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Sablán sues DLNR

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A FORMER director of Public Works has sued the Marianas Public Land Corporation and its successor agency, the Division of Public Lands, Department of Lands and Natural Resources for allegedly refusing to execute a land exchange agreement.

In a civil suit filed yesterday before the Superior Court, Nicolas C. Sablan, through counsel David Wiseman, demanded for damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

TRO issued to stop takeover of cockpit property

This developed as Superior Court Presiding Judge Alexandro Castro granted yesterday Sablan's request for a temporary restraining order after he was convinced that the plaintiff will be in imminent danger of suffering business losses without the TRO.

The TRO prevents the Division of Public Lands from entering and taking over the leased premises where the Sablan Cockfight and the plaintiff's other busi-

nesses are situated. The court also enjoined the gov-



Nicolas C. Sablan

ernment agency from sealing the premises and preventing Sablan from entering and using the properties.

Sablan asked the court for a preliminary injunction during the pendency of the suit.

According to the complaint, on Jan. 24, 1990, Sablan, as lessee, and MPLC, as lessor, executed a lease agreement on Lot No. 078 D 01 containing 6,000 square meters.

As provided in the agreement, the plaintiff operated the Sablan Cockfight and his other businesses in the leased premises.

On Jan. 18, 1991, Sablan and his then wife, Lucy T. Sablan,

sent a letter to MPLC proposing the exchange of the land for their wetland properties described as Lot no. 565-NEW-6-1 consisting 5,050 square meters and Lot no. 565-NEW-8 with 6,975 square meters.

The complaint stated that prior to Sablan's request for the exchange, Lot no. 565-NEW-8, then owned by another person, was certified to be of public use and that there was a necessity that the land be acquired by land exchange.

Sablan alleged that Lot no. 565-NEW-6-1, which Lucy acquired from the former owner, was likewise certified to be of public use and there was a need to be ac-

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New POEA rules to allow direct hiring

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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HOTEL workers and entertainers recruited by CNMI establishments from the Philippines shall be hired "by direct employers only," according to the new guidelines released recently by the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration.

Direct hiring is part of the protective mechanism agreed upon by the governments of the CNMI and the Philippines.

The guidelines were contained in Memorandum Circular 3 issued last July 1 by POEA administrator Felicisimo Joson Jr.

The memorandum, nevertheless, allows the hiring of housemaids, farmers and fishermen through licensed CNMI placement agencies.

In the past, contract workers who filed cases against their employers had complained about being abandoned by the placement agencies that recruited them.

To prevent the recurrence of these complaints, POEA requires the Philippine Overseas Labor Office on Saipan to pre-qualify licensed CNMI agencies that recruit Filipino workers. Prequalification certificates which will be valid for a year shall be issued by the labor office.

The guidelines, according to Philippine labor attache to Saipan Jesus Varela, were formulated to ensure strict compliance of the

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Hill mum about Cochran

By Ferdie de la Torre
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JOE Hill, a member of KAELANI Kinney's team of lawyers in the heirship claim against Larry Hillblom's \$450-million estate, has remained mum on reports that Johnnie Cochran is joining their team.

When asked (again) yesterday by this reporter about the veracity of the reports, Hill neither confirmed nor denied it.

"I would rather not comment on it," he said.

Roland Fairfield, a member of Kinney's legal team, was quoted by a newspaper last week as saying that Cochran is



Johnnie Cochran

arriving this week on Guam. Cochran, O.J. Simpson's lead

defense lawyer, is Fairfield's friend. Both were reportedly prosecutors in Los Angeles way back in late 1960's.

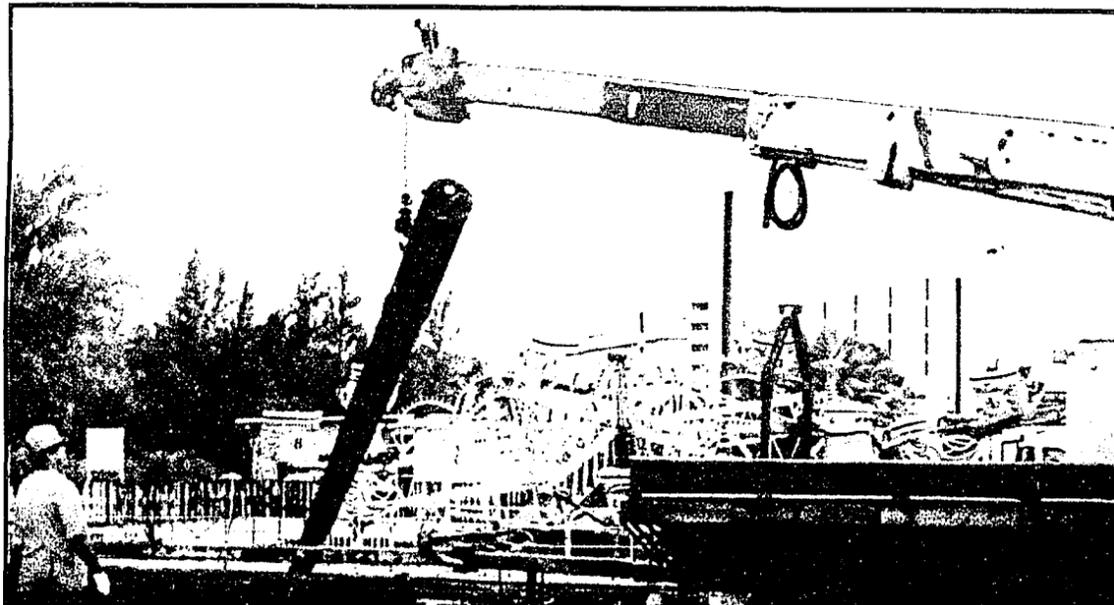
As part of court procedures, Cochran reportedly first seeks permission to join the probate litigations from the CNMI Superior Court.

Hill told the Variety that he has not personally talked with Fairfield about Cochran's coming.

Hill said, he however, learned from Fairfield's staff that Cochran was scheduled to arrive last night.

Hill refused to elaborate.

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Jury verdict on Guam rob-slay case out soon

By Jacob Leon Guerrero
For the Variety

GUAM-The end of a long and tormenting journey is almost at hand as the trial of accused killer Nathan G. Aguirre is nearing its end.

Closing statements were made last Thursday in Superior Court after the jury heard both defense and prosecution arguments.

Nathan G. Aguirre is charged with shooting and robbing Petronio P. Dagalea on June 20, 1995.

of parole.

Phillip D. Isaac, Aguirre's at-

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IRA disowns hotel bomb

By SHAWN POGATCHNIK
ENNISKILLEN, Northern Ireland (AP) - A car bomb ravaged a country hotel soon after it was evacuated, knocking hotel guests to the pavement and capping a week of rioting that threatens to transform Northern Ireland's uneasy peace into a memory.

The Irish Republican Army denied Sunday that it planted the bomb that blasted The Killyhevlin Hotel, a so-

cial hub for this lakeside town. The hotel was packed with a Catholic wedding party, bar guests, tourists and fishermen when a caller warned hotel staff there was a bomb in a car parked outside.

Police said an Isuzu Trooper, stolen 11 days ago in Dublin, contained 1,200 pounds (545 kilograms) of homemade explosives. They praised hotel staff for evacuating 250 guests - some straight off the dance floor - to

a back parking lot before the bomb tore apart the building's front 25 minutes later.

Scores were treated for shock; only three people were slightly injured. "What a terrible way to start married life," said the groom's cousin, Eamonn Turbett. "The wedding itself was excellent and there was a lovely atmosphere at the reception. ... And then this happens."

The bomb - the first in Northern Ireland since the Irish Republican Army stopped its violent campaign against British rule in 1994 - crowned the worst week of rioting seen here in a generation.

Violence erupted last Sunday when police blocked members of the Orange Order, Northern Ireland's dominant Protestant fraternal group, from marching through a Catholic part of Portadown, a town 25 miles (40 kilometers) southwest of Belfast.

The Orangemen stood their ground, and militant Protestants subjected Northern Ireland to four days of rioting.

Since Thursday, when police conceded defeat and allowed the march through the Catholic area, Catholic fury has spilled onto the streets.

Police and soldiers spent a third night Saturday repelling mobs of Catholics who hurled gasoline bombs, bricks and rocks at them in Belfast and Londonderry, the province's second-largest and predominantly Catholic town where Northern Ireland experienced similar scenes in 1969.

Sunday's hotel bombing reinforced the fear that Northern Ireland is sliding back into murder and grief, a past Enniskillen residents vividly remember. In 1987, an IRA bomb killed 11 Protestants as they commemorated the dead from two world wars.

Despite the IRA's decision to end its cease-fire in February by bombing London, Enniskillen residents said Sunday they hadn't been mentally prepared for a bomb here.

"We were having an award presentation here last night for the annual Killyhevlin tournament when all the glass in the windows shook. You knew immediately it was a bomb," said Darrell.

Robinson, a 23-year-old Protestant worker at the Enniskillen Golf Club, a half-mile (one kilometer) from the devastated hotel.

Gesturing to Catholic and Protestant golfers sitting together Sunday afternoon, he said: "Obviously they're talking about it, but what can you say really?"

"The troubles have been around longer than me. You were glad to have the peace, that's all. Hopefully it's not all been blown away."

Some observers think it has.

Stampede in Hindu shrines: Over 59 die

By KRISHNAN GURUSWAMY
NEW DELHI, India (AP) - Hindu pilgrims celebrating an astrologically auspicious festival Monday stampeded as they crammed into holy shrines in two towns, crushing at least 59 people to death and injuring 40 others, news reports said.

Thousands of people were pushing into the Mahakaleshwartemple in the holy city of Ujjain in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh when the crowd went out of control, the Press Trust of India and United News of India news agencies reported.

Police said 37 people were killed and 40 others injured when bamboo barricades regulating the flow of pilgrims gave way and several of the worshippers were impaled on them, said United News, quoting witnesses. Others slipped on the marble stairs

leading to an underground idol of Shiva.

A similar stampede broke out in the holy city of Hardwar on the banks of the Ganges River, 200 kilometers (125 miles) north of New Delhi.

Press Trust said at least 21 people were killed in the stampede as pilgrims tried to push their way through a narrow bridge over the Ganges River at Hardwar.

Several women and children were among the dead, it said quoting Rajinder Soni, a local administrator. PTI said about 1.5 million people had gathered in the town to bathe in the Ganges. Details were not immediately known.

Most of the pilgrims had just completed a ritual bathing in the Kshipra River in Ujjain just before dawn, the reports said, quoting local police.

Terrorism prompts US to rethink troop deployment

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG
WASHINGTON (AP) - Terrorism is redefining the context in which U.S. forces are deployed in the world's trouble spots. Whether it is Somalia, Bosnia or Saudi Arabia, the primary mission is becoming zero casualties and a clear exit strategy.

The phrase brought to the forefront by the tragedy in Saudi Arabia is force protection. Congress is demanding to know whether enough was done to guard against the terrorist attack that killed 19 U.S. airmen at a housing complex June 25.

Why wasn't the defensive perimeter farther from Khobar Towers? Was enough attention paid to suspicious incidents in the weeks before the bombing? Why didn't the United States press the Saudi government to allow the FBI to question four men convicted of a terrorist bombing in Riyadh that killed five Americans and two Indians seven months ago?

Those questions dominated a Senate hearing last week at which Defense Secretary William Perry and Gen. John Shalikashvili, the nation's top uniformed military officer, were grilled about the bombing.

The questions demand answers. Congress and the public at large have a right to know if neglect played a part in allowing the terrorists to set off a truck bomb that close to the housing area.

But whatever answers come forth, the reality is that there is no way of assuring that U.S. officials and troops are totally safe from terrorist attacks.

"It's quite counterproductive to have American forces when they go over-



William Perry

seas to just immediately crawl into their bunkers and hang on," said Eliot Cohen, a professor of strategic studies at Johns Hopkins University who directed a Pentagon study of the Gulf air war.

"If we're going to be a global power we're going to periodically get hit," said Cohen.

"You cannot ever throw an impenetrable curtain around the incredible multiplicity of American facilities and officials either in this country or serving abroad," said former CIA Director Robert Gates.

"The fact is, U.S. counterterrorism operations are far more effective, far more aggressive and far better than most Americans know," he said.

According to Pentagon figures, 1,054 military personnel died during the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, 1995. Six of those were in terrorist attacks. More than half the total were the result of accidents.

Schools close as food poisoning downs more children in Japan

TOKYO (AP) - The number of schoolchildren sickened from food poisoning rose to 2,836 in a western Japanese city Monday, prompting health authorities to close all 92 public elementary schools there.

It was the largest number of food poisoning cases in a single city in recent years in Japan, said Sakai city spokesman Takashi Tsuji. Sakai is near Japan's second-largest city of Osaka.

The affected children from 47 elementary schools have suffered diarrhea and bloody stools, and 146 of them have been hospitalized since last Friday night, but none of them were considered gravely ill, Tsuji said.

The closure affects some 50,000 schoolchildren in the area. Tsuji said the schools should reopen in the next few days after sanitation checks of the schools' dining facilities and bathrooms are finished.

Doctors have detected the E. coli

O157 strain of bacteria, which causes a bad form of food poisoning, in several of the schoolchildren hospitalized in Sakai.

So far this year, four children have died from the disease in other schools in 30 prefectures and 1,833 others have been sickened, an Education Ministry official said.

The disease-causing strain of the E. coli bacteria can be contracted from undercooked meat, but other sources can include water, dairy products and poultry.

The bacteria can cause an illness called hemolytic uremic syndrome, whose symptoms include severe stomach pains, bloody diarrhea and kidney damage. Adults can usually cope with the disease, but it can be more dangerous to children and the elderly.

The Health and Welfare Ministry, concerned over a spate of food poisoning, was to send a group of five officials, including

four experts on food poisoning, to Sakai Monday to join one official sent Sunday.

Education Minister Mikio Okuda was also to visit Sakai later Monday to meet local officials and get a firsthand explanation regarding the latest food poisoning outbreak.

On Sunday, the number of worried parents notifying authorities of sick children jumped dramatically after news reports the previous day cited E. coli O157 as the possible culprit.

Several of the recent outbreaks were traced to specific school cafeterias and two vendors of boxed lunches.

In 1992, a total of 2,707 schoolchildren were suffered from food poisoning in Tokorozawa, a city just outside Tokyo, in 1992, in which the affected children showed similar symptoms of the recent cases. No deaths were reported in the 1992 case.

Election campaign reset to give Karadzic more time to bow out

By AIDA CERKEZ
SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) - The start of campaigning for Bosnia's September elections has been put off in hopes of making Radovan Karadzic leave his post as head of the leading Serb party.

Although the campaign was scheduled to start Monday, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe said it would be put off for four days.

The reason for the delay, the organization's spokeswoman Johanna van Vliet said, was "to offer the opportunity for Karadzic to step down for the sake of the Serbian people."

Karadzic may not hold public office under the terms of the Dayton peace agreement because he has been indicted for war crimes in the Bosnian conflict.

The Bosnian Serb leader announced two weeks ago that he was handing his presidential powers to a deputy, Biljana Plavsic. She, however, said he formally remained president, and Karadzic was also re-elected head of

his Serbian Democratic Party.

International arrest warrants for Karadzic and his military chief, Gen. Ratko Mladic, were issued Thursday, but his continued leadership of the party has split international officials.

Robert Frowick, the American heading the European security organization's efforts in Sarajevo, has warned that the entire party could be banned if Karadzic remains its chief. But the top international civilian official in Bosnia, Carl Bildt, is said to be against that.

The elections are a key element in Dayton peace plan to patch Bosnia back together after 3 1/2 years of war.

The architect of the peace plan, former American diplomat Richard Holbrooke, is heading back to the region to help prepare for the elections, State Department Nicholas Burns said Sunday. An administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity said Holbrooke will also try to negotiate Karadzic's ouster.

Karadzic says Bosnian Serbs should support his party as a matter of patri-

otism. The party has nominated a slate of candidates that supports his nationalist agenda of breaking off Serb-held territory from that held by Muslims and Croats.

