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## Lib-Day US bashing

By Rick Alberto  
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IN ONE of his strongest official remarks yet, Froilan C. Tenorio denounced yesterday "troublemakers" in the federal government who he said are problem finders rather than problem solvers.

In his remarks during the Independence Day celebration before several thousand people, Tenorio said that while he was proud to be an

### Tenorio denounces DOI, federal gov't in July 4th speech

American and can love America, it does not necessarily follow that he loves the federal government.

In an apparent reference to allegations that certain federal officials on the CNMI had been feeding information to a Philippine senator derogatory to the CNMI, the outspoken governor said, "Instead of protecting our right to self-government,

they (concerned federal officials) take it away. Instead of using their foreign affairs power to help us, they undermine our efforts to resolve international problems."

Tenorio then went on to say, "In the best tradition of the American patriots, I denounce the Department of the Interior and other troublemakers in the federal government. They seem more interested in finding problems to keep their job than in solving problems to keep their word to our people."

He also blamed "some in the federal government" who "upset" the "delicate balance between economic opportunity and local self-government that is appropriate to our small size and population."

These certain unnamed federal officials, he added, also allegedly permit the entry of permanent resi-



Froilan C. Tenorio

dent aliens "who eventually would become citizens."

"Our cultural and political integrity would soon be swallowed up in

the process. I thank God that we have been able to retain control of our own immigration and labor," he said.

The governor did not specify who these resident aliens are.

Tenorio vowed that he would not allow the interior department to do to the Covenant what it did to native Americans (Indians): making treaties with them and "breaking nearly every one" of them.

Tenorio's long tirade against the federal government could have made certain federal officials squirm in their seats if they were in the stage together with the governor.

"They talk about protecting our culture. They are not interested in our culture; they are interested in control," Tenorio said of the federal government. "We only have to look to Guam to see how much further their culture has eroded as a result of

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Dominic Camacho in a palm frond outfit rides atop the Governor's Office's float, one of several that took part in yesterday's Liberation Day parade.

—Photo by Ferdie de la Torre

## DPHS seeking formal referral deals with 4 Manila hospitals

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

THE DEPARTMENT of Public Health Services is pursuing formal agreements with four Manila hospitals involving the CNMI's medical referral program.

DPHS Secretary Dr. Isamu J. Abraham told the Variety Wednesday that he discussed the recommendation with Governor Froilan Tenorio when they were both in Manila last month.

Abraham said part of the discussion was whether the agreement will be between the Manila hospitals and the Common-

wealth Health Center or between the Manila and Saipan governments.

The CNMI's Manila Liaison Office, in its yearly assessment report on the medical referral functions, explained that the proposed arrangement will make it more convenient for the MLO staff to coordinate referrals between the Philippines and CHC.

The MLO said the move may also address issues such as admission requirements, billings and other medical needs of the patients.

Abraham said he envisions that similar "operations" in Guam and Honolulu could also be adopted in the Manila office.

The secretary said there's no problem with the patients who have the money, insurance, and other financial support from the government to be referred to Manila.

Abraham, however, said there is a need to work for an establishment of responsible financial mechanism for self-pay patients.

The DPHS top man cited St. Luke Hospital as a very promising hospital.

"In fact one of the congressmen who traveled with the Governor was very impressed with the services he received at St.

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## Guerrero taps Ray Guerrero to head his campaign in '97

By Rafael H. Arroyo  
Variety News Staff

FORMER Gov. Larry I. Guerrero has tapped former Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Ray S. Guerrero to again handle his gubernatorial campaign in next year's election.

In an interview, Guerrero said he has asked Ray to head his campaign committee confident that the latter will again steer his camp to victory like he did in 1989.

Ray, known in local circles as "Kumoi," was Guerrero's flamboyant political strategist who orchestrated the latter's success-

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Larry I. Guerrero



Ray S. Guerrero

## Parade showcases CNMI's diverse but united cultures

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

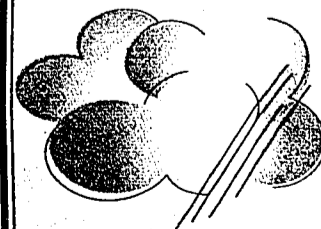
THOUSANDS of people lined up Beach Road yesterday as 26 floats and more than 20 marching units took part in the annual celebration of Liberation Day.

It was a hot day, yet the festive atmosphere was evident in the faces of spectators who came to watch the culminating event in the weeklong celebration marking the day when the Saipan's residents were released from the American-administered Camp Susupe during the war.

The parade, which lasted more than two hours, kicked off at 9:15 a.m. in front of Kristo Rai Church and ended at the American Memorial Park.

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## Weather Outlook



Mostly cloudy with isolated light to moderate showers.

# Boosters problem on Columbia bugs NASA

By MARCIA DUNN  
CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP)

A problem with the rocket boosters used to launch Columbia two weeks ago may delay NASA's upcoming flight to the Russian space station Mir and keep U.S. astronaut Shannon Lucid in orbit longer than planned.

Hot gas seeped through joints in both of Columbia's solid-fuel rocket boosters, but did not damage the O-rings or endanger the shuttle or its seven astronauts, shuttle manager Tommy Holloway said Wednesday.

Atlantis - due to take off July 31 for Mir - may have the same problem. If so, NASA probably would have to replace the shuttle's boosters, delaying its docking mission by up to a month.

Lucid has been living on Mir since March and is supposed to return to Earth in early August via Atlantis.

NASA discovered the problem this week after retrieving Columbia's two boosters from the Atlantic Ocean. The boosters helped propel Columbia into orbit on June 20 and dropped away, as

designed, during the ascent. Some time during the two minutes that the boosters burned, rocket gas leaked into some of the so-called J-joints, Holloway said. In a few cases, the gas penetrated all 4 inches (10 centimeters) of the joint but never got past O-rings put there as a thermal barrier, and none of those O-rings sustained any heat damage, he said.

"This was not a close call," Holloway said.

It was different O-rings - protective seals rather than thermal insulators - that failed and allowed gas to leak through a joint on one of Challenger's booster rockets in 1986. All seven crew members were killed.

"Any comparison to the Challenger would be completely out of order," Holloway said.

Columbia and its crew of seven are due back at Cape Canaveral on Sunday. At 17 days, the medical-research mission would be the longest in shuttle history.

The prime suspect in the gas

leak is a new adhesive used for the first time on Columbia's boosters. For environmental reasons, the old methyl-based adhesive is no longer made, so NASA switched to a water-based material for filling the three J-joints on each booster, Holloway said.

This same new adhesive was used on Atlantis' boosters, Holloway said. If this indeed turns out to be the problem, NASA will probably have to move Atlantis from the launch pad back to the hangar and replace its boosters.

If the new adhesive is found to be faulty, NASA will have to develop a new glue and "that could take a while," Holloway said. As a result, future shuttle missions might have to be bumped at a time when NASA can least afford delays.

The shuttle is supposed to ferry astronauts and supplies to Mir over the next two years and start carrying up components of the international space station in late 1997.



Federal Bureau of Investigation officials examine the remains of the truck bomb that devastated the American military base, killing 19 soldiers and injured over 200 last week in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

AP Photo

## Arsenal recovered from bombing suspect's home

By STEVEN K. PAULSON  
DENVER (AP) - FBI agents searching Terry Nichols' home found a wig and makeup along with dozens of guns and the same type of fertilizer used in the Oklahoma City bombing, according to a list released Wednesday.

Lawyers for Nichols and co-defendant Timothy McVeigh are trying to keep the evidence from being used at trial, claiming it was gathered in violation of the law. A federal judge has not indicated when he will reach a decision.

Evidence logs show agents seized 17 rifles, several assault weapons, an Uzi submachine gun, several shotguns and a 37mm gas gun from Nichols' Herington, Kansas, home in April 1995.

Also seized were ammunition, three videocassette recorders and tapes including "Waco, The Big Lie" and "Machine Gun Magic."

Nichols told agents he had been making money buying and selling military surplus at gun shows.

The logs say agents also found ammonium nitrate fertilizer - a key ingredient in the truck bomb that destroyed the federal building on April 19, 1995, killing 168 people and injuring more than 500.

Defense lawyers charge the search was improper because the consent agents received to enter the home was given by Nichols' wife, Marife Nichols, a Philippine native who they said did not understand her rights.

Marife contends she was held a virtual captive by the FBI, but phone logs that were released show she made numerous phone calls during the 37 days she was in the company of agents.

Agents eventually obtained a warrant to seize evidence against Nichols, but the defense claims the judge who approved the search had been misled.

Prosecutors argue that if mistakes were made in gathering the evidence, they were unintentional and insignificant.

McVeigh and Nichols could face the death penalty if convicted of murder and conspiracy charges in the bombing.

# There's unity in diversity



Two kids wearing contrasting outfits pose beside a man on top of the Tanapag Group's float.



Dignitaries enjoy the parade from the stands. From left Rear Adm. David L. Brewer III, wife Deanie; Gov. Froilan Tenorio, wife Grace; Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja and wife, Mary Anne.



Parade participants in traditional garb send out their message.



Two kids depict life in "Camp Susupe" atop the float sponsored by the Governor's Office.



1996 Miss NMI Universe Belvilyn Tenorio joins the Triple J float.



Business sector leader Mike Sablan and his two-year-old son, Zachary were among the thousands who lined up Beach Road.



The oxcart that won top prize in the non-profit category.

Photos by Raffy Arroyo and Ferdie de la Torre

## Man stopped at LA airport trying to smuggle crocodile

LOS ANGELES (AP) - When federal agents stopped Toru Hattori at the airport, it wasn't to admire his luggage, but to rescue a real crocodile inside, authorities said.

The croc didn't survive. On Wednesday, U.S. Attorney Nora Manella announced a three-count indictment against the 39-year-old Japanese citizen. Hattori allegedly told U.S. Customs officials that he wasn't bringing any live animals in from Japan.

But on June 19, agents discovered a live Siamese crocodile inside

his checked luggage, a prosecutor said. The reptile can be found in Southeast Asia, mostly in Vietnam. The reptile can survive for days without food or water.

The little crocodile was inside a cloth bag, in a box taped shut but with airholes punched through one side, prosecutor Patricia Beaman said.

Siamese crocodiles grow to about 9 feet (3 meters) and are protected by more than 100 countries. It is nearly extinct in the wild.

Hattori was due to appear before

U.S. Magistrate Judge Charles Eick on Monday. He is charged with illegal importation of an endangered species, making a false statement on a customs declaration and animal smuggling.

If convicted, Hattori could face up to 11 years in prison and a fine of \$ 600,000.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service agents believe the crocodile was just a baby. The 3-foot (1 meter) long beast died on June 29.

