

# BOS back as executor

By Ferdie de la Torre  
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SUPERIOR Court Presiding Judge Alexandro Castro issued an order yesterday reinstating Bank of Saipan with full powers as executor for Larry Hillblom's \$450-million estate.

In his remedial order, Castro asked BOS, as among the conditions to comply with, to replace Joe Waechter with William I. Webster as the executor's representative.

## Webster to replace Waechter in Hillblom case

Following the expiration of Webster's term as the special administrator for the estate on Aug. 30, the judge required BOS to retain Webster to manage the estate on behalf of its Trust Department for a one-year period.

In his 33-page order, Castro said the executor shall restrict Waechter's authority as Trust Department Vice President to matters not including the administra-

tion of the estate.

Within 30 days, the judge said the executor must re-pay \$127,995.62 to the estate as surcharges, representing the loss to the estate resulting from the interest free loan to Commonwealth Holdings Corp. and the unauthorized loan to UMDA.

He said the executor shall retain White, Pierce, Mailman & Nutting on or before Aug. 30 to

serve as Webster's counsel for a minimum period of one year.

Castro said BOS must comply with the CNMI Banking Commissioner's requests for information concerning its Board of Directors and ownership within 15 days.

Castro said the executor shall not receive any compensation for the period during which it was suspended and must not be reimbursed from funds for attorney fees incurred in its defense of the Special Master Proceedings.

The judge also removed Carlsmith firm as counsel to the executor. The removal does not affect Carlsmith's authority to represent the executor in its appeal pending before the CNMI Supreme Court, he said.

Last Feb. 8, Castro suspended the executor from taking any further actions on behalf of the estate after Special Master Rexford Kosack submitted its report.

The Superior Court then has determined that the suspended executor indeed violated its duty of loyalty to the estate due to

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HELLO SAIPAN! Visiting South Korean Taekwondo students take time out from their shopping tour of Garapan to pose for the Variety lensman yesterday afternoon. —Photo by Ferdie de la Torre

## Island leaders lobby US against nuclear dumping

By Jacob Leon Guerrero  
For the Variety

GUAM-Guam Delegate Robert A. Underwood yesterday expressed relief on learning that the Clinton Administration opposes a proposal to establish a privately-run, spent-nuclear fuel repository and reprocessing facilities on Palmyra Atoll and Midway Island in the Pacific.

"This sends a clear signal to the proponents of the proposal that the President would veto any such legislation," Underwood said from Washington D.C.

In a joint letter to the President on June 28, Congressman Underwood, Senator Daniel Inouye, Senator Daniel Akaka, Congressman Neil Abercrombie, Congresswoman Patsy Mink, and Congressman Eni Faleomavaega asked the President to oppose the bill, a draft of which was circulating in the Senate.

The Pacific lawmakers pointed out that the bill would waive the application of key provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and the Clean Water Act.

In addition, the bill would circumvent licensing and safety standards established by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The lawmakers also listed their concerns over transportation,

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## Tudela eyes mayorship



Juan B. Tudela

By Zaldy Dandan  
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FORMER two-term representative Juan B. Tudela will run for mayor of Saipan.

Tudela, in a letter to Democratic Party Chairman Benigno M. Sablan, said he has declared his intention to run "after much thought

and long hours of family discussions."

"My many years of government and private service have prepared me for the challenge of this position. I know I am qualified to handle the job and I'm capable of bringing the needed services and guidance to the people of Saipan," he said.

Tudela is a former Garapan village commissioner and a Board of Education director.

He is the Indigenous Affairs resident executive since 1994.

Asked what made him decide to run, Tudela said he "wants to make sure that everyone gets good service instead of lip service."

He said his stint with the Indigenous Affairs Office made him "acutely aware of the problems our islanders encounter and the resources available to remedy these problems.

## BOE official says there should be \$1,000 limit on poll contributions



Juan Diaz

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
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AN ELECTION official has proposed that financial contributions to an election candidate's campaign be limited to \$1,000 per

donor.

Juan M. Diaz, executive director of the Board of Elections, warns that receiving huge financial contributions might get the political candidate beholden to the donors.

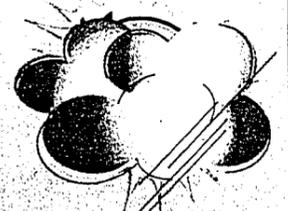
"It's likely that a person who contributes money to a candidate might expect to get return favors from the candidate when he gets elected," Diaz said in an interview yesterday.

The present election law does not impose a cap on the amount of campaign contributions.

Diaz met yesterday with leaders of the House committee on judiciary, and governmental operations, which is currently reviewing House Bill 10-140, a proposal to overhaul the Commonwealth election law.

Diaz said the committee has agreed to incorporate the board's recommendations into HB 10-  
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## Weather Outlook



Mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers

# Kidnapped Sanyo exec freed

After \$2M ransom was paid

By DANA CALVO  
**TIJUANA, Mexico (AP)** - A kidnapped Japanese executive was freed unharmed in an abandoned house after a Mexican policeman delivered a \$2 million ransom in a nighttime rendezvous with gunmen.

The kidnappers remained at large Monday with the ransom - unmarked U.S. currency - but investigators believe they know who committed the crime, said Jose Luis Anaya Bautista, attorney general in the district just south of the border.

Mamoru Konno, 57, was tired but relieved when an officer found him in a basement in an area of Tijuana where the kidnappers told police he would be.

Authorities were not sure where Konno, the 57-year-old president of Sanyo Video Component Corp. USA, was confined for the nine days he was missing.

Anaya said the kidnappers are six members of a gang operating in Tijuana and Ensenada, 60 miles (96 kilometers) to the south. All are believed to be Mexican, but there was a possibility one was from South America, he said.



Mamoru Konno

the border. But when asked if executives should stop doing business in Tijuana, Anaya suggested only that they take precautions.

"They should take the necessary safeguards to protect their integrity. They handle substantial sums and the public knows that," Anaya said.

Gunmen abducted Konno, who supervises a manufacturing plant in Tijuana, on Aug. 10 after a company baseball game, and a ransom call was placed to his secretary.

Two Mexican sisters kidnapped with him were released the next day.

The kidnappers called Sanyo on Thursday and arranged to collect the ransom, but aborted the pickup when they saw three airplanes flying overhead and became suspicious, Anaya said.

The kidnappers called Sanyo again on Saturday and demanded that \$2

million be delivered to them in the La Joya section of Tijuana.

A state policeman driving a Sanyo company car and carrying a suitcase full of money was met by two men who pointed guns at him, searched his car and left, Anaya said.

There was no guarantee the kidnappers would release Konno, Anaya said.

"We didn't know if it was a bluff. We didn't know if they'd bring him."

But a call Sunday night directed police to the area where Konno was freed.

Konno, who lives with his wife across the border in the San Diego suburb of Chula Vista, will decide for himself whether to continue working in Tijuana, where he supervises 1,200 employees making TV parts, said Motoharu Iue, president of Sanyo North America.

company provided the ransom money.

The abduction illustrated a danger facing executives of wealthy international companies doing business along

## Governing party activists shot dead in Bangladesh

**DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)** - Unidentified assailants shot and killed two activists from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's governing party, one of them in a by-election campaign, police said Monday.

Hasina's Awami League party has blamed the Sunday's killing on the opposition party of her predecessor, Khaleda Zia.

Mrs. Zia's party has denied its involvement.

In one of the incidents in Bagerhat, 136 kilometers (85 miles) southwest of Dhaka, the capital city, the assailants fired three bullets from a revolver on an election rally.

One activist, Mohammad Nasir, was fatally wounded in his head, police said.

Sheikh Helal, a cousin of Hasina, competing in the Sept. 5

by-election against Mrs. Zia's candidate was in the rally but survived unhurt.

Bagerhat is one of the 15 parliament districts, where next month's by-elections are scheduled. The seats were vacated by candidates who won more than one seats in June parliamentary election.

The second victim was dragged from his house in Meherpur district before the assailants shot him dead.

Meherpur, 176 kilometers (110 miles) west of Dhaka, is not part of the by-elections.

At least nine political activists have been killed in clashes between rival political groups since Hasina became the prime minister in June. Another 100 people were killed in political violence in past one year.

## Dole narrows gap in new polls

By MIKE MOKRZYCKI  
**NEW YORK (AP)** - Bob Dole clipped President Clinton's lead to 4 points in one national poll released Monday and 7 points in another as the Republican National Convention gave Dole big gains among white women, moderates and younger voters. Ross Perot remained far behind.

The ABC News and CNN-USA Today-Gallup surveys indicate Dole got a hefty convention bounce - he had been about 20 points back two weeks ago - although not as big as Clinton's record bump from the 1992 Democratic convention.

And the polls still leave Dole trailing Clinton with this year's Democratic convention still to come, next week in Chicago. The presidential election is in November.

ABC's sampling of 1,022 registered voters Thursday and Sunday found Clinton supported by 44 percent, Dole by 40 percent and Perot, who became the Reform Party nominee Saturday, by 11 percent. That's only a slight lead for Clinton, considering the survey's sampling error margin of plus or minus 3.5 points.

The Gallup survey of 1,006 registered voters Friday through Sunday found Clinton and Vice President Al Gore with 48 percent, Dole and Jack Kemp with 41 percent and Perot with 7 percent if the election were today. That poll had a 3-point error margin.

Clinton's lead in the ABC poll came entirely from his support from eight in 10 blacks, who made up 11 percent of the sample.

Among white women, Dole went from a 12-point deficit in an ABC-Washington Post poll in early August to a 5-point advantage in the new survey, and among white men Dole's lead grew from 6 to 10 points. Overall, whites now favor Dole over Clinton 46 percent to 38 percent.

In the earlier poll, Dole was 35 points behind Clinton among self-described moderates. Now, Dole is just 10 points back among moderates, and there were fewer of them - 40 percent. Conservatives grew from 31 percent to 36 percent of the sample, and two-thirds support Dole.

ABC also found Dole's image has improved, with 39 percent thinking of the former Senate majority leader

and 35-year veteran of Congress as a Washington insider, down from 52 percent in early August.

The CNN-USA Today-Gallup survey Friday through Sunday found Dole now leading Clinton 51-44 as the candidate who best can bring about "the changes this country needs." Clinton had led 48-38 on that measure in a Gallup survey Aug. 5-7.

