges. The court accepted the agreement.

Torres calls MDM project a 'sham deal'



Stanley T. Torres

THE Garapan fishing base area across from Kristo Rai church is quiet now, but all that could change if the MDM lease and proposed project goes through, said Rep. Stanley T. Torres.

In a news release yesterday, Torres said the proposed development may never be fully realized because the project activities are a violation of Commonwealth law.

The Saipan congressman said the proposed selling of units before they are constructed and the proposed time-share dealings as advertised in Japan, contradict Commonwealth law and therefore renders the public land lease voidable.

"Since this is not legal, I am concerned that this whole project is just a sham and scam to rip off unsuspecting Japanese from their hard-earned money," said Torres. "The way MDM is going about this is self-defeating and could harm the CNMI's reputation for investment."

Compounding future problems, Torres claimed, is the Apex lease for the same property.

"Apex still has a lease and while they are in arrears, no final administrative or court action has been taken. What if they come up with the money tomorrow and demand to enforce their lease, then what happens to the MDM lease? More big problems," Torres remarked.

Torres predicted that the situation will remain troublesome and, instead of a large development project transforming the area, the site across from the church will remain a sleepy place best suited for fishermen.

Bishop condemns military offensive

A ROMAN CATHOLIC bishop in Papua New Guinea has condemned the military offensive on Bougainville, saying it would fail and result in the deaths of civilians.

Former president of the Catholic Bishops Conference of PNG and the Solomon Islands and current of Aitape, the most Rev. Brian Barnes told the *Sydney Morning Herald* that it was inevitable civilians would be killed in the crossfire or because they were mistaken by the military for rebel sympathizers.

Bishop Barnes said given the accepted military wisdom that a guerilla force could be defeated only if it were out-numbered by at least 10 to the PNG forces could not hope to defeat the separatist BRA. Continuing dialogue is the only solution," he said.

In Canberra, the Commander of the PNG Defense Force, Brig. Gen. Jerry Singirok, has defended the offensive in talks with his Australian counterpart, Gen. John Baker.

In Sydney today, (Friday) Brig. Gen. Singirok and other PNG leaders including the Defense Minister, Mathias Ijape, the Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Gabriel Dusava, Secretary of the Prime Minister's Department, Noel Levi, and the Police Commissioner will attend a security seminar on PNG.

Pacnews Canberra office says the seminar, which will discuss PNG's security and defence in the 1990s, has been organized by the Australia-PNG Friendship Association and the Australian Institute of International Affairs. Australian speakers will be from

the Department of Defense and AusAid.

Papua New Guinea's prime minister, Sir Julius Chan, meanwhile called on Solomon Islands to refrain from interfering in the Bougainville conflict.

Chan made the call amid reports that Solomon Islands prime minister, Solomon Mamaloni, had established a committee to work

toward the resolution of the seven-year conflict on Bougainville, NBC reported.

The PNG leader said Solomon Islands had finally waken up to Bougainville despite numerous warnings to Honiara about facilitating the movements of known criminals into Solomon Islands.

Chan has also again called for the two leaders to meet and iron

out possible differences on Bougainville.

He accused Mamaloni of constantly and conveniently absenting himself from meetings of the leaders of the South Pacific Forum in Madang and the Melanesian Spearhead Group summit in Vanuatu and again in Losui, PNG early this month....Pacnews

3 Bougainvilleans wounded allegedly by PNG soldiers

THREE Bougainville civilians are in critical condition at the Gizo hospital in Solomon Islands with bullet wounds allegedly inflicted by Papua New Guinea soldiers at Luagua and Kanauro care centers on Bougainville at the weekend.

The three were among five who were rushed across the border for

medical treatment Wednesday, SIBC reported.

One of the wounded civilians died before arriving at Gizo and another has been discharged.

The body of the dead Bougainville civilian was buried at Loga Catholic mission station off Gizo town....Pacnews

Laid off public servants in Cook Is. told to find jobs

HALF of all public servants in the Cook Islands are to be laid-off, and those set to lose their jobs are being told that they have to start selling themselves to secure employment.

The president of the Public Service Association, Gill Vai'imene, said if public servants get the chance to obtain a good job in the private sector, they might as well take it, RNZI, reported.

Those who don't have another job lined up are being advised to stay in the public service rather than resign and possibly lose pay entitlements.

But employees, Vai'imene said many of them would have difficulty finding other jobs because many have never applied for a job because they joined the public service straight out of school....Pacnews

Gov't tightens censorship on state's Radio Vanuatu

THE VANUATU government is reported to have tightened the censorship imposed on state-owned Radio Vanuatu.

Sources say journalists of the government-owned broadcasting outfit have to submit all releases by the opposition to the prime minister's secretary, Yvette Sam, for approval. They say most of these are

barred from going on air, RNZI reported.

At the same time the Prime Minister's office has adopted a policy of not responding to any inquiries by the country's only independent newspaper, *Trading Post*.

Its editor, Kalvao Moli, says this makes it a difficult situation....Pacnews

Proposed bill places seven Pacific isles under Hawaii

SEVEN small Pacific Islands and atolls in the Central Pacific will become part of the state of Hawaii if legislation proposed in Washington Wednesday becomes law.

Hawaiian Sen. Daniel Akaka has recommended that the seven US Pacific possessions be not part of any other state or territory and mostly unpopulated be placed under Hawaii's jurisdiction, Hawaii Public Radio reported.

All the islands areas involved in the

proposal are located between Hawaii and Kiribati.

They include Baker, Jarvis and Midway Islands, Howland, Johnston, and Palmyra Atolls and Kingman Reef.

Senator Akaka, said the proposed legislation gives Hawaii the authority to determine how the remote insular areas are developed helping assure that they are not used as nuclear waste dumping grounds....Pacnews

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At ACP Ministers Council session

Search for new framework continues

THE SEARCH for a new framework to replace the Lome Convention after the year 2000 continued in earnest yesterday as the 63rd session of the ACP Council of Ministers continued

on its third day of discussions. The Lome Convention, signed in 1975, provides the guiding principles for the development relationships between the ACP countries and the 15-

member states of the European Union. The arrangement is due to end in five years time and the EU has indicated it does not intend to continue it in its current form.

The ACP countries which represent some 500 million people in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific, has now begun the search for a new regime to guide both sides in their relationships into the 21st century.

The eight Pacific ACP states of Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Western Samoa can expect up to 170

million Fijian dollars (US\$121 million) in total funding from the EU over the next five years.

This is the amount earmarked for the Pacific states under the second Protocol of Lome IV which was agreed to and signed a year ago.

However, funds have yet to be released because some member states of the ACP have to ratify the agreement.

Officials have confirmed that a meeting among eight South Pacific Forum ministers and the EU will take place in Apia today.

Delegations from both sides are in Apia for the joint African, Caribbean and Pacific Group - EU ministerial meeting which Apia is hosting this week.

Today's meeting is to discuss issues of particular concern to the Pacific.

According to senior officials the meeting provides an opportunity to discuss issues of particular concern to the Pacific, including programming for the second financial protocol of Lome IV and the ACP-EU post-Lome relationships...Pacnews

PNG police bans sale of firearms

PAPUA NEW GUINEA police have imposed a blanket ban on the sale of firearms and issue of new gun licences.

The ban is effective as of Tuesday this week and of for an indefinite period, the National reported.

Police Commissioner and Registrar of Firearms Bob Nenta said the issue of permits to purchase pistols, rifles and shotguns to individuals or organizations is restricted.

He said the restrictions will not be waived under any circumstances.

Nenta said the ban is necessary because there are too many weapons in the country in private hands.

He said currently on record there are 55,000 shotguns, 10,000 rifles, and 4,000 pistols, in the country.

These figures do not include the unknown number of firearms in private hands, and those issued to the discipline forces....Pacnews

Fiji plan to legalize casino met with mixed reactions

THE FIJI government's intention of introducing casino and gambling in the country has received mixed feelings from various political and non-political organizations.

While some say it would provide a catalyst to foreign investment, other organizations say it would encourage further economic disaster if the government went ahead with it, the *Fiji Times* reported.

The Fiji Labour Party said it

should not be allowed in developing countries like Fiji.

Parliamentary leader Mahendra Chaudhry said government should consider the welfare of the local people before introducing casinos and gambling which would not provide any suitable environment for development.

He said his party remains opposed to any liberalization of the gambling laws in the country even if it goes to Parliament.

The Fiji Council of Social Services

said the nation is already a casino when one adds all the lotteries and other games being played. Council director Hassan Khan said the present lotto has already taxed the spare dollars to the fullest and the fundraising capabilities of the charitable organizations had been drastically reduced.

Khan said the addiction to gambling would bring added social problems such as increasing family discord and violence, crime, child neglect and abuse and other serious problems....Pacnews

Satellite to link Tokelau with rest of the world

TOKELAU yesterday awarded a \$1.4 million contract to supply and build a satellite telecommunications network to link the country with the rest of the world.

The job has gone to the Australian telecommunications company, Telstra, which was formally awarded the contract at a brief ceremony at the Tokelau Apia

Liaison office Thursday morning, RNZI reported.

Tokelau currently relies on a short wave radio link to Apia in Western Samoa, an a mail ship which calls every six weeks.

The new satellite service will allow Tokelau's 1600 residents to phone or fax friends and families around the world.

Those with computers can even hook up to the Internet.

Project engineer Robin McNeil said building the network won't be easy for Telstra engineers because they'll have to unload delicate equipment into lighters from a cargo boat drifting off-shore, as there are no wharves....Pacnews

Fiji nat'l carrier records \$13-M after-tax profit

FUT's national carrier Air Pacific Limited recorded an after-tax profit of 18.2 million Fijian dollars (US \$13 million), continuing with its 10-year trend of profitable operations.

Airline chairman Gerald Barrack said this is almost half a million dollars higher than last year's result, the *Fiji Times* reported.

Barrack said Air Pacific achieved an operating profit before abnormal items and tax of 14.2 million Fijian dollars (US\$10.1 million) for the year ending March 31 this year.

Total revenue was 260.4 million Fijian dollars (US\$185.3 million), an 11.4 percent increase over the previous year, while total expenditure was

346.2 million Fijian dollars (US \$246.4 million), an increase of 11.4 percent compared with 1995.

Key factors Barrack attributed to last year's results included the full year of the weekly B747 Los Angeles service and the twice weekly B767 direct Osaka service....Pacnews

Cooks public servants to get 85% of normal pays

COOK ISLANDS public servants return to 85 percent of their normal pay packets next week, but it's a situation that can't be sustained by the government for long.

In a letter to the Public Service Association, Prime Minister Sir Geoffrey Henry said starting to lay off public servants as early as

possible is quite imperative, RNZI reported.

Sir Geoffrey said cashflow forecasts indicate that a 100-percent reinstatement is not possible.

Meanwhile, PSA president Gill Vai'imene has told crown workers not to resign from the public service as they could forfeit col-

lecting their full pay entitlements.

About a third of public servants will be laid off over the next three months.

The PSA said the mass redundancies will mean the lives of many will be downgraded and they won't enjoy the same standard of living....Pacnews

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Hollywood movie review

Cage, Connery star in 'The Rock'



Cage as Stanley Godspeed

Connery as John Patrick Mason

By Lucette Bentley
For the Variety
FOR years Brigadier General Francis Xavier Hummel (ED HARRIS), a decorated military hero, has petitioned the United States government to honor his men who have lost their lives in service to their country during highly covert military operations by providing their families the same benefits and tributes due other war veterans. For years his efforts have been scorned.

Now angry and determined to seek justice, Hummel and a crack team of commandos mastermind an operation to steal quantities of VX "one of the most deadly substances ever known," seize control of Alcatraz Island, taking hostage a group of tourists. If reparations are not immediately forthcoming,

Hummel plans to launch a battery of rockets charged with lethal V.X. poison gas on the San Francisco Bay area.

The City's only hope for survival is FBI chemical/biological weapon expert, Stanley Goodspeed (NICOLAS CAGE), and a top-secret federal prisoner, John Patrick Mason (SEAN CONNERY), who also happens to be the only known convict to have escaped the island fortress. With the clock ticking, this unlikely and reluctant duo, escorted by a U.S. Navy Seal team, embark on a desperate bid to infiltrate the island and detoxify the weapons before disaster strikes.

Producers Don Simpson and Jerry Bruckheimer said they were initially attracted to "The Rock," "not only by the script's exciting concept but by the individual

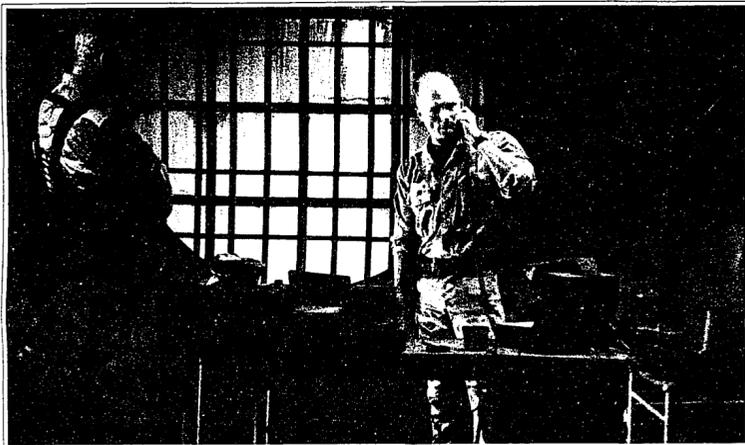
characters." At the core of the story is this character who believes in what he's doing, but then goes over the edge and loses it," Bruckheimer says. "It's tragic, it's unfortunate — and it creates a great drama."

"I was intrigued by the story," added Simpson "and I realized that, essentially, the film is about heroism, valor, honor, nobility and bravery, and the fact that one cannot regard these qualities in strictest sense of black and white."

"The perpetrator is Brigadier Francis Xavier Hummel, a complex and complicated character. A man with a conscience, his ideals compel him to try to right what he believes to be a grievous injustice," Simpson said.

"Hummel is a dedicated soldier, but his faith in his government has

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Ed Harris (right) plays the role of Brig. Gen. Francis Xavier Hummel in Hollywood Pictures' explosive drama thriller, "The Rock." At left is David Morse.

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The waterline trenching will affect a portion of an archaeological site which is eligible for inclusion in the U.S. National Register of Historic Places. The site consists of buried cultural deposits containing artifacts, subsistence remains, features, and human burials. Two waterline segments measuring a total of 440 meters will impact intact deposits associated with the site.

The two waterline segments are to be mechanically excavated under the supervision of a qualified archaeological monitor. The archaeologist will be responsible for procuring the services of an operator and backhoe. The major focus of the mitigation program will be the identification, removal and analyses of human burials present within the pipeline rights-of-way of the two segments. Work will also involve recording significant features exposed in trench profiles, and recovering artifacts and samples.

This work will allow for compliance with pertinent sections of the U.S. National Historic Preservation Act and associated 36 CFR Part 800 and CNMI Public Law 3-39. The Principal Investigator must meet the minimum standards for prehistoric archaeologist as required by 36 CFR Part 61.

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

All inquiries for additional information, including an expanded list of tasks, project scheduling, and proposal selection, should be directed to Mr. Ernesto L. Villarin (CUC) at (670) 322-9383 or Mr. Joseph P. Guerrero (HPO) at (670) 664-2125.

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US, allies to reduce Haiti force

By LOUIS MEIXLER
UNITED NATIONS (AP)-In a bid to prevent China from vetoing the U.N. peacekeeping mission in Haiti, key Security Council members have offered to slash the size and expense of the force, a U.S. diplomat said Thursday.

The council must approve an extension for the force before its mandate expires Sunday, and diplomats have been working hard to find a compromise acceptable to China.