If the party is banned, Serbs may refuse to cooperate and stall the peace process entirely.

A senior Bosnian Serb leader, Aleksa Buha, told TV interviewers Sunday that by working to oust Karadzic from his party post, international officials were in effect trying to form a new Serb party that would allow the reunification of Bosnia. He said the demand was "too much."

Bosnian government officials have said they, too, will stay out of the Sept. 14 elections if Karadzic retains his party post.

War crimes investigators searching for evidence that Bosnian Serb soldiers massacred thousands of Muslims after they captured the eastern enclave of Srebrenica a year ago continued to work Sunday at one mass grave site that has yielded about 60 bodies.

'We're not squatters'

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff
THEY ARE not squatters. Then Rota Mayor Prudencio Manglona gave them authority to build their houses on government land.

They pay their rents. And at least one of them wants to "live forever" on Rota "until (he) dies."

In separate letters dated July 14 to Division of Public Lands Director Bertha A. Camacho, the six Filipino-Americans given until yesterday to vacate the public land in Dadang, Rota are asking for a renewal of their "land lease."



Benjamin T. Manglona



Joseph S. Inos



Ricardo S. Atalig

"(If you chase me out (of this land), where will my family stay? Anyway, please try to understand our situation as a human being. So please madam, (allow) us to renew our papers for this land," one such letter said.

Camacho has earlier told the Variety that she will refer the case to the Attorney General's office if the six ignore her July 15 deadline to leave the land.

"There won't be any forcible eviction. We'll follow the legal procedures. But the final decision still rests on the governor," she said.

Meanwhile, former lieutenant-governor Benjamin T. Manglona told the Variety that evicting the six Rota residents is "very inhumane."

"I see some discrimination here," he said in a phone interview yesterday. "In that same block of land there were three or four lots given to (persons of CNMI descent), but only the six Filipino-Americans were told to

leave."

According to Manglona, the six's case is "unique." "These people have (CNMI descent) children aged 19 who can (apply for homestead lots)." He also disputed the Division of Public Lands' classifying the property as "conservation buffer."

"(The land) is considered a subdivision with 10 lots," Manglona said.

Another Rota politician, Sen. Ricardo S. Atalig (D-Rota), has requested Camacho to offer the six indi-

viduals "at least five more years" before vacating the land.

He said the six are "productive citizens of Rota" who, though non-CNMI descent, are considered "our neighbors and our brothers and sisters."

"I believe that such a resolution would still send a clear message to those who would occupy public land illegally," Atalig said.

Rota Mayor Joseph S. Inos and Rep. Vicente M. Atalig (R-Rota) are the other Rota politicians who have also appealed to Camacho on behalf of the six residents.

Camacho, in an interview with the Variety last July 11, said only Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio has the authority to allow the six not to vacate the public

land.

She said if the six residents were of CNMI descent "then maybe (we) could reconsider their case."

According to CNMI laws, only persons of local descent could own lands in the Commonwealth.

But Camacho denied that nationality has anything to do with her decision to give the six until yesterday to vacate the land.

The six are not the only "squatters" in the CNMI, she said. "We do have (squatters of CNMI descent) and we are also trying to enforce the land laws in their cases."

Then Mayor Manglona, she told Inos in a letter May 30, exceeded his authority by allowing the six—five of whom, according to her, are still behind in their rental payments—to stay on public land.

In 1992, the Division of Public Lands' predecessor, Marianas Public Lands Corporation (MPLC), decided to grant the six a two-year "grace period."

Camacho said the "generous action" may have exceeded the MPLC's legal authority.

"The land in question is designated as a conservation buffer area and is not supposed to be used for any other purpose. The six residents are not persons of NMI descent and could never have any claim to a homestead," she said.

Borja keen but skeptical on diplomatic ties with RP



Jesus Borja

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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LIEUTENANT Gov. Jesus Borja supports a to establish diplomatic relations between the CNMI and

the Philippines, but warns of political impediments it faces before the US State Department.

"I am in favor of that (diplomatic ties) because that will make it better and more efficient in our dealings with the Philippine government or with any other country for that matter such as Japan, Taiwan, Hongkong," Borja said.

However, Borja fears the US State Department might block the plan.

"The State Department does not allow any state or insular area to establish diplomatic relationships on their own," Borja said. "If the governor thinks it's worth the try, then it's up to him."

Under the Covenant, matters that deal with foreign affairs and defense affecting the CNMI are for the federal government to de-

side.

The plan to forge diplomatic relations between the two governments was raised by Philippine President Fidel V. Ramos during his meeting with Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio in Manila last month.

The meeting was preceded by the Philippine government's lifting of the ban on CNMI-bound workers.

Ramos wants the relations between the Philippines and the CNMI to go beyond affairs.

The CNMI's liaison office in Manila does not have any political function other than to facilitate employment and medical referrals.

Tenorio has said he would seek the opinion of the US Embassy in Manila regarding Ramos' proposal.

JCT defends MDM hotel proposal

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff
THE LOCAL representative of MDM Development Corp. has submitted to the Coastal Resources Management Office (CRM) Thursday a letter "addressing concerns" over the proposed MDM hotel project.

Juan C. Tenorio and Associates' (JCT) Manuel S. Chargualaf, in the letter, defended their project proposal's environmental impact assessment and wastewater and power plans.

In the initial review of the permit application, CRM Director Manuel C. Sablan said JCT's environmental impact assessment (EIA) did not "adequately address infrastructure issues."

"It states the fact that the project will hook-up to the municipal water supply—no discussion on the current or projected service levels or whether the system will be able to serve the project's demand without adversely impacting the overall system. No alternatives for supply or water treatment methods were discussed," Sablan said.

But according to Chargualaf, "based on (JCT's) meetings with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.," Sablan's comments on the project's infrastructure are "contradictory."

"These comments could have been reserved for the appropriate agencies to decide whether the developer should hook up to the water, sewer and power systems," he said.

Chargualaf also cited a study done by Winzler & Kelly (March 1996)

which reports that Saipan is capable of producing water supply for a population of 68,000.

There are only 53,000 people on Saipan, he said.

Chargualaf added that the JCT proposal did address wastewater and power concerns.

As to what Sablan terms as the JCT's failure to submit plans for excavation, earthmoving and erosion control, a map showing all proposed structures and distance to mean high water mark, and a topographic map, Chargualaf said CRM regulations does not require plans for excavation and earthmoving and erosion control.

He noted, however, that his letter now includes the two required maps.

Chargualaf said the rationale for approving the lease agreement for Saipan Mariana Hotel, which was "determined (not to be bordering) on sandy beaches, should also apply to the MDM project."

"(T)he required setback from the high water mark of sandy beaches does not apply to this project as it did not apply to the Saipan Marina Hotel project," he said.

Chargualaf added that the project proposal "made extensive considerations to the view of inland properties" near the project site.

The proposed MDM hotel to be located in Garapan across Horiguchi building is 16-storey high with 540 guest rooms.

The hotel will have a total land area of 401, 485 square feet. It will have four restaurants, offices, a coffee shop and a banquet ballroom.



Senators Jesus R. Sablan (right to left) Thomas Villagomez and Juan P. Tenorio discuss the soon-to-be finalized medical referral policy during an informal Senate meeting Monday.

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Preparasion geran Republican

IGINEN gobietno as Señor Lorenzo I. Guerrero ha ayeg si Señora Rita Inos komo gachongña malago para i primet yan segundo puesto. Este na pilea siempre u afana' yan i otro pilea as Teno'/Pepero' gi maseñala na eleksion halom pattida gi November dia 9 pago na sakan.

Teug' na sagon politika i mamamaila'. Maseha niana' tafta i eleksion halom pattida (primary) pot para u guaha tiempo mapao ñaihon i guafen kalentura, suguroyo' na lapotpot na pinigan u kontinua mañila, esdesit, i bingansa gi entalo' supottadot. Makat trabiha i sisteman politikan Marianas matulaika sa' potpotña i haga' ke hanom.

I presente na huego mas siempre guaha atension gi politikan iya Luta pot rason na i presente na Mayot as Señor Joseph Inos (Republican) malalago para i mismo puesto pot segundo biahe. Siempre u afana' yan ginen segundo gobietno as Señor Benjamin T. Manglona. Dos gigante u afulo' haane yan pueñe gi halom tano' Luta 'nai i chaguan u fan matiges gi kada ha mueba siha i dos kabayeros.

I Mayot as Inos i heben, intelihente, listo yan fafachochu' piot pot asuntion iya Luta. I ginen segundo gobietno as Señor Manglona i mas eksperensiao na kabayero gi huegon politika, intelihente, listo, yan motmut respeto. Todo i dos pareho demalasa asaguan niha duranten tetminon niha komo segundo gobietno yan mayot.

I kuestion: Para mano siha i dos kabayeros gi este na sakudidan politika? Hulielie' i ginen segundo gobietno as Manglona na siempre u dañae' i grupon Teno'/Pepero', si Inos, i Guerrero/Inos na pilea. Mape' dos i Republican iya Luta. Guaha dididi' bintaha gi Guerrero/Inos sa i tatate gai familia Democrats 'nai siña manman ayuda gi este na karera.

I politikan Luta gai linebog ya solu ginen iya Luta hao mismo 'nai siña guaha apottunidatmo kumomprende humananao mano i kurente. Kumeke ilegho na i botadot iya Luta libiano ha disidi hafa mauleg yan probichoso para siha. Pot ihemplo, siña dumaña gi silensio na manera i dos pattida ya hanae' si Manglona nu i siyan mayot, si Guerrero/Inos nu iya hululo' na puesto, osino entero atlibes na disision.

Yangin ensegidas madeklara gera gi entalo' Manglona yan Inos, kadarato siempre tano' Luta mayeñgyoñg kulan linao. Lao asegurado na mape' dos i Republican iya Luta ya deste pago esta i Nobiembre dia 9 pago na sakan, i linao gi tano' Luta siempre u tai minagtos. Pues na mafiot sinturon miyo sa' i gera gi entalo' kabayeros esta matutuhon.

Unika palaoan yan likido na kandidato si Señora Rita Inos. Tatki'lo edukasionña, respetao na sudadano yan residenten iya Luta, famosu gi halom iya Pasifiko pot guiya umeluluye un programan edukasion na mafananaan Pacific Region Educational Laboratory (PREL). Humidde kinahuloña ya manhoñge na ginen edukasion, siempre u guaha yano na apottunidat kada uno sumoda' ginefagaña gi halom komunidan Marianas.

Gi kadada' na kumuentos mame na dos, klaro na tomtum si Señora Inos ya uno gi ma'lag na pution gi lañget politikan Marianas. Antao yan menhalom na cheluta ya olara mohon ya u saonao dumirihe tano' ta gi katkuet kapasidat komo edukao na sudadano. Mampos ha hoñgañgyo' sa taya' trabiha husosoda' taiguihe minalegña manhasso gi halom famalaoanta ke si Señora Inos. Kulan dididi' hu fama mas ke pumalo lao yaho lokue' muna' e' chansa i cheluta nos pot politika lao pot mauleg intiño haye si Señora Inos.

Gieste na estrakadan politika, mapot hu hoñge na gi uttimo besis u guaha pas yan inafamauleg gi entre i dos grupo. Fuera ha' de mantaotao hit, dipotsihe i natibo mafañagobeñgato piot gi asunto ni hafachuchue' gi todo nina' sinaña. Este na inasoda' kontra papa' gi uttimo nina' siñan kada kandidato. Guaha siempre u huyoyñg ginen i redondo limpio mientras i otro, kahaga'.

Hu diseseha mohon na dispues de todo i buruka u guaha pas yan inafamauleg gi entalo' i dos grupo. Dipotsihe ha' este i guahados uminteres i mismo siya. 'Nai taya' kabales na inakomprenden kabayeros, estague' uttimoña i debi umataiye i mas demokrasia na chalan pot para umadisidi haye i prefekto kabayero ni siña kumatat i banderani i pattidaña para i uttimo detetminasion gi Nobiembre 1997. Fan aguguo' kanai ya muñga kuentos minalaet' kontra i otro. Si Yuus Maase!



JACK ANDERSON and MICHAEL BINSTEIN
WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

FBI file faux pas isn't like the old days

WASHINGTON—In ordering up the FBI dossiers of political opponents, the Clinton administration joins a long tradition of executive branch abuse of the agency's investigative powers.

Only an independent investigation will show whether the recent flap was a bureaucratic snafu or something more nefarious. Yet it wasn't long ago that the use of FBI files was one of the automatic perks of the Oval Office. The late J. Edgar Hoover, who ran the FBI with an iron fist for half a century, kept files on anybody and everybody in the nation's capital.

Under the self-assumed mandate to investigate "domestic subversives," the FBI tapped the phones, peeped into the bedrooms and rifled through the bank accounts of thousands of Americans who were minding their own business. Lobbyists' rooms were bugged so the FBI could spy on their dealings with members of Congress. Movie stars were followed so Hoover could confirm his dark suspicions that they were communists.

No politician was too lofty to escape Hoover's scrutiny. He ingratiated himself with one president after another by sharing with them information from his files on their enemies. All the while he kept information on those presidents, too, preparing to share their files with the next person who would occupy the Oval Office.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, for example, loved to needle Hoover in public about his secret files. "You should see what they have on my wife," he joked in 1942. Although Hoover hurriedly issued a statement claiming the bureau had no records on the saintly Eleanor Roosevelt the FBI chief kept a thick dossier on the first lady. Hoover took some satisfaction in his suspicion that Eleanor carried on flirtations with a New York state trooper and later an Army colonel.

The file on John F. Kennedy was probably the hottest in Hoover's presidential section. Accounts by those who saw it hold that it was steaming with descriptions of the late president's extramarital activities. Kennedy himself once mused aloud, "I'd sure like to see the file the FBI has on me." There was no surprise, no outrage, and no questioning of why such a file should exist.

The Kennedy file apparently paid off for Hoover. Though the two never trusted each other, Kennedy's first official act after he was sworn in was to call Hoover and ask him to stay on as chief.

Lyndon Johnson considered Hoover's files good bedtime reading, often ordering them

up as he might a library book. He and Hoover passed many a titillating hour swapping stories about the high and mighty. Richard Nixon occasionally checked out a file or two from Hoover's lending library and was not above asking Hoover for dirt on his enemies. The notorious tapes that Nixon made of every word uttered in his own office included this observation about Hoover, dripping with envy: "He's got files on everybody. Damn it."

Hoover's secret file on Nixon before he became president included the suspicions of an FBI agent in Hong Kong that Nixon had romanced a beautiful Chinese woman there in the 1960s while on a business trip. The agent was not simply pandering to Hoover's thirst for scandal, although that would have been justification enough to make the entry. In fact, the agent was worried that the former vice president might open himself up to blackmail by the Hong Kong locals.

Compare this to the recent flap over the White House' accidentally" ordering up the files on 400 former staffers and you get very little. In fact, anyone familiar with the chaos that reigned at the White House during Clinton's first year in office will find the president's excuse eminently believable.

It's ironic that Clinton should be accused of abusing FBI files, since this is a president who could have saved himself a lot of trouble had he paid even cursory attention to the backgrounds of his own appointees.

Surgeon General nominee Henry Foster was sacked by Congress in part because background checks failed to find out how many abortions he had performed during his medical career. Lani Guinier, Clinton's nominee to head the civil rights division of the Justice Department, was unceremoniously dumped after Clinton familiarized himself with her controversial views on voting rights.

There's no excuse for any White House to comb through the confidential files of its political enemies. The FBI is correct in calling the episode an "egregious violation of privacy," and now says it was "victimized" by the White House.

So far, however, this looks like a far cry from years past, when presidents routinely worked hand-in-hand with law enforcement to victimize the privacy of innocent Americans.

PSS works with PREL on research effort

COLLABORATIVE studies being planned by Pacific region school systems and the Pacific Region Educational Laboratory over the next few years are expected to produce information that will enable visible and meaningful improvements in classroom instruction in PSS schools.

Plans for the studies were finalized by a group known as the PREL Research and Development Cadre in its meeting held April 29-May 3 of this year. Representing the PSS in the Cadre was PSS Research, Information and Training Officer Jean B. Olopai.