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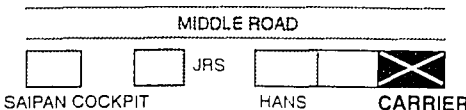
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# Tenorio lists CIPs for '95

By Rafael H. Arroyo  
Variety News Staff

THE TENORIO Administration will be setting aside some \$2.8 million for the design and construction of 60 new classrooms at Saipan's public schools out of Covenant infrastructure funds for fiscal year 1995.

This learned from Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio in his submission to Legislature of an appropriation bill that lists CNMI priority capital improvement projects to be funded out of the \$19.12 million federal grant already authorized by US Public Law 102-381.

The proposed legislation if enacted would also free up some \$12.75 million in local funds to match the US grants in a 60-40 percent ratio that would bring the total infrastructure funding appropriation to \$31.87 million.

Out of that total amount, Rota and Tinian will be getting one-eighth or approximately \$3.9 million apiece for their respective infrastructure projects.

The appropriations for the two islands, however, were left partially blank in the bill because the recommended or requested appropriations have not been received, except for \$600,000 each for Rota and Tinian school projects.

## House 'eager' to appropriate \$31M total funding



Froilan C. Tenorio



Diego T. Benavente

The governor in his bill identified sources for the \$12.78 million matching fund, namely: \$1.5 million from the developers infrastructure tax; \$2.7 million from non-resident worker fees; \$3 million from CDA loan interest; and \$5.55 million from the general fund available in FY 1996.

"I am glad to have finally received the proposed legislation to appropriate the FY 1996 Covenant funds that have been sitting available for us to appropriate," said House Speaker

Diego T. Benavente.

"I am urging the committee to expedite the report on this to the members. It is money that is sitting available and all it takes is for this Legislature to make the appropriation," said the speaker.

He added he is looking forward to calling a session as soon as possible for action on the measure.

The proposed measure appropriates the remainder of the \$31.87 million as follows:

•\$10 million for solid waste

management projects, i.e., for the Puerto Rico Dump site assessment, slope stabilization and design and construction of the proposed sanitary landfill in Kalabera;

•\$2.4 million for road paving and drainage in As Matuis;

•\$450,000 for design and reconstruction of Tanapag regional ditch and construction of adjacent retaining wall;

•\$250,000 for a new police and fire substation in Tanapag;

•\$500,000 for Capitol Hill Park;

•\$4 million for construction of the offsite drainage system at Chalan Msgr. Guerrero;

•\$1.92 million for village

road paving on Saipan;

•\$250,000 for a new police and fire substation in Kagman II;

•\$100,000 for the Veterans' Building;

•\$250,000 for the Kagman Roundhouse project in Kagman III;

•\$250,000 for the Koblerville Roundhouse;

•\$450,000 for a new Legislative Building;

•\$100,000 for the Indigenous Memorial Park;

•\$80,000 for lighting at the Dandan Homestead Baseball Field; and

•\$100,000 for the paving of school parking lots and drop zones in Saipan public schools.

## Guam gets \$6.7M in federal tax payments

ALLEN Stayman, the U.S. Interior Department's Director of Insular Affairs, has announced the release of \$6.7 million in income taxes due the Government of Guam.

"We usually wait until the beginning of a new fiscal year, which would be in October 1," Stayman said. "This year, however, the large amount of taxes due the Government of Guam justified early payment."

Federal law provides that the Federal Government shall pay to Guam all income taxes paid by Federal employees working in the territory, and by Guam residents who are overseas in the armed forces.

Advances Federal payment and adjustments of these taxes



Allen Stayman

are usually paid on the first day of the new fiscal year. The Government of Guam, however, requested and justified the early release of funds against fiscal year 1995 collections.

# 'Teno' looks forward to primary

By Rafael H. Arroyo  
Variety News Staff

FORMER Governor and Republican gubernatorial aspirant Pedro P. Tenorio is looking forward to the November 9 primary which will pit him against former Gov. Larry I. Guerrero.

In an interview during Wednesday's Republican Party general membership meeting at the Garapan Central Park, Tenorio said he believes in the conduct of a primary as the better method of selecting who will be the GOP's

official candidate in the 1997 gubernatorial elections.

"It's a very healthy to have the primary. Let the people make that choice. I believe in the democratic process and the people's ability to choose who can best serve the the Commonwealth," said Tenorio.

The date for the upcoming contest between two former governors was finalized through a vote among members of the party who attended Wednesday's meeting.

It is also possible that primaries

for the congressional, mayoral and Washington representative race, if necessary, will also be held simultaneous with the November tiff.

Although he said he prefers to have the primary next year, Tenorio may have no choice as the party has already decided on it.

"It's too early. I'm not saying that something might happen, but we still have over a year to go. I'd rather see the primary to be a little closer to election day," Tenorio said in an interview just before the party decided



Ex-Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio (left) stands by his runningmate, Senate president Jesus R. Sablan during the GOP meeting.



Former Gov. Larry I. Guerrero (left) with Edward C. DL. Guerrero, former Senate president Juan S. Demapan and Ramon S. Guerrero during last Wednesday night's Republican Party general membership meeting.

on the date.

Under party rules, a primary may be called if there are at least two party aspirants for any one political seat up for grabs in an election.

The Party leadership earlier this year received candidacy declarations from three gubernatorial aspirants, namely, Tenorio, Guerrero and current Washington Representative Juan N. Babauta but the latter withdrew due to party unity concerns.

Party leaders have earlier tried to avoid a primary, wary of the observation that it may have divisive effects, especially with three camps fighting it out for the nomination.

But with two protagonists remain-

ing, the party gave the primary a go.

Asked if he foresees a Republican win in the 1997 gubernatorial elections, Tenorio said, "I think it's unfair to say that. There are other candidates from the other party. Of course, I just hope that the best candidate will win in 1997."

Tenorio is running with current Senate President Jesus R. Sablan. On the other hand, Guerrero has already named educator Rita H. Inos as his runningmate.

Whoever the GOP standard bearers will be decided by a vote participated in by all registered and eligible voters in the Commonwealth's three senatorial districts.

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# Tenorio counsel tells court: 'Mayor's control of DPS to be worse'

**By Ferdie de la Torre**  
Variety News Staff  
GOVERNOR Froilan Tenorio has underscored the importance of having the Department of Public Safety under the authority of the central government.

In a brief submitted Wednesday to the Superior Court in connection with the Inos vs Tenorio case, the governor, through counsel Douglas M. Muir, said the problem will be worse if DPS is placed under control of locally elected mayor.

"DPS Rota enforces the law on that island. It should be disinterested, unbiased, and should act without fear or favor," said Tenorio in the court file. "This may well be too much to ask of any agency in such a small, tightly knit community."

Tenorio filed his response to Rota Mayor Joseph Inos' brief on the issue whether DPS' function is primarily to execute the laws, or to administer public services.



Joseph Inos

The issue stemmed from Inos' complaint, accusing the governor of usurping the constitutional rights and statutory duties and functions of the mayor. Tenorio said it appears that Inos is arguing that all resident departments should be under the Mayor to be more efficient.

The chief executive described Inos' argument as very questionable stating he believes it would be more efficient and better public policy to have none of the departments under Mayoral control.

The governor cited that through court's order at least one department (Labor and Immigration) has been outside Mayoral control for over a year. "In fact, there have been almost no public complaints or controversies about the enforcement of Labor and Immigration laws on Rota—a marked contrast to the year or so previously, when Rota's labor problems were the focus of international attention and censure," said the chief executive in his brief.



Douglas M. Muir

Inos maintained that under the statute, DPS should be under his control. The mayor pointed out that only two

of 10 statutory duties assigned to the Department speak to enforcement laws. Eighty percent speak to service.

"We do not agree. A common-sense analysis clearly shows that DPS has three primary functions: police, fire protection, and corrections.

Fire protection may indeed be a 'service,' Tenorio contended. However, he continued, police and corrections are "quintessential executive functions."

Having an administrative function, Tenorio explained, does not void the executive nature of an officer's duties.

"The governor is sometimes an 'administrative officer' so is the presiding judge of the court," Tenorio said. "The department's function is what matters, and DPS' function is executive."

## Atalig backs teachers' pay hike

SENATOR Ricardo S. Atalig, D-Rota, said he fully supports the PSS Salary Re-classification plan and that such a wage increase is long overdue.

As a retired teacher, Atalig said he understands the rigors of the teaching profession and that "it's time for the CNMI to start paying educators what they're worth."

He said, "The teachers here are some of the hardest working individuals I've ever seen, and keep in mind that they're working under some very difficult circumstances such as overcrowding and teaching in outdated facilities."

Atalig added that a salary hike would also help create a more stable and productive learning environment.

"By approving this plan, I believe we'll get more qualified teachers, more indigenous teachers, and also a more permanent and dedicated work force in our Public School System. It's not just about more money for certain individuals, it's about enhancing the quality of education for the entire Commonwealth," he said.

The Rota Senator went on to stress that approval of the Salary Re-classification plan should be accompanied by a termination of housing benefits.

"We should wipe the slate clean and put all the teachers in the CNMI on equal footing. The past has already shown us the problems that can arise when you offer different ben-



Ricardo S. Atalig

efits to different people. "This plan provides us with an ideal opportunity to amend the inconsistencies that have plagued the system over the last decade," he said.

# Use of 702 funds for jails argued

**By Rafael H. Arroyo**  
Variety News Staff  
THE FEDERAL Government should be partly responsible for the cost of upgrading and operating correctional facilities in the Commonwealth, Washington Representative Juan N. Babauta said.

In his testimony before a congressional hearing on a reform bill in Washington, D.C. last week, Babauta said prison facilities construction and upkeep in the CNMI should be one area looked into by the US in assessing compensation related to the Compacts of Free Association.

This is because he partly attributes the need for more jail facilities to unchecked immigration, notably from Micronesia.

Babauta in his testimony took exception to a recommendation made by the Clinton Administration that the CNMI devote Covenant funds to build better jail facilities and corrections programs.

A report turned in by Insular Affairs Director Allen Stayman to US Congress took the CNMI government to task over the state of prison facilities on Saipan, saying US grants be used to improve them.

But according to Babauta,



Juan N. Babauta



Allen Stayman

the US should share the cost being responsible for the financial impact the Compacts may have on the CNMI.

"Covenant funds should not be the sole source for prison facilities in the Northern Marianas," said Babauta in his testimony before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

He said noted that a good portion of the inmates are immigrants from the Freely Associated States—over whom the Northern Marianas immigration laws have no control.

Under the Compacts the US entered with Micronesian nations, citizens from the freely associated states are unrestrained from entering and re-

sid ing in the Commonwealth. US law, however, provides that the federal government is supposed to reimburse the CNMI and other Pacific islands for the social and economic costs pertaining to

freely associated states should be born by the federal government," he said.

Babauta noted that unchecked immigration results in the overburdening of all public facilities in the CNMI—schools, roads, health care and public safety.

He further linked increased drug trafficking, government corruption and crimes of violence in the NMI to immigrants and immigration.