As one of five permanent council

members, China could veto an extension and force closure of the U.N. mission. Other permanent members are the United States, Britain, France and Russia.

China has complained that the mission is too large, but many diplomats say Beijing is actually angry that Haiti made diplomatic overtures toward Taiwan, which China considers a renegade province.

A new, U.S.-backed proposal calls for cutting the mission from

1,200 peacekeepers to 850 soldiers. An additional 450 troops would be paid through voluntary contributions, a U.S. official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The soldiers would be based mostly in the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince.

Key council members support the new proposal and preliminary talks with China have been encouraging, the official said.

At its height, the United Na-

tions had some 6,000 peacekeepers in Haiti, but the force has been cut back as Haitians take over many of its responsibilities.

In February, the council slashed the force from 4,000 to 1,200 soldiers after China threatened to veto the new mandate, complaining of the size of the force.

U.N. officials said a minimum of 1,900 soldiers were needed to carry out their mission and the mandate was approved after Canada agreed to send 700 soldiers at its own expense.

In Ottawa, Canadian Foreign Affairs spokesman Colin Stewart

said Canada was "optimistic that there will be more international participation in the funding this time around, but what form that will take is still being discussed."

But Bob Mills, a member of the Canadian parliament from the Reform Party, said he did not believe Canadians want to pay for another extension because they doubt Haiti will manage to establish a working democracy.

"Obviously Canada won't be happy to put money into a democracy if it turns out to be what Haiti has had for the last 100 years," he said.



Lt. Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, center, acknowledges cheers during a ceremony of the change of command of the United States Forces Japan in Yokota Air Base. Eberhart assumes the command from Lt. Gen. Richard B. Myers, rear at right, who will become assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. AP Photo

Red Cross submits report on Kashmiri detention centers

NEW DELHI, India (AP)-The Red Cross has urged the Indian government to spend more money on improving conditions in jails in Kashmir where hundreds of separatist militants are lodged, an official said Wednesday.

Officials of the International Committee of Red Cross who met with 2,234 people detained in 27 places across the northern Jammu-Kashmir state during the last one year, also suggested better medical care and upkeep of detention centers.

An ICRC official said the report was prepared after the organization signed an agreement with the Indian government to study the condition of prisoners in the state, where militants are fighting for independence.

A copy of the preliminary findings was presented by ICRC official Jean Michael Monod to the Home Ministry's top bureaucrat, K.Padmanabhiiah in New Delhi on Wednesday.

Details of the report were not made public and Padmanabhiiah said it was a confidential document.

He said officials of the committee made 36 visits to 27 de-

tention centers in the state since November. The Red Cross officials were allowed to meet those arrested, detained or imprisoned in the state.

International human rights organizations have alleged that security forces often torture prisoners and suspects.

The Indian government says all complaints of abuses are investigated and the guilty are punished, although it seldom gives out details.

Guerrillas want Kashmir to become independent or join with India's archenemy, Pakistan. They say that Muslims, who are in a majority in the state, but a minority nationwide, are denied their religious rights by the federal government. New Delhi denies the accusations.

The Muslim insurrection erupted in 1989 and since then more than 14,500 people have been killed in frequent gun battles between guerrillas and security forces.

India accuses Pakistan of training and arming the militants. Pakistan says it only gives moral support to the rebels. Both nations have fought two wars over Kashmir.

Asahara defense fights quick trial for cult guru

By KELLY OLSEN
TOKYO (AP) - Defense attorneys for doomsday cult guru Shoko Asahara fought a proposal Thursday to speed up his trial on charges he masterminded last year's subway nerve gas attack and other crimes.

Sessions in Japanese trials are usually separated by weeks or even months, and Asahara's trial was expected to last years. The court has proposed speeding things up by splitting up the charges and holding separate hearings.

But defense lawyers argued in Tokyo District Court on Thursday that the proposal was unjustified, and said it was impossible to break up the charges because many of the crimes are closely connected.

"We have said all along that such a pace is unreasonable. The court has ignored us and has done as it pleases," said lead defense attorney Osamu Watanabe.

The court proposal would quicken the pace of the trial up to six sessions a month starting in September, while the defense says they can prepare for a maximum

of only two or three sessions a month.

The 12-member defense team has threatened to quit if the court goes ahead with the plan. No decision was made at Thursday's hearing, which lasted little more than an hour. The next session was scheduled for July 11, and the defense said it would attend.

Thursday's hearing for the Aum Shinri Kyo cult leader was only the fifth since the trial began in April. The main charges involve the March 20, 1995, attack on Tokyo's subways, which killed 12 people and sickened thousands of others. Asahara, who has refused to enter a plea, could face death by hanging.

As at earlier sessions, security was tight, but public interest in the trial is waning. On Thursday, 1,317 people lined up for 49 courtroom seats, down from the 12,000 that tried to get into the opening session.

Asahara, whose real name is Chizuo Matsumoto, was silent at the hearing, which also focused on technical questions of evidence. He seemed bored, closing his eyes or looking up at the ceiling and sighing.

The guru is also accused of plotting the 1989 abduction and slaying of an anti-cult lawyer and his family and ordering the killing the same year of a disaffected cultist.

On Wednesday, a former cult member was convicted of strangling another colleague to death but was not sentenced to prison because the court found he had acted under a death threat from Asahara.

The judge sentenced former cultist Hideaki Yasuda, 28, to three years in prison, but suspended the sentence for five years.

The January 1994 killing resulted from a bungled attempt by Yasuda and Kotaro Ochida, 29, to rescue Yasuda's sick mother from a room at the cult's Mount Fuji commune. After the two men were caught, Asahara allegedly punished them by giving Yasuda the choice between death or killing his friend.



Under a huge portrait of doomsday cult guru Shoko Asahara, his eldest daughter known by only her cult name, Ajitanatha Durga, speaks at a press conference in Tokyo. She announced that her father agreed to step down and his two sons will succeed in the leadership of the cult. AP photo

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No jail time for cult defector

TOKYO (AP) - A former doomsday cult member was convicted of murder Wednesday in the strangling of a fellow disciple, but he escaped prison because the court found he had acted under threat of death.

The Tokyo District Court verdict was the latest in a series involving members of Aum Shinri Kyo, the cult accused of spreading lethal gas in Tokyo's subways in March 1995. Cult leader Shoko

Asahara so far has refused to reply to any of the charges against him.

But in Wednesday's verdict against Hideaki Yasuda, 28, Judge Atsushi Senba ruled that Yasuda's responsibility was limited because Asahara had ordered him to kill or be killed.

The judge sentenced Yasuda to three years in prison, but suspended the sentence for five years, meaning Yasuda will remain free

as long as he avoids trouble with the law during that period.

The January 1994 killing resulted from a bungled attempt by Yasuda and Kotaro Ochida, 29, to rescue Yasuda's sick mother from a room at the cult's Mount Fuji commune.

According to the ruling, Yasuda and Ochida, both of whom had escaped the cult earlier, sneaked into a building, bundled up Yasuda's 49-year-old mother, and

were trying to leave with her when they were discovered by cult members.

Handcuffed and gagged, they were taken before Asahara, who said that Ochida must die.

The ruling quoted Asahara as telling Yasuda he could return home safely, but "you must kill Ochida. If you can't do that, (we'll) kill you right here as well."

Several cult members held Ochida down and wrapped a rope around his neck as Yasuda, still handcuffed, tied one end to his own foot, gripped the other end in his hands, and stretched it taut until Ochida was dead, the ruling said.

It added that Ochida's body was burned in an incinerator at the cult

compound. Police have said they suspect many of the dozens of sect followers who remain missing may have been disposed of in similar ways.

Asahara, 41 and partially blind, is on trial in at least 17 major crimes, including ordering Ochida's and other murders and masterminding the March 1995 nerve gas attack in Tokyo's subway system that killed 12 people.

Asahara's trial is expected to last for years. If convicted, he could face death by hanging.

Virtually all of the cult's top members - including Asahara's wife - have been arrested on charges ranging from misdemeanors to helping carry out the subway murders.



People line up at Tokyo's Hibiya Park for a chance of public gallery seats for a trial of doomsday cult leader Shoko Asahara. At his murder trial in Tokyo District near the park, Asahara refused to answer to charges he masterminded the abduction and slaying on a young anti-cult lawyer Tsutsumi Sakamoto and his family seven years ago.

Official denies any crisis in leadership selection

By KATHY WILHELM HANOI, Vietnam (AP) - On the eve of a national congress that will ratify a new top leadership, a Communist Party official denied Thursday that the selection process has been marred by division.

"The preparation of personnel... follows a very harmonious routine. There has been no crisis," said Hong Ha, chairman of the congress preparation committee.

Vietnamese and diplomatic sources, however, describe prolonged statements in internal party debates, capped by a decision to keep on all three top leaders, party General Secretary Do Muoi, President Le Duc Anh and Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet.

However, official newspaper articles in recent months have supported the reports of discord, accusing unidentified senior officials of abusing their power, slandering others and seeking to advance their own interests rather than those of the party.

The outgoing Central Committee had to convene repeatedly, including a final hasty session last week, before reaching agreement on keeping Muoi, Anh and Kiet in place despite previous calls for rejuvenation.

Ha, while not commenting on the three, said "continuity between generations" is also needed.

The main difficulty has been in replicating the balance of ideological and regional interests they represent.

Kiet, a southerner, wants to make government, state companies and the army more efficient by reducing day-to-day party involvement, stressing law over ideology and privatizing many companies.

Anh, a retired general from the central region, speaks for veterans and party officials who fear reforms will undermine their prestige and weaken national security. Muoi, a northerner, treads the middle.

Ha said 710 of the congress' 1,198 delegates are first-timers. He did not offer an age breakdown, but said only 13 percent are women and 13 percent are military officers - up slightly from the 1991 congress.

He said the session will not include any discussion over moving toward a multi-party system.

"In the political report we mention the need to promote democracy, but we categorically reject pluralism and multiple parties," he said.

Nor will the congress lift the current ban on party members engaging in private business, he said.

Jiang 'invites' Lee to visit



Jiang Zemin



Lee Teng-hui

By CHARLES HUTZLER BEIJING (AP) - Chinese President Jiang Zemin has renewed his invitation for Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui to visit China and end hostilities between the two sides.

Jiang's opening, made Wednesday during an official trip to Spain, was the highest-level response to Lee's offer on May 20 to travel to the mainland on a peace mission.

But like his invitation, first made 17 months ago, Jiang repeated that Taiwan would first have to acknowledge that the island is a part of China, an implicit recognition of Beijing's sovereignty.

Divided since the Nationalists lost the mainland to the Communists in 1949, Taiwan and China have edged closer to armed confrontation in the past 12 months than at any time since the late 1950s.

Chinese leaders took a visit by Lee to the United States in June 1995 as the surest sign he was dumping the shared goal of eventual reunification and pushing the island toward outright independence.

They scrubbed talks with Taiwan and launched a series of missile tests and war games to bring Lee and the island to heel before its presidential election on March 23. The strategy failed. Lee won with a commanding 54 percent of the vote.

Chinese leaders so dislike Lee that they and the media they control rarely refer to him by name.

In the interview with the Spanish newspaper El Pais, a version of which was carried by China's Xinhua News Agency, Jiang used the standard reference to Lee and senior Taiwanese officials.

"I had declared that we welcome leaders of the Taiwan authorities to visit the mainland in proper capacities, and we are also willing to accept the invitation of the Taiwan side to go to Taiwan," Xinhua quoted Jiang as saying.

Referring to his Jan. 30, 1995, offer, Jiang said he "proposed that as a first step, the two sides can hold negotiations on officially ending hostilities under the principle of one China."

"We will have to wait and see what the attitude of the Taiwan authorities actually is," Jiang said.

Since Lee offered to make his peace mission at his inauguration on May 20, Chinese officials have called on him to prove he is committed to reunification.

The best way, they have suggested, would be for Taiwan to stop trying to join the United Nations and open diplomatic relations with other countries. China regards diplomatic ties as the right of sovereign nations, not secessionist provinces like Taiwan.

Jiang refused to give up the threat of force to reunite both sides. The military would have to be called in if foreigners intervene or separatists attempt to take control, he said.

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'Political war' in S. Korea

By PAUL SHIN

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Nearly 50 years ago, Gen. Douglas MacArthur wanted to bomb China to turn the tide of the Korean War. His plan got him fired by President Harry S. Truman.

Now another president, South Korea's Kim Young-sam, has risen to MacArthur's defense and, like the American general, he's gotten into hot water, too.

During an inspection trip to an army unit on Monday, timed to

Triggered by Kim statement on Gen. MacArthur

coincide with the start of the Korean War on June 25, 1950, Kim supported MacArthur's abortive plan.

"If the bombing of Manchuria had been carried out, as Gen. MacArthur planned, Korean unification may have already been achieved," Kim reportedly said.

That touched off such a firestorm of criticism that the

chairman of Kim's ruling party pleaded with the opposition Thursday to stop "a political war of attrition."

South Korea's two main opposition parties said Kim's remarks could set back the nation's improving relations with China and scuttle proposed peace talks with North Korea.

It was only in 1992 that China, a longtime ally of communist North Korea, established formal diplomatic relations with South Korea. China fought on North Korea's side in the war.

"President Kim's remarks could hurt South Korea-China relations and throw cold water on four-way Korean peace talks," the opposition National Congress for New Politics said in a statement.

The United Liberal Democrats also blasted Kim for making the "inconsiderate" remarks.

Both opposition parties said North Korea might well see Kim's remarks as hostile and turn down a proposal for peace talks involving the two Koreas, the United States and China.

North Korea has yet to officially respond to the peace initiative, made jointly by the United States and South Korea in April.

Gen. MacArthur headed the American-led U.N. force that came to the aid of South Korea when North Korea's army, spearheaded by Soviet-made tanks, invaded across the 38th parallel 46 years ago.

In less than three months, the North Koreans overran all of South Korea except a small perimeter around the southern port city of Pusan.

MacArthur then engineered the Inchon landing on Sept. 15, 1950, halting the North Korean advance by cutting its supply lines. That forced communist troops to retreat to the China-North Korea border.

China intervened by sending troops across the border. With his Allied troops retreating in disarray, MacArthur proposed bomb-

ing Manchuria to cut Chinese supply lines.

That proposal was in conflict with the U.S. government's desire to limit the war to the Korean peninsula. MacArthur was fired in April, 1951 - 10 months after he was named the supreme commander of the Allied Forces.



Kim Young-sam

S. Korea to buy 63,360 tons of rice from China

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - South Korea signed a deal Thursday to buy 63,360 tons (2.2 million U.S. bushels) of rice from China, marking the first time in 13 years that Seoul has imported rice for direct consumption.

The purchase was part of a promise to the World Trade Organization on lowering import barriers on farm goods.

All of last year's imports had been used for making processed food, such as rice liquor, and did not compete directly with South Korean rice.

Imported rice makes up 1.3 percent of South Korea's annual production of 4.75 million tons. Farmers have staged violent protests to stop rice imports, saying their livelihoods were threatened.

Chinese rice was chosen over U.S., Australian, Taiwanese and Egyptian competitors because of lower price and better quality, the Office of Supply said. The rice is scheduled to be shipped by August.

South Korean rice costs five times as much as Chinese rice, as the result of government subsidies and outmoded farming methods. About one-sixth of South Korea's 44 million people are farmers.

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Karadzic, Mladic focus of tribunal

By MIKE CORDER
THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) - A frustrated Yugoslav tribunal begins hearings Thursday aimed at pressing the major powers into arresting its top two war crimes suspects.

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and his military commander Gen. Ratko Mladic are both accused of complicity in virtually all major atrocities allegedly carried out by rebel Serb forces in the 43-month Bosnian

conflict.

