

It's Teno-Pepero!

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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GUBERNATORIAL aspirant Pedro P. Tenorio and his running mate Senate President Jesus Sablan will bear the Republican Party's banner in next year's general elections, as they defeated Larry Guerrero and Rita Hocog Inos by nearly a thousand votes in Saturday's primary.

The Teno-Pepero team showed

strength in all precincts losing only in Tanapag and San Roque by a slim margin. (See results in box).

Unofficial results released by the Primary Committee showed the Teno-Pepero team garnering 4,716 votes which account for 56 percent of the total votes cast, while the Guerrero-Inos team scored 3,752, accounting for 44 percent.



Teno-Pepero: The winning GOP tandem

The GI team lost even in Garapan, Guerrero's home precinct, and Rota, Inos's home island.

If the Teno-Pepero team beats the Democratic candidates in the 1997 gubernatorial race, Tenorio would serve his third term in of-

fice.

Tenorio served his first term from 1982 to 1986, and was re-elected for another term from 1986 to 1990.

Tenorio is facing a contest with either incumbent Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio or Lt. Gov. Jesus Borja, both of whom are hoping for the Democratic Party's nomination.

Prior to Saturday's vote count, Eloy Inos, chairman of the Republican Party's Primary Committee, expressed confidence that "either (Pedro) Tenorio or Guerrero will make it in the 1997 elections."

"The Republican Party is using a lot of room to continue the many good policies that we have under-

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How they fared by precinct

Eligible votes Percentages (%)

Voters	G/I	T/P	G/I	T/P	Total	Cast
Precinct 1						
1A San Antonio	1,345	226	328	41%	59%	554
1C Koblerville		232	291	44%	56%	523
Subtotal	1,345	458	619	43%	57%	1,077
Precinct 2						
1B San Vicente		724	1,091	40%	60%	1815
1D Kagman		93	106	47%	53%	199
Subtotal	2,578	817	1197	41%	59%	2014
Total-Precinct 1	3,923	1,275	1816	41%	59%	3091
Precinct 2						
2A/2B/2C CK		178	380	32%	68%	558
2D SUSUPE		47	103	31%	69%	150
Total-Precinct 2	897	225	483	32%	68%	708
Precinct 3						
3A San Jose		255	283	47%	53%	538
3B Garapan		608	611	50%	50%	1219
Total-Precinct 3	2,462	863	894	49%	51%	1757
Precinct 4						
4A Tanapag		208	200	51%	49%	408
4B San Roque	920	160	134	54%	46%	294
4C Capitol Hill	937	285	387	42%	58%	672
Total-Precinct 4	1,857	653	721	48%	52%	1374
Confined Votes		65	64	50%	50%	129
Advanced Votes		20	27	43%	57%	47
Precinct 5 Tinian						
	840	98	353	48%	54%	651
Precinct 6 Rota						
	1,098	438	449	49%	51%	887
Grand Total	11,077	3,752	4,716	44%	56%	8468

Tenorio on primary victory: We're looking forward to '97

By Zaldy Dandan
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HE HAS been there before, as the saying goes, but for former governor Pedro P. Tenorio, last Saturday's election victory couldn't be "sweeter."

"I'm very happy that the people went out and cast their vote, and I would like to thank all of them," the Republican Party's gubernatorial candidate for 1997 said shortly after his victory was officially announced Saturday night.

Tenorio said he won because of "hard work and the people's confidence in us."

"(The people)," he said, "(believed in our message) that we will restore respect, love, harmony and working together in the government for the betterment of the Commonwealth."

"We're looking forward to 1997."

The only two-term CNMI governor won convincingly in Saturday's primary over another former governor, his successor

Lorenzo I.D.L. Guerrero, winning in all three senatorial districts with 56 percent of the total votes cast.

For his part, Tenorio's running mate and Senate President Jesus R. Sablan said their victory "reminds me that we have to work harder in 1997. We will try to be worthy of the people's trust," he said.

Sablan said they won because the people "wanted change and considered us the catalyst."

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GOP aspirant, former Gov. Larry I. Guerrero stands amidst his campaigners during last Saturday's primary election. Guerrero's opponent, former Gov. Pete P. Tenorio won the nomination. This scene was taken at the entrance of Garapan Elementary School.

Photo by: Jojo Dass

PSS may re-bid MHS gym project

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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THE CONTROVERSIAL Marianas High School gymnasium project is facing another delay as the Public School System ponders on hiring another contractor to finish the project.

During a recent meeting of the Board of Education, PSS facilities specialist Lyle Bicknell reported that the B&R Construction might "declare bankruptcy and default on the project."

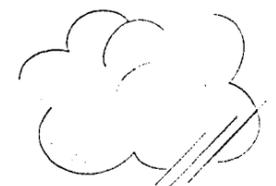
Bicknell told the board officials the situation may "actually be good for the PSS because the PSS could then re-bid the completion of the project and perhaps get more funding."

