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Tenorio to woo PAL



Froilan C. Tenorio

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

SINCE both the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and Continental Micronesia won't allow transit passengers from China to pass through Guam, Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio yesterday said he will ask the Philippine Airlines (PAL) to resume its direct flights to Saipan.

PAL, which used to have Manila-Saipan flights, has a Manila-China shuttle service.

Tenorio said Continental's "unwillingness" to make nonstop flights from Hongkong to Saipan has meant that the CNMI can no longer bring in mainland Chinese workers and tourists.

"I understand that the Philippines allows mainland Chinese passengers to Manila, so if that's the case I would like to talk with (PAL) and see if they would consider flying to Saipan again," he said.

Tenorio added that he's willing

to find out what kind of conditions and concessions PAL may need to resume their direct flights to Saipan.

"I think it's about time we to look out for ourselves as far as tourists coming to the CNMI (are concerned)," he said. "For a long time I feel that Continental was discriminating against us, so I decided I've to take some actions about this."

However, Tenorio said if Japan would allow transit passen-

gers from China, he would no longer need to negotiate with PAL.

"I may talk to the Japanese government also since Northwest flies from Hongkong to Tokyo to Saipan."

INS's new policy disallows transit passengers from China who have no multiple entry U.S. visas to pass through Guam.

Administration officials have asked INS to change its policy but "INS is not willing to do it."

Executive order gives CUC more autonomy

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

THE COMMONWEALTH Utilities Corp. would soon achieve greater autonomy in its operations unless the Legislature disapproves Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio's latest directive.

Under Executive Order 96-2 issued by Tenorio last Aug. 9, CUC would be detached from the Civil Service System and its staff would no longer be subject to civil service rules.

CUC's detachment from the Civil Service System would be effective Jan. 1, 1997.

The executive order also provides that CUC "shall develop, adopt and administer a merit personnel system that rewards productivity and service, provides management flexibility, and includes provisions for employees to appeal serious disciplinary action."

Tenorio also gave CUC the authority to set its own compensation, wage, salary scales; and to hire its own legal counsel without any approval from the Attorney General's Office.

The reorganization plan would become effective 60 days after submission to the Legislature "unless specifically modified or disapproved by a majority of the members of each house of the Legislature."

Tenorio submitted the executive order to Senate and House leaders last Aug. 8.

The reorganization plan for CUC, according to Tenorio, was prompted by the Department of Interior's report that CUC "is in default of the Partnership Agreement."

Tenorio, in a press conference last week, revealed that Insular

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Police officer (right) flags down a motorist along Middle Road yesterday for exceeding the speed limit. Another officer (left, in car) levels a laser speed detector towards oncoming traffic while a third officer gets ready with citation tickets for overspeeders. The operation is part of DPS efforts to make highways safer. (RHA photo)

Bill on unlimited poker machines to raise retiree pension to \$12,000

By Rafael H. Arroyo
Variety News Staff

A BILL has been filed in the House of Representatives to increase the minimum pension for government retirees from the current \$6,000 to \$12,000 per annum.

House Bill 10-275, authored by Rep. Crispin I. DL. Guerrero, also seeks to increase annuities that are not more than \$30,000 per annum.

Guerrero proposes to fund these increases out of licensing revenues from an unlimited number of poker and pachinko slot machines in the three major islands of the Commonwealth.

Current law allows for the licensing of only 200 poker machines and 500 pachinko slot machines per senatorial district.

Guerrero's bill will remove the caps on the number of such machines by amending Public Laws



Crispin I. DL. Guerrero

9-22 and 9-29, which both contains provisions on gaming machines.

"The current rate of \$6,000 minimum annuity is not enough for our retirees to cope with the

cost of living in our islands, especially after taxes," said Guerrero in a telephone interview yesterday.

"This bill will help a lot of people, especially our retirees who have been suffering as a result of

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Special judge sought to hear Justice Atalig's case

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE SUPERIOR Court requested the High Tribunal yesterday to appoint a special judge to handle the case over an alleged fraudulent acquisition of public land on Rota.

In a letter to CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Marty W. K. Taylor, Presiding Judge Alexandro Castro said a special judge should handle the matter to avoid any appearance of favoritism or partiality as one of the defendants in the case is Associate Justice Pedro M. Atalig.

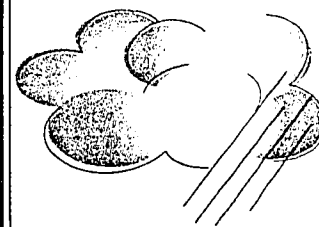
"As you may know, defendant Pedro M. Atalig is none

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Pedro M. Atalig

Weather Outlook



Mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers

Clinton owes more than \$1.7M in Whitewater bills

By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL
WASHINGTON (AP) - The donated dollars keep rolling in, but President Clinton's legal defense fund is slipping further behind. He now owes his lawyers more than \$1.7 million in Whitewater bills.



Bill Clinton

In the two years since it was started, the Presidential Legal Expense Trust has raised \$1.2 million in individual contributions of \$1,000 or less and has paid out \$1.02 million, the fund reported Wednesday. It does not accept money from corporations, labor unions or political committees, and donations are not tax deductible.

The total legal expenses have climbed above \$2.7 million, nearly \$2.4 million of it billed by one firm, Williams and Connolly, which represents Clinton and his wife, Hillary, in the Whitewater affair. The law firm has received \$620,000 to date, \$350,000 in the first six months of 1996. Two other law firms were paid \$71,000.

The trust, established by the Clintons, takes care of their legal bills but not those of staff members. Ear-

lier Clinton angrily disavowed a White House promise to have the government reimburse the expenses of fired travel office employees.

"There were a lot of people who were never even charged with anything... who have been dragooned and pulled up and had thousands and tens of thousands of dollars of legal expenses, who were completely innocent but have been subject to abject harassment," Clinton said.

Under its charter, the presidential trust cannot solicit funds. Its president, Michael Cardozo, readily concedes that news stories on each report result in a blizzard of checks.

"You write the articles and we see a spike in contributions," he said.

The trust got its most contributions in the first six months of its existence in 1994 when it collected \$608,080, Cardozo said. In the succeeding semiannual periods, the contributions were \$258,449, \$105,537, and \$200,000.

Clinton's bills in the sexual harassment case brought against him in Arkansas by Paula Jones are paid by two insurance companies that covered him with umbrella policies while he was governor.

The companies paid the lawyers in that case \$892,000 in January and money already advanced by the legal trust was refunded.

Also in January, Money magazine estimated the first couple's net worth went from \$697,000 in July 1992 to near zero. As president, Clinton earns \$200,000 a year.

China blasts Japan for 'militarism'

By ELAINE KURTENBACH
BEIJING (AP) - Angered by Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto's recent visit to a shrine that commemorates Japan's war victims, China lashed out Thursday at what it said were signs of a revival of Japanese militarism.

State-run media have run numerous commentaries condemning Hashimoto's visit last month to a Tokyo shrine that venerates Japanese war dead, including executed war criminals.

They marked the 51st anniversary of Japan's World War II surrender Thursday with a flurry of additional criticism.

"If the government lets the right wing do whatever it wants to spread militarism, Japan will be following a dangerous path," the government's China Central Television said in its noontime broadcast.

"Japan still hasn't reflected fully on its evil crimes," it said, showing film clips of Hashimoto visiting the shrine last month and making an offering of rice wine to the spirits of the dead.

The criticism highlights China's

sensitivity over atrocities committed by Japan's Imperial Army before and during the war, as well as its own anxiety about Tokyo's intentions as a regional power.

"People are wondering whether a final victory can be claimed over Japanese militarism," the official newspaper China Daily commented. An accompanying cartoon showed a skeleton clad in a Japanese Imperial Army uniform, a Japanese flag hanging from his rifle, stalking across the Pacific.

"Only when Japan acknowledges historical facts, thoroughly examines its war crimes and makes sincere apologies to war victims will it be fully accepted by other Asian nations."

During the past several years, China has begrudgingly acknowledged Japan's efforts to atone for its wartime actions with carefully worded apologies. It appeared as if progress had been made in putting the issue to rest.

But the advent of Hashimoto, who is considered more hawkish on war issues than his predecessor Tomiichi Murayama, has returned the issue to center stage.

"Hashimoto has now set an example that could lead to a militarist revival in Japan," the China Daily said.

"The sense of superpower is swelling in the minds of some ordinary Japanese," the state-run Xinhua News Agency said in an editorial entitled, "Why Militarism Still Haunts Japan?"

Concepts of growing Japanese might "have provided ground for the resurgence and spread of militarism in Japan," it said.

CIA director reportedly wants out

WASHINGTON (AP) - After only 15 months on the job, John Deutch has told friends he wants to step down as director of the Central Intelligence Agency, The Washington Post reported in its Thursday edition.

Quoting what it said were several friends and colleagues of Deutch, all anonymously, the newspaper said he would like to return to the Pentagon, possibly as a successor to Defense Secretary William Perry if President Clinton wins a second term.

Some of the friends were quoted as saying that Deutch had told them in private conversations and at social events that he would like to leave the CIA in December.

CIA spokesman Dennis Boxx said Wednesday night there have been no indications at the agency that Deutch wants to leave at the end of the year.

"Mr. Deutch has made no such comments to anybody on his staff or close associates," Boxx said in a telephone interview. "He continues to look down the road and into next year" in his planning for the CIA.

He said Deutch recently had told associates that he was expecting to stay, certainly beyond the end of this year.

Deutch was Perry's deputy secretary at the Defense Department when Clinton tapped him in May 1995 to succeed R. James Woolsey at the CIA. Woolsey resigned in December 1994 after drawing criticism over the handling of the Aldrich Ames spy case.

Japanese tourist reveals

Park was 'ice drop-off point'

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff
A JAPANESE tourist disclosed to police authorities that the American Memorial Park was supposedly the drop off point of the drugs seized from him.

Insomniac statements given to police investigators after his arrest, Satoru Sasabe claimed he was instructed to throw his shoes containing the drugs into one of the trash cans at the park.

Sasabe said after dropping the drugs, someone must call back to Japan to confirm the delivery. In exchange, 500,000 Japanese yen or \$5,000 will then be deposited into his bank account in Tokyo, he said.

CNMI Customs agents arrested Sasabe upon his arrival at the Saipan

International Airport last July 29 for allegedly bringing in 114 grams of "ice."

Customs agents found the drugs, with an estimated street value of \$68,400, placed in two plastic bags which were concealed inside the tourist's shoes.

In his statements taken by investigators before a translator, Sasabe said he met a man named Yamada in Japan who told him to see another person.

Sasabe said the other person who "looks like from Middle East" handed to him the "ice" wrapped in plastic bag.

The suspect said he gave his cellular phone number and bank account number.

Sasabe said he then packed the drugs in his shoes. The tourist admitted knowing some local people suspected as drug pushers on Saipan. He said the last time he was here was last July 10.

Assistant Atty. Gen. James Norcross said Sasabe had already made 11 Japan-Saipan trips.

Sasabe was charged with importation of a controlled substance ("ice"), illegal possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine, and illegal possession of "ice" before the Superior Court.

According to a report by a Customs K-9 handler, a tip-off about the arrival of Sasabe prompted them to thor-

oughly inspect the tourist's baggage. After an X-ray was conducted, the shoes were taken to the Enforcement Office. The agents cut the side padding of the shoes and found the drugs. The left shoe allegedly contained 55.33 grams of "ice" while 58.67 grams were concealed in the right shoe.

Bills to deny Micronesians 'immediate relative' status

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff
A BILL to be filed by House Minority Leader Dino M. Jones (D-Saipan) would give an "immediate relative" (IR) status only to those who are immediate relatives to U.S. citizens residing in the CNMI. Existing laws allow immediate rela-

tives of U.S. citizens to stay in the CNMI permanently even if the U.S. citizen is not a local resident. Jones's bill would require that no person may claim or retain IR status unless the person's immediate relative is residing in the CNMI. Those whose immediate relatives are from Palau, Marshall Islands or



Dino M. Jones

the Federated States of Micronesia would not be granted IR status.

The bill, if approved into law, would be effective on either Jan. 1, 1997 or 90 days after being signed by the governor.

"This is a concern, because aliens may gain IR status by a sham marriage to a U.S. citizen who resides outside the CNMI," the bill states.

The bill also pointed out that present law does not recognize a special category for immediate relatives of Micronesians residing in the CNMI.

"We have to look into our immigration before it becomes a bigger problem than it is now," Jones, in an interview, said.

Man gets three years jail time for theft, burglary

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff
SUPERIOR Court Associate Judge Timothy Bellas ordered on Wednesday a man convicted of theft to spend three years in jail. During a hearing, Bellas sentenced Rod Demei to 10 years' imprisonment, all suspended except three years.

Pursuant to a plea agreement, the judge asked Demei to pay \$27,350 in restitution to Luis and Manja Crisostomo within eight years from his release. After his release, Demei should perform 300 hours of community work service within 30 months and seek full-time employment. He will also be placed under probation.

The Attorney General's Office charged Demei with burglary and theft last May 6.

Demei, through counsel Perry Inos, entered into a plea agreement with the government represented by Assistant Atty. Gen. Yvonne O. Lee.

The defendant pleaded guilty to theft. In return, Lee recommended the dismissal of the remaining charge.

The court accepted the plea negotiation. Court information showed that last Feb. 4, Demei broke into the residence of the Crisostomos and stole jewelry and video cassette tapes all worth over \$37,000.

Governor to start his village meetings October

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff
GOV. FROILAN C. Tenorio yesterday said he will begin "going to the people," through village meetings, in October.

The meetings will start on Saipan, he said.

Tenorio first disclosed the plan to conduct once-a-month village meetings in the State of the Commonwealth report he mailed to legislators.

Tenorio, in an earlier interview, said the village meetings would allow the people to directly air their problems and concerns to their governor.

Most of the time, people in the community are not comfortable to call his office and talk about their problems, Tenorio said.

"This way, I'm giving them

the opportunity to ask me about anything. This way, I can hear from them directly," Tenorio said.

He said he patterned the plan after President Clinton's. But the governor dismissed suggestions that the village meetings are part of his pre-election "gimmicks."

"I don't know why we're talking about election here," Tenorio said.

He added that it is only on Guam where politicians start campaigning for reelection immediately after getting elected.

"I don't believe in that," Tenorio said. "We should enjoy life and not worry about getting reelected before the year of the election. As far as I'm concerned, election is next year and I will not worry about that."

Nuke victims scramble for dwindling Marshalls fund

By Giff Johnson
For the Variety
MAJURO-It is claimant versus claimant in a battle for what is left of Marshall Islands Nuclear Claims Tribunal compensation money.

The Majuro-based Tribunal is projecting that there will be \$100 million in total personal injury claims by the year 2001, when U.S. compensation money runs out, but the United States provided only \$45 million for nuclear test victims. Which means if all the Tribunal's money goes for personal injury claims, then Marshall Islands nuclear test victims would only be entitled to 45 percent on their total awards. Yet, believing that claims would begin to level off, the Tribunal has already paid 55 percent, said Tribunal officials.

Now, nuclear test site land claims are looming as multi-million dollar drains on Tribunal resources. Enewetak islanders have just filed a motion with the Tribunal, supported by the Bikinians,

asking it to hold 50 percent (\$22.8 million) of the total claims fund to pay land damage claims. These two former nuclear test sites were ground zeroes for 66 American nuclear tests from 1946-1958. But the Tribunal has already paid about \$26 million (55 percent) to claimants so far. Enewetak said it isn't fair for more money to go for personal injuries compared to land damage claims. A hearing is set for September 4 on this issue.

Tribunal Acting Chairman Gregory Danz said that claimants are competing among each other because "there isn't enough money to pay all the claims."

"The situation is getting worse because of lack of money," he added. "The money the Tribunal has from the United States is grossly inadequate to pay all the claims before it."

Danz said that the Tribunal has made awards for 1,300 personal injury claims that amount to more than the \$45 million the Tribunal will get from the Compact of Free Association with the

U.S. To date, just 55 percent of the total awards have been paid to each person receiving compensation because the Tribunal is trying to be fair and make sure that everyone entitled to compensation receives the same percentage payment.

"Even if we didn't have any new awards in the future, we couldn't pay 100 percent of the current claims," Danz said. "At some point we thought that the new claims would begin to level off and slow down, but they just keep coming in."

The Tribunal is averaging awards totalling more than \$800,000 a month. If this continues, it will bring the total personal injury claims before the Tribunal to \$100 million by 2001.

The Marshall Islands Cabinet recently approved seven more illnesses to be added to the Tribunal's "presumed conditions" list, auto-

matically making them eligible for compensation. "There is a wave of new claims totalling more than \$6 million waiting to be paid," Danz said.

The Tribunal currently has just \$2 million, and will receive its annual payment of \$3.25 million in late October, giving it total resources of about \$5.25 million for paying compensation claims until October 1997, when another annual payment is due from nuclear investments.

Fifty-five percent of these new claims awaiting payment now amounts to a payout of \$3.3 million. In 1996 so far, the Tribunal has paid \$3.6 million in new claims and upgrades. If this trend continues into 1997, then the Tribunal will be bankrupt well before the next annual payment is due.

The Tribunal must now decide whether to halt annual percentage payments to Marshall Islanders who have

already received 55 percent payments on their claims in order to conserve money for both land claims and future personal injury claims.

Danz said that he believes a priority is for the Marshall Islands government to push forward with gaining recognition of the "changes circumstances" provision in the Compact of Free Association, a clause that says the U.S. will consider additional compensation if the Marshall Islands can demonstrate that new health problems have emerged that were not known at the time the Compact's compensation package was negotiated in the early 1980s.

According to Danz, the increasing number of claims before the Tribunal is evidence of the actual level of health damage from nuclear testing in the Marshall Islands, which is far greater than anticipated by government officials who negotiated the Compact in the early 1980s.

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New image for Rota

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

ROTA, one of the three islands of the Commonwealth which many people in the world have never heard of, had a few times been featured in a mainstream newspaper in the US mainland—but in the bad light.

The *Washington Post* had depicted Rota as an island of labor abuses.

Rota was again in the mainstream newspaper recently. And this time, it was, for defenders of the Commonwealth's image, something to be elated about.

Indeed.

The *Los Angeles Times*, in its July 28 issue, featured a full-page article of Rota's tourist attractions.

The article entitled "Rota Rooter" described the island "everybody's dream of an idyllic place—a remote, palm-fringed Pacific island sur-



Benjamin T. Manglona

rounded by some of the clearest water in the world."

"It was the first time our island was featured in a mainland newspaper in the positive light," said Former Lt. Gov. Benjamin T. Manglona, who furnished the *Variety* a copy of the ar-

title.

The Marianas, despite its major role in World War II, is a US insular area most Americans are not aware of.

Manglona hopes that the media attention Rota has been getting could help attract tourists to the island.

"It is a very beautiful and friendly island," Manglona said. "We would like to encourage visitors from US, Pacific, Asian countries to come and visit our island."

Among the three islands of the Commonwealth, Manglona said, Rota is being left behind.

"At the moment, Saipan is becoming commercialized and Tinian is at its developing stage," the former governor said.

Manglona invites investors from Hongkong, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan to explore investment opportunities on the island.

"Rota is ready for this development," he said.

RP makes housing loan for OCWs easier

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

A PHILIPPINE housing loan agency has made it easier for Filipino contract workers in the CNMI to borrow money by putting up a representative office on Saipan.

Vincent Nery, manager for Pag-IBIG Fund's overseas program, said the establishment of a representative office is part of the corporation's expansion program, the objective of which "is to increase the membership level."

At present, Pag-IBIG Fund has 559 members in the Commonwealth, Nery said.

Pag-IBIG Fund is a government corporation attached to the Housing and Urban Coordinating Council. It is the Philippines' major housing finance institution.

"Our target is to increase awareness of the program for Saipan and other Micronesian states," Nery said.

Any contract worker may apply for membership with initial contribution of \$20 for those earning a monthly income of \$1,000 and below; and \$40 for those earning more than \$1,000.

Nery said new members can immediately apply for loan by paying the yearly contribution in lumpsum.

Lynell Fulgencio is Pag-IBIG's representative to Saipan.

Attao files bill to hike salaries of PSS teachers

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

A PROPOSAL for across-the-board salary increases for teachers and teacher-aides was filed in the House of Representatives yesterday.

House Bill 10-282, filed by Rep. Jesus Attao, proposes "an upward salary adjustment of \$700 per month per certified teacher."

The rate covers teachers who possess at least a baccalaureate degree from a college accredited in the United States mainland.

Attao seeks an adjustment of \$350 per month for teacher-aides. A teacher-aide who earned a baccalaureate degree would get additional increases "for every 15 credit hours."

At present, the minimum salary for certified teachers is \$19,000 per year.

Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio earlier said the \$10 million additional appropriation for the Public School System's budget for fiscal year 1996-1997 would be reserved for teachers' salary adjustments.

In filing the bill, Attao noted the "pressing need to increase teacher salaries so that the



Jesus Attao

CNMI can recruit and retain qualified teachers."

Education officials have complained that PSS is having a hard time convincing US citizens, especially the indigenous residents, to teach in public schools due to meager pay offered by the government.

If approved, the bill would repeal the existing Classification and Compensation Guidelines for PSS.

For teachers and teacher-aides hired on a contractual basis, the proposed increase would take effect only upon renewal of their contracts.

Tenorio fetes new teachers of PSS

GOV. Froilan C. Tenorio personally rolled out the red carpet last week to some newly hired PSS teachers.

The reception was held at his office residence for an island style fiesta.

"These are very important people," said the Governor, "and I want them to know that I am committed to their success in the classrooms."

The Governor stressed that, "because PSS is a fully autonomous government agency,

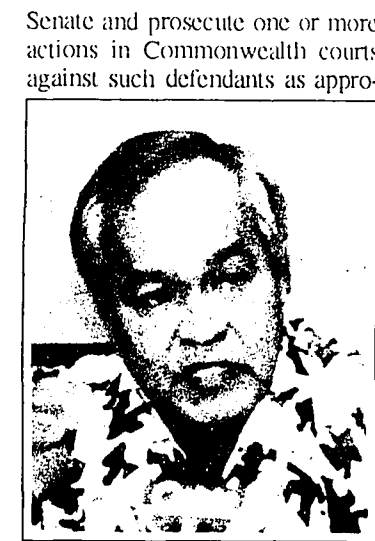
Tenorio welcomes lawsuit

By Zaldy Dandan
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GOV. FROILAN C. Tenorio said he has been hoping that the Senate do what last week it said it would—file a lawsuit against him.

"I've been hoping that the Senate would do that," Tenorio on Wednesday said. "I'm sure we're going to prevail but we can't know until we bring it to court, which is where I've always said it belongs. Let the court decide on this."

The Senate last week voted 7 to 1 with 1 abstention to pass a resolution "(instructing) the Senate legal counsel to defend the authority of the presiding officer of the Senate as acting governor and represent the



Froilan C. Tenorio



Paul Manglona

Senate and prosecute one or more actions in Commonwealth courts against such defendants as appropriate...."

Senate Vice President Paul Manglona (R-Rota) said the Senate legal counsel will, by the end of this month, file the lawsuit against Tenorio over the legality of Manglona's veto last June of the minimum wage hike bill.

"The main issues here are one, when does a bill really become a law and two, what an acting governor can or can not act on," Manglona said. "We don't want a repeat of what happened last June."

Manglona, as acting governor, vetoed the bill which Tenorio claimed was already signed into law.

"I signed that bill. (Manglona) has no goddamn business to change what I did," Tenorio told the *Variety* last June 24.

But according to Manglona, the bill did not become law because the document's original signed copy was transmitted to the Legislature only a day after Manglona's veto.

Tenorio insisted yesterday that his office is not required to transmit to the Legislature bills he signed into law.

"There's nothing in the Constitution that says the bill should be returned to Legislature," he said.

"The process is two step: the Legislators pass it, I sign it and then I enforce it. So I don't know why I have to send it back to them to make it final and effective. We'll see what the courts have to say about that."

Since July 1, the minimum wage bill has been enforced by the governor as Public Law 10-13.

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Inos cleared in tax suit



Rufin S. Inos

By Ferdie de la Torre
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THE SUPERIOR Court cleared yesterday Revenue and Taxation Division Director Rufin S. Inos from a civil suit filed by a golf course developer over alleged non-reimbursement of an erroneously assessed Business Gross Revenue Tax.

During a hearing, Presiding Judge Alejandro Castro dismissed the case against Inos for good cause shown.

Castro basically agreed with Inos that he is not a proper defendant in

the suit.

Inos, through counsel, pointed out that pursuant to the statute, the Finance Secretary is only party against whom there exists a cause of action.

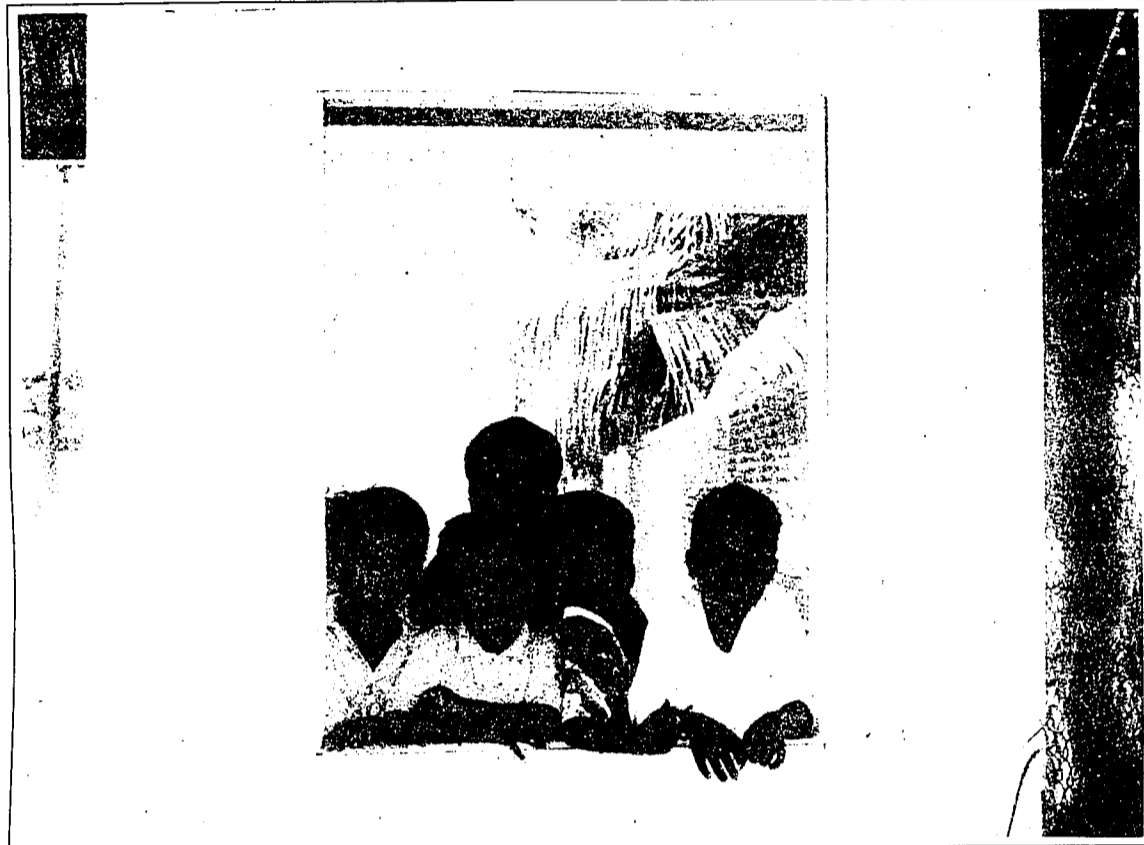
Inos said the term director who shall be the defendant in such proceeding means the director of Finance.