"It seems a strange distortion that funds designated by the Covenant to help raise the standard of living of the people of the NMI are now recommended to be used instead to raise the standard of living of criminals," said Babauta.

"Building better prisons, necessary though it may be, treats the symptoms and not the disease," he added.

## CCAC Board sets July meeting

THE COMMONWEALTH Council for Arts and Culture's Board of Directors will be holding their regular monthly meeting on July 15, 1996, at 1:30 p.m. at the CCAC Main Office, Capitol Hill.

The agenda will include, Adoption of minutes for March 12, April 16, May 23,

and June 12 meetings, request for position restructuring/re-classifications, request for funding for gallery production room and programs, executive director replacement process and status.

Consortium for Pacific Arts and Culture and National Endowment for the Arts trip reports, Festival of the Pacific

Arts and Culture, the South Pacific Commission Conference donation from CCAC, update on CCAC projects, and traditional craft-making project with Cathy Kapileo.

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# DPS shuns autopsy release

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff  
THE DEPARTMENT of Public Safety has refused to release to the media the autopsy report on the murdered Japanese woman.  
DPS Commissioner Jose M. Castro confirmed to the Variety yesterday that the autopsy

on Kazuko Izawa was conducted at the Commonwealth Health Center Tuesday night. Castro explained that it is up to the Attorney General's Office to release the report or not to the public.  
The commissioner refused to give more details about the killing, saying the case is still

under further investigation. Castro said no one was arrested yet in connection with Izawa's case. However, he expressed optimism that the case will be solved soon.  
A source at the DPS disclosed that the murder weapon was recovered at the crime scene.

The same source hinted that the 60-year-old Izawa was assaulted with a hard object, either a metal or a piece of wood. The victim was found murdered Monday afternoon inside her residence in Afetnas. She reportedly received injuries to the upper body area.  
The Variety gathered that it was Izawa's husband and a friend who discovered the victim's body when they returned to the house after fishing.



Jose M. Castro

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## 27 PSS employees earn higher degrees at NMC



William S. Torres

FURTHERING their careers and gaining new skills that will enable them to better serve the Commonwealth's children, 27 teachers and teacher aides from the Public School System have achieved higher degrees through their studies at Northern Marianas College, a news release said.

As part of the NMC class of 1996, a total of 14 PSS teacher aides received associate degrees, while 10 more received their B.A. degrees. Another three PSS employees completed and received certificates in early childhood education.

Commissioner of Education William S. Torres said he was proud of all of these graduates, noting, "We never stop learning and the more knowledge we gain, the better prepared we are for our everyday lives."

Of those who achieved their associate degrees, Torres said these degrees are "the first step up the ladder in education," and encouraged these new degree-holders to continue working toward Bachelor's degrees.

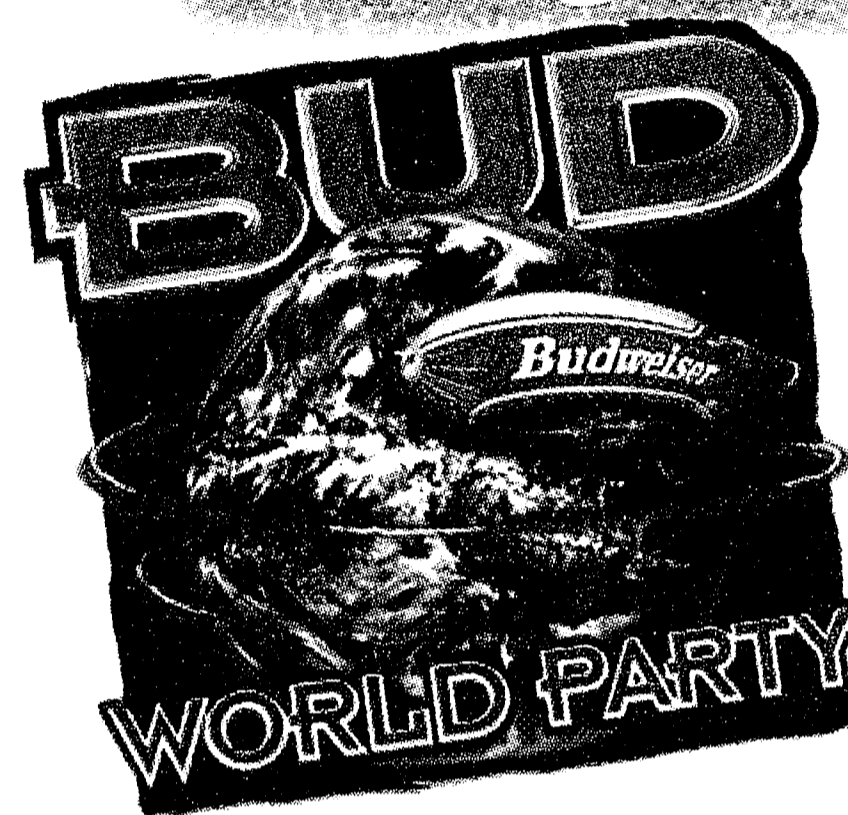
Of the new B.A. degree holders, the commissioner said these degrees are "major accomplishments" that are "an inspiration for our students."

Torres also urged the early childhood education certificate holders to work toward their associate degrees and B.A. degrees.

Those who earned their Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education through NMC's University of Guam extension program were Victoria B. Aguon (Garapan Elementary), Raymond N. Basa (Garapan Elementary), Jeannette

L. Basiou (G.T. Camacho Elementary), Francine F. Deleon Guerrero (Garapan Elementary), Mercedes Q. Deleon Guerrero (Headstart), Monica S. Manalo (Garapan Elementary), Luella I. Marciano (San Vicente Elementary), Richard Rosokov (Tanapag Elementary), Joaquina DLG Salas (San Vicente Elementary) and Orpha T. Singeo (Olea Elementary).  
Here are the names of the other new degree-holders:

- Alina S. Concepcion, Garapan Elementary, Associate of Applied Science (Business Management).
- Mary Ann M. Agulto, Olea Elementary, Associate of Arts (Education).
- Therese M. Calvo, Rota, Associate of Arts (Liberal Arts).
- Connie Faye M. Maratita, A.A. (Liberal Arts).
- Joanne Nicholls, Special Education, A.A. (Liberal Arts — education specialty).
- Mariana C. Omengkar, Tinian, A.A. (Liberal Arts — education specialty).
- Lorna Mae D. Calvo, Rota, A.A. (Liberal Arts — education specialty).
- Perry K. Mesngon, Rota, A.A. (Liberal Arts — education specialty).
- Maria A. Sablan, Rota, A.A. (Liberal Arts — education specialty).
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- Yvonne R. Gomez, Garapan Elementary, A.A. (Liberal Arts — emphasis in elementary education).
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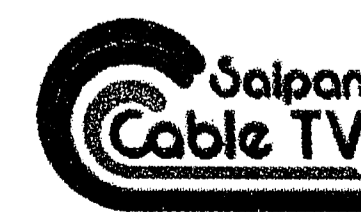
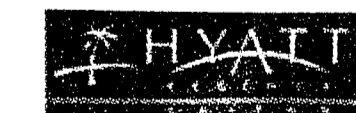
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July 9, 1996	San Vicente Elem. Sch. Cafeteria	6-9:00 p.m.
July 10, 1996	San Antonio Youth Center	6-9:00 p.m.
July 11, 1996	Carolinian Utt in Garapan	6-9:00 p.m.

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Secretary of Health

*Is/Joaquin I. Taitano*  
Medical Referral Director

# NMHC invites loan applicants

JUAN S. Tenorio, Board of Chairman of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) has announced plans to actively promote homeownership by assisting very low, low and moderate income applicants with the various loans programs it is currently administering.



Juan S. Tenorio

Interested eligible applicant may seek financial assistance at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation for the purchase, construction, improvement or rehabilitation of single-family residential dwelling units.

A news release from NMHC said eligible persons may avail of the Rural Development Housing (RH) 502 and Direct Family Home Loan (DFHL) Programs assist low to moderate income applicants for purchase or construction of homes.

The Rural Development RH 502 program requires that the property to be purchased or developed be accessible and have city power and water.

Low interest loan is extended for 33 years at low interest, usually the prevailing prime rate.

Under the program, interest payment may be subsidized for eligible borrowers. Payment moratorium for a maximum of six months is also granted in instances where borrowers justify the need, such as a sudden death in the family or loss of income.

The NMHC also said the native American Direct Loan Program of the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) has extended loans for purchase, construction or improvement of a single-family residential dwelling unit.

The program has been implemented in areas, which have land

of loans, which takes longer to accumulate. Maximum obtainable loan is \$187,500.00.

According to DFHL Program, whereby eligible CNMI residents may obtain a construction loan up to \$55,000 or an improvement loan up to \$25,000 for a maximum of 15 years at 9% interest rate.

On June 25, 1996, the Board of Directors agreed to provide financial assistance to loan applicants who were denied credit by the GSLA due to limited credit history, limited employment, or lack of credit history.

By assisting these applicants, NMHC will further its goal of increasing homeownerships for families who otherwise will not be able to because of bank denial due to reasons which are beyond the clients control.

There are also several rehabilitation loan and/or grant programs for very low to low income families. They include the Department of Housing and Urban Development HOME and Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) and RH 504 programs.

The HOME program receives an annual allocation of \$100,000.00 or more for repair projects. Loan term is fixed for 15 years at 3% interest rate.

Grants may be given to applicants who show a need for funds, but lack the repayment ability for a loan. HPG is an enhancement to the RH 504 program, which was initially made available to the CNMI from the Rural Development. Funding has ceased, but it is hoped that it will soon resume so that NMHC may assist more applicants who are in need of the program funds.

The Rural Development RH 504 program is very similar to the HOME and HPG programs. Elderly applicants who have attained the age of 62 years may qualify for a maximum grant of \$7,500.00.

The NMHC accepts loan applications between 7:30 am through

11:30 am Monday through Thursday, except holidays. For further information, contact Diana Crisostomo, Tom Duenas or Melvin Sablan at 234-9447/6897/670/6866; in Rota, Charles Manglona at 532-9410; and in Tinian, Frances H. Diaz at 433-9213.

## Conservationist Corner

### Vetiver against erosion

THERE is an urgent need to consider soil erosion and water conservation in the CNMI, these two long range problems have confronted farmers and the government for years. Topsoil losses in the past have brought down entire civilizations, therefore it is something to think about. Vetiver Grass may be the answer to these problems.

Vetiver grass, *Vetiveria zizanioides*, is a miracle grass used in erosion control, it has a number of beneficial architectural and anatomical features:

Habit-Erect growth allows leaves to keep off the ground;

Resistance to toppling-vetiver is "bottom heavy" in that it won't allow tipping over;

Strength-Woody and interfolded structures of the stems and leaf bases are extremely strong;

Year-round performance-Grows dormant during dry seasons and its leaves and stems stay stiff;

Self-rising ability-It puts out new roots as soil builds up around the stems; and

Clump integrity-seldom creates gaps.