At that meeting, the Cadre decided to focus its survey and study efforts, which are scheduled to continue through the year 2000, on four areas: (1) At-risk and effective teachers and principals; (2) language use at home and school; (3) student attitudes and values; and (4) learning and teaching styles.

The Research and Development Cadre, along with local research and development support groups, working with school systems and schools, as well as parents and community groups, throughout the Pacific region to conduct surveys and studies in these four priority areas. Once surveys have been developed and finalized, information for all four priority areas will be collected at the same time.

In the first priority area of study, the surveys will seek to identify factors that contribute to both problems and successes in teaching and administration. The problems include teacher absenteeism, poor teaching and disciplinary methods, and burnout. The successes include providing effective learning environments for students and using effective strategies for motivating students.

The second priority area of study focuses on language and its relationship to student achievement. With the PSS and other schools in the region stressing the need to learn English while also retaining native languages, there is a serious concern about how bilingual language studies relate to academic achievement in all areas.

The third priority area of study in the Research and Development Cadre project is student attitudes and values. Central questions in this survey will be, "What are students' attitudes and values toward school, the community and culture? How are these attitudes manifested in school performance? What is needed in order to enhance learning for the Pacific student?" Basically, the study will investigate attitudes, values, beliefs, aspirations and expectations, and how these affect student learning outcomes.

The fourth priority area of study focuses on learning and teaching styles. This effort is aimed at helping match up different student learning styles and teacher teaching styles, in order to enable more effective and successful instruction.

Olopai said that the information gathered will be used for regional reports, which reflect general trends in the Pacific region and enable school systems to see where they stand in relation to others in the region.

In addition, she said, the PSS may be able to do its own studies in these priority areas just for the Commonwealth, as well as specific studies which the PSS may find unique to the CNMI.

If this is done, the data could be used to recommend specific changes that should be made in order to improve instruction and learning in the PSS, Olopai said.

She said this kind of collaborative study work has been done before, most recently in the form of an October 1995 report on risk factors among high school students in the CNMI. This study, which used information gathered during School Year 1993-94, was done both regionally and locally by the PSS and PREL.

Two other regional studies were completed by the Research and Development Cadre near the end of 1995, including one entitled, "Remoteness and Access to Learning Opportunities in the Pacific Region", and another entitled, "Culture and Learning at Home and School: A study in Kosrae State".

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On custody of approved bills Borja finds merit in Manglona argument

By Rafael H. Arroyo
Variety News Staff

LIUTENANT Governor Jesus C. Borja yesterday said he sees merit in Senate Vice President Paul A. Manglona's contention that a law acted on by the governor should leave the latter's custody to make it final and binding.

The acting governor however was quick to point out that the final determination on the validity of Public Law 10-13 would have to be decided on by the facts surrounding the controversy.

Manglona, while acting governor last June 18th, vetoed a copy of House Bill 10-158 only to find out hours later that the governor has signed the original into law three days earlier.

He went on to say that his veto supercedes the governor's action because the bill has not left Tenorio's custody then and was thus still subject to reconsideration.

Asked during yesterday's interview whether he agrees with Manglona, Borja said there is merit to the senator's argument.

"I tend to agree with that. Even I, as acting governor, if I have not completely made up my mind on something and I am leaning on signing it, I'll go ahead and approve it and put it in my drawer overnight," said the acting governor.

"If I change my mind, I can come back and still change my action as it has not left my custody. So that's the position I take," he added.

The validity of the new minimum wage law may now be up to the



Jesus C. Borja



Paul A. Manglona

court to decide on in as much as Manglona is reportedly suing the governor to clarify on the matter.

Meanwhile, the Administration has deemed the new law as valid and has started its enforcement among those eligible for the increase.

P.L. 10-13 raises the hourly minimum wage by 15 cents to \$2.90 for workers in the garment and construction sectors and by 30 cents to \$3.05 for all other workers, but for those under the exempt categories.

Although government lawyers earlier told the Variety the new increases took effect by the first of this month, subsequent reports indicate they do not apply to existing employment contracts signed before May 6, 1996.

As for Borja, the validity of the new law would have to be decided based on the facts of the case, should the matter be brought up for judicial determination.

"The application of what law applies depends on the facts. It's really a factual determination that has to be made and investigated as to whether a diligent search was made before Sen. Manglona acted on the bill," said Borja.

"When you have a very good case under the law, you go on the law. When you have a weak case under the law, then you go on the facts. So in this case, it depends on what the facts are," Borja added.

If on the other hand Manglona could show that in the past it's perfectly normal for the governor or even an acting governor to sign copies of the bills not the originals, then "he may have a good case." "If he could show that, then he may be right. On the other hand, if it's shown there have been no previous occasion that a copy has ever been signed, without a very diligent search to find the originals, then he may lose out," said Borja.

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Speaker to Senate: Pass ban

By Rafael H. Arroyo
Variety News Staff

HOUSE Speaker Digo T. Benavente has called on the Senate to pass the bill seeking to restrict the entry of Chinese nationals to the CNMI.

In an interview, Benavente said Senate Bill 10-29 has to be enacted to give the CNMI government greater control over the influx of individuals who may tend to abuse the system.

"If they are not committing crimes, they're opening up



Diego T. Benavente

those rinky-dinky businesses such as the \$4 haircut and massage parlors, all those that are really not necessary here in the Commonwealth and yet we're inviting them in and allowing them to come in freely," said Benavente.

"I think there has to be control, just as the United States have control over the entry of foreigners into the US."

S.B. 10-29, which seeks to ban the entry of citizens from the People's Republic of China, except for diplomats and holders of valid US visas and working permits, has reportedly been "shelved" by the Senate upon the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, Government and Law.

control, the Chinese tourist market is not in anyway similar to the Japanese or Korean tourist market in terms of desirability.

"Right now, the purpose of their entry, as we see most of it anyway, is bad business, abusing their stay here and committing a lot of crimes. And we see the crimes becoming more and more serious, like extortion and armed robbery," Benavente said.

"Those are crimes that we don't hear too much in the past and yet they are now being committed here. That has to be stopped and the way to stop that is for Immigration and DPS to go out and enforce our local laws," added the speaker.

more money to provide more FTEs and funding to Immigration and DPS so they could go out there and patrol our streets and make sure they stop the prostitution and criminal activities," said Benavente.

But an alternative, he stressed, is to push for more control in the entry of these citizens.

"I am definitely urging the Senate to pass the bill. I understand that part of their concern is its impact on Tinian's casino industry. I think it's easier to try to work things out towards restricting Tinian than to allow uncontrolled entry, crimes and bad business to continue.

"I am concerned about Tinian's need for tourists to help its casino industry. But if this is the kind of tourists that we will be getting from PROC, then I don't think that even people of Tinian would want tourists that would be engaged in extortion, armed robbery, prostitution and illegal businesses like on Saipan.

"Again, if they are legitimate tourists, I think we can find the language to accommodate them for Tinian," said the speaker.

Council announces essay competition

THE COMMONWEALTH Council for the Humanities announced an Essay Contest open to all public and private high school students in the CNMI. The subject of the essay is:

"What Does it Mean to be an American?" Essays should focus on the nature of American identity and how that identity is shared (or not shared) shaped and defined by the cultural, ethnic and racial diversity of American society.

Writers might consider the subject in the context of our national motto: "E pluribus unum."

The winner will receive two round trip tickets (one for a parent or sponsor) to Washington, D.C. and expenses (hotel and meals) for three days.

Contest Rules:

1. Essays should be no longer than 500 words, typed or clearly printed in English.
2. Essays must be submitted on or before September 2, 1996.

All essays become the property of the CNMI Council for the Humanities.

3. The following information should be included with your essay: name, age address, phone number, school and grade and the name of your sponsor or parent who will accompany you to Washington, D.C.

4. Your sponsor's signed certification that you are the author of the essay.

A signed and dated certification should read: I, (name of the sponsor) attest that (name of contestant) is the author of this essay.

Essays must be submitted to the Council Office, ground floor, King's Plaza in Dandan or mailed to: Executive Director, CNMI Council for the Humanities, AAA 3394, Box 10001, Saipan, MP 96950. Please note: to be considered mailed essays must bear a U.S. post mark no later than September 2, 1996. For more information, please contact Ron Barrineau at the Humanities Council at 235-4785.

According to Benavente, it is important that the Senate keep the measure alive due to the need for the CNMI to put a check on unwanted immigration.

The speaker pointed out that while the CNMI opened its doors for tourists under the concept of local immigration

But should that effort fail for whatever reason, Benavente said a legislative remedy is in order.

"It is the Legislature's responsibility to do something and that is to impose a stricter policy on the entry of these citizens into the Commonwealth.

"Absolutely, a legislative remedy is in order. I wish we had a lot

American Red Cross NMI chapter tests emergency communication

PAID and volunteer staff of the American Red Cross assembled and tested their emergency communications equipment.

The American Red Cross, National Headquarters has pre-positioned an Inmarsat-A unit at the Northern Mariana Islands Chapter for use when all other communications are ineffective.

The satellite unit is a high-performance, satellite telephone that can be made operational in less than three minutes. A call can be placed as soon as the satellite lock is obtained.

The satellite is operated much like a telephone except that it is wireless.

The number is dialed and then transferred to a satellite which then sends the call to the correct location identified by that phone number.

In the event that there were a disaster in the CNMI and all communications were damaged, the satellite could be used to communicate with the national headquarters to coordinate disaster relief efforts to the Commonwealth.

Pre-positioned supplies such as the satellite are but one feature of the disaster prepared-

ness program of the NMI Chapter.

Disaster classes are conducted monthly to train persons in Disaster preparedness and relief and the Chapter's disaster committee meets monthly to plan for disaster assistance. All of the volunteers who assisted in the satellite test were part of the Chapter's disaster program.

The Chapter is open Monday-Friday from 8-5 and the number is 234-3459 for anyone interested in signing up for the classes or becoming part of the Disaster Services Program.



(L-R) Joe Atalig, Jerry Facey, Bernard Villagomez, Keoki Sablan, Wyatt McMillan, Cherry Schadeck and Jerry Hall testing the Satellite Emergency Communication equipment.

Spouse abuser to admit charges

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

A MAN who has been allegedly verbally and physically abusing his wife for 13 years and charged for beating her again last month has expressed desire to admit the latest offense.

Helacio Decherong, with counsel Juan T. Lizama, signed a plea agreement yesterday with the government represented by Assistant Atty. Gen. Nicole Forelli.

Decherong was charged last June 13 with assault and battery, disturbing the peace, and criminal contempt

before the Superior Court.

The defendant, through his counsel, entered into a plea agreement to admit all the charges.

In return, the Attorney General's Office will recommend two years' jail term, all suspended.

The AGO, however, will ask the court to place Decherong on probation and require to seek family/marital counselling.

The government will request that the defendant to undergo substance abuse counselling from a therapist at the Commonwealth Health Center.

Decherong must observe all criminal laws.

Court information showed that last June 10 at 5:30 p.m. Decherong started screaming at his wife. He then put his hand around her throat to choke her.

Decherong left at 6 p.m. and returned under the influence of alcohol the following day at 2:30 a.m.

The defendant started screaming profanities at his wife and threw a

plate across the room before he slept.

When he woke up, Decherong continued shouting profanities in front of their daughter. He threatened to kill his wife and burn their house.

Forelli said Decherong's acts were done in violation of a temporary restraining order issued by the court last March 15.

The victim sought a TRO because the defendant has been physically and verbally abusing her. She claimed that the abuses occurred particularly when Decherong got drunk.

but the illegal workers often end up with menial work. Many work for years to pay back the loans their families secured to pay for their journeys.

Many of the 10 major cases cracked since the beginning of the summer in Fuzhou involved workers being sent to Japan, the China Business Times reported.

Smuggling of people started picking up since the spring, but police have been cracking down effectively, the report said.

Report cites US role amid global change

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

HOULD America remain the protector of human rights and freedom for the world? If it should, what groups should it support in the various civil wars that are raging all over the globe?

Ever since the end of the Cold War in the late 80's, Meredith Bagby wrote in her book *The First Annual Report of the United States of America*, "America has been struggling to re-define its foreign policies.

The United States, she said, reacts to events as they arise in no certain pattern.

"Most experts agree that these kind of reactionary foreign policy is dangerous," Bagby said.

She mentioned, for instance, the US government's actions in Bosnia, Somalia, Haiti and Cuba which she described as "confusing and ineffective."

"Since the end of the Cold War, the US military has tried to transform itself from an entity capable of conducting a complete nuclear war against the communist world to an entity able to launch small, fast, conventional units for peace keeping in distant lands."

"In Bosnia," she said, "Serbians continue to target civilian areas and have failed to uphold agreements to honor safe-haven zones or to remove some of their larger weapons."

In Somalia, US troops were fired on and were "ineffective in bringing any comprehensive help."

In Haiti embargo has failed to oust the military coup leaders because their troops were not allowed to fire."

According to Bagby, the US' failure to win little wars may be attributed to its own misdoings.

For example, she said, one of the facts that makes it difficult for America to take strong military actions is that

these lesser developed nations have access to sophisticated weapons. US defense contractors are selling them weapons.

The United States, Bagby said, needs a new kind of military.

"To meet the challenges of the New World Order, America must redirect its military to deal with ethnic and civil wars," Bagby said.

She said the US must equip itself "to deal with new military threats and difficult economic challenges."

Fujian sees new wave of people shipped out of China

BEIJING (AP) - Authorities in Fuzhou have arrested 190 people accused of smuggling people out of China with promises of better jobs, a news report said Monday.

Coastal Fujian province has long been a hotspot for "snakeheads," who arrange for passage on ships and illegal entry into Japan, the United States and other countries.

The snakeheads charge high fees and promise good wages,

but the illegal workers often end up with menial work. Many work for years to pay back the loans their families secured to pay for their journeys.

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Citizens group nixes plans to gag media

THE CITIZENS Constitutional Forum of Fiji has rejected suggestions that a moratorium be placed on the media on reporting the recommendations of the Constitution Review Commission when they are handed to the President.

But the delegates including politicians, leaders of church and non-government organisations attending a forum meeting Saturday said the media should be allowed to publish the recommendations and to let the public decide on them, the Fiji Times reported.

The forum was reacting to suggestions from the floor that moratorium be placed on the media because the review of the 1990 Constitution was a very sensitive issue and making the report public before it was debated would create tension among different ethnic groups.

Fiji Times journalist, Netani Rika, one of the eight guest speakers at the forum said that if some people wanted the media to stop publishing the report then freedom of expression might as well be removed from the Constitution.

He said the media played a very important role in informing the public about issues that affected everyone.

The forum agreed that it would request the President to make the recommendations public simultaneously it was put in parliament.

It agreed that the three-member commission of Sir Paul Reeves, Tomasi Vakatora and Doctor Brij Lal be retained to explain their report to the country. ...Pacnews

Bougainville conflict's death toll over 10,000

AS many as 10,000 people have died in seven years of fighting on Bougainville according to previously unpublished figures compiled by Papua New Guinea government sources.

The Sydney Morning Herald published the figures at the weekend in a major front-page report dealing with the war on Bougainville.

The figures show that 7,640 civilians have died on Bougainville and neighboring Buka Island since fighting erupted in early 1989 and a further 7,070 have been injured.

About 200 troops and police have been killed on Bougainville along with a similar number of Bougainville Revolutionary Army rebels.

As many as 2000 members of the so-called Resistance - a pro-PNG Bougainvillean militia armed and trained by the PNG Defense Force - have also died, according to the figures published in the Herald.

The report said the figures were not official and their collection stopped several weeks ago before the PNGDF launched its Operation High Speed offensive in a bid to destroy the rebel command system.

The Sydney-based representative of the separatist Bougainville Interim Government, Moses Havini, has rejected the figures.

He told Pacnews the number of people killed would be nearer 20,000 not 10,000.

On Australian television at the weekend, Havini demanded that the Australian government recall equipment supplied to the PNGDF and now being used in the war on Bougainville.