Pursuant to the governor's reorganization, Inos contended that the director of Finance has been redesignated as the secretary of Finance.

S.C. Properties (Saipan) Inc., through counsel Alexis A. Fallon, argued that Inos is subject to the suit because he issued the final agency decision denying SCP's petition for reconsideration.

SCP sued the government, Inos, and Finance Secretary Antonio R. Cabrera, seeking for declaratory and injunctive relief.

SCP said the transfer of the Kagman lease from the firm to the Saipan Lau Lau Development Inc., a subsidiary of SCP, was not taxable transaction subjecting it to the Business Gross Revenue Tax.



DRIZZLE. Kids take refuge in an outpost in front of Garapan Elementary School while waiting for their rides home yesterday afternoon. —Photo by Ferdie de la Torre

UOG announces fall school education course

The University of Guam will conduct its Fall classes beginning September 9 and ending December 20.

According to a news release from the Northern Marianas College, there are five courses in UF's upper division all leading to a Bachelor's degree in Education.

All courses except ED 492 will be conducted in Bldg. V-108. They are: ED 351, Fine Arts Methods, (3 credits), Tuesdays, 5:00 - 7:30 pm, (S. McKenzie);

ED 352, Physical Education Methods, (3 credits), Fridays, 5:00 - 7:30 pm, (K. Barnes);

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ED 473, Developing Cognitive Abilities, (3 credits), Mondays, 5:00 - 7:30 pm, (Dr A. Walter);

ED 492, Student Teaching, (12 credits), Days & Time to be announced, (Dr I Wolf), at various school locations.

Registration time is August 21, 22 and 23, 1:30 - 4:30 pm.

Contact persons: Janice A. Tenorio, NMC/UOG Coordinator, at Bldg V on 2nd floor, 234-5498, Ext. 1801; or Roy Fua, Director School of Education, at Bldg. FS-1 (Fina-Sisu), 235-3693.

Castro withholds lawyer entry

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE SUPERIOR Court issued an order yesterday holding the application of a Guam-based lawyer seeking permission to be admitted as one of the counsels for Naoko Imeong.

Presiding Judge Alejandro Castro said the court will hold the application of Thomas M. Tarpley, Jr. pending the outcome of the Aug. 23 hearing.

In his request, Tarpley said Imeong has retained him as co-counsel with Bill R. Mann for the specific purpose of providing representation to Imeong's request to be designated as



Alexandro Castro

lead guardian for Larry Hillblom's alleged son, Junior Larry Hillblom. Imeong is Hillblom's maternal grandmother who reportedly raised the boy in Palau.

Castro cited the same reason when he temporarily held the applications of Johnnie L. Cochran Jr. and Eric G. Ferrer to be admitted as counsels for Hillblom's mother, Kaelani Kinney.

The hearing was set to resolve the ongoing dispute between Imeong and Kinney over the designation of lead guardian for Hillblom and lead counsel in the paternity suit.

Imeong asked the court to appoint her as the lead guardian with the sole

authority as to hiring of lawyers, negotiations and settlement. Imeong has opposed Kinney's hiring

of Cochran in their legal team. She wants David Lujan to continue as the lead counsel.

Businessman sued for allegedly not returning hotel project funds

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

TWO persons filed a suit yesterday against a businessman demanding the return of their \$1 million they allegedly paid for the construction of a hotel complex in Kosrae.

John T. Skilling and Teresa W. Skilling, through counsel V. K. Sawhney, sued Michael J. McCart and his business McCart and Associates before the Superior Court.

The Skillings sought judgment against McCart in the amount of \$140,675.24 plus

an interest rate of nine percent per annum.

According to the complaint, on Nov. 11, 1991 the Skillings and McCart entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to develop the Skilling Hotel Complex in Lelu, Kosrae, Federated States of Micronesia.

Pursuant to the MOU and the defendant's request, the Skillings paid \$140,675.24 for the construction of the complex that was to have been completed in 1992.

Defendants delivered some materials to Kosrae that arrived

in a damaged condition. Other materials were allegedly re-delivered to Saipan for McCart's own benefit.

The complaint said construction for the complex never started, prompting the plaintiffs to terminate last March 8 the agreement contained in the MOU.

The plaintiffs demanded the return of their money. The defendant, however, "has refused, failed and neglected to pay them."

The Variety tried but failed to get McCart's side.

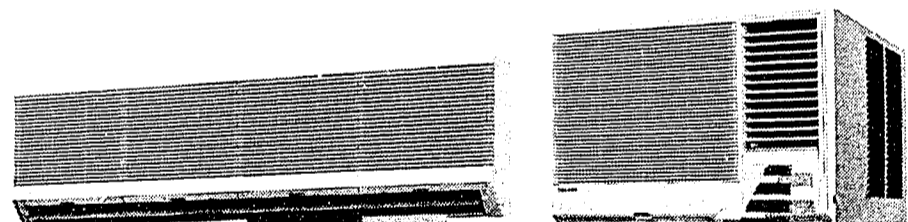
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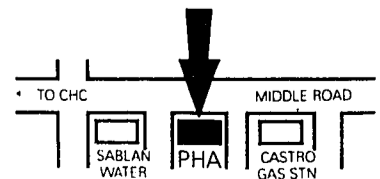
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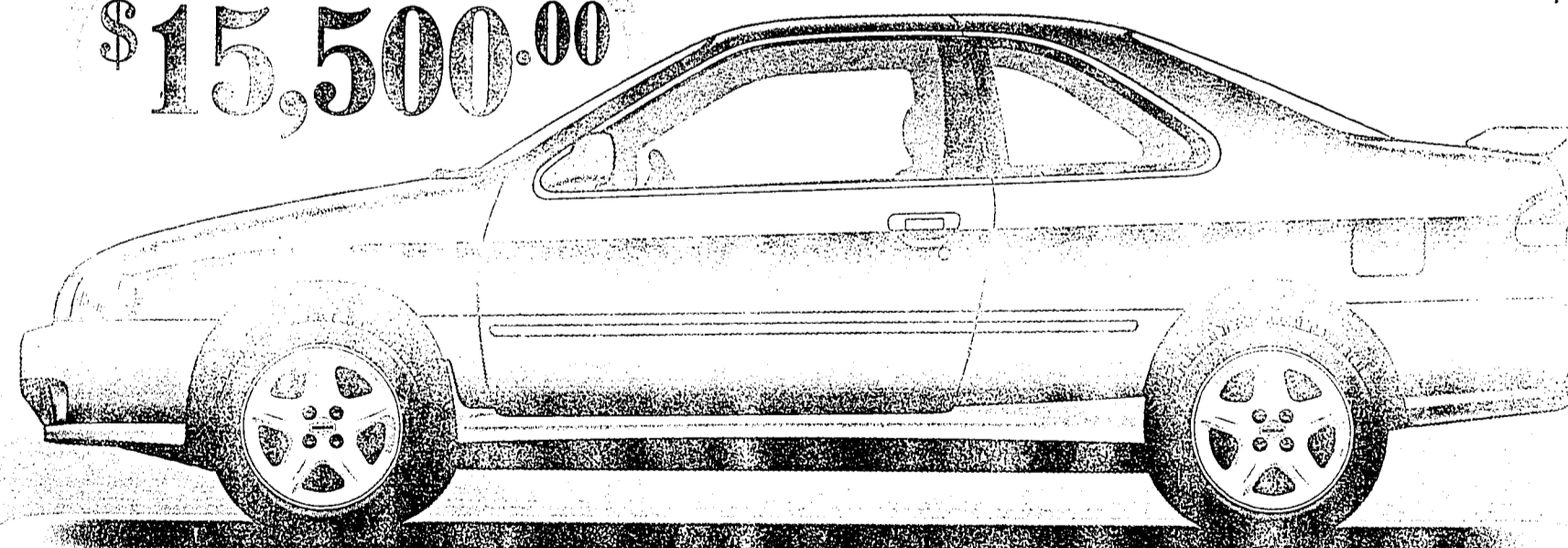
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Manglona laments 'squatters suit'

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff
THE ADMINISTRATION'S filing of a lawsuit against the six Rota "trespassers" is "a shame," former lieutenant governor Benjamin T. Manglona said yesterday.

'It's a shame,' says ex-lt. governor

"It's very regretful that we have to go to court to resolve it," he said.
"The problem could have been resolved by an administrative so-

lution."
Manglona said he still doesn't believe that the area where the six families built their houses on is a conservation buffer zone as claimed by the Division of Public Lands (DPL).

"I disagree with that contention. Even with them staying there it does not hurt the environment."
He said the area, which was a former dumping ground for garbage, has been "improved" by the six residents.

"They cleaned the place, planted flowers and nice trees. They made the area beautiful."
The Attorney General's Office (AGO) on Tuesday filed a lawsuit against the six Filipino-American families for trespassing and breach of contract.

The six have been occupying the public land area since 1990. Last April, DPL gave the six 90 days to vacate the land.

Rota politicians have asked

DPL and Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio to grant the six at least a five-year grace period.

But Tenorio said the six should vacate the land "as soon as possible."

After learning that AGO is preparing a lawsuit, Rota Mayor Joseph Inos last month said he has asked his legal counsel to defend the six residents.
Manglona, who will face Inos

in the Republican mayoral primary, said the offer of legal help to the six "is in the best interest of Rota."

"I know it would be difficult for them to find someone to represent them in court. I'm sure they have to squeeze every penny they may have to get an attorney," he said.

Air Marshalls and Air Pacific get together

By: Giff Johnson
For the Variety

MAJURO-Major maintenance on Air Marshall Islands' Saab 2000 will be done in Nadi, Fiji beginning later this month under a two year deal signed with Air Pacific.

AMI general manager Tom Ryan said there would be no changes in schedule, since the Saab overnights in Nadi a couple of day each week on its

current South Pacific schedule.

Using Fiji as a maintenance hub, instead of Majuro, will reduce the amount of time it takes to fly in parts when spares are needed, cutting the \$16 million Saab's "down time." Ryan estimates that it may take one to two days longer to get parts into Majuro than to Fiji, which is on major air routes from both the U.S.

and Asia.

Equally important, using Air Pacific's superior maintenance facilities will increase the confidence that other airlines have in the Saab operation, Ryan said.

Airline confidence is essential to improving AMI's profitability, since the airline is working to charter or lease the Saab to other airlines in the South Pacific. Last month, Air Vanuatu launched a once a week service between Nadi and Port Vila using the Saab, and Ryan hopes that other airlines will follow Air Vanuatu's example.

"The key to AMI's financial recovery is to utilize the plane more," Ryan said. "There isn't sufficient work just in the Marshall Islands. We're embarking on a program to sell time on the Saab to other airlines. Our liability to operate the Saab efficiently will give added confidence (to other airlines) to use it."

Air Marshall Islands flies to Suva once each week, and Nadi twice, with stops in both Kiribati and Tuvalu enroute.

The change to doing major maintenance in Fiji won't change anything for the airline's schedule. "Because the plan is in Nadi all day Wednesday and Tuesday and Friday nights, there is ample time for servicing the Saab in the hangar," Ryan said. The main improvement is that doing major maintenance in Fiji will allow AMI to get the high-tech plane out of the weather and under lights. Currently, when AMI staff do major maintenance in Majuro, they rig up a trap and spotlights outside on the Majuro airport tarmac-an operation that has obvious deficiencies in a climate where it rains more than 100 inches annually.

"There will be no difference in the way we operate, and no change in staffing levels at AMI," Ryan said. One AMI mechanic will be relocated to Fiji. But routine maintenance work on the Saab will still take place here in Majuro.

Ryan indicated that there are plans in the works to build a new larger hangar at the Majuro airport for Saab maintenance. Some preliminary work has been done, but the plans for the hangar are still being discussed so it will probably be sometime before it actually comes to fruition.

Inos: 'Let's build a vision'

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff
POLITICS? It's not just for men.



Rita Inos

And it goes without saying. Take it from Rita Inos: "I was pleased when I was invited to try politics. It is a message for women that doors are open for participation in shaping the nation."

Inos, deputy director of the Pacific Regional Educational Laboratory, is among the possible contenders for the vice gubernatorial race in 1997. Former Gov. Larry I. Guerrero has chosen her to be his running mate.

In a primary set in November, the duo is facing challenge from the team of former Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio and Senate President Jesus Sablan.

"The feminists would certainly not be happy with me saying 'I'm pleased with the invitation,'" Inos said in an interview. "They believe women should not be invited, they should just be there."

But the issue of women's rights and equality is passe, she says.

"We're not talking here of women's rights; we're talking about women's contributions," Inos says.

A woman politician, she believes, can be as effective without renouncing her feminine virtues. The politically correct era, notwithstanding.

"Women can be subservient and a follower, while at the same time being in the forefront of shaping the nation," she says.

She adheres to the Ying-Yang principle. "The perspective of a man can be complemented by the ability of a woman to follow through with details," she says.

Inos' political platform, however, is larger than the issue of gender ideology.

Topping her agenda is to find a vision for Northern Marianas—and for Northern Marianas alone.

"Since the Spanish time, the goals of Northern Marianas has always belonged to somebody else's dream. Our goals were part of the Spanish dream, German dream, Japanese dream. Now we are a member of the US family."

"We must have a dream that

NMC adds new placement test dates

DUE to increased number of Freshmen entering Northern Marianas College this Fall, a third date for English and Math Placement Tests has been added.

The day is Friday, August 23. The Math Placement Test will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. The English Placement Test will begin at 2:30 pm. Both tests will be administered in Bldg. A-8.

For further information, call Jim Holan, Chair of the English Department, in Bldg X. His phone is 234-5498, Ext. 2000.

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The Award recognizes the top 20 Ford dealerships and distributors from among 153 direct markets around the world for their success in meeting Ford sales volume goals in the first quarter of 1996, a news release said.

"This award is about more than selling cars," said Mike Auld, General Manager of Ford Worldwide Export Operations in Allen Park, Michigan.

"It is about building a positive relationship with Ford customers and meeting the needs of car and truck buyers in every market of the world. I am especially proud to recognize Joeten Motors Company for their commitment to the Ford brand and to satisfying Ford customers in the CNMI.

The General Manager's Growth Challenge Award was established by Ford this year, and winners will be selected every quarter.

According to Mike Auld, the program recognizes the strong partnership between Ford Motor Company and its dealers worldwide, and it highlights Ford's focus on customer satisfaction and the global growth of its business.

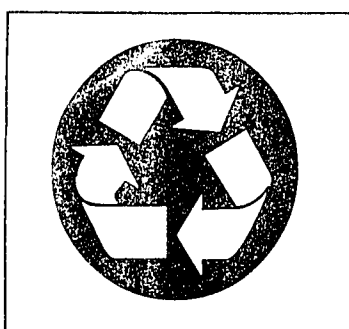
The total number of cars and trucks exported by Ford has grown by 75 percent over the last two years and is expected to grow still further in 1996.

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ADB offers Marshalls capital

By: Giff Johnson
For the Variety

MAJURO - A major roadblock to launching tourism-related businesses in the Marshall Islands is the lack of "venture capital" for start-up, Resources and Development Secretary Bobby Muller said this week.

But the Asian Development Bank is going to remedy that problem, making available a line of credit with Majuro's commercial banks so that private businesses will have access to money for tourism development, he told a meeting of the Majuro Chamber of Commerce.

The ADB is also providing assistance over the next year to strengthen the newly created Marshall Islands Visitors Authority into an agency that runs on its own following the model of other successful visitors bureaus such as in Palau, and to develop a 10 year tourism plan that identifies foreign markets and sets

goals for the Marshalls tourism effort.

Muller said that the private sector was the essential ingredient for developing tourism potential here, which is why the MIVA board has a majority of private sector representatives on it. "The board is private sector dominated," he said. "This is in line with the policy that tourism must be a private sector-driven industry."

"MIVA's main role will be promotion and marketing of the Marshall Islands as an attractive tourist destination."

The Marshalls Islands tourism philosophy is geared to eco-style tourism, Muller said, adding that the Marshall Islands does not want to go the route of Saipan or Guam. "Tourism (we develop) must be unique to the Marshall Islands," Muller said. "Our strategy is to emphasize a manageable volume of tourists that will

have a low impact on the islands."

The ADB will be assisting with a line of credit for tourism development by the private sector "because venture capital is the major impediment to tourist development," Muller said.

The ADB money will be channeled through local commercial banks, that can "appraise, monitor and implement" business develop-

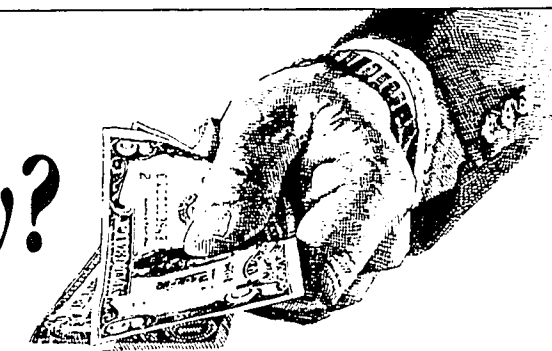
ments. The line of credit will be available in the near future, Muller said, the stories are on the edge of their consciousness."

What Youth to Youth in Health's programs have demonstrated is how much the stories can play in people's lives, but don't, he said. The quickening pace of westernization and urbanization in the Marshalls is leaving many of these stories of the Marshalls

in its wake.

"My role has been to explore why the stories should play a greater role in people's lives," he said. Marshallese stories are part of the fabric of life here but most people are no longer consciously aware of it, he said. "They can be just let go or they can be celebrated. But when people take the time to celebrate them, everyone really enjoys them."

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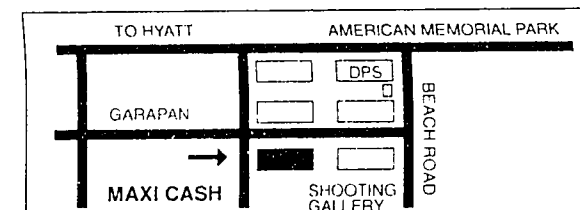
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Fiji police probe racket on passports

SUVA (PNS) - Fiji police are investigating a racket under which three Pakistanis have been convicted of paying large amounts of money to obtain Fiji passports.

The Pakistanis have completed jail sentences of 40 days for illegally obtaining passports and are helping police with their inquiries pending deportation.

The Fiji Times says police have been questioning several Immigration officials, a businessman and a bottle collector about the racket.

The newspaper quotes a senior police officer as saying the bottle collector ostensibly hired the Pakistanis as laborers and obtained driving licenses for them.

The licenses along with false

birth certificates and photographs were then sent to the businessman who in turn filed passport applications for the Pakistanis.

The police official alleged that certain Immigration officers speeded the applications to ensure the passports were issued in two days.

The businessman then collected the passports and handed them over to the Pakistanis.

However, police say that Immigration documents containing the businessman's signature have disappeared.

Fiji police have sent an officer to New Zealand to interview a Fiji businessman in connection with the racket.

Fight over pigs leads to deaths of 2 men

PORT MORESBY (PNS) - A tribal fight over pigs has led to the deaths of two men in Papua New Guinea's Chimbu Province.

Provincial Police Chief, Superintendent Aloysius Eveaisa, told the Post-Courier newspaper the fight erupted after the Uliku clan blamed men of the Koroku clan in the Kamati area of stealing two pigs.

Eveaisa says the fight resulted in the deaths of two Uliku men.

The Superintendent told the tribesmen to value the lives of people over those of pigs.

He said that if the clans hadn't fought over the pigs, the two men would still be alive.

He called on other tribes to be more mindful of such cases, adding that the life of a person was worth more than anything else in the world.

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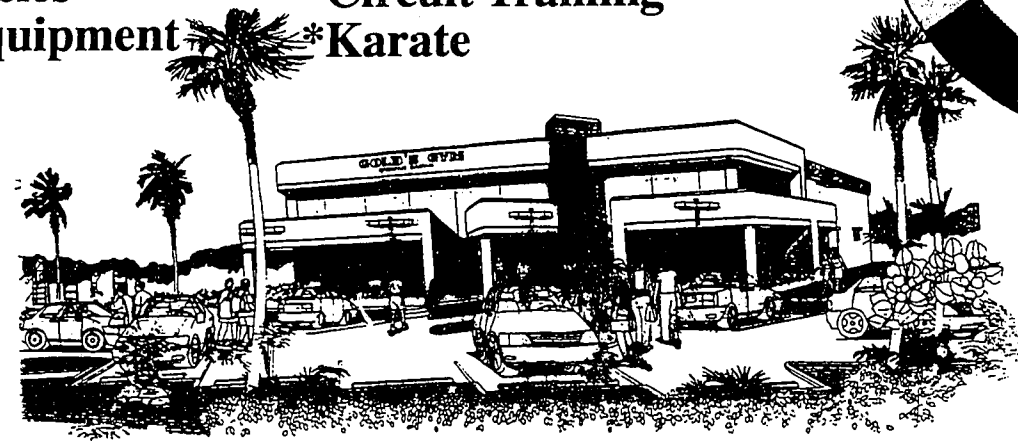
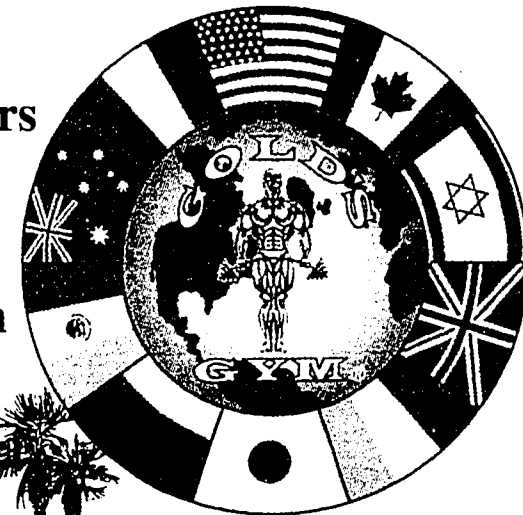
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Book: NZ spying on neighbors

CANBERRA (PNS)-New Zealand is reported to be actively spying on its neighbors, according to a new book on secret intelligence operations in the Pacific.

The allegations in the book, *Secret Powers*, written by peace activist Nicky Hager, follows a denial in Parliament in 199 by Prime Minister Jim Bolger that New Zealand monitored Pacific communications.

New Zealand reports say the book publishes for the first time extensive information about New Zealand's involvement in a previously secret Western Alliance spy network, known as Echelon, under which New Zealand's government Communication Security Bureau (GCSB) allegedly operates in collaboration with

similar monitoring agencies in the United States and Britain.

The book says that Pacific Island states, which rely heavily on satellite communications, are vulnerable to electronic spying.

It claims that Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, French Polynesia and other Pacific Island states were all likely to have their communications intercepted by the Waihopai satellite listening station in New Zealand.

The book also claims that GCSB spied on Japan, South East Asia, China and Russia, with Japanese diplomatic traffic being a prime target.

The leader of the New Zealand First Party, Winston Peters, has called for a judicial inquiry into New Zealand's intelligence activities, describing the book's claims "deeply disturbing".

5 rebels killed in Bougainville

CANBERRA (PNS) - Five rebel fighters on Bougainville were killed on Tuesday during a clash with soldiers in the center of the island, according to the Papua New Guinea Defense Force.

The Canberra Times said that among the dead were on Bougainville Revolutionary Army commander, Justine Koike, and Jeffrey Pokio, whom the PNGDF described as "notorious criminals".

Pacnews Canberra Bureau said that according to PNGDF intelligence reports, Pokio killed a resistance fighter and a member of the army's mobile

squad last July when he lobbed a hand grenade into a bunker at Manetai in Central Bougainville.

The PNGDF said Koike was the commander of the BRA unit which was responsible for a number of atrocities.

Two M16 rifles, a hand grenade, and other weapons were reported captured from the BRA during Tuesday's fighting on the Vito-Manetai road. No further details of the action were given.

The PNGDF commander, Brigadier General Jerry Singirok, has appealed to the rebels to stop fighting and resume peace talks.

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More wartime sex slaves to settle

By OLIVER TEVES
MANILA, Philippines (AP) - More Filipino victims of wartime sexual slavery may accept compensation from a private Japanese fund, but most still demand official redress from Tokyo instead, a support group said Thursday.

Nelia Sancho, coordinator of the Lila Pilipina group, said two more former Filipino sex slaves say they are willing to accept the private fund and 13 others are considering taking the money.

The two join four women who had already announced acceptance of the money from the Asian Women's Fund. Sancho said her group remains opposed to the fund but is not imposing its position on women who decide to receive compensation.

However, she said most of the 107 surviving Filipino women identified by her group as having been forced into

sexual slavery by the Japanese army in World War II reject the private fund.

The Japanese government says it cannot pay any compensation because all wartime claims were settled by postwar treaties. Instead, it founded the private fund which has received contributions from 19,000 individuals and groups.

"We want (the Japanese government) to own up to its responsibilities and we want honorable compensation, not from private citizens," said 68-year-old Amonita Balajadia, a former sex slave. "We also want them to recognize the atrocities they have committed in the Philippines."

In simple ceremonies at a Manila hotel Wednesday, Japan's ambassador presented letters from Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto expressing "most sincere apologies and remorse" to the first

three women, all Filipinos, who decided to accept a formal apology and the compensation.

A fourth woman, Juanita Jamot, declined to attend the Wednesday ceremonies, telling reporters she did not want to be photographed receiving the apology letter from Ambassador Hiroyuki Yushita.

Bursting into tears during a news conference Thursday marking the 51st anniversary of Japan's World War II surrender, the 71-year-old widow told the women who have rejected the fund that she will not abandon the fight for official compensation.

"As long as I am breathing, as long as I can stand and speak up, I will not stop," she said. "I will continue fighting alongside those who are against the private fund. (The Japanese soldiers) have destroyed my life, they raped me daily, how can I abandon the others?"