PSS Commissioner William

Torres, meanwhile, said he is confident the gym project will be

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Weather Outlook



Partly cloudy with isolated showers

China to ban US imports

By JOHN LEICESTER

BEIJING (AP) - China announced a ban on U.S. fruits, alcoholic drinks, textiles and other imports Sunday in retaliation for a U.S. penalty for alleged textile trade violations.

The ban will go into effect from December 6, the Foreign Trade Ministry and Chinese customs said in a joint statement issued through the state-run Xinhua News Agency.

The statement called the ban temporary but did not say how long it would last or place a monetary value on the imports to be suspended.

The ban is the latest action in a series of trade disputes that have helped sour China-U.S. relations. It comes

In retaliation for US textile penalties

less than two weeks before U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher is due in Beijing to seek improved ties.

China said the ban was in retaliation for a "U.S. unilateral cut of import quotas of Chinese textiles."

Washington levied a \$19 million penalty on China on September 6 for trying to skirt textile export quotas by shipping garments to the United States through other countries in violation of a 1994 pact.

China accused the United States of cutting its quota by 195,000 dozen items without ample evidence of ship-

ment through third countries. Sunday's announcement said Washington acted without fully consulting China and without clear evidence, seriously violating the 1994 agreement.

The statement said China had warned the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative it would be forced to retaliate if the penalties were not canceled. "Up to now, the U.S. side has not withdrawn its quota decision," it added.

Xinhua said a detailed list of U.S. imports to be suspended will be drawn

up before the December 6 deadline. Imports targeted include some U.S. textiles, agricultural and animal husbandry products, fruits, and alcoholic drinks and beverages, it said.

Chinese officials have said some textiles shipped to the United States did not originate in China and that in one case unscrupulous foreign firms had fraudulently labeled garments.

Neither the U.S. Embassy in Beijing or the State Department in Washington would immediately comment on the announced ban. No one from the U.S. Trade Representative's office could immediately be reached for comment.

China said it wants the dispute settled according to the textile agreement and "opposes any practice intended to impose the will of one side

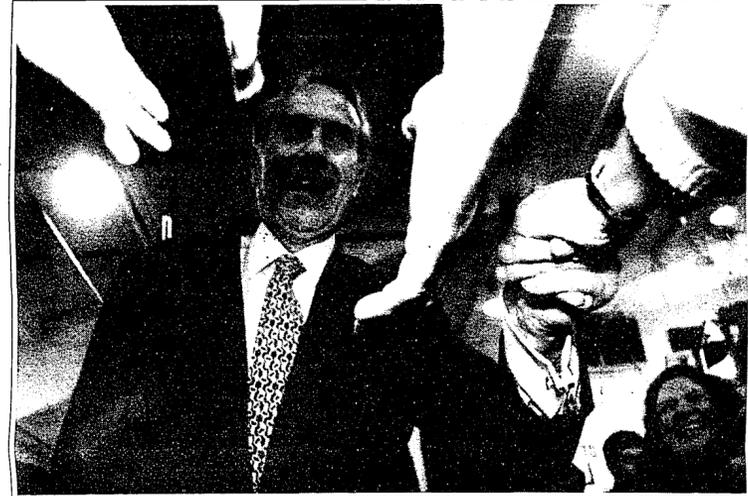
upon others in trade dealings."

"We wish to urge the United States to handle trade disputes in the spirit of advancing bilateral trade and refrain from taking any actions harmful to bilateral trade in the future," the statement added.

It also accused the U.S. of recently erecting a series of trade and non-trade barriers against Chinese textiles, leading to a sharp decrease in exports to the United States.

The United States has levied penalties on China three times under the 1994 accord. Among these, triple charges, reserved for repeated violations, were levied for the first time in September.

China accused the USTR of acting without "full consultation and clear evidence" and said its charges "seriously affected China's textile export to the United States and China's ability to pay for imports from the United States."



Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole greets supporters in one of final his rallies in Clarksville, Tenn., Dole lost out to President Clinton in last week's election. AP Photo

Kim: No aid, peace talks until N. Korea apologizes

WASHINGTON (AP) - South Korean President Kim Young Sam says his government will refuse to discuss peace with or provide aid to North Korea until leaders of that country apologize for the recent incursion of commandos into the South, according to a published report.

"They are even more hostile than ever," Kim said in an interview in Seoul in Saturday editions of The Washington Post. "Their revolutionary strategy for communizing the Korean Peninsula has not changed. Unless North Korea apologizes for what has happened and guarantees that the same kind of incident will not be repeated, we cannot help North Korea, whether it is rice or other things."

The Clinton administration had worked to combine strong military deterrence with an attempt to entice North Korea to deal more openly with the world.

One of the inducements was an agreement to provide the North with nuclear power reactors. But Kim told the Post that South Korea has broken off its participation in that venture.

"The implementation of (the nuclear agreement), on our part, will be suspended for the time being," he said. He added that "our national sentiment doesn't allow us" to continue the plan without an apology for the in-



Kim Young Sam

curtion.

In that Sept. 18 incident, a small submarine carrying 26 North Korean spies ran aground off South Korea on Sept. 18. Twenty-four of the group have been killed or found dead, one was captured and one remains at large.