The new Gallup poll found Dole gaining 20 percentage points among voters age 18-29 and 15 points among those age 30-49, with hardly any increase among older voters.



Bob Dole



The first family share a laugh as they watch elk graze in a meadow in Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. President Clinton, his wife Hillary and daughter Chelsea spent a day of their vacation hiking in Yellowstone. AP Photo

# Taxi driver sues hotel

By Ferdie de la Torre  
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A TAXI driver has sued the Saipan Grand Hotel seeking damages as a result of his injuries when he fell to the ground after tripping over a wire at the hotel's parking lot in 1994.

Jeffrey I. Arii, through counsel Eric S. Smith, filed the civil suit before the Superior Court Monday against the ho-

tel for alleged negligence.

The complaint stated that on Nov. 17, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. Arii drove his vehicle into the hotel's parking lot.

When he began to walk on his way to the hotel's entrance, Arii stepped over the curb adjacent to his vehicle. His leg struck a wire called a "guy wire" attached to the sapling, causing him to fall to the ground.

"Plaintiff was greatly hurt and injured and became, lame, sore, disabled, sick and was during eight weeks prevented from attending to his business as a tax cab driver and was compelled to pay for medical attendance and nursing," said Smith in the complaint.

Smith said the placement of the wires was negligently con-

structed and so carelessly managed.

He said the hotel "knew, or should have known, that the hazardous conditions existed, and that it was careless and negligent in failing to provide plaintiff with an ordinary safe place to travel."

The hotel owed Arii the duty to warn the patrons and guests

that guy wires extended from the saplings to the ground at an approximately 45 degree angle.

As a result of the fall, Arii was obliged to endure great pain and suffering. Smith said. The injuries were the direct and proximate result of the negligence of defendant, he said.

## No discrimination at Grand Hotel, management assures

By Zaldy Dandan  
*Variety News Staff*

REMOVING the luggage of a guest who do not check out on time is "not done based on race, nationality, sex or any other prejudicial reason," Saipan Grand Hotel general manager Yoshimi Takenaka said yesterday.

Takenaka, in an open letter "to all Koreans on Saipan," was reacting to a *Variety* news story on a House of Representatives resolution.

The resolution cited Saipan Grand Hotel staff's "arrogant and rude behavior" and "double standards" in the treatment of guests.

But according to Takenaka, "the article mistakenly interprets the events...It was past check-out time and the guest had not requested any extension of stay or late check-out privileges. The luggage was removed to prepare the room for the next guest."

Takenaka said because of their high occupancy, hotel guests who do not check out on time "may occasionally need to be contacted to obtain their understanding about moving their luggage to another room (or to the luggage room)."

"In this particular case unfortunately we were unable to contact our guest first. We deeply regret that oversight, and dedicate ourselves to prevent this type of problem in the future," Takenaka said.

Introduced by Rep. Maria T. Peter (R-Saipan) and approved unanimously last Aug. 9, the resolution cited an "unfortunate incident" that happened in June of this year involving a visiting official from the U.S. Department of Education who checked in at Saipan Grand Hotel.

The official, upon returning to the hotel on her last day of stay, learned that her luggage and all her belongings would be removed from her room, Peter told the *Variety*.

"She was locked out, so we asked the front desk people. They said, 'Well she didn't check out at 12 noon' so they have to do it. We thought they only locked the room but we found out that all her stuff was dumped into her luggage," Peter said.

When the official complained about the incident, the hotel's staff and management, according to the resolution, "exhibited arrogant and rude behavior and even questioned with sarcasm the guest's ability to read."

Peter said she asked a Hotel executive if what happened was a case of discrimination—the official is Vietnamese-American—the executive allegedly said "No, it's (just) miscommunication."

When asked if Japanese guests are treated the same way, Peter said the executive answered "No." "So I said, 'Who do you do it to?' He said, 'We do it to Koreans (and other nationalities).'"

## Saipan delegation session today

THE SAIPAN and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation will hold a session starting at 9 a.m. today.

Among the bills listed in the order of business are the following:

\* House Local Bill 10-1, "For an Act to rename the Garapan Police substation to 'Francisco DLG Aldan police substation.'"

\* House Local Bill 10-2, "To appropriate the \$9.5 million contribution by Pacific Resort Development Inc."

\* House Local Bill 10-5, "An Act to name the San Antonio Elementary School the 'Francisco

Mendiola Sablan' in honor of an outstanding educator who served as principal of school for many years."

\* House Local Bill 10-7, "To rename the CNMI Convention Center on Capitol Hill to the 'CNMI Arts and Cultural Gallery, Gelleri' an Ate Yan Kultura, me bwal Inwal Peiraghil Melau me Kko'."

\* House Local Bill 10-6, "An Act to rename the Oleai Elementary Schools as the 'Felix Fitial Rabauliman Elementary School.'"

\* House Local Bill 10-8, "An

Act to appropriate the \$1,153,335.82 from the Developer Infrastructure Tax for China Town, Lower Navy Hill and Gualo Rai sewer line."

\* House Local Bill 10-9, "An act to appropriate from the 1995, 1996, 1997 Covenant Section capital improvement projects matching funds, the amount necessary to build a fire station, police substation in Kagman and Koblerville, multi-purpose centers for Kagman, San Vicente/Dandan and Koblerville, as well as construction of secondary roads and drainage in election Precinct 1." (ZD)

## PSS asks legislature for power to reprogram its own budget

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
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BOARD of Education chairman Don Farrell is asking the Legislature to grant the Public School System authority to reprogram its own funds.

Because of restrictions in budget law, Farrell said, the education agency has been having a hard time in purchasing some items needed in public schools.

"Despite extensive efforts made about two years ago to improve the PSS procurement process and system, apparently, there are still problems," Farrell said.

He mentioned, for example, the complaint of Tanapag Elementary School principal George Habberman who has



Don Farrell

expressed "frustration" in getting a new fan belt for the school's lawnmower.

"In the PSS budget process," Farrell said, "if George did not have money in the fan belt account, then he can't get the fan belt."

Section 7401 of the Commonwealth Code provides that "no

fund may be reprogrammed to any account which has been zero funded by the Legislature."

Succeeding provisions state that "no Commonwealth official may make an obligation or contract for expenditure of unappropriated funds unless provided by law or approved in advance by the joint resolution of the Legislature."

Farrell is seeking amendments to the budget law "to allow at least some flexibility with fund reprogramming."

"PSS needs to find ways to allow more procurement at the school level, especially for small purchases," the board chairman said.

This setup, he said, is already being implemented on Rota and Tinian.

At the board meeting last Friday, Farrell instructed board member Tom Pangelinan to develop a plan for implementing site-based management at PSS.

## Opening of new Tinian High School postponed 'til Friday

BAD weather forced the postponement of yesterday's planned ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Tinian High School.

The ceremony marking the opening of the school has been rescheduled for the Friday, Aug. 23, at 11 a.m. (weather permitting), a news release from the Public School System said.

The new Tinian High site, is located across from the campus that has been shared by Tinian High and Tinian Elementary/Junior High.

A total of 18 new air conditioned classrooms, including two speciality classrooms (a science lab room and a computer lab room), are ready for student use.

Also ready for use are the cafeteria/auditorium building and the administration/library building.

Tinian High's students will start their School Year 1996-97 on Monday, Aug. 26, at the new Tinian High campus. The school's current enrollment for the coming school year is 168 students.



Gary Cook, national coordinator for Project W.E.T. (Water Education for Teachers), explains an activity called "Globe Toss" to PSS teachers who took part in a workshop held Monday at the Coral Ocean Point. The event was held to stress on the importance of water conservation at home and in school. Photo by Raffy Arroyo

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## Our American Pie sails into the sunset

FOR sixty years, the basic American tenet revolves around the notion that you can receive cash from the government when you hit rock bottom. Not anymore!

President Clinton and the Republican controlled US Congress have agreed on a welfare program to cut down entitlement benefits which will affect nearly 13 million people now on welfare and more than 25 million food stamps recipients.

The President has signed the measure into law for reasons that "current system is broken", referring to the common belief that the old policy encouraged long-term dependency on federal handouts instead of fostering initiative to rise above learned helplessness.

The new law will turn over to the 50 states, where beneficiaries will be required to find work within two years, be limited to five years of benefits during their lifetime and face stringent restrictions aimed at limiting out-of-wedlock births, according to a Time Magazine news account.

President Clinton said the measure isn't a "perfect" legislation though "it was the best chance we will have in a long, long time" to reform the system which offers "historic opportunity to make welfare what it was meant to be—a second chance, now a way of life".

"Under the program, projected to save \$55 billion over the first six years, states will receive annual lump sum payments to run their own work and welfare programs at a minimum of 75% of the 1994 level. Monthly federal payments of cash to needy families will end".

"The work components of the legislation is rigorous. Within two months of offering benefits, states can request recipients to perform community service. Within two years of receiving welfare, the family head must begin working or the family loses its benefits. Spending on the fraud-ridden food stamp program will be cut \$27 billion over six years. Able bodied citizens 18 to 50 without children will be allowed to receive food stamps for only three months in any three-year period unless they are working".

"Legal immigrants who are not US citizens will be all but cut out. Most aid, including nearly all low-income programs, food stamps, Medicaid and disability assistance, will be denied during an immigrant's first five years in the US. Those currently receiving benefits will have a year's grace but will then lose their eligibility".

"Unwed teenage parents will feel sharp changes. States will provide payments only if an unmarried mother under 18 stays in school and lives with an adult. A single mother receiving state welfare who won't help identify the father of her child will lose at least 25% of her benefits".

There are those who consider the measure "mean" saying it lacks "compassion". Some moderates shared this anguish. Said John Kasich, the conservative chairman of the House Budget Committee: "People are not entitled to anything but opportunity. You can't be on welfare for generations".

"Americans today no longer wish to carry so much of the burden for those Roosevelt called 'ill-housed, ill-clad and ill-nourished.'" I couldn't agree more in the sense that the only missing aspect in the equation to do something for yourself is you, yourself. Unless you're willing to learn lifetime skills by returning to school, you end up becoming a public charge. So why should the rest of society reward laziness or lack of initiative?"

I am sure that the CNMI will equally be affected by this new law. Recipients who once voluntarily sought denial of annual salary increases or promotions in order to keep their food stamps allotment intact must reconsider such decision henceforth. Take it now and begin preparing yourself for this eventuality. Nothing is free these days although opportunity equally abounds for every able bodied indigenous who wants to make a difference in this community. Those who work hard will earn their stripes. Those who refuse to be productive members of this community will lag behind wondering what happened.