MANILA NEWSBRIEFS (as culled by Philippine Consulate)

8 Cabinet men cheat death

EIGHT Cabinet Officials and members of Malacanang Press Corps on Wednesday cheated death when an Air Force F-27 plane caught fire while preparing for take off from the Vilamor Air Base.

The eight Cabinet members on board the 30-year old F-27 (Fokker) plane were Transportation and Communication Secretary Amado Luis Lagdameo, Agriculture Secretary Salvador Escudero, Science Secretary William Padolina, Tourism Secretary Mina Gabor, Social Welfare and Development Secretary Lina Laigo, Energy Secretary Francisco Viray, Budget and Management Secretary Salvador Enriquez and Environmental and Natural Resources Secretary Victor Ramos.

AF spokesman Maj. Eduardo Oban said the plane was carrying a total of 20 government officials and 14 Malacanang reporters who were accompanying President Ramos on a trip to Abra where he was to preside over the 11th out-of-town Cabinet meeting.

According to Oban, the pilots identified as Capt. Daniel Aguda, Lt. Vicente Casibay and Lt. Fernand Banayo, were preparing for takeoff when they saw the left engine ablaze.

Siazon calls on Singapore Pinoyos

FOREIGN Secretary Domingo Siazon Jr. has asked Filipinos living in Singapore to help improve working conditions on the island state.

Siazon made the call after meeting with leader of local Filipino workers and community and religious organizations including representatives of Singaporean recruitment agencies during his first trip to Singapore as foreign affairs secretary.

During the meetings, he reiterated the government's concern for Filipino worker's welfare and vowed to protect overseas Filipinos.

Siazon also stressed that cooperation and good faith among parties involved in the employment sector are the best ways to ensure better assistance and protection for Filipino workers.

Arab employers pay back wages

A total of P51 million in unpaid salaries has been recovered from almost 500 Saudi Arabian employers who were forced to pay their deficiencies to overseas Filipino workers (OEWs), the labor department said Wednesday.

Of the amount, P2 million went to domestic helpers and family drivers presently employed in Saudi Arabia while the bulk, or P49 million, represented the uncollected wages of both skilled and semi-skilled Filipino workers once employed in various companies.

Labor Secretary Leonardo Quisumbing said the back wages were obtained through direct negotiations with employers by representatives of the Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) and through the Saudi Labor Court.

Ramos to lead 'indigenous day' rites

PRESIDENT Ramos will lead the Philippines observance of the International World's Indigenous People. This is in accordance with UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali's call on members of the UN body to redouble its effort on addressing the legitimate concerns and demands of the world's indigenous people as it declared a special day in August.

The program to be held at the DND-AFP Bulwagang Tejeros in Camp Aguinaldo on Friday, August 16, at 2 p.m., will unveil and agreement and pledges of expanded sustained, and new program to address the needs of our indigenous people from government and non-governmental agencies.

Kin of seamen killed in ship fire collect

A total of P36.4 million benefit has been paid to the families of 22 Filipino seamen who were killed when their ship M/V Anna Spiratou collided with M/V Polydefkins P in South Korea in June this year.

POEA Administration chief Felicisimo O. Josen, Jr. reported the payments of benefits from a letter of the local managing agent, Oriental Ship Management Co.

The families of the 22 seamen each received an amount ranging from \$53,000 to \$81,000 depending on the number of children-beneficiaries, with \$50,000 as insurance and \$7,000 for each child.

Vietnam's entry into APEC

THE application for membership of Vietnam and nine other countries into the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation will be deliberated on during the Third Senior Officials Meeting in Davao City today.

APEC Chairman and Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Federico Macaranas made the announcement during a press briefing in the 11-day SOM III at the Insular Century Hotel in Davao.

APEC is due to hold the meeting of heads of state in Manila and Subic Bay, Olungpo City this coming November.

Comfort women's papers readied

THE Department of Justice on Wednesday started documentation work on the Filipino women forced into sex slavery during the Japanese occupation to prepare for the government's negotiations with Japan on the moral and financial compensation of the aggrieved women.

State counsel Mercedes Gutierrez said the inter-agency task force composed of the DOJ, the Department of Foreign Affairs and the National Commission for the Role of Filipino Women, is processing papers of four comfort women who have submitted their affidavits to the DOJ.

The Associated Press identified one of the four as Anastacia Cortes. Gutierrez admitted that so far, only the \$200-million Asian Women's Fund (\$20,000 of each victim) remains the only definite form of compensation committed by Japan since its government has publicly apologized to the victim.

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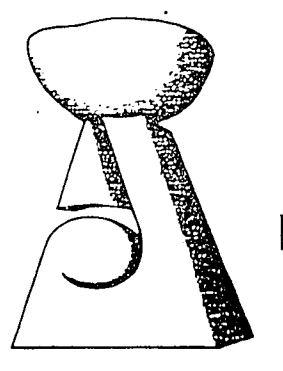
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GOP formally names Dole

By JOHN KING
SAN DIEGO (AP) - Republicans noisily nominated Bob Dole on Wednesday to carry their banner against Bill Clinton, launching the World War II veteran into an uphill struggle with the first baby-boomer president.

After a round of speeches, including bitter attacks on President Clinton from former Republican Secretary of State James A. Baker and former U.N. Ambassador Jeanne Kirkpatrick, delegates gave Dole a nearly unanimous vote on the third day of their nominating convention.

In a carefully orchestrated roll call vote whose outcome was sealed weeks ago, Dole's home state of Kansas put him over the top, with the required 996 delegate votes. Rival Pat Buchanan, who endorsed only Dole at the start of the convention, received a handful of votes, although he urged his delegates to vote for the nominee. It was a moment to cherish for

the 73-year-old Dole, who has labored in Republican politics for four decades but twice before was denied the chance to lead his party's presidential ticket.

But there was little time to celebrate or reflect: Clinton has led comfortably for months, and even polls suggesting a convention bounce weren't enough to ease Republican anxieties about Dole's chances in a matchup against the polished Clinton.

"We have an uphill battle with a



Bob Dole

sitting president," said Mike Francis, the Louisiana party chairman. Said Shirley Russell, delegate of Georgia: "There's a lot of work ahead, but that's what it's all about."

"We nominate Bob Dole for president because he is a man of honor, a man of firm purpose and deep commitment to his country's cause," Arizona Sen. John McCain said in placing Dole's name before the delegates.

"We nominate Bob Dole for president because this nation deserves better than the aimless direction we have endured for four years. We nominate Bob Dole for president because we will not take our leave of this century without affirming to the world that America - blessed, bountiful, beautiful America - will remain what she has always been, the last best hope of earth."

Placing Jack Kemp's name in nomination for vice president was the task of New York Gov. George Pataki, who applauded Dole for choosing a "messenger of optimism, a good and decent man" devoted to policies that give all Americans access to the American dream.

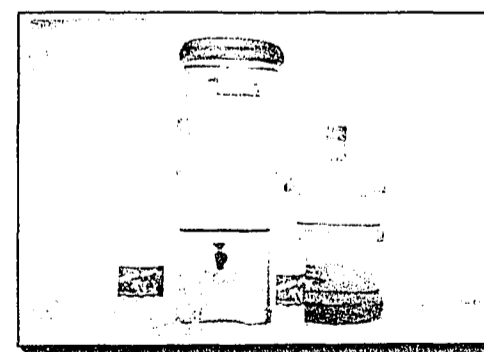
Kemp's nomination was later approved by acclamation, sealing Dole's alliance with the 61-year-old former New York congressman and housing secretary, the Republicans' apostle of supply side economics and minority outreach.



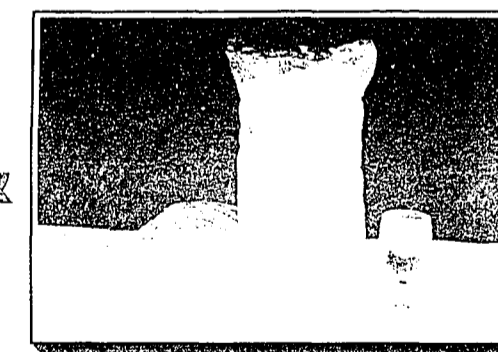
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Presidential challenger Bob Dole up close:

From war vet to GOP bet

By LAURA MYERS
WASHINGTON (AP) - Bob Dole and Bill Wohlford piled into the three-seater plane. A low rumble, then the flat expanse of Kansas spread out below, house lights twinkling like faraway stars.

It was a beautiful evening, full of promise, but Dole was brooding. He'd just been booed. By a home crowd at the annual Kansas State Fair. In front of his family and friends. In front of his mother.

"I'm just not sure it's worth it," Dole confessed to Wohlford, his young campaign manager during those dark, Watergate-shrouded days of 1974. Then he didn't say much. Shrank down, right into his suit.

Wohlford had never seen Dole this down. The senator was in the political fight of his career, up for re-election and losing. Maybe he didn't care any more.

Maybe he should give in. "It was kind of a long plane ride," Wohlford remembers today.

But Dole won the race - as he had before and would again - painting his opponent, a two-term congressman and obstetrician-gynecologist, Dr. William Roy, as an abortionist and a mudslinger. He won ugly, in a brawl.

"I'm a survivor," he once said. But it had cost him.

Then a divorcee, Dole had sacrificed his marriage to politics. A longtime defender of President Nixon before he was forced to resign, Dole had subordinated his personal honor to politics.

A small-town boy, a child of the Depression, a disabled World War II veteran, Dole had even surrendered his identity to politics.

Dole didn't always want to be a politician. A World War II

battlefield changed all that. But, first, there was Russell, Kansas, where he was born, July 22, 1923, the second child, first son, of Doran and Bina Dole.

At age 12, Bob Dole started earning \$2 a week at Dawson's Drugstore, jerking sodas and developing his already dry wit.

In high school, he was an average student, but lettered in football, basketball and track. Pursued by girls, he was shy and didn't really date. Too busy running, even then.

When Japan dropped the bomb on Pearl Harbor, Dole was in no hurry to join the war. He went to Kansas University for pre-med instead. But in 1943, he joined the Army reserves and was called up at the end of 1944.

Leading a unit in Italy, Lt. Dole was hit on April 14, 1945, by some instrument of war - shrapnel perhaps - that ini-

tially paralyzed him and later cost him the use of his right arm and hand.

With his body a burden, Dole began exercising his mind. And he got a study partner when he married his first wife, Phyllis, a nurse. She took notes for him - at the University of Arizona, then at Washburn University at Topeka. Soon, Dole recorded his lectures and memorized them on his own.

Then came politics and Dole was ready.

At age 26, Dole won a seat in the Kansas Legislature.

In 1961, Bob Dole went to Washington after a tough race for a seat in Congress. And he never really left.

He worked hard, coming home to sleep, often alone in his basement office. His daughter Robin, now 41, says her father taught her to drive

and spent Sundays with her. But mostly he was absent. In 1972, when Robin was 17, her parents divorced. Dole said, "I want out," and he was gone.

Months later, Dole met Elizabeth Hanford, 13 years his junior. Then with the Federal Trade Commission, she had come to see Dole, a Republican leader, about the party platform. He wrote her name and number on his blotter and a telephone courtship began, leading to dinner dates.

"He was shy," Mrs. Dole explains. "And I liked that."

In 1975, they wed, then moved into Dole's two-bedroom condo at the Watergate Hotel, where they reside still.

Mrs. Dole, a two-time Cabinet member and polished speaker, is Dole's closest confidante. "I'm a good help," smiles Mrs. Dole.

In Congress, Dole wasn't noticed until he got to the Senate in 1968. As a freshman, he lashed out on the Senate floor if anyone spoke against the incursion into Cambodia - or any other Nixon proposal.

Dole was "so antagonistic he couldn't sell beer on a troop ship," said then-Sen. William Saxbe, a fellow Republican who dubbed Dole as Nixon's "hatchet man."

Dole was rewarded when Nixon made him chairman of the Republican National Committee in 1971.

In 1976, President Ford told his running mate, "You're going to be the tough guy," and Dole played his part well. During a televised debate, Dole called the nation's past military conflicts "Democrat wars."

In 1980, Dole, his "hatchet man" reputation still fresh despite efforts to soften his image, never stood a chance in the presidential race.

In 1988, Dole won the Iowa caucuses, beating Vice President George Bush. But a week later, in New Hampshire, a vibrant Bush posed atop snow plows in the harsh winter and Dole, awkward and stiff from his war injuries, lost the photo op contest - and then the first-in-the-nation presidential primary.

Worse, Dole demonstrated to a nation that he was a sore loser.

Asked on NBC if he had any message for Bush, Dole's face, in close up, darkened, "Yeah, tell him to stop lying about my record."

In 1985, Dole was voted Republican leader in the Senate and reigned longer than any Republican chief until his retirement this year, declaring himself "just a man" in an all-out, last-ditch race for the White House.

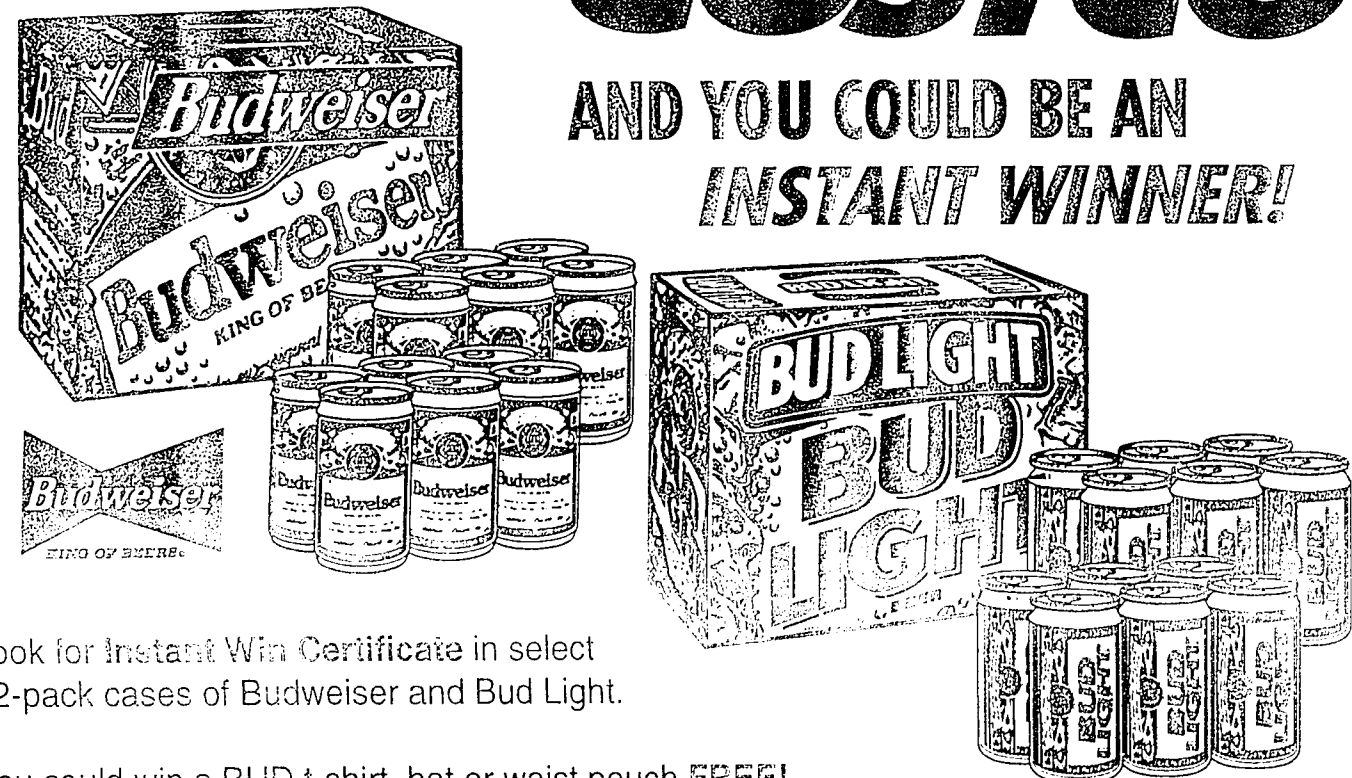
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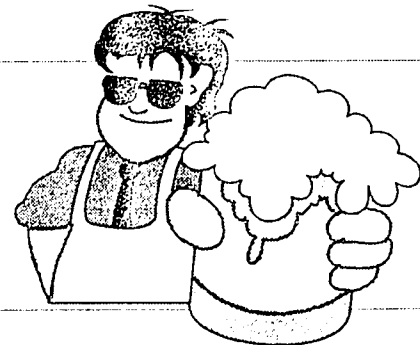
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A breakthrough for Hong Kong

Democrat sees talks with China

By JOHN LEICESTER HONG KONG (AP) - After years of being isolated by China, the head of Hong Kong's largest party said Wednesday he expects a meeting soon with Chinese leaders for talks on Beijing's policies toward the colony.

said: "We can sit down together and discuss Hong Kong matters to make things better."

A meeting between Chinese leaders and Democrats would represent a significant breakthrough for the party, which has been frozen out of China's plans for next year despite being the big winners in elections last year. The party secured 19 seats, the largest single block in the 60-member legislature.

China has not included any Democrats in its powerful 150-member Preparatory Committee planning the takeover, nor among the dozens of people it invited to act as advisers ahead of 1997.

Their rift dates back to 1989, when the Democrats vociferously denounced China's crushing of pro-democracy protests on Tiananmen Square on the night of June 3-4.

Chinese leaders "used to be able to tolerate dissenting voices. But unfortunately, after the fourth of June massacre, they drew a line," said Lee, whom China labelled a "subversive" after 1989.

"I'm glad that they are now at least making an effort to remove that line," Lee said.

But Chinese leaders and the Democrats remain divided over many issues facing Hong Kong, raising questions about how useful a meeting between them could be.

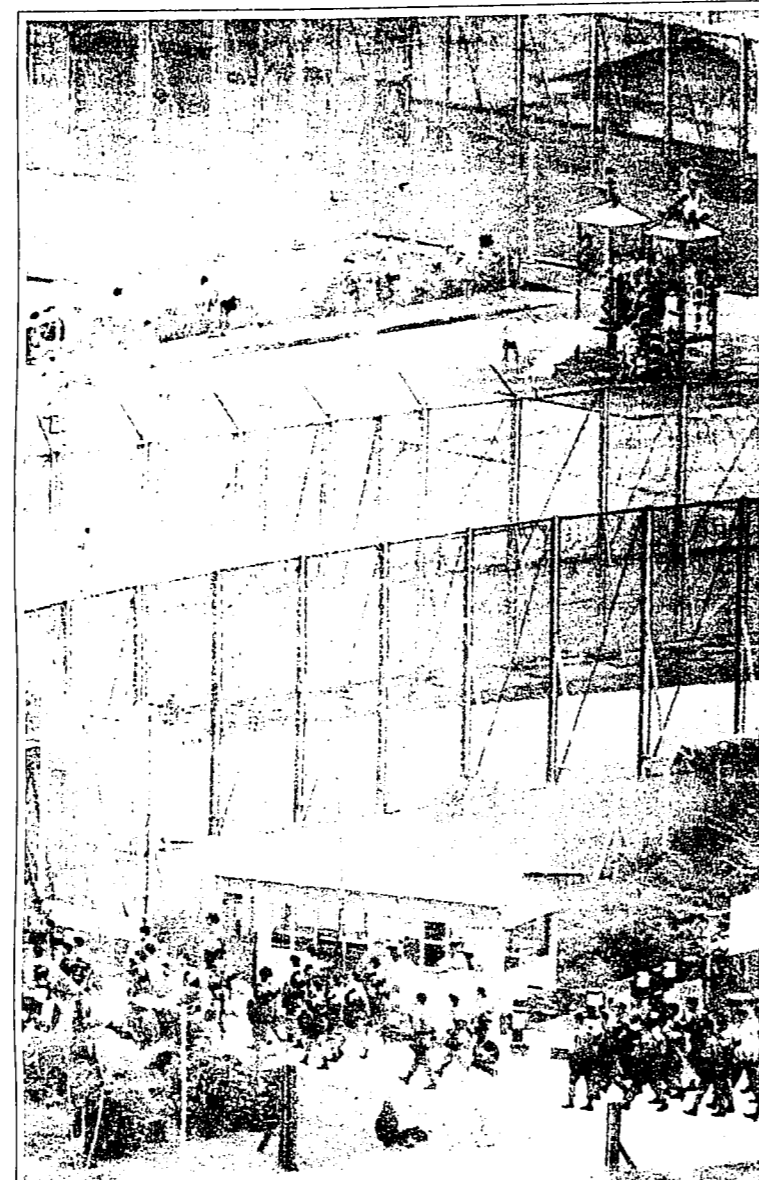
The Democrats oppose China's plans to replace Hong Kong's elected legislature with an appointed body after 1997 and its plans to roll back the colony's civil liberties laws.

They also have called for the future Chief Executive, who will replace British Gov. Chris Patten as Hong Kong's top leader after the handover, to be popularly elected - a call rejected by Beijing. China is organizing for the Chief Executive to be chosen by a 400-strong committee, which the Democrats have refused to join because of their opposition to China's plans for an appointed legislature.

Lee said a meeting with Chinese leaders would be just a first step and that talking to China would only be useful if it led

to Hong Kong politicians having more say over the colony's affairs.

Nevertheless, Lee said he hoped that more meetings might follow, "leading to something constructive with the Chinese leaders, which will lead in turn, ultimately to a change of Chinese policies towards Hong Kong for the better."



Police and prison officers in riot gear march into the Whitehead Detention Center, in an operation to move 656 Vietnamese asylum-seekers to a prison in downtown Hong-Kong, ahead of deporting them, and transfer 950 others to another detention camp. AP photo

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Indonesian military crackdown continues

28 people arrested in Bali



Clementine Dos Reis Amaral, left, and Albert Hasibuan, center, both of the National Commission of human Rights inspect the headquarters of the Indonesian Democratic Party, following a raid on July 27 by supporters of government-backed party leader Suryadi. The headquarters in central Jakarta was earlier occupied by supporters of deposed opposition party Megawati Sukarnoputri. The commission is investigating the raid and two-day subsequent riots in the Indonesian capital. AP photo

By GHAFUR FADYL
JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - Authorities arrested 28 people, accusing them of belonging to a banned leftist group blamed for deadly anti-government rioting last month, the official news agency said Wednesday.

The arrests were made Sunday in the tourist resort island of Bali, where the suspects are alleged to have fled after rioting in Jakarta on July 27, Antara news agency said.

Police have arrested a total of 152 people since the rioting.

Antara quoted Bali Gov. Ida Bagus Oka as saying that the suspects caught in Bali bore scars and bruises on their bodies, ostensibly from scuffles with security forces during the rioting.

"They are being investigated by the police to find out about their involvement ... and how many more are still in hiding on the island. For these people, there will be no mercy," he said.

He said they were members of the unauthorized Democratic People's Party, a rag-tag left-leaning group of 200 members whose 27-year-old leader, Budiman Sudjatmiko, was arrested on Sunday and charged with subversion, an offense punishable by death. Budiman denies the charge.

On Tuesday, the military softened its attitude toward Budiman, saying a bigger force is probably at work behind him.

"It is not possible that a young man like Budiman could do it alone," said armed forces spokesman Brig. Gen. Amir Syarifuddin.

The Jakarta riot erupted after police and soldiers raided

the headquarters of an opposition party headed by pro-democracy leader Megawati Sukarnoputri. Four people were killed, more than 90 people were injured and 22 buildings were burned.

Opposition leaders accuse the government of using allegations of subversion as an excuse to round up dissidents demanding more political freedom. They say the riots were in fact fueled by public anger against poverty, corruption and the stifling of democracy by President Suharto, who has ruled unchallenged since 1966.

The military says it is continuing a manhunt for subversives.

Another activist arrested on subversion charges was Mughtar Pakpahan, leader of an independent labor union, who failed to show up Wednesday at a court hearing on his lawsuit that says he was illegally detained.

An activist lawyer, Luthfie Hakim, said the hearing has been postponed to Friday. Mughtar is representing himself and may not have been aware of the hearing date because he is in detention, Hakim said.

"We would like to represent Mughtar in this case, but since we are not allowed to see him, the job becomes more difficult," said Hakim.

Human rights groups fear the government is misusing the subversion law and reviving the repression that existed under former President Sukarno, who was overthrown by Suharto. Megawati is Sukarno's eldest daughter.

The National Commission on Human Rights said in a statement Wednesday that 16 people are still missing since the riots.

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Kirk hits land again

Weakening typhoon moves into Northern Japan

TOKYO (AP) - A weakening Typhoon Kirk briefly moved out to sea before hitting land again Thursday morning after pummeling southwestern Japan with heavy rainfall and strong winds the previous two days.

So far three people have died and an American serviceman on Okinawa remains missing.

At 10 a.m. (0100 GMT), the storm's

center was about 320 kilometers (198 miles) northwest of Tokyo near Yamagata city, the Central Meteorological Agency said.

Kirk was moving north-northeast into the northern part of the main island of Honshu at about 30 kilometers (19 miles) an hour.

Kirk was packing sustained winds of up to 90 kilometers (56 miles) per hour, down from Wednesday's 210 kilometers (130 miles) per hour.

The agency warned, however, that heavy rainfall from the typhoon was likely to continue. If Kirk continues on its present path, it is forecast to sweep over the northern part of Honshu before again moving out to sea.

The agency said rainfall of as much as 180 millimeters (7.2 inches) was possible Thursday. Some areas Wednesday received over 300 millimeters (12 inches) of rain.

Almost 60 people have sustained injuries since Tuesday, mostly by debris caught in powerful gusts. Some of the injured were blown against trees or walls, police said.

Airlines said at least 475 flights were

cancelled Wednesday in the southwest, inconveniencing 72,000 passengers, and 52 runs of the Shinkansen, or "bullet train," were also cancelled.

A U.S. sailor was still missing after disappearing under the waves near Kadena Air Base on Okinawa during a rescue attempt on Tuesday. Capt. Kimberley J. Miller, a military spokeswoman on Okinawa, said searchers had yet to find the sailor, whose identity was being withheld pending notification of relatives.

Another sailor, who was rescued, was in good condition, the military said. His identity was also being withheld, Miller said.

Okinawan prefectural (state) police said Wednesday the two were believed to have been watching the waves from a seawall when they were dragged into

the water by breakers. Also on Okinawa, 1,600 kilometers (1,000 miles) southwest of Tokyo, the bodies of a Japanese woman swept into the sea Monday and a Japanese man who tried to go snorkeling in high seas were recovered Wednesday.

The storm is the area's 12th of the season.

National broadcaster NHK showed footage of passengers stranded overnight in train stations and airports.

The storm hit amid Japan's summer Obon Buddhist holidays, stranding returning passengers on their way back from visiting their ancestral homes.

During the three-day holiday Japanese pack trains, planes and highways for the annual return to pray at ancestral graves.

Strong winds peripheral to the storm buffeted Tokyo early Thursday, causing some morning trains to run late.




