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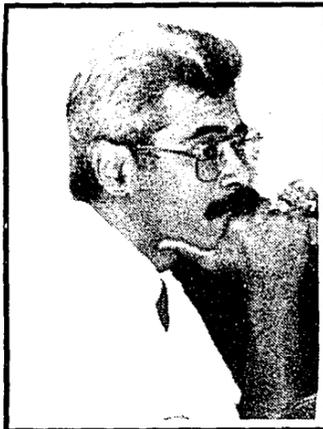
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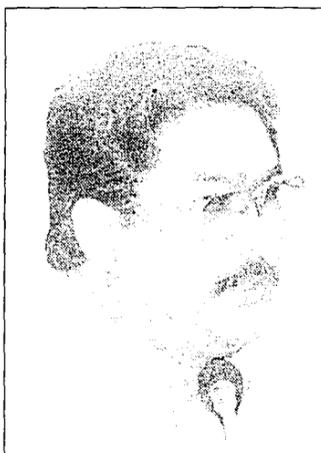
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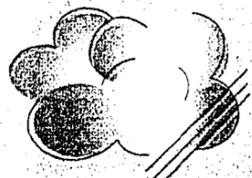
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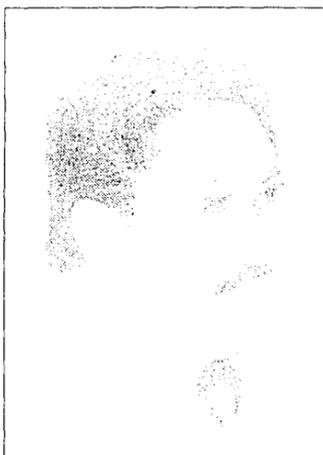
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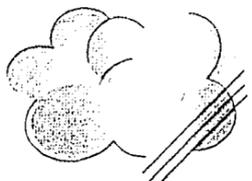
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Japan PM seeks coalition

By ERIC TALMADGE
TOKYO (AP) - After scoring a major election victory with promises to overhaul Japan's bureaucracy and cut waste, Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto turned Monday to a more immediate task: putting together a coalition.



Ryutaro Hashimoto

With both his previous coalition partners reeling from devastating defeats, the job could prove harder than he had expected.

After its impressive showing in elections Sunday for the lower house of Parliament, Hashimoto's Liberal Democratic Party was assured of a dominant role in Japan's government.

The Liberal Democrats won 239 of the 500 seats, 28 seats more than before, and the new parliament is expected to convene at the end of this month or in early November to re-elect Hashimoto as prime minister. But Hashimoto's party - which unlike its name represents conservative interests - still does not command a majority and will need a coalition to shepherd proposals through the house.

During the campaign, which was dominated by domestic issues, Hashimoto vowed to cut the number of government ministries in half, reduce the power of career bureaucrats and eliminate a morass of regulations criticized by Japanese and foreign businesses alike.

Whether he will be able to achieve those goals will depend on how strong a coalition he can build - and how earnestly he pursues them. The cur-

rent system, after all, thrived during four decades of LDP rule, and there were signs after the election that Hashimoto was shying away from radical reform.

The first step will be a search for coalition partners. As jockeying for alliances began in earnest Monday, the LDP's former allies - the Social Democratic Party and Sakigake - were in a shambles.

Both parties, which are strongly liberal, suffered major losses Sunday. The Social Democrats won only 15 seats, half their previous strength, and Sakigake fell from nine seats to two.

Top officials from the three parties assembled in a Tokyo hotel on Monday to lay plans for a possible coalition partnership like the one that supported Hashimoto before the elec-

tions. In comments to reporters before the meeting, however, some of the parties' leaders expressed fears that remaining in the conservative Liberal Democrats' shadow could prove disastrous.

"We must make our reason for existing clear," said former Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama, a Social Democrat. "There's no need for us to be in the coalition

now." Members of the conservative New Frontier Party, meanwhile, were reportedly considering a link-up with the Liberal Democrats.

The New Frontier Party is second-largest bloc in the lower house, with 156 seats. Though the two parties have bitter personal rifts, which could make joining forces difficult, their ideolo-

gies are fairly similar. Most New Frontier lawmakers are, in fact, former Liberal Democrats.

Whatever the political mix proves to be, any ruling coalition will be hard-pressed to claim a popular mandate.

Less than 60 percent of those eligible cast votes, eight percent fewer than in the previous lower house elections held in 1993 and the lowest since the end of World War II in 1945.

Meeting raises hope of eventual Israeli pullout from West Bank

By IBRAHIM BARZAK
GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) - U.S. mediator Dennis Ross traveled to Gaza for an unscheduled late-night meeting with Yasser Arafat amid indications that a breakthrough is near on an Israeli pullout from the West Bank town of Hebron.

"I believe we have made progress," said a smiling Ross, emerging after the 90-minute meeting after 3 a.m. (0100 GMT) Monday. "There are still differences. I hope we will see results soon... We are working around the clock."

Israeli and Palestinian negotiators were to resume talks later Monday at the Israeli Red Sea resort of Eilat.

But Palestinian officials, speaking anonymously, said the sides agreed to move the talks to Jerusalem. No Israeli confirmation was available.

Israel Radio said the sides have concluded agreements on all security aspects of the pullout and only minor issues regarding the civilian administration of the city remain to be resolved.

"We are very close to wrapping up an agreement," Brig. Gen. Zakariye Balouche, the Palestinian intelligence chief, told The Associated Press Sunday. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he hoped for "speedy resolution" but would not predict when it might come.

Israel was supposed to pull out of Hebron, the last West Bank town it controls, in March. But Shimon Peres, who was then prime minister, delayed the pullout after a series of terrorist attacks by Islamic militants in Israel.

Netanyahu, who won May elections, delayed the pullout further, demanding tougher security arrangements for the 450 Jewish settlers who live in the city of 94,000 Arabs. Netanyahu, who as opposition leader had fought his predecessors' peacemaking with Arafat, also refused initially to meet the Palestinian leader.

Netanyahu and Arafat finally met on Sept. 4 and agreed to begin talks on Hebron.

But the issue dragged on, and three weeks ago Palestinian frustration exploded in riots in which 79 people were killed and Israeli and Palestinian troops traded deadly fire.

Ross, who has been mediating



Protesters demonstrate for peace outside of Israel's Knesset at the opening of the winter session of the Israeli Parliament. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, pledged to honor Israel's promises to the Palestinians. AP Photo

throughout the past two weeks of talks aimed at saving the peace process, arrived unexpectedly at Arafat's Gaza office after midnight. Arafat greeted him and the two did not speak to reporters. Also present were most of Arafat's top aides, including his deputy Mahmoud Abbas and the chief Palestinian negotiator, Saeb Erekat.

After the meeting Arafat thanked Ross "for the big effort he is doing to push forward the peace process."

Israeli media reports Sunday said the Palestinians agreed to limit their security forces in Hebron to pistols instead of automatic rifles.

Israel has also been demanding the right to send troops into the autonomous area to preempt attacks, as well as buffer zones off-limits to Palestinian troops around the parts of the city that are to remain for now in Israeli hands.

The Yediot Ahronot daily said Israel also wanted "administrative autonomy" in which the city's Jews would not require building permits from the Palestinian authorities, it said.

That issue is complicated by reports that settlers have secretly bought more

than 20 homes in Hebron in recent years, some located in areas to be handed to the Palestinians.

Earlier Sunday, angry settlers confronted Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai during a tour of Hebron.

"If armed Palestinian police are allowed into Hebron there will be a massacre here," said settler Moshe Ben-Zimra, pointing to a group of youngsters carrying banners proclaiming, "Hebron belongs to us and our forefathers."

"The army is ready for every possibility," Mordechai said, patting the children's heads.

In downtown Hebron, Palestinians watched silently as a man with a long white beard and the skullcap of observant Jews danced in a ring with about 10 small children guarded by a larger number of Israeli troops in battle gear.

And Israeli troops blocked right-wing lawmakers opposed to the pullout as they tried to tour the city against military orders. Nationalist lawmaker Rehavam Zeevi refused to recognize a written order declaring part of the city a closed military zone.

CIA-backed Kurds sent to Turkey

SILOPI, Turkey, (AP) - The United States brought more than 500 Iraqi Kurds to this Turkish border town on Sunday, completing a program to evacuate CIA-funded Kurdish dissidents.

The evacuations brought the number of Iraqi Kurds who crossed the border over the weekend to between 600 and 650.

Sunday's contingent was expected to be taken to Diyarbakir, Turkey, later in the day, and will be evacuated to Guam, a U.S. territory in the Pacific, in the next few days.

Those eligible for political refugee status will be allowed to resettle on the U.S. mainland, U.S. State Department spokeswoman Julie Reside said in Washington.

"The Kurds say they have been in danger since Saddam Hussein reasserted his influence in northern Kurdish areas of the country seven weeks ago.

The evacuees are mostly members of the Iraqi National Congress, an umbrella organization that opposes Saddam. The CIA helped the Kurds with news releases, books and radio and tele-

vision broadcasts, but there is no indication they received military aid from the agency.

Last month, about 2,000 Iraqi Kurds who had been affiliated with U.S. aid groups in Kurdish areas were flown to Guam.

Turkey allowed the Kurds to be evacuated through its territory on the condition that their stay be brief.

The government fears that Turkish Kurdish rebels, who stage hit-and-run attacks from bases in northern Iraq, would infiltrate the group to reach Turkey by legal means.

DOLI: 170 deported in 9 mos.

By Jojo Dass
 Variety News Staff

SOME 170 overstaying aliens have been deported during the past nine months and more are set to be sent back to their respective countries before the year ends, it was gathered.

"We have already deported a total of 170 overstaying aliens since January," Maj. Ralph Demapan, immigration division official of the Department of Labor and Immigration told the Variety.

"More are set to be deported before the year ends. The total figure on the deported aliens this year will surpass that of 1992 which was the highest thus far,"

he added declining to say exactly how many more are to be deported.

A total of 182 overstaying foreigners were deported back in 1992, Demapan said.

The figure dipped during the following years due to the manpower shortage and operational budget constraints that the immigration office suffered.

Meanwhile, this year's deported foreigners, Demapan said, were Filipinos, Chinese, and Koreans most of which have an expired employment contract; were overstaying as tourists; or have managed to put up and tend to their respective businesses on the island.

Majority too, it was gathered, has been in the CNMI for an average of two years.

These overstaying aliens survived taking up odd jobs or by being employed mostly in the service sector.

Others, it was also gathered, made it through support given by rela-

tives who happened to be in the CNMI.

The deportations, according to Demapan, was a result of the DOLI's "intensified campaign against overstaying aliens."

He said the DOLI is now working round the clock tracking down these foreigners and allowing them

to give themselves up or risk arrest. "We have now shapen up," said Demapan even as he called on the public to report possible sightings of overstaying foreigners.

There are, according to DOLI estimates, some 4,000 overstaying and illegally employed aliens in the CNMI.

Borja signs salary adjustment bill Teachers to get pay hike

By Zaldy Dandan
 Variety News Staff

ACTING Gov. Jesus C. Borja yesterday signed into law a bill that would increase the salaries of public school teachers.

House Bill 10-282, now Public Law 10-25, will grant an across-the-board salary increase of \$700 per month for certified teachers (those who have a baccalaureate degree from a U.S.-accredited college), and \$350 per month for a teacher aides.

The new law will raise the annual salary for new public school teachers from \$19,511.46 to \$27,911.46.

In return for receiving the pay hike, however, the new law will take away the housing allowances for teachers.

Teachers who will choose to retain their housing allowances

will not get the pay hike.

Borja, in his letter to Senate President Jesus R. Sablan and House Speaker Diego T. Benavente, said the new law will equalize benefits and salaries for all public school teachers.

Borja said that with the signing into law of the Public School System's "piecemeal" budget on Friday, the government "can now afford" the pay hike.

The new law states that "there is a pressing need to increase teacher salaries so that the CNMI can recruit and retain qualified teachers."

The pay hike, it states, is necessary for the CNMI to be competitive with average teacher salaries in the mainland U.S.

House Bill 10-282 was prefiled last Aug. 15 and was introduced by Vice Speaker Jesus T. Attao.



Jesus C. Borja

Co-sponsors for the bill are Reps. Heinz S. Hofschneider, David M. Apatang, Stanley T. Torres and Oscar M. Babauta.

The bill was approved on final reading by the House and the Senate in "back-to-back" sessions Thursday.

Lizama also opts out of Pacific Mall case

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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SPECIAL Judge Juan T. Lizama has declined a seat in the panel that handles the appeal related to the Pacific Mall case.

In a request for recusal he filed with the Supreme Court last week, Lizama cited his professional relationship with Nicolas Sablan, one of the parties to the case.

Lizama represents Nicolas Sablan's wife, Lucy T. Sablan in a civil case against the Pacific Resort Development, Inc.

Nicolas Sablan is a party to this case which is pending at the Superior Court, and at the same, one of the appellees in the appeal at the high court.

Along with Alexandro C. Tudela, Nicolas Sablan has been allowed by the Superior Court to intervene in the Pacific Mall case, replacing the original plaintiffs, Rep. Stanley Torres and Jeanne Rayphand.

Torres and Rayphand are appealing the Superior Court's substitution order.

Last week, Associate Justice Ramon Villagomez appointed Lizama to replace Special Judge Vicente Salas who had recused himself for conflict of interest.

Salas Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio's



Juan T. Lizama

personal representative to the Covenant negotiations with the US government.

Tenorio, incidentally, is among the defendants in the case.

Chief Justice Marty W. K. Taylor started the musical chairs.

Salas originally replaced Taylor who likewise withdrew from the panel because of his relationship to an official of the Division of Public Lands, another defendant in the case.

Taylor's wife, Celina, is an administration officer of the Division of Public Lands' registration and survey unit.

WHO official raises concerns about nutrition-related illnesses in CNMI

By Jojo Dass
 Variety News Staff

EVERYTHING has a price, prosperity included.