This included Iroquois helicopters and patrol boats....Pacnews

W. Samoan member of parliament loses seat

ONE of the three women members of Western Samoa's parliament has lost her seat in a ruling handed down from the Supreme court.

The court found Tavui Lene guilty of corrupt practice during the campaign for this year's elections, namely of undue influence by holding onto voters' identification cards, storing them at one stage in her handbag, RNZI reported.

The Chief Justice accepted evidence that Tavui Lene at her headquarters in Savaii Island took about 150 ID cards from her handbag which were taken by her son to Upolu Island and returned to constituency members living in Upolu on polling day.

The court also found that Tavui Lene did not comply under the Electoral Act with the residency requirements for a candidate.

Candidates have to have lived in Western Samoa for 12 months to stand in the elections...Pacnews

21 South Pacific foreign affairs men get DC training

ABOUT 21 foreign affairs officers from the South Pacific are in the American capital, Washington DC, undergoing diplomatic training.

The officers from the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia and Palau, have been attending a month-long "Diplomatic Trade Craft Workshop" developing basic diplomatic skills which includes a whole range of exercises.

Part of the exercises included a two-day briefing at the UN, familiarising with how Pacific Islands diplomatic missions operate, the issues they cover and how they cooperate.

Some of the officers are diplomats in New York, Washington DC, Guam, Hawaii and from the three capitals.

The group is participating in an on-going programme which caters for all levels of foreign service officers, including the training of trainers provided by the United States State Department's Foreign Institute for the Micronesia region.

The institute is also the training ground for all American diplomats....Pacnews

Domestic airlines grounded

PAPUA New Guinea's minister for public service, Joseph Onguglo, has called for the grounding of all aircraft operated by the domestic airline, Miln Bay Air (MBA).

Onguglo's call followed last week's plane crash in the Southern Highlands which killed all 19 people on board. This was MBA's second air disaster within a year, NBC reported.

He says MBA plays a major role in the transportation of passenger and cargo throughout Papua New Guinea, but the safety of travellers ought to be paramount at all times.

Onguglo says he will express his concern to the minister for civil aviation, Michael Nali....Pacnews

Daley: British police seized bonds

THE BRITISH high commissioner in Vanuatu, Jim Daley, has confirmed that British police hold the bank bonds signed by the Vanuatu government in a scam uncovered earlier this month. Daley said the bonds were seized through a Magistrate Court order from Lloyds Bank in London but he says there is no evidence that any of them was used in negotiations.

If presented the bonds could have wrecked Vanuatu's economy and bankrupted -the government, RNZI reports.

Daley said the British police are searching for two people in London who were involved in depositing the bonds.

Vanuatu's Trading Post says it could take months before the bonds are returned to Vanuatu because they may be needed as evidence in court in London.

Meanwhile an Australian national held in Port Vila in connection with the scam is to appear at a preliminary hearing next week. Peter Swanson has applied for bail but one condition is for him to return the original bonds.

The opposition has accused the prime minister, Maxime Carlot Korman, of using Swanson as a scapegoat for the plot which involved the prime minister himself as well as the finance minister and Reserve Bank governor....Pacnews

Solomons worried over PNG relations

POLICE in the Solomon Islands have expressed concern over the deteriorating relations with Papua New Guinea following activities along the common border of the two countries.

The concern was expressed in a letter sent by the Solomon Islands assistant police commissioner, Michael Wheatley, to the PNG defence Force Commander, Bregadier General Jerry Singirok.

In the letter dated 12th July, 1996, Wheatley said the deteriorating relations at the border particularly between the security forces of both countries is a cause of grave concern which had prompted him to write the letter.

He related to the recent reported incidences of border incursions by PNG security forces which he said were unprovocative, the National reports.

MANILA NEWS DRILL (as culled by Philippine Consulate)

Bishops back Misuari

THE influential Bishops Conference of the Philippines yesterday welcomed the possibility of Muslim rebel chief Nur Misuari as head of the proposed Southern Philippines Council for Peace and Development as long as his appointment is legal.

"The Catholic Church is not averse to a member of the MNLF (Moro National Liberation Front) chairing the council," said CBCP spokesman Bishop Ted Bacani, adding:

"I have not heard of any objection from any single bishop, especially a bishop in Mindanao to having a chairman from the MNLF as such."

Misuari chairs the MNLF which signed a draft peace agreement with the government in Davao City, the highlight of which is the proposed establishment of the council.

President Ramos has invited the CBCP leadership to a dialogue on July 25 to clarify issues on the controversial SPCPD. The Philippine Journal

ASEAN plans for gas industry

THE SEVEN-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has agreed to pursue plans to put up a Trans-Asean Gas Pipe System to develop the region's gas industry.

Energy Secretary Francisco Viray said the Asean governments also agreed to encourage the private sector to participate in the linking of the proposed gas pipe system.

Viray attended the 14th Asean Ministers on Energy Meeting held recently in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Energy ministers of Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, Indonesia and Brunei Darussalam were present during the meeting.

Viray said the meeting discussed the results of the Study on the Masterplan on Natural Gas Development and Utilization in the Asean Region. He said the Philippines' multibillion-peso Philippine Gas Project will be made part of the region's project. Malaysia

Liwag acting Immigration chief

THE Department of Justice yesterday effected the order of the Palace appointing Justice Undersecretary Ramon Liwag as the Bureau of Immigration Officer-in-Charge.

The DOJ immediately implemented Liwag's appointment to patch up things in the absence of Immigration Commissioner Leandro Verceles.

The Immigration Bureau is not new to Liwag since he had served concurrently as its chief in acting capacity even before Verceles was appointed as the Immigration Commissioner. Journal

RP's GIR hits \$10.4 billion

THE country's gross international reserves (GIR) continued to scale new heights, reaching \$10.4 billion as of July 10, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Gabriel Singson reported yesterday.

The GIR is foreign currencies held by the BSP which normally serves as cover for three to four months of importation expenses.

Foreign currency deposit units (FCDU) in local banks also have topped \$11.7 billion as of the end of June, \$2.27 billion more than the end-1995 level of \$9.43 billion.

From only \$7.77 billion as of end-1005, heavy buying by the BSP in the foreign exchange (Forex) market since the start of the year steadily built up the country's foreign reserves. The Philippine Star

Ramos: No war to erupt in south

PRESIDENT Ramos last night dismissed reports that he had warned of war erupting in Mindanao if the Southern Philippines Council for Peace and Development (SPCPD) is not created.

"Let's stop this speculation about war coming back to Mindanao," Mr. Ramos said at the Manila Overseas Press Club President's night.

"There has been no indication from the MNLF about them going back to war."

"It's only some people who are bringing up this war scare," he added, referring to critics of the peace accord. Philippine Daily Inquirer

APEC told to protect environment

PRESIDENT Ramos yesterday threw down the environment gauntlet at the ministers of the 18 member-economies of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, as he challenged them to pursue and implement their "shared and indivisible responsibility" of ensuring that the benefits of economic growth and development in the region are spread evenly among the most number of people.

Ramos urged APEC participants to protect the environment by sharing economic progress as he noted mass poverty is one of the biggest factors contributing to the destruction of the environment.

The President, addressing the opening of yesterday's Ministerial Meetings on Sustainable Development said "we do not have much time to waste on circuitous debates." Manila Standard

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More die of Dengue

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - At least six people have died among 227 new cases of dengue fever reported in the Philippines in the first two weeks of this month, the department of health reported Monday.

The new cases brought the number of reported victims of this year's outbreak to 1,615, a 430 percent increase from the same period last year. Twenty-one people have died.

Edgar Hilario, a spokesman for the health office, said the number of cases are expected to increase as the Philippine rainy season progresses.

About 110 cases were reported in Sapang Palay, a squatter settlement area in Bulacan province, just north of Manila. Five of the victims died, Hilario said.

In another concentration, 16 cases, including one death, were reported in Cordillera in the northern Philippines.

Health officials have expressed alarm over this year's outbreak, which they attributed to a resurgence of the Dengue 3 strain of the virus.

This strain is more virulent than the three others and the illness it causes is more difficult to treat and manage.

Dengue fever is carried by mosquitoes that attack during the day and are different from the mosquitoes that bite at night which are often carriers of malaria.

The mosquitoes breed in stagnant water, particularly during the rainy season.

Dengue fever leaves its victims with high fever, rash, nose bleeds and severe pains.

In severe cases, patients suffer hemorrhaging of internal organs and require blood transfusions.

"As long as there are mosquitoes in the Philippines, cases of dengue fever will continue to be reported," Hilario said.

A vaccine against dengue fever has not been developed.

Boys thrown overboard for failing to pay ferry fare, survive 19 hours

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Two 15-year-old boys caught on a ferry without enough money to buy a ticket were thrown overboard by the crew into shark-infested waters, but were rescued 19 hours later, news reports and relatives said Monday.

Meynard Alcala and Raymond Villena boarded the wrong ferry in Batangas City when they arrived at the wharf late and jumped onto a boat that was leaving the dock, the reports said.

They discovered their mistake only after the ferry was at sea, and had enough money to pay for only a one-way fare. The boys stayed on the boat for the return trip, but crew members who discovered them slashed them with a knife and threw them off the boat, said Rafael Roxas, Meynard's uncle.

"The slash wounds were like deep nicks to make sure they were bleeding when they hit water to attract sharks," Roxas said.

The boys survived without being attacked by sharks and were picked up 19 hours later by passing fishing boat Friday off Romblon Island in the central Philippines, he said.

Both boys were in shock but otherwise in good condition, Roxas said in a telephone interview.

A spokesman for the ferry company, Viva Shipping Lines of Batangas, said the company would not confirm the incident but was investigating the ship's crew.

Romblon Island is about 230 kilometers (145 miles) south of Manila.

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The project, in general consists of the construction of a new emergency generator building, procurement and installation of two new generators along with the demolition and removal of the existing generator building. In addition, the airport service road is to be realigned and a new electrical vault will be constructed. All work is to be in accordance with the plans and specifications.

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/s/ CARLOS A. SHODA
Executive Director

N. Korea, pushing a free trade zone, woos capital

By ERIC TALMADGE
TOKYO (AP) - They came armed with glossy pamphlets, a sharp promo video and a slick sales pitch. But lest anyone forget, on every lapel shone the likeness of the late Great Leader, Kim Il Sung.

With their hermetic homeland struggling with flood-caused famines, a trade mission from North Korea is traversing Japan to promote Asia's newest "up-and-coming business location" - a free trade zone along the North Korea-China-Russia border.

But if Monday's meeting with potential Japanese investors was any indication, they could have a very tough task ahead of them.

"There is a country risk involved," Yoshihimi Nagase, president of the Shinwa Bussan trading company, said after sitting through a two-hour seminar led by Kim Jong U, head of the North Korean Overseas Economic Promotion Council.

"We don't have any specific investment plans," he said.

Though built on an ideology of austere self-reliance, North Korea has been pounded in recent years by flooding, poor harvests and political uncertainty following the July 1994 death of Kim Il Sung, who founded its government.

Recent defectors to South Korea have told of severe famine and suggested unrest is increasing under the leadership of Kim's son and heir, Kim Jong Il.

But the North is gambling the 4-year-old Rajin-Sonbong Free Trade Zone - a remote, 746-square kilometer (300 square mile) area along the Tumen River - may help them out of their economic plight.

In one indication of the importance the North has attached to making the zone work, its delegation to Japan follows a similar promotion blitz for business executives from arch-rival South Korea last month in China.

And, to lure foreign investors, the North - possibly the most hardline of the remaining communist nations - has expressed a very pragmatic willingness to bend its Marxist dogma to the capitalist ear.

"As long as the activity is legal, we will welcome it, capitalist or socialist," delegation leader Kim told the 100 or so Japanese businessmen at Friday's seminar.

Kim also promised tax breaks, visa exemptions and other incentives. "The government will not interfere in business," he said.

Some of the pitch may be paying off, albeit slowly.

Delegation member Kim Su Yong, a professor at Kim Il Sung University, said the North this year has won a \$28 million contract with Thailand's Loxley to develop telecommunications in the zone, and a million dollar contract with Shell Oil for investment in storage facilities.

But he acknowledged that conditions are hardly ideal.

The zone has no airport, workers are still paving what roads have been constructed and access in and out is severely restricted.

Ian Davies, an investment advisor for the United Nations, which is helping the Koreans promote the zone, said investment has also been slowed by concerns over North Korea's political situation.

Pyongyang has no diplomatic relations with South Korea, Japan or the United States, and in recent years has had increasingly strained relations with its former mentor, Russia, and communist neighbor China.

Only a trickle of information about conditions inside the country and particularly about its government makes it to the outside world.

Rumors that it is developing or has already developed nuclear weapons nearly drove tensions on the peninsula to a boil two years ago, and further isolated the North from the international community.

"People are reluctant to do business in the Rajin-Sonbong Free Zone because of the politics, that's true," Davies said.

But Davies said a larger problem is that investors don't even know it exists.

"Most of the investors now are people who feel comfortable doing business with the Koreans," he said. "They are overseas Koreans, Chinese or Russians."

US official ends tour of Asia on optimistic note

TOKYO (AP) - U.S. National Security Adviser Anthony Lake wrapped up a five-nation Asian visit Monday expressing hopes that North Korea will agree to peace talks and that strained U.S. ties with China are on the mend.

In one of Clinton administration's most wide-ranging recent diplomatic forays in Asia, Lake visited China, Thailand, Vietnam, South Korea and Japan, discussing a range of issues from human rights in Burma to disarmament concerns to the U.S. military presence in Japan.

Topping the agenda was famine-hit North Korea, which has yet to respond to a three-month-old U.S.-South Korean proposal for talks aimed at replacing a 1953 armistice with a permanent peace. The proposal calls for Beijing to participate as well.

Lake told reporters in Tokyo his talks in China and elsewhere helped underscore U.S. interest in getting the process moving - and send a clear message to Pyongyang that agreeing to participate would open the door for more aid and economic contacts.

"It's in the interest of the North Koreans and ourselves that (the talks) take place expeditiously," he said.

Details of Lake's talks Sunday in South Korea were not disclosed, but news reports in Seoul said they focused on whether to give more incentives to North Korea, including more food aid. Lake said there was anecdotal evidence of "grave hunger" in the reclusive communist state.

Lake said his two days of talks in China, his first stop, helped ease tensions over trade, human rights and other issues and set the stage for future discussions. Relations have thawed recently after a deep chill earlier this year over Chinese saber-rattling in Taiwan and other issues.

"I hope we solidified what has been an improving relationship," Lake said. In Thailand, Lake talked with officials about regional strategies for discouraging a crackdown by Burma's military-led government on the pro-democracy movement led by Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi.

In Vietnam, he told officials that establishing the fate of missing U.S. servicemen from the Vietnam war will be key to Hanoi's efforts to obtain most-favored-nation trade status with the United States.

On his final stop, Japan, Lake held talks Monday with Japan's defense chief Hideo Usui, in which he expressed support for easing the burden placed on the southern island of Okinawa by the big U.S. military presence. In the wake of an Okinawan schoolgirl's rape last September by American servicemen - and a resulting boomer in anti-military sentiment - the United States agreed to steps including the return of a major military base. But a more detailed plan to lessen the intrusiveness of the U.S. presence is still being worked on.

Lake also met with Japanese Foreign Minister Yukihiko Ikeda, urging a speedy resolution of trade disputes over insurance and semiconductors. The two sides have set an end-of-the-month deadline for action on both.

South Korea plans to buy F-15 fighters

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - South Korea plans to purchase American F-15 jet fighters and early warning airplanes in a new program to beef up its air force in the 21st century, military officials said Monday.

The \$2.5 billion program follows a \$5.2 billion project in progress since 1991 under which South Korea plans to buy 120 F-16 jets, made by General Dynamics Corp. of the United States, by the end of this century.

Under the new program, dubbed FXX, South Korea plans to buy an unspecified number of F-15s and four early warning airplanes during a 10-year period starting in 2001, air force officials said.

The new program also calls for the South Korean air force to reorganize its air defense system with surface-to-air missiles, the officials said.