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Japan marks war's end

By MARI YAMAGUCHI
TOKYO (AP) - Japan on Thursday marked the 51st anniversary of World War II's end as it does every year: very, very carefully.

The anniversary of Japan's surrender is always a political and diplomatic minefield for the Tokyo government, with its Asian neighbors watching for verbal missteps.

In other parts of Asia, the day is a celebratory one, marking liberation from Japan's brutal wartime reign. Lingering anger over the war still strongly colors Japan's relationship with some of its neighbors, particularly China and South Korea.

A year after the glare of world attention that came with the half-century landmark anniversary, Thursday's commemorations in Japan were quieter and more inward-looking.

But the same decades-old divisions bubbled to the surface. Some Japanese believe that the country has nothing to apologize for; others think the nation has not done enough to atone for launching the bloody conflict.

At a martial-arts hall in central Tokyo, Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko presided over a solemn noon ceremony, timed to mark the moment when Akihito's father, Hirohito, went on the radio to announce that Japan was surrendering.

For Japanese alive at the time, it was a shattering experience merely to hear the emperor - then revered as a god - speaking directly to them.

Akihito and Michiko, clad in formal mourning clothes, bowed deeply before a huge bank of yellow-and-white chrysanthemums and an enormous rising-sun flag, offering prayers for the war dead. The emperor said he felt "deep sadness" for the lives that were lost.

Earlier, the government had asked people to pause at that moment and say their own silent prayers.

A stone's throw away from the hall where the ceremony was held, right-wing activists rallied at the Yasukuni Shrine, famed as a focal point for

militarism during the war. It is dedicated to the country's war dead, and those enshrined there as deities include executed war criminals.

On Thursday, the leafy shrine grounds echoed with the sound of old military songs played over blaring loudspeakers. Some of those in attendance wore old Imperial Army uniforms and waved the former army flag.

Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, who drew angry criticism with a visit to the shrine last month, stayed away on Thursday. But at least two of his Cabinet ministers - Defense Minister Hideo Usui and science and technology chief Hidenao Nakagawa - visited the shrine on Thursday morning, and two others said they planned to.

Hashimoto, who has long been active in veterans' affairs, trod a delicate line in remarks delivered at the ceremony.

He praised the Imperial Army soldiers who fought for "the tranquility

of their country," but also repeated a set phrase used each year acknowledging that the war caused "suffering" for Asian countries.

Many inside and outside Japan feel the government should more actively atone to surviving victims, including slave laborers and victims of biological experiments and chemical warfare, and more forthrightly address Japan's war responsibility in school textbooks and museum exhibits.

Hashimoto is considered more hawkish on war-related matters than his pacifist predecessor, Tomiichi Murayama. But at Yasukuni, right-wing activists were denouncing him - for having apologized a day earlier to Asian women who were forced to serve as wartime prostitutes for the Japanese army.

For many of those who lived through the war years and heard the emperor announce Japan's surrender, the anniversary is an emotional time.



Britain Jeanette Eames, 28, from Britol, delivers a paper lantern in Motoyasu River to pray for atomic bombing victims, marking the 51st anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. AP photo

US, Japan start talks on aviation dispute

TOKYO (AP) - Negotiators from Japan and the United States began two days of working-level talks in Tokyo Thursday aimed at defusing an escalating dispute over aviation.

Both sides have threatened to impose sanctions on each other's air cargo carriers following Tokyo's refusal to grant additional routes beyond Japan to other Asian points for Federal Express. Similar sanctions have also been threatened on two passenger routes.

Japan maintains that the current aviation agreement between the two countries grants unfairly large leeway to U.S. carriers to exercise such "beyond rights" past Japan, and is seeking a complete review of the agreement.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has countered by proposing sanctions that would restrict cargo-only flights from Japan Airlines (JAL) to the United States that contain cargo from the same Asian points to which Federal Express is seeking routes.

The two days of talks in Tokyo are the first since the current spat flared up last month. The two sides had reached a partial agreement on aviation issues in March.

The talks will also cover disagreements over passenger aviation, which are would affect United Airline's Tokyo-Los Angeles route and JAL's Hiroshima-Honolulu flight. The two sides failed to reach a deal on the passenger aviation issue in talks in Washington late June.

Source on TWA crash: Rows 17 to 28 probed for clues

By PAT MILTON
SMITHTOWN, New York (AP) - The search for what blew apart TWA Flight 800 was focusing on the front of the coach section - rows 17 to 28, a source close to the investigation told The Associated Press.

"We speculate that some kind of event took place between those rows," the source said Wednesday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The seats were above the center fuel tank, an area from which little debris has been recovered. What pieces have been found show evidence of an extensive fire.

Investigators continue to speculate that if the aircraft was downed by a bomb, it may have been placed in carry-on luggage under a seat or in a food cart.

Searchers want to examine everything from the cabin - seats, carpeting, the interior wall and the overhead bins. Experts have said any fabric recovered may hold any evidence of a bomb better than hard-surfaced wreckage.

The source said those pieces likely settled to the ocean floor in debris Field 3, the area of wreckage closest to Kennedy International Airport where authorities say the first pieces fell from the sky.

One of the few pieces recovered so far from that area was "a very little piece" of a bulkhead, an interior wall, the source said.

The FBI has still not approached any of the victims' relatives for interviews, though it plans to. There was no indication that individual passengers in rows 17 to 28 were considered more important to the investigation.

For weeks, authorities have said the July 17 explosion that killed all 230 people aboard was caused by either a bomb, a missile of a mechanical malfunction. Those theories remained alive Wednesday.

Meantime, after a day of rough weather delayed recovery efforts, divers returned to the water Wednesday and came back with three barges of wreckage, including a large piece from the rear fuselage. It had no visible burn marks but was badly twisted. An "Exit" sign was visible.

Another large section of fuselage showed no burn marks, and four intact windows were visible. About half the plane has been recovered so far. The fourth and last engine to be located on the ocean floor had not yet been brought up, nor were any more bodies recovered Wednesday, leaving the total at 199.

National Transportation Safety Board Vice Chairman Robert Francis and FBI Assistant Director James Kallstrom did not stage their usual news conference Wednesday and it appeared unlikely they would do so again before Friday.

Delta flight does an emergency landing

By TIM WHITMIRE
NEW YORK (AP) - A Delta Airlines 727 made an emergency landing at Kennedy Airport on Wednesday after one of its three engines lost power shortly after takeoff from LaGuardia Airport.

Meanwhile, a man from the borough of Queens said a piece of the stricken engine landed in his driveway, but a Delta spokesman said that was impossible.

Shortly after Flight 801 took off for Tampa, Florida, around 7:20 p.m. with 132 passengers on board, the pilot saw that one engine had no power and abnormal oil pressure, Delta spokesman Bill Berry said.

"He shut the engine down and made a routine landing" at Kennedy, the nearest airport, Berry said.

Anthony Conti, who said he has worked as a crew chief at American Airlines for 20 years, said he heard a strange noise as a Delta plane passed over his house in Queens at about 7:30 p.m.

He looked up to see a piece of metal fall from the sky, bounce off his neighbor's house, his house and his car and then land in his driveway.

"It was a foot (about 30-centimeter) long by half a foot (15 cm) wide and about four inches (10-centimeter) thick," Conti said in a phone interview after authorities examined the part.

"It was three blades from the engine, all chipped up and kind of burned," Conti said. "When it came down it was sizzling, it was boiling hot."

Berry denied that a piece of the Delta plane of that size could have landed on someone's property.

"There is no way anything of that size would have come from our engine," Berry said. "I checked with maintenance and they said at the most (anything coming from the engine) would have been an inch or two."

Berry asserted that the plane's flight path took it over water, not over residential neighborhoods. Conti didn't buy it.

"It's kind of a big coincidence that a plane just passed over and then had to make an emergency landing five minutes after what happened to myself," he said.

Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Arlene Salac said the agency was investigating.



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New York Times reports:

Tycoon funding terrorists

NEW YORK (AP) - Much of the financial support for terrorists who attack Americans and Israelis has come from wealthy individuals from Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries. The New York Times reported Wednesday. Sophisticated, privately financed terrorists have created new and tough diplomatic problems for Western governments because many of the financial backers live in countries traditionally allied with the United States, the newspaper said, quoting current and former federal officials. The officials believe that, among other things, businessmen in Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates fed funds to Ramzi Ahmed Yousef, who is charged with being the brains behind the

World Trade Center bombing in New York City in 1993 and a plot to blow up 11 American jets. American intelligence agents are also checking the movements of Osama Bin Laden, a wealthy Saudi businessman stripped of his Saudi citizenship in 1994, the Times said. The newspaper, quoting officials it didn't identify, said Bin Laden paid for terrorist acts in Europe, Africa and the Middle East against Americans and other Westerners. A State Department document released this year called Bin Laden "one of the most significant financial sponsors of Islamic extremist activities in the world." The document links him to terrorist training camps in Af-

ghanistan and the Sudan, and shows Yousef lived in a Pakistan house paid for by Bin Laden. Four Saudi militants who killed five Americans and two Indians in a car bombing in Riyadh last November said in confessions they had been influenced by Muslim militants abroad, the most prominent of whom is Bin Laden. Bin Laden, who was expelled from the Sudan earlier this year, has denied being involved in terrorism. He was recently reported to be in Afghanistan. His fortune is about \$ 250 million, and the Times said he has financed terrorist training camps in Sudan, where Egyptian, Algerian, Tunisian and Palestinians have gone for courses.

Suspected sabotage at nuke plant prompts security alert

FORT PIERCE, Florida (AP) - Florida Power and Light declared a low-level emergency at one of its nuclear power plants Wednesday after inspectors discovered someone poured glue into switches in a back-up control room. The St. Lucie plant continued to operate and safety was not compromised, FPL spokesman Dale Thomas said. FPL inspectors found the glue in three locked switches in a back-up control room that would be used to shut down the nuclear unit in case the main control room couldn't. The glue left the switches inoperable. FPL ordered a security alert at the plant and notified the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Thomas said. The FBI was also investigating. Thomas said the company suspects sabotage because there would be no other way that glue could get on the switches, which were last inspected July 15. "For glue to be in a locked switch it would have to be put there deliberately," he said. The plant, once considered one of the industry's top facilities, lost its top performance rating in February after several mishaps and other problems. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission fined the company \$ 50,000 in November 1995, and again in January 1996, for safety rules and equipment violations. FPL, Florida's largest utility, also has been in the middle of a labor dispute, prompted by union claims that the company was cutting its workforce without regard for safety. The company announced plans last November to cut 500 union jobs in the next two years but said there would be no effect on safety of its plants. In the meantime, 120 positions in the utility's nuclear division have been cut. Thomas said the company couldn't draw any connections between its labor problems and the case of suspected sabotage.

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Butcher eyed as suspect in 'body parts' murder case

MOSS POINT, Missouri (AP) - A woman's tale of being raped and locked in a box while her friend was hacked apart turned even more macabre when body parts began surfacing in the bayou and a suspect turned out to be the neighborhood butcher. After Gary Simmons' turned himself in to police Wednesday, neighbors recalled how the man at the grocery store meat counter often boasted of his fantasies. "This is pretty sick, but he talked about wanting to take a girl and keep her like a prisoner, locked in one of his rooms," said Donald Taylor. Simmons and his brother-in-law Timothy Milano, who was arrested Tuesday, were jailed on murder, kidnapping and rape charges in the attack on a Texas man and woman Monday night. The investigation began early Tuesday when a woman who claimed to have been raped, tortured and locked in a metal box escaped from Simmons' home and ran to a neighbor's house. The woman later told police her friend, Jeffrey Wolf, was killed and his body cut into several pieces. Investigators searching a bayou that runs through the quiet neighborhood found some of the body parts Tuesday and continued their search Wednesday. An axe and knife were reportedly found nearby. "We got all kinds of stuff at the scene," said Investigator Lee Merrill. "I don't know if it was involved in our crime or not."

Lebed gets wider powers

By VIDAS BATAITAS
GROZNY, Russia (AP) - With fighting for the Chechen capital easing but not ending, President Boris Yeltsin's security chief prepared to head back to Chechnya armed with sweeping powers to end the conflict. According to the Interfax news agency, Alexander Lebed was flying to Grozny on Thursday to meet with Russian commanders. Sporadic clashes continued Wednesday, with heavy fighting near the main Russian military base. But Russian forces halted the helicopter and jet attacks that have terrorized Grozny and the two sides exchanged wounded fighters. The lull gave civilians, trapped for days by some of the heaviest fighting since the war began 20 months ago, a chance to get out of

Russia, Ukraine negotiate border

MOSCOW (AP) - Russian and Ukrainian diplomats opened negotiations Wednesday on defining the border between the two former Soviet republics. They will discuss turning the territorial lines drawn on the former Soviet map into a proper border between independent states. A duty officer in Russia's Foreign Ministry confirmed that the talks had started, but did not give details. In addition to the ground border, which is more than 1,500 kilometers (940 miles) long, the diplomats will also discuss the status of the Sea of Azov, he said. Defining the border is a preliminary step before actually marking it, which Foreign Ministry spokesman Mikhail Demurin said Tuesday would be "a long and hard process," the ITAR-Tass news agency reported. "The most important thing is not to create obstacles for contacts between people from our two states," Demurin was quoted as saying. Almost five years after the 1991 Soviet breakup, there is still little more than token passport and cargo control on highways and railways that cross the former administrative borders.

Crash kills 9

MOSCOW (AP) - Two crowded cars crashed head-on Wednesday on a highway in Russia's southern Ural Mountains, killing nine people and seriously injuring one other, officials said. The accident took place between the cities of Ufa and Orenburg, in the republic of Bashkortostan, the Interfax news agency reported. It said the two drivers and seven of the passengers were killed instantaneously, and one passenger was hospitalized in critical condition. The report gave no other details.

Russian-Chechen fighting eases after talks

the devastated city. Outside the capital, Russian forces carried out airstrikes on fleeing refugees, the rebels said. Separatist fighters overran the Chechen capital on Aug. 6 and control much of the city. They have inflicted humiliating losses on the Russians: at least 1,000 dead and wounded. Yeltsin signed a decree Wednesday giving Lebed the authority to control and coordinate the operations of the army, Interior Ministry, Federal Security Service and other agencies in Chechnya. "The president, too, is tired of war," Lebed told CNN. "Every day of war erodes Russia's international prestige." At Lebed's behest, Russia's top commander in Chechnya, Gen. Konstantin Pulikovskiy, met Tuesday with the top rebel commander, Aslan Maskhadov. Both Pulikovskiy and Maskhadov said afterward they

agreed to order their troops to hold their fire, to exchange dead and wounded, and provide safe passage for refugees and medics. But the two sides gave different interpretations of their deal. The Russian commanders said they gave mutual "obligations" to cease-fire that stopped short of a formal accord. The separatists said they reached an oral agreement for a truce that was to start at noon Wednesday. Pulikovskiy said he turned down Maskhadov's idea for a joint cease-fire order. "I told him I'm a Russian general and will not sign any joint orders with separatists," he said. Nine wounded Russian soldiers were exchanged Wednesday for the same number of wounded rebels in the first such exchange since the battle in Grozny began, the ITAR-Tass news agency said. But Pulikovskiy lashed out Wednesday at the rebels for press-

ing their attacks after his meeting with Maskhadov. "That makes me think they either can't control their men or don't want peace to come to this land," Pulikovskiy said on Russian Television. Although central Grozny, the heart of the recent fighting, was quieter Wednesday, battles raged outside the city center at Minutka Square and on the road to Khankala, where the Russian military has its main base. Pulikovskiy said rebels continued shooting in five areas held by federal troops and accused rebel snipers of killing eight soldiers Wednesday. But, he said, "I will continue talks, continue to meet with them, to persuade these people. Peace will come to this land, but it will remain a part of Russia, a part of our great state." Following up on the commanders' meeting, representatives of the two sides met again Wednesday near a Russian checkpoint south of Grozny. The separatists said they discussed ways of making a truce stick. There was no word from the Russian side on the meeting. The deeply unpopular war began in December 1994 when Yeltsin sent in troops to snuff out mostly Muslim Chechnya's three years of self-declared independence. An estimated 30,000 people, mostly civilians, have died in the conflict. Several cease-fires have crumbled amid mutual distrust, most recently a May accord signed as part of Yeltsin's re-election campaign. The pact was shattered when Russian forces began bombing southern Chechen villages shortly after he won a second term July 3. The Russian side said the raids came in response to rebel attacks. Russian commanders in the past have ignored orders to stop fighting, while rebel leaders have had trouble reining in their field commanders.

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AGENDA:

- I. ROLL CALL
- II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:
 1. July 25, 1996
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
- V. NEW BUSINESS
- VI. DCD MATTERS
- VII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
- VIII. REPORTS
 1. Funds' Availability Report
 2. Chairman's/Executive Director's Report
 3. Comptroller's Report
- IX. OTHER MATTERS

/s/ JUAN S. TENORIO
Chairman, CDA Board of Directors

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Pursuant to Section 11 of Public Law 8-41, The Open Government Act of 1992, the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Ports Authority hereby serves notice that it will hold its regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. at the CPA Seaport Office Conference Room, Charlie Dock, Puerto Rico, Saipan.

The following items are on the agenda for the above-referenced meeting:

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Adoption of Agenda
 4. Adoption of Minutes (July 26, 1996)
- II. CORRESPONDENCE
- III. COMMITTEES REPORT
 1. Adoption of Financial Statements
 2. Other Committees Report
- IV. EXECUTIVE REPORT
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 1. Contract Award - Incinerator for Saipan and Tinian
 2. Temporary Land Use Permits Rules and Regulations
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
 1. Airport/Airlines Affairs Committee Meeting-Thursdays, September 26, 1996
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT(S)
- VIII. (Executive Session) LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.

/s/ Victor B. Hocog
Chairman, Board of Directors
August 13, 1996

New settlement drive angers Arabs, opposition

By DAN PERRY

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) - Last week, Ronen Ben Menashe sold his home on the bustling Mediterranean coast and moved to the Golan Heights. With a right-wing government in power, he and others figure the strategic plateau is in Israeli hands to stay.

"We love the Golan. It is a very important area," the 40ish, black-bearded bible teacher said as he planted trees near his new home on the pastoral Keshet settlement. "I believe we will stay here forever."

Since May, when Benjamin Netanyahu won elections with promises not to withdraw from the Golan, at least 130 families have joined some 15,000 Jewish settlers already living there, settler leaders said Wednesday.

Avi Zeira, a Golan settler leader, said the settlers had presented Netanyahu with a plan to expand Jewish communities and increase the population to 25,000 over the next four years.

A build-up in the Golan, which Israel captured from Syria in the 1967 Mideast war and later an-

nexed, could make it more difficult to start negotiations with Damascus, just as settlement-building in the West Bank and Gaza Strip is angering Palestinians.

Palestinian officials and former Premier Shimon Peres on Tuesday warned that the government was killing the peace process - and turning Israel into a state in perpetual strife.

"If the Israelis' policy toward settlements will continue, I can assure that there will be no peace," said Ahmed Qureia, speaker of the Palestinian legislative council elected last January.

"I am worried, really I am worried," he said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Peres warned that the settlement activity would lead to a de facto annexation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, which Israel captured in 1967 and has been gradually returning to the Palestinians the last two years.

He blamed Netanyahu for weakening Palestinian autonomy "instead of seriously nurturing an attitude of respect for the Palestinian people."

The Maariv newspaper said settler leaders have put forward some 200 plans for building thousands of homes, and Netanyahu has promised more roads in the West Bank.

The families who have come to the Golan since May moved into government houses built during an influx of immigrants from the former Soviet Union and which had been sitting empty.

"The last four years were a nightmare," said Zeira. "You would wake up every morning and turn on the radio not knowing what our future would be. You had to be a real idealist to move here."

The previous Labor government was prepared to cede most of the Golan, where some 15,000 Druse Arabs also live, as part of a deal with Syria. But the two countries couldn't agree on the details of a peace treaty before the elections.

"Many people here believe the new government will let us continue to live on the Golan," said Adia Schwartz, a veteran resident of Moshav Aniam, not far from the Keshet settlement where Menashe lives. "They are not afraid of the government will kick them out of here."

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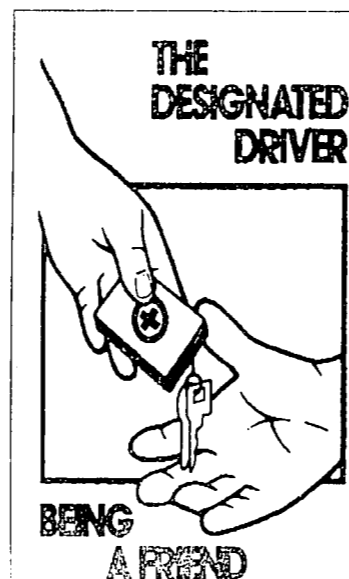
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US forges Bosnia agreements

By BARRY SCHWEID

GENEVA (AP) - Under U.S. pressure, the presidents of Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia pledged anew to protect the rights of voters in Bosnian elections next month. But Secretary of State Warren Christopher said "deeds and not the words" will be the test.

In an unsigned communique after daylong talks Wednesday, the Balkans leaders also promised to apprehend war criminals and assured refugees the right to return to homes they lost during a 3 1/2-year ethnic war.

Christopher called the results "an opportunity to have a multiethnic country." He acknowledged most of the pledges had been made before, but said at least three extracted from Presidents Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia, Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia and Franjo Tudjman of Croatia were new.

These set Aug. 31 as the deadline for the dissolution of a Bosnian Croat ministate, stripped government controls from a television network in Bosnia on which competing candidates could convey their messages and provided for the appointment of American lawyer Roberts Owen to cast a deciding vote in disputes over the northern Bosnian town of Brcko.

A senior U.S. official said Christopher had applied pressure on the three leaders to elicit their cooperation. He warned Izetbegovic a \$ 587 million U.S. aid program could be jeopardized, told Tudjman that Croatia's reputation would be damaged, and Milosevic that remaining U.N. sanctions would remain in place, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"We affirm our full support for the implementation of the Dayton peace accords and the consolidation and strengthening of the federation as the cornerstone of the peace process," the communique said.



Warren Christopher

In the name of the three presidents, it added: "We consider that the holding of the elections on Sept. 14 is an essential precondition for the establishment of a political structure, which can strengthen a long-lasting peace and security in Bosnia and Herzegovina."

The Clinton administration considers the national and local elections as an election-year showcase of its Bosnia policy. Only the search for peace in the Middle East has taken more of Christopher's time than trying to point the war-scarred country on the path to peace and ethnic amity.

However, Swiss Foreign Minister Flavio Cotti gave reporters a pessimistic assessment of what is going on now in Bosnia. "Freedom of movement is not guaranteed, the return of refugees is still being hampered, and attempts to create ethnically pure states continue."

And an independent group that has been monitoring the Dayton accord suggested Wednesday the elections could set off a new round of violence and hasten the partition of Bosnia among rival ethnic groups.

"The only potential beneficiaries of elections under current conditions will be the nationalist leaders who brought this country to bloodshed in the first place,"

Bosnia peace forces end Operation 'Fear Naught'

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) - The NATO-led peace force ended its alert in the Serb-held territory of Bosnia early Wednesday, a military spokesman said.

The operation, code-named "Fear Naught," was put into effect Monday because the Bosnian Serb military refused to allow peace force inspectors access to a military headquarters in Han Pijesak over the weekend. The inspection was carried out Tuesday.

NATO troops in the Bosnian Serb part of Bosnia had been ordered to gather in the biggest nearby bases, and all foreign civilians were urged to leave Serb territory.

Maj. Thomas Moyer, a peace force spokesman, said Wednesday that force troops in Serb territory are "basically back to business as usual."

An inspection team, accompanied by Lt. Gen. Sir. Michael Walker, commander of ground forces in Bosnia, and the Bosnian Serb acting president, Biljana Plavsic, was allowed to enter the facility Tuesday.

The team also inspected other facilities in Han Pijesak, the headquarters of Bosnian Serb military leader Gen. Ratko Mladic.

Walker on Tuesday pronounced the inspection successful.

Troops in the Muslim-Croat half of Bosnia have been on alert since Friday. U.S. Army intelligence intercepted a letter indicating Iranian terrorists planned to bomb a NATO post this month, according to the commander of a U.S. checkpoint near American headquarters in Tuzla.

And in Washington on Tuesday, a Pentagon spokesman said officials have detected unauthorized people monitoring U.S. military installations in Bosnia with video cameras.

said Nicholas Hinton, president of International Crisis Group.

The group is chaired by former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell and is made up of former world leaders and U.S. legislators.


Cotti, chairman of the trans-Atlantic Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, found

some encouraging signs, among them that more than 600,000 of an estimated 900,000 refugees have registered to vote.

On the other hand, Cotti expressed anxiety over reports voters are being manipulated and intimidated.

On Thursday, Christopher plans

to make a symbolic visit to Sarajevo to dramatize the U.S.-led drive for free and fair elections. He will participate in ceremonies marking the resumption of civilian flights to the Bosnian capital, meet with a spectrum of political leaders and candidates and tape a message of hope to the Bosnian people.



NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL RFP-NMHC-05/96

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), formerly the Mariana Islands Housing Authority (MIHA), is soliciting sealed bid for the Rehabilitation of the Section 8 Housing Units in Rota, "Exclusively Labor Cost Only". Bid must be in duplicate, must be marked RFP-NMHC-05/96 and must be submitted to the Corporate Director at the NMHC office at Garapan, Saipan, until 10:00 a.m., local time, Friday, August 30, 1996, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above deadline will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A bond of fifteen percent (15%) of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security bond may be in the form of a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond made payable to the NMHC. The bidder is required to submit the following documents with the proposal (1) a copy of his/her business permits in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; (2) current financial statement; (3) a listing of existing and past projects, including dates of completion; (4) a listing of manpower with copies of employee's CNMI issued work permits; and (5) a completed listing of equipments.

Plans and scope of work of the project will be available at the respective NMHC offices at Garapan, Saipan or at Songsong Village, Rota on or after August 9, 1996. A non-refundable payment of \$300.00 is required for each set of the plan and scope of work. Check should be made payable to "NMHC". The bidder is required to submit with his/her proposal, name(s) of employee(s) and their title(s) who are designated and authorized by the company to inspect the individual housing units for the purpose of submitting bid estimates. This list shall be submitted upon payment of the \$300.00 for the plans and scope of work.

The NMHC hereby notifies all qualified bidders that minority and business enterprises will be accorded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this request for proposal and bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, and national origin in consideration for an award.

Pre-bid Conference for this project will be held at 2:00 p.m., local time, August 21, 1996, at the NMHC Office, at Garapan in Saipan. Questions concerning the plans, scope of work and Special Provisions should be submitted prior to the conference.

The NMHC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the NMHC.