But in the absence of serious efforts to arrest and extradite its most wanted suspects, the tribunal is going ahead with a public hearing of evidence against Karadzic and Mladic.

Disclosing evidence "will create a climate inviting political leaders to adopt a robust policy with regard to the effective arrest of the accused," according to a tribunal statement.

The joint hearing is a tacit ad-

mission by the tribunal that it has little chance of immediately getting its hands on either.

From the earliest shellings of Sarajevo to the alleged slaughter of Muslims in Srebrenica in July last year, prosecutors claim Karadzic and Mladic had a steering role in a campaign of Serb atrocities against Bosnia's non-Serb population.

Up to 15 witnesses are expected to testify during the seven-day hearing. The tribunal did not re-

lease their names in advance.

But the Dutch government has said one witness will be Lt. Col. Ton Karremans, who commanded Dutch troops guarding the Muslim safe haven of Srebrenica when rebel Serbs overran the region last July.

Tribunal spokesman Christian Chartier blamed Serb authorities for Karadzic and Mladic being on the loose.

Serbia and Republika Srpska, the Serb entity in Bosnia, "are the two countries where both accused have been seen many times in the past months and they should have been arrested," Chartier said.

The Dayton peace accords require the former warring parties as well as soldiers of the NATO-led peace implementation force (IFOR) to arrest and surrender suspects indicted by the tribunal.

But the Serbs have so far rejected any such move, and IFOR says that's not its primary job.

The so-called Rule 61 hearing is not a trial in absentia, which is not possible under tribunal rules.

Chartier said the hearing will give witnesses and victims a chance to tell their stories and create a historical record of allegations against the Bosnian Serb leaders "in an attempt to prevent any kind of revisionism."

That in itself indicates the

tribunal's concern that its two prime suspects will never be tried.

A pre-hearing tribunal press statement said witnesses would include victims of alleged Serb atrocities in Sarajevo and Srebrenica.

A tribunal judge summarizing the Srebrenica indictment against Karadzic and Mladic once said it contained "scenes from Hell, written on the darkest pages of human history."

Both Karadzic and Mladic have twice been indicted for genocide under the tribunal's doctrine of command responsibility which allows the court to charge military and political leaders with complicity in the alleged crimes of their forces.

At the hearing's conclusion, the three-judge panel will likely issue an international arrest warrant for the men aimed at having them arrested if they ever venture outside Bosnia or Serbia.

Set up in 1993, the tribunal has no enforcement powers of its own and has to rely on cooperation from within Bosnia and the international community.

Of 58 suspects so far indicted, just seven are in custody. Only two of them - both Bosnian Muslims - have been handed over by one of the former warring parties in line with the Dayton accords.

Taboo topics at G-7 summit

By JEFFREY ULBRICH
LYON, France (AP) - President Bill Clinton doesn't want to talk about U.S. efforts to isolate Cuba when the G-7 economic summit opens here Thursday. European leaders, however, are eager for a debate.

Clinton does want to talk about Washington's campaign to remove Boutros Boutros-Ghali after the U.N. secretary-general's five-year term ends in December. But President Jacques Chirac of France says he will keep that off the agenda.

"I am not ready to turn the G-7 into a United Nations electoral event," Chirac said.

There are lots of wants and don't wants at this annual economic confab of the world's seven richest industrial nations - the United States, Japan, Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada.

Chirac is eager to talk about aid to developing countries. Many of his European partners, however, struggling to meet stringent economic numbers needed to be ready for the single European Union currency by 1999, are unenthusiastic about giving away more money.

The Japanese, are fed up with the annual battering they get on trade. They'll talk trade, if pushed. But they'd really rather discuss major international economic issues, particularly those affecting Asia and the growing Asian market.

Germany, the locomotive of Europe that ran out of steam, isn't crazy about selling off the International Monetary Fund's gold reserves. That idea is kicking around as an option for filling the gap in the IMF facility that gives funds to poor countries eager to



Jacques Chirac

reform their economies.

The unavoidable subject for everyone, clearly, is terrorism.

That has been on the agenda of most Group of Seven summits in the recent years and would have been discussed anyway. But the bombing of an American military installation in Saudi Arabia, which left at least 19 dead and hundreds injured, has focused everybody's attention.

"Now, as I head to Lyon, our first order of business will be to focus the strength and the energy of the G-7 on the continuing fight against terrorism," Clinton said before leaving Washington.

On economic issues, the Europeans are not happy with Washington's plans to punish those who trade with Cuba.

At a European summit last week in Florence, Italy, heads of government of the 15-nation European Union expressed their concern about the Helms-Burton Act, an American law under which a European company could be sued in the United States for doing

business in Cuba.

Clinton is not interested in fighting with his European colleagues over this, but the view here is the subject can't be ignored.

"It must be raised," said Jim Cloos, chief of staff to European Commission President Jacques Santer. "Among friends, you have to talk about those things."

France long has seen itself as a champion of the world's poor and Chirac is determined to force the issue of development aid to the forefront, particularly in view of Washington's cutbacks in foreign aid.

"We have to maintain the aid and market access for the least developed countries," said Cloos.

President Boris Yeltsin, who has become a regular visitor at these summits, will not be present this time because of next week's presidential runoff. Instead, he will send Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin armed with an agenda of largely economic issues to discuss Friday and Saturday.

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A pre-proposal conference will be held at the conference room, Seaport Facilities, Lower Base, at 10:00 a.m. on June 21, 1996 to explain or clarify questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Consultant at least five (5) working days in advance prior to the date of conference. Questions shall be in writing. Copies of the same questions shall be mailed to CPA, Office of the Director. Attendance at the pre-proposal conference and site visit are essential to the consideration of the proposal.

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/s/ CARLOS A. SHODA
 Executive Director
 June 1996



A woman and her baby walk past a poster on warning residents of this northern Laos village of deadly unexploded bomblets and other explosives left over from the Indochina War. An American military team arrived in the country to help the country eradicate the explosives unleashed by U.S. forces decades ago. AP photo

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Clinton plans to cut European trip short



Bill Clinton

LYON, France (AP) - President Clinton will cut short his European trip to fly to Florida on Sunday to attend memorial services for some of the military personnel killed in the terrorist bombing in Saudi Arabia, senior aides said.

Clinton, attending the economic summit of the seven major industrial nations, had debated whether

to fly to Saudi Arabia, but then decided against that trip.

"After considering the issue very carefully, he decided the most appropriate thing for him to do was to go to Florida to be with the families who were so tragically affected by this incident," David Johnson, a White House spokesman, said Wednesday.

Clinton had planned some sightseeing in Paris on Sunday, but now will fly instead to Florida, officials said. The economic summit ends Saturday night.

Johnson told reporters that Clinton will attend separate services at Eglin Air Force Base in Okaloosa County, Florida, and at Patrick Air Force Base, near Cocoa Beach.

The explosion of a truck bomb in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia killed at least 19 Americans and injured hundreds more on Tuesday. Many of the families of those killed in the attack lived on or near the two Florida air bases.

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Rights group hits NYC police

By RICHARD PYLE
 NEW YORK (AP) - Amnesty International issued a report describing systematic brutality by New York City police the same day the department announced a new policy of courtesy and respect for the public.
 As with earlier reports focusing on police in Chicago and Los Angeles, the human rights group charged a pattern of widespread use of excessive force - especially against minorities.
 "Much of the abuse seems to be racially motivated," the group said. "We can only conclude that race, skin color and place of residence seem to influence the likelihood of being the victim of police brutality."
 Most details of the 72-page report had been leaked previously or circulated by officials who had early access. Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, Police Commissioner Howard Safir and police supporters said it was "outdated, irrelevant and marked by errors."
 For one thing, the London-based group misspelled the mayor's name as "Rudolf."

"That's a small thing but it doesn't give me a lot of confidence that they're very knowledgeable about the city," said Thomas Reppetto, executive director of the Citizens Crime Commission, a private watchdog group.
 Safir said the report was "statistically inaccurate and based primarily on statements of plaintiffs' attorneys and suits against the city."
 Safir also rejected suggestions that the department's new policy was timed to undercut Amnesty's report. He said it had been planned since he took office in April, and that Amnesty moved up its news conference by one day.

The new policy will "promote CPR - courtesy, professionalism and respect - at every level, from recruits to the highest command," he said during a news conference at police headquarters. "We intend to teach respect as a policing skill."
 Amnesty International's U.S. director, William Schulz, said the report - covering 1987 to 1994 - was meant to force NYPD officials to account for their officers' actions and "stop them from going over the line."
 "There are times when the use of force is necessary and clearly legal," Schulz said. "Despite the perils of policing, authorities have a responsibility to make sure abuse is not tolerated under any circumstances."

While conceding most of its content was not new, Amnesty officials said the study drew on data from both NYPD and outside sources. It included 21 examples of physical abuse and 11 deaths in custody.
 Safir and Amnesty International officials later met privately at police headquarters, but there was no immediate report on their discussion.

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Secretary of Public Works

PUBLIC NOTICE

DPW96-RFP-015, 016, and 017

In order to give proposers additional time to prepare their proposal package, the dates of submission for the following Request for Proposals will be extended as follows:

DPW96-RFP-015, Design-Build of Classrooms for Various Public Schools in the CNMI:
 Former Date of Submission: 4:00 pm, June 28, 1996
 New Date of Submission: 4:00 pm, July 12, 1996

DPW96-RFP-016, Design-Build of Saipan Multi-Purpose Recreational Facility at Northern Marianas College:
 Former Date of Submission: 4:00 pm, July 5, 1996
 New Date of Submission: 4:00 pm, July 26, 1996

DPW96-RFP-017, Design-Build of Koblerville High School:
 Former Date of Submission: 4:00 pm, June 28, 1996
 New Date of Submission: 4:00 pm, July 19, 1996

Place of submittal and all other requirements in the Request for Proposals will remain the same.

/s/ **JUAN R. SABLAN** Acting Secretary of Public Works
 Date: 6/26/96
 /s/ **EDWARD B. PALACIOS** Director, Division of Procurement & Supply
 Date: 6/26/96

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Secretary of Public Works

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

DPW96-RFP-020

The Department of Public Works is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified A/E firms to perform engineering and design services for the Beach Road Pathways from Garapan to Kilili Beach, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Proposals will be evaluated by the Office of the Governor, Planning Office Committee. Proposal evaluation will be based on, but not limited to the following criteria:

- Qualifications
- Experience
- Local Office
- Work Load

Interested firms must submit sealed proposals in one (1) original and four (4) duplicates to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 4:00 p.m. local time, July 15, 1996. The committee will convene soon after the deadline for submissions to review and select the best qualified firm for the project.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in the proposals in the interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

For further information, please contact Mr. Juan R. Sablan, Director of Technical Services Division at 322-9436 or 322-9828.

/s/ **JUAN R. SABLAN** Acting Secretary of Public Works
 Date: 6/26/96
 /s/ **EDWARD B. PALACIOS** Director, Division of Procurement & Supply
 Date: 6/27/96

Tiny country to become tinier

By DAWUD BYRON
BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts (AP) - One of the world's tiniest countries may become even tinier.

Nevis - a Caribbean isle known for beaches favored by younger British royals - wants to secede from a federation with the slightly larger island of St. Kitts.

St. Kitts and Nevis is already listed as the world's least populous country, with only 41,800 residents. Nevis alone has just 9,000.

Ever since the country became independent from Britain in 1983, Nevisians have grumbled about alleged domination by St. Kittians.

Premier Vance Amory announced the secession bid this week. Federal Prime Minister Denzil Douglas said he didn't object.

"If secession is the choice of Nevis, then so be it, and my government will not stand in the way,"

Douglas said.

But the islands' neighbors aren't pleased.

"The fragmentation of the Caribbean people, already marginalized in the international community, weakens every Caribbean country and the entire region," said Prime Minister Lester Bird of neighboring Antigua and Barbuda.

Bird, who will be chairman of the 14-member Caribbean Community trade bloc next month, offered to negotiate to prevent a secession.

Amory's move comes while other Caribbean nations want to strengthen ties to make themselves more competitive against the North American Free Trade Association.

The St. Kitts and Nevis Chamber of Industry and Commerce has called for more dialogue, saying the islands' social and economic progress is intertwined.

The country is an expensive tourist destination favored by British royalty, including Princess Diana. Tourism is the second biggest revenue earner after sugar.

There has been no formal survey of Nevis residents on secession. Most who called in to the private Voice of Nevis radio station Tuesday night said they supported the premier's initiative.

But others said the island must improve its roads, air and sea port and other infrastructure before breaking away.

Under the constitution, Nevis must get two-thirds approval for secession in the National Assembly, where it has three of the 11 seats.

Six months later, Nevis residents have their say at a referendum that must be approved by two-thirds of registered voters. St. Kitts and Nevis is a member of the Commonwealth of Britain and its former colonies, with Queen Elizabeth II as its head of state.

INVITATION TO BID

DPW96-ITB-018

The Department of Public Works, in conjunction with the Commonwealth Health Center, is soliciting bids for the Renovation of CHC Public Health Area, Garapan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Bids, in duplicate, will be accepted in the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply at Lower Base, Saipan until 2:00 p.m. local time, July 5, 1996 at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A security bond of 15% of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be Certified Check, Cashier's Check, Bid Bond, or other form acceptable to the Government. Security must be made payable to the Treasurer, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, with a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No 1471". Bid security is not required if bid amount is less than \$25,000.00.

The bidder is required to submit with his proposal, a copy of his business permit in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Attention is called to the Labor Standards Provision for wage rate determination and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the specifications must be paid on this project.

Plans and specifications of the project are available on or after June 20, 1996 at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works. A non-refundable payment of \$150.00 is required for each set; payment to be made to the Treasurer, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Pre-bid Conference for this project will be held at 2:00 p.m. local time, June 27, 1996 at the Department of Public Works Conference Room.

All bid documents received shall be the sole property of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands with the exception of bid bonds, certified checks, or cashier's check which will be returned to the bidders in accordance with the specifications section entitled "Instructions to Bidders", subsection 5- "Bid Guarantee".

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ **EDWARD B. PALACIOS** Director, Division of Procurement & Supply
 /s/ **EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO** Secretary of Public Works

INVITATION FOR BID

PSS IFB96-004

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting sealed bidding from interested firms to provide copier paper to the Public School System for School Year 1996-97. Specifications are now available and can be picked up at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office during working hours from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm Mondays thru Fridays except holidays.

All bids submitted must include shipping to PSS Procurement & Supply Warehouse located at PSS Central Office at Lower Base. Delivery must be made within 30 days after notification of award. Bids are now being accepted by the Public School System Procurement & Supply Office on the 3rd Floor Nauru Building, Susupe Saipan, MP 96950 no later than July 16, 1996 at 9:00 am local time. All bids received must be submitted in duplicate copies. Any bid received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances. All bids must be in a sealed envelope and facemarked "IFB96-004" and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office on the 3rd Floor Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan.

A non refundable fee of \$25.00 US Dollars must accompany the bid. The twenty five dollars may be a certified check, cashier's check, or other forms acceptable by the Public School System, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The bidder is required to submit with his bid a copy of his business permit.

The Public School System reserves the right to award on a single or multiple awards or to reject any or all bids in the best interest of the Public School System. Inquiries may be directed to the Public School System Procurement & Supply Office at telephone number 664-3701 during working hours.

/s/ **William S. Torres** Commissioner of Education
 /s/ **Louise Concepcion** Procurement & Supply Officer

INVITATION TO BID

PSS IFB96-002

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting sealed bidding from interested firms to provide school and office supplies to the Public School System for School Year 1996-97. Specifications are now available at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office during regular working hours from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm Mondays thru Fridays except Holidays.