Implication of welfare reduction  
If politicians understand the ramifications of the reduction in welfare benefits, it simply means less hand-outs for those who now receive food stamps and Medicaid. The responsibility shifts from the federal government to local governments. Anything over and above the amount given local governments must be shouldered or provided for by the local governments.

There are certain rules which will affect recipients discussed earlier. The NAP Office here ought to get on the ball and explain, in greater detail, how the new federal law on food stamps would impact the local program. Yes, it is a program where one is given a second chance. But it seems it has become a "way of life" even for able bodied recipients. This lifestyle will have to change and major adjustments made in what one would eventually receive from the program. Yes, it's time to turn back the clock to the good old days when we all worked to put food on the dinner table. This is just as good a time to revive good old traditional work ethics.

The health program recently signed into law also includes a provision which prohibits health insurance companies from denying people coverage when they shift employment or quick working. It is an interesting aspect that needs to be reviewed to determine specifics and ensure that it is followed out here. I'm sure it is applicable out here and it is for this reason that both health insurers and the public sector understand this new requirement. I'm especially interested in the long-term health care provision in the measure. It is an issue that is understood only by those who must endure the hardship that this health condition places on indigenous families here. About the only aspect in the local culture that can assist us deal with this costly health matter is our strong sense of sharing.



JACK ANDERSON and JAN MOLLER  
**WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND**

## Democrats caught raising funds at Capitol

WASHINGTON—House Democrats recently got a first-hand taste of what it's like to be on the receiving end of a political shakedown.

During a "special" caucus held in the Capitol, Democrats who had not contributed at least \$5,000 to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee this year were implored to repent by their high priests—and warned that control of the House was hanging in the balance.

The unusual plea strains federal campaign law, which bans political fund raising on federal property, including the Capitol. Even if legal, the strong-arming clashes with the moral outrage summoned by House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt of Missouri and other Democrats when it was revealed that Republicans had distributed money from tobacco interests on the House floor.

In a theme described by one congressional source as "come to Jesus, bring your \$5,000," DCCC chief Martin Frost of Texas served as the full-throated pitch-man.

A congressional source with direct knowledge of last month's meeting said "it was billed as the most important caucus this year"—though other meetings have run the gamut from Medicare to education. "They got in there and went over everybody with a fine-toothed comb or a wire bush about who (had) contributed to the caucus and who had ... raised money," said one source.

Democratic leaders passed out flyers listing who had—and had not—paid \$5,000 to the committee in 1995. The aim was to shame deadbeat Democrats.

"They showed who paid the five grand last year. There was an empty box next to the names of those who hadn't paid," said a congressional source.

DCCC spokeswoman Tricia Primrose confirmed the fund-raising took place at the Capitol. "Congressman Frost ... as head of this committee made the pitch to members to contribute their annual dues," she told our associate George Clifford III. Frost, Gephardt and (Democratic Caucus Chairman Vic) Fazio (D-Calif.) were like preachers promising political salvation.

Democrats were also admonished to tap big donors in their districts for the DCCC. The tactic exploits a loophole in the law by allowing contributors who have already given the maximum legal amount to a candidate to give additional amounts to the party. These donors often welcome the opportunity to curry additional favor with members.

Throughout the nighttime meeting, Democratic leaders sang from a common hymnal: Democrats stand an excellent chance at recapturing the House, and its going to come down to money in many races. The thrust was that everybody has to participate, and some aren't doing their share.

To a large extent, sources say, the Democratic leaders have chosen an unlikely model for their efforts: House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia.

"They're trying to mirror image a little bit of what Gingrich did. The— talk about him, how he called the chairmen in and said you want to be ranking member, then you better cough up 10 grand or 50 grand," one Democrat told us.

Holding the fund-raising rally at the Capitol falls into one of several ethical and legal gray areas in campaign finance law. Though sections of federal law and the House Ethics Handbook appear to unequivocally forbid fund raising at the Capitol, Primrose pointed to a guideline allowing member-to-member solicitations.

Campaign finance experts offered conflicting interpretations of whether the Democratic caucus crossed the line. The National Republican Congressional Committee told us they consider such meetings improper, said spokesman Craig Veith.

"We take great pains and go to great lengths to make sure that any fund raising that's done is done out of government buildings as that's a violation of federal law," Veith said.

To be sure, Gephardt has held Republicans to a higher standard on the tobacco issue. "We're not interested in an inquiry and a discussion of what was legal under the rules," Gephardt said earlier this year. "What we are interested in is stopping a practice that we think should not have been allowed under the rules."

These are heady days for Democrats, who have a shot at recapturing the House but need a big warchest to do it. The DCCC has raked in over \$21 million this election cycle, \$6 million more than at a similar point in the last cycle, Primrose said. Though short of what the GOP has raised, Democrats are optimistic.

In the meantime, Gephardt will have to think twice next time he accuses Republicans of turning the "people's chamber" into a "rummage sale."

# L&T seeks mall case dismissal

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
Variety News Staff  
THE SUPREME Court has denied twice the L&T Group of Companies' motions for the dismissal of the appeal filed by plaintiffs in the Pacific Mall case.

But L&T won't give up. Through legal counsel David Banes, L&T yesterday filed another motion asking the Supreme Court to reconsider its dismissal order.

In L&T's third appeal that threatens to further drag the case on, Banes requested the Supreme Court to hold an oral hearing of L&T's motion.

"A hearing can be essential to the correct disposition of a motion, in that it allows the Court an opportunity to untangle the real merits of the motion from the weeds of confusion and irrelevancy which the parties may, wittingly or not, have sown in their briefs," Banes said.

The case originated from the taxpayers' lawsuit filed by Rep. Stanley Torres and Jeanne Rayphand, through lawyer Ted Mitchell, against the government and L&T in connection with the lease transactions involving a public land in Navy Hill.

L&T has planned to build the Pacific Mall on the Navy Hill property, and the plaintiffs are trying to block the project because they believed the land was underpriced and that the government was shortchanged in the deal.

The mall case has branched out and produced legal intricacies since it was filed with the



David Banes

Superior Court early last year. Mitchell was disqualified by the trial court for conflict of interest. Torres and Rayphand were replaced as plaintiffs.

The three appealed the court's substitution and disqualification orders. This appeal is now the subject of L&T's motion.

Last July 12, the Supreme Court dismissed the motion, and did not change its mind when L&T asked for reconsideration.

In its Aug. 17 order, the Supreme Court stated: "We are not persuaded that we have overlooked or misapprehended any point of law," the Supreme Court has said.

Along with the dismissal of L&T's second motion, the high court also upheld its order to stay the trial proceedings of the case pending determination of the right persons to prosecute the mall case.

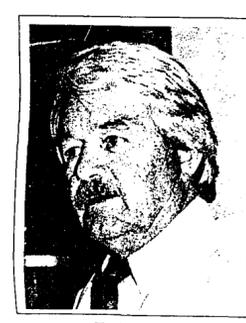
In the latest motion, Banes complained that the high court issued the two dismissal orders

"without receiving or considering the reply brief," and thus "overlooked or misapprehended the import of its prior orders."

"The Court's oversight, if allowed to stand uncorrected, will result in manifest injustice to L&T, to the point of denying due process of law," Banes said.

In seeking an oral argument, Banes said a hearing "is especially necessary in this case because of the evident confusion which has developed on this appeal."

Banes said the "confusion" may have been "due to profu-



Ted Mitchell

sion of papers already filed with the Court on variety of interrelated issues."

Banes asked the Court to set "the expedited schedule" for the hearing.

Mitchell, meanwhile, described Banes' motion as "really quite out of the ordinary."

"It seems to be an act of desperation in an effort to avoid having this appeal decided on the merits on the law, on the facts," Mitchell said.

"Banes is determined to sidetrack this appeal in hopes of wearing us out," he added.

## Man gets 30 months for theft cases

SUPERIOR Court Associate Judge Timothy Bellas ordered the other day a man to spend 30 months in jail for burglary and theft cases.

During a hearing, Bellas sentenced George Matsunaga to five years' imprisonment, all suspended except 30 months.

Bellas also gave Matsunaga credit for time served in jail after his arrest.

Following a plea agreement, the judge placed Matsunaga in five years' ac-

tive probation. The defendant will be subjected to drug testing. A positive result could result in revocation proceedings.

Matsunaga was asked to pay \$360 in restitution to Rufo T. Mafnas, owner of Traveler's Lodge.

Matsunaga was charged with two counts of burglary and three counts of theft.

Matsunaga pleaded guilty to burglary. The government recommended the dismissal with preju-

dice of the remaining charges.

Court information showed that on June 12, 1995, the defendant along with Jeffrey Celis and Remedio Noble went to Traveller's Lodge.

Celis and Noble took a TV set, a lamp, and refrigerator from the room and handed the items to Matsunaga.

On June 12 and June 13, 1995, Matsunaga also stole a large painting and a freezer from Grand Hotel and Dive Fish respectively. (FDT)

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**Sultan of Brunei lauds Ramos**

SULTAN Haji Hassanah Bolkiah last Monday hailed the efforts being undertaken by President Ramos to ensure the success of the peace process in Mindanao which, he said, will pave the way for the full development of that part of the Philippines.

The Sultan told the President during their 30-minute meeting at the Istana Nurul Imam last Monday afternoon that peace in Mindanao will benefit not only the Philippines but also the East Asean (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Growth Area (EAGA).

The President briefed the Sultan on the progress of the government's peace negotiations with the MNLF, including the creation of the Special Zone of Peace and Development (ZOPAD) in Southern Philippines.

Bolkiah assured the President that Brunei will continue to support his administration and pour more investments into the creation of the Special Zone of Peace and Development (ZOPAD) in Southern Philippines.

Bolkiah assured the President that Brunei will continue to support his administration and pour more investments into the Philippines once the ZOPAD is implemented.

The Philippine Journal

**New US envoy to RP arriving**

THE NEW American ambassador to the Philippines, Thomas C. Hubbard, is arriving in the country tonight.

Hubbard replaced John Negroponte after serving a three-year-term as ambassador to Palau in concurrent capacity.

The new US ambassador's assignment in Manila marks the second time he is posted in the Philippines.