Mary Lou Ada Sirok
Corporate Director

"NMHC is an equal employment and fair housing public agency"

Britain faces isolation in Europe

LONDON (AP) - Britain faces isolation in Europe because the government has under-estimated how far other nations in the European Union are prepared to go toward closer political union, lawmakers warned Wednesday.

A radical overhaul currently being considered by EU leaders is "more akin to fitting a turbo charger than carrying out a routine service" to a car, a cross-party committee of legislators said in a report.

"There is a real prospect that the United Kingdom may find itself isolated on a number of major issues," lawmakers cited Britain's decision to opt out of the social chapter of the Maastricht Treaty on closer union - in effect a bill of workers' rights that extends across national borders. The

government is "diametrically opposed" to the rest of the EU on how to tackle issues like unemployment, they said.

At a summit in the Italian city of Turin in March, leaders of the 15-member European Union launched a year-long debate to overhaul the way the union runs its business and to prepare it for an eastward expansion taking in ex-Communist neighbors.

The EU nations will try to beef up efforts at joint foreign policy action and tighten cooperation in defense, law enforcement and the fight against unemployment - a major hurdle for countries that constantly differ over the direction and speed of European integration.

Britain, Denmark and others may resist joining the EU's hard core and clinging to cherished national sovereignty in certain areas.

In practice, Britain has already done so in the area of EU social policies and, along with Denmark, in EU plans for a single currency.

Among the issues at stake are streamlining the EU's convoluted decision-making process, a joint foreign and defense policy, and increased power for the executive European Commission, the European Parliament and the European Court of Justice.

The legislators, from both the governing Conservative Party and the main opposition Labor Party,

warned Wednesday that Britain faces "a concerted attempt" by other European nations to introduce more majority voting on EU policy.

France and Germany in particular want to end the right of any nation to veto a foreign policy initiative - a move rejected out of hand by Britain.

Suspects in bishop's slay reported killed by police

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) - Algerian security agents have killed six Islamic militants who may have been involved in the killing of a Catholic bishop earlier this month, a newspaper reported.

Police killed five of the militants in a raid on an abandoned residence near the outskirts of Oran, 350 kilometers (220 miles) west of Algiers, and a sixth in central Oran on Sunday, the French-language daily El Watan said.

The militants may have been involved in the bomb attack Aug. 1 that killed Pierre Claverie, the Bishop of Oran, and his driver, the paper said.

Claverie was the 19th French member of the Catholic clergy killed in the troubled north African country since 1992, when Muslim militants began their violent campaign to overthrow the secular government.

No group has claimed responsibility for Claverie's killing, but rebels of the Armed Islamic Group have claimed responsibility for most of the ambushes, kidnappings and assassinations in Algeria.



Rice flown into the port town of Nampo, North Korea, by the U.N. World Food Program is unloaded in this April 18, 1996 picture, after the WFP implemented a relief program in response to the famine caused by severe floods. The country is now again besieged by floods and the WPA has again been called to increase its relief program in an effort to feed the estimated 1.5 million people plagued by hunger, three times the number it had been helping. AP photo

Gunmen stage jet robbery

PARIS (AP) - The gunmen who robbed a jetliner Tuesday on an airport runway in southern France fired shots at the plane and held up a banner demanding that the crew open a cargo hatch, investigators said Wednesday.

The Air France Europe plane, carrying 172 passengers, was blocked by two vans as it arrived in the southern city of Perpignan early Tuesday evening from Paris, according to the Perpignan prosecutor's office.

The plane, an Airbus A320, was coming to a halt at the end of the runway before taxiing to the terminal, according to the prosecutor's office, which is investigating the robbery.

The passengers "got off safe and

sound several minutes after the holdup, and were not in danger at any time," an official of the prosecutor's office said.

At least two armed men wearing masks held up a banner reading, "Stop your engines and open the cargo hold," according to the official.

Police were searching for four men in all.

On the tarmac, the men fired shots at the plane's cockpit, apparently to show they were serious, according to the prosecutor's office.

"Two shots were heard, but we don't think the aircraft was hit," said Marc Druel, Air France Europe's area representative for Paris.

The crew explained to the passengers what was happening, but there was no panic on board the plane, Druel said in a radio interview.

After the holdup, "the plane headed toward the terminal where the passengers got off calmly," he said.

Air France Europe, a subsidiary of Air Inter, flies mainly domestic routes.

Canadian Airlines aims to divert other routes for more Asia flights

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) - Canadian Airlines International has focused its winter schedule on making Vancouver a premier North American gateway to Asia, says a senior airline official.

"We are focusing on where we have a strategic advantage and that is Vancouver as a hub to Asia," senior vice-president Don Casey said in a telephone interview Tuesday from Calgary.

By discontinuing flights to

Frankfurt and Paris, which Canadian announced last week, the airline can offer increased frequencies to Hong Kong, Beijing and Taipei, he said.

"We are making a big investment in the Vancouver market," he said. "We believe Vancouver is a really important hub between Asia and North America."

Canadian, with its commercial partners, is boosting its Asian services by 21 per cent this winter from last year.

He said Canadian and its U.S.

partner American Airlines, which owns 25 per cent, serve eight of the largest U.S. markets to Asia out of Vancouver.

Casey said recent research showed that the newest of these destinations, Las Vegas, is the fourth largest market between the United States and Japan.

"That came as a surprise to us," he said.

But aviation analyst Peter Waitt, who specializes in the Asian market, said the newest generation of long-range aircraft will put many U.S. cities within non-stop range of Asia, taking Vancouver out of the picture as a connecting point.

"What will happen is that flights to Asia that now go via Vancouver will go direct," he said. "Asian airlines have never been keen on hubs outside their own countries."

Waitt said concentrating on the Asian market makes sense for Canadian because of the thin yields on European sectors and intense competition on domestic routes from discount airlines.

Canadian Airlines reported a first-half loss of \$134.7 million (\$ U.S. 98.3 million), but predicted it will make money in the third quarter, traditionally a peak time for travel.

Small bomb explodes at cult bookstore in Paris

PARIS (AP) - A small bomb exploded at the Paris meeting place of a reportedly racist cult Wednesday morning, partially damaging the building's ground floor and injuring one person, police said.

The bomb shook the bookstore, temple and meeting hall of The New Acropolis, a "very racist cult" based in South America that has some 500 members in France, police said.

There was no claim of responsibility for the bombing which injured the building's superintendent, who was taken to a nearby hospital.

The sect had maintained its Paris headquarters there for 10 years, police said. The building is located on the rue Daguerre, a well-known open-air marketplace in France's residential 14th district.

Police bomb experts were at the scene to determine the exact nature of the explosion, authorities said.

The New Acropolis, which police said is named in reference to ancient Greek mythology, is known to be involved in the theft and trafficking of stolen artworks and is suspected of setting up a paramilitary training camp in Belgium.

Homes collapse, one dead as twin quakes hit Turkey

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) - A pair of earthquakes rocked central and northern Turkey Wednesday, killing one person and injuring at least 11 others as homes collapsed in several villages, the Anatolia news agency reported.

One person died after suffering a stroke during the quake in the northern town of Gumushacikoy. Ten people were injured when they were buried under the rubble of their collapsed homes in the village of Oymaagac in the northern town of Amasya, 280 kilometers (200 miles) northeast of Ankara, the agency said.

Another person was injured in Sivrikose village in the town of Havza after jumping from a window in panic, the agency said.

There were reports of damaged houses in villages outside the northern cities of Samsun and Corum.

A water pumping station was also damaged in Corum, leading to water shortages, Anatolia said.

Five minutes of trembling began at 4:55 a.m. (0155 GMT), with quakes of magnitudes 5.6 and 5.4, according to the Kandilli observatory in Istanbul.

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Students clash with police

By SANG-HUN CHOE
 SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Militant students demanding unification with North Korea clashed with police Thursday as President Kim Young-sam renewed his offer to provide massive economic aid to the impoverished communist state if it agrees to

As Korean president renews offer of economic aid

peace talks. Speaking at a ceremony marking the anniversary of Korea's liberation from Japanese colonial rule on Aug. 15, 1945, Kim said South Korea has both the will and the ability to assist North Korea.

Kim said the economic aid is conditional on North Korea's acceptance of four-way peace talks that involve the United States, China and the two Koreas.

"I believe that when the four-party meeting is held, North Korea will be able to benefit from political stability, military trust and economic profits," he said.

Despite its economic problems, North Korea has yet to accept the peace initiative, first proposed in April, although it has said it is studying it.

North Korea's acceptance of the proposal would mark a major breakthrough. The North so far has refused to talk officially with Seoul, which it regards as a U.S. puppet.

Hit hard by massive floods for two straight years, North Korea faces a serious food shortage. By the North's own estimate, last month's floods alone caused \$1.7 billion in property damage.

Kim said North Korea's food shortage cannot be solved through temporary outside help. He said South Korea is willing to help increase the North's agricultural productivity through technical and financial assistance.

South Korea, he said, also can arrange for private investment in North Korea's first free trade zone near the Chinese border and allow tourists to visit the North.

Kim said, however, that prior to these exchanges, the governments of the two Koreas must guarantee the safety of people and materials to be exchanged.

At Yonsei University in western Seoul, 7,000 students held an overnight rally demanding unification of the two Koreas. They said Kim's government lacks the desire to improve ties with Pyongyang.

The students regrouped overnight after 6,000 riot police, supported by helicopters spraying tear

gas solution, stormed the sprawling campus Thursday to break up a unification rally outlawed by the government as pro-North Korean.

In four days of clashes, 350 police and students have been injured, some of them seriously, officials said. About 400 students were detained, they said.

Early Thursday, 400 students, throwing firebombs and rocks, fought police in front of the school. Traffic on the eight-lane street came to a standstill for two hours.

In northern Seoul, 1,000 students confronted tear gas-firing police as they tried to march to the border to promote unification. Leaders said more students would be sent out of the school for a march to the border, which is off limits to civilians.

About 21,000 riot police were deployed in Seoul and along the main highway leading to the border village of Panmunjom to foil the students' march.

The Seoul government sees the students' activity as pro-North Korean, because they support a North Korean demand for the withdrawal of 37,000 U.S. troops stationed in South Korea under a mutual defense treaty.

Students claim that the U.S. military presence hinders Korean unification.

Students also support two-way peace talks between North Korea and the United States, excluding South Korea.

Campus activism, which flourished under past military governments, has lost most of its public support under President Kim's civilian rule. Kim is South Korea's first civilian leader in 32 years.

Gunmen spray worshippers

By ZAHID HUSSAIN
 KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) - Gunmen sprayed a group of Sunni Muslim worshippers outside a mosque in this southern port city on Wednesday killing 11 people and wounding nine others.

Witnesses, many of them stunned by the sudden burst of violence, said about 200 worshippers had gathered outside the New Town mosque to take out an Independence Day procession when the shooting occurred.

No one immediately took responsibility for the massacre but Police Superintendent Din Mohammed Baluch said it was religiously motivated.

All the dead were members of a militant Sunni Muslim group known as the Soldiers of the Friends of the Prophet, a spokesman for the police department said.

Police fear the shooting was in retaliation for the shooting deaths last week of two prominent Shiite Muslims killed in the eastern Punjab province.

The Friends of the Prophet rou-

At least 11 Muslims dead outside Pakistan mosque

tinely clash with members of a rival Shiite group called the Shiite Movement of Pakistan. Survivors blamed the Shiite Movement for the shooting, said Baluch.

He said gunmen in two vehicles came up behind the worshippers and opened fire. The shooting lasted several minutes.

When it stopped frightened worshippers returned to the New Town mosque in eastern Karachi and staged a violent demonstration, witnesses said.

They burned tires, pelted stones at parked cars and railed against Shiite Muslims.

In recent years Karachi, the country's industrial and manufacturing heart, has been wracked by bitter violence between either ethnic or religious rivals.

Most of Pakistan's 140 million people are Sunni Muslims and generally the two groups get along.

However in recent years militant Sunni and Shiite groups have sprung up in the country and they

often clash. Wednesday's killing was the first serious outbreak of violence in Karachi in recent months. Relative calm had returned to Karachi earlier this year following a massive police crackdown on ethnic

and religious militants. Hundreds of suspected militants are in jail.

Last year nearly 2,000 people, most of them civilians, were killed in violence, much of it ethnically motivated. The main combatants

in the ethnic battle are Indian Muslims who immigrated to Pakistan when the British gave the subcontinent its independence in 1947.

On Wednesday Pakistan celebrated its independence with small rallies throughout the country, most of them peaceful.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS INVITATION TO BID DPW96-ITB-022

The Department of Public Works, in conjunction with the Marianas Visitors Bureau, is soliciting separate sealed bids for the Construction of Pavilion and Toilet Facilities, Rota, MP 96951 and/or Construction of Toilet Facilities, Tinian, MP 96952. Bids in duplicate will be accepted in the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply at Lower Base, Saipan until 2:00 p.m. local time, September 20, 1996 at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Plans and specifications for the project will be available on or after August 13, 1996 at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of \$200.00 is required for each set, payment to be made to the CNMI Treasurer, Credit Account No. 4466.

Pre-Bid Conference for this project will be held at the Department of Public Works Conference Room, Lower Base, at 2:00 p.m., local time, September 3, 1996.

A bond of fifteen percent (15%) of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be certified check, cashier's check, bid bond, or other form acceptable to the government, made payable to the CNMI Treasurer.

The bidder is required to submit with the bid a copy of their business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Attention is called to the Labor Standards for Wage Rate Determination in accordance with the project specifications and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages must be paid as set forth in the Wage Rate Determination.

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

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

Reviewed by:
 /s/EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO
 Secretary of Public Works
 Date: 8/6/96
 /s/ANICIA Q. TOMOKANE
 Managing Director, MVB
 Date: 8/6/96
 /s/EDWARD B. PALACIOS
 Director, Procurement & Supply
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PUBLIC NOTICE

DPW96-RFP-023

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

DPW96-RFP-023, Design Build of Marpi Pathways and Parking Areas:
 Former Date of Submission: 4:00 p.m., August 16, 1996
 New Date of Submission: 4:00 p.m., September 13, 1996

A copy of the Topographic Survey and Perimeter Survey for the projects may be obtained at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, Lower Base, Saipan, on or after August 30, 1996.

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

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

Date: August 13, 1996

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

Date: August 13, 1996



Riot police officers hold back protesters during a rally in Seoul to oppose the construction of a nuclear power plant in Yongkwang country in Chonla province, south of Seoul, Korea. AP photo

India won't budge against treaty on nuclear test ban

By RANJAN ROY
 NEW DELHI, India (AP) - Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda celebrated India's 49th anniversary of independence Thursday with a nationally broadcast speech defending the country's decision to oppose a global treaty banning nuclear explosions.

Speaking from a podium atop a 16th-century fort early in the morning during a light drizzle, Gowda told India's 920 million people: "The country is with us on this decision."

The speech came as negotiators at the 61-nation Conference on Disarmament in Geneva tried to salvage the proposed nuclear treaty and find a way to bypass India's veto threat.

New Delhi wants the five declared nuclear powers - Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States - to commit to a nuclear disarmament timetable before it signs the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. They have refused.

"We had hoped that the CTBT would have led to the removal of nuclear weapons," Gowda told thousands of people in the audience at the fort, including diplomats and Cabinet ministers.

"But the nuclear powers are not ready to accept. They want to keep their nuclear weapons," he said. "We can't agree."

"The country is with us on this decision," he said.

Gowda's 45-minute speech also promised that his government would try to improve the life of India's many poor people by providing them better access to housing, drinking water, electricity and public education in rural areas and city slums.

India's refusal to approve the draft nuclear treaty could kill it, scuttling 2-1/2 years of negotiations.

Iran, which is not believed to have nuclear capability yet, also opposes the treaty. It wants the nuclear powers to make a stronger commitment to disarmament, and doesn't want Israel to be part of a group of Middle East countries that will fill rotating spots on the treaty's governing council.

In Geneva on Wednesday, American delegate Stephen Ledogar said: "I think we've more or less concluded that there's no sense in continuing to fight against those who are opposed" to the agreement. But he said the treaty was "absolutely not" dead.

Nations that approve it - such as the nuclear powers of the United States, Russia, France and Britain and China - may now try to bypass the Conference on Disarmament and somehow bring the accord before the U.N. General Assembly next month.

India exploded a nuclear device in 1974, but says it has not built any nuclear weapons and has no plans for a second test.

However, as the country enters its 50th year of independence from British colonial rule, Gowda said it could not compromise on fundamental issues regarding its sovereignty.

India says that signing away an option to conduct a test could prevent it from building an effective dete-

rent against China, the nuclear powerhouse next door, and nuclear-capable Pakistan.

"We have to keep in mind the acquisition of weapons in our neighborhood," Gowda said.

He also said India would not roll back its ambitious program of building long-range missiles that the United States wants it to abandon to reduce the possibility of war in South Asia.

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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The Developer Infrastructure Tax Act of 1993, Public Law 8-23, was approved on July 19, 1993. The Emergency Developer Tax Regulations were published in the Commonwealth Register (Volume 15, No. 12) on December 15, 1993. The Act applies to all new development which had not received a building permit as of the effective date. The Act also amended two (2) sections of the Code:

Section 7131(a). Before a person commences construction, enlargement, or removal of any building or structure, or engages in new development as defined by law, such person shall first pay any applicable developer tax to the Secretary of Finance and obtain from the Building Safety Official a separate permit for each building or structure.

Section 7134. The Building Safety Code Division shall not issue a building permit to a developer unless the developer has paid to the Department of Finance the total of the developer tax due.

The Department of Public Works is notifying all owners, contractors, developers, architects and engineers that the Code and Act and their respective rules and regulations apply to Saipan, Rota, Tinian and Aguigan and the Northern Islands.

Enforcement of these laws and regulations for Rota and Tinian is through the respective DPW offices on these islands, and applies to all projects except as exempted by law or regulations.

Dated this 18th day of July, 1996.

Department of Public Works
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Megawati submits to further interrogation

By ALI KOTARUMALOS
JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - Pro-democracy leader Megawati Sukarnoputri presented herself Thursday to the police for a second round of questioning about anti-government riots last month that left four people dead.



Megawati Sukarnoputri

Reporters were kept 50 meters (yards) away from the police headquarters by a cordon of 200 policemen armed with sticks and with dogs on leash when Megawati and her lawyers drove up. A helicopter circled overhead.

Wearing a red jacket over a white dress, the colors of the Indonesian flag, a smiling Megawati stepped out of the car and waved at the hordes of waiting reporters and television crews. About 50 Megawati supporters, some with ribbons of red and white pinned to their shirts, cheered.

Before leaving for the interrogation, Megawati's lawyer R.O. Tambunan said the police have no evidence to connect her with the riots, and are in fact embarrassed to be questioning her.

"They have nothing on her because she is clean," Tambunan told The Associated Press. There was no indication how long the interrogation would last.

The July 27 riots started after soldiers raided the headquarters of her Indonesian Democratic Party, breaking up a sit-in by supporters protesting Megawati's government-engineered ouster as the party chief. She has filed a lawsuit challenging the election of her successor.

Since the riots, President Suharto's government has moved swiftly to arrest 157 people, including two well known dissidents - Mochtar Pakpahan, leader of an independent labor union, and Budiman

line of questioning. Budiman and Pakpahan have been charged with subversion - punishable by death. The government says the riots were masterminded by communists.

Leftists and their alleged supporters also were the target of widespread bloodshed in 1965-66 in the most violent chapter of independent Indonesia's history when they were accused of plotting a coup against the then President Sukarno, Megawati's father.

The coup attempt was crushed by Suharto, then an army general, who replaced Sukarno amid an anti-communist purge that left more than 500,000 people dead.

Opposition leaders say the government is only using the subversion allegation as an excuse to go on a witch-hunt against dissidents who are demanding more political freedom. They say the riots were only a result of public anger at poverty, corruption and lack of democracy.

Sudjatniko, head of a banned leftist party.

Megawati, who went through seven hours of intensive police questioning last Friday, has denied any links with Budiman, the leftist leader.

Police are expected to maintain that

Australia Navy buys missile decoy system

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) - The Australian Navy has signed a \$58 million contract for an Australian-developed decoy system designed to protect warships from missile attack.

"This system will have the potential to save Australian lives," said Defense Industry, Science and Personnel Minister Bronwyn Bishop Thursday. The system known as "Nulka" after an aboriginal word meaning "be quick," was developed after the 1982 Falklands War when Argentinian anti-ship missiles sank two British ships and damaged a third.

Under the Nulka system, a decoy missile is launched from a warship when approaching anti-ship missiles are detected by radar. The decoy hovers at ship height and moves away from the vessel so as to lure attacking missiles safely away to open space.

Australia and the United States last month signed a memorandum of understanding for joint production of Nulka missiles. A contract is expected to be signed early next year.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP96-0035 August 2, 1996

The Governor's Water Emergency Task Force is soliciting proposals for the Construction of Kagman III Homestead Waterline Project, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sealed proposals shall be identified on the outside of the envelope by the Request for Proposals number CUC-RFP96-0035. Five (5) copies of each proposal will be accepted at the Office of the Special Advisor to Procurement and Supply, CUC, Lower Base, Saipan until 4:00 p.m. local time on September 3, 1996.

A copy of the respondent's CNMI Business Permit in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands must be submitted with each proposal.

The project is funded by a grant from the Department of Interior (DOI), Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) at 73.3% of the cost and 26.7% matching fund from the CNMI Government. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval by DOI, OIA. The selected contractor will be required to provide 100% performance bond and payment bond.

The project consists in general of installing 12 miles of underground water distribution lines, ranging from 4-inch to 12-inch diameter, including appurtenant valves, fittings, hydrants, air relief valves, service laterals, and meters.

Proposals will be evaluated and selection made based on the (a) experience of the firm on similar projects, (b) qualification of key personnel, (c) availability of equipment, (d) time of completion, and (e) cost of the project.

A non-refundable payment of \$350,000 is required for each set of plans, specifications, and proposals forms, available on or after August 5, 1996 at the Water Division Office, CUC, Lower Base, Saipan. A pre-proposal conference is scheduled at 10:30 a.m., local time, August 13, 1996 at the CUC Conference Room.

Attention is called to the Labor Standard Provisions for Wage Rate Determination of the CNMI Classification and Salary Structure Plans and that payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Specifications must be paid on this project.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors, who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award, for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to, solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals, and such revisions may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers.

In conducting discussions, there shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

The Governor's Water Emergency Task Force reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the bid proposals in the interest of the government.

All inquiries shall be directed to Timothy P. Villagomez, Chairman, Governor's Water Emergency Task Force.

/s/TIMOTHY P. VILLAGOMEZ
 Chairman, Governor's Water Emergency Task Force

Japan tightens meat standards

TOKYO (AP) - Japan's health ministry said Wednesday it will introduce tougher standards for livestock slaughterhouses in the wake of an outbreak of food poisoning that has killed nine people.

Tainted radish sprouts are blamed for most of the more than 9,300 cases of poisoning in Japan, but beef is still one of the prime potential carriers of the disease.

Undercooked fast-food hamburgers contaminated with the same bacteria - E. coli O157 - led to three deaths in Washington state in the United States in 1993.

The Health and Welfare Ministry said it will instruct Japan's 333 slaughterhouses to adopt a quality control program modeled on procedures used by the U.S. space program to ensure safe food.

The system requires companies to identify each potential safety problem point and keep records so that the source of any tainted food can be quickly identified.

Ministry officials acknowledged

that Japan's slaughterhouse standards have focused on animal diseases while neglecting diseases passed on by animals to humans.

"It's high time for Japan to follow the international trend in sanitation management standards," said Kunio Morita, chief of the ministry's veterinary sanitation division.

The ministry had planned to draft new guidelines by the end of the year but has moved up the date to next month because of the E. coli O157 outbreak, Morita said. The procedures have already been introduced for dairy products, ham and sausage.

Meanwhile, the government is still having trouble confirming its suspicion that radish sprouts produced at a greenhouse near the western city of Sakai were responsible for making more than 6,000 schoolchildren in the city sick.

In the second government inspection last week, water and plants from the greenhouse as well as stool samples from its employees tested negative for the O157 bacteria, the ministry said.



A notice in the vegetable and fruits section, advises customers that pungent green sprout called "kaiware daikon" are not on sale, as a customer shops at a Tokyo supermarket. Earlier in the day the government announced radish sprouts, often eaten with salad like alfalfa sprouts - in school lunches probably caused the food poisoning outbreak in a western Japanese city. AP photo

India's aging air force loses 13 jets in 6 mos.

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - India's air force, one of Asia's largest, has begun losing more than two fighter jets every month in crashes during routine sorties, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

Since February, the air force has lost 13 planes, including two British-made Jaguars and two Russian MiG-27s, in accidents, details of which are kept secret. The Times of India said.

The other crashed fighters were Russian-made MiGs, some of them bought in the 1960s, the daily said.

An air force spokesman said each accident was a cause of concern, but the accident rate was not alarming.

Because of the delay in modernization, India's air force has become unsafe. Last year, then Junior Defense Minister M. Malikarjun told Parliament an average of more than one aircraft crashes every month during routine flights.

The air force also has been hit in recent years by the disruption of supplies of spares from Russia.

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China river swells from rains

BEIJING (AP) - Some 400,000 people were evacuated from areas threatened by the rain-swollen Yellow River as seasonal floods that inundated much of southern China this summer gave way to flooding in the north. The river, historically a scourge during flood times, swelled to its highest level ever Monday at Zhengzhou, in northern Henan province, as a rain-fed flood crest reached 7,600 cubic meters per second (9,880 cubic feet per second), official media reported Wednesday. They said some 130,000 people were working round-the-clock to reinforce hundreds of kilometers (miles) of levees weakened by the unusually high waterline, which had receded somewhat by Wednesday. "The situation is now a little

better," said Song Chuanzhong, a provincial spokesman reached by telephone. Song said he expected serious damage and some casualties in remote mountainous areas still isolated by the flooding. The State Flood Control and Drought-Relief Headquarters, however, said Wednesday that flood crests along the river had caused "no major damage," the state-run Xinhua News Agency reported. Officials at the headquarters contacted by phone declined to comment. The official newspaper China Daily said that hundreds of towns and villages were believed to have been inundated in eastern Shandong and Henan provinces. More than 400,000 people were evacuated in the lower reaches of the river. Flooding along the Yellow River is especially alarming because many sections of the silt-laden river, reinforced by the levees, are higher than the surrounding countryside. Along its lower reaches, the river's flood plain is heavily populated. Regional floods and flash floods, triggered by unusually heavy thundershowers, have hit many areas of north and north-eastern China. Floods have inundated much of China since June, killing at least 2,000 people. Although flood waters have receded in many parts of southern China, international aid groups warn that epidemics caused mainly by a lack of clean drinking water in flood-damaged areas cause more deaths.