The South Korean military has been criticized for allowing the infiltration and mishandling the hunt for the intruders.

The Post quoted Charles Kartman, deputy assistant secretary of state for East Asian affairs, as saying the United States was "understanding" of Kim government's position. "They feel there needs to be a resolution of the submarine incident before we get back to business as usual. But everything is still fine."

The report also quoted an unnamed NATO official as saying that Turkey and Malaysia had signed secret arms agreements with the Bosnian government.

"We don't need any secret arms agreement," Toyad responded when asked in the interview if such an agreement existed. "We support the activities in Bosnia because we believe in justice and we do not like to see threats of ethnic cleansing and unjustified war," he said.

Russians set out to inspect US storage of nuke materials

By STEVEN K. PAULSON

GOLDEN, Colorado (AP) - Russian nuclear inspectors said Thursday they will need foreign aid if the world expects them to place their nuclear materials under international inspection.

Nikolai Khlebnikov, head of the Russian Federation Ministry of Atomic Energy Visitors, toured a demonstration storage facility at the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant placed under the supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency and said he was impressed.

But he said his country will need financial help for a similar project to succeed in Russia, criticized for lack

supervision of its nuclear stockpiles. He said Russia has built a reprocessing facility, Mayak, in the Urals and has already begun construction of a storage facility. But the new facility will cost \$300 million, and Russia has only half the money it needs.

"We don't have enough funds, and need international cooperation to realize this project," he said. "Half has been provided by the Russian government, and half we expect from other countries, the United States and maybe Japan."

Officials at Rocky Flats said finding the money could be difficult, given the massive cutbacks in the U.S. nuclear weapons program following the end

of the Cold War. Rocky Flats has been hit hard, with the loss of more than 2,000 workers and the cancellation of its mission to build triggers for nuclear weapons.

Khlebnikov said Russia already has taken 500 tons of enriched uranium from nuclear weapons, and recycled about 6 tons for power plants, the equivalent of 200 atomic bombs.

But none of that is under IAEA control, he acknowledged.

During their tour Thursday, Russian and IAEA inspectors saw how the United States set up a pilot program, placing about one ton of weapons-grade plutonium under IAEA supervision.

Malaysia denies smuggling arms to Bosnia

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) - A Malaysian official denied Sunday a New York Times report that Malaysia was involved in covert operations to smuggle heavy artillery weapons to Bosnian Muslims.

In an interview published in the Sunday Times newspaper, Deputy Foreign Minister Leo Michael Toyad criticized the report as "uncalled for" saying that Malaysia's participation in Bosnia's reconstruction was "open and clear."

"I don't know what the report's intention is, but Malaysia's participation is through international and multilateral channels," he said.

The report in Friday's New York Times said European intelligence agencies had uncovered evidence of a covert operation with links to Malaysia and Turkey to arm Bosnian Muslims.

Such an operation would be a violation of conditions under the Dayton peace agreement signed in

December last year. Toyad noted that Malaysia has contributed \$12 million for Bosnia's infrastructure reconstruction under the Dayton accord.

"Malaysia is also participating in the development of their military defense under the United States' plan," he said, referring to Malaysia's \$25 million ringgit (\$10 million) contribution to a U.S. program aimed at equipping and training a proposed integrated Muslim-Croat Federation

army.

The weapons in question are 40 155-millimeter (6.2-inch) howitzers which had allegedly been shipped in containers into Bosnia in the last week of August and are now in the Muslim-controlled town of Zenica.

According to the report, the weapons had escaped detection because they belonged to Turkish and Malaysian troops stationed in the area with the 53,000-strong NATO peacekeeping force.

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Lujan hits Carlsmith's fees

By Ferdie de la Torre

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KAELANI Kinney's counsel David J. Lujan has opposed the payment of Carlsmith law firm's billings in its entirety stating that not all the services and costs rendered were for the benefit of Larry Hillblom's estate.

In Kinney's opposition to Carlsmith's (estate executor's counsel) attorney's fees and costs rendered in Supreme Court appeal, Lujan said some payment is due but not the entire \$118,613 was incurred for the estate's benefit.

Carlsmith in its answer to



David J. Lujan

Kinney's motion, denied Lujan's allegations.

Lujan said a review of the actual billings shows that Carlsmith supposedly spent 381.95 hours in researching, discussing and drafting its opening brief; in reviewing, discussing the opposition brief and in researching and drafting its reply brief; in discussing whether or not to waive oral arguments; in reviewing and discussing a Supreme Court opinion.

Lujan said Kinney estimates that Carlsmith billed approximately \$82,653 for this work.

The lawyer said Kinney submits that 381.95 hours translates into approximately 48 hours days.

"\$82,653 divided by 382 hours yields \$216.37 per hour. This means John Biehl, who bills at \$210, would have worked for 48 days, eight hours per day with still money to spare. It means nine weeks and three days of work to

earn this sum," Lujan said. "Kinney submits this constitutes fraudulent billing and an exploitation by a firm who knows the well has dried up on them," Lujan said.