The first was when he served as minister and deputy chief of the US diplomatic mission from 1990 to 1993.

Hubbard joined the foreign service in 1965. Since then he has been posted in the Dominican Republic, Japan, the US Mission in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris, and Malaysia. *The Manila Chronicle*

**RP realizes \$3B trade surplus**

THE PHILIPPINES' balance of payments, a tally of the amount of foreign exchange that flows into the country and the amount that goes out, posted a surplus of \$3 billion for the first seven months of the year, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas reported.

The BOP is composed of trade in merchandise, services and transfers, and transactions on foreign banks.

It is a gauge of the state of the economy, particularly its ability to raise dollars for its imports on loan payments.

The current BOP surplus is almost double the \$1.6-billion target for the year. The BSP reported that as of the first semester, merchandise trade posted a \$5.98-billion deficit or 39.3 percent higher than the shortfall in the same period last year.

Export growth slowed down to 19.4 percent from 31.3 percent last year due to the deceleration in the growth of garments, which reeled from the slowdown in world demand, and the declining volume of shipments of coconut products caused by typhoon Rosing last year. *Philippine Daily Inquirer*

**UN Convention ratification at Senate**

PRESIDENT Ramos has submitted for Senate ratification the United Nations Convention on the Safety of UN and Associated Personnel.

In his letter to Senate President Neptali Gonzales, Ramos said the ratification of the Convention, which was signed by the Philippines on February 27, 1995 in New York, would provide "better protection to personnel working for the U.N. and its associated bodies, including Filipino nationals."

In pushing for the ratification of the convention, Ramos said UN operations are conducted in the common interest of the international community and in accordance with the principles and purposes of the UN charter. *Malaya*

**RP gov't cleans up Smokey Mountain**

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Authorities have cleared the last garbage from "Smokey Mountain," a giant dump site that once symbolized the poverty of the Philippines.

The government said Monday that the scavengers who used to live off refuse from the smoking putrid pile of garbage will soon be moving into temporary housing units built on the site.

The cleanup of Smokey Mountain marks a major achievement for President Fidel Ramos' government, which had faced violent resistance from squatters there last year when it tried to evict them.

The 79-hectare (195-acre)

site is being developed into a residential, commercial and industrial center, said Dionisio de la Serna, chairman of a development council assigned to improve the site.

"Smokey Mountain" was the main dump site for metropolitan Manila's more than 5,000 tons of daily garbage. It also was a notorious hiding place for criminals.

Many of the thousands of scavengers who lived at Smokey Mountain resisted the renovation last year, saying they would be deprived of their livelihood. One man was killed and dozens injured in clashes.

De la Serna said 33 buildings have been built in a reclaimed portion of the area to

temporarily house the ex-scavengers. A more permanent housing facility is being developed for them, also on the site.

Although all of the garbage has been cleared away, about 10 percent of the land still needs to be treated with chemicals. De la Serna said the clearing will be completed by September.

Some of the former scavengers are being given job training, while others are expected to find jobs in factories being constructed in the area.

An estimated 3 million slum dwellers are living illegally on public or private land in the Manila area, or about one-third of the population.

**Group from Virginia helps assist caring for kids with disabilities**

THE PUBLIC School System wants to develop a program that will get the physicians' active involvement in the task of caring for infants and toddlers with disabilities.

Suzanne Lizama, coordinator for PSS Early Childhood Program, has invited a group of experts from Virginia, to train local physicians their new role.

Lizama said there is an existing child care program in the CNMI, with funds available and services provided, "but the missing link is the physicians' participation."

Most physicians, she said,

often refer families with disabled children to development assistance center "without explaining what the center does."

Conducting the workshop are experts from the Child Development Resources (CDR) which is based in Norge, Virginia.

CDR is private agency that provides services for young children and their families and training for the professionals who serve them.

Among the programs being implemented by CDR is called a Special Care Outreach Project which "expands inclusive child care options for

families of young children with disabilities through a proven model for training home and center-based care giver." (MCM)

**Court refuses to release labor leader**

By ALI KOTARUMALOS

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - A judge refused Monday to release a labor leader jailed after last month's deadly riot, rejecting a lawsuit saying his arrest warrant was vague and incomplete.

The riots erupted July 27 after police raided the headquarters of an opposition party headed by pro-democracy leader Megawati Sukarnoputri. At least four people were killed.

Muchtar Pakpahan, chairman of Indonesia's largest independent union, is accused of inciting the riot in a plot to topple the government. He is one of two suspects charged with subversion, a crime punishable by death.

The warrant for his arrest is all complete and legal," said Judge Hasan Mahyudin during a 30-minute hearing.

Muchtar, a lawyer, represented himself but didn't say anything at the hearing. Afterward, police took him back to his jail cell at the headquarters of the attorney general.

The prosecutor's office extended Muchtar's detention, saying he will be held for another 40 days after his current detention period expires Aug. 20 to allow further investigations.

The other person charged with subversion is Budiman Sujatmiko, leader of a leftist splinter party accused of inciting the violence.

Also Monday, the attorney general's office said 124 people will be tried on riot-related charges. Another 33 people are under arrest.



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# Defendants seek 2nd retrial

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff  
TWO OF the three defendants in the case that awarded Angelita P. Mendiola \$1.5 million in "compensatory, punitive and exemplary damages" want another retrial.

Marianas Agupa Enterprises, Inc. (MAE), filed a motion for a new trial Monday. Wiseman, in his motion, said the jury's verdict against Namihira and Okuyama "is founded on a critical error of law." He said evidence failed to show liability to MAE for the acts of its attorneys.

Calling the verdict "against the law and evidence," Wiseman said the court also "erred" in allowing the jury to decide on the amount of punitive damages to be awarded. In 1993, Mendiola filed a lawsuit against MAE and its lawyer Mark Pinsker who, she claimed, called her a liar and a thief in front of numerous bystanders. The jury, which ruled in favor of Mendiola, ordered the

defendants to pay her \$1.5 million. Acting on Wiseman's motion last February, Associate Judge Edward Manibusan found the damages excessive and ordered the defendants to pay \$175,000. Manibusan gave Mendiola 15 days to file her consent or to ask for a new trial. Mendiola chose a retrial. Last Aug. 8, a six-man jury handed the verdict awarding

\$1.5 million in damages. The jury said Mendiola "suffered emotional distress as a result of the defendants' extreme and outrageous and intentional or reckless conduct." Mendiola, in an interview with the *Variety*, said she hopes that her case "would bring a strong message to the community that it is not lawful to harass and cause emotional problem to individuals."

## School year for SVES yellow track to open next Monday

SAN VICENTE Elementary School announced that the school year for yellow track students begins on Monday, August 26. The first day of school will be a 1/2 day session for these students. Yellow track students will be released at 11:30 a.m. to make time for parent orientation in the afternoon. All parents of the San Vicente School first to sixth grades students on yellow track are asked to attend the school

orientation session with the homeroom teachers of their children on Monday from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Matters pertinent to instruction, discipline, and other relevant areas will be discussed. The session will highlight the school/parent partnership in education. Parents of the yellow track kindergarten students who did not attend the orientation night on July 31 will still need to meet with the teacher of their child/children.

## NMC reminds on program requisites

ALL persons interested in enrolling in the ES220 should immediately consider completing all prerequisites a news release from NMC said. The ES220 is scheduled to begin during the Summer 1997 session. You should enroll now at the Northern Marianas College for the Fall semester to complete your prerequisites," the release said. Persons interested in enroll-

ing in the Paramedics Program should evaluate their transcripts to ensure compliance with program prerequisites. The following courses are required to enter the Paramedic Program: Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (CJ103) English 101 Math 132 Biology 120 Anatomy and Physiology (or

concurrent enrollment)-this will be your last chance to register for this course before the program begins. All these courses are being offered this semester. Furthermore, placement testing for English and Math is being conducted. Please contact the College (234-3690), Public Safety Administration (235-3703), or the EMS Office (235-9110) for additional information. Any persons specifically interested in the Paramedic Program or having questions may contact the EMS Office directly.

## Payloader gets stolen

UNIDENTIFIED persons reportedly stole a payloader at the Rock Quarry in Capitol Hill Monday. Benigno Fejeran of the Solid Builders reported to the police Monday morning that the company's heavy equipment was stolen. The payloader was reportedly last seen going down at about 1:30 a.m. or 2 a.m. from the Quarry followed by a black pick up truck. The Solid Builders asked for public assistance in locating the payloader with license plate HE-1465. Meanwhile, the Department of Public Safety has sought public help in finding a four-wheeled Yamaha motorcycle 350 cc. which was stolen last Aug. 3 from M/V Cecilia. The motorcycle was worth \$3,200, police said. On the other hand, acting DPS Information Officer Sgt. Franklin Babauta announced that all those having temporary licence plates could now proceed and pick up their plates at the Bureau of Motor Vehicle (FDT)

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140. Diaz has also proposed that the required minimum length of residency for an election candidate be raised from 45 to 120 days. With the 45-day requirement, Diaz said, several people from off-islands come to the Commonwealth and join the election "even without knowing the community." Some of them, he added, just leave the island after the elections. "We want to make sure that people who come here and run for public office know the community they intend to serve," Diaz said. HB 10-140 seeks a total overhaul of the existing election law.

# Guam to beautify Harmon mart

By Patricia C. Juralbal  
For the Variety  
GUAM-Lt. Governor of Guam, Madeline Bordallo and the Harmon Task Force met yesterday to discuss progress and efforts to clean the Harmon Flea Market.

Harmon flea Market and found numerous health and safety violations posing danger to the public. Because of that, over 12 vendors were closed down until safety requirements are met. "We are moving forward on the necessary improvements to the market, in the interest of public health and safety," Lt. Governor

Bordallo said. Bordallo coordinated the Harmon Task Force as part of the beautification task to improve Guam. The task force consists of inspectors from the Department of Revenue and Tax, Public Health, Guam Fire Department,

Guam EPA, Guam OSHA, and DPW. As part of the task force plan to improve the safety in the flea market, the landowners are given 30 days to provide a drawing or a blueprint of the market site. This will show the task force the location of waterlines and septic tanks. The agencies will use the drawing and their inspection report to come up with a catalog of violations and areas that need

improvement. The Lt. Governor said the task force will ensure that the concerns of both the vendors and landlords are addressed. Individual reports will be submitted to the landlords and vendors detailing their violations and the standards that need to be met. The landowners will be given 3 months to come up with renovations and improvement in the area to meet safety requirements.