The military armored vehicles carry residents of the Taipei suburb of Panchiao to safety early this month after rains brought by strong Typhoon Herb caused the Tanshui river to overflow its banks. The storm roared on towards China leaving at least 14 people dead, more than 200 injured and thousands of homes flooded in Taiwan. AP Photo

Singapore takes steps to control noise in factories

SINGAPORE (AP) - In a bid to control deafness-causing noise in factories, the government Wednesday announced a series of regulations, including one that will force employers to replace noisy machines with quieter ones. The regulations, which take effect Jan. 1, 1997, also define what is excessive noise and spell out in detail the noise control measures that factory owners and employers must implement. A Labor Ministry statement said more than 58,000 workers in factories are exposed to noise daily and prolonged exposure causes deafness. In 1995, 1,068 such cases were detected, including 33 people who were in advanced stages of deafness, the statement said. Workers would be permitted to remain in a room with a sound level of 85 decibels - normally produced by a passing bus - for eight hours. But the shift will have to be reduced by half if the work floor reaches 88 decibels, equivalent to being inside a subway train, according to the new regulations. Workers will be allowed to suffer a sound level of 115 decibels - the roar of a jet airplane heard from 100 meters (330 feet) away - for a maximum 30 seconds. Among other regulations, the employer must enclose noisy machines in acoustic shields, isolate workers in an acoustic enclosure and service machinery regularly to reduce noise. In factories where 50 or more workers are exposed to excessive noise, the employer will have to appoint a qualified person to advise on noise control measures, the Labor Ministry said. All workers must be provided with hearing protectors and factories with 10 or more workers must conduct noise monitoring at least once every three years, it said.

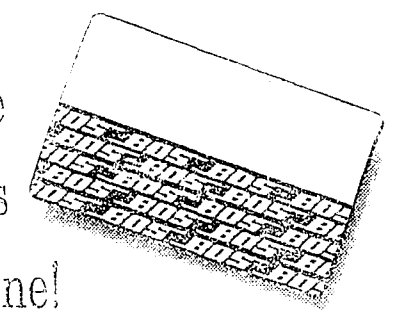
Taiwanese delegation plans to push direct links with China

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - A delegation from a Taiwanese port hoping to open direct links with China went to Beijing on Wednesday for talks on trade and transportation, officials said. The 29-member delegation came from Taichung, one of several ports on Taiwan's west coast competing to host special trade zones that would permit limited trade with the Chinese mainland as a first step to full direct links. Taiwan has banned direct trade, travel and communications with China since 1949, when the Nationalist government fled to the island after losing a civil war to the communists on the mainland. But Hong Kong's handover to Chinese rule on July 1 next year may force the government into loosening that ban. Most of Taiwan's trade with China is now routed through Hong Kong to skirt the Taiwanese restrictions. The Taichung group of local officials, as well as business and civic leaders, is the largest Taiwanese local government delegation to have visited China, said Chen Li-yu, secretary for the Taichung county council. In meetings with Chinese officials overseeing Taiwanese affairs, the delegation will promote Taichung, 200 kilo-

meters (124 miles) south of the capital Taipei, as the most convenient port for trade across the Taiwan Strait dividing Taiwan and China, Chen said. "We wish to tell the mainland side that Taichung has greatly improved its infrastructure and is the best channel available for cross-strait trade," said Chen. The delegation is unofficial and has not been authorized to negotiate terms for direct links, Chen said. Last month a delegation led by harbor masters from several major Chinese ports visited Taiwan to survey port facilities and hold unofficial talks on direct links.

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Judge allows new evidence in Oklahoma bombing trial

By SANDY SHORE
DENVER (AP) - The judge in the Oklahoma City bombing case ruled Wednesday that Terry Nichols' statements cannot be used against Timothy McVeigh, setting the stage for defense motions to sever the trial.

U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch also refused to throw out much of the physical evidence seized against the two men, including bomb-making ingredients taken from Nichols' property in Herington, Kansas and McVeigh's clothing, which contained material consistent with bomb residue.

Matsch also rejected defense claims that Nichols' young wife, Marife, had been coerced into cooperating with the FBI. While authorities may have bent some rules in dealing with her, they did nothing illegal, he said.

Because Nichols' statements can be used against him but not McVeigh, defense lawyers believe it gives them a good chance to separate the trials.

"I think it's a significant step in our defense of Mr. McVeigh," Stephen Jones said. "I think our position has been significantly increased by his order today."

U.S. Justice Department spokeswoman Legsa Brown said it was too early to comment on the expected severance motions.

McVeigh and Nichols are charged with federal murder and conspiracy in the April 19, 1995, bombing, which killed 168 people and injured more than 500 others. If convicted, they could face the death penalty.

Jones argued successfully that Nichols' statements were inad-

missible against McVeigh because, as a codefendant, Nichols could not be compelled to testify and thus couldn't be cross-examined.

Under Wednesday's ruling, if McVeigh and Nichols are tried together, jurors could be told to disregard the statements as they apply to McVeigh but could consider them as evidence about Nichols.

Nichols' attorneys preferred to have the statements disallowed entirely because FBI agents questioned Nichols after he refused to sign a waiver of his Miranda rights.

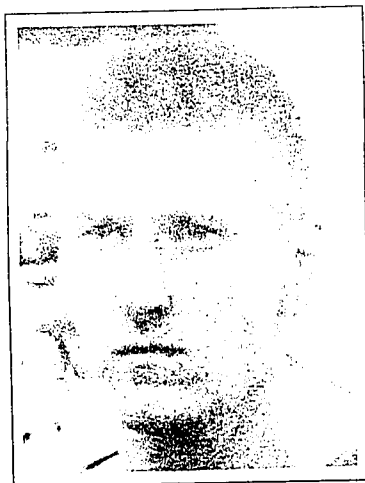
The judge disagreed, noting that Nichols went to the police station voluntarily and indicated orally that he understood his rights.

"The court finds from this record that Terry Nichols knew his rights, waived them and did what he could to explain the seemingly suspicious circumstances surrounding him on April 21, 1995," Matsch wrote.

Matsch also noted that Nichols' wife, Marife, consented to searches of the family home, garage and truck.

Mrs. Nichols, a 23-year-old native of the Philippines testified in an evidence suppression hearing that she was often confused during her stay of more than a month with FBI agents, and that she felt she had no choice but to cooperate when agents asked for permission for the searches.

Nichols' attorneys portrayed the mail-order bride as a young woman who didn't completely grasp her rights or even the English language because she was raised in the Philippines.



Timothy McVeigh

But the judge said "Marife Nichols had the capacity to control her choices of action and freely exercised it in dealing with these FBI agents."

Nichols' attorney, Michael Tigar, was in court in Texas defending an Air Force major accused of sodomy, and didn't return a telephone call to his office seeking comment Wednesday.

Nichols' statement is sealed, but parts of it have been disclosed.

Nichols told the FBI he went to Oklahoma City on April 16, 1995, and picked up McVeigh near the Murrah building. He also told the agents that he lent McVeigh his pickup two days later and cleaned out a storage locker for him on April 20, 1995.

McVeigh's attorneys had sought to throw out possessions taken from McVeigh's car when he was arrested and the belongings seized when he was booked into the Noble County, Oklahoma jail.

But Matsch said both searches were legal.

5 years later, 2nd suspect in New York riot death indicted

By LARRY McSHANE
NEW YORK (AP) - Five-year-old videotape of a black man urging attacks against Jews on the streets of Brooklyn's Crown Heights has led to a second arrest in the 1991 slaying of a Hasidic scholar.

The arrest of 43-year-old Charles Price on federal charges Tuesday was praised by friends and family of the slain Yankel Rosenbaum, but it also renewed their criticism of the initial handling of the case.

"This is positive," said state Assemblyman Dov Hikind, one of the Jewish leaders who helped pressure the Justice Department into reopening the case two years ago. "But it was a long time in coming, and there's a long way to go."

Price, his head shaved, was arraigned Wednesday afternoon. Afterward, his lawyer said he was innocent. "My understanding is there is no videotape of him at the crime scene. He says he didn't do it," said attorney Darrell Paster, who described Price as unemployed and

separated from his wife and family.

Rosenbaum, 29, was chased and fatally stabbed by a gang of 10 to 15 blacks during the first of four nights of rioting in the Brooklyn neighborhood. The violence began after a 7-year-old black boy was accidentally struck and killed by a motorcade carrying the leader of the Lubavitch Hasidic sect.

Only one suspect was ever arrested in the slaying - Lemrick Nelson Jr., a 16-year-old who was found by police with a bloody knife in his pocket. Nelson was acquitted of murder in 1992.

Under heavy pressure from Jewish groups, the Justice Department brought federal civil rights charges against Nelson in 1994. Nelson, now 21, goes to trial Oct. 7.

Trevor Headley, Nelson's lawyer, said he didn't think the Price indictment affected his client, now serving time in a Georgia "boot camp" to settle a charge of assaulting a schoolmate with a knife.

The newly unsealed federal indictment charges Price with inciting the crowd of blacks who

had gathered after the auto accident. Nelson was part of a group who "responded to his call by stabbing Yankel Rosenbaum," said U.S. Attorney Zachary Carter.

If convicted, both men could get life in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Price's actions were captured on videotape shot by news crews and private citizens, but he was only recently identified as "the bald black man" on the tapes, said Bill Muller, a spokesman for Carter.

"Through patience and perseverance, we have finally identified the individual ... who exhorted the crowd to find and attack Jews," Carter said.

The case remains a source of tension in the neighborhood of Orthodox Jews and blacks.

Then-Mayor David Dinkins' re-election hopes were undermined by a scathing state report four months before the 1993 election that blasted his handling of the case. Dinkins was New York City's first black mayor.



President Clinton and Frank Gifford look on as entertainer, Kathie Lee Gifford speaks in the Rose Garden of the White House to call on the clothing industry to clean itself up. Mrs. Gifford has been criticized for giving her name to a line of clothing sold by Wal-Mart reportedly was the product of child labor and New York City sweatshops. AP photo

Jazz singer suffers stroke

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Jazz singer Mel Torme suffered a mild stroke that weakened his left side but should not keep him from returning to the stage and recording studio in several weeks, his publicist said.

The 70-year-old singer, known as the "Velvet Fog" for his smooth, silky voice, had the stroke last Thursday and was in stable condition at an undisclosed Los Angeles-area hospital, Rob Wilcox said. Torme also was recovering from pneumonia.

"His doctors have said his mind is 100 percent," Wilcox said Tuesday. Torme was found to have weakness on his left side, the publicist said, but details were not released.

The singer has been recording an album tribute to Ella Fitzgerald, who died June 15.

"He was in the recording studio for three days and on Thursday, after seeing a movie, he experienced some dizziness and his wife took him to the hospital," Wilcox said.

Torme's performance this weekend at the Newport Jazz Festival was canceled, but he expects to be OK for his scheduled Sept. 18 performance at the Hollywood Bowl, which is celebrating its 75th summer season.

"He wants to get out of the hospital and back to work," Wilcox said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund

The Board of Trustees/Worker's Compensation Commission will hold a regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 1996, in the Fund Conference Room, San Jose Tinian. Interested persons are welcome to attend. For more information, please call 433-3863 or 234-7228 (Saipan).

AGENDA

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
- D. REPORT OF THE HEARING OFFICER
- E. REPORT OF THE LEGAL COUNSEL
- F. REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
- G. REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
- H. CORRESPONDENCE
- I. OLD BUSINESS
 - 1. Fund's Office Building - Update
 - 2. Economic Systems, Inc. - Update
 - 3. Fund Consultant - Selection
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- J. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1. House Bill 10-275
- K. MISCELLANEOUS
 - 1. W. Sakovich v. NMI Retirement Fund - Summary Judgement
- L. NEXT MEETING
- M. ADJOURNMENT

2 men charged in slay of Diana Ross' brother

PONTIAC, Michigan (AP) - Two men have been charged in the suffocation deaths of Diana Ross' brother and his wife.

Ricky Vernor Brooks, 44, and Ramel Levertis Howard, 22, were jailed without bail Tuesday on charges of murder, conspiracy to commit murder and felony murder.

"It appears drug-related. I won't say more than that," Oak Park police Lt. Bob Bauer told WWJ-AM in Detroit.

The bodies of Arthur Ross, 47, and his wife of 10 months, Patricia Ann Robinson, 54, were found June 22 in the basement of a house Brooks had rented in suburban Detroit. The couple had been dead at least three weeks.


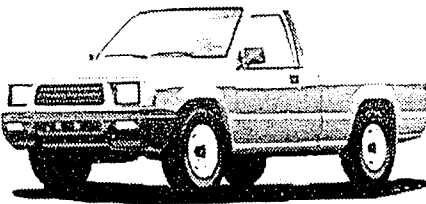
Police arrested Brooks and his girlfriend, Regina Smith, last month on unrelated charges after finding them hiding under a bed in a Detroit apartment. Smith is not a suspect, police said. Bauer described Howard and Ross as friends.

Ross was living mainly off the royalties of songs he had written in the 1970s when his sister got him a job with Motown records. He had only intermittent contact with his family.



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NASA to try Melatonin on astronauts in space

By ROSS DOMAN

BOSTON (AP) - The sun rises and sets every 45 minutes on a space shuttle orbiting the earth. The view and the workload are legendary. So is the lack of sleep.

Astronauts lose about 30 hours of sleep during a two-week flight, and NASA announced a study Wednesday to determine if melatonin, the controversial natural sleep aid, can help space shuttle passengers get some shut-eye.

"I was very tense from all the work we had in 1994, so I

thought I slept well in space, but after I returned I was tremendously fatigued for a couple weeks," Dr. Chiaki Mukai, a payload specialist on the shuttle Columbia in 1994.

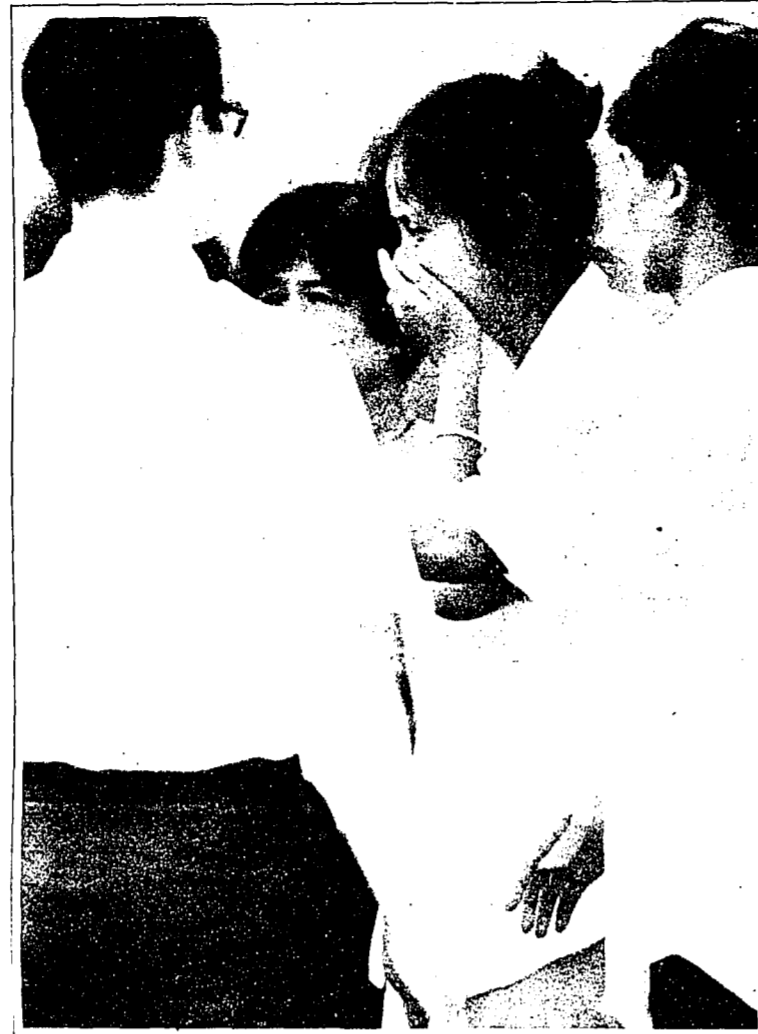
Up to half of astronauts have to resort to sleeping pills to get through their missions, said Dr. Charles A. Czeisler, who is leading the study.

Research has shown that levels of melatonin, a natural hormone put out by the pineal gland in the brain, increase just before and during sleep.

But scientists have cautioned that it may have side effects, including causing long-term drowsiness and decreasing male sex drive.

Czeisler's study for NASA will begin with tests on three dozen men and women in a sleep chamber. Tests will eventually be done on a space mission.

The study is being sponsored by the National Institute on Aging, which is concerned about the effects of melatonin, which has been heavily marketed toward the elderly.



An unidentified Vietnamese woman cries as she is escorted to a Hanoi-bound plane last Friday, during a voluntary repatriation of Vietnamese refugees in Hong Kong. Hong Kong has also deported nearly 4,000 boat people who refused to return voluntarily. The government wants to clear the remaining 13,956 Vietnamese still left in its camps before the British colony reverts to Chinese rule next year. AP photo

Coffee retailers in US question short supply

SEATTLE (AP) - Finding a good cup of coffee may be getting harder.

Dwindling stockpiles of quality coffee beans means less of a supply for specialty coffee roasters and retailers. And if the shortage persists, that could eventually trickle down to consumers, who will have to pay more for a cup of latte.

But many big chains say that they're safe for now, mostly because they buy their coffee supplies on advance contracts and don't expect to be affected by this short-term shortage.

"We have coffee that will last us for (up to) nine months, either contracted or in inventory," said Michael Casey, chief financial officer for Seattle-based Starbucks. "We think there's adequate supply and these shortages are relatively short in duration."

Coffee futures prices surged to one-month highs Tuesday on reports that U.S. stockpiles of quality coffee had dwindled to less than a week's supply. Total U.S. stockpiles of green, arabica coffee supplies - the type used in gourmet coffees - fell to 2.27 million 132-pound bags last week, according to the Green Coffee Association.

In New York Coffee, Sugar and Cocoa Exchange warehouses, where the U.S. quality stockpiles are stored, supplies are significantly below the year-ago figure of 626,921 bags, in part because Brazil's previous crop was severely reduced by frost and a drought.

The exchange reported late Monday that its stocks fell a sharp 9,605 bags in the past week, leaving just 40,775 bags.

In Seattle, the nation's self-proclaimed coffee capital where espresso shops and stands proliferate, some roasters and suppliers wonder if the shortage is real.

"You know there's coffee. It's just a big game everybody's playing," said Mauro Cipolla, vice president of Caffe D'Arte, a family-owned specialty coffee retailer and distributor.

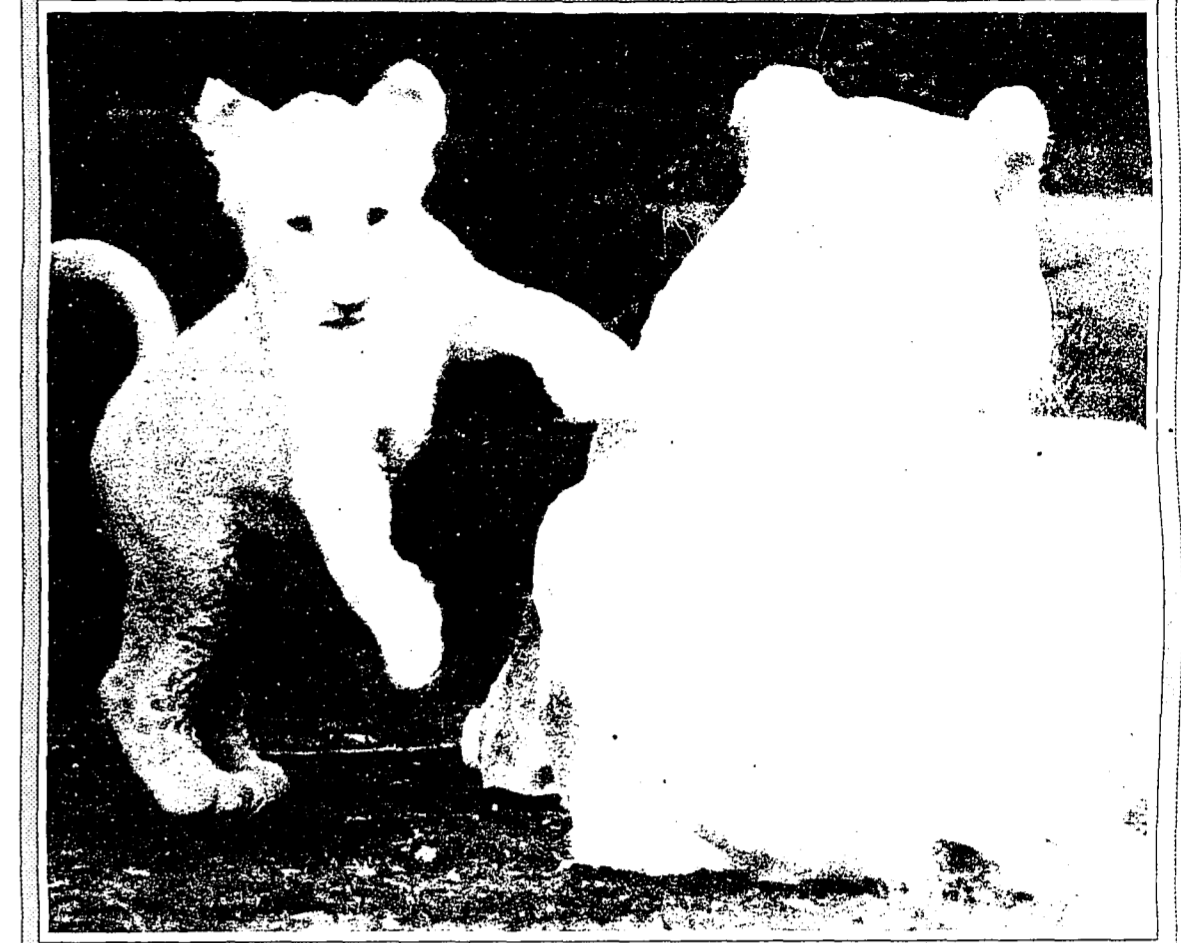
Unlike in 1994, when frost and drought decimated Brazil's coffee crop and prices spiked at the consumer level in the United States, Cipolla sees no hard evidence of an actual shortage in top coffee-producing nations such as Brazil and Colombia. He thinks someone is manipulating the volume of coffee for export.

"You know people are just playing games with the supply," he said.

But if the shortage of quality coffee is real and persists, ultimately the cost will be passed onto the coffee drinker.

"Clearly there's a general risk in that as people move more and more toward gourmet coffee and away from the

Philadelphia zoo welcomes new tenant

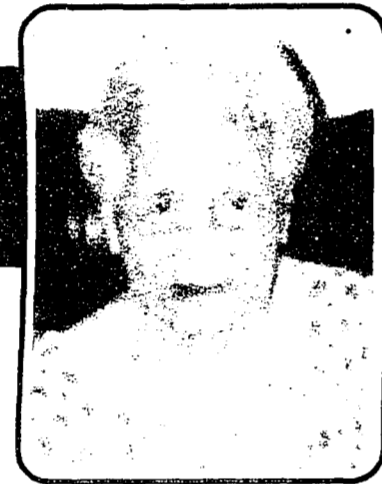


White lion cub Lucky hops off her mother Vinkel's back during her debut to the public at the Philadelphia Zoo. Lucky was born on St. Patrick's Day March 17, 1996, and now weighs more than 40 pounds. AP photo

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

The families of the late

MATILDE SABLAN UNTALAN (KILILI)



Extend their profound and sincere Appreciation to all the relatives and friends who assisted in one Way or another in our times of sorrow, the solace and consolation you shared with us through your prayers will be forever cherished.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to the clergy and especially to Bishop Thomas A. Camacho for joining us in celebrating the Holy Eucharist for our loved one.

Undangkulo na si yu'us maase.

Koppel departs GOP convention coverage

By HELEN O'NEILL

SAN DIEGO (AP) - The television trailers are abuzz with talk about the dramatic departure from the Republican National Convention of a top TV anchor, but no one else is planning to follow suit.

Ted Koppel, ABC's "Nightline" anchor and one of America's best-known journalists, left San Diego after telling his television audience Tuesday that there was no news left to cover at the gathering.

It's not that the remaining

14,999 media folks expect to find a scoop.

They voiced the same frustration as Koppel at the meticulously choreographed Republican spectacle - and irritation at what many term the "manipulation" of the press.

But they'll stay to the bitter end, camped out in "broadcast ghetto" - a string of trailers amongst miles of cable, palm trees and security guards. Then they'll move the troops and the gear to Chicago for the Democratic convention in two weeks.

"Does a sports division not cover a football game because it is a boring game?" asked Howard Polskin of CNN, where ratings are down 10 percent from convention coverage in 1992.

At the convention, CNN's Bill Wheatley rolled his eyes when asked about convention ratings.

"Terrible," he said with a sigh, noting they were down 20 percent to 25 percent compared with 1992 convention coverage. As in 1992, ABC, CBS and NBC are devoting approximately one hour of prime-time per night to convention coverage.

Andrew Heyward, president of CBS News, said that while his network will "take a hard look" at the resources put into the coverage, it would stick to its original plans for both conventions this year. He declined to comment on Koppel's move.

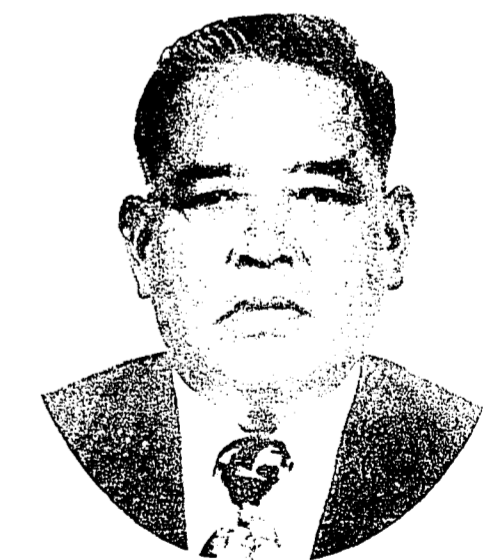
"This convention is more of an infomercial than a news event," Koppel said at the conclusion of his half-hour broadcast Tuesday from San Diego. "Nothing surprising has happened. Nothing surprising is anticipated."

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

We, the family of the late

JUAN DE LEON GUERRERO CABRERA

Extend our most sincere gratitude and profound appreciation to all our family, relatives and friends for the continuous physical and spiritual support during our time of mourning and sorrow. Your kind expression of sympathy and personal help extended to us on the departure of our beloved husband, father and grandfather have been most comforting and touching. Thank you sincerely for sharing in our sorrow.