Other billings questioned by Lujan include Carlsmith's work on motion to stay proceedings, opposition to motion to dismiss appeal, lifting of stay, opposition to motion to reconsider, and opposition to motion to remand.

Mathis to OPA: Take legal action

By Zaldy Dandan

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THE COMMONWEALTH Utilities Corp.'s public information officer on Wednesday said that if the Office of the Public Auditor "wants to get its money" its officials should learn how to negotiate.

Pamela A. Mathis, in a letter to this reporter, said the law reads that if the Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) wants its money, "it's up to them to go get it through a taxpayer's lawsuit."

OPA officials, she said, "can write all the letters they want to the Legislature, but if it's money they want, they're going to have to start addressing those letters to us, without personal attacks in a professional way."

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. (CUC) owes the Commonwealth Development Authority some \$84 million, she

said. "(OPA) can stand in line and learn how to negotiate."

Mathis also pointed out that the current law requiring all government agencies to pay OPA 1 percent of their annual budgets gives OPA around \$4 million.

OPA's budget is between \$1.2 million to \$1.9 million annually.

"The original law (Public Law 9-66) said that all surplus would go to the scholarship and to medical referral," she said.

"However, Public Law 9-68 amended the law so that all surplus stays with OPA. Who's auditing the auditor?"

Public Auditor Leo LaMotte, in a letter to the Legislature, is claiming that CUC refused to pay OPA the equivalent of 1 percent of the utility's budget, as required by law (see related story in this issue).

Mathis, however, earlier said



Leo LaMotte

that CUC has been negotiating with OPA's attorney in the drawing up of a payment option.

Reacting to Mathis's statements, LaMotte insisted that CUC "renewed" on its commitment to pay OPA.

He said that "no such 'negotiating' has taken or is taking place."

Matus residents await road paving

By Rick Alberto

Variety News Staff

PEOPLE in As Matusis also hope the CIP [capital improvement projects] bill will be passed soon by the Senate and eventually enacted into law.

The CIP bill will not only fund the clearing of the Puerto

Rico Dump but also the paving of the Matusis road and the construction of the drainage system for the village of Matusis.

"The Matusis people have been screaming for better road and for the drainage system to be fixed because every time it rains—you know, it's been raining for so many months now—the road is washed out," Public Works Secretary Edward M. DeLeon Guerrero said.

"We need to pave it and we need to put a drainage system in Matusis," Guerrero added. Guerrero has been calling for positive action on the bill by the senators, as it also pro-

vides CIP funding for the clearing of the overflowing Puerto Rico Dump and the construction of a new landfill in Kalabera.

The public works secretary said the bill needed to be passed at the soonest time possible because of the urgent projects that depend on it for funding.

The bill has already been passed on first and final reading by the House in early August.

Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja has also battled for the early passage of the bill, noting that it had been pending at the legislature for over seven months.

El Niño phenomenon can predict more tuna harvests, scientist says

By Rick Alberto

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A WEATHER phenomenon, which is characterized by warmer than normal temperature of the ocean can be beneficial to fishermen in Pacific Island nations, scientific evidence show.

In a scientific paper he read before the recent South Pacific Conference, James L. Buizer, director for international development at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said there was evidence that during El Niño, the catch of Skip Jack increased "dramatically" in the Exclusive Economic Zone of Kiribati.

Noting that tuna provides an important source of income to the Pacific region, Buizer sug-

gested that the Kiribati Ministry of Natural Resources "might be very interested in using (El Niño) forecasts for planning purposes."

Evidence also showed that conversely, during La Niña (the opposite of El Niño), the catch was "severely reduced."

El Niño was first noted sometime in the last century when the ocean appeared warmer than normal every few years, peaking around Christmas time.

El Niño has often been blamed for disruptions in climate patterns including droughts, storms and floods. Buizer pointed out that tropical storms tend to follow the warmer waters.

During El Niño islands such as Yap and Chuuk experience drought, Buizer noted.

Buizer said that normally tuna fleets out of Pago Pago, American Samoa, travels up to two weeks to fertile fishing grounds.

"During El Niño years, large schools of Skip Jack are found only two days away—meaning less travel time and greater catches," Buizer said.

He said the large number of the fish "overloads the local canneries beyond their capacity and the fishermen often must wait up to 21 days to unload."

"Advanced information of an impending El Niño could allow the canneries to make arrangements to transship the tuna they cannot accommodate to other canneries—increasing the income for everyone," Buizer told SPC delegates.

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Peculiarities

SOME of the 100 FTEs have already been given their termination letters. I know of four who quite don't know what to make of their termination. These are people who have obligations—automobile loan installment, mouths to feed, cloth and shelter—and in more ways than one, legislators have practically ruined their Thanksgiving and Holiday Season.

This decision for "justification" had nothing to do with the need of the 100 FTE employees to find jobs so they can keep-up with their family obligations. Sure, legislators with businesses can't possibly feel the damning effects of their decision because they eat well regardless of whether the 100 FTEs return to food stamps to begin life anew as perpetual dependents.