The CNMI has become "very prosperous" its people tend to indulge in eating habits resulting to nutrition-related diseases like diabetes, heart ailments, hypertension, and obesity among others.

This as a World Health Organization official, in an interview, expressed alarm over what she called as the quick manner by

which the CNMI has been developing this diseases.

"It is common for a country becoming more and more prosperous to develop nutrition-related diseases. But it is happening so fast in the CNMI and it is alarming," Dr. Jenny Reid, WHO representative to the ongoing policy planning conference on food and nutrition, told the Variety.

The conference, organized by the National Food and Nutrition Advisory Council, Reid said, aims to come up with long term measures that would "turn the trend around as quickly as possible."

Available statistics, according to Dr. John Bruss, Public Health Medical Director, show that heart diseases have been the primary cause of death among the CNMI's indigenous population last year with about 26 deaths reported due to strokes, and heart attacks.

Hypertension, he added, was the second most frequent purpose of patients visiting the Commonwealth Health Center in 1993 while being the fourth leading cause of hospitalization.

Bruss added that 8.2 percent of the CNMI indigenous population has a high blood pressure as compared to 3.8 percent of the US population.

About 1,500 CNMI residents too are diabetic, 56 percent of which are Chamorros and 13 percent Carolinians.

All these nutrition-related dis-

eases are associated with obesity, said Bruss. He added, citing past surveys, that 60 percent of the Chamorro and 70 percent of the Carolinian populations are obese.

Bruss cited development as a factor behind all these.

"Its because we've become very prosperous, we are now eating more food, and we are eating very high fat, high calorie foods... and these are leading to these chronic diseases," Bruss told the Variety.

"Its [nutrition-related diseases] a sign of prosperity but its also leading to our death," he said.

Meanwhile, a draft copy of the proposed food and nutrition policy which will be ironed out during the said conference showed that among measures that will be considered are projects that will:

- * Increase community awareness and action aimed, among others, at reducing the prevalence of childhood obesity from 30 percent in 1995 to less than 20 percent also by the year 2007,

- and the prevalence of adult obesity from 70 percent in 1995 to 50 percent by the year 2007;

- * establish an effective food and nutrition monitoring system;

- * increase local food consumption; and
- * improve national food security wherein the number of people requiring food stamps are expected to be reduced from 23 percent in 1995 to 15 percent by the year 2007.

Confident Clinton turns to help other Democrats



Bill Clinton

By ROBERT BURNS
CLEVELAND (AP) - With national polls showing him with a comfortable lead over Republican rival Bob Dole, President Clinton is trying to balance his public campaigning with more private events to raise money for Democratic congressional candidates.

In New Jersey and New York, states his campaign team says Dole has conceded, Clinton devoted nearly all of Sunday helping to raise campaign funds and urging New Jersey voters to elect Rep. Robert Torricelli to the Senate.

On Monday, the president was appearing at a community college in the Cleveland suburb of Parma, Ohio, to push his education agenda, then attending a Democratic National Committee fund-raising lunch in Cleveland. He also was campaigning and raising

money in Detroit.

Clinton is well ahead in both Ohio and Michigan, traditional battleground states that together hold 39 of the 270 electoral votes needed to win in November. His Republican challenger, Bob Dole, was spending Monday and Tuesday in the two states.

At a brunch in Teaneck, New Jersey, that Clinton aides said raised \$800,000 for Torricelli, the president urged Democrats not to take his re-election for granted.

"I'd like to celebrate, scream and shout but it's not over yet," he said.

He said he worried about the tone of the campaign. "One of the things that concerns me about campaigns is when they become too negative is that a lot of people can then just get kind of turned off and say, 'Well, maybe this doesn't have anything to do with me,'" he said.

At a midtown Manhattan hotel on Sunday night, Clinton attended a Democratic fund-raising gala that is part of a series expected to raise about \$5 million for Democratic Senate and House campaign coffers.

Earlier, he attended yet another party fund-raiser at Fieldwood Farm, a Rockefeller family estate in suburban Tarrytown, New York.

The president returned to the turnout theme at the gala, saying "the big danger in this election is people won't show up" at the voting booth.



Part of the audience during yesterday's health forum held at the Hyatt. The group tackled nutrition-related diseases like hypertension, diabetes, heart ailments and obesity. (RHA photo)

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Para i tiempo 'nai todo klasen adelanto doku' entalo' Saipan yan Guam, Luta ti inalua sumegonduye este na klasen adelanto sa' mas menhalom gi hafa debi u presetba para i manmamamaila na hinerasion ni gai direcho lokue' gumosa i naturat na guinahan tano' niha. I gumana korasonho gi este na kinalamten i fitme na hineñe na gaige ginatbon iya Luta gi naturatña ya tat presiso na u madestrosia naturat na finkas niha.

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Pot ihemplo, kada biahe 'nai pumaseho' giya Garapan piot gi fihon i mandangkulo siha na hotel, taya' pot tano' ta siña unlie' gihihe. Kulan mohon gaige hao gi Ginza' osino Akasaka sa' ni un' bisnis gihihe rumpresentante tano' ta osino hafa hit na taotague. Pesasa man dikiki' na gift-shop, karaoke, sagan chumochi yan otro siha na klasen tano' para i turista. Yangin Japones-yo', ti siña hu komprende hafa na para baiho diño Tokyo pot para bai' lie' i ladiiki' na siudan Tokyo guine. Este na finatso mas muna' fitme yan kumonfitma na dinanche planon iya Luta pot turista.

Yangin tatnai malag Japon hao, siña unlie' Japon gi halom iya Garapan gi fihon i hotel siha. Ti hu lie' sa' hafa na rason (komo Japones) na para bai' diño Tokyo osino Osaka pot para bai' lie' mismo soñsoñ Japones guine. Ta konfittima na debi u gaucha siudan lugan simiento 'nai kanaha' taya' kampo para fina' sombra petmanente. Lao buente taiguine naturatña lokue' i taotao i mofona i checho' pinalala ke inadaha.

Uno sen namagof na kustumbre yangin kumarerera hao gi chalan iya Luta i maseha haye asuda' mo maseñas hao komo mauleg na atuño, un' eksisio na hagas tapraktika guine lao ma-entero sin mabela deste kase 1957. Namagof na siniente i ma'alof hao gi hilo inafamauleg. Mapot esta este ta eksisio guine giya Saipan sa' mampos megai kudet traffic gi birada.

Lao dichoso iya Luta sa' hagas humidde na kinahulo' 'nai ha adelantague' ya kontento ha akseptá hafa manaiña gien hilo'. Ti sumaonao gi achakag hinatsan lugan simiento. Gi hilo' hinimidde ha atetuye planuña gi manera 'nai ha komitegue' prumutehe i gatbo na oriyaña pot i manattate na famaguon. Estague' na plano i propio manera 'nai siña sumaonao i sudadano gi kinalamten ekonomia sin u machanda sa' todo mañasaonao.

Sen mauleg na kinalamten ya seguroyo' na para mona debi todo plano pot sankatan siha na islas u maudai gi mismo intension sa' propio na ta protehe lokue' i tetehan na naturat kada isla guine. Disision ha nesesisita este na asunto. Debi u gaucha inestudia kao safo esta este siha na islas masagaye. Yangin safo, pues debi u tinatitiye este 'nos kuantos hunta 'nai siña matutuhon diniskuten antao na paso pot futuron Anatahan, Alimagan, Sariguan yan Pagan.

Dañgkulo na salape ha nesesisita i para u talon masagaye este siha na islas. Pagan gai naturat na milag maibe na hanom botkan. Todo planon adelanto pot Pagan debi ya hululo' i proteksion i naturat na ninaen Yuus pareho ha' gi hilo' tano' yan tase. Megai guinahaña este na isla ya gatbo i oriyaña ke memegaiña na islas gi halom iya Marianas. Pareho na lugat gi halom iya Pasifiko 'nai tumatacho yan iya Hawaii. Hombre este i tatnai u fatoigie esta hana' fufugoyo' sa' hagas hu guibe bumisita pot para bai' konfittima hafa hagas mansaingan pot Pagan. Pot fabot maila' ta protehe hafa tetehan guinahata komo' tutot i manmamamaila' na hinerasion. Yangin siña si guelo ha guaddia este siha na islas deste tiempion antigo, pues siña lokue' ta usune responsabilidadta prumutehe i likido na finkas natibo. Si Yuus Maase!



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Counterfeit U.S. dollars pour into Russia

WASHINGTON—An internal memo from the U.S. Secret Service contradicts previous claims by U.S. officials about the amount of counterfeit American currency circulating in the former Soviet Union.

In public testimony before Congress, American officials have denied persistent reports that Iranian-made "supernotes" have created a counterfeit crisis in Russia. The supernotes, first discovered in 1990, are near-perfect copies of American dollars believed to be printed on presses given to Iran by the U.S. government in the late 1970s.

Last February, Theodore Allison of the Federal Reserve tried to downplay the problem in testimony before a House Banking Committee panel chaired by Rep. Spencer Bachus, R-Ala. According to Allison, the Fed has found an average of only 55 counterfeits per 1 million \$100 bills that come in from outside the United States.

Nearly two years earlier, however, Secret Service officials were already urging their bosses at the Treasury Department to give them more resources to fight counterfeiting. A June 1994 memo from Secret Service chief Eljay B. Bowron to Ronald K. Noble of the Treasury Department spells out the details.

"In (fiscal year) 1993, the United States Secret Service reported a total of \$1,049,000 in counterfeit notes detected in Russia, the first year that such information was disclosed by Russian authorities," the memo reads. "The Secret Service believes that this amount represents a small fraction of the overall counterfeit activity in Russia and neighboring Independent States."

"Secret Service intelligence confirms that Russian organized crime syndicates control the distribution of United States counterfeit currency throughout Russia the Baltic States, Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Ukraine and traffic it into Western Europe."

An investigator for Bachus, who chairs the oversight subcommittee of the House Banking Committee, told us the Secret Service has a history of reluctance in discussing counterfeit issues. "They did everything they could to dissuade us from holding a hearing," the investigator said. "First they denied that supernotes existed. Then ... they said only a few supernotes had been printed. Give me a break! You don't go to the expense of making intricate engraving plates to only print a few notes."

The 1994 memo also supports controversial statements made last year by Viktor Melnikov, the director of foreign exchange control for the

Russian Central Bank—Russia's equivalent of the Federal Reserve. On Sept. 13, 1995, Melnikov met with a U.S. State Department official to discuss the counterfeiting. A State Department cable, marked "sensitive," summarizes the conversation:

"(Melnikov) reported that over the last two years, over \$40 billion had been imported into the country, a large part of which he suspected was being used for illegal purposes. He also noted that of the \$15-20 billion dollars of U.S. currency in Russia (more, he noted, than the entire value of ruble notes in circulation), 15-20 percent is counterfeit."

Melnikov's statement alarmed U.S. government officials, who fear for the worldwide stability of the dollar. American dollars are by far the world's most popular currency and the U.S. government wants to keep it that way.

Soon after Melnikov made his remarks, he was pressured to retract them by a team of Fed, Treasury and Secret Service officials who met with him in Moscow. The retraction came Jan. 31 at a news conference in Moscow to announce a public relations campaign on behalf of the redesigned, supposedly counterfeit-proof \$100 bills.

So far the Secret Service has been doing a yeoman's job with limited resources.

According to the memo which asks for the establishment of a Russian field office, the agency had only five agents working out of Paris to combat counterfeiting in 60 countries. From 1992 to 1993, the counterfeiting caseload in the Paris office nearly doubled.

"Effective suppression of counterfeiting operations requires an immediate response and sustained investigation as soon as the bogus currency is detected," the Secret Service wrote. "The present complement of special agent resources at the Paris field office and the heavy workload, however, limits the time and effort that can be devoted to investigating Russian and eastern European financial crimes." Yet two years after the memo, none of the requested field agents in Russia have been approved.

When the Secret Service is given enough resources, it can be remarkably effective. Legislation sponsored by Rep. Bachus for example led to the deployment of several new agents in Latin America. With the help of those agents, more than \$25 million in counterfeit U.S. currency has been seized by the Bogota, Colombia, field office. Even so, a request for more agents in Mexico has been denied.

Borja to firms impacted by garment regs repeal

'Take the matter to court'



Jesus C. Borja

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff
ACTING Gov. Jesus C. Borja yesterday said garment companies adversely affected by his repeal of the emergency garment worker regulations "should take the matter to court."

"There's still confusion (on the exact number of garment workers a company may hire)," he said yesterday.

He said he has yet to find out what

was the quota set on Oct. 15, 1995 for the number of garment workers a company may hire.

If the new garment regulations contravene the 1995 quota, Borja earlier said, then the regulations are invalid. (The Department of Commerce) gave me a total of some 6,000," Borja said, "but what the quota was for each particular industry nobody could really give me a straight answer, so I just had to act on the information I have."

The Garment Industry Moratorium Act, he said, is confusing. "I don't blame (Commerce) for trying to resolve the confusion created under the law, (which) says as of Sept. 30, garment factories that have satisfied (certain) criteria are eligible for licenses for renewal but not for workers though."

"It doesn't make sense, so let the courts decide that."

Despite the confusion, however, Borja said he would be "compounding the situation with what I feel as a defective law with another defective

regulation."

He said he has to "uphold the law" though there may be something wrong with it.

"That is my obligation—to support and defend the law."

In his directive, Borja said the repealed regulations should be replaced with something "within the confines of the law."

He also ordered the Department of Labor and Immigration to refund any application fees for non-resident garment workers paid pursuant to the repealed regulations but have not been issued

permits. Borja on Friday repealed the controversial regulations, citing a "number of questions" on their legality and consistency with the Garment Industry Moratorium Act.

The set of regulations was signed by Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio last Sept. 3.

House Speaker Diego T. Benavente has said that the regulations, which supposedly allows the hiring of over 7,800 new garment workers, violate the Garment Industry Moratorium Act.