We extend our special thank you to Governor Froilan Tenorio, Senate President Jesus Sablan, Acting Speaker Jesus Attao, Acting Chief Justice Ramon Villagomez and all elected officials for the honor and respect accorded to the memory of our beloved during the State Memorial Services.

You will always be remembered in our hearts and prayers. May God Bless You all.

THE FAMILY

ODONAL FERRER ANNOUNCEMENT

FRATERNAL

Born June 5, 1917, passed to his eternal rest on Friday, August 16, 1996 at the age of 80.

Predeceased by his:
Sister: Celia R. Muna
Brother: Joseph R. Muna

Survived by his:
Parents: Manuel D. Muna, Elphida R. Muna

Maternal Grandparents:
Antonio D. Reyes
Celia C. Reyes

Paternal Grandparents:
Jose P. Muna
Elena D. Muna

Brothers, Sister & Spouses (kids):
Manuel R. & Frances C. Muna (Gerald, Peter)
Melvin Michael R. & Mina Muna (Mallory, Mathew)
Moises R. Muns
Peter Francis R. Muna
Margaret Lou M. & Edward Sablan (Justin, Edward Jr.)
George R. Muna

Maternal Grandparent:
Carmen S. Reyes

He is additionally survived by numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews and nieces.

Rosary is being said nightly at 8:00 p.m. at the Mt. Carmel Cathedral in Chalan Kanoa.
Last respect may be paid on Saturday, August 17, 1996, at the Mt. Carmel Cathedral from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.. The Holy Rosary will be said at 11:00 a.m. and followed by Responso at 12:00 noon.

Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 3:30 p.m..
Interment will immediately follow at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Adults recall sex abuse as kids

By TIM KLASS
SEATTLE (AP) - For Julie Alley, it was all too real.
In early 1991, a man shouted at the 32-year-old computer analyst in an airplane. She recalled her father yelling at her before she turned 8. Next came nightmares of sexual assault, of her father naked.
In therapy, her recollections became more vivid. She sued her father, William D. Alley, a retired Seattle dentist. Her mother, brother and three sisters

testified for her in Seattle's King County Superior Court. Two sisters said the father also sexually abused them. In mid-1994, a jury awarded Julie \$ 600,000 in damages.
For Patricia Rice, it only seemed real.
The 47-year-old Vancouver, Washington, housewife sought hypnotherapy in March 1992 to quit smoking and lose weight. Three months later, certain that her parents had raped and tortured her and made her eat a

barbecued baby in a satanic ritual, believing a "good witch" was now guiding her, she drove into a head-on collision. The other driver died.
Placed under mental health supervision for 20 years, Rice accused therapists: "Regina Gamage of implanting false memories and filed suit. Three months ago, Gamage's insurance company settled with Rice for \$ 425,000 plus \$ 1,570 a month for life.
Recovered memory, repressed memory, buried memory, delayed


memory, robust repression, traumatic dissociation - by any term, the issue bedevils mental health experts, lawyers, judges and society at large.
In February 1993 the American Psychological Association formed a nationwide blue-ribbon scientific panel to seek consensus, the most exhaustive attempt at a scientific resolution to date.
Early this year the group issued 14 pages of conclusions, followed by 226 pages of point-counterpoint argument. By then the best-known member, University of Washington psychologist Elizabeth F. Loftus, a pioneer in demonstrating the fragility and malleability of memory, had quit the association and been named in two ethics complaints, which were rejected.
Benefit of scientific bedrock on which to base legal principles for unearthing a growing tangle of lawsuits, courts have taken varying tacks on issues as basic as whether to allow recovered memory testimony.
Chuck Noah, a former construction worker whose daughter accused him of abuse, persuaded the Washington state Health Department last year to suspend the license of Linda Rae MacDonald, the therapist who treated the daughter.
Meanwhile, he spends his retirement years picketing therapists who support recovered memory theory. One of his trailers was torched in Olympia, Washington, in 1994. "I was very thankful that they didn't burn my RV (recreational vehicle), too," he said.
This year the picketing forced David L. Calof, a Seattle hypnotherapist and author of the bimonthly publication Treating Abuse Today, to relocate in another part of town.
In Philadelphia, Pamela Freyd is executive director of the False Memory Syndrome Foundation. She and her husband, Peter Freyd, a University of Pennsylvania mathematics professor, became co-founders after their older daughter, Jennifer Joy Freyd, accused her father in 1991 of raping her as a child. They have not spoken with her in more than four years.
At the University of Oregon in Eugene, Jennifer Freyd, a psychology professor, memory specialist and mother of three young children, is publishing a book, "Betrayal Trauma: The Logic of Forgetting Childhood Abuse," this fall. Out of therapy now, she still believes in the therapist she saw five years ago and in the reality of her recollections.
Here is the issue:
Can people, perhaps millions of people, block out having been fondled, raped and otherwise violated repeatedly as children - some in rituals that include bestiality - and regain those memories as adults?
Some long-forgotten incest and other molestation is well documented. Research indicates as many as 38 percent of adult women and 10 percent or more of men were subjected to some contact sexual abuse as children. Other studies suggest a third or more of all childhood sexual abuse, including forcible rape, may be forgotten years later.
Yet even the most seemingly com-

plete impressions of childhood horror can be a counterfeit mental currency coined unwittingly from news reports, talk shows, books and movies, spread by incompetent, unscrupulous or well-intentioned but misguided therapists, accepted at face value by the gullible, often tortured souls in search of psychological healing.
Which is the greater reality? Childhood nightmares reborn? Or unsettling pseudo-memories of horrors that never were?
Without a confession, witness, medical report, diary entry, supporting recollections by others, questionable behavior by the accused or some other corroboration, it's impossible to know.
Doubters such as Loftus, a 4hrs 400-an-hour expert witness in recovered memory trials and author of the book "The Myth of Repressed Memory: False Memories and Allegations of Sexual Abuse, post-event suggestion."
More than enough instances have been validated to prove that the phenomenon is real, even if the mental mechanism remains a mystery, insist supporters such as Judith L. Alpert, a psychoanalyst, New York University applied psychology professor and editor of "Sexual Abuse Recalled."
"It is poor judgment to think that delayed incest memories can be explained away by pointing to bad therapy," Alpert wrote in her overview of the book. "Rather than focus our revulsion on therapy, we need to face the overshadowed issue, which is that many children in this society are abused."
The issue echoes one of the earliest controversies in psychotherapy.
In 1896, Sigmund Freud suggested that neurosis typically arose from incest and other childhood sexual abuse that had been blocked from conscious memory.
Facing a firestorm of opposition and outrage within the new and rapidly developing profession, Freud abandoned the "seduction theory" nine years later.
Instead, he proposed that neurosis indicated unresolved conflict over repressed sexual fantasies, Oedipus and Electra complexes in which boys supposedly wish to do away with their fathers and girls their mothers to marry the other parent.
As post-traumatic stress disorder gained official recognition as a diagnosis in 1980, some therapists suggested that buried memories of sexual abuse might be the source of similar symptoms.
In perhaps the first significant legal case, Tyson vs. Tyson, still cited in court rulings, the Washington state Supreme Court held in 1986 that the statute of limitations barred a recovered memory suit.
The majority cited the "imprecise" and "subjective" nature of psychology and psychiatry. Four dissenters denounced that as unfair to mental health professionals and dismissive of child sexual abuse.
One of those in the majority wrote that the dissenters' arguments "are most compelling" but felt the Legislature should decide what to do about the statute.

Death & Funeral Announcement

DR. FLOYD H. TILTON

Born: July 31, 1920
Died: August 11, 1996



Of Sinapalo Village, Rota, formerly of Honolulu, Hawaii and son of the late Arthur & Alice Tilton; brother of the late Harold A. Tilton, was called to his eternal rest on Sunday, August 11, 1996 at the age of 76 years.

His peaceful spirit and memories will live in the hearts of his:

- Sister-in-Law : Christine M. Tilton, Tucson AZ
- Niece & Husband : Elayne & Ron Severson, Tucson AZ
Judy & Gary Matson, Milltown MT
- Great Niece & Husband : Debbi & Brad Shafer, Colorado Springs CO
- Children : (Jason & Jeremiah)
Denise & Fred Hansen, Aurora CO (Travis)
Laura & Nick Koury, Gilbert AZ
- Great Nephew : Brian Matson, Boise, ID

Floyd was also a "Father/Uncle" to his extended Chamorro family children: Juan M. & Crispin M. Ayuyu, Songsong Village, Rota.

Last respects, viewing and resposno will begin at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 17, 1996 at San Isidro, Sinapalo Village. Burial will take place at San Jose Cemetery, Songsong Village immediately following the viewing and resposno.

DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

GREGORIO M. SABLAN

(Also known as "EKO")

Was called by his Creator to his Eternal Rest on Monday, August 12, 1996, in Guam, at the age of 63.

Predeceased by his:
Parents: Mother, Jacoba Maliti Stepfather, Kanis Sinouou Biol. Father, Benigno O. Sablan

In-Law: Father, Innocenti Kuor

Brother: Jesus Maliti Sinouou

Half-Brothers & Sisters: Vicente (Carmen) Maria, Elias, Herman (Ana), Jose and Eulogio, and Micaela S. Demapan (Gregorio)

Survived by his:
Wife: Mary K. Sablan

In-Law: Mother, Jacoba Kuor

Children: Stanis (Merna) Domaite (Kenner) Rosendo (Rhonda) Presenta (Elvis) Carolina (David) Grace (Mike) Lucita, Jimmy, James, Jacoba, Merline, Greogrio-Jr, & Memorina

Grandchildren: Andrew (Rosendo); Easter Elma, Leialoha, Elvance & Elvin (Presenta); Delaila, Delany, Carmeline & Kimo (Carolina); Kayla & RC Rebato (Grace)

He is additionally survived by numerous uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews on Saipan, Guam, and in Weno and Pulusuk in Truk.

Rosary is being said nightly at 8:00 p.m. at the residence of his daughter, Presenta, and son-in-law, Elvis Shirai, at Texas Road, in the vicinity of Calvo's Nursery-Produce Market, in Susupe. Last respects may be paid starting at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 19, through noon on Tuesday, August 20, at the residence of M/M Elvis Shirai in Susupe. A Mass for Christian Burial will be offered at Mt. Carmel Cathedral on Tuesday, August 20, at 4:00 p.m. Interment will follow at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

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Job Vacancy Announcement

01 COMMERCIAL CLEANER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: L.M.S. CORPORATION dba Roots Apparel Tel. 235-6316/(8/30)/F225506

03 FLORAL DESIGNER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
02 FLORIST HELPER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: RITA C. CRUZ dba The First Floral Tel. 235-7482/(8/30)/F225505

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:

HYSEN AQUINO JUSTO, HERBERT AQUINO JUSTO, and ROMY BOY ESPOSO GONZALES,
minors,
BY: CHARITA NIEDO JUSTO,
Petitioner.

ADOPTION NO. 96-85

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on September 5, 1996 at 1:30 pm in the courthouse of the Superior Court in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the petitioner will petition the Court to adopt the above-named children.
Dated this 14th day of August, 1996.

/s/REYNALDO O. YANA
Attorney for Petitioner

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:

JENNELYN ROQUE ANUSENCION,
minor,
BY: EDUARDO N. ROQUE and NORLITA NUCUM ROQUE,
Petitioners.

ADOPTION CASE NO. 96-86

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on September 26, 1996 at 1:30 pm in the courthouse of the Superior Court in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the petitioners will petition the Court to adopt the above-named child.
Dated this 14th day of August, 1996.

/s/REYNALDO O. YANA
Attorney for Petitioners

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- 01 MAINTENANCE REPAIR, BLDG.-Salary:\$4.00 per hour
01 BARTENDER-Salary:\$3.75 per hour
Contact: L & W AMUSEMENT CORP. Tel. 234-8864(8/30)F225480
- 01 GENERAL MANAGER-Salary:\$2,500.00-4,180.00 per month
Contact: TROPICAL COLOR FILM DEV. CENTER MIC, INC. dba Tropical Color (8/30)F225481
- 01 ARCHITECT-Salary:\$1,200.00 per month
Contact: SAIPAN ALUMINUM & GLASS CO. Tel. 233-2410(8/30)F225483
- 01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: DABU'S CORPORATION Tel. 234-1853(8/30)F225482
- 01 MAINTENANCE WORKER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
01 MAINTENANCE ELECTRICIAN-Salary:\$6.30 per hour
Contact: PACIFIC DAIKEN CO., LTD. Tel. 234-7453(8/30)F225476
- 01 STOCK CLERK-Salary:\$2.90-4.00 per hour
Contact: WINNERS CORPORATION Tel. 235-1805(8/30)F225475
- 02 BEAUTICIAN-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: ZHEN HUA CORPORATION dba Just For You Beauty Salon & Gift Shop Tel. 233-2228(8/30)F225473
- 02 INTERPRETER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
02 ENGINEER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: ZHEN HUA CORPORATION dba Zhenjiang International Construction Tel. 233-2928(8/30)F225474
- 01 SALES REPRESENTATIVE-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: PIDING C. SABLAN dba Saipan Catering Service Tel. 234-1550(8/30)F225472
- 01 COMPUTER OPERATOR-Salary:\$800.00 per month
Contact: PACIFIC BASIN INSURANCE, INC. Tel. 234-5860(8/30)F225471
- 03 COMPUTER PROGRAMMERS/ANALYSTS-Salary:\$5.00 per hour
Contact: INFORMATION & DATA SERV. INC. dba IDS, INC. Tel. 235-2181 or 235-2437(8/30)F225469
- 01 ASSISTANT MANAGER-Salary:\$1,100.00 per month
01 MANAGER (Night Club)-Salary:\$1,000.00 per month
Contact: WESTERN PACIFIC ENTERPRISES, INC. dba Kimchi Cabana Night Club & Rest. Tel. 234-6622(8/30)F225468
- 01 MECHANIC-Salary:\$4.95 per hour
Contact: PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL MARIANAS, INC. dba Midway Motors Tel. 234-7524(8/30)F225467
- 01 SECURITY SYSTEM SALES REPRESENTATIVE-Salary:\$3.00-5.00 per hour
Contact: PACIFIC SECURITY ALARM, INC. Tel. 234-5626 or 235-5067(8/30)F225478
- 01 GENERAL MAINTENANCE BLDG.-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: MAGDALENA F. ORBINO dba J.L. Enterprises Tel. 234-5348(8/30)F225498

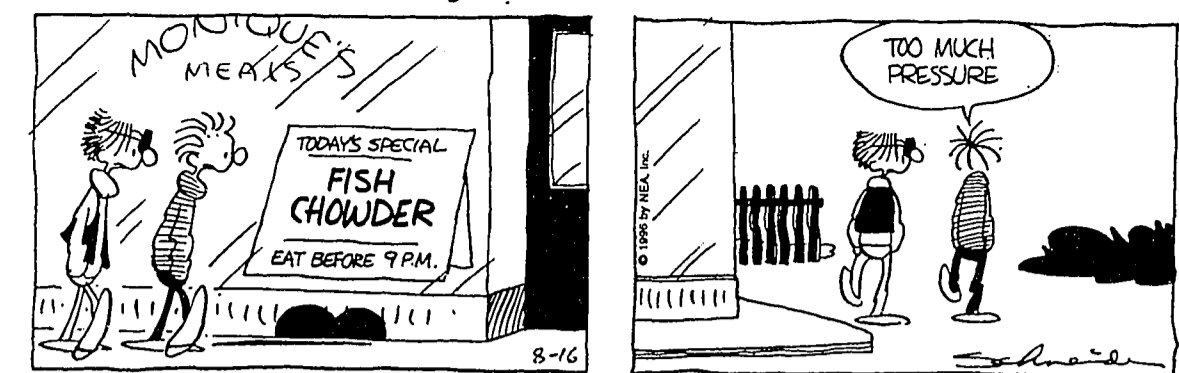
- 01 RESERVATION CLERK-Salary:\$3.05-3.95 per hour
01 KITCHEN HELPER-Salary:\$3.05-3.33 per hour
01 (WESTERN)CHEF EXECUTIVE-Salary:\$2,000.00-2,300.00 per month
Contact: SAIPAN HOTEL CORP. dba Haladai Beach Hotel Tel. 234-6495(8/23)F225415
- 01 WELDER COMBINATION-Salary:\$2.75-3.50 per hour
Contact: COMMONWEALTH MARITIME GROUP CORP. dba Commonwealth Maritime Tel. 233-0805(8/22)F225355
- 01 HOUSEKEEPER CLEANER-Salary:\$3.45 per hour
Contact: MODERN INVESTMENT INC. dba Saipan Ocean View Hotel Tel. 234-6832(8/23)F225413
- 01 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: MODERN STATIONERY AND TRADING CO. INC. Tel. 234-6832(8/23)F225414
- 01 GARDENER-Salary:\$3.05-3.20 per hour
04 COOK-Salary:\$3.05-4.00 per hour
02 ACCOUNTANT-Salary:\$3.05-4.50 per hour
Contact: DIAMOND HOTEL CO., LTD. dba Saipan Diamond Hotel Tel. 234-5900(8/23)F225469
- 02 DRIVE-DELIVERY ROUTE-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: GLOBAL ENTERPRISES, INC. dba Diamond Ice & Water Tel. 234-5922(8/23)F225368
- 01 MECHANIC-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: ISIDRO ILO WABOL dba Micronesia Motor Works Tel. 288-0885(8/23)F225343
- 01 TIREMAN-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: AA ENTERPRISES, INC. dba Tanapag Service Station Tel. 322-4447(8/23)F225344
- 01 DRESS MAKER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: MENICS, INC. Tel. 234-2222(8/23)F225346
- 01 RESTAURANT WAITRESS-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: TAPA BAR INC. dba Sun Inn Tel. 235-6060(8/23)F225347
- 02 COOK, MESS-Salary:\$2.90 per hour
Contact: MIRAGE (SAIPAN) CO., LTD. Tel. 234-3481 to 6375(8/23)F225345
- 04 ATTENDANT-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: BANG BANG CORPORATION dba The Gun Store And Guns & Shooting Tel. 234-1614(8/23)F225348
- 01 SEWING MACHINE REPAIRER-Salary:\$2.90-3.05 per hour
Contact: JIN APPAREL, INC. Tel. 234-3252(8/23)F225349
- 01 CARPENTER-Salary:\$2.90 per hour
Contact: ANICIA C. SONODA dba Chamorro House Restaurant Tel. 234-7361(8/23)F225342
- 06 PLUMBERS-Salary:\$2.75-3.00 per hour
Contact: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CORP. Tel. 235-5086(8/23)F225341
- 05 DANCER-Salary:\$3.05-3.45 per hour
05 WAITRESS-Salary:\$3.05-3.45 per hour
Contact: AL & L CORPORATION dba Roppongi Night Club Tel. 233-7070(8/23)F225351
- 01 FARM/ANIMAL TECHNICIAN(VET)-Salary:\$500.00 per month
Contact: SEISHIN FARM SAIPAN INC. Tel. 235-5948 F225122
- 01 LAND SURVEYOR-Salary:\$3.50 per hour
Contact: CANDIDO I. CASTRO dba Castro & Associates Tel. 288-1336(8/23)F225366

- 01 MUSICIAN-Salary:\$700.00 per month
01 DISC JOCKEY-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
01 BARTENDER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: CANDIDO I. CASTRO dba Pacific Castle Tel. 288-1336(8/23)F225365
- 02 COOK, RESTAURANT-Salary:\$3.05-4.00 per hour
10 WAITRESS, RESTAURANT-Salary:\$3.05-4.00 per hour
Contact: MY WAY CORPORATION dba Pahl Gack Jung Restaurant Tel. 234-0880(8/23)F225364
- 01 IRON WORKER (PRESSER MACHINE)-Salary:\$2.90 per hour
Contact: ONWEL MFG (SAIPAN) LTD., Tel. 234-9522(8/23)F225363
- 01 IRON WORKER (PRESSER MACHINE)-Salary:\$2.90 per hour
04 CUTTER HAND-Salary:\$2.90 per hour
08 SEWING MACHINE OPERATORS-Salary:\$2.90 per hour
Contact: ONWEL MFG (SAIPAN) LTD., Tel. 234-9522(8/23)F225362
- 05 SEWING MACHINE OPERATOR-Salary:\$2.90 per hour
01 CUTTER HAND-Salary:\$2.90 per hour
01 PACKER HAND-Salary:\$2.90 per hour
Contact: ONWEL MFG (SAIPAN) LTD., Tel. 234-9522(8/23)F225361
- 01 SEWING MACHINE MECHANIC (REPAIRER)-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
02 COOK-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
01 INDUSTRY ENGINEER-Salary:\$2,000.00 per month
01 TECHNICAL ADVISOR-Salary:\$1,500.00 per month
Contact: FAIRTEX MANAGEMENT CO., LTD., Tel. 234-9522(8/23)F225359
- 01 TIREMAN-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: AA ENTERPRISES, INC. dba Tanapag Service Station Tel. 322-4447(8/23)F225344
- 01 DRESS MAKER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: JOSE A. PALACIOS dba J & L Enterprises Tel. 234-1081(8/23)F225357
- 01 SUPERVISOR, CASHIER-Salary:\$4.50-6.00 per hour
01 COST CONTROLLER (F & B)-Salary:\$6.00-8.00 per hour
01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary:\$3.05-3.75 per hour
01 AUDITOR-Salary:\$4.50-6.00 per hour
03 CASHIER-Salary:\$3.05-3.55 per hour
01 ASSISTANT SOUS CHEF-Salary:\$3.50-5.17 per hour
01 BAKER-Salary:\$3.05-3.55 per hour
01 BARTENDER-Salary:\$3.05-3.70 per hour
01 CHIEF, COOK-Salary:\$3.05-4.40 per hour
01 COMMERCIAL CLEANER-Salary:\$3.05-3.55 per hour
01 COOK-Salary:\$3.05-3.85 per hour
02 FRONT OFFICE CLERK-Salary:\$3.05-3.70 per hour
02 GARDENER-Salary:\$3.05-3.87 per hour
01 HELPER, KITCHEN-Salary:\$3.05-3.55 per hour
01 EXECUTIVE HOUSEKEEPER-Salary:\$1,000.00-1,804.00 per month
01 TAILOR-Salary:\$3.05-3.55 per hour
02 WAITRESS-RESTAURANT-Salary:\$3.05-3.55 per hour
Contact: HOTEL NIKKO SAIPAN INCORPORATED Tel. 322-3311(8/23)F225217
- 01 OPERATION MANAGER-Salary:\$600.00 per month
Contact: VMG INTERNATIONAL CORP. dba Cash and Carry Tel. 235-4471(8/16)F225274
- 01 FENCE ERECTOR-Salary:\$3.50 per hour
Contact: RAILINGS PACIFIC INC. Tel. 322-6121(8/16)F225273
- 03 COMMERCIAL CLEANER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: PRISCILLA J. PANGELINAN dba Priscilla's Manpower Services Tel. 235-8441(8/16)F225272

- 01 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-Salary:3.75-\$5.50 per hour
CONTACT: FRANCISCO CRUZ CABRERA dba DESIGN FLORIST Tel 234-6582 (8/9) F 225185
- 01 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER-Salary:\$2,083.33 per month
Contact: EFFRAIN F. CAMACHO dba EFC Engineers and Architects Tel. 322-7814(8/16)F61626
- 01 KITCHEN HELPER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
01 WAITRESS, RESTAURANT-Salary:\$3.05-3.13 per hour
Contact: MR. DOMINGO CRUZ, MICRO PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT, INC. dba Saipan Grand Hotel Tel. 234-6601 Ext. 112(8/16)F61628
- 06 CLEANER-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
03 WAITRESS-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
04 ALUMINUM FABRICATOR-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: RICHARD P. KAUTZ, JR. dba Kautz Glass Company Tel. 322-9282(8/16)F225252
- 01 SUPERVISOR, GARDENER-Salary:\$3.35-4.50 per hour
01 MAINTENANCE WORKER-Salary:\$3.05-4.00 per hour
01 COOK-Salary:\$3.05-3.75 per hour
01 VEHICLE MAINTENANCE-Salary:\$3.05-4.00 per hour
02 CLERK, FRONT OFFICE-Salary:\$3.05-3.50 per hour
Contact: AQUA RESORT CLUB SAIPAN CO. LTD. dba Aqua Resort Club (8/16)F61622
- 01 CYLINDER REFILLER-Salary:\$4.30 per hour
Contact: C-GAS CORPORATION Tel. 235-6077(8/16)F225264
- 01 GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: SANLO ENTERPRISES INC. Tel. 235-6077(8/16)F225263
- 01 CONSTRUCTION WORKER-Salary:\$3.50-4.50 per hour
02 HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR-Salary:\$4.50-11.25 per hour
Contact: HAWAIIAN ROCK PRODUCTS CORPORATION Tel. 322-0407(8/23)F225262
- 02 ELECTRICAL ENGINEER-Salary:\$3.75 per hour
Contact: KIMCO ENTERPRISES, INC. Tel. 234-3201(8/16)F225261
- 01 ACCOUNTING MANAGER-Salary:\$1,000.00-1,800.00 per month
01 MANAGER-EQUIPMENT/SYSTEM-Salary:\$1,000.00-1,800.00 per month
Contact: MOBIL OIL MARIANA ISLANDS, INC. Tel. 234-7796(8/16)F225259
- 02 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-Salary:\$3.05-3.50 per hour
Contact: JAMES C. WHANG dba South Pacific Lumber Co. Tel. 235-2624(8/16)F225258
- 02 COSMETICIAN-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: AMERICAN HUI LING CORP. dba Yellow House Tel. 235-9189(8/16)F225256
- 01 JANITOR-Salary:\$2.90 per hour
Contact: WINNERS CORPORATION Tel. 235-1805(8/30)F225493
- 01 STORE SUPERVISOR-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: PRINCE ENTERPRISE LIMITED dba SM Mart/Groceries Tel 235-Mart/322-0661(8/30)F225492
- 01 H.E. SUPERVISOR/SYSTEM-Salary:\$1,000.00-1,800.00 per month
Contact: MOBIL OIL MARIANA ISLANDS, INC. Tel. 234-7796(8/30)F225491
- 01 (GOLD SMITH) JEWELER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: SUN TOWN CORPORATION dba Jang's Jewelry Tel. 234-8737(8/30)F225477

- 01 MANAGER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
01 DISC JOCKEY-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
05 DANCER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
01 BARTENDER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
08 WAITRESS-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: SAIPAN AMUSEMENT CORPORATION dba Star Ichiban Karaoke Night Club Tel. 288-0543(8/16)F225257
- 01 MASON-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: ABC ENTERPRISES AND MANPOWER SERVICES dba Bedecio Cho Amado Tel. 256-0221(8/16)F225255
- 01 STOCK CLERK-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: C & R PROPERTIES, INC. dba Celis Store Tel. 234-5844(8/16)F225250
- 01 MASON-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
03 CARPENTER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
04 ALUMINUM FABRICATOR-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: RICHARD P. KAUTZ, JR. dba Kautz Glass Company Tel. 322-9282(8/16)F225252
- 01 WELDER(COMBINATION)-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: CAMILO A. ORALLO dba Universal Enterprises (8/16)F225269
- 01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary:\$900.00-1,500.00 per month
01 CIVIL ENGINEER-Salary:\$1,300.00-1,800.00 per month
01 PROJECT MANAGER-Salary:\$1,500.00-2,000.00 per month
Contact: SHIMIZU CORPORATION Tel. 234-5438(8/16)F225270
- 01 SURVEYING DRAFTSMAN-Salary:\$6.00 per hour
03 SURVEY AIDE-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: CANDIDO I. CASTRO dba Castro & Associates Tel. 288-1336(8/16)F225265
- 07 WAITRESS-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
02 ELECTRICIAN-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: CANDIDO I. CASTRO dba Pacific Castle Tel. 288-1336(8/16)F225266
- 01 DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER-Salary:\$3.00-5.00 per hour
116 SEWING MACHINE OPERATOR-Salary:\$2.75-3.00 per hour
01 SAMPLE MAKER-Salary:\$2.75-3.00 per hour
03 ACCOUNTANT-Salary:\$2.75-4.00 per hour
17 CUTTER (MACHINE)-Salary:\$2.75-3.00 per hour
02 SHIPPING & RECEIVING SUPERVISOR-Salary:\$2.75-3.00 per hour
01 RECEIVING & DISPATCHING SUPERVISOR-Salary:\$2.75-3.00 per hour
01 PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR-Salary:\$2.75-3.00 per hour
02 MACHINE REPAIRER-Salary:\$2.75-3.00 per hour
12 PRESSER-Salary:\$2.75-3.00 per hour
03 ELECTRICIAN-Salary:\$2.75-3.00 per hour
01 MAINTENANCE REPAIRER-\$2.75-3.00 per hour
04 MESS COOK-Salary:\$2.75-3.00 per hour
02 FACTORY MANAGER-Salary:\$3.50-5.00 per hour
01 PRODUCTION MANAGER-Salary:\$3.50-5.00 per hour
02 QUALITY CONTROL TECHNICIAN-Salary:\$2.75-3.00 per hour
01 PURCHASING MANAGER-Salary:\$2.75-4.00 per hour
Contact: MARIANAS GARMENT MFG. INC. Tel. 234-5821(8/16)F225248
- 02 MECHANIC-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
01 INVENTORY CLERK-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
10 FIBERGLASS TECHNICIANS-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
03 BOAT CARPENTER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
01 ARTIST-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
Contact: QUINCY CORP. dba Micronesia Marine Tel. 234-9696(8/30)F225490
- 01 TOUR COUNSELOR-Salary:\$3.05-3.50 per hour
Contact: WORLD BRIDGE CORPORATION dba Royal Family Tour Tel. 235-1100(8/30)F225320

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STELLA WILDER YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

Born today, you have a serious approach to life and you are willing to accept the responsibilities that accompany the choices you make in your personal life. Your attention is keen and your focus is unmatched, particularly when you have a job to do that no one else is willing or able to do. Despite the fact that you will always have critics, you have the ability to use the criticisms and personal challenges as inspiration and fuel. You will not get frustrated or discouraged by such routine difficulties.