All bids submitted must include shipping to PSS Procurement & Supply Warehouse located at PSS Central Office at Lower Base. Delivery must be made within 45 days after notification of award. Bids are now being accepted by the Public School System Procurement & Supply Office on the 3rd floor Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than July 16, 1996 at 2:00 pm local time. All bids received must be submitted in duplicate copies. Any bid received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances. All bids must be in a sealed envelope and facemarked "IFB96-002" and submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office on the 3rd Floor Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950.

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/s/ **William S. Torres** Commissioner of Education
 /s/ **Louise Concepcion** Procurement & Supply Officer

INVITATION FOR BID

PSS IFB96-003

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting sealed bidding from interested firms to provide janitorial supplies to the Public School System for School Year 1996-97. Specifications are now available and can be picked up at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office during regular working hours from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm Mondays thru Fridays except Holidays.

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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Department of Lands & Natural Resources

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The public is invited to attend and to submit written and/or to make oral comments regarding this project. All written and oral testimonies received shall be made a part of the permit application record, and shall be considered in any decision upon the subject application.

Please contact CRM at 234-6623/7320/33907, if you have any questions or require further information regarding this project.

/s/ **MANUEL C. SABLAN** Director
 Coastal Resources Management Office

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Secretary of Public Works

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

DPW96-RFP-021

The Department of Public Works is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified Surveying firms to perform Surveying Services for Marpi Pathways and Parking Areas, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Surveying Firm shall provide topographic as necessary and as-built surveys. The survey shall also include cadastral surveys and preparation of severance maps necessary for the acquisition of land required for implementation of the project.

Proposals will be evaluated by the Office of the Governor, Planning Office Committee. Proposal evaluation will be based on, but not limited to, the following criteria:

- Qualifications
- Experience
- Local Office
- Work Load

Interested firms must submit sealed proposals in one (1) original and four (4) duplicates to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 4:00 p.m. local time, July 15, 1996. The committee will convene soon after the deadline for submissions to review and select the best qualified firm for the project.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in the proposals in the interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

For further information, please contact Mr. Juan R. Sablan, Director of Technical Services Division at 322-9436 or 322-9828.

/s/ **JUAN R. SABLAN** Acting Secretary of Public Works
 Date: 6/26/96
 /s/ **EDWARD B. PALACIOS** Director, Division of Procurement & Supply
 Date: 6/27/96

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

DPW96-RFP-019

The Department of Public Works is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified A/E firms to perform engineering services for the Traffic Flow Study and Recommendations for the Garapan Special District, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Proposals will be evaluated by the Office of the Governor, Planning Office Committee. Proposal evaluation will be based on, but not limited to, the following criteria:

- a. Qualifications
- b. Experience
- c. Local Office
- d. Work Load

Interested firms must submit sealed proposals in one (1) original and four (4) duplicates to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 4:00 p.m. local time, July 12, 1996. The committee will convene soon after the deadline for submission to review and select the best qualified firm for the project.

The Scope of Work will be available at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, Lower Base, Saipan, on or after June 20, 1996.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all and to waive any imperfection in the proposals in the interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

For further information, please contact Mr. Juan R. Sablan, Director of Technical Services Division at 322-9436 or 322-9828.

/s/ EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ EDWARD B. PALACIOS
Director, Division of Procurement & Supply

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for the INCINERATION SYSTEM FOR TINIAN DOCK, TINIAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, CPA PROJECT NO. CPA-TS-001-96 will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 1055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950, until 2:30 p.m., Friday, July 26, 1996, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consist of Incineration System for Tinian Dock, all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The bidder's attention is invited to the fact that the proposed contract shall be under and subject to the equal opportunity clause as set forth in Part III, Section 302(b) of Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, to the contract and labor provisions as set forth in Section 152.55 and Appendix H, Part 152, of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the applicable provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) implemented by Part 21 of the Regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation. Also, the proposed contract will be subject to the Contractor's Certification of non-segregated facilities.

The apparent low bidder and any known first tier subcontractor will be subject to a pre-award, equal opportunity compliance review by representatives of the office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, U.S. Department of Labor, before the award of the contract for the purpose of determining whether the bidder and/or his subcontractors are able to comply with the provisions of the equal opportunity clause.

If the bidder has participated in a previous contract subject to the equal opportunity clause and has not submitted compliance reports as required by applicable instructions, the bidder shall submit, prior to award of contract, a compliance report covering the delinquent period or such other period specified by the FAA of the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance, U.S. Department of Labor.

A bidder or prospective prime contractor or proposed subcontractor shall be required to submit such information as the FAA or the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance, requests prior to the award of a contract or subcontract. When a determination has been made to award the contract or subcontract to a specified contractor, such contractor shall be required, prior to award, or after the award, or both to furnish such other information as the FAA or the Director's requests.

Contract documents, including plans and specifications, may be examined at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, or can be obtained from this office upon the payment of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for each set of plan documents. This amount is non-refundable. Payment shall be made by check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Office of the Ports Manager, West Tinian Airport, at 11:00 a.m. on July 11, 1996 to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Consultant, in writing, at least five (5) days in advance for answers at this pre-bid conference, with a copy of same mailed simultaneously to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Each prospective bidder shall file with the Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the above SAIPAN Address, a notice of his intention to bid in a form substantially similar to that supplied herewith, not less than six (6) calendar days prior to the date hereinabove designated for opening of proposals.

Each proposals shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposals, or any of them, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its interest.

/s/ CARLOS A. SHODA
Contracting Officer for CPA

Dated: 6/28/96

Yeltsin to Communist voters: 'Forget hurts'

By JULIA RUBIN MOSCOW (AP) - President Boris Yeltsin appealed to Communist voters Thursday "not to vote against our new life," and said he was willing to work with any political group in Russia's interests.

His appeal was one of a flurry to voters least likely to back him in Wednesday's presidential runoff against Communist candidate Gennady Zyuganov.

Yeltsin also addressed rural and small-town Russians, promising support and urging patience during the country's tumultuous changes.

Zyuganov, who trails in polls, has tried to present himself as the candidate of compromise, proposing a coalition government in the deeply polarized country.

He said in a television spot this week that Yeltsin was risking new "lawlessness" by failing to reciprocate.

In his appeal to Zyuganov's voters, carried by the ITAR-Tass news agency, Yeltsin said he was "ready for a dialogue and cooperation with everyone whose main priority is the fate of Russia."

"Forgive each other your hurts and don't vote against our new life, no matter how unaccustomed it is for you today," Yeltsin urged those who backed the Communist candidate in the first round of voting, June 16.

Yeltsin's support is weakest in small-town and rural Russia, where the benefits of his market reforms have been slowest to arrive.

In a separate appeal carried by ITAR-Tass, he told small-town voters Thursday that he knows they have been neglected and he promised "the time has come for the revival and blossoming of small towns."

And in an article published in the weekly Argumenty i Fakty, Yeltsin promised villagers he would push agricultural reform. He blamed the Russian



Boris Yeltsin

countryside's crisis of low productivity and rock-bottom living standards on "70 years of violence against the laws of economic and common sense."

"I intend to firmly defend your right to land" and other freedoms, Yeltsin said.

Many rural Russians, however, oppose any major changes such as privatization of land, fearing they will lose what little claim they have.

Most land in Russia is farmed collectively, and Zyuganov's opposition to private landholding is widely supported in the countryside.

Meanwhile, Yeltsin's campaign also tried some dark humor Thursday - along with endorsements from a musician, a general and ordinary people - in a second day of free TV and radio spots.

Gennady Khazanov, a popular comic, made a pitch for the president during a free Radio-1 spot, saying the Communist "experiment" in Russia had failed.

He told a joke about one man asking another who invented Communism, scientists or Bolsheviks. Bolsheviks, the other man replied. That's right, the first man said.

If Communism were invented by scientists, he said, they would have tested it on dogs first.

Charged Dane admits selling child pornography on Internet

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) - A 23-year-old man admitted Wednesday to selling pornography worldwide via the Internet and was charged with commercial distribution of juvenile pornography, police said.

The man was arrested hours after the newspaper Ekstra Bladet published a story about the operation and handed over a list of 561 customers in 17 countries to the police in Aarhus, northern Denmark.

The newspaper also gave several names and telephone numbers of wholesalers of child pornographic material in the United States to the Danish investigators. No details were immediately available and no identities were given.

The man, who lives in an Aarhus suburb, had used ma-

terial from the United States, Brazil and Hungary, the newspaper said.

Ekstra Bladet said its reporter had accessed the child pornography service by pretending to be a subscriber.

Reporter Bo Elkjaer downloaded some 50 photos, including some showing children as young as 6, the paper said.

Elkjaer also reportedly got hold of a list of subscribers in Denmark and other countries, including Germany, Britain and the Netherlands.

The man was released Wednesday after being charged with commercial distribution of child pornography.

The maximum penalty for production or commercial distribution of pictures of a person younger than 15 in a sexual act is six months' imprisonment.

Colombia-US relations tense

By FRANK BAJAK BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) - Amid increasingly strained U.S.-Colombian relations, the United States announced on Wednesday its formal request for the extradition of three jailed Cali drug kingpins.

Colombia's 1991 constitution forbids extradition, and the request in a letter from U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno was expected to further irritate an already embattled President Ernesto Samper.

Samper was cleared by Congress on June 13 of charges he won election in 1994 with \$6 million in contributions from the Cali cartel, the world's most powerful drug syndicate.

But U.S. officials remain skeptical and relations between the two nations are tense.

The U.S. request seeks the extradition of brothers Gilberto and Miguel Rodriguez Orejuela, Helmer Herrera Buitrago and Juan Carlos Ramirez Abadia. All but Herrera, who remains a fugitive, have been arrested or have surrendered in the past year.

Colombian opposition leaders contend Samper accepted donations from the Rodriguez brothers in return for a promise not to extradite them. Samper denies such claims.

"The drug lords we are requesting have not limited their predatory illicit trafficking activities to Colombian territory," Reno says in the extradition request, which the U.S. Embassy said was delivered to Justice Minister Carlos Medellin on Monday by Ambassador Myles Frechette.

"They have violated the laws of other countries, particularly

AG Reno seeks extradition of top drug bosses



Janet Reno

the United States, and they must be called to account for those crimes within the countries whose laws they have flouted and upon whose people they have inflicted so much harm," the letter continues.

A day after he was exonerated by Congress, Samper proposed legislation to stiffen jail terms for drug traffickers and confiscate their ill-gotten gains.

But the Clinton administration, believing Samper guilty of soliciting the drug cash, has threatened sanctions if Colombia does not fully cooperate in anti-narcotics efforts.

Washington decertified Colombia on March 1 as an ally in the war on drugs.

Asked by reporters Wednesday about the state of U.S.-Colombian ties, Samper said: "Let's say they are in the recovery room, having just gotten out of intensive care."

U.S. Embassy officials have been reticent of late, and would not comment.

The Rodriguez brothers, the Cali cartels top leaders, are reported to be negotiating lenient sentences in return for surrendering assets, turning state's evidence and confessing to crimes.

Under Colombian law, the maximum jail term for drug trafficking is 25 years.

Justice Minister Medellin said in an interview with Caracol radio that extradition was out of the question because the constitution prohibits it.

The minister was in New York at the United Nations

presenting a new get-tough strategy against drug traffickers.

Scores of civilians were killed in the 1980s in terrorist bombings by drug lords fighting the government over the extradition issue.

The last major Colombian drug boss extradited to the United States, Carlos Lehder, in 1987, is serving a life term.

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MANUEL C. SABLAN
Director
Coastal Resources Management Office

Thai bank in scandal big leagues

PATRICK McDOWELL
BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - Bangkok Bank of Commerce once was considered a small player in the Thai business world. But that changed when it became embroiled in a major financial scandal, which has turned out to be a complicated chain of events involving government officials, fleeing executives and billions of dollars in bad debt. BBC, as it is known, long had a reputation for risky deals and questionable client lists, including Saudi arms merchant Adnan Khashoggi, a figure in the Bank of Credit and Commerce International collapse in 1991. But few knew the depth of the connections of Thailand's ninth largest commercial bank until mid-May when the government was charged with corruption, unveiling many shady dealings associated with the bank. In its scope, the scandal ranks up there with the billion-dollar-

plus scandals that brought down Britain's Barings PLC and tainted the reputations of Japanese giants Daiwa and Sumitomo. Thai opposition leaders, armed with leaked central bank documents, showed BBC was overextended and verging on collapse, partly due to unsecured loans made to high-ranking government politicians and company executives in land deals and debt-financed takeovers. Panicked depositors began a run on the bank, withdrawing 10 billion baht (\$ 400 million) over a few days. The central bank tried restoring confidence with cash injections, and eventually, the Finance Ministry had to take over, stripping senior officers of all authority and looking into the books. What they found were huge losses - about 77 billion baht (\$ 3.1 billion) in bad or doubtful debts worth several times more than BBC's capital. About 64 bil-

lion baht (\$ 2.56 billion) was unsecured by collateral. As these problems came to light, BBC executives had already fled the country. Rakesh Saxena, BBC's former treasury adviser and architect of its merger and acquisition operations, headed to Europe and then to Canada. He has yet to return and police this week issued an international warrant for his arrest on embezzlement and fraud charges. In a telephone interview with The Nation newspaper of Bangkok from Vancouver, Saxena called the charges "nonsense" and accused central bank governor Vjitt Supinit of falsifying figures. And BBC president, Krirkkiat Jalichandra, fled to Switzerland, where he faxed a letter announcing his resignation to officials in Thailand. He was then fired, stripped of his salary and told to come home

to face charges. In early June, he did return, but only after ensuring he would be granted bail. After two days of interrogation, he was freed on 40 million baht bond (\$ 1.6 million) and said he was "willing to recover the debts for the bank." About half a dozen others also face embezzlement and fraud charges. If convicted, they could get five years in prison. The Bank of Thailand has come up with a 50 billion baht (\$ 2 billion) rescue plan. But financial analysts still question whether the bank and its debts can be salvaged. "This is obviously malfeasance at work, not just something falling through the cracks," said Sriyan Pietersz, a strategist for Capital Nomura Securities. And the government has also come under fire for its role in the scandal, especially Vjitt, the central bank governor, who has been charged with keeping the lid on

BBC's troubles that he had been aware of since 1994. In defense, the central bank has said the only way it could have stopped BBC was to have scrutinized the collateral for each loan - authority it does not have. Vjitt has demanded reforms to give the bank such power. "The Bank of Thailand has always had the reputation as the best central bank in the region," Pietersz said. "It's unfortunate that on this case, they appear to have fallen down rather badly." **Sumitomo boss says firm could cope with copper loss**

OSAKA, Japan (AP) - Sumitomo Corp. President Tomiichi Akiyama reassured shareholders Thursday that the company could easily cope with an estimated \$ 1.8 billion racked up by a rogue copper trader. But, speaking at Sumitomo's annual shareholders meeting, Sumitomo executives acknowledged that the \$ 1.8 billion loss estimate could swell, depending on conditions in the copper market. Sumitomo announced earlier this month that its top copper dealer, Yasuo Hamanaka, piled up the losses during 10 years of unauthorized trades. It said he acted alone. Hamanaka has been sacked, and his whereabouts are unknown. He has not been charged with any crimes. Akiyama apologized to shareholders for the losses, and reiterated that Sumitomo would cooperate fully with foreign regulatory authorities to investigate and minimize damage from the affair. But Sumitomo Executive Vice-President Mutsumi Hashimoto told shareholders that Sumitomo cannot comment at present on the size of any losses greater than the \$ 1.8 billion figure. He said this is because such disclosure could affect the copper market, and because it could hinder investigations into the scandal. About 370 shareholders attended the 40-minute meeting in this western Japan city, an unusually large turnout that reflected the concern over the swelling scandal. Last week, a group of shareholders were reportedly planning to sue Sumitomo for the losses, claiming that Sumitomo management must bear responsibility for oversights that allowed them to continue. That issue was not raised Thursday. The shareholders did, however, approve a management reshuffle under which executive vice-president Kenji Miyahara will become president, and Akiyama will become chairman.