Benavente said he will file a law-

suit to stop the enforcement of the regulations.

Tenorio, however, has said that he wants the new regulations to be either modified or revoked.

He said he didn't know that the regulations would allow the hiring of more garment workers.

Commerce Secretary Pedro Q. Dela Cruz, in an earlier interview, said the regulations would not increase the number of garment workers in the CNMI.

He said the regulations "merely set a ceiling" on the number of workers pursuant to the law.

Aloot denies he will stay in gov't housing

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff
SEBASTIAN ALOOT yesterday denied that he will continue to stay in a house provided by the government despite leaving the Attorney General's Office over a month ago.

The former acting attorney general said he will move out, soon. "I'm packing up now (as) I'm trying to get out by the end of this month," Aloat said.

"You can't leave the government and keep those benefits. That would be wrong."

After the Variety broke the news on Aloat's contract yesterday, a number of people have called our office to "complain" that the former acting attorney general is still residing in a house provided by the government.

Acting Gov. Jesus C. Borja, in an interview yesterday, said Aloat should move out of the government house.

"His wife, I've heard, is also no longer working for the government," Borja said.

"I hope the governor's special assistant for administration (Vicente

Attao) is on top of these things. He should have notified Aloat (by now) that he can never stay there. (He should) give them reasonable time to leave but they have to move out."

Attao, when asked for a comment, said he will look into Aloat's contract first.

Aloat has been hired by Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio as a part-time legal counsel. His contract states that he will receive \$180,000, or about three times his salary as acting attorney general.

The contract, a copy of which was obtained by the Variety, provides that 20 percent of that amount, or \$36,000, is payable upon execution of the agreement plus the first of the \$12,000 monthly payments—for a total upfront pay of \$48,000.

Under his new contract, Aloat only needs to render 100 hours of professional services each month. Beyond that, he is to be paid \$150 per hour.

In addition to his consultancy fees, the government will reimburse Aloat for all costs and expenses he incurs in providing his professional services.

AG files raps vs 4 on Rota

THE ATTORNEY General's Office has filed separate criminal charges before the Superior Court against four persons from Rota.

Assistant Atty. Gen. Alan Lane charged Steve B. Cabrera, Vicente A. Atalig, Ana Ogo Hocog, and Mack E. James.

The four were summoned to appear in court on Nov. 8.

Cabrera was charged with theft and two counts of burglary after he allegedly broke into a residence and a vehicle last Sept. 6 on Rota and stole \$50 cash, light bulbs, flashlight,

keychain, coins, and binoculars. Atalig was charged with assault and battery for striking a man on Rota last Sept. 5.

On the other hand, Hocog allegedly assaulted a man with a knife and chair last Sept. 29.

On the same day, Hocog also assaulted a woman with a knife.

The defendant was charged with two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, and assault and battery.

Finally, James was charged with minor in consumption of alcohol.

(FDT)



BREAST CANCER SYMPOSIUM. Experts on breast cancer hold Saturday an open forum for women at the Saipan Diamond Hotel. The forum, organized by the Women's Affairs Office, highlights the observance of the Breast Cancer Awareness Week. Seated from left are Mary Anne Borja, Helen Taro-Atalig, Bobby Ann Ayres, Bobbie Reyes, Edward Pope, Dolores S. More and Suzan Zehr.



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Pink eye hits NMC campus

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff
A PINK EYE outbreak has hit the Northern Marianas College.

"This eye disease is no substitute for a Halloween costume," NMC's newsletter commented, noting that the disease has struck close on the heels of Halloween. The Nursing Department, under Director Jeannette Knowles, has issued a bulletin which informs students, faculty and administrative staff the cause of the disease, how it is spread, and how to prevent it.

"The outbreak came to our attention through the dean of student affairs," Knowles told the Variety.

She said they had no count of pink eye cases on campus.

Student Affairs Dean George Pangelinan also said his office didn't have statistics on the num-

ber of students afflicted with pink eye, or conjunctivitis.

Pangelinan, however, said that "a good number" of students had called to say they couldn't come to class because they had pink eye.

He said the college has excused these students, since the disease is highly contagious.

A lot of those afflicted, Pangelinan said, were recovering and some others had come back to their classes.

Pangelinan said the NMC has issued an advisory to students as part of the school's duty to inform them how to prevent the spread of the disease and what precautionary measures to take.

Pangelinan also said it is not only the college that pink eye has invaded. "It is all over the island."

Even staffs of some hotels have

reportedly caught the pink eye virus.

According to the informational bulletin issued by the Nursing Department, pink eye is caused by a viral infection.

Its symptoms include redness of the eye; itching, burning sensation; tearing of the eye; swelling of the mucous membrane, or eyelid; and gritty feeling in the eye.

Pink eye is not treated, like cold.

Woman 'assaults' woman; is nabbed

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

A 25-year-old woman who was lying on the ground was arrested when she allegedly assaulted another woman who woke her up before dawn Saturday in Garapan.

Acting Public Safety Information Officer Sgt. Franklin Babauta said Nagoya Norita Sablan of Achugao was arrested for assault and battery.

Initial investigation showed that a woman saw Sablan lying on the ground near the 19th Hole Club.

When the woman tried to wake up Sablan, the latter got mad.

The woman avoided Sablan, but the latter instead grabbed and pulled her from the car.

Police officers arrived. Sablan was under the influence of alcohol, police said.

Meanwhile, an unidentified person/s broke into the Marianas Printing in San Jose and took money and seven cartons of assorted cigarettes Saturday morning.

Some items were scattered all over the floor, police said.

In other report, a 31-year-old woman sought police's assistance on Friday after her \$480 check was stolen, and encashed it at a store.

A patient has to let it "run its course" for 7 to 10 days.

However, according to the bulletin, an afflicted person can treat or relieve the symptoms by:

- Applying cold, wet compresses (clean washcloths);
- Washing eyes with baby shampoo and warm water;
- Using artificial tears;
- Avoiding touching or scratching the eyes; and
- Not using eye makeup.

The precautions to be taken to prevent the spread of the disease include washing hands frequently with soap and water, avoiding touching the eyes, and not sharing washcloths, towels, or pillowcases.

The pink eye outbreak in the CNMI was first noted a little more than a month ago.

It is the first pink eye outbreak in years, according to the Department of Public Health Services.

House moves to create task force on education

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

THE Legislature has filed a resolution creating a task force that will come up with an "action plan for meeting the needs of the CNMI's students in the 21st century."

These needs includes more classrooms, bigger operational budgets and more teachers.

House Resolution 10-64, sponsored by Rep. Rosiky Camacho [D-Saipan], proposes that the Board of Education [BoE] establish the task force to address problems besetting the education sector.

The move came at the heels of reports on longer school hours and a cut on educational activities resulting supposedly from meager budgets the sector has.

It will be recalled that Daniel Quituqua, BOE member, saying the \$42.5 million appropriated for the education sector is "extremely inadequate," is set to propose a number of measures enabling the Public School System to adjust to "budget restraints."

These measures, he said, may include longer school hours including on Saturdays, a reassessment of the BOE's budget presentation, and lobbying.

"This is in response to the financial availability of the Puboic



Rosiky Camacho

School System. The budget is extremely inadequate... we'll have a zero maintenance budget as a consequence," he was quoted by the Variety as saying.

He said the BOE's estimate on the "ideal" budget should be \$89 million.

Meanwhile, Camacho, in his resolution, has implied that members of the House of Representatives who chairs House and Senate Committees on Health, Education and Welfare, can be tapped as members of the said task force.

Thus far, eight other members of the House of Representatives have signed up for HR 10-64 among which include Rep. Diego Benavente, Rep. Pete Reyes, Rep. Crispin De Leon Guerrero and Rep. Melvin Faisao.



Saipan Mayor Jesus DL. Guerrero (2nd from right) pose with (left to right) Manuel Quitano Dwayne Sanches and Tomas Ada at the road paving project adjacent to the Chalan Post Office. The paving took place last Oct. 10.

6 foreigners sue recruiter

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

SIX Bangladeshis who ended up jobless in the CNMI have demanded damages against two persons who allegedly recruited and promised them with jobs.

Feroe Al Mamun, Abdul Aziz Khan, Tamiz Uddin, Raggb Ali, Md. Ashad and Babul Hossain, named as defendants Nurul Islam Pada and Tom G.A. Quitugua.

The Bangladeshis filed the complaint for unpaid contract wages, fraud, breach of contract to find employment, and breach of contract for housing and food costs.

In the civil suit filed before the Superior Court, the plaintiffs sought to recover amounts they paid for work and entry permits, and for transportation to and from the CNMI.

The Bangladeshis demanded for reimbursement in the amount of \$33,760 with prejudgment interest.

According to the complaint filed through counsel Joe Hill, Pada as the agent venturer of Quitugua recruited the plaintiffs in Bangladesh in 1995 to work in Saipan.

Pada told the Bangladeshis that he would obtain jobs, valid entry and work permits allowing them to lawfully work with Quitugua and others upon their arrival in the CNMI.

Pada instructed the plaintiffs they could lawfully enter the CNMI as tourists.

The plaintiffs were promised with different jobs such as hotel waiter, security guard, construction worker and helper, and farmer with a monthly salary ranging from \$200 to \$1,200 for one year.

Campaign vs employers coddling illegal aliens on



Thomas O. Sablan

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

THE DEPARTMENT of Labor and Immigration, in its drive against overstaying and illegally employed foreigners, has now launched an operation focused on employers coddling the latter.

"We are now after employers knowingly harboring illegal aliens," Thomas O. Sablan, Labor and Immigration Secretary told the Variety.

These employers, Sablan admitted, makes the job of arresting illegal aliens difficult.

He however failed to give an estimate on the number of such employers saying coming up with an exact figure will be difficult.

Sablan said there has been "minimal" arrests on employers in the past.

He said he expects the present campaign to yield better results.

"There have been arrests in the past. But it was very minimal," said Sablan.

He said non-resident workers' practice of taking on two, sometimes even three, jobs on the side in gross violation of their employment contract, is rampant in the CNMI.

These workers too, it was gathered, manager remain employed with their second or third employer once their employment contracts with their official employer have expired.

This has resulted to thousands of dollars in revenue loss since these workers do not pay taxes, it was gathered.

These workers, Sablan said, are often forewarned of an impending arrest whenever immigration operatives go out on a drive against them.

"Somebody warns them [workers] whenever immigration agents go out to make arrests thus they have always managed to elude arrest," said Sablan.

The department has now established patterns on how these employers operate and has actually identified a number who are now the subject of an ongoing surveillance operation.

Sablan said the department is now working with other government agencies particularly the Office of the Attorney General, in the said campaign.

Associated Students of NMC slates annual event

THE ASSOCIATED Students of Northern Marianas College is holding their annual Haunted House at the La Fiesta Mall, San Roque on Oc-

tober 29, 30, and 31 6:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m.

The fee is \$4.00 per person, and \$12.00 for a group of 4 everyone is welcome to come!

US Armed Forces Veterans Association schedules meet

THE U.S. Armed Forces Veteran's Association will hold their monthly meeting Thursday, Oct. 24, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. at the Veterans Affairs Office in Aslito.

All honorary scouts, current members and other interested military veterans are encour-

aged to attend. Important matters on the upcoming Veteran Day activities to be held in Rota, will be discuss.

Any question feel free to contact the Veteran's Affairs Office at 288-1150 or the Associations Secretary Mr. Al Taitano, at 234-1734.

When the plaintiffs arrived in Saipan as tourists, the defendants had no valid work and entry permits for them.

The defendants misrepresented that they had connections with the Labor and Immigration and could easily process the needed papers for them to work legally.

The "defendants never intended to find jobs or employment, or to file work and entry permit applications with the proper government agencies or to obtain valid work and entry permits and employment for plaintiffs in the CNMI," said the complaint.

The Bangladeshis asked the court

to allow them to work temporarily with another employer during the pendency of the case.

They also demanded for general, special and punitive damages, and damages in the form of lost income, an award of costs and expenses of food and lodging, and repatriation costs.

Tomokane gets birthday gift

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

TWO days before her 41st birthday, Marianas Visitors Bureau Managing Director Anicia Q. Tomokane got a gift from the MVB board.

She got renewed for another two years during the board's meeting last Oct. 16.

Tomokane's first two-year term had expired early September, and according to a reliable source, five board directors were against a renewal of her contract.

Her status was on month-to-month renewal basis until she finally got her second two-year contract.

"All board members had some concerns. It (renewal) was not an easy decision," one member said.

But this member said the board had to be fair to the managing director, who had done "very well" in promoting the CNMI and training travel agents.

In the end all objectors agreed to Tomokane's renewal.

While Tomokane did an excellent

job in promotion work and other areas, she "neglected" some other areas of her work like administration, the board member said.

Tomokane assumed her position in 1994 under a reorganized MVB.

"She came at a difficult time," the board member said, referring in particular to the executive order reorganizing the MVB, which was challenged in court.

The board member said Tomokane inherited employees from the old MVB administration, who were not exactly in favor of a change in leadership.

"It has taken her (Tomokane) to get their respect," the board director said, adding that there are still some who "are trying to make her look bad."

The MVB board, according to the member, felt that Tomokane has to "communicate with her people."

"She (Tomokane) should open up the lines of communication and make sure they're clear so that when she gives instruction, they (staff) under-

stand," the board member said.

The board, according to the member, noted improvements in the operations of the MVB when changes in the staffing were made.

There was more efficiency, the board member said.

The board member said they encouraged the managing director to have more staff development and recognition of their good work.

"She (Tomokane) has somewhat neglected this aspect because she's too busy," the member said.

While Tomokane's contract is for two years, the managing director's performance would be evaluated after the first year.

Her continuance in the office would depend on the findings of the evaluation, the board member said.

The board, the member said, felt the MVB managing director should from now on be subject to a periodic evaluation.

The board member said an evaluation would help prevent the perpetuation of problematic situations.