Well, the general election is up next year. Let's see whose political career would be relegated to nihilism! It's one pay de odda time. And I frankly don't give a damn whether you're a democrat or republican. You'd be hearing from me, loud and clear!

The Guam Telephone Authority has a lot of learning and growing up to do, including staying out of competition with the NMI's private telecommunications companies.

The one reason GovGuam has been and continues to be a bloaty operation is because GTA should have been privatized twenty years ago.

If you need to learn why, visit MTC on Saipan, once a part of our government operations. It is a sterling example of reducing excess in government while turning the same operations into a highly profitable business venture. GTA can similarly be privatized not necessarily that taxpayers would be given a smaller government, but a better government!

Driving home one evening, I noticed that every Tom, Dick and Harry was stepping on gas pedal overtaking my old truck running at legal speed limit. A minute or two later, we were all lining up under the traffic lights quietly checking each other out—through the corners of our eyes—admitting stupidity for exercising the "hurry-up and wait" syndrome. I smiled at the notion of traffic lights races. It gives one that sense of stupidity and guilt for not using his brain cells.

I must have missed the burial or interment of the word "honorable". It's a word that was brutally and abusively kicked around during municipal council sessions of years past. I'd sit and listen to heedless debates of old petty and stuffy issues while councilmen convince themselves of having said something substantive by re-echoing a previous speaker's statement, i.e., "Mr. Speaker, I support honorable X's statement". That was the extent of his contribution. I used to quiz myself why have they basked in their self-importance when they haven't even earned their stripes? I suppose it's lapustura first, sustansia last.

I get tickled to death when secretaries (especially government secretaries and clerks) parrot your question, i.e., "I'd like to talk to Mr. Bingano?" Secretary, parroting now, "Oh, you want to talk to Mr. Bingano?" I'd snap right back: "I thought that's just what I asked you a second ago?" I could confirm she heard me because she parroted my question to the word. But why the redundancy? A lesson in telephone ethics may be in order.

This is one place on earth where most of us are made to feel like we belong to a royal family. I mean, you talk to a Filipino or Filipina and they instantly address you, "Sir". I asked a Filipino friend why the use of the term "Sir" when first or last names would do. She said it is our way of showing respect, "Sir". I don't necessarily like or savor being addressed "sir" in that it rings that historic slave-master relationship in American History. I certainly hate to think we have our own share of Uncle Toms on this side of the Pacific. Friends, call people by their first or last names. We're on the same level however a live-in-maid you may be or a construction worker.

If traffic officers are after gas pedal happy highway cruisers, I say they should equally hold the same attitude about highway crawlers. I mean, if you're going to give me a ticket for exceeding the legal speed limit, you should equally cite crawlers for impeding traffic. While at it, tell the suckers to recite the rosary at home and not on the public highways. Those who refuse to take the slower lane should also be cited for impeding traffic.

On this island, the word appointment simply means "hurry-up and wait" or "never mind". The former involves waiting for several hours. The latter is when you simply fail to call to cancel it. Whichever side you're on, we better start learning to do things on a "strictly business" basis. Yeah?



JACK ANDERSON and JAN MOLLER WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

House control could be decided in Texas

WASHINGTON — The battle for control of the 105th Congress may come down to a December surprise.

It's too early to tell, but political consultants in Washington are gearing up for the possibility that the electoral majority in the House of Representatives won't be settled on election day. Instead, they fear that a federal court ruling could mean that control of the House will be decided in a December runoff election in Texas.

This scenario evolved after a federal court ruled that 13 of Texas' 30 House districts had to be redrawn. The remapping was made necessary when the Supreme Court ruled earlier this year that it was unconstitutional for congressional districts to be carved out solely on the basis of race.

In these 13 districts, the Nov. 5 election will serve as an open primary where all candidates from all parties run on the same ticket. If nobody emerges with a majority of at least 50 percent, the top two vote-getters square off one month later in a runoff election.

This has operatives in both parties licking their chops—and fearing the worst. Democrats don't want the election decided in Texas, a conservative stronghold where turnout is likely to be light in a runoff. For Republicans, a Texas showdown would be a sign of defeat for a party that was riding high just two years ago.

Texas could decide which way the House goes," one Democratic congressional staffer told us. "Nobody's focusing on it now, because everybody's focusing on who's going to win the House (in November). But if Democrats do really well and there's five or six seats up in Texas (after election day), things will go crazy down there."

This scenario hinges on two major factors. First, Democrats would have to win back enough seats on Nov. 5 to be within striking distance of retaking the House. Democrats need a net gain of 19 seats to reclaim control of the House from Republicans.

Second, the Texas races would have to be close enough to warrant a runoff. Right now, most of the 13 districts in question appear to have a clear front-runner. But at least two races—and as many as five or

six—could be decided in December.

Depending on which side you talk to, the Texas scenario could be a moot point come December. Republicans are confidently predicting that they'll add to their majority in November, with some believing the party could pick up as many as 1520 new seats. Some Democrats are similarly starry-eyed, judging from a recent prediction by Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md., that Democrats would gain a net of 50 seats next month.