Business/Trade

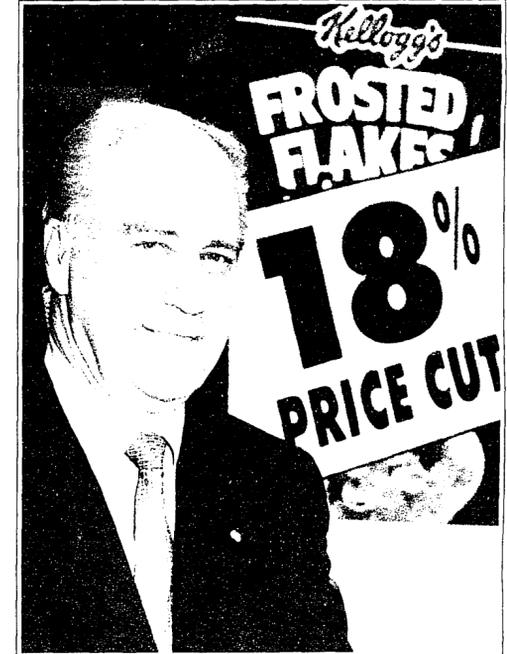
Dollar, stocks lower in Tokyo

TOKYO (AP) - Japanese stock prices retreated Thursday as institutional investors took profits following a weak showing on Wall Street. The dollar was lower against the yen. The Nikkei Stock Average shed 165.19 points, or 0.73 percent, to end the day at 22,501.61 points. The index gained 69.63 points, or 0.31 percent, on Wednesday. The Tokyo Stock Price Index of all issues listed on the first section lost 9.92 points, or 0.58 percent, to 1,712.21. The TOPIX was up 6.60 points, or 0.38 percent, the day before.

An overnight decline in the Dow Jones industrial average and weaker Nikkei index futures prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange dampened market sentiment, dealers said. But the dollar's further gains against the yen over the past few days helped lift shares of exporting companies, which benefit from a stronger dollar when converting their overseas earnings back into yen. Shares in Nintendo were higher following the video game maker's announcement Wednesday of a satellite

broadcast venture with Microsoft Corp. and Nomura Research Institute Ltd. The introduction of the new Nintendo 64 game machine was also luring investors. In foreign exchange trading, the dollar fell back slightly against the yen as dealers took profits following the currency's overnight rally. The dollar

had risen after the bombing of a U.S. military housing complex in Saudi Arabia, a leading oil exporter, and expectations of low rates in Japan. The dollar was traded at 109.22 yen at mid-afternoon, down from 109.42 yen late Wednesday in Tokyo. It was also quoted at 109.42 yen in late New York trading.



Arnold Langbo, chairman and chief executive officer of Kellogg Company, stands in front of an oversized box of Frosted Flakes during a new conference in New York. Kellogg announced price cuts averaging 19 percent on popular cereal brands, following moves by a competitor earlier this year. AP Photo

US farm trade surplus \$18.5B in seven mos.

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. farm trade surplus over the first seven months of the fiscal year was \$ 18.5 billion, nearly 21 percent above the year-earlier level. Agricultural exports during the period ending April 30 totaled \$ 37.1 billion and imports were worth \$ 18.7 billion, the Agriculture Department says. For the full year, USDA is projecting a record \$ 29.5 billion surplus in farm trade, with exports of \$ 60 billion and imports of \$ 30.5 billion. The volume of bulk exports, which include grains, dropped in April because of lower shipments of wheat, soybeans and cotton, but strong prices kept the overall value high. Bulks were valued at \$ 18.2 billion during the seven months. High-value exports, which include meats, were worth \$ 2.8 billion in April, up 15 percent. For the seven-month period, they were worth \$ 18.9 billion, a 4 percent gain. In April, beef exports rose 36 percent; poultry was up 8 percent; fruits rose 14 percent.

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY ROSARY

JOHN C. PANGELINAN

The FAMILY of the late JOHN C. PANGELINAN invites all our relatives and friends to join us for the Fifth Anniversary Rosary of our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Nightly rosary will be held at the residence of Mrs. Sabina T. Pangelinan in As Lito beginning Saturday, June 29, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.

On the final day, Saturday, July 6, 1996, Rosary will be said at 12:00 p.m. at As Lito with the Fifth Anniversary Mass offered at 5:00 p.m. at San Vicente Church. Dinner will follow at the residence of Mrs. Sabina T. Pangelinan.

Kindly join us in prayers and intentions. Thank you and Si Yuus Maa'se

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In his death, he now joins his:

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His spirit and memories will live in the hearts of his family:
 Wife: Margarita Mandiola Sablan. Mother-in-law: Maria Cepeda Demapan. Brothers & Spouse: Eulogio T. and Antonia P. Sablan; Nicolas T. & Delia T. Sablan, Gregorio T. & Rosa I. Sablan. Sister & Spouse: Ana S. & Roman M. Tudela. Brother-in-law: Jose Borja Tudela. Sister-in-law: Rosa R. Sablan. Brother-in-law & Spouse: Luis C. & Justina R. Demapan. Sister-in-law & Spouse: Antonia D. & Orly Just.

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Daughter-in-law: Diana Camacho Villagomez. Sons-in-law: Vicente Torres Atiao & William Aspecto Cacherio.

Rosary is said nightly at 8 p.m. at the family home in Chalan Kiya, Golf Course.

Last respect may be paid on Saturday, June 29, beginning at 8 a.m. at the family home.

Mass of Resurrection will be offered at 4 p.m. at San Jose Church. Interment services will follow, Chalan Cano Cemetery.

First Anniversary Rosary

JULIANA TAITANO CABRERA

We, the family of the late Juliana Taitano Cabrera would like to invite all our relatives and friends to join us for the First Anniversary Rosary of our beloved wife, mother and grandmother beginning Friday June 21, 1996. Nightly rosary will be said at 8:00 PM at the family's residence in Puerto Rico. On the final day, Saturday, June 29, 1996 rosary will be said at 12:00 noon. Mass of intention will be offered at 6:00 PM at Kristo Rai Church in Garapan.

Dinner will follow immediately at the family's residence in Puerto Rico.

Please join us in prayers. Thank you.

The Family

China trade status up for House vote

By JIM ABRAMS
WASHINGTON (AP) - In what has become an annual act of futility, the House of Representatives is voting on a measure to overturn the president's decision to extend for another year normal trade status for China.

Anti-China passions are high this year because of China's human rights, trade and weapons proliferation practices. "This is fundamentally an evil group of people. This is the evil empire of modern times," said Rep. Frank Wolf, a Virginia Republican.

But supporters of trade sanctions acknowledged they again were fighting a losing battle. "We don't appear to have the votes to win," said Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, a California Republican. A vote was expected late Thursday.

The United States has granted China "most favored nation" trade status, or the normal low tariffs levied on almost all U.S. trading partners, since 1980.

But following China's 1989 crackdown on the student democracy movement, Congress has tried unsuccessfully

each year to overturn decisions by presidents Bush and Clinton to extend that status for another year.

The administration has argued that a trade war with China would cause serious harm to American businesses, that Chinese reformers would be hit the hardest by sanctions, and that there are more effective ways to influence Chinese policies.

But critics say business-as-usual is wrong when China is guilty of widespread human rights abuses, steals U.S. intellectual property, sells weap-

ons of mass destruction to countries such as Pakistan and threatens the democratic government on Taiwan.

The policy of engagement with China has "failed, failed failed," said Rep. Gerald Solomon, a New York Republican.

Clinton announced in late May that he was renewing China's trade status for another year. Congress has 60 days from then to reject that decision.

Again this year the issue was complicated by a split in the House Republican leadership. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Majority Leader Dick Armey and Majority Whip Tom Delay all support extension. International Relations Committee Chairman Benjamin Gilman of New York and Solomon are adamant opponents of normal trade relations with China.

Opponents of extension wanted to put off a vote until after the July 4th

Independence Day holiday, so they would have more time to lobby support. They also sought conditions on an extension, such as a measure by Gilman to place an embargo on goods from enterprises owned or controlled by China's army.

But Gingrich on Tuesday night reached a decision to hold the vote this week and offer a weaker secondary resolution that directs House committees to hold hearings on Chinese policies and report back with appropriate legislation.

Rohrabacher insisted that "the Chinese regime is not off the hook" and that the leadership "did not give American corporations everything they wanted."

But Rep. Nancy Pelosi, a California Democrat who is another leading critic of Chinese human rights and trade abuses, was more blunt. "The Republican leadership mugged us" in moving up the vote, she said.

Indonesia asked to look into journalists' slaying

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) - Australia reopened a 21-year-old diplomatic wound with its largest neighbor on Thursday when a government report concluded that Indonesian troops killed Australian-based journalists during the invasion of East Timor in 1975.

The report found that five journalists were killed by Indonesian forces in a battle with communist-backed East Timorese resistance fighters.

A sixth was later summarily executed by an identified Indonesian soldier, it said.

Foreign Minister Alexander Downer told Parliament he has asked Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas to supply more information on the slayings.

The invasion of East Timor, a former Portuguese colony, and the deaths of the journalists, has long represented a sore point between Australia and Indonesia.

The report's findings could adversely affect bilateral relations as the Indonesian military has always denied responsibility for the deaths.

It maintains the men were killed in cross fire between the communist-backed East Timorese resistance, known as Fretilin, and other Timorese factions.

The release of report comes at a time when relations are already strained.

Last week Australia was forced to withdraw the nomination of a proposed new ambassador after Jakarta found him unsuitable. Indonesia has also complained about the axing of an Australian aid scheme.

Five of the dead men, who had been covering the invasion for several news organizations, were killed near the town of Balibo on Oct. 16, 1975.

They were reporter Malcolm Rennie, 28, and cameraman Brian Peters, 29, both British citizens; reporter Greg Shackleton, 27, and soundman Tony Stewart, 21, both Australians; and cameraman Gary Cunningham, 27, a New Zealander.

Another Australian journalist Roger East was killed in the East Timorese capital, Dili, on Dec. 8, 1975.

The deaths were investigated by Tom Sherman, the government's former top crime investigator.

His report found "it was more likely than not" that five journalists were shot dead by Indonesian "irregular" troops and anti-resistance East Timorese, led by Indonesian officers.

The report concluded that the five "were killed in the heat of battle while fighting was still taking place."

"... some of the bodies were dressed up in Fretilin uniforms and photographed besides captured machine guns.

The bodies appear to have been burned later that day," the report said.

It found evidence that East, who was in East Timor partly to investigate the earlier killings, was "summarily executed by an unidentified Indonesian soldier" near the docks in Dili.

Shirley Shackleton, the widow of one of the dead men, said its findings showed that "Indonesia has lied for two decades" about the killings.

Despite this, she challenged the report's claim that East Timorese people and irregular, not fully trained, Indonesian troops had been involved.

Mrs. Shackleton, who has campaigned for years for an open investigation, called for a full judicial inquiry.

However, Downer said there is nothing more the Australian government can do.

"We cannot compel the Indonesian authorities to do something which is within their own sovereign jurisdiction," he said.

The report was ordered last year after several East Timorese claimed they had firsthand knowledge of the events.

Indonesia annexed East Timor in 1976. Australia recognizes the annexation, but the United Nations does not.



Megawati Sukarnoputri, right, leader of the Indonesia Democratic Party, Indonesia's major opposition party, speaks at the Jakarta Foreign Correspondent's Club in Jakarta in this June 12, 1996 picture. Joining a line of women stretched from Corazon Aquino to Aung San Suu Kyi, Asia's newest dissident leader is an underdog armed only with a message of democracy and a powerful family name - Sukarno. AP Photo

Death & Funeral Announcement



REMEDIO A. DANGCA (KABAYO)
Died: June 23, 1996 - Sunday

Pre-deceased by:
Husband: Jesus Namauleg Leon Guerrero
Parents: Ignacio DLG Aldan; Maria Tenorio Del Rosario Vicente DLG Aldan & Rosa Elano Aldan

Sisters & Brother-in-law:
Adelia A. & Harry Cruz;
Teresa A. Ichihara
Mariana A. & Valerio M. Cabrera

Son-in-law: David Mattox & Charles Noble (Dec.)

Survived by: Husband Fernin C. Dangca

Children & Spouses: Rose Lg. Keene & family, Maria Lg. Mattox & family, Vicente A. / Maryann L. Guerrero & family, Carmen Lg. / Pete Cruz & family, Margarita Lg. / Raymond Flores & family, Ignacio A. / Sybilla L. Guerrero, Ana Lg. Noble & family, Rosario A. L. Guerrero & family, Ramona Lg. Acejo & family, Juan A. / Juana L. Guerrero & family, Elizabeth A. & Edward Fabros, Jesus A. & Hiromi L. Guerrero.

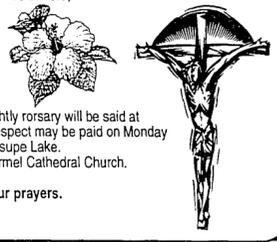
Brother-in-law: Jose Sm. Ichihara
Stepson: Ignacio P. / Angelina Cruz & family.

Step Daughter-in-law: Patricia B. Matagolai & family

Also survived by 40 grandchildren & 28 great-grand. Nightly rosary will be said at 8:00 p.m., at the family residence in Susupe Lake. Last respect may be paid on Monday July 01, 1996 starting at 8:00 a.m. at her residence in Susupe Lake. Mass for Christian Burial will be at 4:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Cathedral Church.

Please join us in our prayers.

Un Dangkulo na Si Yuus Maase Ginen I Familia



A Chinese man sells pirated compact discs on a Beijing sidewalk, days after China agreed to increasing measures to crackdown on the illegal trade. The agreement was reached after the U.S. threatened trade sanctions against China. AP Photo

Message of Appreciation

There is no word that can sincerely and honestly expressed our appreciation to our many relatives and friends, from near and far, who stood besides us and consoled us as we grieved over the passing of our beloved mother.



MARIA ADA TORRES FLORES (MARIKITA ANKI/MAMA FLORES)

Your words of encouragement and guidance during our trying times have helped us in so many ways to accept our loss and to ask Almighty God to reward our beloved mother with his eternal reward.

Special thanks to His Excellency Bishop Tomas Camacho, Jr. Gary Bradley, Jr. Isaac Ayuyu, the Kristo Rai Choir Members, Dr. Sylvia Rouzaud and CHC D-Side Staff, and to all our relatives and friends, who have unselfishly gave their time and support when we most need them.

Dangkulo Na Si Yuus Maase and you shall always be in our prayers.

The Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren

FOURTH ANNIVERSARY ROSARY

We the family of the late **IGNACIO CONCEPCION SANTOS "BAZINERO"**

Would like to invite all our relatives and friends to join us for the **FOURTH ANNIVERSARY ROSARY** of our beloved husband, father, and grandfather.

Rosary will be said nightly at our residence in Papago commencing Monday, June 24, 1996, at 8:00 p.m.

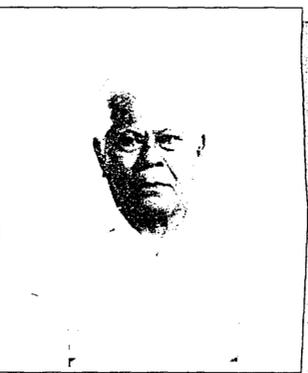
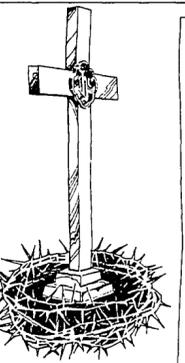
On the final day, Tuesday July 2, 1996, Rosary will be said at 12:00 noon and mass of intension will be offered at 5:00 p.m. at San Vicente Church and dinner will follow immediately at our residence at Papago.