Vetiver hedges block the passage of soil and allows water to slow

down and hold back moisture that would otherwise rush off and be lost. This ability to hold moisture on the slopes, and thus increase infiltration, which will likely boost crop yields and appeal to farmers, foresters, and civil authorities.

Hedges formed from vetiver are capable of surviving for decades. Vetiver stays in place without requiring attention. Trimming the hedges is usually not difficult and the effort can provide much, animal bedding, or thatch for Chamorro huts. Generally, farmers can run a plow along the edge to cut off any spreading tillers (sprouts) and cut back the tops with a machete.

In summary, vetiver grass is an inexpensive, easy to establish method of erosion and water control.

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

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## DEQ water report

THE DIVISION of Environmental Quality (DEQ) analyzed water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm water drainages this week.

None of the samples collected contained excessive concentration of fecal coliform bacteria, which exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards.

The Division of Environmental Quality analyzes samples of marine recreational and storm drainage water from 18 locations on the west side of Saipan each week. DEQ welcomes all inquiries as to the quality of beach water. The public is encouraged to contact DEQ at 234-6114 with any questions concerning this matter.

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# Port Moresby airport robbed

AN armed gang robbed 500,000 kina (US\$5394,000) from the Jacksons International Airport in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, Monday.

Police believed the robbery was an inside job, the Post-Courier reported.

They said it was well planned by persons who had knowledge of the shipment of the money from the government-owned Papua New Guinea Banking Corporation in Port Moresby.

The money was to be transferred to the PNGBC's Kainantu Branch in Eastern Highlands, Lae in Morobe and Kokopo in East New Britain Province.

The money was taken to the Air Niugini air cargo terminal at Jacksons airport where it was stolen.

Police said two men pretending to weigh in a box to send to Mount Hagen in Western Highlands, held up the Securitymax Armored truck which was delivering the money at the airline terminal at about 7:30 am Monday.

Shocked airline staff said later there were four people involved in the robbery, who were well dressed and armed.

Police are investigating into the robbery...Pacnews

# Perth company suspected of being biased for Filipinos

PERTH, Australia (AP) - A construction company accused of laying off Australian tradesmen while Filipino guest workers retained their jobs announced Thursday that some of the Filipinos would also go.

Specialized Welding Pty. Ltd. managing director Willy Laufman said his company always gave Australian employees preference over guest workers.

"That's always the situation. But we're also bound contractually to employ the guest workers for at least six months," Laufman said.

"There are other details that have to be organized for foreign workers such as airline bookings which means we can't just let them go suddenly."

Specialized Welding contracted 10 Filipino tradesmen earlier this year on 12-month visas. Laufman said at the time he was unable to fill the job vacancies through nationwide advertising.

However, three Australian machinist-fitters were suddenly laid off on Monday with two weeks' severance pay.

Their union, the Australian Manufacturing Workers Union, responded with questions about the guest workers who had retained their jobs.

Laufman said Thursday four machinist-fitters from the 10 Filipino tradesmen had also been dismissed and were serving out their two weeks' notice.

The union had arranged an appointment with Specialized Welding on Monday to discuss details of the redundancies.

Laufman said the redundancies had been made necessary by a downturn in work for machinist-fitters.

# US agency drops cell lines plans

THE United States National Health Services has dropped plans to claim copyrights over cell-lines from blood obtained from a small group of Pacific Islanders.

Solomon Islands under-secretary for primary health care, Dr. Ezekiel Nukuro, revealed this after reports of a South Pacific legal battle against moves by US researchers to patent blood products of some Melanesians, SIBC reported.

Those involved are 24 from Papua New Guinea and two from Solomon Islands.

Recently there has been public outcry in the region for protection of intellectual property rights and a moratorium on bio-prospecting in the region.

However, Nukuro says the case involving the two Solomon Islanders was halted by the US government after a protest letter was sent to them by the Solomon Islands Ambassador to the United Nations in New York Rex Horoi.

He says blood samples of the two Solomon Islanders got into the hands of US researchers through samples sent overseas for tests because of lack of technical ability and capacity to test them in the country...Pacnews

# 1996 South Pacific Forum

PREPARATIONS are well underway for the 1996 South Pacific Forum to be held at Majuro the capital of Marshall Islands in August.

Forum Secretariat spokesman Alfred Sasako said a team would be visiting Majuro next month to check on the preparations, the Daily Post reported.

Sasako said it will be the Marshall's first time to host the South Pacific Forum which is a very important leaders summit.

He emphasized it is the only time each year when the region's top political leaders get together to discuss and help find solutions to many issues critical to the region.

He said among political questions to be resolved at this year's Forum will be last year's suspension of France as a Post Forum Dialogue partner.

Sasako said a feature at this year's Forum will be the inclusion of the two new leaders of Australia and Nauru.

There will be prime minister John Howard who came to power after Australia's national elections in March and President Lagumot Harris of Nauru...Pacnews



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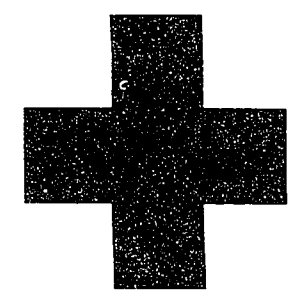
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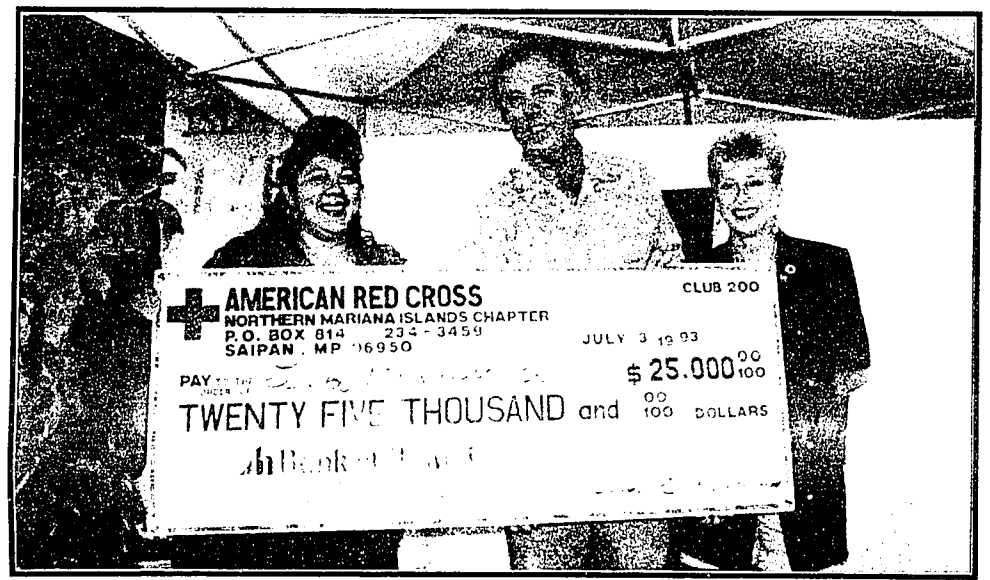
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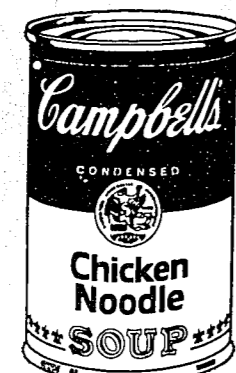
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# PNG strafes Solomons boat, kills 6

By PETER JAMES SPIELMANN SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—A Papua New Guinean helicopter strafed a boat load of suspected rebels in Solomon Islands' waters and killed six people, reports said Thursday, as PNG's campaign to quash guerrillas on Bougainville island spread and escalated.

The Bougainville rebels often sought shelter in the neighboring Solomon Islands, and their spokesman used to operate from its capital, Honiara.

One of the key goals of Papua New Guinea's Operation High Speed is to cut off rebel infiltration to and from the Solomons.

Both daily papers in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea's capital, said an Iroquois helicopter donated by Australia had fired on the boat Tuesday in Solomon Islands' waters, killing six,

Australian Broadcasting Corp. said. The newspapers quoted Papua New Guinea's defense force commander, Brig. Gen. Jerry Singirok, as saying that boat's crew had fired first at the helicopter.

Solomons Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Danny Philip forcefully protested the attack Thursday in a meeting with Papua New Guinea's Foreign Minister, Kilroy Genia, during talks in Cairns, Australia.

Australia, which administered Papua New Guinea until independence in 1975, gave the country Iroquois military helicopters on condition that they only be used for transport and support, not as gunships.

Australian Defense Minister Ian McLachlan called for a full report into the incident and urged Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands to show restraint.

## Preparations for new offensive underway

MORE than 1,800 Papua New Guinea troops, almost half the country's total military force, are preparing to launch an all-out assault on the separatist Bougainville Revolutionary Army (BRA).

They are to use the Australian-supplied equipment, according to the Sydney Morning Herald.

The build-up was confirmed (Wednesday) by the PNG Defence Force Commander, Brigadier General Jerry Singirok, in an interview with the Herald in Port Moresby.

This is despite assertions by the Australian Foreign Affairs Minister, Alexander Downer, that Australian supplied military hardware had "not been provided in direct support" of the operations on Bougainville.

But General Singirok said the equipment would play an "essential" role said the Australian supplied IROQUOIS helicopters were providing "very essential" support for the operation, especially by trans-

porting troops and supplies.

He said although the PNG government had assured Canberra the helicopters would not be used as gunships, his troops would fire missiles and machine guns if attacked by the BRA.

He said the Australian supplied patrol boats were playing a "crucial" role in cutting the rebels off from their support bases in the Solomon Islands.

The boats are also used to transport troops to combat zones, and could also be used in an offensive capacity if fired on.

The Commander confirmed an incident last week in which his troops on board a patrol boat fired on a police center in the neighbouring Solomon Island, injuring a field officer, but said his men were fired upon by Solomon policemen. General Singirok said in the two weeks since the offensive was launched, only two soldiers had been wounded and none died in the skirmishes with the BRA....Pacnews

## No to inferior pearls

AN International market expert has warned the Cook Islands that it could ruin its budding black pearl industry by continuing to sell poor quality pearls on the local market.

Some producers have been selling poor quality pearls cheaply to help recover some of the costs of farming, RNZI reported.

But Richard Allhouse who is in Cooks on a contract with the Asian Development Bank, said this is probably the worst thing they

could do as it damages the overall image of Cook Islands pearls.

He said the producers would be better off throwing the low grade pearls away.

The Cook Islands supplies about 3 percent of the world's black pearls from farms on the northern islands of Manihiki and Penryhn.

The ADB is the biggest financier of the Cooks pearl industry and Allhouse is investigating the government-run Cook Islands Pearl Authority....Pacnews

## 3 face extra punishment

THREE Pakistani nationals serving a two-month sentence for breaking Fiji's immigration laws will face extra punishment after they are deported to Pakistan on their release.