A neutral observer, political sage Charles E. Cook, believes the margin will be slimmer. Anything from a 10 seat Republican gain to a 30 seat Democratic swing is entirely possible, Cook recently wrote.

To take advantage of the new rules, both Democrats and Republicans have tried to flood the field with fringe candidates in hopes of forcing runoffs.

The most interesting incident took place in the Houston-area district currently represented by freshman Republican Rep. Steve Stockman. Democrats alleged foul play after a candidate called himself "Jack" Brooks file as a Democratic candidate for the primary. The real Jack Brooks represented Stockman's district for 21 terms before being ousted by Stockman two years ago. Texas officials recently ruled that the new Mr. Brooks must run under his real name, which is George. Republican officials deny that they recruited Brooks to dilute the anti-Stockman vote.

The candidate most hurt by the redistricting is Rep. Ken Bentsen, D-Texas, a freshman and the nephew of former senator Lloyd Bentsen, whose district lost thousands of registered Democrats in the redrawing. Ten candidates have filed to run against Bentsen in November, and Republicans are confident they can pick up his seat in a runoff.

One thing is certain: Where there's a runoff, campaign cash is sure to follow. The Federal Election Commission recently ruled that PACs and individuals may contribute the maximum legal amount to candidates in that short one-month span. By law, PACs can give up to \$5,000 and individuals can give up to \$1,000 per candidate per election cycle. A runoff would create an immediate land-rush for contributors and consultants eager to exert their influence.

Sablán: 'OPA getting too much'

By Zaldy Dandan
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THE CHAIRMAN of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is asking the House of Representatives "relief" from laws that require government agencies to pay the Office of the Public Auditor 1 percent of an agency's annual budget.

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. (CUC) Chairman Benjamin A. Sablan, in a letter Wednesday to Speaker Diego T. Benavente, said the utility is "willing to pay its fair share, but we should not have to provide the bulk of the operating budget for the Office of the Public Auditor (OPA)."

Enclosed with Sablan's letter is a draft of a bill which he said would amend current laws and "correct the issues affecting CUC."

Sablán said OPA is getting too much money.
"If each government agency

pays OPA 1 percent or more of its annual budget," he said, "OPA will receive "in excess of three times its actual and reasonable operating expenses."

OPA's budget for fiscal year 1994 was \$1.2 million.

Sablán said that Public Law 9-66, which he dubbed "the public auditor's 1 percent tax," gives OPA some \$4 million.

The law originally allowed the reprogramming of excess or surplus monies to the medical referral program and/or the CNMI scholarship fund.

However, Public Law 9-68 removed all reprogramming authority and left the surplus money to OPA.

But P.L. 9-68 also specified that OPA may enforce its own tax collections through a lawsuit (see related story in this issue).

CUC, according to Sablan, is the most independently-audited CNMI agency.

The utility, he said, also has an internal auditor who is a fulltime OPA employee whose salary is paid by CUC, and a chief accountant who is a former regional audit supervisor for the U.S. inspector general.

"Their work at CUC, coupled with the independent audits, lessens the work load of OPA."

"Therefore, the expenses associated with all other audits and auditors should be deducted from an annual tax levied by OPA," Sablan said.

Public Auditor Leo LaMotte has claimed that CUC refused to pay OPA the equivalent of 1 percent of the utility's budget, as required by law.

LaMotte, in a letter to Senate President Jesus R. Sablan and Benavente, said CUC and OPA have earlier agreed that the utility will pay in installments.
On Oct. 25, however, LaMotte said CUC's legal counsel told OPA that the utility no longer intends to make any payments.

But according to CUC's Public Information Officer Pamela A. Mathis, LaMotte's letter is "inaccurate."

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"reneged" on its commitment to pay OPA.

He said that "no such 'negotiating' has taken or is taking place."

LaMotte said that the 1 percent OPA is asking from CUC covers not only audits, but also OPA's duty of implementing the Ethics Act, reviewing and making decisions involving procurement bid protests and responsibilities in the area of investigations.

The public auditor also took issue against CUC's saying that the utility's fee to OPA should "reflect the services they render us," and citing the example of an OPA employee working full-time at CUC from which he draws his salary.

LaMotte said the employee is an internal auditor assigned full-time to CUC at the utility's request. He added that OPA has also agreed more than three months ago to deduct the employee's cost from the amount due—a fact, LaMotte said, that Mathis "conveniently chooses to ignore."

CUC, Mathis has said, is asking OPA to accept payment under 1 percent.

She said that the utility has earlier sent a letter to the Legislature to ask that the law be amended to provide "relief" not only to CUC but to its customers.

But according to House Speaker Diego T. Benavente, his position "right now" on CUC's "request" is that the utility, just like any other agency, should pay OPA.

CUC, he said, has been recently "bailed out" by the new law exempting the utility from paying the fuel tax.

The exemption will "certainly pump a lot of money into CUC," the speaker said.

He added, however, that the Legislature will look into CUC's concerns "and make sure that if (the utility) would make payments, it would not disrupt their services."

The Legislature, according to Benavente, doesn't want to hear any more rate-hike "threats" from CUC.