Kindly Join Us The Family

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Mass of Resurrection will be offered at 4 p.m. at San Jose Church. Interment services will follow, Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

PACIFICA FUNERAL SERVICES

N. Korea seeks Japan investors

TOKYO (AP) - A North Korean delegation will visit Japan next month looking for investors in a free trade zone development project, officials said Thursday.

These will be the North Koreans' first official seminars in Japan to introduce the Tumen River development project to investors, said Iwao Hyakutake of the United

Nations Industrial Development Organization's Tokyo office.

Seminars are planned in Tokyo, Osaka, Niigata and Toyama starting July 15, he added.

An official of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan, a pro-North Korean organization, confirmed the planned visit but refused to provide fur-

ther details.

The Tumen project brings together North Korea, China, Russia and Mongolia in the development of a region near their shared border and Mongolia's closest outlet to the sea.

It has been backed by the United Nations.

The North's economy has been

reported in shambles, with acute food shortages. The communist state is appealing for outside aid following massive floods last year that destroyed much of its farmland.

South Korea has invested in the proposed Tumen project, but only a few small Japanese companies have expressed interest, Hyakutake said. None has actually made an investment, he added.

Last year, a North Korean university professor held a seminar in Japan on the project. The July

delegation will be led by the vice chairman of the External Economy Commission, Kim Jong U, Hyakutake said.

Japan and North Korea have no diplomatic relations, but their minuscule trade has been slowly expanding recently.

In 1995, Japan imported \$ 340 million worth of goods from North Korea and exported \$ 255 million worth there.

In the previous year, Japan's imports amounted to \$ 323 million and exports to \$ 171 million.

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Note: Education and training claimed must be substantiated by an official school transcript, diploma or certificate. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification.

No person shall be denied employment because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap/disability, national origin or ancestry.

Interested applicants may pick up a NMHC Employment Application Form at the NMHC Office in Garapan for submission no later than Friday, July 5, 1996. For further information, please contact Edith V.C. Fejeran, Office Manager, at telephone numbers 234-7689/9447/6866 between 7:30 am through 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, except holidays.

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Corporate Director

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Qualifications Requirements: Any combination equivalent to graduation from college with a major in accounting or business management with two years of responsible work experience in accounting; or a high school diploma with six years of responsible work experience in mortgage lending, three years of which must be in accounting. Knowledge of IBM-PC compatible computer software such as Lotus, Quattro Pro and WordPerfect is required.

Salary and Benefits: Salary range is from Pay Level 24/1 to 24/5, depending on qualifications and experience. Employee benefits are provided pursuant to CNMI law and established rules and regulations of the Fund.

Interested persons may visit the NMI Retirement Fund office in the Nauru Bldg., Susupe, Saipan for application and details of the positions. Applications must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 5, 1996, to Mr. Fred F. Camacho, Deputy Administrator, NMI Retirement Fund, P.O. Box 1247, Saipan, MP 96950.

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The Saipan Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 7:00 p.m. at the Kristo Rai Church Social Hall Kitchen in Garapan, across from the Horiguchi Building. If you have a drinking or drugging problem call 234-5100 and they will put you in contact with someone who might be able to help.

China allies win a round in Hong Kong Legislature

HONGKONG (AP) - Pro-China legislators saved Beijing from embarrassment Thursday by neutering a motion urging China to stay out of Hong Kong's affairs.

The vote was a blow to Hong Kong's pro-democracy camp, which fears Beijing will renege on its promise of a high level of autonomy for Hong Kong after it returns to Chinese rule next year.

The 28-26 vote, which was swung by a small, moderately pro-democracy party, demonstrated the delicate balance of forces between Beijing's friends and foes in Hong Kong's final year as a British colony.

Martin Lee, leader of the Democrats, Hong Kong's largest elected party, proposed that the legislature call on China to ensure Hong Kong gets its promised "high degree of autonomy" after the July 1, 1997 change of sovereignty.

His motion also urged China not to interfere in Hong Kong's affairs and stick by its formula of "one country, two systems."

Beijing says that under that formula, capitalist Hong Kong will be shielded from Communism and keep most of its freedoms and legal system.

The 60-member legislature adopted an amendment that deleted Lee's wording and replaced it with a call on Hong Kong people to unite, uphold the constitution China has written for them, and support the 150-member Preparatory Committee hand-picked by China to manage the change of sovereignty.

The amendment was proposed by pro-China legislator Ip Kwok-him and won support from pro-China and pro-business lawmakers, as well as four votes of the Association for Democracy and People's Livelihood, a moderately pro-democratic party.

Backing the amendment, pro-China lawmaker David Chu said Hong Kong needed to cooperate with and not confront its future ruler.

"The constant quarreling and the nit-picking with China will not benefit Hong Kong," he said. "Do not take us to the barricades."

But Christine Loh, an independent democrat who rejected the amendment, said the Preparatory Committee should work harder to defend Hong Kong's interests.

"The committee seems to find it easier to adopt China's values and way of doing things, rather than explain and assert Hong Kong's ways," she said.

Beijing excluded the Democrats and allies like Ms. Loh from the Preparatory Committee, which has the task of disbanding Hong Kong's legislature after the handover. China says the legislature must be replaced because it was elected under rules Beijing did not approve of.

The Democrats say China is trying to sidestep Hong Kong voters and create a legislature that will do its bidding.

Russia will help to develop natural gas fields in China

MOSCOW (AP) - Russia's Gazprom company will take part in the development of natural gas and gas condensate fields in China, a news agency reported on Thursday.

Gazprom will cooperate with Chinese officials in the prospecting, development and use of natural gas and gas condensate deposits in China, the Interfax news agency said.

Gazprom, the giant Russian gas conglomerate, has been seeking in recent years to expand its operations in foreign countries.

Russia and China will also study the possible construction of separate gas and oil pipelines to carry natural gas from eastern Siberia to China for transit to third countries along the Pacific Coast, Interfax said.



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Ex-Clinton counsel takes blame

On the controversy about FBI files

By PETE YOST

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton's former White House counsel has taken the blame for the FBI files controversy and Clinton's security chief has resigned over the improperly obtained background files.

But both men, former White House counsel Bernard Nussbaum and personnel security chief Craig Livingstone, insisted they were unaware a low-level aide was gathering background material on Republicans.

The two men testified Wednesday before a congressional committee investigating why the White House gathered FBI files on hundreds of former Bush and Reagan administration employees in late 1993 and early 1994. Bush and Reagan are Republicans; Clinton is a Democrat.

Republicans have seized on the issue to renew attacks on Clinton, who has labeled the affair an innocent bureaucratic mistake and has apologized. Bob Dole, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, has sharply criticized Clinton over the matter.

Livingstone and Nussbaum told the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee that the problem was not caused by any sinister motive but by bureaucratic bungling and their failure to supervise an Army civilian employee who gathered the files.

Saying "I bear full responsibility," Nussbaum issued a blanket apology to those whose FBI files were gathered. The files contain background information on each person.

As he announced he was quitting, Livingstone maintained that Anthony Marceca - the Army employee Livingstone brought to the White House - had relied on an outdated Secret Service list to gather the FBI files to determine who was eligible for White House passes.

"I did not recognize the problem, and for that, I am truly sorry," Livingstone told committee.

The testimony was greeted skeptically by committee Republicans. Chairman William Clinger charged presidential aides in the Clinton White House were "amateur detectives rooting around for dirt."

"It is extremely troubling to think the president could allow his staff to so cavalierly handle security matters," he said.

Livingstone's resignation came a week after he was placed on paid leave over the files incident. The White House said Wednesday it had not asked for the resignation.

"We were all caught by surprise," press secretary Mike McCurry said. But he added that "it is pretty clear" that President Clinton was "ill-served."

Fire hits Treasury building

By JOHN McCLAIN

WASHINGTON (AP) - A fire in the U.S. Treasury Building was brought under control about 3 1/2 hours after hundreds of government workers were evacuated from the stately 19th century building adjacent to the White House.

No money is stored or printed in the building. Money is printed at Bureau of Printing and Engraving a mile away.

The fire erupted on the roof of the 125-year-old structure in Wednesday afternoon, and fire officials said heavy smoke filled the fifth floor and basement of the five-story building. Dense smoke could be seen billowing from the roof three hours after the fire began.

"It was a very hard fire to contain," because of high ceilings and false ceilings that had to be pulled down, district Fire Chief Otis J. Latin said.

He said several spot fires were still burning within the building Wednesday night and added, "We're going to be here for a while."

Restoration work was being done on building, and Latin said he believed the fire started on the roof, where a roofing company had been working. Efforts to combat the fire were complicated because the flames had released asbestos particles that had been encased in the roofing material, Latin said. He said the asbestos was not inside the building.

Diana Ross' brother found slain

OAK PARK, Michigan (AP) - Police were searching for a couple who had rented the home where the bodies of Diana Ross' brother and a woman were discovered.

Arthur Ross, 47, a songwriter and stars from his sister's Motown record label, was found Saturday after neighbors called police to report a foul odor, Lt. John McNeilance said.

Arthur Ross and the woman, who has not been identified, were suffocated, McNeilance said. The bodies were believed to have been in the home since about June 1. Three emaciated pit bulls also were found, police said.

Police wanted to question Ricky Vernon Brooks, 44, and Regina Smith, 36, who rented the suburban Detroit home. Brooks' car was missing, police said, and neighbors said they last saw Brooks and Smith three or four weeks ago.

Arthur Ross was identified by a fingerprint match. His family did not report him missing. He had been scheduled to appear Wednesday at a hearing on three charges of possessing a controlled substance.

In a statement released Tuesday, Diana Ross said: "I am shocked and devastated by the loss of my brother, Arthur. I loved him very, very much."

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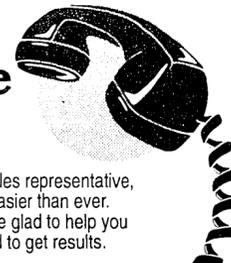
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
CIVIL ACTION NO. 96-439

In the Matter of the Guardianship of the Person and Estate of JEFFREY ANTHONY P. SANTOS, and BERNARD P. SANTOS, Minors,
by GLORIA SANTOS, Petitioner.

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITIONER FOR APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL GUARDIAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that GLORIA SANTOS of Saipan, CNMI, has filed a petition in the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be appointed as general guardian of the person and estate of the above named minors and that letters of guardianship be issued to the appointee. The hearing on said petition is set on July 11, 1996 at the hour of 1:30 p.m. at the Superior Court, Susupe, Saipan, CNMI, when and where all persons interested shall appear and show cause why the prayer on the petition should not be granted.

DATED this 16th day of April, 1996.
Law Offices of David A. Wiseman
by: /s/ DAVID A. WISEMAN
Attorneys for Petitioner

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been eroded over the years. "says Ed Harris of the character he portrays. "He really feels he has nothing to live for other than trying to bring honor to the men he led into battle. He feels responsible for their deaths. He's not insane—he just wants justice done."

We wanted to hire Harris for the role immediately after seeing him in the Academy Award nominated performance in "Apollo 13." "He was brilliant," declares Bruckheimer. "Ed has an intensity few actors can match, yet his performances are so subtle you forget you're watching an actor playing a role, you forget you're watching a movie. He absolutely transports an audience."

Sean Connery and Nicolas Caye were cast as the film's two heroes. Connery portrays John Patrick Mason, a top-secret federal prisoner held in custody for over 30 years without a trial.

"Sean is one of our premier actors," says Bruckheimer. "The role was tailored for him: much of Mason's backstory came directly from Sean himself. He did the research, and on his own designed and created a lot of who Mason is."

"Mason is a prisoner who is nameless. He's virtually a number," Connery says of his character. "He doesn't trust anyone, but he's given this chance to get out. Once Mason understands Stanley Goodspeed, he immediately recognizes that he can manipulate him."

1995 Academy Award winner Nicolas Cage plays FBI agent Stanley Goodspeed. An expert in chemical and biological weapons, his limited combat skills outside the laboratory are tested to the maximum.

"The island of Alcatraz itself became a central character in the film. 'The Rock' has always been an essential element of the story," says producer Bruckheimer. "It never ceases to fascinate audiences."

Nicolas Cage explains why the V.X. poison is so feared and commands such respect. "V.X. is actually not a gas, it's a liquid. It can kill you

within seven seconds. It's what they call a cholinesterase inhibitor, which stops your nervous system from functioning."

"TV.X." is a real poison and a real threat," notes Bruckheimer. "It's all published, there's no secret about this. I think it was developed as a pesticide and they found out how lethal it could be. What's scarier is that we're not the only country that has it."

"If anything, the film explores the next phase of combat and demonstrates what these chemicals can do," says director Michael Bay.

"Other than working in Russia, this was the most difficult film I've ever done," says executive producer Louis A. Stoller. "I've worked on many islands, but Alcatraz is different. You can't drive around it, everything had to be off-loaded and craned in, every piece of equipment had to be hand-carried from building to building. There's no food, no water, no heat, nor facilities."

"Alcatraz is quite impressive," notes Sean Connery. "It changed every day. We had one sequence where we filmed in the tower when the fog came in. It looks unreal on film, just like a special effect that would cost millions of dollars."

Although Alcatraz is best known throughout the world as a maximum security penitentiary its infamy began much earlier.

At the time of the Gold Rush, Alcatraz was one of the most strategic powerful forts. During the Civil War, Alcatraz housed Confederate spies later, as an official military prison, Alcatraz housed convicted soldier A legacy of mystery and rumor that still persist today regarding dungeons secret passageways and sadistic treatment of prisoners abounded.

High operating costs and two embarrassing attempts prompted Attorney General Robert Kennedy to remove the last prisoners and close the prison in 1962.

Today Alcatraz is a National Park Site within the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and is registered as a state and national historical landmark.

The island is also protected as a breeding and roosting site for sea birds vital to the ecology of the California coasts.

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works

PUBLIC NOTICE

The CNMI Department of Public Works, in conjunction with its consultant, W.B. Flores & Associates, wishes to inform the general public that it will be conducting public hearings on the final draft of the CNMI Comprehensive Highway Master Plan. The purpose of the hearing(s) is to give the public the opportunity to comment and/or ask questions. The schedule and location of the meetings are as follows:

Island	Date and Time	Place
Rota	Wednesday, July 10,	Rota Round House 1996- 6:00 p.m.
Tinian	Thursday, July 11,	Public School Cafeteria 1996- 6:00 p.m.
Saipan	Friday, July 12, 1996	Joeten-Kiyu Public Library 6:00 p.m.

We greatly appreciate your participation and comments.

Date: 6-19-96 /s/ JUAN R. SABLAN
Acting Secretary of Public Works

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/s/ EDWARD B. PALACIOS

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/s/ EDWARD B. PALACIOS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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/s/ EDWARD B. PALACIOS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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Submitted this 24th day of June, 1996.
Law Offices of David A. Wiseman

by: /s/ R. Darrin Class
Attorneys for Petitioner
Albert Dwayn Pangelinan

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
v.
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 Manibusan. 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
CIVIL CASE NO. 96-159

CYNTHIA M. FLEMING,
Plaintiff,
v.
RAYMOND M. ALVAREZ,
Defendant.