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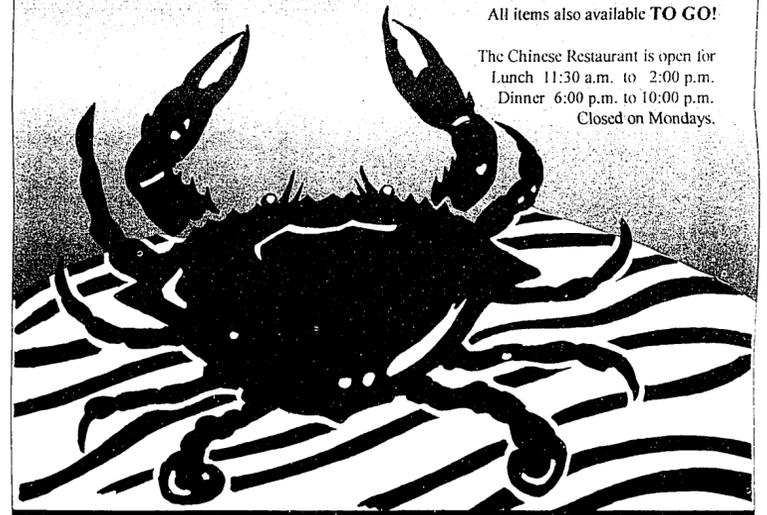
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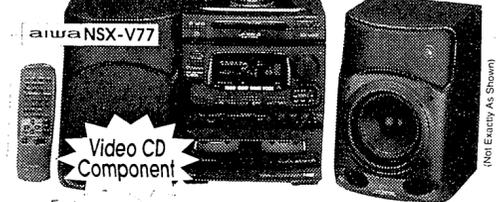
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Reliving war memories on Saipan

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

JOSEPH Sadlier is proudly wearing his veteran hat and war-decorated vest as he walks down to the American Memorial Park to lay a wreath at the Court of Honor. He gazes around, filled with nostalgia. Fifty-one years ago he was on this island.

"It's good to be back. I never thought I could come back here to relive those days," says the beaming Sadlier.

He opens a folder containing sepia photographs of war, one of which shows him as a teenager clad in full navy uniform.

He wipes his eyes. "Those memories from years and years ago will never go away," says Sadlier, now 70 years old.

Sadlier was on Saipan for a short visit last week. He left Sunday, and went straight to Pohnapei where he had also been stationed.

It was the first time he came back to the island after World War II.

Sadlier was 17 years old when he enlisted with the US Navy Reserve in

1944. During the war he was stationed on Saipan with a 40 millimeter gun crew. After the Battle of Saipan that killed 17,000 people, he was transferred to Okinawa.

He remembers 5,000 Navy men lost in the battle in Okinawa.

"It was an adventure," Sadlier says. "It was scary, but we were too busy to be scared. At night when we were anchored right here we were on alert for search lights carried by Japanese coming out of the cave. It was terrible. The irony of it is that nobody wins. The Japanese are back here as tourists."

In between shootings and bombings, Sadlier says he and his shipmates would get off the ship and had some beers.

It was in 1946 when Sadlier left the Pacific and went back to Alaska, his homeland, where he would stay for good.

He remembers his first post-war memory after he got back in Alaska: "I had two banana splits and a box of milk for the first time after the war."

A lot of changes have taken place

in the island, but Sadlier says the images of war don't seem distant to him at all.

"When I walked down to the beach, I sat on the sand, and all those memories come back. I couldn't believe I could walk down to this beach again. The only thing I can recognize is the mountain where the ship was anchored, the reef and the old Japanese block houses like the one beside Hyatt.

"This makes me cry. I'm not sure if there were any fun memories about the war. But I'm happy that my Maker has allowed me to live long to be able to come back and smell this air and the flowers and everything."

Sadlier had since left the military service after the war. He put up a barber shop and retired several years ago.

He has four children, two of whom were inspired by him to join the Navy.

"Life is like a giant circle. You go around until you complete the circle. I came back here where I was 31 years ago. I've lived a complete life now.



Joseph Sadlier lays a wreath at the Court of Honor at the American Memorial Park

Pacific news roundup

Rebels show up for PM's funeral

Port Moresby (PNS)—A large number of rebels from the Central Bougainville area came out of the bush at the weekend to pay their last respects to the slain Bougainville Premier Theodore Miring before he was buried at his home village of Rumba in North Nasioi.

An official who escorted the body to Arawa Thursday and stayed for Friday's funeral service in the once bustling mining township said the people of the North Nasioi area and rebels from Central Bougainville in general had been united as a result of the premier's murder, Post-Courier reported.

He said this was a good sign of the ongoing peace process which Miring had initiated. Miring's brother, Theodore Tauro, who is coordinator of the peace committee in North Nasioi assured Prime Minister Sir Julius Chan, government ministers and the people of Bougainville who attended the funeral service at Buka Thursday that the peace initiative would continue and that the death of his brother was a unifying factor for his people.

The official said that earlier in the week reports reaching Buka said rebels in the Central Bougainville area who had much respect for Miring were shocked over his killing and had laid down their arms as a show of respect.

Meanwhile, Post-Courier reports that the late premier's North Nasioi chiefs and close relatives do not want his death to be used as an excuse for further loss of lives.

According to resistance leaders' chairman Sam Akoitai a younger brother of the late premier would like Miring's death to be the last.

Man crushed to death by huge boulder

SUVA (PNS)—A man was crushed to death after a stone weighing two tonnes fell on him while working underground in the Vatukoula gold mine in Fiji.

The man was killed instantly, the Daily Post reported.

The 27-seven year old miner with the Emperor Gold Mines Company, was working at one of the mine's biggest dig sites when the accident occurred.

Assistant Commission of Police Crime Moses Driver says the man who was scraper operator, did not see the falling rock.

Drivers says a scraper operator, the man's job was to collect loose stones after a site has been dynamited.

No new constitution, says Rabuka

SUVA (PNS)—Fiji's prime minister, Sitiveni Rabuka, says the 1990 Constitution will not be replaced with a different document but will have changes incorporated into it. Rabuka was speaking at a meeting of the Soqosoqo ni Vakavulewa ni Taukei Party held on Vanualevu island at the weekend the Fiji Times reported.

He said the general view held by many was that a new Constitution would

Fiji's Labour Party blames gov't for widespread poverty

SUVA (PNS)—Fiji's Labour Party has blamed government's current economic policies for the increase of poverty in Fiji.

Party parliamentary leader Mahendra Chaudhry has called on government to review its economic policies, saying if the government stuck to its present policies, then there is a possibility of an increase in poverty levels and serious social instability, the Fiji Times reported.

He said government statistics on poverty which were based on 1990-1991 figures were very outdated, and gave a very unsatisfactory indication of poverty in Fiji.

Chaudhry made the comments during the observance of the International Day for Poverty which was celebrated Thursday.

He said the policies adopted by the post-coup administration were anti-worker and anti-poor and these policies were copied by the Rabuka government, resulting in an economy that was not expanding and unable to provide employment.

New party formed in PNG

PORT MORESBY (PNS)—A new political party in Papua New Guinea called the Melanesian Labour Party was launched in Port Moresby Saturday.

Founder Doctor Paul Mondia officially launched the party at the Boroko Bowling Club witnessed by over 500 people, NBC reported.

Mondia, a doctor in medicine,

eventuate from the Sir Paul Reeves Report on the review of the 1990 document.

Meanwhile, both the Fijian Association Party and the General Voters Party have agreed with Rabuka that there is no need for a new constitution.

FAPMP Doctor Fereti Dewa told the Daily Post amendments should only be made to parts of the

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Academy welcomes future teachers

STUDENTS, parents and education leaders packed the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library conference room Tuesday night to witness the annual induction ceremony of the PSS Marianas High School Teacher Academy.

The highlight of the evening was the "lamp of knowledge pledge ceremony", which has become an annual tradition for the Teacher Academy.

The ceremony followed inspirational speeches by Teacher Academy advisor Joan Kani, CNMI Supreme Court Associate Justice Ramon G. Villagomez, Board of Education Vice Chairperson Esther S. Fleming, Commissioner of Education William S. Torres, PSS Federal Programs Coordinators Bill Matson and Tim Thornburgh, and MHS acting principal Frances M. Sablan.

Thornburgh talked about the proposed Teacher Academy scholarship bill that has been introduced in the House. The scholarship would assure continued funding for college for future Teacher Academy graduates.

Torres said that the Teacher Academy is a visionary program aimed at developing local teachers, which will lead to better schools and, eventually, to a lessened dependence on off-island teachers.

The Teacher Academy is a program in which high school juniors and seniors are introduced to the teaching profession.

Those who decide to pursue a teaching career are provided assistance, in the form of both guidance and funding, in pursuing their college studies. The available financial aid includes a Teacher Academy scholarship that requires students to complete their degrees and return to the CNMI to teach, or face repaying the scholarship if they do not fulfill the agreement.

The students who took part in the induction ceremony were from the Teacher Academy's two programs — Exploring Education I and Exploring Education II.

In Exploring Education I, high school juniors get to learn what teaching is all about and decide whether they are interested in pursuing a teaching career.

Exploring Education II, the Academy's second-year program, is designed for high school seniors who have decided to make a commitment to teaching as a career.

The 20 students inducted into the Exploring Education I program were: Sophia Aguon, Tania Aguon, Rosanne Aquino, Iva Bartlett, Marla Cabrera, Sylvia Cabrera, Rita Ann Carreon, Leonie S. Dela Cruz, El'vira Eledui, Fernando Estabillo, Andrew Fojas, Beverly Guiao, Proserpina Magofna, Madelaine Maratita, Tangi Ngiraibuch, Sylvia

Oikawa, Stanley Omar, Velma Salas, Rita B. San Nicolas and William Thornburgh.

The 25 students inducted into the Exploring Education II program were:

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For more information about the PSS Teacher Academy program, contact MHS Teacher Academy advisor Joan Kani at 235-5626.



Students from the "Exploring Education I" class of the PSS Marianas High School Teacher Academy light each other's candles during the "lamp of knowledge" ceremony that was part of the Academy's induction activities on Tuesday last week.

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Bhutto files anti-corruption law

By KATHY GANNON
ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - Hounded by charges of corruption, Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto introduced sweeping anti-corruption laws and offered herself up for investigation, her spokesman said on Monday.
 The new law introduced on Sunday night means an amendment to the constitution, which will require the support of her political opponents.



Benazir Bhutto

No one from the biggest opposition party, the Pakistan Muslim League, was immediately available for comment.
 "I think it is a giant leap forward," said Farhatullah Babar, her press secretary. "For the first time 15 percent of the members of the National Assembly will be able to initiate a case against any person."
 The proposed legislation establishes a commission, with four representatives of the opposition, four of government, the speaker of the house and

the chairman of the Senate.
 The commission will hear corruption charges and pass them on to the Supreme Court for prosecution.
 Ms. Bhutto hopes the anti-corruption legislation will stem the growing criticism in Pakistan directed at her government.

Her husband, Asif Ali Zardari, a member of Parliament she recently made investment minister, often is at the center of corruption scandals in Pakistan.

His detractors have labeled him Mr. 10 percent, a reference to the commission he allegedly charges businessmen wanting to invest in Pakistan.

The International Monetary Fund, which has withheld \$80-million of an emergency standby loan, also has been after Pakistan to put a halt to corrupt practices.

Last June Transparency International, a Berlin-based group of business people and intellectuals opposed to corruption, rated Pakistan as the world's second most corrupt country after Nigeria.

Ms. Bhutto's first term in office was abruptly ended in 1990 after only 20 months. At that time the president cited runaway corruption as one of the reasons for

using his constitutional power to dismiss her government.

When she returned to power in 1993 she vowed to wage a campaign against corruption.

However halfway through her term, her political opponents say corruption has reached new heights in Pakistan, an impoverished nation where corruption is endemic.

Everyone from the policeman on the beat, who earns barely \$25 a month, to the prime minister's office is accused of corruption.

The national banks in Pakistan say there are billions of rupees in unpaid loans.

Ms. Bhutto has called the accusations against her propaganda.

She refuted charges that she and her husband bought a luxurious 335-acre estate in the English countryside. One of her new ministers, Nawaz Kokhar was arrested last year on charges of fraud and embezzlement.

In Pakistan there is growing impatience with Ms. Bhutto's government.

"Where in the constitution is it written that a government should be

ousted if the president, (army), IMF and foreign powers are not happy with the government," Ms. Bhutto told Parliament on Sunday.

"It is the people of Pakistan who give or take back the power," she said.

The leader of Pakistan's rightwing Jamaat-e-Islami party is planning a million-man march on the capital on Oct. 27 to protest runaway corruption in the government and to demand its resignation.

Ms. Bhutto warned Jamaat-e-Islami that a violent protest would be met with violence.

She warned the group "to keep its movement peaceful and not to resort to violence otherwise it will be responsible for the repercussions."

The opposition, led by former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, also has called for Ms. Bhutto's resignation and early elections.

"I will not resign under any pressure," Ms. Bhutto said, although she offered to open talks with the opposition.

Big money to buy Thai election votes

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - Politicians will spend at least 8 billion baht (\$320 million) in trying to buy votes in Thailand's northeastern provinces during next month's general election, a newspaper Monday quoted poll watchers as saying.

Poll Watch, which includes teachers and employees of non-government organizations, says that stopping vote buying will be impossible so it plans to emphasize promotion of political reform and education of voters about democracy.

The three leading candidates to become Thailand's 22nd prime minister are Chuan Leekpai of the Democrat Party; Chavalit Yongchaiyudh of the New Aspiration Party and Chatchai Choonhavan of the Chat Pattana, or National Development Party.

Chuan, a former prime minister, is regarded as an honest, able politician but his party is not expected to gain a majority in Parliament. Another former prime minister, Chatchai was ousted by the military in 1991 for widespread corruption in his government.

Chavalit, a onetime army general, has made several unsuccessful bids for the prime ministership.