The F-15, developed by General Dynamics Corp. based in Falls Church, Va., is one of the mainstay fighters in the U.S. military. It is produced by Lockheed Martin Corp., which acquired the tactical fighter unit of General Dynamics in a \$1.5 billion deal in 1992.

South Korea traditionally purchases most of its military hardware from the United States.

Yeltsin cancels Gore meeting



Boris Yeltsin



Al Gore

By JULIA RUBIN
MOSCOW (AP) - President Boris Yeltsin canceled a planned meeting Monday with U.S. Vice President Al Gore and has gone on vacation for two weeks, a presidential spokesman said.

The cancellation immediately raised concerns about the Russian leader's flagging health, but Igor Ignatiev, chief of the presidential press service, said Yeltsin was not ailing.

"He's OK," Ignatiev told reporters who had gathered at the Kremlin for the scheduled meeting. "He just decided to take a vacation."

Ignatiev said Yeltsin had de-

cidated to take two weeks vacation at a government health resort in Barvikha about 12 kilometers (7 miles) northwest of Moscow.

The president's office later issued a statement saying that Yeltsin, who won re-election on July 3, was slipping in a short vacation before his inauguration Aug. 9.

"On the eve of the official assumption of duties... Boris Yeltsin felt that now was the most appropriate time for a vacation, with the goal of restoring his strength after a tense election campaign," the statement said.

Yeltsin largely disappeared from view before the final round of presidential elections, and his successful re-election bid clearly took a hard toll on his health. At the time, his wife, Naina, said he needed a rest.

He has appeared only rarely since

then, mainly in state television footage.

Yeltsin was hospitalized twice last year for acute ischemia, a heart problem. He also has suffered in recent years from back trouble and other ailments.

Gore arrived in Moscow on Saturday primarily for meetings on economic issues with Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin. The two met Sunday, and the commission they co-chair was to begin work Monday.

The U.S. leader, who meets with Chernomyrdin and the commission about every six months on a variety of nuts-and-bolts issues, had a stern message of disapproval this time for the Kremlin over its latest military offensive in breakaway Chechnya.

Ignatiev said Yeltsin was unlikely to meet with Gore during the vice president's stay in Moscow.

Settlers seeking to triple Jewish population in disputed West Bank

By DAN PERRY

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) - Jewish settlers in the West Bank, encouraged by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's pro-settlement stance, said they want to triple their numbers in the next four years - building eight new settlements and expanding existing ones.

Opponents angrily responded Sunday that increasing the Jewish population in disputed areas could spell the death of the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

Palestinians view the settlements as a key impediment to resolving their territorial dispute with Israel, complicating any Israeli disengagement from territories the Jewish state captured in the 1967 Mideast war.

Settler leader Pinchas Wallerstein said Sunday he would ask Netanyahu to cancel the freeze on building new settlements imposed by the previous Labor Party government.

Wallerstein said he wants to see the settler population grow by at least 300,000 over the next four years - a figure in line with estimates mentioned by some officials of Netanyahu's Likud Party.

A detailed plan is being drawn up by the Amana movement, which represents thousands of settlers.

"I am sure we will get the full support of the prime minister," said Wallerstein, adding he did not know when the proposals would be submitted.

Netanyahu, who appears committed to blocking the Palestinians' goal of turning their limited autonomy into full statehood, has been evasive about settlements since his election victory in May.

Netanyahu says he supports expanding the Jewish presence in the disputed areas but has not specified whether he would allow new settlements or the enlargement of old ones. He reacted coolly Sunday to the settlers' plans.

"If some proposal or other is presented to me I will of course consider it, but you must remember that the government's policy is determined by the government and not by any outside group," he told a news conference on returning from a six-day trip to the

United States.

In addition to 140,000 settlers - about 5,000 in Gaza, the rest in the West Bank - 160,000 Israelis live in neighborhoods in east Jerusalem, which Israel captured from Jordan in 1967 and later annexed.

Further expanding the number of Israelis living in disputed territory, critics warn, could kill a peace process already unbalanced by Netanyahu's surprise election victory over peacemaker Shimon Peres.

"Settlements and peace are two opposing lines, they do not meet," said Palestinian Finance Minister Mohammed Nashashibi, a top aide to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

"If the plan is carried out, it will stop the peace process," agreed Labor Party lawmaker Binyamin Ben-Eliezer.

As housing minister in the former government, Ben-Eliezer was responsible for the settlements.

Spurred by U.S. opposition, Labor in 1992 largely froze construction of new settlements, but allowed some expansion of existing communities, particularly around Jerusalem.

The settler population has grown by nearly 50 percent since then, in part from high birthrates among religious Jews.

Most settlers live in bedroom communities relatively close to the border between the West Bank and Israel proper.

Yossi Beilin, a key negotiator under the previous government, has argued that most settlers can be incorporated into Israel through only limited changes to the West Bank border. The rest, he has suggested, then could move or live in a Palestinian state.

Such a scenario could be scuttled by a new settlement drive placing thousands more Jews deep inside disputed territory.

Israel radio said Amana would propose establishing eight new settlements on 5,000 acres (2,000 hectares) of land south of Jerusalem, filling in spaces between settlements near Bethlehem and communities inside Israel.

Also Sunday, the Israeli newspaper Haaretz said Netanyahu will send a senior representative to



Benjamin Netanyahu

Arafat this week with a five-point plan for resuming peace talks.

The plan, the newspaper said, would demand Arafat shut down Palestinian institutions in Jerusalem and act more strongly against Hamas and Islamic Jihad militants. Only then would Netanyahu ease the four-month closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip or discuss pulling troops from the West Bank city of Hebron, the paper said.

Arafat was in Cairo on Sunday for talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who is to meet with Netanyahu later this week. Arafat said only that they "discussed the recent developments in the region and their impact on the peace process."

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Annual UN Human Development report:

Growth leaving many behind

By SETH SUTEL
TOKYO (AP) - A worldwide surge of economic growth over the past three decades has mainly benefited a small number of countries, and a quarter of the world's people are actually worse off than they were 15 years ago, according to an annual United Nations survey.

The 1996 Human Development Report follows world trends in economic development and ranks countries based on an index that measures life expectancy, education, and purchasing power. It was to be released Wednesday following a meeting of top U.N. Development Program officials in Tokyo.

This year's report, the seventh edition of the annual survey, outlined serious concerns about the widening gap between rich and poor people as fast-paced economic growth continues to leave many people and countries behind.

"The world has become more economically polarized, both between countries and within countries," UNDP Administrator James Gustave Speth wrote in a preface to the report.

"If present trends continue, eco-

nomics disparities between industrial and developing nations will move from inequitable to inhuman," he wrote.

The report looks beyond simple economic growth data to examine factors that determine how many people are actually better off than before, both in terms of

wealth and other measures of well-being such as health and education.

The survey found that despite a strong surge in economic growth in 15 countries over the past 30 years, some 1.6 billion people - about one-fourth of the world's population - were left

behind and are now worse off than they were 15 years ago.

At the national level, 89 countries - most of them in the developing world - are worse off economically now than they were 10 or more years ago. Among the world's wealthy nations, only three - Canada, Finland and Iceland - are worse off than they were in the 1980s.

The report ranked Canada first on its "Human Development Index," which measures overall health as expressed by life expectancy, education and purchasing power. The United States was second, followed by Japan, the Netherlands and Norway.

But when the measures are adjusted for various gaps between the status of men and women, Sweden vaults to the top position, while Canada drops to second, the United States to fourth and Japan to 12th.

Not all the news in this year's report was gloomy, however. The authors also noted that their measure of

"human development" has risen at a faster rate in the last 30 years in the developing world than the developed countries achieved over one century.

Led by successfully developing countries like Botswana, China, Indonesia, South Korea, Malaysia and Singapore, life expectancy in developing countries has shot up by more than 30 percent during that period while primary school enrollment has increased from 48 percent to 77 percent.

"A strategy for economic growth that emphasizes people and their productive potential is the only way to open opportunities," said Richard Jolly, chief author of the report and special advisor to the administrator of the UNDP. "It is increasingly clear that new international measures are needed to encourage and support national strategies for employment creation and human development, especially in the poorer countries," he said.

RP economy bullish

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Net inflows of money into the country for stock purchases between January and June 14 reached \$861 million, triple the \$287 million in net inflows in the year-ago period, the central bank said.

Central bank sources attributed the huge jump to bullishness over the Philippine economy, particularly the 6.2

percent growth in gross national product in the first quarter and the declining inflation rate.

Total portfolio inflows for the six-and-a-half month period reached \$2.766 billion, more than double the \$1.105 billion in inflows during the year-earlier period, while outflows reached \$1.905 billion compared with \$1.818 billion last year.

Key findings of UNHD survey

HERE are some key findings from the 1996 Human Development Report, compiled by the U.N. Development Program:

MORE PEOPLE IN POVERTY. The world's total economic output grew by 40 percent in the 10 years ending in 1985, but only a minority of nations benefited. During that same period, the number of poor people increased 17 percent.

RICH ARE GETTING RICHER. The assets of the world's 358 billionaires exceed the combined annual incomes of countries accounting for 45 percent of the world's people.

POOR COUNTRIES ARE DOING WORSE. Compared with 10 years ago, 89 countries are worse off than they were before, but most of those are developing countries. Among rich countries, only three - Canada, Finland and Iceland - are worse off today than before, while 70 developing countries have seen income levels fall below levels seen in the 1960s and 1970s.

GREATER EQUALITY IN ASIA. Countries in East Asia and Southeast Asia have not only grown the fastest but have also had the most fair division of income and assets like land and credit.

COUNTRIES RANKED. Canada ranked first of 174 countries on a U.N. index of "human development" that combines measures of life expectancy, education and basic purchasing power. The United States came next, followed by Japan, the Netherlands and Norway.

Death And Funeral Announcement



ROSA SAN NICOLAS CABRERA CAMACHO,

better known as Rosan "Potu/Pakito" daughter of Juan Taisague Cabrera and Ana Dela Cruz San Nicolas, deceased, of Chalan Piao, Saipan, passed away on July 11, 1996. Mrs. Camacho was predeceased by her husband FRANCISCO TUDELA CAMACHO, son of Luis Muna Camacho and Maria Ramirez Tudela, deceased. She is survived by her children Jose and Helen Camacho (Herbert, Richard and Valerie) of California; Luis C. Camacho, Ana Maria C. Camacho, Maria and Serafin Guerrero (James and Jennifer Guerrero, Shirley Ann G. and Thomas Blas, Kevin, Jerome and Nadine), Juan and Bobbie Camacho (Keith, Christopher and Jacob) of Guam; Vicente and Cindy Camacho (Brandon, Ryan, and Ila) Francisco C. Camacho and Thomas C. Camacho (Soly and James Frankie).

She is additionally survived by her sister Carmen and husband Fred Austin (California); Sister-in-laws Angelina R. Cabrera, (California), Cecilia S. Tudela (Augustine), Elisa F. Camacho, Monica C. Duenas, Gregoria C. Cabrera and brother in-law Felix T. Camacho; sixteen grandchildren, three great grand children and numerous nieces and nephews. Mrs. Camacho was predeceased by her sister Maria SN. Cabrera, brothers Antonio Dela Cruz Cabrera (Rosa), Jesus, Jose, Joaquin (Ana), Francisco (Regina), and Juan SN. Cabrera; brother in-laws Jose (Juana), Gregoria (Elizabeth), Manuel, and Pedro T. Camacho (Maria) and sister-in-laws Asuncion C. Castro (Rodrigo/Vicente), Guadalupe C. Diaz/Blas (Jose/Juan), Ana C. Babauta (Jose) and Luciana (Francisco) A. Ada.

Rosary is being said nightly at 8:00 pm at Mt. Carmel Cathedral and will end on July 18, 1996.

Last respects may be paid on Friday, July 19, 1996 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm followed by mass at 4:00 pm. Interment services will follow immediately thereafter at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.



THE FAMILY

Funeral Announcement

VICENTE GUEVARA CASTRO



was called to rest on Wednesday, July 10, 1996, at the Commonwealth Health Center. He is survived by his wife, TERESITA CARDENO CASTRO.

Additionally survived by his mother, Esperanza Castro;

Brothers, sisters, & in-laws: Susana T. Castro, Herman & Maria S. Castro, Max & Dorothy Castro, Candido Castro, Gary & Vicenta Wambold, Noberto & Anna Javier, Dolores Castro, Fred & Maggie Camacho, John & Ellen E. Castro, Antonio Castro, Pete & Maria Tudela, Frank Borja, and Jose Castro.

Pre-deceased by: Juan Cabrera Castro, father; Gregorio Castro, brother; and Maria Margarita Borja, sister.

Nightly rosary is being said at the residence of Mr. Jose Castro in Chalan Piao, at 8:00 pm. Last respect may be made at the same location on Thursday, July 18, 1996, from 7:30 to 3:30 p.m. Funeral mass will follow at 4:00 pm. at San Antonio Church. Thank you.

Brunei hosts sultan's birthday

By GAVIN HILL
BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Brunei (AP) - What do you give the world's richest man for his birthday?

Britain's Prince Charles gave a walking stick and an ornamental silver box, with a little water color painting inlaid into the lid.

Charles and pop star Michael Jackson are among the dozens of VIPs who have flown in from around the world for Brunei's most lavish party - the birthday bash of Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah, who turned 50 Monday.

The sultan has hired a London production company to make a wide-screen state-of-the-art digital home video of his party. Edit suites have been set up at the palace, and a team of cameramen, editors and producers are working around-the-clock.

Celebrations were kicked off with an hour-long military parade in a stadium next to a gold-domed mosque in the center of the town, watched by the government officials, diplomats and sultan's overseas guests, including Charles.

Dressed in a traditional Malay costume of shining gold - a lose satin suit with a wide sash tied around the waste and a scabbard - the sultan arrived in a black Rolls Royce. Cannons boomed in the background.

The sultan greeted Prince Charles with a grin. Jackson wasn't seen. Later, Charles flew into the depths

of Borneo's rain forests in one of the sultan's private helicopter to visit a nature project.

At the palace, the sultan presented honors at an investiture ceremony. On either side of the sultan's throne sat his two wives.

Jackson, said to be the sultan's favorite pop star, came to Brunei by a chartered flight on Saturday to perform at a public concert Tuesday. But fans won't have to pay to hear Jackson - the sultan is picking up the tab.

Jackson's concert will officially inaugurate a multi-billion-dollar theme park similar to Disney Land, built by the sultan as a gift to his 200,000 subjects and tourists. Entrance to the park and rides are free.

The Jackson concert will be held in a 4,000-capacity amphitheater in a man-made garden adjacent to the theme park. But more than 30,000 people are expected to attend - many coming in from Indonesia and Malaysia - and they will watch the concert on giant videos outside in a huge patio area.

The sultan can afford to be generous. One of the world's few absolute monarchs, Hassanal presides over this tiny Borneo Island sultanate's vast oil income and foreign currency reserves estimated at more than \$37 billion. In comparison, Microsoft's Bill Gates, the world's richest private citizen, has an estimated fortune of \$18 billion.

The sultan earns \$100 a second from investments, oil earnings etc., which amounts to \$2 billion a year.

Jackson is the latest in a string of Western pop stars invited by the sultan to perform, but only the first to give a public performance. Previous stars who sang for the sultan are Elton John, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder, Bon Jovi and Tina Turner.

Jackson is believed to be giving a private concert Monday for guests attending a birthday banquet later Monday. There is no official word on how much he is being paid.

Prince Charles, leaving behind a troublesome divorce settlement, arrived on Sunday and was driven to the 1,778-room Istana Nurul Iman palace on the banks of the Brunei River for an audience with the sultan.

The sprawling Islamic-style building, lit by giant floodlights, glows like a giant pearl at night. All around, the capital is bedecked with tens of thousands of colored light bulbs, flags and bunting for celebrations that will last 15 days.

To mark the occasion, the state-run Royal Brunei Airlines is offering a 50 percent discount to economy class passengers to nine Asian destinations for a month beginning Thursday.

Asia's STAR TV network will broadcast a one-hour show on Brunei and Hassanal Monday night, paid for by the government and some prominent local businesses.