FIRST AMENDED SUMMONS TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to serve any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, within (30) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, by delivering or mailing a copy of your answer to LONG & BROWN, Attorneys-at-Law, whose address is AAA 1797, Caller Box 10001, Oeal, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court for filing. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to serve an answer in accordance with the Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By order of the above Court.
DATED this day of June, 1996.
/s/ Clerk of Court

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
CIVIL ACTION NO. 96-708

In the Matter of the Application for the Change of Name of ALBERT DWAYN PANGELINAN
NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: July 18, 1996
Time: 1:30 pm
Judge: MANIBUSAN
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned counsel will bring for hearing the Petition for Change of Name, in the above referenced matter, on July 18, 1996 at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, at the Superior Court, Susupe, Saipan, CNMI.

Submitted this 24th day of June, 1996.
Law Offices of David A. Wiseman

by: /s/ R. Darrin Class
Attorneys for Petitioner
Albert Dwayn Pangelinan

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02 MASON-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
 Contact: VARGAS CORPORATION Tel. 235-0297(6/14)F224545

01 CASHIER-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
 Contact: KALEIDOSCOPE, INC. (6/28)F224548

01 COMPUTER OPERATOR-Salary:\$3.63 per hour
 01 SILKSCREEN PRINTER-Salary:\$3.96 per hour
 Contact: ISLAND APPAREL, INC. dba Island Apparel Tel. 288-3441(6/28)F224549

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 01 BARTENDER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
 01 COOK-Salary:\$4.00 per hour
 Contact: SAIPAN KOREANA, HOTEL INC. Tel. 235-7161(6/28)F224547

03 AIRCON TECHNICIAN-Salary:\$2.80 per hour
 01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary:\$3.25 per hour
 Contact: CARRIER GUAM, INC. (SAIPAN BR.) Tel. 234-8330(6/28)F61123

01 INTERPRETER-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
 01 SEWING MACHINE REPAIRER-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
 Contact: GRACE INTL. INC. Tel. 234-9682(6/28)F224550

02 CARPENTER-Salary:\$2.75-\$3.05 per hour
 02 MASON-Salary:\$2.75-\$3.05 per hour
 Contact: BLOOMING "J" CORPORATION Tel. 234-0793(6/28)F224554

01 BEAUTICIAN-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
 01 MANAGER-Salary:\$3.50-\$5.00 per hour
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01 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
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02 DRAFTSMAN-Salary:\$5.00-\$5.55 per hour
 02 FINISHING CARPENTER-Salary:\$3.00-\$3.55 per hour
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01 HEAVY EQUIPMENT MECHANIC-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
 05 HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
 01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary:\$700 per month
 01 MASON-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
 Contact: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CORP. Tel. 235-5086/92(7/05)F224645

01 HEAVY EQUIPMENT MECHANIC-Salary:\$3.25-\$3.75 per hour
 01 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY Salary:\$5.00-\$9.95 per hour
 Contact: SAIPAN STEVEDORE COMPANY INC. (6/27 T) 61151

02 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
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 Contact: ETU MULTI-SERVICES, INC. dba SM Manpower Services Tel. 235-4861(7/12)F224763

02 AUTO BODY REPAIRER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
 03 AUTO MECHANIC-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
 Contact: ETU MULTI-SERVICES, INC. dba SM Auto Car Care Center Tel. 235-4861(7/12)F224762

01 H.E. OPERATOR-Salary:\$2.75-\$3.05 per hour
 03 CARPENTER-Salary:\$2.75-\$3.05 per hour
 01 PAINTER-Salary:\$2.75-\$3.05 per hour
 01 MASON-Salary:\$2.75-\$3.05 per hour
 03 JANITOR-Salary:\$2.75-\$3.05 per hour
 01 DANCER-Salary:\$2.75-\$3.05 per hour
 02 COMMERCIAL CLEANER-Salary:\$2.75-\$3.05 per hour
 03 YARD WORKER-Salary:\$2.75-\$3.05 per hour
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01 MAINTENANCE REPAIRER, BLDG.-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
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 Contact: BIANCA INTERNATIONAL INC. dba Bianca Diving Club Tel. 235-4510/2(7/05)F224650

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 01 ARCHITECT-Salary:\$3.50-\$4.00 per hour
 02 ELECTRICIAN-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
 Contact: ROLAND G. JASTILLANA dba ARJAY Construction Tel. 234-6609(7/05)F61240

01 STEELMAN-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
 Contact: TAC INTERNATIONAL CONST., INC. Tel. 234-1629(7/05)F61231

01 SALES SUPERVISOR-Salary:\$3.20 per hour
 Contact: TRANSAMERICA CORPORATION Tel. 234-1629(7/05)F61232

15 CARPENTER-Salary:\$2.90-\$3.75 per hour
 02 AIRCONDITION & REFRIGERATION MECHANIC-Salary:\$2.90-\$3.50 per hour
 05 STEELMAN-Salary:\$2.90-\$3.50 per hour
 10 PAINTER-Salary:\$2.90-\$3.75 per hour
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 Contact: REMEDIO S./DANIEL S. BUNIAQ dba Marfan Enterprises Tel. 322-0414(7/05)F224640

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 10 SECURITY GUARDS-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
 04 POWER PLANT MECHANIC-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
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 Contact: PACIFIC SAIPAN TECHNICAL CONTRACTORS, INC. dba PSTC, INC. (7/05)F224635

01 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-Salary:\$3.50 per month
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01 DESIGNER (JEWELRY)-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
 Contact: WAN YUAN JEWELRY (SAIPAN), INC. Tel. 235-7464(7/05)F224642

01 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
 Contact: SBR ENT., INC. dba Excel Auto Care Tel. 235-4536(7/05)F224643

01 COOK-Salary:\$3.00 per hour
 Contact: TRI-ALL INTERNATIONAL CORP. Tel. 234-1610(7/05)F224644

04 CARPENTER-Salary: \$2.75 per hour
 Contact: SK CORPORATION Tel. 235-2222(7/05)F224648

01 WAITRESS RESTAURANT-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
 Contact: ALMABELLA P. WEATHERSBEE dba DeBrent Enterprises Tel. 233-9142(7/05)F224649

02 ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
 Contact: ROLAND G. JASTILLANA dba Island Electronics & Appliance Repair Shop Tel. 234-6609(7/05)F61239

40 CONSTRUCTION WORKERS-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
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02 SPEECH THERAPIST-Salary:\$5.00 per hour
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 Contact: REMEDIOS C. LLOYD dba Pacific Therapy & Rehabilitation Tel. 322-0661(7/05)F224654

01 PROGRAM MANAGER-Salary:\$21,000 per annum
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 Contact: MARS CORPORATION Tel. 235-2141(7/05)F224655

04 BEAUTICIAN-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
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 Contact: FU HUA CORPORATION dba Fu Hua Auto Repair Shop Tel. 235-5457(7/05)F224657

05 WAITRESS (N/C)-Salary: \$2.75 per hour
 05 SINGER-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
 07 DANCERS-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
 Contact: WESTERN PACIFIC ENTERPRISES, INC. dba Kimchi Cabana Night Club & Rest. Tel. 234-6789(7/05)F224647

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 Contact: ETU MULTI-SERVICES, INC. dba SM Construction Tel. 235-4861(7/12)F224761

01 PLUMBER-Salary:\$2.75-\$3.00 per hour
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 05 GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPAIRER-Salary:\$2.75-\$3.00 per hour
 Contact: VICTORY INTL CORP. dba Victory Construction Tel. 233-0498(7/12)F224773

01 MACHINIST-Salary:\$7.00 per hour
 02 DIESEL MECHANIC-Salary:\$4.00-\$4.50 per hour
 03 WELDER-Salary:\$4.00-\$4.50 per hour
 01 LEAD WELDER-Salary:\$4.50-\$5.00 per hour
 Contact: SEAFIX, INC. Tel. 322-0970(7/12)F224774

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Seles didn't blame the loss on the pain in her shoulder, and said she still wants to wait until after the U.S. Open to decide about surgery to repair a tear.

"I really want to wait because I want to play in the Olympics," she said. "I don't think it affected my loss today. I mean, she just clearly played better than I did, and she wasn't making so many unforced errors. She was going more for her shots, and on grass you have to do that."

Seles led 5-3 in the first set, and was two points away from closing it out. But between the pressure

Studenikova put on her and the mistakes Seles made on her own, the 23-year-old Slovak reeled off four straight games to reach the third round. In three previous Wimbledon appearances, Studenikova had never won a match.

"I should have closed out the first set tons of times," Seles said. "I just didn't take chances, and she did, and most of the times they went in. For me, that's the hardest, that I didn't take those opportunities."

Both players wavered through a nervous second set, exchanging breaks twice to 4-4. Seles, relying on sheer will more than the power she once had, managed to break the sudden error-prone Studenikova a third time and held to even the match.

Rota . . .

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yards. Interesting definition of the word "minimal" wouldn't you say? The explosion killed thousands and thousands of fish and caused the once mighty coral heads to crumble. The silt and sand stirred up by the explosion covered everything that was within a 350 foot diameter ring, making it impossible for the remaining coral to survive for long. With nothing to eat, fish that managed to live through the explosion have moved from the area. One person, after overhearing the mention of the Coral Garden, said, "Oh, you mean that big gray area?" And despite this, Mr. Relyea, bomb and dive expert extraordinaire, declared that "Coral Garden is still a viable dive spot." One has to say, this man's judgement is terribly off.

Our people keep whining about hundreds of years ago, our ancestors allowed people to invade our islands and destroy our heritage. Open your eyes, people, nothing has changed! We are selling out our own identity, everything we have, without a fight, without doing something! Our heritage is more than our language and the food we eat and the clothes we wear. Our heritage is also our environment. If we allow others to destroy it, for no apparent reason, we might as well just forget about all our traditions. If we allow anyone to destroy it at all, we might as well just give up on ourselves. The only difference between now and a hundred years ago is that now we still have a chance. I refuse to let my future and the future of my classmates be devoid of beauty and identity. If no one else has the strength to stand up for what our future and our past, then I am willing to stand up alone.

Irked over Concepcion remark

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to voice my concern statement Philippine Congressman Tomas Concepcion made in the Pacific Daily News /June 26, 1996.

To you Mr. Concepcion, I would tell you to look at yourself first before you go around saying that the Marianas are descendants of thieves. Yes, a long time ago Saipan was called Marianas Ladroneas because the people that time went out to their ship and take out the nails off the ship in order for them to leave the island, that was their purpose of taking the nails off the ship and that's why they named the island Marianas Ladroneas.

In the first place why did the Filipinos come here to look for jobs? Why doesn't the government in the Philippines provide work for all the Filipino workers that are wide spread around the world? So if I were you, have jobs for your workers so they would not come the Island of Thieves.

First of all, take a look at the majority of the contract workers in Saipan, Filipinos, whose general attitudes are jealousy, non-cooperation among each other, even within their own community.

True! we have labor cases on our island, but Saipan is not the only one, it is the same throughout the world.

Also, the world's largest workers abuses are happening to the Filipinos, why?

So, I think Mr. Concepcion should be more grateful that our island

allow his people to work here and live a better life than in the Philippines.

I think, Mr. Concepcion is a very irresponsible person to lash out those words, what if the local island people actually get angry till they really rob all those Filipinos and families who are presently here. Think of it, maybe he actually is provoking us to do that.

Oh! I almost forgot, Mr. Concepcion, Do you know for a fact that Philippines is rated the highest crime area in Asia? Maybe you forgot!

All the Filipino workers that I know never and I say never heard them complaint about the people of Saipan. And almost majority of the Filipino workers bring their families here to stay because they like it here. And they are receiving more than what they are receiving there. Can you clarify why our Governor Froilan Tenorio gets criminal charges and not the person who abuse their employees? Don't just assume that they called us Marianas Ladroneas (Island of Thieves) that we the people of the Marianas today are thieves because were not.

This is to you Mr. Concepcion why don't you do your job and stop calling us Island of Thieves, look at yourself first because you look like one.

Sincerely,

Priscilla Castro
Concerned Citizen of Saipan



Cardinals . . .

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three hits in six innings for the victory. All four Reds runs were off Mike Williams (1-6), who was charged with Philadelphia's 14th consecutive road loss.

Lenny Harris started Cincinnati's first-inning bing with a double off Pete Incaviglia's glove at the left-field wall. Williams walked Barry Larkin and Eric Davis to load the bases, and Greene followed with his eighth homer.

Greene grounded out in the third, then left the game with a mild strain of his left hamstring. Pirates 3, Expos 1

In Montreal, Danny Darwin shut out Montreal on five hits for seven innings, and Pittsburgh cut down two runners at the plate as the Pirates avoided a three-game sweep against the Expos.

Darwin (6-7) won for the fourth time in five starts to give Pittsburgh its first win in six games at Olympic Stadium this season. The Pirates were outscored 41-12 in their first five games at Montreal.

Darwin, a 19-year veteran right-hander signed as a minor league free agent in January, is 4-1 in June, allowing four runs in 34 innings.

The right-hander, who had no

strikeouts and no walks, was relieved to open the eighth by Dan Plesac, who gave up Montreal's only run on F.P. Santangelo's eighth-inning homer.

The loss, just the second in the Expos' last 10 games, snapped a four-game winning streak.

Mets 9, Rockies 5

In New York, Butch Huskey doubled home rookie Alex Ochoa with the go-ahead run as New York scored five times in the eighth inning to complete a three-game sweep of Colorado.

The Mets, who defeated the Rockies by one run in the first two games of the series, appeared headed for a one-run loss before rallying in the eighth.

Palau . . .

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States must use substitute players for those competing in another sport scheduled at the same time.) The organizing committees will not be responsible for working around athletes' individual schedules. Because of this ruling, States are encouraged to sign up athletes who can concentrate their energies on training for their very best sport and not divide their time among so many different disciplines.

For most sports in Palau, there are already active Sports Association.

With the Mets trailing 5-4, Brent Mayne drew a one-out walk off Steve Reed (1-2), and pinch-runner Carl Everett stole second. Ochoa, who doubled home

a run in the seventh inning, then delivered a single to tie it 5-5.

Huskey followed with his RBI double, and New York got two more runs in the inning. Lance Johnson earlier hit a two-run homer for the Mets, who have won five of six games.

Marlins 3, Giants 2

In Miami, Kevin Brown pitched a complete game, and Quilvo Veras and Greg Colbrunn homered as Florida handed San Francisco its sixth straight defeat.

Associations for swimming, table tennis, and canoe/kayak racing are in the process of getting established. The various Sports Associations will be in charge of organizing, scheduling, and implementing competitions for the Summer Interstate Games, except that the Micro All-Around and Fishing competitions will be conducted by the Palau Sports Commission. Each association will be responsible for promulgating rules and regulations for their respective sport and submitting copies to the Sports Commission. Copies will be forwarded to the State Governors as soon as they become available.

products they promote, such as energy efficient light bulbs, can add tremendous savings.

"If you compare energy efficient lights to standard light bulbs it only has a 15 watt absorption while standard light bulbs can absorb as much as 75 watts," she said.

She also said, whereas a standard light bulb has to be replaced as early as five to six months, energy efficient light bulbs can stay until five years.

For the moment, the Guam Energy Office is catering to commercial services rather than residential. However, they are also in coordination with GPA in certain programs that sell low energy consumption products to residential users.

These products are not limited to just light bulbs and electrically motivated products. There are also water heaters, air conditioning, time clocks, compressors, and even water saving toilet tanks.

A residential pilot project was also initiated in the village of Talofolo but due to the constant power outages the savings are not as visible.

"Right now, the office plans to focus more on educating the public in how to make use of energy," Crisostomo said.

Guerrero . . .

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Former Gov. Tenorio, who is the only two-term governor the CNMI has had, is running with current Senate President Jesus R. Sablan.

The Republican Party earlier had three candidates who filed letters of intent to run for governor, but the field was reduced to Guerrero and Tenorio after current Washington Representative Juan N. Babauta bowed out of the race.

NBA draft has young, international look

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey (AP) - A draft dominated by underclassmen had a global look, too.