Foreign minister of Malaysia visits Burma

RANGOON, Burma (AP) - The foreign minister of Malaysia, a strong backer of Burma's military regime, has arrived for a good-will visit and is expected to discuss Burma's entry into the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), according to official sources.

Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, accompanied by a delegation, arrived Sunday at the invitation of his Burmese counterpart Ohn Gyaw.

A day earlier, Malaysia's Transport Minister Lin Leong Sik, and a nine-member group, arrived in the Burmese capital.

An official program was not given in the state-owned New

Light of Myanmar newspaper but the two foreign ministers are expected to discuss Burma's controversial entry into the ASEAN bloc in 1997.

Recently some in ASEAN, including the Philippines, have questioned whether its acceptance into the seven-nation bloc should be postponed.

Malaysia, however, backs its entry. It is the fifth largest investor in Burma, accounting for \$420 million out of a total foreign investment of \$4.1 billion in recent years.

ASEAN includes Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Brunei and Vietnam.

Russia may bedevil Clinton or Dole

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG
WASHINGTON (AP) - The political uncertainty in Moscow is a signal to U.S. presidential rivals that whoever wins on Nov. 5 could find his plans for the next four years upset by events half a world away.

During three hours of debates between President Clinton and Republican challenger Bob Dole, the only mention of Russia was Clinton's reference to the easing of the nuclear threat.

"We've managed the aftermath of the Cold War supporting a big drop in nuclear weapons in Russia," the president said in the first debate. "There are no nuclear missiles pointed at the children of the United States tonight."

The former communist giant, the imploded superpower, was not mentioned in the second 90-minute debate. It was far removed from the domestic concerns of the citizens who questioned the candidates.

But Russia has enormous potential to cast an ominous shadow over the world during the coming year.

Given the uncertain state of President Boris Yeltsin's health, Clinton or Dole as president could well become preoccupied with tracking a Kremlin succession struggle, keeping in mind it was taking place in a country that retains a vast arsenal of nuclear weapons.

When Yeltsin abruptly fired his security chief, Alexander Lebed, Washington paid rapt attention. The retired general has a strong public following in Russia and openly yearns to succeed Yeltsin.

Lebed is out. But is he down?
 "I am thinking about my political directions. Of course, it will be a democratic one. ... I am only going forward," Lebed said hours after his ouster.

What are his chances of going as far forward as he would like?

FBI fatally shoots armed man at dam

By AMY CORNELIUSSEN
STEVENSON, Washington (AP) - An FBI agent fatally shot an armed man at a dam spanning the Oregon-Washington border Sunday night, hours after the armed man threatened to blow the dam up, police said.

The man left the taped bomb threat on a tape recorder near a telephone at the visitor center on the Washington side of The Bonneville Lock and Dam Project, said Diana Brimhall, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers spokeswoman.

"I understand there was a bomb threat targeted at blowing up the dam," Brimhall said.

A man in his late teens or early 20s showed up at the dam with a gun between 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. An FBI agent shot him after a confrontation at the dam, Oregon State Police Lt. Gregg Hastings said.

The man was not identified.
 No bomb or other explosive was found at the Bonneville Lock and Dam Project, 40 miles (65 kilometers) east of Portland, Oregon.



Boris Yeltsin



Bill Clinton



Bob Dole

"We will be dealing with General Lebed for a long time, and it's really not clear which way this guy goes," said Sen. John McCain, an Arizona Republican, who recently visited Russia. "He is much more of a politician than he is a general."

"Lebed is probably the most popular politician in Russia, but he's probably the most unpopular politician in the Kremlin," said Rep. Lee Hamilton of Indiana, the senior Democrat on the House International Relations Committee.

"The real question is what he's able to do from this point on," Hamilton said. "Will he be able to develop a genuine opposition force?"

Pointing to the discontent among many Russians with the Yeltsin administration, Hamilton said Lebed "clearly has an opening. The real question is, can he exploit that opening."

Angela Stent, a Georgetown University specialist on Russia, said Lebed's problem is that he lacks a base.

"He does not have any institutional base, nor does he have any financial backers. The banks and the conglomerates who supported Yeltsin aren't going to support him," she said. "Even the army is somewhat divided on him."

Peter Duignan, a specialist in modern European history at the Hoover Institution, also believes Lebed's political power is overrated.

Acknowledging that Lebed's third-place finish in the Russian presidential election was a significant showing, Duignan said Yeltsin succeeded in neutralizing the former general after the election.

"I don't think he can do very much of anything," said Duignan. "Let's face it, Lebed is a young, charismatic army officer who doesn't know anything about politics."

Of course, in the last days of the Soviet Union, when Mikhail Gorbachev was still in power, many Americans wrote off his obstreperous challenger, Boris Yeltsin.

With barely two weeks until Election Day, Americans are paying little attention to foreign power struggles.

Hamilton talked about Russia on a car phone as he drove between meetings in his Indiana district. "There are no foreign policy questions," he said. "It almost never comes up."

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At Seoul air show

Jet fighters battle for contracts

By SANG-HUN CHOE
SUNGAM, South Korea (AP) - Four of the world's most advanced fighter jets rolled, looped and twisted above South Korean skies Monday, battling for billions of dollars in military contracts.

This week's Seoul Air Show, which opened Monday, pits the American-made F-15E against Russia's Sukhoi Su-35, France's Rafale and the EF-2000, built by a multi-national European consortium.

South Korea plans to hand out contracts for 120 new fighter jets by 2002.

"Pricing is the name of the game," said Thomas Williams, a vice-president at McDonnell Douglas, the American producer of F-15E Eagles.

"That is a challenge for us, and we will meet that challenge."

South Korea's arms market has long been dominated by U.S. manufacturers, but the end of the Cold War may change buying patterns.

"Our Sukhoi will be cheaper than F-15E and Rafale," chief Russian delegate Igor Emelianov said in a telephone interview, without specifying its price tag. Russia also promises to transfer key technology that Western contractors have been reluctant to share with South Korea.

France's Rafale boasts a unique multi-mission capability that makes it worth several different types of planes rolled into one, said Christine Mouglin, spokeswoman for Dassault Aviation, the French firm that makes

Rafale. McDonnell offers a \$40 million price range for the F-15E.

Rafale's fetch 300 million French franc (\$58 million), but the price is comparable considering its multi-mission features, Mouglin said.

The Seoul Air Show will continue until Sunday at Seoul Airport, a military air base just outside the South Korean capital. It is the first air show ever hosted by South Korea.

More than 200 domestic and foreign defense contractors displayed their latest gear, all seeking a piece of South Korea's growing arms market, estimated at \$7 billion last year.

On the onlookers' stands, South Korean generals watched foreign jet fighters demonstrate their best moves.

Some held up the binoculars and nodded to each other.

Maj. Gen. Lee Han-ho, chief organizer of the air show, cited the combat capability, price and contribution to the domestic industry as factors in making the final selection, expected around 2000.

Under its new next-generation fighter program, South Korea plans to buy its first batch of 60 planes starting in 2002, and buy 60 more after 2008.

That project is a follow-up to a \$2 billion program already under way to buy 120 American F-16s by 2000.

South Korea has bought most of its war planes from the United States, which currently keeps

37,000 troops here, including Air Force squadrons.

But it is considering diversifying its arsenal despite fears of possible compatibility problems with its existing U.S.-dominated systems.

"We will be flexible if South Korea proposes to include American and other technology," Russia's Emelianov said, seeking to ease such fears. He said Russia can also discuss selling Su-37, a modified version of Su-35.

South Korean media showed keen interest in the Su-37 and other Sukhoi jets on display for the first time since the two countries normalized ties in 1990. Russia had been a key ally and arms provider of Seoul's arch rival, communist North Korea.

Rebellion by idealistic students dying in Burma's jungles

By JIRAPORN WONGPAITHOON
TEAKAPLAW, Burma (AP) - After watching the army gun down hundreds of his fellow students eight years ago, Naing Aung fled with thousands of others to the thick jungles of eastern Burma to wage a guerrilla war for democracy.

But with Burma today perhaps even further from democratic rule, the revolt is withering, its energy sapped by disease, defections and defeat on the battlefield.

"No one expected it would take such a long time to fight for democracy," said Naing Aung. "But revolution is not that easy."

Naing Aung, 33, speaks without a hint of sadness. Diminutive and deceptively fresh-faced, he has weathered eight punishing years in the bush

and today serves as chairman of the All Burma Students Democratic Front, the main student rebel group.

Naing Aung and other Democratic Front leaders spoke to The Associated Press recently at a meeting that mended a five-year split between two rival rebel factions.

"We had at least 10,000 members in 1988. Now, we have only about 2,000 left," Naing Aung said.

Even that figure may be high. In September, Burma's military dictatorship announced the surrender of more than 80 rebels.

The Democratic Front issued a statement suggesting the guerrillas surrendered in one clash with government troops but only when outnumbered and out of ammunition. But the message was that the loss was

serious.

The 60 rebel leaders at the reconciliation meeting represented the hardcore remnants of a fighting force that once expected to spearhead the overthrow of a hated regime.

Instead, they have become little more than a sideshow as Burma's real battle lines run down University Avenue in Rangoon, home of the nation's best known democracy activist, Aung San Suu Kyi.

In 1988, troops shot thousands of demonstrators in pro-democracy protests that saw Mrs. Suu Kyi emerge as leader of Burma's opposition. She later endured six years of house arrest and won the Nobel Peace Prize, but the ruling generals still refuse any accommodation with her.

Still, in the long run, her struggle with the junta is more likely to damage the regime than a flagging, backwater guerrilla war.

Eight years ago, there didn't seem much option. The students, more accustomed to carrying books than guns, took up arms in the expectation that the generals could not last.

Reality was a ruthless teacher. During the first year, many rebels died from malaria and other diseases. Hundreds more were expelled from their refuge in Thailand after Burma's junta promised they wouldn't be

harmed; their fate has never been made clear.

Others despaired of military life and melted back into Burma, and some went abroad to continue their studies.

Those who remain are committed, tough survivors, operating from remote camps many hours hike over mud tracks from Teakaplaw, a border town. They say they've grown used to the privations of camp life, though some have teeth rotting from lack of dental attention.

"Eight years ago, I was an English literature student at Rangoon University," said Aung Naing Oo. "Another two years and I would have completed my degree."

Now, Aung Knowing Oo's skills in English facilitate his job as the Democratic Front's foreign secretary.

Fleeting traces of student life remain like the moment two guerrillas pulled out acoustic guitars during the meeting and led a dormitory-style sing-along.

"I think my family misses me and wants me back to be with them," said Aung Thu Nyein, 30, the Front's general secretary. "I just want my family to know that I am here and I am happy, healthy and doing well."

Back in Rangoon, his old schoolmates have families of their own.

Aung Thu Nyein, who was in his last year of medical school in 1988, does not. Nor do the other rebel leaders.

Their hardest moment may lie ahead. Their main ally, the Karen National Union, appears to be on the ropes. That is the main force of ethnic Karen rebels and has been the strongest military opponent of the junta.

The Karens, who have been fighting the central government in Rangoon since 1948, lost their "capital" of Manerplaw in 1994 to a Burmese army assault.

The military, which has greatly increased its strength in manpower and equipment since 1988, appears to be preparing a major offensive for the impending dry season.

If the Karens fall, it's hard to see how the former students will carry on. Symbolically, the student factions met at the Teakaplaw headquarters of Gen. Bo Mya, the 69-year-old Karen leader. The open hut was a mere 20 minutes walk from the border with Thailand, which many expect will serve as a refuge for defeated rebel forces.

Defeat is not a possibility voiced openly to outsiders.

"I never regret that I didn't complete my schooling, and I never think about giving up my ideals," said Aung Naing Oo.



Burmese opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi meets with a small group of foreign journalists at a friend's home in Rangoon, Burma. Aung San Suu Kyi said in the secretly-arranged interview that the government's recent arrests of hundreds of her followers show it is afraid of her movement for democracy. AP Photo

Jet's landing gear sheared off in low approach--NTSB

By BETH GARDINER
NEW YORK (AP) - A Delta jetliner that skidded down the runway at La Guardia Airport flew in so low that it clipped approach lights and its landing gear was sheared off by a concrete wall at the start of the runway, federal investigators said Sunday.

The McDonnell Douglas MD-80 was towed to a hangar Sunday and the airport reopened, a day after the belly landing that forced 63 people aboard to evacuate. Four people were slightly injured sliding down an emergency chute.

Delta's Flight 554 arrived from Atlanta in the midst of a

violent storm Saturday that brought driving rain, fog and winds of up to 60 mph (100 kph) to the New York area.

"I can't say categorically that it is weather at this point," National Transportation Safety Board Investigator Robert Hancock said Sunday.

Hancock, the accident's lead investigator, said the "big question" was why the plane was flying low enough to strike the approach lights in Flushing Bay and the concrete wall at the beginning of the runway.

"It went through approach lights first, and then struck the end of the runway, after which it did not have any wheels and it slid on its belly," Hancock said.

He said the main landing gear at the rear - including wheels - fell into the bay before the plane touched down, sparks flying from its belly.

The jet skidded 2,700 feet (810 meters), spun 180 degrees and came to a stop just short of the water on the other side of the runway.

About 8,000 gallons (30,400 liters) of the plane's jet fuel leaked into Flushing Bay, the Coast Guard said.

Hancock said the exact cause will be determined from an investigation that could take several months.

Delta officials at the airport did not immediately respond to a request for comment Sunday.

Toddler killed in traffic shooting

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP) - What began with a father's finger gesture at the car that swerved into his lane ended seconds later when a bullet crashed through his rear window and killed his 2-year-old son.

Donald Cherry Jr. died in a hospital Saturday from the gunshot wound he suffered as he sat in his child safety seat. A group of teen-agers in a white sedan were being sought in the killing.

"You don't think about your kids getting shot," said father Donald Cherry Sr. "There are no words to describe what happened."