A Buddhist monk throws scraps of chicken to many stray dogs at a Buddhist temple in Bangkok. Over 50,000 homeless dogs, many injured and disease ridden, find refuge in city temples where they are cared for by monks as a form of merit making. AP Photo

DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT



JACOBA AYUYU SONGSONG

Better Known as "Nan Boba" (July 25, 1919 - July 12, 1996) of Rota, passed away on July 12, 1996 at the age of 76 years:

In her death, she now joins her: Husband: Andres Manglona Songsong. Parents: Pedro Atalig Ayuyu & Carmen Manglona Masga. Brother: Lorenzo M. Ayuyu. Father-in-Law: Vidal Hoco Songsong. Mother-in-Law: Clementina Mesngon Manglona. Daughters: Angela, Mattina, Maria and Rosa. Son-in-Law: Vicente C. Masga; Brother-in-law: Albert F. Fleming.

Her spirit and memories will live in the hearts of her family: Children, spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren:

Vicente A. & Maria B. Songsong (Saipan)
Joseph B. & Maria M. Songsong (Ann-Marie, Roger, Carlyn, Vincent)
Josephine S. & Benjamin A. Sablan (Kimberly)
Manuel B. & Ferry Songsong (Carlo)
Ricardo B. & Carmel R. Songsong (Jason) & (Georgia S.)
Francisco B. & Mary Ann S. Songsong (Francisco Jr., Michelle, Francine, Kyle)
Diego B. & Jane Songsong (Jacklyn, Kurt, Sheila)
Maryann S. & John You
Joaquin B. & Nancy Songsong (Andrew John, Krystal)
Patricia S. Songsong & Joseph Brian Santos (Keo Patrick, Austin, Simon Peter)

Cristina S. & Vicente C. Masga; (dec.) (Guam)
Antonia M. & John Salas (Alethea, Tishian, Vivien, John Jesse)
Alfred S. Masga (Jacob Vincent)
George S. & Patty D. Masga (Crissey Sue, George Jr., Vincent)
Elizabeth M. & John Terlaje (John Jr., Jason Michael, Alyssa)
Celina M. & Anthony Santos, Patrick S. & Mary Masga (Mathew)
Thomas and Andrew

Nicolas A. & Mary Grace L. Songsong (Rota);
Vincent L. & Maureen Songsong (Leander) Thomas L. & Lisa Songsong (Scotty, Cheyenne)
Robert L. & Anna Songsong, Terrence, and Nicholas Jr.

Carmen S. & Joannes R. Taimanao (Saipan);
Francis S. & Frances T. Taimanao (Jasyeen Cecil, Jolleen, John Vincent)
Tracy Lynn S. Taimanao (Jacoba Cecilia, Johanna, Jostan), Joannes R. Jr., Andrew, Rose Sharon and Ina Marie

Jose A. & Angelina M. Songsong (Saipan);
Jocelyn M. Songsong (Richard Joshua, Tahila), Daryl Jason, Tanya Lisa, Joey and Sherry Ann

Ana S. & Juan T. Castro (Saipan);
Janice C. & Ramon Indalecio (John Jacob, Brandon Jerard, Emmanuella), John S. Jr., Jeremy, and Jacoba

Maria S. & Ignacio L. Mesngon (Rota)
Ann Jacoba S. Mesngon & Wilfred A. Taisacan, Vicky Jane, Lawrence, Lance and Rita Mae

Jesus A. & Patricia M. Songsong (Rota);
Brant, Janine, Jesse

Lucia S. & Edward M. Sablan (TACOMA, WA State);
Victoria Lynn, Joanne Pauline, Edward S. Jr. and Blaine

She is additionally survived by her:

Brothers & Spouses: Ambrosio M. & Dolores C. Ayuyu (Tinian); Lucio M. & Maria O. Masga (Guam)

Sister: Consolacion A. Fleming (Tinian)

Sisters-in-Law: Edna Chong Ayuyu (Saipan); Regina S. Barcinas (Rota)

She is also survived with numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

In Rota, nightly rosary is being said at 8:00 P.M. at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Ignacio L. & Maria S. Mesngon at Teneto Sub-Division, Rota, and will end on Saturday, July 20, 1996. Last respect may be paid on Saturday, July 20, 1996 at the same residence beginning at 8:00 A.M. until 3:30 P.M. Mass of Resurrection will be offered at 4 P.M. at the San Francisco De Borja Church. Interment will follow immediately at the San Jose Cemetery, Songsong Village, Rota. The Mass will be preceded by a Rosary at 11:30 A.M. and followed by the Responso at 12 noon.

In Saipan, nightly rosary is being said at 8:00 P.M. at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Juan T. (Mames) & Annie S. Castro In Sadog Tasi. On Friday, July 19, 1996, a special mass will be offered at 5:30 P.M. at the Kristo Rai Church in Garapan, followed by the final nightly rosary thereafter at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Castro. Appreciation dinner will follow immediately.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND PLEASE JOIN US !!!

The Family

DON'T DRIVE DRUNK !

50 years later Last chapters unwritten in Pacific saga

By CHARLES J. HANLEY
ON a July morning a half-century ago, the sun rose twice over the mid-Pacific, at the dawn of the atomic age. A B-29 Superfortress called "Dave's Dream," a silver glint bearing in from the south at 28,000 feet (8,530 meters), approached a ring of sandy islets, white specks in a blue eternity, and opened its bomb-bay doors. It was 9 a.m., the sun floating up the eastern sky, when the bombardier unleashed his payload, and bathed the ancient sea in an unearthly new light. Eight miles (13 kilometers) away, watching from the USS Mt. McKinley, 19-year-old Army clerk Dick Anderson typed out what he saw: "... a huge mass of flames approximately two miles (3.2 kilometers) in

diameter ... we could feel a wave of heat ... a very beautiful color ... it reminds one of pink cotton candy." By 2 p.m., Anderson's ship was entering the lagoon because, he supposed in his diary, the radioactivity was quickly subsiding. Later that July of 1946, the U.S. military exploded a second atomic bomb in the Pacific lagoon. This time Juda, head man of 167 people taken from the atoll, watched from the Mt. McKinley. If their island survived the test, he said, his people would return. "Because it is home." To most of us it's a swimsuit. But to Juda's children, to Dick Anderson, to thousands of others who were there, Bikini is a tragedy, a story without end, one that goes on even in this 50th anniversary year.

This October, the National Academy of Sciences is expected to announce results of a study to determine whether sailors and soldiers present at the 1946 tests have died at unusually high rates, possibly because of radiation exposure. It could bolster the case for more government compensation. And in November the Bikinians, with millions of dollars won in claims against the United States, plan to begin a long-awaited "scrape," removing radioactive topsoil from their island to clear the way, at last, for their return. Why, after a half-century, are questions still unanswered, exiles still uprooted? It can be summed up in the arrogance and ignorance and secrecy of the U.S. atomic testing program," said Jonathan Weisgall, the Bikinians' Washington lawyer.

In 1946, ignorance came into play. Pentagon planners didn't know what atom bombs, like those recently dropped on Japan, would do to a fleet of warships. Physicists said they could check this via laboratory calculations. But the admirals wanted the real thing. Bikini atoll in the Marshall Islands, seized from Japan in the just-ended war, was chosen for "Operation Crossroads." Two dozen tiny islands looping around a 240-square-mile (620-square-kilometer) lagoon, 2,100 miles (3,380 kilometers) southwest of Hawaii, the atoll was remote from sea and air routes. Its wind was predictable and its population sparse - Juda's people, the sturdy, taciturn Micronesians living on the biggest island, one-square-mile (2.6-square-kilometer) Bikini. They were moved in March 1946 to Rongerik atoll, 120 miles (190 kilometers) east, and told they could return after the tests. Bikini's lagoon soon filled with more than 90 surplus warships, including the U.S. aircraft carrier Saratoga and the Japanese battleship Nagato, to await "Dave's Dream." Dozens of working ships, carrying 42,000 military and civilians, took part in the operation. Radio and newsreels gave the world its first "live" look at the stunning power of the atom. Just days later a Paris designer was inspired to name his shocking new bathing suit for the far-off atoll. But back at Bikini, the impact was less than expected. The bomb, equivalent to 20,000 tons of TNT, was off-target and sank only five vessels. The second 20-kiloton "shot," on July 25, was detonated 90 feet (27 meters) below the lagoon's surface. This one sank a flotilla. The blast heaved a massive column of water more than a mile (1.6 kilometers) upward. The outward force flung the giant Saratoga a half-mile (0.8 kilometer) to sink along with 11 other ships. Dozens of vessels were drenched with radioactivity from the collapsing "mushroom." In the days that followed, Navy clean-up crews boarded the ships left afloat to try to save them by swabbing away contamination. They had no protective clothing. Radiation monitors' equipment was unsophisticated. Even crews on outlying ships must have been exposed, Anderson says today. "We desaturated lagoon water for drinking, cooking, showering. That had to be a major source of radiation," said the Chatsworth, California, retiree, who has had five operations for skin cancer.

Navy commanders eventually gave up the decontamination effort. The ships were towed to sea to use for target practice. And by the 1970s, veterans were filing disability claims for cancer and other illnesses they blamed on Bikini or other test-site duty. Most were turned down. The Pentagon insisted the radiation exposure had been low, a contention the veterans angrily dismiss. "Lies and stonewalling and simply ignoring us are the weapons they use," said Crossroads participant Oscar Rosen, a retired history professor who heads the National Association of Atomic Veterans. In the 1980s, a congressional review raised doubts about the Pentagon's assessment of exposure, and an embarrassed National Academy of Sciences had to withdraw a report finding no unusual mortality among test veterans, conceding the research was flawed. But the science remains inconclusive. The atomic veterans, meanwhile, have made headway politically, winning congressional approval in 1988 for disability payments for a limited list of cancers. The veterans now want the number of these "presumptive" diseases increased, and they back legislation - opposed by the Clinton administration - to pay compensation to veterans' children suffering from listed cancers. "There simply is no scientific basis for assuming the offspring of radiation-exposed veterans have been so injured," said Jesse Brown, secretary of veterans affairs. The new National Academy report, looking at mortality and its causes, could be a turning point for the veterans' campaign. But Rosen is pessimistic, and his group has begun its own effort to survey atomic veterans' health. For the Bikinians, the turning point came eight years after Crossroads, and it was a point of no return. "Midnight, March 1, 1954. That was key," said Weisgall, their lawyer. "That's when a decision to postpone the Bravo shot could have spared Bikini." In 1946, the Bikinians thought they would return home within months. But the tests stretched into the 1950s, and in 1954 the "Castle Bravo" thermonuclear blast unexpectedly showered Bikini island with deadly, long-lasting fallout. The "predictable" winds had failed, shifting east - toward the island - from their regular northward direction. Recently uncovered documents show that officials knew 12 hours beforehand the winds were changing, but they decided not to postpone the test. By the time of Bravo, the Bikinians were living 500 miles (800 kilometers) to the south, on Kili island. During two years at Rongerik, an atoll poor in fish, the displaced islanders had almost starved, despite the U.S. Navy's pledge to care for them. In 1948, they were resettled on Kili, a lonely, rockbound isle without a lagoon and with no means of self-sufficiency. In plywood shacks, they survived on canned food as wards of the U.S. government. Although testing at Bikini ended in 1958, its soil remained "hot." But in 1969 the Atomic Energy Commission declared the island safe and more than 100 Bikinians moved back. The AEC calculations were wrong. The returnees were ingesting high levels of cesium-137 from Bikini's coconuts, which were drawing the

radioactive material up from the soil. In 1978 they were shipped back to Kili. By then, the Bikinians had enlisted Weisgall to press their case in court and congressional corridors. Step by step in the 1980s, they won almost \$200 million from the U.S. government, to support both daily living and Bikini's decontamination. The trust funds, producing annual income of \$2,000 per individual, are getting stretched. The Bikinian population, under 200 in 1946, has exploded to 2,200 because of a high birth rate and outside marriages. Nine hundred remain on Kili, others are scattered around the Marshall Islands, and 300 students, mostly primary and high schoolers, are in the United States. "Kili is like a jail," said Andy Bill, a Bikinian who lives in Majuro, capital of the now independent Marshalls. "Everyone there will want to go back home." The big "scrape" scheduled to begin in November is expected to strip 15 inches (38 centimeters) of cesium-laced soil from 100 acres (40 hectares), the Bikini village area where deteriorating huts from the 1970s stand. But questions remain: Where will the soil go? Will the first rebuilding phase take 10 years, as some believe? Can the Bikinians afford to later dig up the island's other 500 acres (200 hectares)? The islanders also wonder how many of them will go home. Bikini has limited water supplies and limited opportunities for a livelihood, especially since radioactivity elsewhere in the atoll will keep them from roaming the islands freely, as their forefathers did, to gather coconut and other food. "There's no sense going back if all the islands aren't cleaned up, all the atoll," said one leader, Henchi Balos, who left Bikini as an 8-month-old in his mother's arms. How much would a total cleanup cost? "Another \$200 million would be enough, I think." Official Washington won't speak ill of the Bikinians, in view of what was done to them. But it will draw lines. "With the budget constraints we are under, I think it's highly unlikely we are going to be doing anything like that," said a key congressional staff member on Bikinian matters. Whatever happens, the homing instinct won't die, said Jack Niedenthal, a Majuro-based representative for the Bikinians. "They will tell you that Bikini is their gift from God," said the ex-Peace Corps volunteer, who is married to a Bikinian. "They won't all 2,200 just plop down there. But everybody would build some kind of dwelling." To visit, to breathe the Bikini air, to tend their ancestral graves. Other visitors have gotten there first. In recent months, the Bikinians have opened their islands to vacationing divers. Small parties - at \$2,200 per head - fly out weekly to swim with the tuna and bonito in the aquamarine lagoon, to explore the Saratoga, its Helldivers still primed for flight, the upended battleship Nagato, the rest of Bikini's celebrated underwater fleet. It may be the first stirrings of a "Bikini economy." And if so, it brings the half-century-old story full circle in a way, for as Bikini recedes deeper into history, history may be stepping forward to lend a much-needed hand to the wandering people of Bikini.

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China's inflation rate falling

By RENEE SCHOOF
BEIJING (AP) - China will maintain a credit policy tight enough to bring inflation down to 9 percent this year, but will ease lending to some struggling state-owned enterprises, the head of the central bank said Monday. "What's most important is to protect political and economic stability in this country," People's Bank of China governor Dai

Xianglong told reporters. About 40 percent of the enterprises in China's large state-owned sector are running in the red, and about one-third of the 100 million employees have nothing to do. Millions of people have been laid off with monthly stipends too small to meet their basic needs. Problems in the state sector are due to poor management, lack of

development funds, outdated technology and high production costs. The central bank will ease lending to some efficient enterprises with good markets, Dai said. It will lend 100 billion yuan (dls 12 billion) more to state-owned enterprises this year than last year, he said. It also will offset 20 billion yuan of non-performing loans to the enterprises, an increase from 9 billion yuan last year. "I'm confident that as long as we continue an appropriately tight monetary policy and support the enterprises in their restructuring, we can achieve a very good objective by the end of this year," the central bank governor said. He said the debts of state-owned enterprises and high unemployment were the biggest problems for China's economy. Dai estimated 7 percent to 8 percent of the

country's work force was out of work - either registered as unemployed or laid off. "There are serious problems in terms of labor and employment in some places and some serious problems that we cannot ignore. But nationwide the situation is stable," the central bank chief said. China is likely to hold the full-year increase in its national retail price index, a measure of inflation, to below 9 percent, Dai estimated. The government previously announced a goal of 10 percent or lower. In 1995, inflation based on this measure was 14.8 percent. Since inflation has been going down for months, the bank is likely to reduce interest rates again on loans and savings accounts, Dai said. A decision has not yet been made on when the rates will be cut or by how much, he said.

China cut the base rate on deposits and loans on May 1. Confidence in China's state banks can be seen in the rising level of savings rates by individuals, Dai said. Yet he conceded that increasing savings rates do not necessarily indicate overall prosperity. Some people in China earn high incomes can save a lot, and others have problems making ends meet. Meanwhile, the national currency, the renminbi, is stable, and plans are going ahead to move to convertibility in current accounts by the end of the year. Economic growth is estimated to reach 9 percent to 10 percent this year. China's foreign exchange reserves reached \$86.6 billion at the end of the first six months of this year, an increase of \$13 billion from the end of last year.