## Fiji nationalists to defy parliamentary changes

SUVA (PNS)—Fiji's nationalist Taukei Movement has warned it will not tolerate any changes to the distribution of parliamentary seats as stated in the 1990 constitution. The resolution was taken at an emergency meeting of the movement Saturday, the Fiji Times reported. A statement from Josaia Diani of the movement Monday said it noted with regret the obvious lack of the Constitutional Review Commission to take "cognisance of the detailed SVT submission, particularly when it had the blessing of the great Council of Chief's". The movement said it awaited

the outcome of the review with "a deep sense of betrayal and repulsion" by the apparent leakage of segments of the commission's recommendations in both daily papers recent. Diani claimed the groups proposal that Fijians be allotted 12 communal seats, Indians 10 and one each for other races with 45 national seats under the common roll voting system, reflected CRC's recommendations. He added this would be verified within the coming weeks when the commission officially hands over its Report to the President.

## PNG policemen probed

PORT MORESBY (PNS)—Up to eight policemen in Papua New Guinea are being investigated after a young woman was allegedly sexually molested in police cells. And orders have been given to arrest two policemen-wanted for questioning in the incident-when they get off a coastal ship, Post-Courier reported. East New Britain province police are pursuing complaints taht a woman, arrested for refusing to comply with a village court order-had been raped by some policemen a week ago. Islands police commander John Toguata confirmed the allegations Monday and vowed to make those responsible face the full force of the law.

## Police recover more passports

SUVA (PNS)—Police in Fiji have recovered several local and Pakistani passports during a raid of last Friday. The raid on the home of the director of Western Wreckers company, Rahmat Ali, was part investigations into a passport scam involving Pakistanis, the Fiji Times reported. Acting CID director Superintendent Lepani Moeleka confirmed the find but declined to provide further details. Moeleka said police were reluctant to provide details of investigations because it would ruin their chances of gathering further evidence. Investigations began three months ago when three Pakistanis were arrested on their way out of Fiji using false documents. They were sentenced to two months in jail in May by the Nadi Magistrates Court.

## Amicable solution to gold mine row urged

PORT MORESBY (PNS)—A provincial leader in Enga province of Papua New Guinea has called for parties in last week's Porgera gold mine row to amicably solve the crisis quickly. Former deputy premier Ronald Rimbao called on the PNG government, Porgera Joint Venture and landowners to take the situation seriously before it exploded further, Post-Courier reported. Two men were shot dead, one is critically wounded and damage estimated at 400,000 kina (US \$10,000) was done to property when villagers rampaged around the mine site last Thursday. Rimbao said if compensation arguments were the cause of the deaths, the payments obtained would not be enjoyed for long if the root cause of the problem was not solved. He warned the national government that the Progera dispute was not a simple one, stressing that it could develop into another Pangua - the Bougainville mine which sparked this 9-year old secessionist crisis on the island.

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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for PARALLEL TAXIWAY (TAXIWAY A) AT SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP Project No. 3-69-0002-23 will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 1055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950, until 2:00 P.M., September 20, 1996, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of constructing approximately 1,700 linear feet of connecting taxiway including subbase course, base course, asphaltic concrete pavement, drainage, and lighting at Saipan International Airport all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority and from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within two months (2) from the receipt of bids. Depending upon availability of funds, CPA reserves the right to hold such bid in effect for three (3) months from the date of bid opening. This contract is under and subject to Executive order 11246, as amended, of September 24, 1965, the Federal Labor provisions and the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) provisions as contained in the contract, specifications and bid documents.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section 70-24 of the specifications.

Each bidder must complete, sign and furnish, prior to award of the contract (AIP No. 3-69-0002-23) the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities" (See Proposal).

**Required Notices for All Contracts:**

a. The bidder must supply all the information required by the proposal forms and specifications  
 b. The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA), in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, hereby notifies all bidders that they (bidders) must affirmatively insure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for award.

The bidder's attention is invited to the fact that the proposed contract shall be under and subject to the equal opportunity clause as set forth in part III, Section 302(b) of Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive order 11375 dated October 13, 1966, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, to the contract and labor provisions as set forth in Section 152.55 and Appendix H, part 152, of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the applicable provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) implemented by Part 21 of the Regulations of the office of the Secretary of Transportation. Also, the proposed contract will be subject to the Contractor's Certification of non-segregated facilities.

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

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

A pre-bid conference will be held at the SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING, at 11:00 A.M., Friday, August 30, 1996 to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Consultant, in writing, at least five (5) days in advance for answers at this pre-bid conference, with a copy of same mailed simultaneously to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority.

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

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

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

/s/ CARLOS A. SHODA

Executive Director

8/14/96

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- Each Proposer must complete, sign and furnish, prior to award of the contract (at submission of the proposal), the Proposer's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause, and the "Certifications of Non-Segregated Facilities" as contained in the Bid Proposals.
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- In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.
- Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards of requirements for this employment of minorities.

## Student pleads innocent to murdering professors

SAN DIEGO (AP) - The graduate student charged with murdering three San Diego State University engineering professors has had serious, unrelieved emotional problems, his lawyer said.

Frederick Martin Davidson, 36, pleaded innocent Monday to the murder of his professors and was ordered held without bail. He could face the death penalty if convicted.

His lawyer, Katherine Coyne, said outside the courtroom that Davidson remains under a suicide watch. There is a history of mental illness in his family and he suffers from longtime psychological problems that his relatives failed to recognize or treat, she said.

"He was genuinely, deeply disturbed," Coyne said. "This is a great tragedy for the victims and their families and my client and his family."

Police said Davidson was scheduled to defend his masters thesis in mechanical engineering Thursday when he pulled out a handgun and shot the jury. Coyne said Davis called police before he was arrested in a hallway.

Police said Davidson, an Army veteran, was upset over the professors' previous evaluation of his thesis.



Stacy Powell, left, secretary at San Diego State University, comforts Ying Lowrey, wife of Prof. D. Preston Lowrey III, outside campus Thursday in San Diego. An engineering student opened fire on his faculty adviser and two other professors, including Prof. Lowrey, killing all three of them. AP Photo

## Beijing executes 5 for murder, robbery

BEIJING (AP) - Beijing authorities have executed five men for murder, armed robbery and other violent crimes as part of a nationwide anti-crime campaign.

The five were executed Monday at the order of the Beijing No. 1 Intermediate Court, which upheld earlier issued death sentences for the men, the official

newspaper Beijing Daily reported Tuesday.

Li Xuejun and Wan Lizhong, both unemployed Beijing residents, were convicted of luring the driver of a Nissan Bluebird into a Beijing apartment building on Jan. 29, murdering him and stealing his car and valuables, the report said.

It said Tang Hongsheng and Mao Xiuzhong, both Beijing farmers, were found guilty of breaking into a Muslim meat shop, a reservoir office and a hospital.

Liu Yongxin, an unemployed man of Beijing, was convicted of stealing a taxi and three motorcycles, the report said.

# Netanyahu warns Syria, Lebanon



Benjamin Netanyahu

By DIANNA CAHN KIRYAT SHEMONA, Israel (AP) - In his toughest words for Syria since he was elected Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu has warned that any escalation of hostilities in Lebanon will spark "very painful" retaliation.

During a tour of northern Israel on Monday, Netanyahu crossed the border and made his first visit as premier to an Israeli-controlled enclave in south Lebanon.

Netanyahu has offered to withdraw Israeli forces from the enclave as a first step to peace with Syria, the dominant power in Lebanon.

Netanyahu suggested he would go no further in courting Syria, which wants an Israeli commitment to return the Golan Heights before resuming peace talks that were cut off in March. Israel captured the strategic heights in 1967.

"If they want peace, let them come to the table," Netanyahu told reporters. "We've made an offer in good faith to resume the negotiations (and) I see no reason whatsoever for Syria to not accept our offer."

Former Israeli premier Shimon Peres, who lost elections to Netanyahu in May, appeared willing to return the Golan but never reached agreement with Syria.

Netanyahu has said that he would not return most of the territory.

Asked about Israeli experts' assessments that Syrian President Hafez Assad might strengthen his armed forces as a result of Jerusalem's new hard-line stand, Netanyahu replied:

"These reports, if they are true, are indicative that Syria generally does not want peace. It would be a great mistake to assume Israel is seeking the path of confrontation, but it would be an even greater mistake to think Israel would be intimidated. Israel is prepared for all options, but it seeks the option of peace."

Israel carved out the 600-square-mile (1,555 sq. kms) zone in south Lebanon in 1985 to prevent guerrilla attacks on northern Israel.

Netanyahu has offered to withdraw as part of a deal effectively recognizing Syrian control over Lebanon, saying that could be a first step toward a broader Israeli-Syrian peace. But Lebanon and Syria, which has 40,000 troops in the country, say Israel must leave unconditionally.

Netanyahu said Monday that Israel's only aim in Lebanon was preventing attacks against its north. But he warned Israel would not tolerate esca-

lating violence from the Iranian-backed Hezbollah, which has fought a 10-year guerrilla war against Israel.

"We proposed to Syria and the Lebanese government and also the Hezbollah that a way be found to solve this conflict, for if we do not find a way this will lead only to escalation and escalation will certainly be very painful to the other side."

Netanyahu flew to Lebanon by helicopter amid heavy security. Two F-

16 jets and two Cobra helicopter gunships flew over the area during his stay in south Lebanon.

During his 45-minute visit, Netanyahu met with Gen. Antoine Lahd, commander of the 2,500-strong Israel-allied South Lebanon Army, at the militia's headquarters in Marjayoun, the main town in the enclave.

Israeli officials said Netanyahu assured Lahad his militia would not be

abandoned and reiterated his conditions for pullout out of Lebanon: a secure border, a disarmed Hezbollah and integration of the SLA into the Lebanese army.

Less than two hours after Netanyahu left, a pro-Israeli militiaman was killed when a roadside bomb exploded and wrecked his civilian vehicle, security sources said.

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# Russians plan Grozny attack

By BARRY RENFREW  
**GROZNY, Russia (AP)**-After days of sporadic fighting in Chechnya, top Russian military officials are planning a large offensive on rebel targets in the breakaway region this week.