Man charged for contempt

THE ATTORNEY General's Office has filed criminal charges against a man who allegedly violated a court's bail order.

Assistant Atty. Gen. Yvonne Lee charged Edwin P. Blas with two counts of criminal contempt before the Superior Court.

In the complaint, Lee said last July 16 Blas failed to comply with an order of the Superior Court in his 1995 criminal case.

Blas allegedly did not obey conditions of the bail order issued by Associate Judge Miguel Demapan last March 11.

Demapan ordered Blas to stay at the house lot in Kagman at all times, Lee said.

Last Aug. 28, the defendant again failed to comply with the court's same order requiring him to stay at the house in Kagman "at all times."

Blas was summoned to appear in court on Nov. 18.

Blas had several criminal cases in the past, mostly burglary and theft. (FDT)



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DFW may haul dolphins

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff
THE Four spinner dolphins which recently found their way into the Tanapag Lagoon is now facing threats of starvation and may soon be hauled away into the open sea, it was gathered over the weekend.
Joe Ruak, of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources'

Division of Fish and Wildlife, said authorities are now observing the creatures and might consider physically hauling them out to save them from death due to starvation.
Ruak said the DLNR may opt to haul them out this week.
Spinner dolphins have, through the years, been moni-

tored to have accidentally found their way into the lagoon.
Ruak said there were roughly 50 such wayward dolphins seen trapped inside the lagoon since 1992.
Ruak said those which failed to find their way out were hauled away by the DLNR to the open sea.
"We used big nets to physically haul them [dolphins] away. That may happen again in this situa-

tion," he said. The DFW, he added, is still observing the four dolphins' behavior.
These dolphins have to be dragged out because the lagoon, the DLNR said, lack sufficient food supply.
At least two spinner dolphins have died of starvation in the lagoon last year, the DLNR reported. The four ones, according to DLNR officials, may suffer the same consequences if they even-

tually failed to find their way out.
These four ones, the DLNR have theorized, may have been part of a bigger group who accidentally went astray and found their way at the lagoon.
Dolphins are protected by Federal Law against people trying to harass, intimidate or injure them.
The DLNR has called on local fishermen to stay away from the Tanapag area and report further sightings of the dolphins.

Borja says SPC event a boost to CNMI tourism



Jesus Borja

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff
LIEUTENANT Gov. Jesus Borja has said Saipan's hosting of the 36th South Pacific Conference has placed the island in the "limelight" and could thus help boost the Commonwealth's tourism industry.
"I think (the event) had a lot of benefits not only in terms of tourism," Borja said in an interview with reporters last week. "The mere fact that we (hosted) the con-

ference put us more in the limelight within the conference itself."
Borja chaired the SPC conference which was attended by more than 140 delegates from 26 countries and island states as well as other international organizations. The event ran from Oct. 31 to Nov. 1.
"In the past," Borja said, "we had been attending the conference and we... just sit at the desk, and speak only when issues relating to the CNMI comes up."
When Saipan hosted the event, Borja said, people have "become more aware of the CNMI."
It was the second time for Saipan to host the conference of the biggest and oldest regional organization in the Pacific.
Saipan hosted the 23rd conference in 1983 which was described as one of the most "historic events" for SPC as it was the year when all SPC member countries and islands were given equal footing in the organization.
Borja said the government had set aside at least \$150,000 for the preparation and execution of the last SPC conference on Saipan.

Nine new waterline projects now on the drawing board

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff
NINE new waterline projects have been reported on the drawing board, with the contract for the design of the Oleai (San Jose) waterline replacement already signed.
The contract for the project was awarded to Earth Tech in the amount of \$44,390, according to a progress report made available to the media Thursday.
Earth Tech also submitted the "most reasonable and lowest cost proposal" to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. for the design of the San Roque and Tanapag waterline replacements.



Timothy P. Villagomez

CUC Executive Director Timothy P. Villagomez, according to the report, has approved the awarding of the project to Earth Tech in the amount of \$79,850.
The contract was just waiting for the account number from the Department of Finance before being routed for signatures, the report said.
The contractor for the Kagman III Homestead waterline project has also been awarded to Pacific Drilling Ltd.,

Another project, the Carolina Heights waterline, was approved by the Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior, last month.
Bidders for the construction of the project have been asked to submit their bids at the latest by Nov. 26.
The installation of an underground waterline in the Sinapalu Homestead in Rota, which costs \$727,108, has undergone a contract change order.
One project was reportedly 25 percent behind schedule as of Oct. 23. This is the \$890,000 installation of an underground waterline in Songsong Village in Rota.
The project is supposed to be completed by Feb. 3 next year, but the report said the contractor, Solid Builders, is not likely to finish the remaining 75 percent of the project by that date.
Solid Builders will be warned of possible termination of the contract because of this delay, according to the report.
The design of the Tatchog/Songsong waterline is now being undertaken by Dueñas and Associates, the report also said.
All these nine projects are CIP-funded.

which offered the lowest bid among six firms: \$1,670,000.
The design for the replacement of the old and undersized waterline from Isley Booster Station to San Vicente Reservoir and the Old Hospital Reservoir is currently being done by HKP. The design cost is \$68,550, and the project cost is estimated at \$750,000.
The contractor for the design of the San Jose Village waterline in Tinian has been signed by SSFM, the report also stated.
However, according to the report, the question of the survey works has yet to be resolved.