Cherry, 32, said he was driv-

ing on a major Nashville thoroughfare Friday night when the teens' car pulled out wide from another road, causing Cherry to swerve and pass around them. He then made an obscene finger gesture.

The car then started to follow his car closely and Cherry hit his brakes several times. Within seconds, his rear window was shattered.

"I thought I'd got rear-ended, but the back window was busted out," he said. "I turned around and saw my son bleeding."

Cherry said if the teens are ever caught, they should be executed. "They took my baby away," he said.

New York City high school smooths path for new immigrants

By KAREN MATTHEWS
NEW YORK (AP) - As the Taliban religious army closes schools for girls in Afghanistan, Lourdes Burrows expects a few of these youngsters to end up at her high school.

Burrows is principal of the Newcomers High School and Academy for New Americans, one of a handful of public high schools in the country devoted to the education of recent immigrants.

"We try to keep abreast of whatever is happening overseas," Ms. Burrows said, "because we'll be getting an influx."

At a time when the national mood is turning against immigrants - new legislation will stiffen penalties for illegal immigration and make it harder for even legal immigrants to receive welfare - these schools are run by people who believe in catering to newcomers, not raising the fence.

No questions are asked about Newcomers students' legal status, though many are no doubt undocumented.

"My only charge is to maximize the potential of every student who comes into this building," said Ms. Burrows, an energetic woman who retains the accent of her native Cuba. "What I want to do is teach them to be good Americans."

Now in its second year, the school is doing well, with more than 70 percent of the students who took last year's state exams in math and chemistry passing.

Situated in the gritty, industrial

New York City neighborhood of Long Island City, Queens, the Newcomers School has a growing population of 600-odd students who generally have been in the United States less than a year. About half are Spanish-speaking; the rest speak an assortment of tongues including Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Hindi, Portuguese and Urdu.

Some classes are taught in pupils' native languages and others in English. And some instructors use both, as civics teacher Orlando Sarmiento did for a recent lesson about the U.S. Constitution.

He wrote on the board: "How does the Constitution provide a blueprint for the American government?"

"Que es blueprint?" Sarmiento asked as hands went up.

"Que es preamble? Una introduccion. The preamble is an introduction. When you write an essay for me you have to include an introduction to let me know what the paper is going to be about."

Haltingly, the students read the words: "insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense" - and Sarmiento drew out their meanings.

"What is to 'promote the general welfare?'" he asked. "What is welfare?" "Bienestar," a girl suggested - well being.

The teacher nodded. "Not to be confused with welfare programs," he said. Down the hall in Angie Margiotta's English as a Second Lan-

guage class, students who had been in the United States as little as a week or two struggled with the past tense.

Ms. Margiotta spoke clearly and slowly, her enthusiasm compensating for the classroom's peeling blue paint. "What did you do last night?" she asked. "Did you swim? Did you drive a car?"

She patiently corrected a girl who wrote incorrectly on the board, "I didn't driven."

The program is similar to one in Los Angeles, where the Newcomers Center operates as a "school within a school" at Belmont High.

The principal of the Los Angeles school, Maria Olmos, said enrollment dipped in 1994 when California voters passed Proposition 187, which would have barred illegal immigrants from public schools.

The measure has been challenged

in court, and "the numbers are back to normal last year and this year," Ms. Olmos said.

New York has traditionally been more hospitable to newcomers, and the city's Republican mayor, Rudolph Giuliani, is carving a niche as his party's foremost immigration advocate.

Nevertheless, there is opposition to the Newcomers School.

The New York City Rights Coalition, which has also battled ethnic-themed dormitories at Cornell University and an all-girls' New York City public school, filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights when the Newcomers School opened last year.

Michael Meyers, the Civil Rights Coalition's executive director, calls the segregation of immigrants from

the general population "an impermissible national origin classification of students" and claims it violates the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The complaint was dismissed, but Meyers plans to appeal the decision to Education Secretary Richard Riley. He called the ruling a "deceptive, dishonest, outrageous capitulation to political correctness."

Ms. Burrows said Meyers had accepted an invitation to visit the school. "He liked it, but he still filed the complaint," she said.

"Of what relevance are my impressions of the school?" Meyers countered angrily. "It is a philosophy of separatism. It is a philosophy of isolation."

Student Roberto Mata doesn't feel isolated, however, noting instead the new variety in his everyday experience.

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Daily rosary is being said at the residence of her daughter Judi Castro and Rudy Camacho in San Roque, that started since Saturday, October 19, on to October 27, 1996 at 8:00 pm.

On Saturday, October 26, 1996, rosary will be said at 12:00 pm and a special mass will be offered at 5:00 pm at San Roque Church.

Dinner will follow at the residence of her daughter Judi Castro and Rudy Camacho in San Roque.

Kindly join us

The Family

Death & Funeral Announcement

Jennette Melendrez Evangelista



BORN ON JUNE 24, 1969 WAS CALLED TO HER ETERNAL REST BY OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ON WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16, 1996 AT THE AGE OF 27.

SHE IS PREDECEASED BY THE FOLLOWING FAMILY MEMBERS:
 Mother: Milagros Melendrez
 Stepfather: Robert Lee (Phil)
 Father-in-Law: Jose Fausto Arriola (Saipan)
 Stepfather-in-Law: Pedro Reyes Evangelista (Saipan)

SHE IS SURVIVED BY THE FOLLOWING FAMILY MEMBERS:
 Mother: Milagros Melendrez
 Stepmother: Tarcela P. Lee
 Mother-in-Law: Rosa O. Arriola
 Stepmother-in-Law: Regina B. Evangelista
 Husband: Daniel Borja Evangelista
 Sons & Stepdaughters:
 Evangelynn (15)
 Danielle (13)
 Ana Regina (10)
 Jon Jon (7)
 Justin Jude (4)
 Daniel Jr. (3)
 Kristian Brandon (1 year 5 months)

Sisters-in-Law & Spouses:
 Maria & Tony Omar, Adelina & Mike Ibanez
 Virgie & David Santos, Rose Arriola & Fred Dela Cruz

Brother-in-Law & Spouses:
 Julian B. Reyes & Rita Terfaje, Juan & Jesusa Quidachay, Jose Arriola & Betrise Babauta
 Pedro Arriola and Sandra Skibang
Stepbrother & Sister-in-Law:
 Francis O. Arriola, Estrella Evangelista
Stepsister-in-law: Dolores E. Aidan Mosga of Rota

She is additionally survived by numerous Uncles, Aunts, Cousins, Nephews, & Nieces in the Philippines, CNMI, Guam, Rota, Tinian, US mainland.

Rosary is being said nightly at 8:00 p.m. at CHC Chapel. The body will be taken out of CHC on Oct. 24, 1996 at 8:00 a.m. and will be placed at the residence of David and Virgie Santos at Koblerville turnkey House #505 for viewing.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 3:00 p.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church, and Burial will follow immediately at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

The Family

Police sees new IRA cease-fire

LONDON (AP) - Northern Ireland's police chief Sir Hugh Annesley predicted in a newspaper interview Monday that the IRA would declare another cease-fire but only after attempting further bomb attacks.

He said in the interview in The Times of London that the Irish Republican Army leadership still saw the advantages of peace but would only want to declare a new truce from a position of strength.

"I think we are in a situation where further attacks on the British mainland are probable and I think an attack within the province (Northern Ireland) has moved from possible to probable," the paper quoted him as saying.

Angered by lack of progress in the Northern Ireland peace talks process, the IRA on Feb. 9 ended a 17-month cease-fire in its campaign of violence against British rule in Northern Ireland.

It exploded a truck bomb in London's Docklands business district that killed two newspaper vendors, injured scores of other people and wrecked several office buildings.

On June 15, an IRA bomb in Manchester in northern England injured more than 200 people and damaged more than 300 shops.

On Oct. 7, two IRA bombs exploded inside the British Army barracks at Lisburn, southwest of Belfast. One soldier later died of the injuries he suffered in the Lisburn attack.

The IRA wants to united predominantly Protestant Northern Ireland with the 95 percent Roman Catholic Republic of Ireland.

Annesley said he based his view on intelligence reports and his judgment of the IRA leadership's thinking.

He predicted that sooner or later the IRA would abandon its campaign of violence. "I would certainly see it as coming potentially in the next year," he said.

Referring to Gerry Adams, president of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, and Sinn Fein's deputy leader Martin McGuinness, Annesley said:

"I believe that Messrs. Adams and McGuinness still believe that the long-term solution to the problems we have here will be solved by politics and not by military force.

"I think it is widely accepted within the general democratic framework that there wasn't going to be a military victory on either side... I think still that Adams and McGuinness see the advantage in peace."

Protestant paramilitaries declared a cease-fire of their own shortly after the IRA started its truce in 1994. Security chiefs feared the Lisburn attack - the first bombing in Northern Ireland acknowledged by the IRA since the end of its cease-fire-would prompt Protestant paramilitaries to resume violence.

They have not done so but

Annesley warned in the interview: "If they were pushed back into violence, and they have been very severely pushed up to now, then one would have to imagine immediate attacks (by

Protestant paramilitaries) on the Republic of Ireland and throughout Northern Ireland."

Annesley gave the interview to mark his retirement next month after seven years as Chief

Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, Northern Ireland's police force. His deputy Ronnie Flanagan will take over as Chief Constable on Nov. 4.

Anti-mine protesters invade home of Britain's deputy prime minister

BANBURY, England (AP) - More than 60 people protesting the government's policy on mining invaded the garden of Deputy Prime Minister Michael Heseltine Sunday and dug a borehole.

The protesters, some carrying shovels and pick-axes and wearing hard hats, said they wanted to highlight the environmental damage done by open-cast mining, which has flourished since the government cut support to the coal industry, causing many mines to close.

"Heseltine needs to be con-

tinuously reminded of his responsibility for the devastation of vast tracts of our countryside through the massive expansion of open-cast mining as a result of his butchery of the U.K. deep mine coal industry," said a spokesman for organizers the Miners Support Group.

"Hundreds of local communities throughout the country are having their local natural environment destroyed, their health endangered, and their future put in jeopardy."

Police monitored the protest at Heseltine's palatial

Thenford Hall home near Banbury, 65 miles (104 kms) northwest of London, but made no arrests.

"We have not received any complaint so far from the owner. We were made aware of their presence in the area after calls from local residents," a spokesman said, speaking anonymously.

The protesters later dug a borehole measuring 10 feet (3 meters) by 16 feet (5 meters) in Heseltine's front garden like those sunk to test water levels before open-cast mining begins. They left soon afterward.

Economy in dire straits regardless of who wins elections in Romania

By CRISTI CRETZAN
BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) - Whoever wins next month's elections will have to scramble to get Romania back on track toward a market economy after five years of stop-and-go reform.

Rampant inflation, corruption, scant foreign investment and a sluggish privatization program have landed the country in a rut and made its voters skeptical of the usual campaign promises to raise the standard of living in Romania, where the average wage is just \$100 a month.

On Nov. 3, Romanians will elect a president and 468-seat, bicameral parliament. President Ion Iliescu, in power since the downfall of dictator Nicolae Ceausescu in December 1989, seems likely to be re-elected. But the opposition could win a parliamentary majority for the first time.

The newly elected government will have to introduce a series of unpopular changes. First will be devaluing the national currency, the leu, which Iliescu's government - with an eye to

the elections - has kept artificially high.

Some economists predict the leu could tumble to about one-third of its current exchange rate of 3,302 per U.S. dollar.

"After the elections it is always worse," said Georgeta Donoiu, a teacher. "The government gives us something extra so we vote for them, but in the end we have to pay for it and a lot more."

Over the summer, the government increased pensions and salaries for state employees, and tried to offset utility price increases by freezing prices on staple goods.

The new government will not only have to lift that price freeze; it will also have to remove subsidies from staple goods because it needs the money for other items in the budget. This means inflation could soar from its current annual rate of 27 percent to 100 percent, some economists predict.

In addition to increasing consumers' misery, such high inflation could block foreign loans.

"Without foreign financial help we can't survive," said Constantin Ciupagea, an economic adviser to the ruling party. "We don't have enough money to make things to work."

Foreign investors have put just \$2.04 billion into Romania, compared with \$13 billion in neighboring Hungary. Hungary has about half the population, but is on a faster free-market track than Romania.

The next government also needs to speed privatization, cut subsidies for the huge state companies and restructure huge Communist-era industries that losing money, Ciupagea said.

However, these measures would bring the kind of labor unrest that has regularly marked Romania's economic transition.

Workers claim they cannot survive on their meager salaries and the government says it cannot raise wages before production, currently about half its 1989 level, is increased.

Czech town seeks to stop gold mining in pristine border area

ONDREJ HEJMA
KASPERSKÉ HORY, Czech Republic (AP) - So lovely and green is one mountain outlook in a national park here, near the border with Germany, that Czechs call it "Nebe" - Heaven.

The people of Kasperske Hory fear it may become a hell, in the name of economic development.

A Canadian mining company wants rights to dig up gold beneath the park, along what used to be the Iron Curtain, and to set up an ore processing plant about 200 yards (meters) from the outlook.

For the Communists who used to rule Czechoslovakia, there was

rarely any real battle between environmental and industrial interests. Industry always prevailed.

In the new era, the Czech government wants quick economic growth to make up for Communist inefficiency. But it can no longer ignore voters or shrug off environmental concerns.

Thus, while holding back on a decision on the mining project, the Czech government has managed to make both sides feel frustrated.

"Mining gold here is madness," said the town's mayor, Frantisek Stibal.

Some 30,000 people signed a petition opposing the mine, a sign

that although Czech environmental activism hasn't reached the level of western Europe, it has grown after communism. There is no firm structure, but groups have coalesced against projects like the Temelin nuclear power plant near the Austrian border.

People living around the park contend mining will rip open the countryside, destroy the region's delicate ecology and change its social and demographic character.

Leaders in nearby Germany communities object to gold mining in a national park that may soon become part of the European Union.