A record six foreign-born players were taken in the first round of the U.S. National Basketball Association draft Wednesday night, triple the previous mark for players born outside the United States. A seventh was taken in the second round.

The draft, which featured a record 36 eligible underclassmen, included five teen-agers and only two college seniors taken in the top 14. The first seven picks were underclassmen who left college early, two of the top 17 were high schoolers and 17 of the first 29 were underclassmen - seven more than the old record.

Milwaukee and Minnesota had the biggest trade of the night, swapping the fourth and fifth picks, Stephen Marbury and Ray Allen. The Timberwolves also sent a first-round pick in 1999 or 2000 to the Bucks.

Philadelphia, Toronto and Vancouver had plenty of trade offers for the first three picks, but all three ended up making safe choices.

The 76ers spent the first pick on Allen Iverson, a point guard from Georgetown with exceptional speed, leaping ability and scoring proficiency. He became the first guard drafted No. 1 since Magic Johnson was picked by the Lakers in 1979. The 6-footer (1.8 meters) also supplanted former 76ers coach John Lucas as the shortest player ever picked first overall.

"It's a very easy decision," general manager Brad Greenberg said. "Allen Iverson is the most exciting player in college basketball and after a lot of research and investigations, it was very, very clear to us that the most talented player was Iverson."

Toronto general manager Isiah Thomas flirted with the idea of choosing 19-year-old Abdur-Rahim, but he decided on Camby - the consensus college player of the year at Massachusetts.

"Isiah showed me that he's a man of his word," said Camby, who was told two weeks ago - before Abdur-Rahim re-entered the draft - that he would be picked second overall.

The Grizzlies, who wanted Abdur-Rahim badly, got him with the third pick. The 6-foot-10 (2.08 meters) forward from California, who changed his mind twice regarding whether he'd enter the draft, was the first freshman selected player of the year in the Pac-10 conference.

Marbury and Allen, two of the nation's best guards, were selected at No. 4 and No. 5 and were traded for each other less than an hour later. They strode back on stage, swapped caps and smiled for the cameras again.

"I can't believe it," said Marbury, who left Georgia Tech after his freshman season. "It happened so quick. I was with Milwaukee for like a minute."

"Now I get to play with Kevin Garnett and it's a better situation."

Marbury said. "That's show you start a championship team... with a big man and a guard-like the Lakers did with Magic and Kareem."

Garnett was drafted straight out of high school by Minnesota in 1995 and quickly became one of the league's best first-year players.

"I think Milwaukee got some kind of deal," said Allen, who left Connecticut after his junior year. "I had an idea I was going to be traded because I hadn't even taken a trip to Minnesota."

The youngest player picked was 17-year-old Kobe Bryant of Lower Merion High School outside Philadelphia, who went to Charlotte with the 13th pick.

"I'm an NBA player," said Bryant, marveling at his new job description. "Now it's time to go in there and try to do some work."

The Cleveland Cavaliers, New York Knicks and Charlotte seemed to have the best luck in the first round. The Knicks took three players, including Syracuse forward John Wallace after he dropped to No. 18, and the Cavs added a pair of international players to a lineup that needs size.

Aside from drafting Bryant, the Hornets also got Tony Delk of the college champions Kentucky, which had three players taken among the first 19 picks.

The Boston Celtics, who were expected to draft a center after trading Eric Montross to Dallas last week, instead chose Kentucky's Antoine Walker with the sixth pick, going with perhaps the best all-around small forward available.

The Los Angeles Clippers made the first pick of a center with the seventh choice, selecting 6-foot-11 (2.09 meters) Lorenzen Wright of Memphis. The New Jersey Nets delighted their home fans by choosing Villanova shooting guard Kerry Kittles with the eighth pick.

The Dallas Mavericks chose Louisville forward Samaki Walker with pick No. 9, and the Indiana Pacers took Mississippi State center Erick Dampier with the 10th pick.

After commissioner David Stern announced the Marbury-Allen trade, the Golden State Warriors took North Carolina State center Todd Fuller. Cleveland picked Wright State forward Vitaly Potapenko and Charlotte selected Bryant.

Then Sacramento took 18-year-old Predrag Stojakovic of Greece, Phoenix chose Santa Clara point guard Steve Nash, a native South African who was raised in Canada, and Charlotte grabbed Delk, a shooting guard from Kentucky. Portland followed by picking the second high schooler of the night, 7-footer (2.1 meters) Jermaine O'Neal of Eau Claire H.S. in Columbia, South Carolina.

That left New York with the next two picks, and Knicks fans from nearby New York City attending the draft at the Meadowlands arena chanted, "We Want Wallace."

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The project, in general, consist of Incineration System for Saipan International Airport, all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The bidder's attention is invited to the fact that the proposed contract shall be under and subject to the equal opportunity clause as set forth in Part III, Section 302(b) of Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, to the contract and labor provisions as set forth in Section 152.55 and Appendix H, Part 152, of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the applicable provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) implemented by Part 21 of the Regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation. Also, the proposed contract will be subject to the Contractor's Certification of non-segregated facilities.

The apparent low bidder and any known first tier subcontractor will be subject to a pre-award, equal opportunity compliance review by representatives of the office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, U.S. Department of Labor, before the award of the contract for the purpose of determining whether the bidder and/or his subcontractors are able to comply with the provisions of the equal opportunity clause.

If the bidder has participated in a previous contract subject to the equal opportunity clause and has not submitted compliance reports as required by applicable instructions, the bidder shall submit, prior to award of contract, a compliance report covering the delinquent period or such other period specified by the FAA of the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance, U.S. Department of Labor.

A bidder or prospective prime contractor or proposed subcontractor shall be required to submit such information as the FAA or the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance, requests prior to the award of a contract or subcontract. When a determination has been made to award the contract or subcontract to a specified contractor, such contractor shall be required, prior to award, or after the award, or both to furnish such other information as the FAA or the Director's requests.

Contract documents, including plans and specifications, may be examined at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, or can be obtained from this office upon the payment of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for each set of plan documents. This amount is non-refundable. Payment shall be made by check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Saipan International Airport, at 9:00 a.m. on July 11, 1996 to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Consultant, in writing, at least five (5) days in advance for answers at this pre-bid conference, with a copy of same mailed simultaneously to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Each prospective bidder shall file with the Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the above SAIPAN Address, a notice of his intention to bid in a form substantially similar to that supplied herewith, not less than six (6) calendar days prior to the date hereinabove designated for opening of proposals.

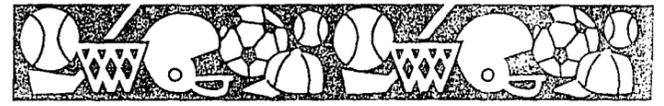
Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposals, or any of them, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its interest.

By CARLOS A. SHODA
Contracting Officer for CPA

Dated: 6/28/96

SPORTS



6th Joeten-Nestle Tennis Classic

Reksid-Mason rules men's doubles

By Rafael H. Arroyo
Variety News Staff

THE TOP seeded tandem of Franz Reksid and Mike Mason ruled the Men's Doubles (over 40) category in the 6th Joeten-Nestle Tennis Classic held over the weekend at the Coral Ocean Point Resort Club.

The duo bested the unseeded teamup of Eli Buenaventura and Al Guerrero, in the three set finals Sunday 6-3, 7-6, 7-4 to win the

over 40 title.

Reksid and Mason who drew a bye in the first round defeated the pair of Brian Nolan and Jack McClure in the second round semis to face the Buenaventura-Guerrero tandem.

The latter on the other hand had to dispose of the pair of Congressman Dino Jones and Ed Johnson in the first round to face second seeds Martin Igitol and Tadashi Kitagawa in the other semifinal

game Saturday.

The Buenaventura-Guerrero tandem prevailed over the much-favored Igitol-Kitagawa to earn the right to face Reksid-Mason in the finals the next day.

In other categories, Reksid teamed up with Mike Walsh to also win the Men's Doubles (Open) title after defeating Mason and Chuck Jordan 6-4, 7-6 (7-4).

In the Women's Doubles

(Open), Sally Caddac and Ann Dela Pena outlasted the pair of Eun Heh Lee and Hiroe Fujimoto in four sets, 7-6, 4-6, (7-5), 6-4 to win the title.

The 6th Joeten-Nestle Tennis Classic is a yearly tournament

sponsored by Joeten Enterprises Inc. and Nestle and held under the auspices of the Filipino Amateur Tennis Association (FILATA).

The singles tournament is slated for June 28, 29 and 30 at COP.

Palau '96 Summer Interstate Games set for August 7-18

VICE PRESIDENT Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., as Chairman of the Palau Sports Commission (PSC), is working with State Governors and representatives of the various Sports Associations to iron out all the details of holding the Palau '96 Summer Interstate Games set for August 9-18, 1996. Because of questions regarding eligibility requirements, the deadline for States to submit their rosters was again extended, this time to June 26. Fifteen of Palau's States

have submitted preliminary rosters for the Summer Games.

The following issues have been discussed in recent meetings, and hopefully all will be resolved by mid-July in plenty of time to concentrate on conditioning for the games. First of all, it was decided that athletes may not represent more than one State. Governors are currently reviewing the rosters to identify athletes whose names appear on rosters for more than one State. Athletes may be requested to sign a letter of intent to

indicate their commitment to compete for one and only one State.

Secondly, while there will be no rule preventing athletes within a State from competing in more than one sport, it was made clear at the meeting that if an athlete faces a schedule conflict during the Games, he or she will have to choose which one of the events to compete in and thus, in the case of individual sports, will incur a forfeiture in the other event/s. (In the case of team sports,

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Saipan Major League Individual Statistics

Player	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	E	BATTING
Yamada Rasko	9	33	14	11	1	1	0	5	9	1	6	.333
Peter Winsor	9	26	8	8	0	2	0	8	10	1		.308
Yoshino Hiang	9	40	8	16	1	0	0	8	2/1	1		.400
Ubedei Brady	9	30	9	12	3	0	0	10	5	1		.400
Sakuma Payton	8	25	8	6	1	1	0	4	3	4		.231
Ngiraidong Sherman	9	33	13	9	3	0	1	7	4	6		.273
Koshiro Nick	9	32	8	9	2	0	0	3	1	6		.281
Ngiraidong Clark	8	8	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	3		.375
Martin Roland	9	26	7	7	0	2	0	2	5/1	3		.269
Ngiraidong Cowley	3	6	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2		.000
Garaskes Elvebal	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2		.250
Saka Ray	3	10	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1		.200
Idechi John	4	5	2	2	0	0	0	1	2	2		.400
Masahanu Darwin	5	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3		.250
You Demel	3	11	2	1	0	0	0	1	2/1	2		.091
Edward Frank	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0/1	1		.000
Ngiraidong Everett	3	7	5	3	0	1	0	1	3	0		.429
Koshiro Greg	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		.000
Minor Teo	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		.000

Player	G	INN	R	ER	HIT	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	W/L	ERA
Santos Sivanus	5	18	26	11	37	1	1	0	8/1	6	0-2	5.50
Ngiraidong Everett	7	35	25	9	46	8	5	0	11/2	18	3-0	2.31
Minor Teo	3	14	17	12	19	2	1	1	12	7	2-1	7.71
Peter Winsor	2	6	4	1	6	0	0	0	3	2	1-0	1.50
Ngiraidong Clark	2	3	8	4	7	0	0	0	5	1	0-0	12.00

Player	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	E	BAT-
Salas Jerome	9	40	12	12	1	2	0	3	3	8		.300
Torres Elson	7	12	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	7		.250
Wesley Jason	8	21	8	8	3	0	0	6	5	9		.381
Reyes Nick	9	30	5	10	0	0	0	2	7/1	8		.333
Torres Frank	8	29	3	10	0	0	0	8	2/1	4		.345
Quitugua Jeff	7	11	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	5		.091
Lizama Brian	9	35	5	7	0	1	0	4	3	9		.200
Rengui Ray	9	31	2	10	0	0	0	3	1	6		.323
Pangalinan Gus	8	19	2	5	0	0	0	2	3	6		.263
Benavente John	4	7	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4		.143
Benavente Pichi	6	12	4	4	1	0	0	0	3	2		.333
Indalecio Everett	6	18	3	5	2	1	0	2	1	4		.278
Cepeda Kelvin	6	19	2	5	0	1	0	1	1	6		.263
Monkawa James	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		.000
Duenas Ben	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		.000
Fejeran Junior	4	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3		.000
Lizama Albert	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1		.333
Camacho John Q.	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		.000

Player	G	INN	R	ER	HIT	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	W/L	ERA
Guerrero Tony	2	11	13	6	11	0	0	1	9	6	0-0	5.07
Lizama Albert	8	29	35	15	22	1	1	2	22	23	2-3	4.66
Akdan Jess	3	7	18	8	12	1	0	0	4	3	0-2	10.28
Benavente John	4	12	16	9	13	1	1	1	9	5	0-1	6.75
Duenas Ben	1	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0-0	0.00
Pangalinan Gus	1	1	4	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	0-1	18.00
Reyes Nick	2	2	9	5	11	1	1	0	1	1		22.50

Cardinals beat Braves, 11-7

ATLANTA (AP) - Ron Gant drove in four runs with a homer and a bases-loaded triple as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Atlanta Braves 11-7 Wednesday night in U.S. Major League Baseball.

The Cardinals had a season-high 17 hits, getting seven singles during a five-run first inning against Steve Avery (6-7). The left-hander left after 3 1-3 innings, giving up 11 hits and trailing 7-3.

Avery's ERA increased to 4.25. He is 0-3 in five June starts, allowing 27 runs in 25 2-3 innings, a 9.64 ERA.

Gant and Royce Clayton each had three hits for St. Louis, and Brian Jordan hit a solo homer.

Rookie Alan Benes (7-4), whose RBI single capped the Cardinals' burst in the first inning, won despite allowing five runs in six innings. He allowed homers by Javier Lopez and Marquis Grissom.

Reds 4, Phillies 2

In Cincinnati, Willie Greene's first major-league grand slam carried Cincinnati past Philadelphia, giving the Reds their first four-game sweep of the Phillies in 27 years.

Roger Salkeld (4-2) scattered

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Monica Seles makes quickest Grand Slam exit of her career

By STEVE WILSTEIN
WIMBLEDON, England (AP) - Her face puffy and her breathing labored, Monica Seles suffered the quickest Grand Slam exit of her career Wednesday at Wimbledon against an unimintimidated upstart who mimicked Steffi Graf to perfection.

Katarina Studenikova, packing a stuffed tiger in her racket bag, attacked fearlessly and growled as much as Seles grunted and gasped in retreat during the big points of the 7-5, 5-7, 6-4 second-round upset.

Slicing backhands within inches of the baseline and pummeling forehand winners like Graf, the 59th-ranked Studenikova played the match of her life as she kept the second-seeded Seles on the defensive and fought back from deficits in the first and third sets.

"I'm not afraid of her," Studenikova said, voicing an attitude that seems to be sweeping

through the women's ranks as Seles struggles with a shoulder injury in an on-and-off comeback from the stabbing attack in Germany three years ago.

Despite Seles' victory in the Australian Open in January, where she routed Studenikova 6-1, 6-1, and her first grass-court win last week in Eastbourne, Seles is far from her old self. She lacks the stamina and steadiness she once had, along with the precision and timing that come from playing each week. And, perhaps more than anything, she's missing the killer look and go-for-broke attitude that always distinguished her style.

"It just comes down to close points," said Seles, who lost in the quarters of the French a few weeks ago with a similarly timid and erratic game. "I have to go for them like I did before, really fiercely, and that's not what I'm doing right now."

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Employees wait for the eggs being shot into their hats a teammate as part of the bed race during yesterday's Hyatt Hotel's annual Olympic.

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