Pakistani police and immigration authorities have already been put on alert to take them in for questioning the moment they set foot on Pakistani soil, the Daily Post reported.

The three will be deported to Pakistan after serving their sen-

tence next week. In an interview with the Daily Post newspaper, the consular officer at the Pakistani embassy in Canberra, Muspanq Khan, said forging of government documents was a serious offense and should be severely dealt with.

The three Pakistanis were failed by the Nadi Magistrates Court after they were convicted of forging Fiji passports to gain access into Japan....Pacnews

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# N. Korea still headless state

By PAUL SHIN  
SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Two years after the death of longtime ruler Kim Il Sung, North Korea is still a headless state. It may remain that way for some time, officials and analysts say.

Since Kim Il Sung died July 8, 1994, at age 82, international attention has focused on when his 54-year-old son and undisputed heir, Kim Jong Il, would ascend to power.

Until recently, many people thought the junior Kim would take formal power on or around the second anniversary Monday of his father's death. But there has been no sign that is going to happen.

Now most analysts in Seoul think the North's power transfer likely will be postponed until after the third anniversary of the senior Kim's death next year.

"With its economy sinking and international isolation deepening, the power succession is not expected to

be made this year," South Korean Unification Minister Kwon O-ki said in a recent television interview. The father-to-son power shift would mark the first hereditary succession in a communist country.

Kim Jong Il, groomed for decades as heir to his father, became the head of the North's powerful military in 1991. He has yet to take the other two top posts his father held - president and ruling party chief.

Although few question Kim Jong Il's authority, his failure to assume his father's titles has spawned questions about possible health problems or a power struggle in the secluded society.

Even North Korean officials appear confused. In January, North Korean Ambassador to China Ju Chang Jun publicly said that the new leader would formally ascend to power after Monday's second anniversary.

But in late June, the speaker of

North Korea's parliament, on a visit to Mexico, indicated that the junior Kim would further delay his plan to take power until the latter half of next year.

"It is difficult for me to calculate the time. But come to see us in the autumn of next year," Yang Hyong Sop said in an interview with the daily El Sol de Mexico.

North Korean officials have said all along that Kim Jong Il would not rush to step into his father's place, claiming he is still observing Korea's traditional three-year mourning period.

But according to Korean custom, a three-year mourning period for Kim Il Sung would end on the second anniversary Monday. In Korea, a child is counted as a year old when he or she is born. The same is applied to the calculation of a person's death anniversary.

"Their way of counting a mourning period is against Korean cus-

oms," said Huh Mun-young, a senior analyst at the government-funded Research Institute for National Unification.

He said North Korea would like to extend its mourning period to gain time to resolve its tangled economic and political problems.

"They are certainly in no mood to welcome a new leader - even if he is Kim Jong Il," Huh said.

North Korea's problems are complex. With its economy in shambles, it faces an acute food shortage following last year's massive floods. For the first time, it is appealing for outside aid to feed its 24 million people.

The North's pariah image is hurting efforts to muster support for international aid. And its efforts to improve ties with Washington and Tokyo - its two main potential aid providers - are progressing slowly.

Under a 1994 nuclear accord, North Korea and the United States are working on exchanging liaison offices as a

first step toward opening formal relations. But that's not likely to happen until late this year, at the earliest.

The two adversaries, who fought in the 1950-53 Korean War, also are working together to recover the remains of about 8,100 U.S. soldiers unaccounted for from the conflict.

"These and many other pending problems will have been resolved considerably by next year. Then Kim Jong Il may be ready to formally succeed his father," Huh said.

## US troops welcome Perry sans fireworks, beer for 4th of July

By ROBERT BURNS  
LJUBLJANA, Slovenia (AP) - They're not allowed beer, and fireworks would hardly make sense. Yet U.S. soldiers in Bosnia were ready to celebrate Independence Day with a special touch of home: a visit by Defense Secretary William Perry.

Perry timed Thursday's trip to Tuzla, Bosnia - the central hub for U.S. peacekeeping forces in the former Yugoslavia - to coincide with the Fourth of July as a show of support for the troops.

Aides traveling with Perry said he insisted that no special events be staged for his one-day visit, but the troops were already planning to be entertained by a rock band and to indulge in some traditional Fourth of July outdoor eating.

Since arriving in Bosnia in December, the troops have worked long hours and endured restrictions on their leisure activities - no visits to the town of Tuzla, for example. And, to the consternation of many GIs, there is a total ban on drinking.

Perry was also squeezing in a visit to the Russian Army brigade that is doing peacekeeping chores as part of the U.S.-led contingent.

Earlier this week, Perry visited U.S. troops in Taszar, Hungary, at an air base serving as a supply pipeline for the Bosnia operation.

As he has on each of his three visits to the Balkans this year, Perry thanked the troops in Taszar for their work and reminded them of the importance of keeping the peace.

On Wednesday, Perry flew to Sarajevo to see Adm. Leighton Smith Jr., commander of the NATO-led peacekeeping force, and meet with Bosnian government and military officials. He also paid a visit to the Mostar headquarters of the French-led division that is keeping the peace in southeastern Bosnia.

Perry was flying into Tuzla on Thursday from Ljubljana, Slovenia, where he spent the night and met with top government officials on topics ranging from Slovenia's ambition to join NATO to the prospect for long-term peace in the Balkans.

He was flying back to Washington later Thursday.

## USAID chief warns on political unrest

By ROMY TANGBAWAN  
MANILA, Philippines (AP) - America's top aid official said Thursday that rapidly developing Asian countries may face economic problems if political unrest erupts because of a lack of democracy.

"It is going to be more difficult (for them) to sustain the economic growth in the midst of political crisis," said administrator J. Brian Atwood of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Atwood cited Indonesia as among the "vulnerable" countries.

In contrast, he said, the Philippines has "made an investment in democracy first" before working on economic growth and reform.

He said Indonesia "has almost a perfect development program" but that political institutions are too dependent on President Suharto, who is 75 years old.

"I think that as the middle class grows in Indonesia, there will be an expectation that they will participate in the political process. Right now that expectation is being frustrated," he told reporters.

Last week, Suharto's government helped expel Megawati Sukarnoputri - daughter of Indonesia's independence hero and first president - as head of the Indonesian Democratic Party for challenging the ruling party, Golkar.

Dozens of police and demonstrators were hurt in an ensuing clash as Megawati's supporters protested the government action.

"We don't want to disrupt our relationship with the Indonesian government but we have told them from the very beginning that we feel it is important for any strong economy to develop a strong civil society," Atwood said.

U.S. AID spokesman James Byrne said Atwood relayed his government's concerns to Suharto last week in a meeting in Jakarta.

Atwood said AID intends to help strengthen democratic institutions in Indonesia but "we don't snoop around and try to undercut people. We're very open in what we're trying to do."

He said the agency's activities in Indonesia are similar to what it did in the Philippines when that country was under the strongman rule of the late President Ferdinand Marcos.

The agency has been working with non-government organizations in Indonesia, which are now a "real force," he said.

For instance, Atwood said,

the U.S. government is encouraging Indonesian organizations that want to form groups to monitor next year's elections.

Atwood is visiting the Philippines as head of the U.S. delegation for Thursday's 50th anniversary of the country's liberation from American colonial rule.

He also was part of a U.S. delegation to the Philippines in 1986 that observed "snap" presidential elections that were marred by widespread fraud and led to a "people's power" revolution that ejected Marcos from power.

Atwood said AID now sees the Philippines as a model in the region because it has a highly democratic society and is decentralizing power to local governments.



Family members try to revive their mother who fainted as a demolition crew from the City government tear down their shanty at Manila's Tondo district. Hundreds of shanties from two squatter colonies in Manila were demolished following President Fidel Ramos' directive to the metro Manila mayors to demolish the shanties before the end of the year. Out 70,000 families were affected by the demolition. AP photo.



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# Yeltsin win brings US relief

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG  
WASHINGTON (AP) - Inside and outside the U.S. government there was obvious relief as election returns showed Russian President Boris Yeltsin decisively defeating his Communist rival, Gennady Zyuganov.

President Bill Clinton called the election "a triumph for democracy" Wednesday, but avoided any comment on Yeltsin. Clinton

restricted himself to praising "how far Russia's political reform has come."

"After centuries of imperial rule and decades of communist oppression, they have asserted their right to have a voice in the decisions that affect their lives," Clinton said.

White House spokesman Brian Cullin said Clinton would comment further on Thursday.

As early returns came in, Clinton's Republican rival, Bob Dole, said the elections "demonstrate decisively that the Russian people have rejected their Communist past."

However, in a statement issued by his campaign, Dole cautioned against putting too much stock in one Russian leader.

"Democracy is not built on any one individual or even any one election," Dole said. "Events in Russia over the past few years - and the past few weeks - demonstrate there is reason for caution over developments there. Russia's transition to democracy has taken a major step forward today." He wished Yeltsin well.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich echoed Dole's comments.

"I think we should recognize that they're going to have interests that aren't the same as ours, and that while Yeltsin is in some ways helpful to us, in other ways

he's not," the Georgia Republican told a church meeting Wednesday night in his congressional district north of Atlanta. "I just think we should not overly focus on individual personalities."

Congressman Lee Hamilton of Indiana, the senior Democrat on the House International Relations Committee, said, "It's much better for Yeltsin to win than for Zyuganov to win."

Hamilton said that "of course, looming in the background is (Yeltsin's) health. His health still remains fragile, and that's a big question mark."

At the State Department, spokesman Nicholas Burns said, "We're going to have to leave it to the Russian government and the president himself to describe what his illness may be."

Yeltsin canceled public appearances during the final days of the presidential campaign, stirring speculation that his health had

deteriorated. Aides to the president said he was suffering from a cold and laryngitis.

Hamilton said Yeltsin's next moves will be closely watched.

"What we have to do now is watch his appointments very carefully," Hamilton said. "We want to see what kind of economic advisers he puts together."

The Indiana congressman said: "The policy that comes into play now is crucial in many ways. He must stick to his economic reform plan to get this Russian economy moving."

Eugene K. Lawson, president of the U.S.-Russia Business Council, said a Yeltsin victory "has to be seen as a mandate to move forward on reform while fixing its shortcomings."

Lawson predicted that U.S. business will respond to a Yeltsin victory by accelerating the pace of investment in Russia.



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## Recalling better days, Russian villagers vote for communism

By LYNN BERRY  
VOLCHYONKI, Russia (AP) - Rural Russians who feel left behind by Boris Yeltsin's reforms will now have to learn to live with them.

Many small-town residents across Russia voted for the Communist candidate in Wednesday's presidential runoff, expressing their longing for the days when bread was cheap and state farms took care of them.

But Gennady Zyuganov's resounding defeat ended their hopes that communism will return to

Russia any time soon.