Despite ongoing peace talks, many top army officials have advocated crushing the rebel resistance. The commander of Russian troops in Chechnya, Konstantin Pulikovsky, was quoted by the

Interfax news agency Monday as saying that the Russians would launch large-scale military operations in the Chechen capital, Grozny, within 48 hours. Russian helicopters were dropping leaflets over the city, warn-

ing civilians to leave. Pulikovsky was quoted as saying. Rebel fighters, estimated by Russian officials at about 2,500 strong, have controlled much of Grozny since launching a surprise offensive on Aug. 6.

Chechen rebels said Russian forces launched an armored assault on Grozny on Monday night. A separatist official accused the Russians of "grossly violating" the five-day cease-fire, Interfax said.

It was not immediately possible to determine the extent of any new fighting.

But the Russian military, which targeted the ravaged city center with intermittent but heavy artillery fire on Monday, denied that the shooting constituted "a resumption of large-scale actions."

At least 247 Russian soldiers have died and 1,000 have been wounded in some of the worst fighting since troops were sent into Chechnya 20 months ago to end its bid for independence.

Civilians have deserted the city - which has little food or water - by the tens of thousands. More than 30,000 people, most of them civilians, have been killed since the Kremlin sent in troops in December 1994.

Rebel officials told Russia's Echo Moscow radio station and Interfax that fierce battles erupted around Grozny shortly before dusk on Monday.

A rebel spokesman interviewed by Interfax said the "active offensive" on the center of Grozny was launched from practically all directions. He said fighting was

under way near a Russian military base and near the airport as several armored groups tried to advance into the heart of the city.

"The Chechen leadership declares ... that the Russian leadership ... unilaterally and grossly violating the agreement, is fully responsible for the new escalation of military operations in Grozny," spokesman Movladi Udugov said.

A Russian military spokesman told Interfax that 100 Russian troops had abandoned their positions at roadblocks in Grozny after coming under rebel fire. Rebels marched through the city in what the unidentified official called a humiliating show.

Negotiators failed to reach any key agreements in talks in south-eastern Chechnya on Monday.

Deputy commanders from the two sides decided to meet again Tuesday to work out a document overseeing the implementation of earlier military accords. The Russians insist the rebels agree to pull out their forces from Grozny.

At the Kremlin, there were signs of growing tension as President Boris Yeltsin scolded his national security chief, Alexander Lebed, who is entrusted with the job of settling the war.

Lebed, who made two trips to Chechnya last week, initiated the informal cease-fire.

Yeltsin's spokesman, Sergei Yastrzhembsky, said the president is not firing Interior Ministry Anatoly Kulikov, as Lebed demanded, and has ordered Lebed to present "a report and concrete proposals" on Chechnya.



As fire and smoke rise from the bodies of Russian soldiers, a Chechen fighter tosses a hand grenade into a burning Russian armored personnel carrier during fighting between Russian and Chechen forces in central Grozny. The commander of Russian forces in Chechnya reported fresh clashes in for parts of Grozny, but most of the city, however, appeared quiet, the Russians and rebels said.

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# Police besiege Seoul campus

By SANG-HUN CHOE  
**SEOUL, South Korea** - More than 1,000 students barricaded themselves in university buildings for the third straight day Monday, demanding they not be prosecuted over a week of bloody campus activism.

Prosecutors issued a new warning Monday to the weary students at Seoul's Yonsei University, saying they must surrender or face arrest and punishment.

"We promise as much leniency as possible - but only for those who turn themselves in," senior prosecutor Choi Byong-kook said in a statement.

But the students remained holed up in two buildings, vowing to stay there until their demand for immunity is accepted.

The students were among some 7,000 who gathered at Yonsei last week for a unification rally outlawed by the government as pro-North Korean. Police moved in to foil the rally, touching off a week of violent clashes.

The confrontation resulted in record numbers of arrests and injuries. By Monday, about 2,300 students were detained, of whom 72 were put under formal arrest, with the rest set free with warning or referred to summary courts for confinement of up to one month.

More than 1,000 police and students were injured, many seriously, officials said. Reports said at least five students could lose their eyesight.

Students claim that their activity is aimed at promoting Korean unification. But prosecutors believe that leftist students, allied with North Korea's communist regime, are trying to undermine the Seoul government.

Dozens of parents cried and protested when police blocked them from carrying food into the buildings.

But police allowed nurses in to treat injured students.

Tired students lay on the concrete floors of hallways and classrooms, where the air was stifling hot because the windows were closed against tear gas.

Police said 16 exhausted students have turned themselves in since late Sunday. Some were carried off on stretchers.

But a few hundred militant students occasionally fought police by hurling rocks over barricades made of desks and chairs. Police retaliated with tear gas.

Police loudspeakers urged the students to surrender.

Authorities are reluctant to storm the buildings because one of them houses flammable laboratory chemicals.

Because of the siege, Yonsei said it was forced to delay the opening of its fall semester by one week.

The government accuses the students of supporting North Korean policies, including demands for a removal of 37,000 U.S. troops stationed in South Korea. Students say the U.S. military presence hinders reconciliation with the North.

Student activism enjoyed popular support under past military-backed governments but no longer does under President Kim Young-sam, South Korea's first civilian leader in 32 years.



Holding iron pipes, masked radical students hurl rocks at anti-riot police officers at Yonsei University in Seoul as police and students clashed for the second consecutive day. Defying a government warning, militant students fought police Tuesday, demanding that they be allowed to march to the border to promote Korean unification.

AP Photo

## Suu Kyi's assistant gets 7 years in jail

**RANGOON, Burma (AP)** - The personal assistant to opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi has been sentenced to seven years in prison, sources in Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy said Monday.

Win Thein was arrested May 21, three days before the league - the country's main opposition party - held a three-day congress.

In the week before the meeting, more than 250 league members were detained in an failed effort by the government to block the meeting.

Most were party members elected to parliament in the 1990 general election, the results of which the military government refused to recognize. Most of the detainees were released, but about 20, including Win, were kept under arrest and sent to the high security prison at Insein in Rangoon's suburbs.

The party sources who confirmed Win Thein's arrest were

unable to say on what charge he was convicted. Trials are, for all practical purposes, not open, and they are rarely covered in the state-controlled press.

Suu Kyi told reporters in May that those party members sent to Insein would probably be charged under a section of the emergency provisions act which authorized the arrest of anyone alleged to be a threat to the peace and security of the country.

She said that she expected Win Thein would be singled out for especially harsh treatment because he was a top graduate in his class at the country's military academy, and is seen as having betrayed his comrades.

He was imprisoned once before on political charges by the military government, which came to power in 1988 after violently suppressing pro-democracy demonstrations. They continue to rule without a constitution.

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# Gunmen attack Haiti palace

By MICHAEL NORTON  
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)- Gunmen attacked the National Palace and the downtown police station with a broadside of shots early Monday morning in the latest apparent effort to destabilize Haiti's government.

Shots were fired at the palace where President Rene Preval works and sleeps, at around 12:30 a.m., said Eric Falt, a spokesman for the U.N. Civilian Mission's multinational peacekeeping force.

He said gunmen also fired on Haiti's main police station, down the street along the Champs du Mars square.

U.N. soldiers and Haitian police officers returned the fire and no casualties were reported, Falt said. "Things are under control," he told The Associated Press.

A man living on the perimeter of the square said he heard "three big booms ... shell-like" shots from heavy weaponry that made his building shake. They were followed by automatic gunfire, he said.

U.N. helicopters took to the air and patrolled the city all through the early morning hours Monday.

Officials have confirmed that there have been death threats against Preval, former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and several legislators in a terror campaign. Automatic gunfire rings almost nightly in Port-au-Prince, the capital.

A series of brazen street assaults has unnerved many residents.

Preval has blamed the attacks on soldiers in the former army that ousted Aristide in 1991 and was disbanded after a U.S.-led military intervention restored him from exile in October 1994.

Rumors of a destabilization plot against Haiti's infant democracy have increased, and Preval noted last month that the same type of rumors preceded the coup against Aristide.

He said both sets of rumors came while Haiti was trying to negotiate a deal with the International Monetary Fund, including controversial plans to privatize

some state-owned enterprises that are opposed by many legislators.

Preval promised to privatize after he was elected and succeeded Aristide as president in February, but the legislation has been bogged down in the National Assembly.

In one of the worst attacks recently, gunmen held up people on the other side of the Champs du Mars from the palace, on a main downtown street Aug. 3. Witnesses reported at least three dead and 20 wounded, but the official toll was set at one dead and 12 wounded.

Two days later, armed men held up one of the country's biggest banks in the northern port city of Cap-Haitien. Officials reported three dead and 20 wounded, but a bank official said there were six dead.

The United Nations, through Falt, has accused reporters of sensationalizing the attacks, saying people would think women and children were getting their throats cut if they believed the media. Days later, a 76-year-old Frenchwoman had her throat slashed in an apparent robbery on a home in the hilltop suburb of Petionville, overlooking Port-au-Prince.

## Chirac wife says he's not too good for a husband

PARIS (AP)- Criticism of French President Jacques Chirac is easy to find, but his latest reviewer says he cares too much about television and isn't the easiest man to be married to.

As the wife of the Gaullist politician, Bernadette Chirac should know. Madame Chirac, in an interview with the radio network Europe 1 broadcast Monday, said her husband watches "a lot of television," especially movie Westerns and soccer, and that during the recent European soccer championships, he didn't want "to hear a fly fly."

Since the 63-year-old Chirac moved into the Elysee presidential palace last year he hasn't changed his habits, Mrs. Chirac said.

But Mrs. Chirac, also 63, said she no longer feels free to bother him with her advice.

"Now that my husband is president he assumes only the supreme responsibility," she said. "I make no remarks to him, or I must truly choose my moment to talk to him. When I have to tell him something important I do it in two sentences in the morning in the bathroom."

Mrs. Chirac, herself a deputy mayor of the southern city of Saran, said she finds French politics "very macho" and that women don't have the place in society they deserve.

She said her husband, nick-named the "bulldozer" for his relentless drive, "is not a specialist of marital relations."

"When things go well he says nothing, and when certain things do not go well he doesn't hesitate to underline them," Mrs. Chirac said. "It's the behavior of a very good schoolmaster."

# Survey: Black buying power rebounds to outpace whites

By CLIFF EDWARDS  
CHICAGO (AP) - Black buying power increased sharply last year, helping black households outpace white households on spending for cars, children's clothing and perishable foods, a new study reports.