Hong Kong faces uphill climb in getting 'visa-free' access

HONG KONG (AP) - Gov. Chris Patten cautioned Monday that Hong Kong faces a battle in persuading European nations to grant visa-free entry to Hong Kong people after China recovers the British colony next year. "I have to say that there is quite a hill for us to climb in Europe," Patten said on return from meetings in Brussels with European Union officials and a visit to London. Hong Kong and China are lobbying nations worldwide to waive visa requirements for holders of passports that will be issued after Hong Kong reverts to Chinese rule on July 1, 1997. Winning visa-free entry is regarded as important for confidence in the colony by demonstrating to Hong Kong people they will not lose ease of travel after the handover. Britain has promised visa-free access. But some EU states which

waived visas for Hong Kong holders of British travel documents have so far not indicated that the policy will be extended to holders of post-1997 passports, Patten told reporters. Other EU states do not grant visa-free entry to anyone from Hong Kong, he added. "It's a question principally for individual member states," Patten said. "We've got quite a bit of lobbying in the capitals of the member states as well as in Brussels... and we'll be doing as much as we can." Canada has agreed in principle to waive visa requirements for holders of the post-1997 passport and other countries, including Singapore have shown "good responses," Patten said. But some countries have said they want more information about the passport and who will get it before deciding whether to waive visa requirements.

Suu Kyi recalls arrest as holiday showdown looms

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - Aung San Suu Kyi knew she was going to be arrested when a neighbor dropped by one July morning in 1989 to tell her the street in front of her home was full of soldiers. "That was the beginning of six years of detention," Suu Kyi wrote in her syndicated newspaper column, "Letter From Burma" on Monday. That day was one of several in July that Suu Kyi, the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize winner, dubbed "momentous anniversaries" in her column. Foremost among them is July 19, or Martyrs Day, which commemorates the assassination of her father, Burma's independence hero Gen. Aung San, and six of his Cabinet ministers in 1947. Suu Kyi may be heading for another showdown with her own political rival, Burma's military government, over Martyrs Day celebrations this Friday. As a show of reconciliation, she attended the military's ceremony at the tomb of her father last year, a little more than a week after her release from six years of military-ordered house arrest. Since then, relations between the leader of Burma's democracy movement and the generals who rule the country have steadily grown more tense, culminating in

the arrests of 262 of Suu Kyi's followers in May. Suu Kyi has not announced her plans for this coming Martyrs Day, but observers in Rangoon doubt she will show up for the state function. Holding her own ceremony in another location will only underscore the growing chasm between her and the generals. Attempting to hold an alternative memorial service at Aung San's tomb led to her arrest in 1989. By contrast, Suu Kyi said the day of her release, July 10, 1995, "remains in my memory as a quiet day, not a momentous one." She also cited July 7, 1962, as a day worthy of remembering. On that day troops under orders of Gen. Ne Win gunned down youths at Rangoon University and dynamited the Students Union building. Ne Win had seized power from an elected government in a coup earlier that year, and would rule for 26 years. Suu Kyi described July 23, 1988, the day that Ne Win resigned as head of the government as "the first peal in the death knell of one-party dictatorship." She noted that July also is the month of America's Independence Day, France's Bastille Day and the conspiracy by German army officers to assassinate Adolph Hitler.

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Earthquake rattles the Alps

ANNECY, France (AP) - A moderate earthquake shook part of the French Alps before dawn Monday, toppling chimneys on cars, breaking glass and triggering power outages. Only one slight injury was reported, police said, but there were no immediate details on how the person was hurt in the quake that registered 5.2 on the Richter scale.

25 kms (15 miles) south of Geneva between Cruseilles and La Roche-sur-Foron in the Haute Savoie department, struck at 2:13 a.m. (0013 GMT), said the French Institute of Global Physics. An aftershock 17 minutes later registered 2.5 on the Richter scale, the institute said, but no other injuries or damage were reported. Power at three switching sta-

tions was restored about an hour after the quake, officials said.

It was the first quake in Haute-Savoie since December 1994 when a temblor registered 4.6.

The Richter scale is a measure of ground motion as re-

corded on seismographs. Every increase of one number means a tenfold increase in magnitude.

Thus a reading of 7.5 reflects an earthquake 10 times stronger than one of 6.5.

An earthquake of 3.5 on the

Richter scale can cause slight damage in the local area, 4 moderate damage, 5 considerable damage, 6 severe damage. A 7 reading is a "major" earthquake, capable of widespread heavy damage; 8 is a "great" quake, capable of tremendous damage.

Hunters encouraged to kill surplus deer

By ROBERT IMRIE WAUSAU, Wisconsin (AP) - There are so many deer in the U.S. state of Wisconsin that hunters are being urged to kill an extra one, preferably a doe, and donate the meat to charity.

The state says the whitetail deer population is out of control in some parts of the state, causing crop damage and contributing to car accidents.

State Rep. John Gard wants to take advantage of that large population. He heads the Hunting for Charity Task Force, a coalition exploring ways to encourage hunters to donate meat to food pantries across the state.

"This is a very large food source that really has gone unrealized in charitable contributions. There is just not a network out there to donate meat right now," he said.

The basic Wisconsin gun-hunting license entitles a hunter to one buck, with additional permits available for does. In some overcrowded areas, the state already is requiring hunters to kill a doe before they can bag a buck, prized for their antlers.

There are obstacles to Gard's goals.

"There are a lot of people who still won't shoot a doe, which is the goose that laid the golden egg," said hunter Victor Fahl, 50, of Ogema.

And not all charities will readily accept wild venison, which is not inspected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Second Harvest Food Bank in Milwaukee, for example, has decided the health risk is too great, president Bonnie Bellehumeur said.

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Plaintiff believes that the MPLC's Board of Directors at the time approved the exchange of lands, the complaint stated.

While these negotiations were proceeding, the complaint said, MPLC represented to Sablan that as a result of the exchange agreement, plaintiff's rental payments and other obligations under the terms and conditions of the lease agreement on Lot 078 D 01 need not be complied with.

Sablan relied in good faith and therefore ceased making rental payments and performing his obligations under the lease agreement.

The exchange agreement, however, was not finalized in 1991. Despite Sablan's continuous follow up, MPLC delayed the execution of the exchange agreement, the complaint said.

MPLC did not inform Sablan that the exchange agreement was not going to be executed or that the requirements

"We just want to play it very safe. I think we are probably in the minority on this one," she said.

Second Harvest provides food for 1,000 different programs for the needy in southeast Wisconsin.

Gard's task force is lining up facilities to butcher the deer, finding donations to pay for the processing, locating food pantries that will take the meat, and educating hunters to donate deer.

Deer hunter Bryan Schilling said hunters are skeptical about estimates that the state had 1.5 million deer last fall, triple the estimate of 25 years earlier.

"I never see herds and herds of

deer. If I see five or six, that is pretty good," said Schilling, 35, of Wausau.

The state is sticking with that estimate again this year, even after hunters killed 470,000 last season and thousands more starved to death during the rugged winter.

"A number of people realize that if we don't succeed in reducing the herd this year, the next solution may be pretty severe," Gard said.

The usual nine-day deer season is in late November, and some areas are getting an additional four-day, antlerless-only season in October.

for the exchange have not been met.

MPLC did not make any demands for rental payments or for the performance of his other obligations under the lease agreement.

In 1994, MPLC drafted the exchange agreement.

Under the deed of exchange, Sablan's wetlands, will be exchanged with MPLC's lands—Lot nos. 078 D 01 and 094 D 01.

The public notice for the exchange was re-advertised in 1994.

The deed of exchange, however, was not executed in 1994, despite continuous follow up by plaintiff.

Sablan was informed that the reorganization being done by the new administration caused the delay.

MPLC was then dissolved and its functions were transferred to the Division of Public Lands within the Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

Uncertain about the status of the exchange agreement, Sablan sent communications to the DLNR secretary and the director of the Division of Public Lands.

Instead of an update on the status of the exchange agreement, on April 27, 1995, the complaint said, the Division of Public Lands sent a letter informing Sablan that he had an outstanding account of \$31,926.52, covering a period of three years and three months on the lease of lot 078 D 01.

The Division continues to demand rental payments from plaintiff. Last June 27, the agency informed him that the lease of lot 078 D 01 was terminated for breach of the lease.

The agency also informed Sablan that he had until 5 p.m. on the 15th day after receiving the termination letter to remove all of his personal property not permanently affixed to the premises.

Sablan was notified that the premises will be sealed and he will not be permitted to reenter.

The Superior Court set a hearing for preliminary injunction on July 25.

Sablan . . .

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quired by land exchange.

The certifications induced plaintiff to purchase lot 565-NEW-8, in the hope of exchanging this property with Lot no. 078 D 01.

MPLC did consider Sablan's request and negotiated with plaintiff for the exchange of lands, said the complaint.

Pursuant to the law, Lot nos. 565-NEW-6-1 and 565-NEW-8 were surveyed and appraised to establish the fair market value of the wetlands to be acquired.

Upon completion of the survey and appraisal in 1991, MPLC published a public notice of its intention to enter into the exchange agreement with plaintiff.

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Picture released by China's Xinhua New Agency last week shows police officers helping people stranded in flooded waters in Xuanzhou in Chinese southern province of Anhui. The floods, which devastated wide parts of central and southern China, killed 315 people and injured more than 3,700, according to government reports.

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
ADOPTION NO. 96-47
IN THE MATTER OF Petition for the Adoption of
Rosanna Francine S. Leon Guerrero by Antonio C. Leon Guerrero and Ane Mary K. Leon Guerrero, Petitioners.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that Antonio C. Leon Guerrero and Ane Mary K. Leon Guerrero have filed a petition to adopt Rosanna Francine S. Leon Guerrero. The hearing on the petition, reference to which is made for further particulars will be held on August 01, 1996, at 1:30 p.m., in the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
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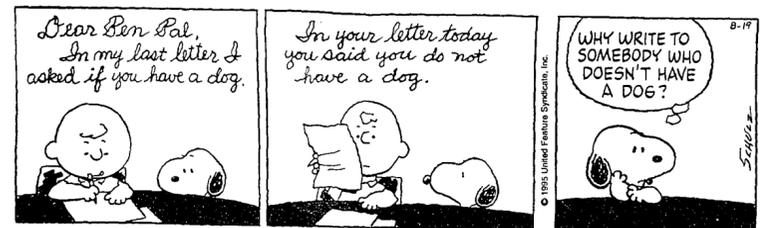
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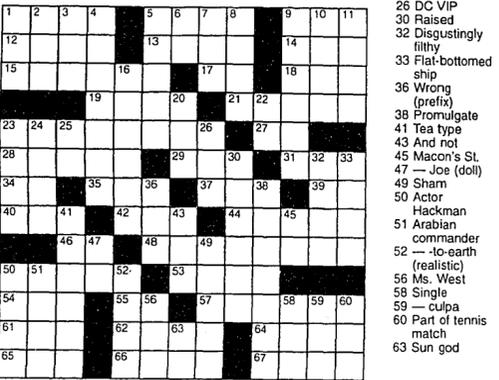
her maid to drown two of her cats because they were named after the leaders of Spain and Cuba. When Elizabeth I of Russia died in 1762, more than 15,000 gowns were found hanging in her closet. Thomas Edison proposed marriage to Mina Miller, who accepted, by tapping out the words "Will you marry me?" on her hand in Morse code. The song "Dixie" was written by a northerner for a New York City minstrel show. The invention of the achromatic telescope in 1733 was not a secret for

long because Chester Moor Hall, an English lawyer who figured out how to construct the lens, had some bad luck. Since the lens must be constructed using two pieces of glass, he thought he could avoid prematurely exposing his idea by hiring two different lensmakers to make the separate pieces. However, both of the lensmakers happened to be busy and coincidentally, they both subcontracted their jobs to the same man. This subcontractor quickly ascertained the importance of the invention. George Washington gave the short-est presidential inaugural speech in American history when he was sworn in for his second term.

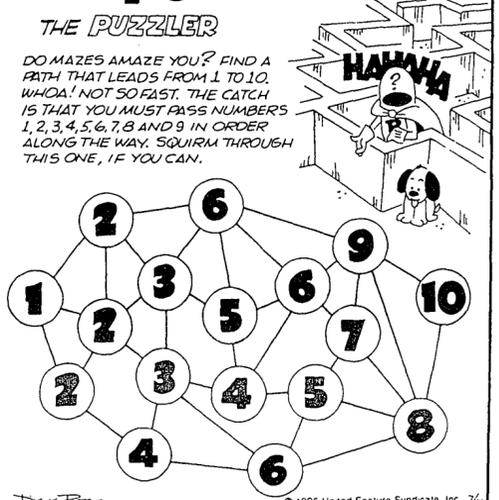
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By CHRIS SHERIDAN NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Knicks added an ex-All Star and a new backcourt tandem, the Miami Heat gave \$ 200 million in contracts to two players, Gary Payton stayed with Seattle and Charles Barkley said the NBA killed his proposed trade. Business was brisk in the National Basketball Association free agent market Sunday with a flurry of signings. Agreements were reached in several other cases, and bargaining was taking place all around the league. The Knicks decided to spend their \$ 9.2 million in salary cap room on point guard Chris Childs and shooting guard Allan Houston. New York also completed a trade for Larry Johnson, sending Anthony Mason and Brad Lohaus to the Charlotte Hornets. The Heat reportedly agreed to a seven-year, \$ 98 million deal with free agent forward Juwan Howard and agreed to terms with Alonzo Mourning on a seven-year contract worth \$

105 million. David Falk, the agent for Howard, Mourning and several other high-profile free agents, did not return several phone calls. Payton agreed to a seven-year, \$ 85 million contract with the SuperSonics, the team he led to the NBA Finals last year. The Heat were the last team to have a shot at Payton after the Knicks, Hornets, Rockets and Bucks dropped out, but they lost out when Seattle increased its offer. The signing was to be announced Monday. "Gary wanted to do everything possible to stay in Seattle. His heart was there, and they moved real well to keep him," agent Aaron Goodwin said. Barkley told NBC Sports that the NBA had quashed a proposed three-team trade because the teams involved had violated the moratorium on negotiations that expired last Thursday. "One of my agents said the league wouldn't let the deal go through because too much tampering had been

involved," Barkley said. "I think that's guess on the part of the NBA because everybody has tampered. To hold me hostage because they're trying to prove a point is unfair." Barkley expected to be traded to Houston in a three-team deal that would have sent Robert Horry and Sam Cassell to Denver and Dikembe Mutombo to Phoenix. Mutombo is a free agent, however, and may be able to get a better offer than the \$ 8.5 million to \$ 9 million annually that the Suns would have paid him. The Atlanta Hawks were believed to be offering close to \$ 10 million annually for seven years, and Detroit was in on the bidding as well. Atlanta and Detroit also were rumored to be talking to the Suns about a trade for Barkley. The Lakers, who have offered about \$ 95 million over seven years to Shaquille O'Neal, lost a chance to sign Dale Davis as they waited for O'Neal to make up his mind between Los

Angeles and Orlando. "The financial package will be incredible, so it's not something we're redwelling on," said O'Neal's agent, Leonard Armato. "The main factors are the likelihood of a championship and the feeling Shaq has about the city. Orlando wants us to explore the options, then they'll put their best foot forward." Davis, told the Lakers wanted to wait for O'Neal, chose to re-sign with Indiana for seven years and \$ 42 million, sources said. Indiana also reached agreement with Antonio Davis, who will re-sign for \$ 38.5 million over seven years. Indiana was said to have the best shot at re-signing Reggie Miller, who has drawn interest from the Lakers and Pistons. Miller had expressed a preference for playing in New York and the Knicks were ready to make an offer Saturday, but they signed Houston after he accepted their offer Saturday morning.