Life has only gotten worse on most state farms since the Soviet era.

Like many workers on struggling farms, Anatoly Portnov has not been paid in months. Instead of cash, he gets food from the store at his state farm in Volchyonki, west of Moscow - but at prices that stagger him.

"Bread used to be 16 kopecks and you could get six loaves for a ruble," said Portnov. "Now what can you buy for a ruble (one-fiftieth of a U.S. cent)?"

Portnov, smoking a cigarette he rolled himself in a scrap of newspaper, sat Wednesday with his wife, Yekaterina, on a wooden bench outside their apartment. The couple, both in their 60s, had cast their ballots for Zyuganov.

Many of their neighbors also had voted for Zyuganov, and one look at their apartment building made it easy to see why. The two-story brick structure has no hot water, rotting window frames and

balconies that look ready to come crashing down. The building has long been condemned but the promised new one remains only a promise.

Just as in Soviet times, Russian folk tunes blared from the nearby administration building where the local polling center was set up.

Rural election workers also took ballot boxes around to tiny villages, a step they said was necessary because so many villagers are old.

One mobile polling station came to Maria Kudrova, 73, who lives in Akishevo, a cluster of carved, wooden homes down the road from another state farm west of Moscow. She voted for Zyuganov, remembering the Communist years fondly.

"Of course we lived better then," said Kudrova, a colorful wool scarf tied around her head. "I made 45 rubles and it was enough for everything. Bread was 16 kopecks."

Asian nations welcome news of Yeltsin victory

ASIAN nations were reacting positively Thursday to early reports that Russian President Boris Yeltsin had defeated his communist rival in a runoff election.

"I congratulate President Yeltsin," said Australian Deputy Prime Minister Tim Fischer. "It is a privilege to be alive to witness Russia go through a democratic presidential election."

Japan also welcomed the news of Yeltsin's victory over Communist challenger Gennady Zyuganov, which seemed certain Thursday with most votes counted in the runoff balloting.

"The results of this fair and open election mark an important milestone for the democratization of Russia, and our government wel-

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# Yeltsin in stunning victory

By BARRY RENFREW  
MOSCOW (AP) - President Boris Yeltsin scored a stunning victory to win a second term Thursday, but his Communist challenger would not concede defeat and hinted at election fraud.

Russians decisively rejected Gennady Zyuganov's call to revive the Soviet Union and its rigid controls, handing the 65-year-old Yeltsin a remarkable triumph and a chance to press ahead with his economic and political reforms.

With 92 percent of the vote counted, Yeltsin had 54 percent compared to 41 percent for Zyuganov. About 5 percent of voters exercised a third option of voting against both candidates.

A dogged fighter, Yeltsin overcame doubts about his competence and his health, overpowering Zyuganov on the campaign trail and persuading Russians he was the best hope for reform and stability.

Yeltsin's victory marked another major turning point in Russia's tumultuous recent history, with voters rejecting the resurgent Communists' call to restore the overwhelming power of the Soviet state and trample on new market reforms and personal freedoms.

Yeltsin had no immediate reaction to the results and was reportedly working in the Kremlin on Thursday morning. He looked confident and talked animatedly as he cast his ballot Wednesday in suburban Moscow, dispelling rumors he was incapacitated.

A terse Zyuganov, emerging from his home Thursday morning, seemed unable to accept his defeat, especially in regions where he won in the first round of voting on June 16.

"I want to look at the results," he said. "In Dagestan, we got 60 percent last time, and now they say we've lost there. I want to figure out how that could have happened within the last 10 days. I'll give more comments after I get real results."

The Communists have long said they believed Yeltsin's camp would engage in voter fraud to ensure victory.

**Most of voters in Russia reject Communism**

Some top Communists leaders, however, said Thursday they accepted defeat and would concentrate on battling Yeltsin as the main opposition party in parliament, which is controlled by a Communist-led hard-line bloc.

Yeltsin's top aides were triumphant, even a bit giddy as the votes were counted.

Sergei Filatov, Yeltsin's campaign manager, said the results were a strong endorsement for democratic reform. "I am grateful to the Russian people for this expression of their will, which sig-

nifies their support of the president's policies," he said.

Yeltsin's new security chief, Alexander Lebed, the retired general who came in third in the first round and threw his support behind the president, said "Russia has chosen the right direction."

However, Lebed warned that the election had shown how divided Russia is and that people's expectations must be met. "Otherwise, the country will explode," Lebed said Thursday.

Other Yeltsin supporters exulted over the defeat of the Communists.

"We can send the Communists to hell after the election," said Yeltsin adviser Leonid Smirnyagin as voting results came in.

Communist supporters were already dismantling campaign headquarters Thursday morning, and the mood was somber.

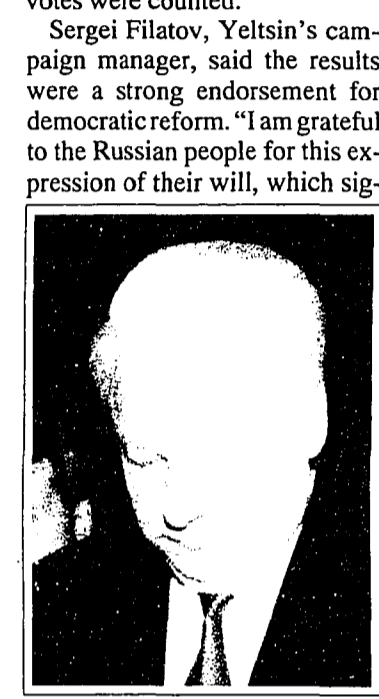
A senior Communist Party of-

social divisions, and Yeltsin's lavish spending on his re-election bid has strained the treasury.

Victory gives Yeltsin a mandate to press ahead in a new four-year term with privatization, liberalizing land laws, opening Russia's markets and strengthening democratic institutions and freedoms.

Yeltsin is likely to face enormous problems in a second term.

Russia is still reeling from the 1991 Soviet collapse and the impact of wrenching political and economic reforms. The bitter election campaign exacerbated deep





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## Package bomb hurts 4 outside Peru building

LIMA, Peru (AP) - A package bomb exploded outside a power company office, injuring four people, authorities said.

The bomb exploded shortly before 10 p.m. Wednesday in the working-class San Martin de Porres section of Lima. Authorities said it appeared to be the work of Shining Path guerrillas.

Fire department commander Fernando Mendoza said four people, including a child, were wounded in the explosion.

The bomb damaged the front of the two-story building housing the offices of the Edelnor power company and caused heavy dam-

age to the interior of the first floor. Mendoza did not know how large the bomb was or have details of its composition.

The Maoist Shining Path guerrillas traditionally stage attacks in Lima during July in anticipation of Peru's independence day, July 28. However, in recent years their attacks have been limited to small-scale incidents.

More than 30,000 people have been killed in political violence in Peru in the last 16 years, but since the capture of Shining Path founder Abimael Guzman in 1992 the violence has dropped off sharply.









*Very much like Beirut incident*

# Saudi blast preceded by smaller attack

By JOHN DIAMOND  
WASHINGTON (AP) - Thirteen years after the devastating Marine barracks bombing in Beirut, the U.S. military again faces questions about why it seemed unprepared for an attack foreshadowed months earlier.

Both last week's truck bombing of an eight-story apartment building in

Saudi Arabia and the truck bombing of a four-story Marine Corps barracks in Lebanon came after smaller attacks.

"There are great parallels," said Benis Frank, the U.S. Marine Corps historian and author of a book on the Beirut bombing. "One of the things that the people in Saudi Arabia should

have learned from the Beirut experience was that you just don't put crowds of people in a building like that."

On April 18, 1983, a delivery van packed with explosives was driven up to the entrance of the U.S. Embassy in the Lebanese capital. It exploded, killing 62 people, including 17 Americans. It was a smaller-scale

version of the barracks attack six months later that would kill 240 Marines and one sailor.

Similarly, U.S. forces in Saudi Arabia got a brutal wake-up call seven months before the June 25 bombing in Dhahran that killed 19 U.S. servicemen and wounded dozens more. On Nov. 13, a car bomb exploded in a parking lot outside a military training center in Riyadh, killing five Americans and two Indians.

In all four incidents, investigators pointed to the sophisticated nature of the explosives as an indication that hostile governments may have been involved.

The first attacks in Beirut and Saudi Arabia caught U.S. officials off guard.

"It seemed like an inexplicable aberration," retired Army Gen. John Vessey Jr., who was chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the time, said years later of the initial Beirut bombing.

And Navy Capt. Michael Doubleday, a Pentagon spokesman, said of the Riyadh attack:

"In the kingdom (of Saudi Arabia) there had never before been any kind of terrorist attack."

Indeed, until the bombing in Riyadh, seven years had elapsed since the last Mideast-related fatal terrorist attack directed at Americans - the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

Warnings about follow-up attacks abounded following the first attacks in Lebanon and Saudi Arabia. An investigative report on the Beirut bombing said that in the months leading up to the barracks attack the local

Marine command "was virtually flooded with terrorist attack warnings."

Likewise, the beheading of four convicted terrorists in a Saudi public square on charges of participating in the Riyadh blast sparked warnings of reprisal attacks on U.S. airmen.

"It's no surprise to anybody that it happened," said Andy Messing, a former U.S. Special Forces officer and head of the National Defense Council Foundation, an independent research group.

But the scale of the attack seemed to have caught some in the Pentagon off guard. Defense Secretary William Perry noted that the second Saudi bomb was more than 10 times as powerful as the first.

Similarly, a Pentagon commission had written of the Beirut bombing that, from a terrorist's point of view, "the true genius of this attack is that the objective and the means of attack were beyond the imagination of those responsible for Marine security."

No senior Reagan administration officials were punished in 1983 in connection with the Lebanon bombing, though two Marine commanders at the scene were issued "letters of instruction" upbraiding them for concentrating 350 troops in a single building.

The Pentagon, a week away from what promises to be a grilling on Capitol Hill, appears anxious to steer the focus to Saudi Arabia.

"The local commander is the individual who is responsible for security at his base," said Doubleday, the Pentagon spokesman.

## Judge dismisses bombing victims' fertilizer lawsuit

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) - A judge has thrown a lawsuit against the makers of a fertilizer that may have been used in the Oklahoma City bombing, saying lawyer Johnnie Cochran made no legitimate claims of negligence.

The lawsuit accused ICI Explosives USA Inc., of illegally selling "explosive-grade" ammonium nitrate as fertilizer.

U.S. District Judge David Russell ruled Tuesday that lawyers failed to show the company was negligent in its sale or manufacturing.

The bombing, which killed 168 people, is believed to have been caused by a 4,800-pound (2,177 kilograms) bomb made mostly of ammonium nitrate and fuel oil.

The lawsuit, filed on behalf of 250 victims and survivors, claimed ICI failed to add an ingredient making the fertilizer less volatile.