The shift highlights black consumers' increasing importance to the U.S. economy, said Ken Smikle, editor of the study made by the research firm Target Market News Inc., which specializes in analyzing the black consumer market.

"Even though African Americans are only roughly 13 percent of the population, they're starting to have a significant influence on many (business) categories," Smikle said Monday.

"When you're talking about billions of dollars to be made or lost, businesses have to sit up and take notice."

Personal income for blacks rose to \$324 billion in 1995 from \$304.5 billion a year earlier, the Chicago-based research firm estimated.

Previous studies have found the amount of money blacks have to spend is growing faster than that of other U.S.

groups. And increasing confidence in the economy has led blacks to loosen their purse strings following a sharp drop in spending on big-ticket items a year earlier, Smikle said.

"In the past two years, blacks have had a lack of confidence in the economy and their own financial situations, leading them to delay spending," he said.

"Now that things seem to be more optimistic, they are making up with postponed purchases."

Black households spent \$10.8 billion last year on new cars and trucks, a 163 percent increase over \$4.1 billion a year earlier, the study found. While white households spent more on cars and trucks, the increase was just 9 percent from a year ago.

The survey analyzed in-person interviews and diaries taken from 3,000 black households for the U.S. Department of Commerce's annual consumer spending survey.

Among other findings, the average black household: \*Spends \$1,592 a year on clothing, compared to \$1,650 for whites.

But blacks outspent whites nearly 10 percent more on clothing for children under 15, \$292 vs. \$265.

\*Spends an average 48 percent more than whites on food prepared at home, including fresh meat, fish, eggs and poultry.

The numbers emphasize the differences in spending between blacks and other segments of the population and could give businesses more insight into how to expand markets believed saturated among the general population.

Following the general trend of the entire population, blacks posted large increases in purchases of appliances and consumer electronics.

Smikle said the survey did not ask if blacks had bought new homes, although the numbers suggest a significant amount did.

Spending on travel and lodging fell 6 percent to \$4.2 billion from \$4.5 billion a year earlier, mostly on declining expenses for air and train travel.

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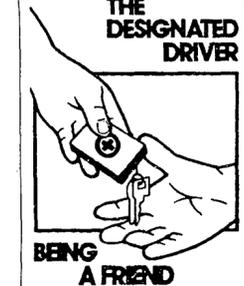
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safety, and environmental issues. John H. Gibbons, assistant to the President for Science and Technology and Anthony Lake, assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, responded on the President's behalf last August 12, saying, "...we find that the proposal to lease uranium fuel to the world's nuclear utilities, take back the spent fuel and ship it to an interim storage facility on Palmyra Atoll has a number of troubling drawbacks that outweigh its benefits."

"The proposed legislation and related documents make clear that this proposal would make the U.S. territory the dump site for much of the world's spent fuel, a prospect that his Administration would strongly oppose...we believe it would be a serious breach of the public trust for the federal government to exempt one specific and highly controversial proposal from established nuclear act environmental review procedures," the two Clinton advisers said.

Accordingly, they said the Clinton Administration cannot support the proposed activity and strongly opposes the proposed legislation.

Underwood said he expected the White House to be attentive to the concerns, but did not expect an outright statement of opposition.

Traditionally, in the waning days of congress, action is expected mainly on those bills which have strong support for passage and signing by the President.

He added that advance notice of White House opposition is tantamount to a death knell for most pieces of controversial legislation. "This is more that we had hoped for, and it sends a clear signal to those who are proposing it" Underwood said.

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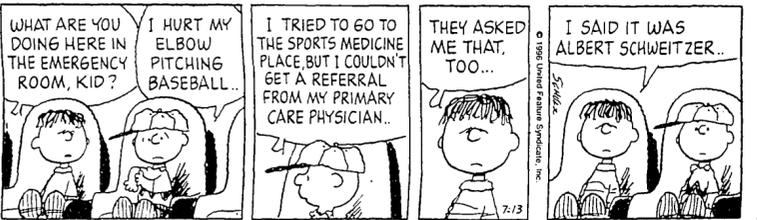
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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your efforts to uncover a mystery in the making today may lead to some danger, but the greatest risks may remain hidden until it's too late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Teamwork will bring about a valuable change in attitude for everyone concerned today.

— Contrary to popular belief, turn-of-the-century Americans tended to marry no younger than Americans today.

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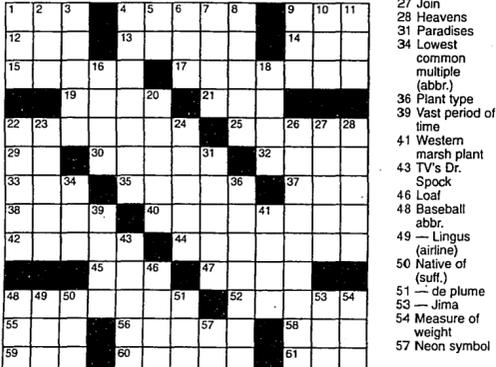
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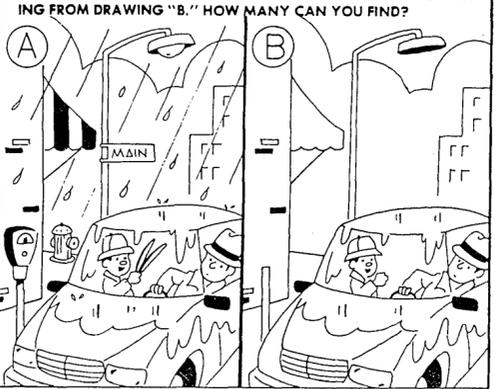
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Rockies ...

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right for a clean single with two outs in the seventh. Sanders (6-4) worked eight innings, allowing two runs and three hits with eight strikeouts.

Giants 5, Mets 4 In San Francisco, Barry Bonds hit a

first-inning homer for the third consecutive game and Tom Lampkin hit a go-ahead single off Pete Hamisch (8-9) in the seventh inning.

Bonds, who had nine homers in his last 21 games, got his 35th of the season.

Bernard Gilkey went 4-for-4 for the Mets with three doubles and two RBIs.

Tim Scott (4-5) was the winner and Rod Beck pitched the ninth for his 27th save. With runners on first and third with one out, Carlos Baerga grounded into a 3-6-3 double play.

Barkley ...

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Drexler says he feels the same way. "I like Robert and Sam as individuals and I liked playing with them," he said.

"I think it's a gutsy move. I'm excited to be playing with Charles and Hakeem on the same floor."

Barkley, who will wear No. 4 in Houston, is under contract for the next two seasons. He said until recently he had wanted to finish his career in Phoenix.

"As of today, my whole goal and dedication goes to the Houston Rockets," he said. "Obviously, our goal is to win the world championship. That's the only thing I haven't accomplished in my career."

Barkley arrived in Houston Sunday night with security rivaling that of a head of state. He did not go through a terminal at Houston Intercontinental Airport but instead was whisked by limousine from the tarmac to his hotel.

"I don't guarantee anything," Barkley said. "But I have no problem saying this: If we don't win a championship, I'll be crushed."

Heal ...

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Supercats for three years. He returned to the Bulls for four years and signed with the Sydney Kings in November of last year. The only other Australians to have

signed with the NBA are former Perth Wildcats center Luc Longley and Melbourne Tigers' guard Andrew Gaze.

Longley's first NBA club was the Timberwolves before he went to the NBA champion Chicago Bulls in the 1993-94 season. Gaze had two 10-day contracts with the Washington Bullets in March 1994.

Venus ...

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5-4 deficit in the first set, then held on after jumping to a 4-0 lead in the second set.

American Lisa Raymond, a finalist in this event last year against Spain's

Conchita Martinez, lost a first-round match to Sweden's Asa Carlson, 6-4, 6-0.

In other matches, Naoko Sawamatsu of Japan beat Germany's Sabine Hack 7-6 (7-5), 6-3, and Taiwan's Shi-Ting Wang scored a 1-6, 6-1, 6-1 win over Miriam Oremans of the Netherlands.

Tiger ...

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"You don't have to go out tomorrow and shoot under par," he said. "It takes the pressure off."

The top 64 scores after Tuesday's second round of stroke play will advance to match play competition beginning Wednesday. It's likely it will take a score of below 148 to qualify.

Woods will need to defeat six players in match play to do what no one - not

Bobby Jones or Jack Nicklaus - has done and win a third straight title U.S. Amateur Championship.

Kuehne, a graduate student at Oklahoma State who no longer has college eligibility, got his 68 on the strength of great iron play.

"I think of my six birdies, five of them were from less than three feet," he said.

Van Pelt started his round with three consecutive pars and then birdied four holes in a row and coasted to a 68.

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conflicts of interest and self-dealing acts.

Adopting the report of Special Master Rexford Kosack, the lower court said the executor participated in a plan to take control of the estate and its administration by a group of claimants and potential beneficiaries.

Castro appointed Kosack as Special Master assigned to review the records of the executor, take testimony from witnesses, hear arguments from counsel, and submit proposed findings.

In adopting Kosack's findings, Castro asked all interested parties in the probate to submit to the court final proposed remedies on how to deal or sanction the suspended executor for engaging in 11 breaches of its fiduciary duty.

The court then conducted eight days of hearings to allow the executor an opportunity to show cause why it should not be removed.

In his remedial order, Castro pointed out that during the hearings on remedies, the court reserved judgment on the issues related to the DHL stock and loan agreements pending the outcome of the DHL litigation in California and the DHLI arbitration in France.

"Without knowing the outcomes of these proceedings, the court cannot measure what dam-

age, if any, has resulted from the negotiation and procurement of the loans as part of the plan to purchase control of the executor, or from the omission of certain DHL shares from the inventory," he said.

Castro said although it was determined that the executor showed favoritism to named will beneficiaries in breach of its fiduciary duty, the court will not consider this a basis for removal since the Commonweath law is presently unsettled on this issue.

Meanwhile, Castro said prior to accepting the position of executor, BOS had no fiduciary experience and relied on Carlsmith and hired Waechter to act as Vice President to take charge of its affairs.

As the result, BOS committed breaches of its fiduciary duties. In addition, it failed to comply with several disclosure requirements with respect to the CHC transaction, the changes in its Board membership, the establishment of its Trust Department and the changes to its by-laws.

Although he described Waechter as a smart businessman who is particularly knowledgeable about Hillblom's businesses, Castro said Waechter's understanding of fiduciary obligations is noticeably limited.