That left Detroit without a shooting guard, and the Pistons were pursuing Hersey Hawkins of the Sonics. The Knicks had to renounce their rights to Derek Harper, and Miami was in the running to sign him. Heat point guard Tim Hardaway was said to be close to reaching a deal with the Rockets. The Knicks beat out seven other teams for Childs, who played for the New Jersey Nets last season. Miami, Detroit, Utah and Washington were among the other teams making offers, agent Steve Kauffman said. Childs signed for \$ 24 million over six years, and Houston got \$ 56 million for seven years. Childs will replace Harper and Houston is expected to move into New York's starting lineup in place of John Starks, whose long-term contract makes him almost untradeable. The Knicks may be forced to trade backup shooting guard Hubert Davis and ask Starks to come off the bench.

IOC . . .

Continued from page 20 ing controls were introduced in 1968. Five athletes failed drug tests at the last summer games in Barcelona in 1992. The IOC holds three days of meetings starting Monday, hearing reports from Atlanta organizers as well as those from the 1998 winter games in Nagano, 2000 summer games in Sydney and 2002 winter games in Salt Lake City. Among those attending Sunday's ceremony at the Woodruff Arts Center Symphony Hall were President Clinton's special adviser Thomas McLarty, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Georgia Gov. Zell Miller, Atlanta mayor Bill Campbell and Atlanta organizing chief Billy Payne. McLarty commended the committee for helping finance the reconstruction of war-ravaged sports facilities in Sarajevo and said the

government supports the call for an "Olympic truce" during the Atlanta Games. "President Clinton believes we must all ponder the tragedy of sports venues turned into battlegrounds and then graveyards, and redouble our efforts for peace," McLarty said. Gingrich, a Georgian, said the Olympic movement is more vital than ever in promoting peaceful competition in a world where "it seems we have become a global village made up of strangers." Samaranch thanked Payne and his committee for their work in organizing the 100th anniversary games of the modern Olympics. "There is no doubt in my mind that they will be truly exceptional ... and maybe, maybe, the best games in history," he said. Samaranch said the financial security of the IOC and the Olympic movement is guaranteed through the year 2012, thanks to a series of long-term TV

rights deals — worth more than \$ 5.5 billion — with NBC and the European Broadcasting Union. He noted that the IOC's policy was to sell broadcast rights to stations that provide free coverage, ruling out exclusive deals with satellite or pay-per-view networks. Samaranch awarded the IOC's highest honor, the Olympic Order, to U.S. Olympic Committee president Dr. LeRoy Walker. "Few times in a man or woman's lifetime comes a special moment," said Walker, whose term expires in October. "For me, here and now, this is one of those moments." The ceremony ended with a stirring song-and-dance show celebrating Georgia's musical and cultural heritage. The spectacle began with a quartet singing "Georgia on My Mind" and continued with performances by a Cherokee Indian ring dancer, young hip hop dancers, folk and country dancers, a gospel choir and a Dixie Land jazz band.

Hill . . .

Continued from page 1 A source said there has been a misunderstanding among Kinney's team with respect to the handling of the case by their lead counsel David Lujan. Fairfield, who was allegedly

first approached by Kinney to handle the heirship claim, was the one who convinced Lujan to lead their legal team. Kinney is mother of Hillblom's alleged 12-year-old son Junior Larry Hillblom. It can be noted that Fairfield no longer appeared during the past hear-

ings, said the source. His name was also no longer included in Kinney's documents submitted in court. If Cochran is joining Kinney's team, definitely he will be the lead counsel, said the same source. Hill, who has been identified with Lujan's side, refused to comment on it.

New . . .

Continued from page 1 labor law. He said the set of guidelines was a result of a series of meetings between CNMI and Philippine representatives before the

lifting of the ban. Representatives from both governments have started working on the guidelines since April this year, Varela said. He said the Philippine government had waited for the completion of these guidelines before it

decided to lift the ban which covered entertainers, housemaids, fishermen and farmers. The ban, which was imposed in May 1995 and lifted a year later, was triggered by reports of labor abuses committed against workers under these categories. Other than the provision for direct hiring of hotel workers and entertainers, the POEA memorandum contained nothing new. It only lists down prequalification requirements for employers that are set under existing laws, rules and regulations. These requirements include the submission of bond certificate, employment contract, business license, and duly notarized Affidavit of Undertaking that guarantees the provision of free food, accommodation, air fare for workers.

Jury . . .

Continued from page 1 torney, said it was not his client who killed Dalagea and that there was no credible testimony in the case to implicate him. Aguirre is 19 years old and is from the village of Barrigada

Heights. With the ending of closing statements, sentencing will follow as soon as the jury has reached a verdict. The exact amount of time needed to reach that decision will not be known, it may take as little as a few days to months until the jury has come to unanimous decision.

CNMI . . .

Continued from page 20 second highlighted by Tony Camacho's two-run single and Jeff Cabrera's two-run double, two more in the third on Ben Cabrera's rbi single and Mark Toves rbi double before Greg Camacho's towering three-run monster end it all. Meanwhile, the CNMI earlier dropped their sixth consecutive game of the tournament losing to the powerful U.S.A. squad in the first game 8-1 and later 14-0 to the power hitting Puerto Rico All-Stars. CNMI managed to score a run against U.S.A. when Greg Camacho

singled, advance to second on a wild pitch, moved to third on Ben Cabrera's sacrifice bunt before scoring on a balk by U.S.A. great Doug Gillis. After picking up six runs off losing and starting pitcher Jess Manibusan, Tony Satur then came in and slowed down U.S.A.'s offense allowing just two runs in the next four innings. Max Pangelinan pitched the last inning giving up two hits but CNMI executed a 6-4-3 double play to end the threat. Against the Puerto Rico squad, the weather played a very important role (40 degrees F) as the CNMI committed eight errors in losing 14-0. Eleven of the Puerto Rico's runs were unearned.

Mariners . . .

Continued from page 20 twice for the Yankees, who have won four straight and nine of 10. New York won all six games in Baltimore, the first time they've ever won six straight on the road against the Orioles in one year. The sweep left New York a season-high 10 games ahead of second-place Baltimore in the AL East. The Orioles have lost five straight. Pettitte (14-4), the winningest pitcher in the AL, allowed one run and six hits in seven innings. John Wetteland got three outs for his major league-high 33rd save, the fourth in the series. Scott Erickson (5-7) allowed two earned runs in eight-plus innings. Twins 5, Indians 4 In Minneapolis, Paul Molitor hit a solo home run with one out in the ninth inning and the Minnesota Twins beat

Cleveland, stopping the Indians' four-game winning streak. The Twins ended their five-game losing skid. They also prevented the Indians from sweeping a four-game series for the first time at the Metrodome. Molitor connected off Eric Plunk (2-1) for his seventh home run. Eddie Guardado (5-3) pitched a perfect ninth for the win. Red Sox 6, Tigers 4 In Detroit, Tim Lincecum and Mo Vaughn homered and the Boston Red Sox won their fifth in a row, finishing off a four-game sweep with a victory over the Detroit Tigers. Boston's winning streak is its longest of the season. The Red Sox have won nine of 10 against the Tigers this year. Jamie Moyer (5-1) won a start for the first time since April 18. Heathcliff Slocumb worked the ninth for his 12th save.

Floyd . . .

Continued from page 20 Nicklaus-designed course, the third and seventh holes, and only a bogey at the par-3 fourth marred his card in the early going. He made the turn with a 35, which left him six shots ahead of playing partner Irwin. Floyd survived a scare on the 10th hole when it appeared his tee shot was lost, but eventually found the ball and made par. Irwin bogeyed No. 11 to drop to 8-under, seven shots behind Floyd, but made that stroke back up with a birdie on the par-3 12th. Another birdie on the par-5 13th got him back to 10-under

and within five shots of Floyd, whose birdie putt slipped out. Floyd then three-putted the next hole and fell back to 14-under, four shots ahead of Irwin. Irwin bogeyed No. 15, but birdied Nos. 16 and 17 to cut his deficit to three going to the final hole. Floyd bogeyed No. 18 after missing the green with his approach shot, but Irwin could only par the hole to leave Floyd's victory margin at two strokes. Floyd earned the final spot in next March's Senior Slam in Mexico along with Nicklaus, Irwin and Stockton, the winners of the first three 1996 major events. Floyd has won the event the last two years.

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SPORTS



7Up rules Lib-Day tourney

AFTER six days of play two teams emerged as the champions in this year's Lite Beer Liberation Day Tournament. In the Men's Division it was 7-UP Kabekel which went undefeated (5-0) in the tournament and outscored their opponents 54 to 19.

The tournament MVP for the Men's Division was 7-UP's pitcher Bart Jackson who got all of 7-UP's pitching wins and batted 500 with 3 homeruns and 14 RBIs.

In the Women's Division it was Oleai Beach Bar & Grill who came through the Loser's Bracket to beat perennial powerhouse Mix-A-Lot in back-to-back games.

The MVP for the Women's Division was newcomer and lead off batter for Oleai Beach, Julie Tokyo, although Oleai had great performances from several of their players. Tokyo's feats included batting 590 throughout the tournament with one homer and a triple.

The following is a breakdown of the championship games and other scores.

The tournament sponsor, Pacific Trading and the Saipan Softball Association want to thank all the team sponsors for their support and all the players and coaches for their display of sportsmanship and cooperation. Next year Pacific Trading will bring the annual Lite Beer Day Tournament once again to Saipan.

Men's Championship game, 7-UP 16-Bud Bad Boyz-1

The Bad Boyz John Diaz held 7-UP to one run until the un-colas exploded for 11 runs in the top half of the fourth inning. Billie Owens singled to lead off the inning but was

called out on a force at third base two plays later. However, that didn't stop 7-UP as three runs scored on Paul Baron's blooper single just outside the infield. Baron and the next seven batters also went onto score. 7-UP added four more runs in the top half of the fifth inning on a three run blast by Tournament MVP, Bart Jackson and a speedy in-the-park homer by Matt Otto. Rick Wiles and Billie Owens displayed spectacular defensive skills to help 7-UP seal the victory.

Women's Championship Game, Oleai Beach Bar & Grill 14-Mix-a-Lot 2

Oleai Beach came through the

Loser's Bracket and defeated Mix-a-Lot 17-3 in the first championship game to force the tie breaker game. In the second game, Oleai Beach was up 2-1 after the top half of the second inning when they pounded out six more runs and then five more in the third inning before the game was ended by the 10 run mercy rule after the fifth inning. The Women's MVP, Julie Tokyo, went 5-6 in the two championship games and Lani Buekis went 4-6 with four runs scored for the Champion Oleai Beach team. The championship victory was considered an upset over the long time dominant Mix-a-Lot squad.

IOC warns athletes: Doping equals death

By **STEPHEN WILSON**
ATLANTA (AP) - Doping equals death is the IOC's stark warning for drug cheats.

International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch delivered a blunt message to any Olympic athletes using performance-enhancing drugs.

"Doping leads to physical and moral death because of the irreversible behavioral changes that drug use entails," he said in a speech at Sunday night's opening ceremony of the 105th IOC session.

Samaranch said the Olympic movement would continue to lead the fight against "this despicable - and dangerous - form of cheating."

"Doping is the negation of sport and its role as we understand it," he said. "Athletes who use banned substances to improve their performance commit a series of acts that transgress and violate certain immutable principles."

"First and foremost, they destroy their health, which is the most precious thing they possess."

Doping could be a major issue during the Centennial Games. Atlanta's drug-testing lab is equipped with three high resolution mass spectrometers, state-of-the-art machines that can detect the use of steroids dating back months.

There have been a total of 51 positive tests at the Olympic Games since dop-

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CNMI wraps up Midland bid with wins over Russia, Korea

By **Ray Palacios**
For the Variety

THE Saipan All-Star wrapped up their final two games of the IX Men's Fastpitch World Championship Tournament with wins over Korea and Russia by a combined score of 40-1.

Saipan stopped Korea in five innings, 19-0 on a ten-run-mercy rule and then came back five hours later to cut the game short in the fourth against Russia 21-1, due to the twenty-runs-rule.

Ray Seman and Mel Sakisat hit

a three-run homer and brother Greg and Tony Camacho each scored four times while Jess Peterson and Ben Cabrera each knocked in three runs to lead the offensive attack.

Peterson went on to post a 3 for 4 performance and Cabrera 2 for 3 with a double despite a sore arm.

Tony Camacho was perfect at the plate going 2 for 2 with a triple. On the opposite side of the offense, while Tony Satur kept Korea at Bay backed up by some good defense, pitching a four hitter with four strike-outs as they went the distance.

Against Russia, John Camacho pitched a two-hitter and Greg Camacho took charge at the offense going 3 for 4 with a triple and a homerun and also scored four times to go-along with five rbis.

Camacho knocked in the first run for Saipan and then end the game with a three-run blast (probably the fastest ball hit of the tournament).

After Russia scored the first run of the game in the top of the first, Saipan then took over scoring five runs in their half of the first, ten in the

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Mariners over Angels

SEATTLE (AP) - Ken Griffey Jr. starred in his return to the Seattle lineup after a 20-game absence, hitting a two-run homer and an RBI double Sunday that led the Mariners past the California Angels 8-0.

Griffey, sidelined since June 19 because of a broken right wrist, doubled during a six-run third inning and hit his 24th homer in the fourth. He finished 2-for-5, grounding out with the bases loaded in the seventh.

The Mariners went 12-8 without their All-Star center fielder. Their win over the Angels pulled them within three games of Texas in the AL West.

Bob Wells (10-2) pitched a four-hitter without a walk. The Mariners became the last team in the major leagues to get a complete game.

The Mariners had five consecutive hits in the third against Jason Grimsley (4-6).
Yankees 4, Orioles 1

In Baltimore, the New York Yankees completed their first four-game sweep in Baltimore since 1955, beating the Orioles behind a solid pitching performance by Andy Pettitte.

Designated hitter Darryl Strawberry singled, doubled, stole a base and scored

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Saipan Int'l Fishing tournament to be held August 17 and 18

THE Saipan Sports Fishermen's Association (SSFA) announced it will be coordinating the 12th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament on August 17 & 18, 1996.

This year, over 50 boats with over 100 participants from Japan, Guam, Rota, Tinian and the hosting island (including captains and crews) are expected to be rooming around the CNMI waters at this two day derby in search for prize winning catches, a news release from SSFA said.

The association also announced they will be conducting mandatory boat safety inspections as required by the Department of Public Safety's Boating Division and the U.S. Coast Guard a week prior to the event.

Individuals wanting to have their boat inspected during the week should contact Boating Safety at Tel. 322-

4037 for appointment.

Lastly, as a means to raise funds to ensure the success of this year's derby, the Association is once again selling advertisement for this year's event booklet.

For more information about the booklet or the events, please contact Mr. Wolf mojica or haward Markley at tel. 234-6615 or Martin Duenas at 234-8325

Floyd wins Senior Players Golf

DEARBORN, Michigan (AP) - Never threatened until the very end, Ray Floyd survived an inconsistent 1-over-par 73 on Sunday for a two-stroke victory over Hale Irwin in the Senior Players Championship.

Floyd, who began the round with a four-stroke advantage over Irwin and stretched the margin to seven with seven holes left, had a 13-under 275 total for his first victory of the season.

Irwin, also second in last week's U.S. Senior Open, closed with a 71 on

the TPC of Michigan course.

Floyd, 53, has 13 career victories on the Senior Professional Golfers Association Tour, including two other major events - the 1994 Tradition and the 1995 PGA Seniors' Championship. He earned \$225,000 for his first victory since last November.

Brian Barnes was third at 279 after a bogey-free 68 and Jack Kiefer and Jerry McGee followed at 281. Kiefer shot a 68 and McGee had a 74.

Unlike last week, when Irwin cut

six strokes off Dave Stockton's final-round lead in the U.S. Open, Irwin never managed to make a serious run at Floyd until it was too late.

Irwin bogeyed the par-4 first hole, dropping five shots off the lead, and never got closer than that again until Floyd three-putted No. 14 to see his lead slip back to four.

Floyd birdied both of the front-side par-5s on the Jack.

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Saipan International Fishing derby officials measure and weigh the catch during last year's tournament. This year, the event is set for August.