The company said the fertilizer was sold in a less volatile pellet form.

"The judge's ruling places the responsibility squarely where it belongs - on the terrorists," company spokesman Neal Medick said.

Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols, who could face the death penalty if convicted in the bombing, bought ammonium nitrate at a Kansas farm supply store that carried ICI products, according to the FBI.

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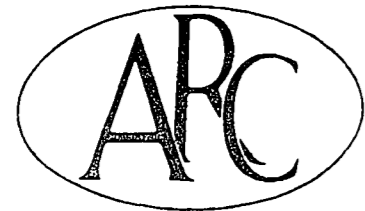
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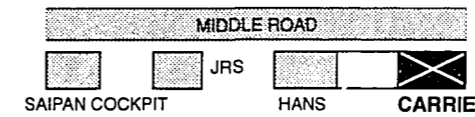


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# Gov't hints support for steel plant

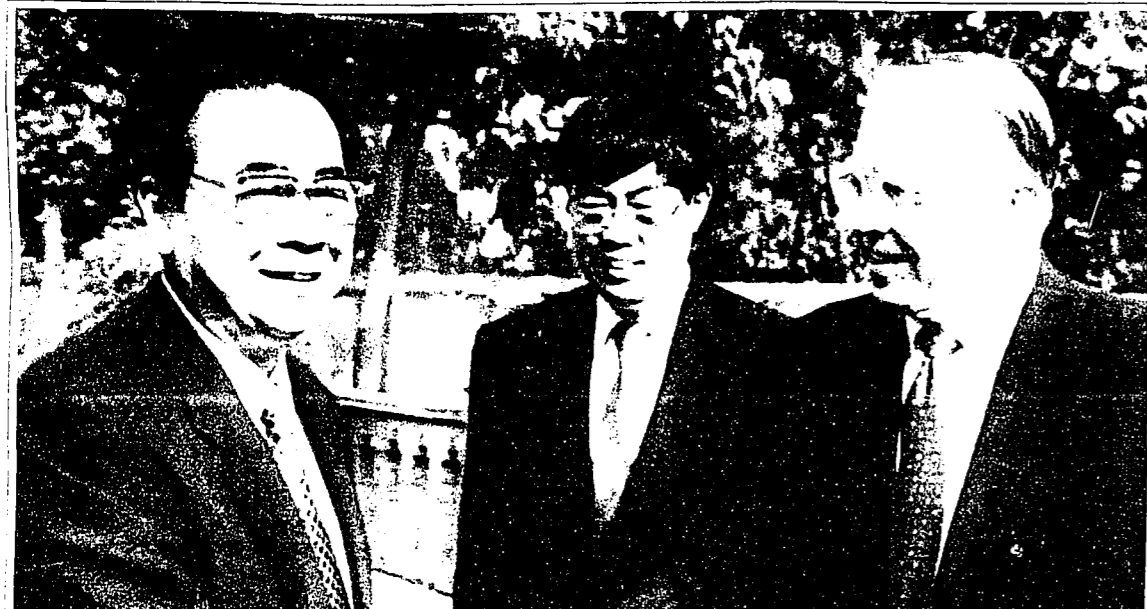
SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Hyundai Business Group, South Korea's largest producer of cars and ships, appears to be making progress in its ambition to build a \$9.6 billion integrated steel mill, news reports said Thursday. The government so far has been negative

about a Hyundai proposal to build an integrated steel mill, citing the prospect of overproduction. But the government has apparently eased its stance. On Wednesday, Trade and Industry Minister Park Jae-yoon indicated that Hyundai may be allowed to enter the country's fast-

growing steel industry. Hyundai currently has an electric furnace mill that produces 3.5 tons of steel beams and other construction products. The company says it needs a large integrated steel plant to produce high-quality steel products for consumption for its automobile and

shipbuilding subsidiaries. Experts say the government, which controls bank loans, also holds the final word on which major projects get built by the nation's large corporations. Park's positive remark has been interpreted as government clearance for the proposed new steel mill, a reversal from its previous opposition. The government has predicted that domestic demand for crude steel will reach 48.4 million tons a year by 2001, against a domestic supply of 46.9 million tons. Hyundai currently consumes 6 million tons of steel a year. The company has argued that the nation's booming car and shipbuilding industries will keep the nation's steel demand growing faster than the government predicts. South Korean auto makers, for example, plan to double their capacity to 5.3 million cars a year by 2000. Currently, the government-owned Pohang Iron and Steel Co., the nation's

only blast-furnace steel maker, and five electric-furnace steel mills produce 35 million tons of steel a year. POSCO alone provides 22.5 million tons. Hyundai's plan calls for three blast furnaces to be built by 2000, turning out 9.3 million tons of crude steel a year. President Kim Young-sam has promised to keep the nation's giant family-controlled conglomerates from expanding their business portfolios and to focus on a few key sectors. But under his administration, the conglomerates kept spreading. Samsung, the nation's largest chaebol, as the conglomerates are called in Korean, has started an auto-making business. Another conglomerate, LG, was allowed in the nation's lucrative telecommunications industry this year. The past governments, with their emphasis on economic growth, provided infrastructure, cheap loans and other subsidies to the chaebol to help them lead the nation's export-driven economy.



Chinese Premier Li Peng, left, shakes hands with Frank Shrontz, chairman of the Boeing Co. in Beijing. Man at center is unidentified. (AP Photo)

## Opposition says Sri Lankan economy will collapse soon

By DEXTER CRUEZ  
COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) - Painting a dismal picture of the country's economic performance, the main opposition political party on Thursday warned of an economic collapse and the loss of 100,000 jobs. "The economy is facing setbacks unparalleled since 1930s due to mismanagement and non-governance of the Peoples' Alliance government," said Ranil Wickremasinghe, leader of the opposition United National Party. The country's balance of payment is in a deficit, foreign reserves are low and the budget deficit will increase this year, Wickremasinghe told a news conference. The government has been unable to raise 21 billion rupees (\$381 million) by privatization, and revenue estimates in the last budget have not been realized because turnover from business were low, Wickremasinghe said. "Every sector has been performing badly since the Peoples' Alliance came into power in August 1994," the opposition leader said. "Banks will soon stop lending money, affecting large businesses, while some small business might have to close." On Wednesday, the government announced that loan repayments by hotels will be rescheduled. Hotels have been hit by a 34 percent decline in tourist arrivals in the first quarter of this year due to the ethnic conflict. The country's GDP is estimated to grow by about 4 percent this year, down from 5.5 percent the previous year, largely due to the spiralling defense budget, a power crisis and drought. Defense spending is likely to reach 46 billion rupees (\$836 million) this year, a 39 percent increase from last year. The government has poured money into buying weapons, battle tanks, aircraft and warships since fighting between troops and the rebels intensified after the guerrillas broke off a truce and scuttled peace talks in April of 1995. The rebels are fighting for a separate homeland for minority Tamils in the north and east since 1983. They accuse Sinhalese majority of widespread discrimination in education and jobs. More than 42,000 people have been killed. The opposition plans to hold a series of meetings and issue economic alert bulletins to tell the people about the state of the economy, Wickremasinghe said.

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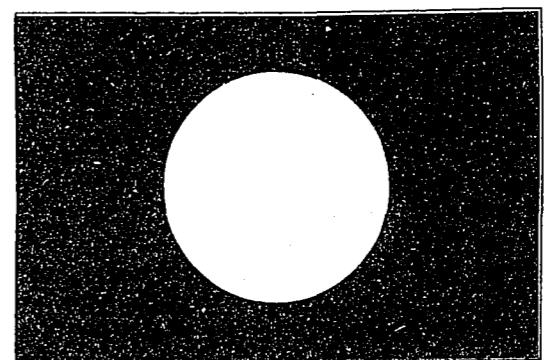
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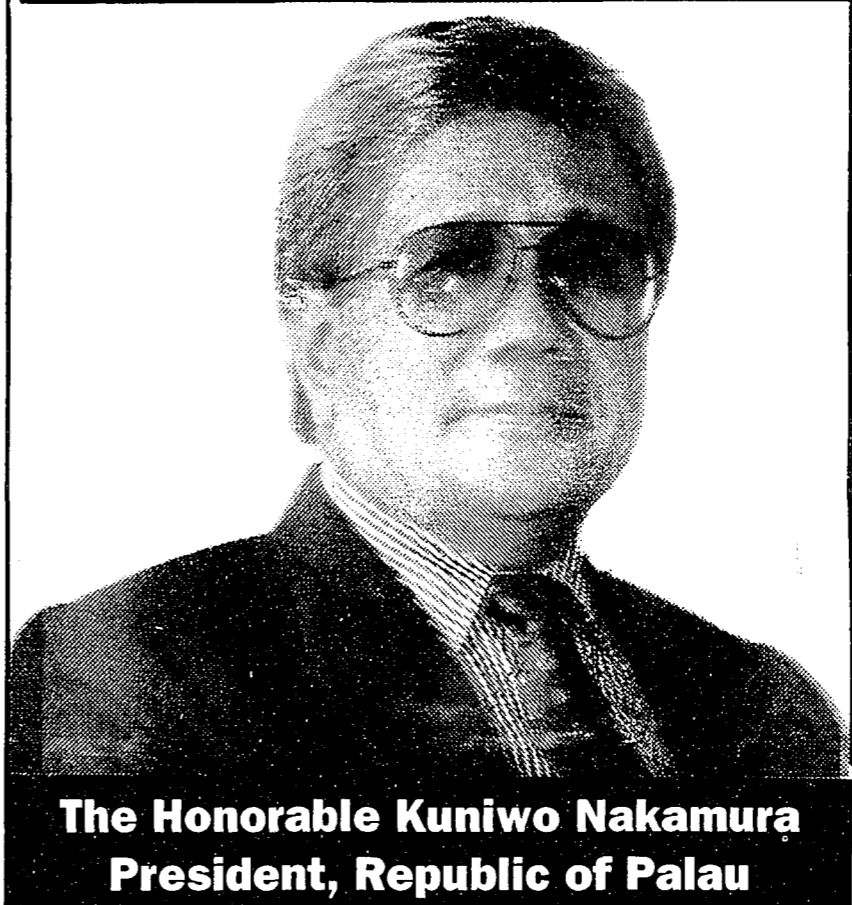
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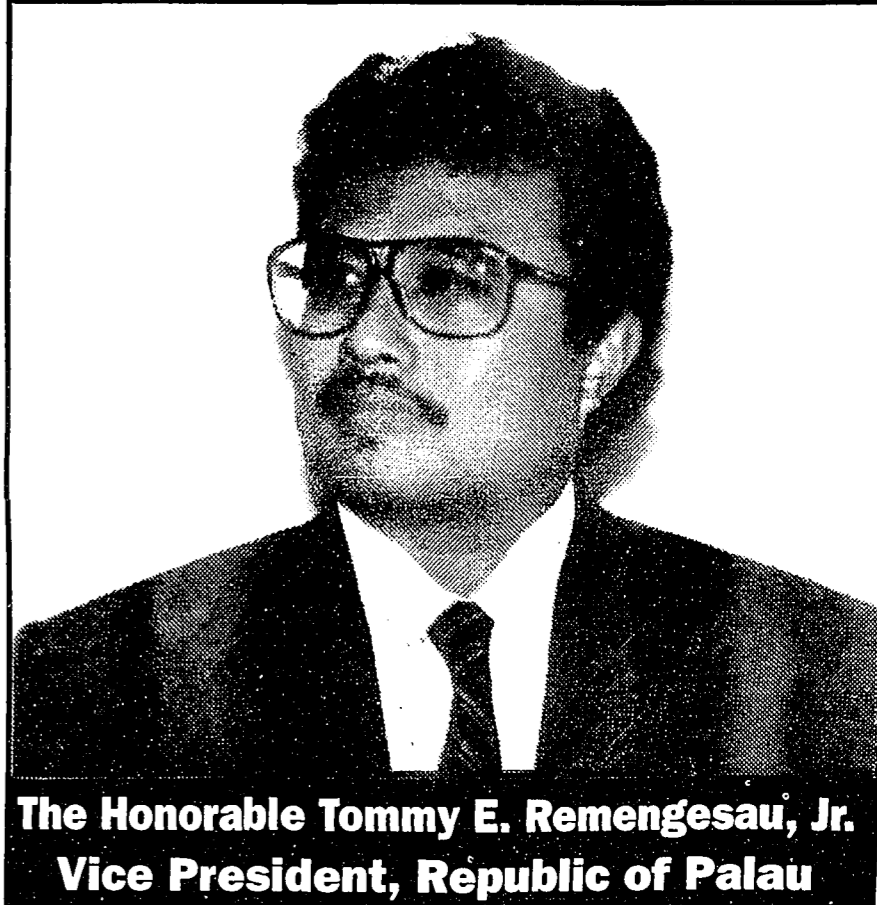
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# SPORTS