"These same qualifications that made Mr. Waechter the ideal executor in the eyes of the named beneficiaries make him uniquely

unqualified to maintain his position of control over the estate's administration," Castro said.

On the other hand, Castro hailed Webster for demonstrating his ability to professionally manage the estate without objection.

"He (Webster) possesses the business acumen and financial expertise that the Bank greatly needs at this point," the judge added.

With regards to Carlsmith, Castro said the record demonstrates that the law firm has engaged in a pattern of misrepresentation concerning the existence of documents and information about the estate's administration which has diminished the integrity of the proceeding.

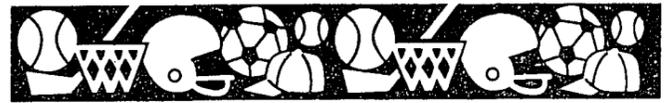
"The court sees a strong likelihood that this conduct will continue to infect future proceedings since Carlsmith, on behalf of the executor and in spite of the established record in this matter, does not acknowledge a single act of wrongdoing or conflict of interest on the part of the executor or its representative Mr. Waechter," he said.

Castro emphasized that no reconsideration or stay of execution will be entertained as the court has taken considerable time to study and evaluate the issues presented.

Any perceived errors should be brought to the attention of the Supreme Court on appeal, he said.

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# SPORTS



## Young athletes to gather

**SYDNEY, Australia (AP)** - Just over two weeks after Atlanta's flame was doused, more than 1,000 athletes from 134 countries have gathered in the next Olympic city for the sixth world junior athletics championships. "The record is 143 (participating countries), but given the huge distances to Sydney, we believe this is a very good participation," Inter-

### World championship meet opens in Sydney

national Amateur Athletic Federation general secretary Istvan Gyulai said Tuesday on the eve of the five-day championships.

The event, held every two years, is open to athletes under 20 in the year of the competition. For 1996, athletes must be born in 1977 or later. Organizers said the

event is the biggest in Australia since the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne, and will be a good test run for the 2000 Games. The championships will be held at the Sydney International Athletics Center at Homebush, which will be the warmup track in 2000.

Gyulai said 16 former world junior champions had gone on to be Olympic or world championship gold medalists, including Haile Gebresilasie, Moses Kiptanui, Colin Jackson, Javier Sotomayor and Wang Junxia.

Gyulai said there would be "a significant number of (doping) tests conducted" at the championships and officials could request that specific athletes be tested if they wished to have any regional records validated. A total of 1,006 athletes have entered the championships, 27 of whom competed at Atlanta.

The highlights of Wednesday's program will be the men's 10,000 meters - the only final on the opening day - where highly-rated Kenyan David Chelule will be

going for the first leg of the 5,000-10,000 double. Chelule has a personal best of 27 minutes, 32.18 seconds over 10,000 meters set in May, which ranks him fifth in the world this year. The 5,000 meters will be held on Sunday afternoon.

South African Riaan Dempers is ranked in the top five worldwide for the 100 meters, 200 meters and 400 meters. The Eastern Transvaal 19-year-old narrowly missed Olympic selection when injured in the leadup to Atlanta but managed to post a slashing 10.26 seconds over 100 meters in a warmup event in Sydney last week.

### Budweiser Tae Kwon Do tourney slated in Guam

THE BUDWEISER open Taekwondo Tournament is slated to be held in Guam Sept. 28.

The event is open to all styles of martial arts from white to red/brown belts. The competition will be in all divisions from mini pee wee, pee wee, juniors, adults and women.

For more information call Grandmaster Steve Combs of the CNMI Academy of Martial Arts at 235-7741.

### NMBBF to sponsor body building championship

THE NORTHERN Marianas Body Building Federation announces the NMI Body Building Championship on September 28th. Men and Women of all ages are encouraged to sign up now.

Entry forms may be picked up at the Ada Gym in Susupe, or Saipan Fitness Center in Dan Dan and Garapan. Registration deadline is September 7th. For more information, contact John Davis at 288-3744.

### Barkley gets his wish

**HOUSTON (AP)** - Why Houston? Charles Barkley knows precisely.

"Because they wanted me," he said Monday. "I'm a 33-year-old power forward and you want people to want you and to respect you. For them to try as hard as they have in the last year and a half to get me, that made me feel special."

The star forward spoke at a news conference Monday to formally announce the four-for-one National Basketball Association trade that sent Barkley from the Phoenix Suns to the Rockets for guard Sam Cassell, forwards Robert Horry and Chuckie Brown and forward-center Mark Bryant. "When I first heard about the trade, I was a little nervous because they did give up a lot to get me," Barkley said.

"That's just going to make me work harder."

The deal capped months of talks that appeared to die earlier this summer when a three-way trade fizzled involving the Rockets, Suns and Denver Nuggets.

In Barkley, who has averaged at least 20 points and 10 rebounds a game the past 11 seasons, the Rockets get sizzle and swagger and a third likely Hall of Famer on the court to join Hakeem Olajuwon and Clyde Drexler. "We felt the addition of Charles was an opportunity we could not pass up," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "I am so excited about this deal. It should be a lot of fun. I can't wait to get started."

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### Heal to sign with Timberwolves

**SYDNEY, Australia (AP)** - Shane Heal will sign a contract with the Minnesota Timberwolves of the National Basketball Association, his Australian National Basketball League team said Tuesday.

Heal, 25, stayed on in the United States after Australia lost the bronze-medal final to Lithuania 80-74 at the Atlanta Olympics, traveling to Minnesota for three trial games over a week.

The specialist three-point shooter has said he was pleased with the way he played the trial matches against Atlanta, New Jersey and Cleveland. Kings spokesman Kevin Diggerson said Tuesday that Heal was the best three-point shooter in the Australian league and had attracted the attention of the Timberwolves' international talent scouts because of those skills and his "determination, feistiness and good attitude." Diggerson said details of

**CORNELIUS, Oregon (AP)** - Tiger Woods was just where he wanted to be after the first day of qualifying for the U.S. Amateur Championship. And when he got there he saw a familiar face.

Woods, trying for an unprecedented third consecutive Amateur title, shot a 2-under-par 69 on the Pumpkin Ridge Ghost Creek course Monday, one stroke behind Trip Kuehne, who played the same course.

The first of Woods' U.S. Amateur titles came when he defeated Kuehne 2-up on The Stadium Course at Sawgrass in 1994.

Heal's Timberwolves contract would be announced at a media conference in Sydney on Wednesday.

An eight-time Australian all-star, Heal is the third-highest scorer in the NBL with an average of 24.9 points per game. He began his basketball career in Brisbane nine years ago, playing for the Bullets for a year before moving to the Geelong

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### Rockies down Reds, 6-3

**CINCINNATI (AP)** - Larry Walker and Walt Weiss homered Monday night as the Colorado Rockies ended another poor road trip with a 6-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

Colorado lost seven of its last nine games to finish 4-7 on the trip. The Rockies were tied for second in the NL West, just one game out of first, when the trip began Aug. 9, but they return to Coors Field solidly in third, only one game over .500 (63-62).

Reds starter Mark Portugal (8-9) lasted just two innings before a sore elbow forced him out of the game.

Mark Thompson (6-8) allowed two runs and six hits in 7 2-3 in-

nings. Marlins 4, Cubs 3

In Chicago, Kevin Brown lowered his major league-leading ERA to 1.90 and got the 100th victory of his career.

Brown (12-10) gave up four hits in seven innings, struck out eight and walked none, leaving with a 4-0 lead.

Tyler Houston hit an RBI double in the eighth off Jay Powell and Sammy Sosa hit his 40th homer, a two-run shot off Robb Nen, who finished for his 25th save.

Gary Sheffield hit a two-run double and Luis Castillo had three hits for the Marlins.

Astros 2, Pirates 1

In Houston, Ramon Morel walked Sean Berry walked with the bases loaded in the 13th inning, sending Pitts-

burgh to its fourth straight loss. Brian Hunter doubled off Morel (2-1) leading off and Craig Biggio sacrificed. Jeff Bagwell and Derek Bell were intentionally walked by Morel, who then walked Berry, the team-record 14th walk of the game received by the Astros.

Alvin Morman (2-1) pitched the 13th for Houston, which stranded a team-record 20 runners.

Padres 7, Expos 3

In San Diego, Scott Sanders pitched 6 2-3 innings of no-hit ball and Ken Caminiti had a grand slam and six RBIs.

Darin Fletcher broke up the no-hitter when he lined a 2-2 pitch to

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### Tiger Woods in perfect position

Jerry Courville, Pat Perez and Greg Padilla also shot 68s at Ghost Creek while Bo Van Pelt shot a 4-under-par 68 on the Witch Hollow course. The overall medalists midway through stroke-play qualifying were Jeff Gilchrist and Michael Henderson. Gilchrist, the 24-year-old son of a Scotsman has been playing the Northern California amateur circuit and shot a 4-under-par 67 at Ghost Creek, as did Henderson, a 19-year-old from Raleigh, North Carolina.

"I thought I shot a 68," Gilchrist said after he birdied the last hole to shoot a 32 on the back nine. "I forgot it was a

par-71."

Courville could have been the medalist but double bogeyed No. 18 when he hit his second shot over the green, hit a bunker coming back and missed a 12-foot (4-meter) bogey putt. Courville also knows the dangers of match play. He was medalist last year and then was knocked out in the first round.

It's the kind of mishap Woods will have to avoid.

"Overall, it's a perfect start," Woods said after he overpowered the par-5 holes at Ghost Creek, making birdies on three of four of them.

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### Venus rising at Toshiba

**CARLSBAD, California (AP)** - Teenage star Venus Williams, making another of her infrequent appearances on the pro tour, beat Germany's Barbara Ritter 7-5, 6-3 Monday to qualify for the main draw of \$450,000 Toshiba Tennis Classic.

Williams, 16, will play Katarina Studenikova of Slovakia in the first round at La Costa Resort and Spa.

"I found when I got up 4-1 (in the second set), I started making a lot of

errors," said Williams, who is playing in only her eighth professional tournament since turning pro in October 1994.

"Sometimes I let my fundamentals break down. But at least I know what to do to correct them."

Last week, Williams advanced to the third round of the Acura Classic, where she made a strong showing in a loss to Steffi Graf.

On Monday, Williams rallied from a

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