You have a sense of humor, and this quality, combined with your unique spiritual outlook, will give you the winning edge when you need it most. You maintain a bright, positive outlook even when others think that things are quite bleak. You have the ability to free yourself of the emotional restraints that hold others back.

Also born on this date are: Menachem Begin, Israeli prime minister; Robert Culp, actor; Frank Gifford, sportscaster; Eydie Gorme, singer; Leslie Ann Warren, actress.

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

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Your opinions are far more valuable to those around you today than you think, and you must take the opportunity to share them with others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Someone's reaction to one of your habits may take you by surprise today. It may be time for someone to share a secret or two.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today you will be challenged unexpectedly, but you will have what it takes to face even the most direct attack with confidence.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Take care not to act too flighty, mercurial or noncommunicative today. Strive to keep your feet planted firmly on the ground at all times.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You will find yourself engaged in a fight to the finish before the day is over. Take care not to give in to the temptation to cheat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — It will be a good day to get back to the basics, and it will be important to understand what is really motivating you right now. New goals will take shape.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — It may be your responsibility today to keep someone else in line, but do so in a way which demonstrates sympathetic support, not aggressive control.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You may have to be satisfied with a second-place finish today. Tomorrow, however, you can be back in front where you really belong.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It may be time for you to examine your character a little more closely and with a little more objectivity. You may reveal a surprise.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You will discover that your skills may actually be slightly off-date. You may want to review more current information and methods.

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BARBS

BARBS BY PHIL PASTORET

Folks who finish a statement with "and so forth" haven't the faintest idea of what follows "and so forth."

As anyone can determine by reading news stories out of Washington, intelligence reports and intelligent reports aren't the same thing.

Next time someone tells you a rabbit's foot is a good-luck charm, just consider what happened to the rabbit.

The problem for us in writing things down before we forget them is that we can't recall where we put the pad and pencil.

Does anyone recall when drug-stores didn't sell tractor parts and discount marts didn't sell prescriptions?

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NL suspends 5 for brawl

MONTREAL (AP) - The National League suspended and fined five players Wednesday for their involvement in Monday night's heated bench-clearing brawl between the Montreal Expos and Houston Astros.

Houston pitcher Danny Darwin, who hit Henry Rodriguez with a pitch to set off the ugly third-inning fight, was suspended for six games and fined \$1,000.

Houston's John Cangelosi and Rodriguez, Jeff Juden and Moises Alou of the Expos were also fined \$1,000 and received four-game suspensions.

Bench-clearer between Expos, Astros metes fines

The players' union said it would wait until Thursday before deciding whether to appeal the suspensions, which would take effect Friday. The suspensions, however, are staggered so neither team will lose more than one player at a time.

"I think you always have to appeal to see if you can get the suspension reduced. I got four games," Rodriguez said. "Maybe that's too much, I don't know."

For Montreal, Rodriguez begins his ban Friday, Alou starts Tuesday

and Juden on Aug. 24. Houston's Darwin starts Friday and Cangelosi begins Aug. 22.

"I'll talk to my agent and (Expos GM) Jim Beattie and we'll see if there's an appeal," said Alou. "I didn't know how many games I'd get. It's the first time I've been suspended. There was a brawl. I was in it. We'll see."

The Expos' David Segui, on the disabled list with a broken thumb, was fined \$1,000 for joining the altercation but was not suspended.

Darwin and Cangelosi refused to comment.

Six players were ejected following the brawl along with Houston manager Terry Collins, who needed four stitches to close a gash above his lip, sustained when Alou threw a batting helmet from close range.

Collins thought the severity of the fines was warranted, and complimented National League president Leonard Coleman's swift action.

"I think it's good," Collins said

Wednesday before the third game of the Expos-Astros series. "Those are pretty heavy. If you look at recent history you don't see a lot of four-day suspensions and fines. They have not been frequent."

"Leonard has said he will not put up with this and he's taken a stand," Collins said. "Mr. Coleman has stuck straight with what he did last year. The one thing you can say is it's consistent. I like that."

Darwin said he hit Rodriguez in retaliation for Rodriguez lingering at home plate after hitting a home run in the second inning.

N. Isle volunteers help Oleai effort

OLEAI Elementary School is free of "unwelcomed" grass, thanks to volunteer workers from the Northern Islands.

Principal Evelyn Manglona said the volunteer workers came over to Saipan last week to clear the school's surrounding in preparation for the school opening.

"We want to thank them. We also

want to thank their mayor Joseph Ogomuro for allowing them to come over for voluntary work," Manglona said.

These workers are Edward Santos, Upiano Teregyo, Luciano Rangamar, Lerins Stol and Tinong Taisakan.

They went back to Northern Island last Wednesday.

Bill on...

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the high cost of living. We need to do this to keep up with the times," said the lawmaker from Chinatown.

Although the bill makes mention of unlimited poker and pachinko gaming licenses, it limits the circumstances under which operators may conduct business.

Under the bill, such machines may only be operated in exclusively dedicated rooms where no other types of business activities are being conducted.

"Bars and restaurants which do not conform with the exclusive room requirement may operate no more than ten each of poker and pachinko slot machines," read the bill.

All other types of business establishments which do not conform with the

same rule are limited to three of each kind of machines.

No single person, business corporation or entity may be issued more than 100 each of poker and pachinko machine licenses, the bill adds.

It, however, contains a grandfather clause to allow entities with 100 licenses at the time of the enactment of the act to continue unaffected by the new restriction.

According to Guerrero, he is aware that the poker machine part of his proposed bill may draw some controversy. He, however, said he wants to look at the issue on a more practical standpoint, that is, so annuity increases would not burden government nor the Retirement Fund.

Retirement Fund Administrator Edward H. Manglona was asked yesterday about the bill but he reserved comment.

Special...

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other than our colleague and friend, Justice Atalig," Castro told Taylor.

Castro said the full-time judges of the Superior Court believe they could fairly and impartially apply the law to the facts of this case.

The judge, however, expressed doubt if the community perceive the same particularly if they enter a ruling on any issue in favor of the defendants.

Several motions in the case are set for hearing on Aug. 28.

The government filed last June a \$4-million civil lawsuit against Atalig and six other persons over an alleged land grab on Rota.

The complaint said Atalig as a then

practicing lawyer who handled the pro-bate filed false documents with the Superior Court and received title to one hectare of the land in compensation for his work.

In his response to the suit, Atalig said the scandalous and unfounded allegations hinder him to function effectively at the Supreme Court.

Atalig, through counsel Juan T. Lizama, asked the lower court to strike portions of the complaint which were scandalous, implicating his participation in fraud or conspiracy to commit fraud.

Among those named defendants in the suit were former Rota Land Registration Team chairman Augusto B. Atalig, estate administrator Fidel B. Atalig, and former senior CNMI government surveyor Abel S. Barcinas.

Executive...

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Affairs Director Allen Stayman notified the CNMI government of its failure to fulfill its commitment under the agreement forged in March 1995.

The interior department mentioned, among other things, the government's failure to allow CUC to function independently.

"Some of the defaults cited by the Department of Interior can be

Clash of...

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Q-R4+
All played with precision. The obvious 15. K-B2 would now be met with 15...N-B3+ with decisive advantage to Black.

15. B-Q2 Q-N3 16. B-B3 BxB+ 17. PxB Q-K6! 18. P-B4
Forced. If 18. Q-B4, 18...N-B3 with the unanswerable threat of 19...N-K5.

18...QxP 19. 0-0 Q-B2
Having secured his booby, Reshevsky now prepares for careful defense.

20. K-R1 N-B321. Q-K3 B-N522. Q-R6
Giving Black some nasty problems, but it is just such positions that Reshevsky is very much at home.

22...BxN 23. RxB P-QN4!
A powerful positional counter-attack that is the point of Black's defense. White cannot now continue the attack with 24. R-KR3 because of 24...Q-K4 25. R-K1 PxB etc.

24 PxB Q-K425. R-K1 NxB 26. R-R3 Q-N2 27. Q-Q2 P-K3
White's attack is broken but Black still has problems converting his extra pawn into a win.

28. R-Q3 QR-N1 29. P-QR4 N-N3 30. Q-N4
30. P-R5 would have been stronger.

30...QR-B1 31. P-R5 N-Q4 32. Q-N3 R-B4
In time trouble (Reshevsky was always in time trouble; it was, in a manner of speaking part and parcel of his play) Black here overlooks the stronger 32...Q-K4.

33. B-B3 R-N1 34. BxNR(4)xP 35. Q-R2 PxB 36. RxB Q-B6 37. R-KB1 R-N7 38. Q-R4 R-N8 39. R(5)-Q1 RxB 40. RxB P-QR3
The last move of the time pressure, and an uncommonly strong one. The white QR-pawn is fixed and from now on will be a weakness. Moreover 41...R-N4 is prepared. Then followed:
41. P-R3 R-N42. R-R1 K-N2 43. Q-R2 Q-N7 44. Q-R4 R-N4 45. R-KN1 Q-B6 46. R-R1 P-R4 47. Q-R2

R-KB4 48. K-R2 P-N4! 49. Q-R4 R-B5 50. Q-R2 P-N5 51. PxB Q-K4! (a pretty interpolation) 52. P-N3 R-K5 53. Q-N1 R-K7+ 54. K-R3 PxB+ 55. K-R4 R-R7+ 56. KxB Q-K7+ (0-1).

Reshevsky conducted the whole game—the endgame especially—with iron strength.

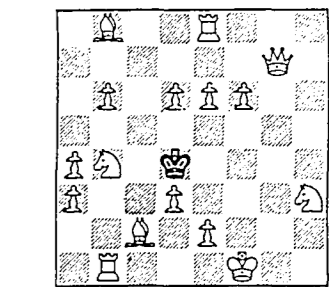
Puzzler. Larry Pascual, Peter Sibby and someone from Rota Term & Transfer Co. got the correct answer to last week's puzzle: 1. Nf5 Bxh8 2. Ng7 Bxg7 3. Bxg7#

Ronnie Alfonso and Bob Catequista, for their part, send in their solutions for the previous puzzle, and both got it right.

Thanks also to CUC's Sixto Iguisomar and DPW's Patrick Takai for joining the fun—which is, to be sure, the main point of solving puzzles. If it gives you a headache as one dude told me recently over the phone—forget it.

Incidentally, Tinian's Lemuell Arabeo called me early this week to offer the use, in this column, of two puzzles he composed. We're anxiously waiting for it pure. Hope to hear from you soon.

For this week, try figure a two-mover in this remarkable puzzle:



White to play and mate in two. Anyone can win with the kind of material White has, but how to force mate in two?

Answers should be mailed to "64" c/o The Marianas Variety, P.O. Box 231, Saipan MP 96950, or faxed through 234-9271.

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game's first pitch and Matt Walbeck drove in four runs as the Minnesota Twins beat the Athletics.

Knoblauch's shomer ignited a five-run first inning off Dave Telgheder (1-4) as the Twins won for the ninth time in 11 games.

Frankie Rodriguez (11-9) pitched five innings in relief of starter Scott Aldred for the win.

Geronimo Berroa homered for the A's, raising the team's major league leading total to 195. Mark McGwire, who leads the majors with 42 homers, went 0-for-3.

Yankees 3, White Sox 1
In Chicago, Andy Pettite became the American League's first 17-game winner and Darryl Strawberry doubled in the go-ahead run as the New York Yankees beat the White Sox.

The Yankees, avoiding a three-game sweep, got solo homers from Tino Martinez and Derek Jeter.

International...

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ever had," tournament founder Jack Vickers said.

Faldo, making his first appearance in the tournament, called Castle Pines Golf Club "fantastic" after a practice round.

"It's a very physical golf course," he said. "I've played at altitude before in Switzerland and Sun City (South Africa), so making the adjustment won't be something I haven't done before. The big downhill par-3s will be the tricky holes."

Faldo joked that he'll need help scoring. The modified Stableford scoring system used in this tournament awards a player 5 points for an eagle, 2 points for birdie, zero for par, minus-1 for bogey and minus-3 for double bogey or worse.

"Somebody is going to have to teach me how to score," he said. "I've played Stableford tournaments before, but it's been 20 years."

Agassi...

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"That goes over the limit. That goes over the edge, as far as the code is concerned."

Earlier, No. 2 seed Goran Ivanisevic struggled past Argentine Javier Frana 6-7(7-4), 6-4, 7-5 in the second round of the dlr's 1 million tournament.

"I said, 'OK, just try to put some balls in the court and make him hit winners, and he got a little tight,'" the Croatian said. "Then I started to play much better."

No. 7 Jason Stoltenberg of Australia lost 7-5, 6-4 to Lionel Roux of France.

"I was up and down," Stoltenberg said. "I was disappointed I didn't take it to him when I had the chance."

Roux said he was forcing the action too much early.

"So I tried to put the ball very hard on the court with a lot of topspin," he said. "And after that he made a lot of mistakes."

SPORTS



Agassi out of RCA

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Andre Agassi just can't stay out of the spotlight.

After hitting a ball into the stands and cursing the umpire Wednesday night, Agassi was disqualified from the RCA Championships during his match against Canadian Daniel Nestor.

Agassi had just been broken in the fifth game of the second set of his second-round match when he hit a ball into the stands. He was cited for ball abuse by chair umpire Dana Laconto.

Agassi then shouted an expletive at the umpire, who in turn called for ATP Tour supervisor Mark Darby to confer with Agassi. That meeting ended with Darby instructing Laconto to default Agassi, giving the match to Nestor 1-6, 3-2 (default).

"I got a warning, then he went straight to default," Agassi said. "I felt I had an argument for not getting a point penalty. ...

"It's something I've said a thousand times," Agassi said, "and today they decide that crossed the

line."

The crowd reacted to the default by booing and throwing paper, towels and water bottles onto the court.

Agassi sat on his chair for a few minutes, then left the court still fuming. The crowd cheered Agassi as he departed.

"I will take responsibility for getting a warning and I will take responsibility for getting upset on the court, like I have done a thou-

sand times," Agassi said. "But I will not accept this decision. It was a wrong decision."

Coming off tournament wins at the ATP Championships in Cincinnati last week and the Olympics the week before, Agassi was playing his first match of the tournament.

Tournament officials appealed the ATP Tour default for "verbal abuse," and play on center court at

the Indianapolis Tennis Center was temporarily suspended. But ATP Tour officials said the disqualification could not be appealed.

"I'm comfortable with what happened," Darby said. "I stand by it. It's unfortunate that it was necessary." Darby said Agassi did indeed go too far Wednesday.

"That's the first time it's been said directly to the chair," Darby

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Orioles stop Brewers

BALTIMORE (AP) - Eddie Murray's 497th career homer, his second of the game, snapped an eighth-inning tie Wednesday and gave the Orioles an 8-5 victory over Milwaukee, the Brewers' ninth straight loss.

Roberto Alomar also homered twice for the Orioles, who have won seven of nine and 11 of 15. Alomar's second homer, a two-run shot off Ron Villone, made it 8-5 in the eighth.

Murray opened the inning by lining an 0-1 pitch from Ricky Bones (7-13) into the center-field seats. In the third, he hit a solo shot over the right-field

scoreboard.

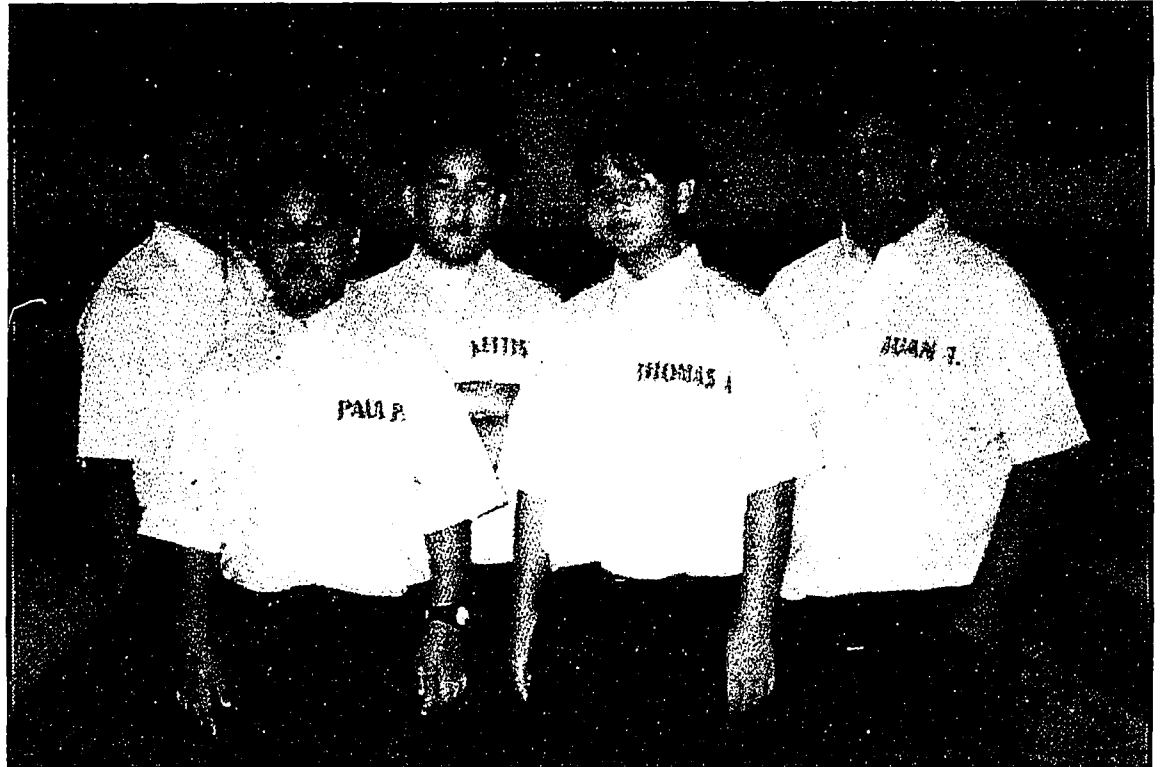
It was Murray's first two-homer game of the season and 27th of his career.

Murray, who has 18 homers this season, is just three homers short of joining Willie Mays and Hank Aaron as the only players in baseball history with 500 homers and 3,000 hits. The two RBIs gave him 1,880 over 20 seasons and propelled him past Cap Anson into eighth place on the career list.

Twins 13, Athletics 7

In Oakland, California, Chuck Knoblauch homered on page

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The CNMI TEAM that participated in the recently concluded 4th F.I.Q. World Youth Tenpin Bowling Championship in HongKong. (From Left) Ian Cabrera, Paul Pangelinan Jr., Keith Sana, Thomas Aldan and Juan Tenorio.

• Zaldy Dandan

Clash of the leaders on Sunday

EXPECT the very earth to tremble on Sunday, Aug. 18, when the two "dream teams," Yana Law Office and Owens Enterprises battle for the leadership in the ongoing 1996 CNMI Chess Team Championship at Rambie's Restaurant.

Saipan Shooting Range, meanwhile, will aim to improve its third place when it size up Jet Holdings.

JCT is paired with Club Jama, the favorite team, I don't know why, of some CNMI Chess Association officers and members.

Poor Pawns and Checkmate will also try to earn some points in their own match, while Essence of Fortune takes the bye.

Play starts at 10 a.m.

Game of the week. A contemporary and great rival of Reuben Fine, Samuel Reshevsky (1911-1995) was a child prodigy who gave simultaneous exhibitions at the age of 8, and who, in his 20s, became one of the five strongest chess players in the world, a position he held from 1935 to 1960.

Born in Poland, Reshevsky immigrated to the U.S. in 1920. He took a degree in accounting at the University of Chicago in 1934, after which, in the tradition of his predecessors Morphy, Pillsbury and Marshall, he went to Europe to play against the world's best.

His tournament and match results were impressive. In the 1948 world championship tournament won by Mikhail Botvinnik, Reshevsky placed equal third with Paul Keres behind Vassily Symlov.

Reshevsky was the U.S. champion in 1936, 1938, 1940, 1942, 1946 and 1969 when his successor Bobby Fischer was already lording it over in the U.S. chess scene. Eight years earlier, Reshevsky played a hammer-and-tongs match versus Fischer which ended in a +2, =7, -2 result after the future world champion withdrew.

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International field is loaded

By JOHN MOSSMAN
CASTLE ROCK, Colorado
(AP) - Greg Norman, Phil Mickelson, Davis Love III and Lee Janzen are among the former champions returning to the Sprint International. And do they ever have some competition.

Mark Brooks' victory in the PGA Championship on Sunday means the winners of all four majors are competing here for the first time since the inaugural International in 1986. The oth-

ers are Nick Faldo (Masters), Steve Jones (U.S. Open) and Tom Lehman (British Open).

In all, 25 of the top 30 money-winners on the PGA Tour are competing, including Brooks (No. 1 at \$1.29 million), No. 2 Mickelson, Fred Couples, Ernie Els, David Duval, Corey Pavin, Tom Watson and Steve Elkington.

The field also includes five of the top seven career money-winners - Norman (\$10.4 million), Tom Kite, Couples, Pavin and

Watson - and 21 players who have accounted for 36 major titles.

Every former International champion has returned except Jose Maria Olazabal (1991), who is sidelined with a foot injury.

True to its name, the International features players from 12 countries.

"This is the deepest, most talented group of golfers we've

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ESPN anchor drowns in pool

SOUTHINGTON, Conn. (AP) - Tom Mees, one of the original anchors of the cable television sports network ESPN, drowned in an accident in his next-door neighbor's pool, where he was watching his two daughters. His wife told police he couldn't swim.

Police initially told The Associated Press that Mees, 46, jumped into the pool to save his 4-year-

old daughter, Gabrielle. They said later that account could not be confirmed. An autopsy was scheduled for Thursday.

"We believe at this point there was no rescue attempt," said police Capt. Domenic Lombardo, adding police are classifying the death a swimming accident.

Authorities said the only people present during the accident were

Mees and his two daughters, Gabrielle and 8-year-old Lauren. They had not extensively interviewed the children by late Wednesday.

Mees' wife, Michelle, found her husband at the bottom of the pool after their older daughter ran to their home next door to get her, police said. The younger child was out of the pool.

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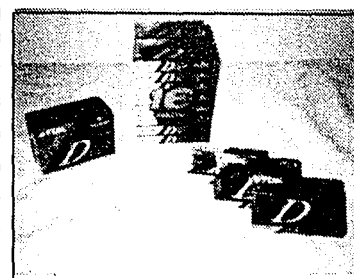
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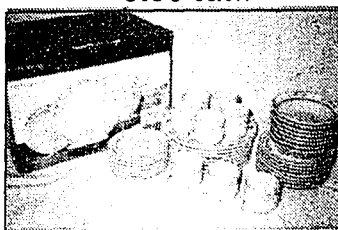
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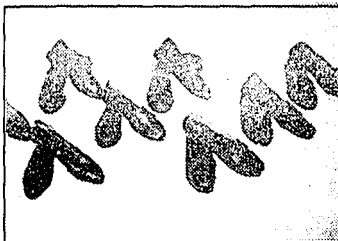
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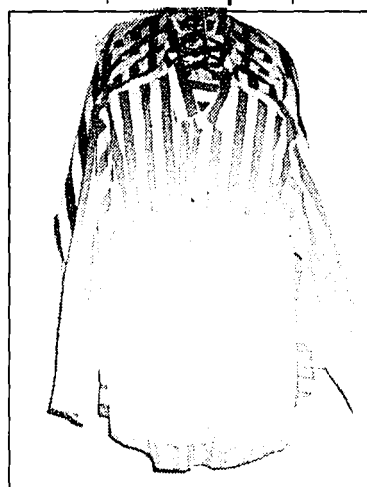
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