Nicaraguans elect new president

By JOSEPH B. FRAZIER
MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) - After a slew of election-day glitches, polls stayed open late for a presidential vote that showed democracy is taking root in this impoverished country after decades of repression and civil war.

Officials started closing precincts at 8 p.m. Sunday (0200 GMT Monday), two hours past the scheduled time. Some stayed open even later to accommodate voters who had waited several hours while officials tried to deliver ballots and correct other logistical problems.

During the campaign, the two top contenders depicted each other as throwbacks to the past - the rightist Somoza dictatorship that fell in 1979 versus the Marxist Sandinista regime of the war-torn 1980s.

But while the candidates mainly looked backward, Nicaragua's next president will have to confront severe economic problems that have left the country the second-poorest in the Western Hemisphere, after Haiti.

President Violeta Chamorro, whose historic victory in 1990 planted modern democracy in Nicaragua, was ineligible for re-election.

The front-runners for president among 23 candidates are former President Daniel Ortega of the leftist Sandinista National Liberation Front, and conservative businessman and lawyer Arnoldo Aleman, of the Liberal Alliance.

If no candidate gets 45 percent of the vote, a runoff election will be held between the top two.

In preliminary assessments, international observers said the vote appeared fair, with a heavy turnout. There were no reports of violence.

"This is democracy being born," said former Costa Rican President Oscar Arias.

About 2,000 elected posts were at stake in Sunday's vote. All of the 8,700 polls across the country were to have opened at 7 a.m. But many precincts were held up by the late arrival of ballots. Some determined voters waited all day.

"We got here at 7 a.m. but the voting didn't start until 11:30," said Maria de la Luz Carmen, 34, as she waited in line with her family at the Nicaraguan Institute of Livestock Technology in eastern Managua.

As 6 p.m. neared, a dozen people were in front of her in line - and about 150 behind her.

"The line just doesn't move. They don't let us in," she said. "But we'll stay, because we want Nicaragua to change."

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, heading an observer delegation, said his initial impression was that "the election is being properly held, open, honest and fair."

He said the only foreseeable problems were delays in the arrival of voting materials and possible voter confusion because there were six different ballots to mark.

The delays happened despite the efforts of election officials who used every possible means - from canoes to helicopters - to get ballots and other materials to remote ar-

reas. A delegation from the Organization of American States reported several other problems, mostly relating to ballots that failed to arrive or were sent to the wrong polling station.

Because of delays in delivering voter registration cards, the Supreme Electoral Council told poll workers to let voters use other identification. Poll workers check the documents against a list of registered voters and mark voters' fingers with indelible ink to prevent repeat voting.

Nicaragua faces many pressing troubles after decades of turmoil: not enough jobs, too many empty stomachs, government corruption and crumbling roads and utilities. But aside from vague promises of work and a better life, the presidential front-runners concentrated instead on the darker days of the past and fears that those times could return.

Aleman's alliance maintains that an Ortega victory will mean a return to the Sandinista years of the 1980s, marked by shortages, ration cards, a heavy-handed, military-led central government, censorship and suppression of the church and private sector.

Ortega has admitted to mistakes but has said they will not be repeated. He now says he espouses a market economy and a tolerant government.

He also has proposed better relations with the powerful

Roman Catholic Church and the United States.

He has accused Aleman's Liberal Alliance of having ties to the old Liberal Party of the Somoza family dictatorship toppled by the Sandinistas in 1979.

Ortega was jailed and tortured by Somoza for seven years in the 1970s and Aleman was jailed and had his property confiscated by the Sandinistas in the 1980s.

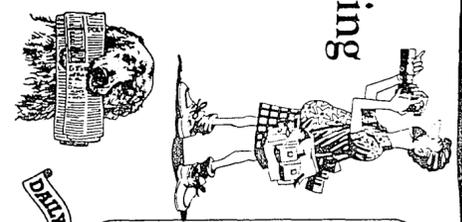
Since Nicaragua is likely to continue to depend heavily on foreign aid and investment in the near future, it is unlikely that either would risk that help by doing what his opponent says he would.

The United States, which waged an undeclared war against Ortega and the Sandinistas in the 1980s, has said it was neutral but has suggested it was nervous about a possible Ortega win.



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Turner Broadcasting Systems Chairman Ted Turner, right foreground, and Richard Parsons, Time Warner president, to Turner's right, applaud the outcome of the Time Warner shareholders' vote, in New York. The shareholders voted to create the world's largest media company by approving a \$7.5 billion merger with Turner Broadcasting System Inc. Turner shareholders were to vote on the merger later after which Time Warner officials said the takeover would be completed.



A police car, right, passes by a "traffic jam" sculpture in Duesseldorf, Germany, last Wednesday. The artificial congestion of white painted vehicles is a project by the German artist H.A. Schult.

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of his credentials and experience back in Washington.

"I'm somewhat surprised because many people who think it too high don't seem to complain when lawyers in Washington D.C. or lawyers in private practice are paid more than me. I don't believe that good lawyers exist only outside the Commonwealth. I'm not sure what their objections are," Aloot said.

Now that he's no longer in the

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS

ADOPTION CASE NO. 96-109

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF:

RONALD RYANN RAPANUT DE LEON,
and STEPHANIE RAPANUT PALAYPAY,
minors,
BY: JOSEPH U. RAPANUT, and RITA TORRES RAPANUT, Petitioners.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on November 21, 1996 at 1:30 p.m. in the courthouse of the Superior Court in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the petitioners will petition the Court to adopt the above named minors.

Dated this 17th day of October, 1996.

REYNALDO O. YANA
Attorney for Petitioners

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS

JOSEPH P. ROSARIO and MATHILDA A. ROSARIO,
Plaintiffs,

-v-
KIM DONG CHUL, LEE YOUNG CHUL, YOO JUNG MIN, and MARIE LEE TYLER,
Defendants.
CIVIL ACTION NO. 96-1080

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to White, Pierce, Mailman & Nutting, the Plaintiff's Attorneys, whose address is P.O. Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing. Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By order of the above court:

/s/Deputy Clerk of Court
DATED, this 9th day of October, 1996

government service, Aloot said, he won't be getting any benefits accorded to government personnel such as retirement pensions and housing.

"It (retainer's fee) may be high, but ... why pay less if the services are not up to the standards of the governor, and I can tell you from experience that the governor has high standards."

Aloot laughed off Rep. Stanley Torres' remark that the contract "is one sneaky way of milking the government."

"There's nothing sneaky about it. If it was sneaky, people wouldn't have handed out the contract which is a public document," Aloot said, adding that his deal with the governor "is a straightforward commercial relationship—the typical kind of business relationship you can see everywhere."

Aloot said Torres should be "spending a little more time with his job in the legislature than worrying about Sebastian Aloot."

The governor's spokesperson, Mark Broadhurst, does not disagree with Torres' claim that Aloot's

salaries of government lawyers, warning that they may also be lured to shifting to private practice if they continue to get rates not commensurate to their work and qualification.

What's the difference between his new job as legal consultant and his former job as full-time acting AG? "The difference is that I'm doing it for myself. When I was working for

King . . .

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plaint said Macararas violated the agreement by allowing persons under 25 years of age and who did not possess a valid CNMI driver's license to operate the vehicle.

King gave defendant repeated warnings that he shall exercise his right to repossess the vehicle if the latter continues to violate the agreement.

Last Sept. 12 plaintiff did exercise his right to repossess the vehicle. King said he received the vehicle in a damaged condition from the defen-

AG, I committed my entire effort for the interest of the Commonwealth, advancing their interest when appropriate; that's the nature of government service," Aloot said.

He said he has opted to pursue private practice of law "to make my skills available to general public."

"It's time for me to move and become a long term member of the community," he said.

dant in violation of the agreement. King demanded that defendant make the necessary repairs on the vehicle, specifically the car stereo, the vinyl around the two rear doors and the rear door.

Despite repeated demands, defendant failed to do so, the complaint indicated.

King brought the vehicle to a car shop for repairs. At present, the vehicle is still undergoing repairs costing an estimated \$2,032.94.

From the time King repossessed the vehicle, defendant has allegedly failed to make monthly payments to BOS. As a result, King has continued

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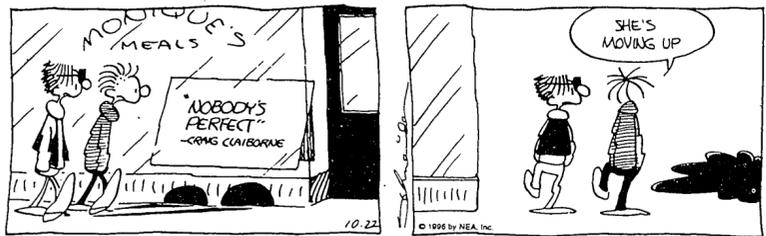
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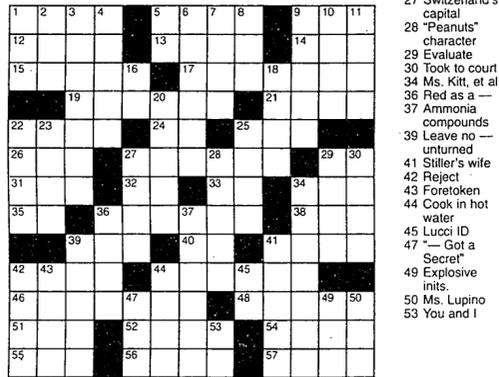
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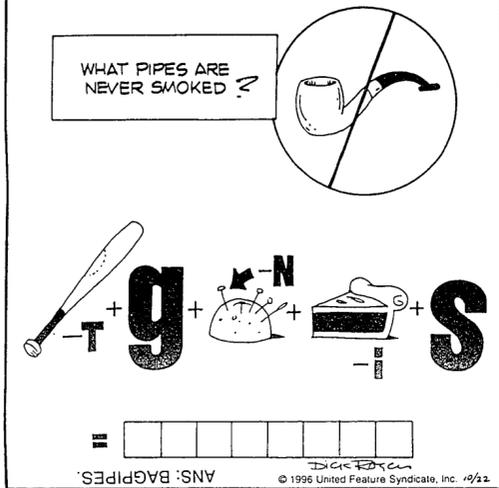
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Braves win World Series opener

NEW YORK (AP)— The Atlanta Braves showed the New York Yankees that what they saw on TV was no fluke.

Nineteen-year-old Andruw Jones homered twice and drove in five runs as John Smoltz and the Braves sent the Yankees to their worst World Series loss ever, 12-1 Sunday night in Game 1.

The Braves brutalized New York the same way they humbled St. Louis in winning the NL playoffs. The Yankees had a week off to watch Atlanta outscore the Cardinals 32-1 in the last three games.

And now they know the defending champions are just as potent in person — despite a one-day rain delay, a four-hour traffic jam and jeering Yankees fans.

"The last time I saw pitching like that was when I watched them play the Cardinals," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "To come back and score the way they did, they had a couple of days off, and they kept it right up." Jones hit a two-run homer off Andy Pettitte in the second inning, then lined a three-run shot off Brian Boehringer in the third that made it 8-0. By then Yankees fans, who had

waited 15 years for the Series, were already silent.

"We've been on a roll," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "St. Louis caught us awfully hot those last three games, and the Yankees caught us hot tonight. Hopefully, we can continue it for three more games."

Game 2 will be Monday night. Greg Maddux, moved up a day because of the rain, will start for Atlanta against Jimmy Key.

On a day when the Yankees hoped to recapture some of their glory with their first Series appearance since 1981, Jones wouldn't budge. By the sixth inning, with Atlanta ahead 12-1 and a light rain falling, many of the 56,365 fans had left.

"You can't say enough about the offense," Smoltz said. "It means a lot when we can go out there and jump on them early. It really helped me settle down."

The blowout matched the biggest ever in a Series opener, equaling an 11-0 romp in 1959 by the Chicago White Sox over Los Angeles.

Jones, who began the season as a member of the Class A Durham Bulls, became the youngest player to homer in the Series. He was a year younger

than Mickey Mantle, who would have turned 65 on Sunday.

Jones also was the first player to homer in his first two Series at-bats since Oakland's Gene Tenace in 1972. He was the first player to hit two homers in a game since Philadelphia's Lenny Dykstra in 1993.

In Atlanta's last game, Jones homered in the 15-0 rout of the Cardinals in Game 7 on Thursday night.

"He's about as good a prospect as you're going to see in any organization," Cox said.

Smoltz, meanwhile, was holding the Yankees hitless until Wade Boggs' RBI double with two outs in the fifth.

After overcoming four walks in the first two innings, he retired nine straight batters.

Smoltz improved to 4-0 in the postseason this year and 9-1 overall in 17 career starts in the postseason. The major league leader in wins and

strikeouts this year, he left after six easy innings of two-hit ball.

Fred McGriff lined a home run off the foul pole in the fifth, and Jones started a three-run sixth with an infield hit, an odd play in which his bat broke and the barrel tangled up Boggs at third base.

Later in the inning, Marquis Grissom and Mark Lemke hit RBI singles and Chipper Jones had a sacrifice fly.

While routs were nothing new to the Braves — they routed St. Louis 14-0 in Game 5 and won by 15 runs in Game 7 — the Yankees were not so used to such beatings.

The Yankees had played 186 previous games in World Series, most in history, but had never lost by more than eight runs. Certainly it never happened like this in the days of Joe DiMaggio, who threw out the ceremonial first ball. Helped by the Hall

of Famer, the Yankees have won a record 22 championships.

But after Pettitte retired the Braves in order in the first inning, nothing could help the AL win leader.

Javy Lopez, MVP of the NL playoffs, singled with one out and Jones homered to left with two outs. Jones was the youngest player to start in the Series since Phil Cavarretta was a younger 19 in 1935 for the Chicago Cubs.

Jeff Blauser opened the third with a single, Grissom also singled and Lemke sacrificed. Chipper Jones and McGriff followed with RBI singles and Lopez walked, finishing Pettite.