# Palau Olympics next month

**KOROR, PALAU**—The 1996 Palau Interstate Mini-Olympics has now been set for August 9 to 18, 1996.

All the events which are to be held in the Micro Games which Palau will host in 1998 will be held in this summer's Mini-Olympics.

The games will include competitions in: men's and women's basketball, volleyball, softball, track and field, canoe-racing, lawn tennis, table tennis and the al-

ways popular Micro All-Around. Men's only events will include weightlifting, wrestling and fishing.

Athletes expecting to compete in these games will have to register in the State which they want to represent.

In a meeting with Governors on Wednesday, June 12, all States were informed by the Palau Sports Commission that they were being given until the end of working hours on Friday, June 14, to ad-

just their rosters.

Also, for those States who missed the previous deadline, they may now submit their team member's names by the June 14 deadline in order to be included in the schedule of events.

A featured event of this year's Mini-Olympics will be the canoe-racing competition utilizing two state-of-the-art craft donated to Palau by the Guam Memorial Hospital Plan (GMHP).

An exciting first-time event for Palau will be one-person and two-person kayak races.

Two new and upcoming sports

will be weightlifting and wrestling, which are fast gaining in popularity in Palau.

In conjunction with the Mini-Olympics, Motare Ngiratmab and several volunteers studying abroad in Susanville, California, have graciously returned to Palau at their own expense to conduct weightlifting and fitness/conditioning clinics this summer.

They have been visiting the various States throughout Palau to help get their teams in shape for the upcoming games.

Equipment for this effort was procured by the Palau Sports

Commission and plans are underway to set up a fitness room at Palau Community College, complete with a trainer on hand who will continue to assist athletes of all sports with their individual conditioning programs.

Vice President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., who chairs the Palau Sports Commission, stressed the all-around goals of the fitness program by saying, "In promoting sports competition in Palau, we need to focus not just on the natural physical abilities and talents of our athletes, but

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## Indians repeat over Royals

**CLEVELAND (AP)** - Albert Belle hit his 27th homer and Julian Tavearez got his first victory as a starter this season as the Cleveland Indians beat the Kansas City Royals 6-4 Wednesday night.

Jim Thome and Sandy Alomar had two-run doubles in Cleveland's five-run rally in the fifth. The Royals, whose pitching staff has given up the fewest walks in the American League, issued eight, including a season-high six by Kevin Appier (7-8).

Greg Swindell took over for Tavearez in the sixth and pitched three hitless innings. Paul Shuey got the last three outs for his second save.

Appier walked the bases loaded with one out in the fifth and Kansas City leading 4-1. Thome then ripped a double off the left-field wall against reliever Mike Magnante to make it 4-3.

Eddie Murray and Manny Ramirez both walked to force in the tying run before Alomar greeted Julio Valera with another double for a 6-4 lead.

**Blue Jays 5, Orioles 2**

In Toronto, Ed Sprague hit a grand slam in the fifth inning and Juan Guzman improved his AL-leading earned run average by allowing one run in seven innings, leading Toronto over Baltimore.

Sprague pulled Rick Krivda's 2-0 pitch over the wall in left with two outs in the fifth, giving the Blue Jays a 5-1 lead. He now has three career grand slams and 23 homers this season.

Domingo Cedeno and Jacob Brumfield hit two-out singles and Joe Carter drew a walk, loading the bases for Sprague.

Guzman (7-6) scattered six hits, struck out six and walked three to lower his ERA from 3.38 to 3.25.

Krivda (2-4) gave up five runs on six hits in 4 2-3 innings before being chased by the grand slam.

**Twins 6, White Sox 5**

In Chicago, Brad Radke, a loser in 10 of his previous 11 decisions, snapped a five-game losing streak and Rich Becker went 4-for-5 in

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## Who starts for Dream Team?

By CHRIS SHERIDAN

**CHICAGO (AP)** - When it comes to the starting lineup, the Dream Team will be an equal opportunity employer.

Coach Lenny Wilkens said Wednesday that the U.S. Olympic basketball team's starting lineup will be different for every game and every one of his dozen players can expect to be on court for at least one opening tip.

"They all understand the significance of the Olympics," Wilkens said. "They all know that I want to play them all, and I've told them that. What we'll do is try to start a different group each time. We have so many great players and I want to

give them all the opportunity."

The thought of jockeying for a spot as a starter seems ridiculous to the players, who went through their third day of practice Wednesday and planned to do it again today despite the holiday.

"If you're worrying about something like that, you shouldn't even be on the team," John Stockton said.

Wilkens hasn't even picked his starters yet for the first exhibition game Saturday against the U.S. junior team at Auburn Hills, Michigan, and he won't make that decision until two more days of scrimmages and practices at Moody Bible Institute are wrapped up.

Stockton, Gary Payton and Anfernee Hardaway are the Dream Team's natural point guards; Mitch Richmond and Reggie Miller are the shooting guards; Grant Hill and Scottie Pippen are small forwards; Charles Barkley and Karl Malone are power forwards; and Hakeem Olajuwon, Shaquille O'Neal and David Robinson are centers.

"I don't think you'll see that many guys out of their natural positions, but because of their versatility, some of these guys can play other spots," Wilkens said. "For instance, Hardaway is a point guard, but he'll play some two (shooting guard).

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## Off field problems for NFL

**NEW YORK (AP)** - While Michael Irvin's drug trial is among the sports headlines each day, he is far from the only NFL player facing off-the-field legal woes.

The current players in trouble Wednesday besides Irvin are Lawrence Phillips and Leslie Shepherd, while the ex-players are Terry Long and Luis Sharpe.

The issues involving them concern charges of assault, battery, drunken driving, violated probation and drug possession.

Testimony in Irvin's drug trial Wednesday showed that Irving, Texas, police officers met with prosecutors five times to discuss what happened the night the Dallas Cowboys wide receiver was found in a motel room with cocaine and mari-

juana.

Officer Matthew Drumm, the trial's first witness, testified that police found several packages of marijuana and cocaine, rolling papers, razor blades and a glass vial with white residue in the room.

If convicted, Irvin could face between probation and 20 years in jail. The NFL likely will wait for the verdict before deciding whether Irvin violated the league's substance abuse

policy.

Phillips, the No. 1 draft choice of the St. Louis Rams, pleaded innocent to a misdemeanor charge of drunken driving in El Monte, California, with trial set for Aug. 28.

Phillips, now free on his own recognition, was arrested June 15 after police allegedly saw him speeding in a gold Mercedes-Benz with a flat tire. His blood-alcohol level was

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### Yankees sign Venezuelan

**NEW YORK (AP)** - In a sport where no one's quite sure how good a 20-year-old will be, the New York Yankees are taking a \$1.6 million gamble on a 16-year-old outfielder.

Just a day after he turned 16, outfielder Jackson Melian agreed Wednesday to a 1997 minor-league contract with the New York Yankees.

"There are no words to say how I feel about being with the New York Yankees," Melian said after the contract was announced at Yankee Stadium. "My heart has always been with the Yankees and my father often told me about their fabled history. With today being his birthday, I can't think of a better gift."

Melian, from Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela, will report Thursday to the Yankees' minor-league complex in Tampa, Florida. His signing bonus sets a record for a Latin player.

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## Weibring goes for two in a row

By MIKE NADEL  
**LEMONT, Illinois (AP)** - Just a few months ago, D.A. Weibring faced the possibility of never playing competitive golf again. Now, he's going for a second consecutive PGA Tour victory.

"The emotion coming here, I'm planning on playing well," Weibring

said in anticipation of Thursday's opening round of the Western Open.

Diagnosed in March with Bell's palsy - a neurological disorder that weakened his eyesight, hindered his balance, made him tired and paralyzed the right side of his face - Weibring pulled off a stunning triumph last week in the Greater Hart-

ford Open. It was his first tour victory outside his home state of Illinois. The Quincy native won the 1987 Western, as well as Quad Cities tournaments in 1979, 1991 and 1995.

"People say, 'Well, obviously, you're back. You won last week.'

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### SML Trivia

Players Who have won Individual Title twice or more:

Category:	Name:	Year:
Batting:	Reno Celis	1988/1989
	Greg C. Camacho	1991/1995
	Reno Celis	1989/1991
Run Scoring:	Tony C. Camacho	1988/1994
	Bill Quitano	1990/1994
	Cris Pangelinan	1983/1995
Doubles:	Frank Pangelinan	1986/1994
	Al Camacho	1988/1989
	Jess Dela Cruz	1982/1983/1986(3)
Triples:	Reno Celis	1988/1989
	Greg C. Camacho	1993/1995
	Reno Celis	1988/1989/1995(3)
Homeruns:	Bill Quitano	1985/1986/1989(3)
	Cris Pangelinan	1982/1986
	Greg C. Camacho	1990/1991
Runs Batted In:	Jack Taitano	1982/1983/1986/1990(4)
	Reno Celis	1989/1992/1993(3)