It was Pettite's fastest knockout since April 30, when he lashed an inning in Baltimore. Boehringer relieved, but did not enhance the Yankees' reputation for having a great bullpen when Jones homered.

Great finish by Smoltz

NEW YORK (AP)— What a mismatch it was: John Smoltz with a huge lead. Two or three runs is usually enough for Atlanta's 24-game winner.

Smoltz gets eight runs over the first three innings, forget about it.

"The tradition and talk of Yankee Stadium is nice, but I don't get caught up in all of that," said Smoltz, who has his usual dominating self but hardly got noticed in the Braves' 12-1 victory.

Smoltz, the favorite to win his first Cy Young Award, has already established himself as pitching's Mr. October. Though unusually wild Sunday night, he didn't give up his first hit until there were two outs in the fifth, a run-scoring double by Wade Boggs.

"You just never want to give up any runs and create any momentum for the other team," he said. "I could care less about the no-hitter, but the run bothered me."

He left after the sixth inning, having allowed only two hits and thrown 104 pitches. If the Series goes to five games, he'll come back on three days' rest having been hardly tested Sunday.

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Smoltz is a free agent at the end of this season, and he has thrown all year like he wants to become a very rich man. He has 28 wins overall, one of the most remarkable pitching years in recent history — especially for someone who had a career record of 90-82 prior to this season.

Why has someone who never won more than 15 games before 1996 become the most dominant pitcher in the game?

Smoltz usually points to the elbow surgery he had after the strike ended the 1994 season, relieving the pain that had hounded him for several years.

More importantly, perhaps, he finally erased the mental demons that came from listening to his critics more than he should have.

At the outset against the Yankees, Smoltz looked shaky. He had averaged fewer than two walks per nine innings during the regular season, yet he walked four of the first nine hitters he faced.

A couple of years ago, Smoltz might have fallen apart, let the raucous crowd at Yankee Stadium invade his psyche. Instead, he calmly escaped from the trouble he created.

He left after the sixth inning, having allowed only two hits and thrown 104 pitches. If the Series goes to five games, he'll come back on three days' rest having been hardly tested Sunday.

It was Smoltz's fourth straight win since the regular season ended and improved his career postseason record to a remarkable 9-1 with a 2.35 ERA.

Smoltz is a free agent at the end of this season, and he has thrown all year like he wants to become a very rich man. He has 28 wins overall, one of the most remarkable pitching years in recent history — especially for someone who had a career record of 90-82 prior to this season.

Why has someone who never won more than 15 games before 1996 become the most dominant pitcher in the game?

Smoltz usually points to the elbow surgery he had after the strike ended the 1994 season, relieving the pain that had hounded him for several years.

More importantly, perhaps, he finally erased the mental demons that came from listening to his critics more than he should have.

At the outset against the Yankees, Smoltz looked shaky. He had averaged fewer than two walks per nine innings during the regular season, yet he walked four of the first nine hitters he faced.

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In the individual events, Ric Cuizon of Marpac/Michelob topped all four individual categories.

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marks in the high scratch game, high handicap game, and high handicap series.

The team, composed of Mel Angeles, Lalaine Malou Cabigao, Tina Macam, Bobot Marcelo and Luz Mendiola, racked 861, 1,047 and 2,937 pins to topped the three events.

Jaridon averted a sweep by the

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a 39:05.

Justin Pierce gave the best performance in the 50 meter butterfly by clocking 33:42. Davina Palacios copped her second runner-up finish by coming in 39:90. Dolores Pangelinan was third with 40:19.

Jacoby Winkfield needed just

ries.

The Marpac mainstay rolled 244, 267, 601 and 670 in winning top honors in the high scratch and high handicap games and the high scratch and high handicap series.

Clippers by ruling the high scratch series by rolling 2,382 pins.

League president Rita Palacios, Luz Mendiola, Mina Benavente, and Darlene Castro ruled the four individual categories.

Palacios topped the high scratch series category with 540 pins; Mendiola, bagged first place in the high scratch game with 204 pins; Benavente, the high handicap game with 235 pins and Castro in the high handicap series with 626 pins.

26:46 in topping the 50 meter freestyle. Ken Coward was a far second needing more than three seconds to cover the distance. Coward submitted a 30:54. Roberto Santos came in third with 31:23.

The practice swim meet is in preparation for the SSC members' participation in the forthcoming All Schools Championships next month.

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remain second at 56-48.

Tommy's Nightmares still enjoy a commanding three win-advantage over the Angus Beef Eaters in the Division A action.

Tom's Golf Club Repair sports a 54-34 slate as against Pacific World's 51-37.

In Division B, Miller MGD is still the top team after three weeks with 57-31 record.

Ritz's Cafe is five wins adrift

with 52-36 slate.

The C Notes had another splendid run to remain the winningest team in the league. The Pacific Mirage team added eight more wins against three losses for a pacesetter 62 wins and 15 losses mark.

The C Notes is the only team in the league who owns the distinction of having the most number of wins and the least number of losses.

The Canadian Club Conquerors team is a distant second with 38-28 slate.

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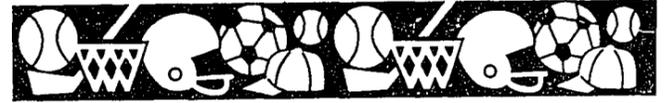
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Friday Intercommercial League

PSTC breaks slump

By Erel A. Cabatbat
Variety News Staff

AFTER TWO weeks of playing dangerously, the PSTC Bowlers finally broke out of a slump to post a two game lead over its closest rival entering the final week of the Friday Intercommercial Bowling Tournament at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Enjoying a precarious one win edge over Saipan Stevedore and Toshiba going to the penultimate

round, PSTC beat hapless Marianas Seaside Racers, 3-1, to hike its record to 57 wins against 37 setbacks.

Saipan Stevedore and Toshiba failed to match PSTC's winning record as both teams were held down to a combined three victories in eight matches.

Toshiba reclaimed second spot after being held to a 2-2 draw by cellar-dwelling Kang's Auto Supply.

Saipan Stevedore fared even

worse. The erstwhile second-placer fell to third after absorbing a 1-3 beating from sixth-running Joeten Enterprises in lanes 1 and 2 encounter.

Except for the second and third spot, there were no major changes in the over-all team standings.

In other pairings, Duty Free Shoppers nipped Microl/Toyota, 3-1, to improve to a 42-46 slate. The DFS keglers still remain at eighth spot, a notch higher than their beaten opponents. Microl

fell to 41-47 mark.

Wushin Corporation followed DFS' output by hacking out a similar 3-1 win against Marpac/Michelob.

Despite the win, Wushin is still stuck at 10th with a 38-50 slate. Marpac is still at fourth with a 50-42 record.

Eighth running L&W/Len's posted a 3-1 victory over 5th ranked Halina's Kitchennete.

L&W/Len's now totes a 43-49 slate. Halina's remain eight wins

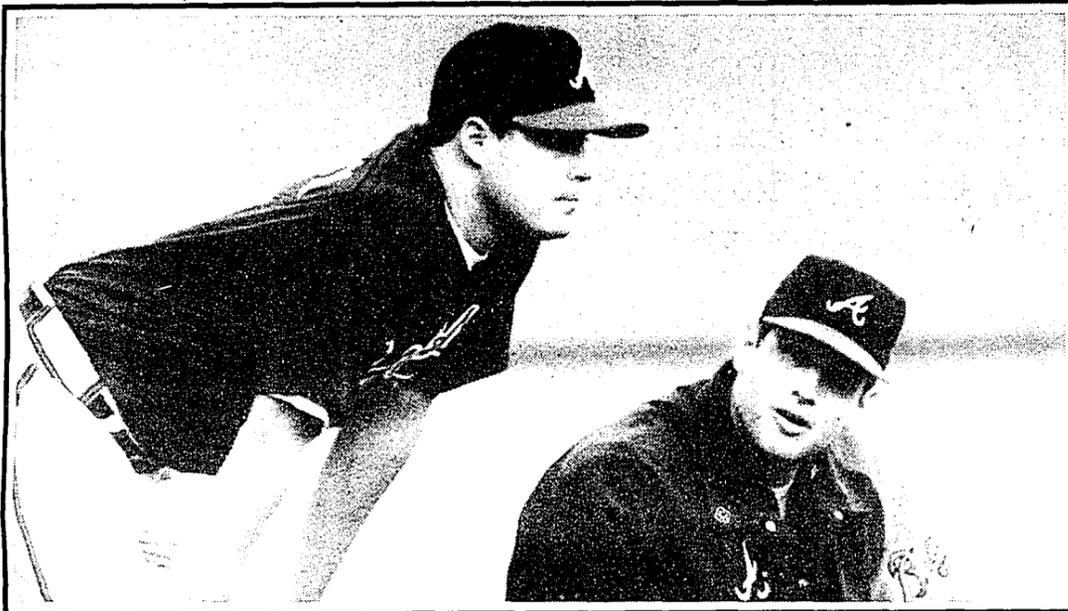
behind PSTC for the lead.

For the team's high marks, the Duty Free Shoppers knocked the best tally in the high scratch and high handicap games with 935 and 1,083 pins.

Wushin Corporation on the other hand topped the two remaining team events.

The team racked 2,671 and 3,082 pins for the week's best outputs in the high scratch and high handicap series.

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Atlanta Braves starting pitcher Greg Maddux talks with closer Mark Wohlers during batting practice last week. AP photo

Tiger wins Disney duel

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Florida (AP) - Tiger Woods had yet another incredible moment in his incredible run on the PGA Tour, winning a dramatic 18-hole duel with Payne Stewart on Sunday in the Disney Classic.

Woods shot a 6-under-par 66 at the Magnolia Course to finish at 21-under par. It was one stroke ahead of Stewart, whose 10-foot birdie putt for a tie at No. 18 grazed the left lip of the cup.

Taylor Smith, a 29-year-old tour rookie seeking his first tour victory, also finished at 21-under, but was disqualified for having an illegal grip on his putter.

Smith was notified of the disqualification on the ninth hole when he was 18-under and trailing Woods by two strokes. Tour officials allowed him to keep playing while he appealed, and he made an 8-foot birdie putt on No. 18.

Smith used a putter that was slightly longer than normal and had two grips that were not equally round, a violation of Rule 4-1c.

Smith's appeal to the USGA was denied.

The \$216,000 winner's check gave Woods \$734,794 in just seven pro starts. He is No. 23 on the money list, which qualifies him for next week's Tour Championship at Southern Hills in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

"He can do things that I can't do," Stewart said.

Woods, who won his first pro title two weeks ago in Las Vegas and finished second last week in the Texas Open, has had an unprecedented run of success since he turned professional eight weeks ago after winning his third straight U.S. Amateur title.

"I was just hoping to get my card," Woods said, standing on the 18th green with the Disney character "Tigger."

"I had seven chances, and if I couldn't get my card I was going to go to Q-school," he said. "Luckily, I was playing real well coming off the Amateur."

Woods learned of Smith's disqualification on the 18th hole. **Continued on page 19**

Mackie and Yumi reclaim leadership

By Erel A. Cabatbat
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DESPITE remaining idle throughout the week, Mackie and Yumi reclaimed the first spot in the Mixed Doubles Division of the Bud Light Dart League.

The Mackie and Yumi duo sports a 37-29 win loss slate against the Mashon and Rosemarie tandem's 42-35.

Mackie and Yumi was accorded the first place because of higher winning percentage. The new leaders sport 56.06 win percentage as against their second running rivals' 54.55 win percentage.

Previous week's leaders, Everitt and Jean slipped to third after losing six games for a total of 35-31 win loss slates.

In the premier division, the Bad Boys continue their dominance in the four team pack Master's Division with a 52-26 slate.

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...while Kan Pacific grabs early lead

By Erel A. Cabatbat
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THE KAN Pacific Keglers won all their games to grab the early leadership after the opening week of the Women's Thursday Night League at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Kan Pacific composed of Mina Benavente, Didd Castro, Vivian Castro, Dolores Moore and Becky Reyes went unbeaten in four games knocking a total of 2,842 pins with high handicap, game and series averages of 947, 986 and 2,842 pins.

Four teams are currently bunched in second place, just half game behind the leader.

The Clippers, Oriental Hotel, Joeten Enterprises and Budweiser are tied in second place by winning three of their four opening games.

Miller Lite and JG Sablan Enterprises are next in the team standings with an even 2-2 records.

Jaridon, DFS Saipan and the Jets occupy the eighth, ninth and tenth positions with their 1-3 slates.

JTG Enterprises and Nite Busters are currently at the bottom of the team standings after going winless in four starts.

For the week's team highlights, the Clippers recorded the best **Continued on page 19**

Practice swim tilt

Palacios, two others top tune-up event

By Erel A. Cabatbat
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DAVID Palacios topped the 100 meter butterfly while Josh Taitano and Roberto Santos likewise ruled their own events to record the best clockings in the Practice Swim Meet of the Saipan Swim Club last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Pool.

Palacios clocked one minute, three seconds and 24 hundredths of a second to beat the 1:45:65 time recorded by Xenavee Pangelinan. Tracy Feger submitted the third best time with 1:18:90.

Taitano ruled the 100 meter breaststroke with a clocking of 1:16:22. Taitano's mark is almost two seconds faster than Justin Pierce's 1:18:35. Keoni Ichihara finished third with 1:22:25.

Santos, on the other hand, finished first in the 100 meter backstroke by covering the distance with a time of 1:16:61. Pangelinan tallied her second runner-up finish by clocking 1:17:84. Third place went to Alexis Kosack. Kosack submitted a time of 1:23:71.

In the other events, Jennifer Furey reigned supreme in the 50 meter backstroke. She covered the distance with a time of 40:09. Davina Palacios came in second with 42:14 while Sho Saso was third with 45:00.

In the 50 meter breaststroke, Ichihara's 36:99 was never surpassed by any other swimmer. Robert Jordan's 37:19 proved to be the closest. Jennifer Pierce bagged third with 42:25.

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