Report: DOLI issued total of 21,000 worker certificates

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff
THE BULK of the 21,000 non-resident workers processed by the Department of Labor and Immigration is comprised of Filipinos in the manufacturing and services sector.
A report submitted by the DLI to US Insular Affairs Director Allen Stayman showed that the top three ethnic background of these workers are Filipinos which comprised 11,578 of the total number of applicants processed; Chinese which numbered 8,397; and Koreans which totalled 983.
Meantime, the report also stated that new labor complaints have remained steady in 1996 although it was projected to have a 23 percent increase.
"The reality is that total complaint filed in 1996 of 539 is somewhat higher than the first three quarters of 1995 which is 471," said the report.
The increase in labor complaints filed is attributed by the DLI to a combination of its employer out-

reach program where firm owners are informed on CNMI labor rules; "effective" screening of employment applications and "aggressive" compliance and monitoring activities.
More barracks too, were inspected by the DLI during the last three quarters.
A total of 667 barracks were inspected from January to October this year as compared to 567 barracks inspected for the whole of last year.
The DLI report however did not show how many of the barracks inspected were found to have violations in labor standards.
The DLI conducts both scheduled and unannounced inspections of barracks to see if firm owners observe laws on occupational safety which include that on living quarters and work sites.
The report said inspection is fast becoming a very important aspect of DLI functions due to the need to conduct on-site inspections.

IAEA: Bikini nuke cleanup easy

by Giff Johnson
For the Variety
MAJURO-An international panel of scientists convened by the International Atomic Energy Agency concluded this week that a former American nuclear test site in the northern Pacific can be resettled safe by using scientifically proven rehabilitation techniques.
The IAEA's announcement came as Bikini Islanders prepare to officially launch the first phase of a nuclear test cleanup program in their islands later this month.
Bikini, ground zero for 23 American nuclear tests, can be resettled by Bikini Islanders with no detectable effects on health," by removing top soil from a village area coupled with saturating the rest of the island with potassium fertilizer that will reduce the uptake of radiation by root crops by 95 percent, the IAEA said in a report entitled Radiological Conditions at Bikini Atoll: Prospects for Resettlement.

While the panel of scientists said that the air, land surface, drinking water and lagoon water at Bikini are all safe, they recommend these remedial measures to reduce the intake by humans of residual radiation that is present in local food crops.
U.S. government scientists who have been conducting experiments at Bikini for more than 20 years have discovered that saturating the ground with potassium fertilizer reduces the amount of radioactive cesium 137 absorbed by root crops by as much as 95 percent.
The IAEA report confirmed that the fertilizer method is an effective and inexpensive way to prevent radiation exposure and should be used at Bikini before people move back.
The Bikinians have lived in exile since 1946, when they were uprooted to make way for America's first post-World War II nuclear tests.
"Everybody agrees that potassium works (to reduce ra-

diation exposure)," said Jack Niedenthal, an American who works for Bikini local government and manages its multi-million dollar clean-up trust fund.
"The IAEA is the fifth scientific group to reach the same conclusion about Bikini," he said. "There's a lot on the table now for the Bikinians to discuss."
Bikini islanders have said repeatedly over the years that they want to scrape all the top soil off Bikini Island to be assured of the island's safety when they return home.
But the IAEA panel said that scraping all of Bikini would have huge negative environmental costs, and recommends scraping top soil from the immediate village area only.
While it is necessary to reduce radiation in the fruits grown on the island, "it would not be necessary to remove all the soil," the IAEA said.
"The main radiation risk would be from food. Eating locally grown produce, such as fruit, could add significant radioactivity to the body."
Dousing the island with potassium fertilizer will work "fast to reduce the radioactivity in fruit to a level that would make it safe to eat in any amount," the IAEA said. "The fertilizer would take only one harvest to be effective and it would need to be reapplied about every five years."
Once this is done, "there would be no need to limit consumption of locally grown produce."
If the potassium fertilizer option is employed in combination with a limited scrape of the top soil in the village area, "Bikini Atoll could be re-inhabited, in confidence that it would offer a radiologically safe environment," the IAEA said.
Niedenthal said that the cleanup and rehabilitation strategy recommended by the IAEA-convened panel could be accomplished with the Bikinians' existing \$108 million trust fund provided by the U.S. Scraping top soil off the entire island of Bikini would

be much more costly, he said.
"It's a decision that the Bikini Council has to make," he said. "The Bikinians have been very careful about reviewing radiation conditions at Bikini.
They've employed their own independent scientist, and gotten reports from a panel appointed by the U.S. Congress, Lawrence Livermore Laboratory researchers, and the Marshall Islands nationwide radiological survey (completed in 1995)."
In addition to painstakingly reviewing radiation hazards at Bikini, the islanders want to have the U.S. "sign off" on any plan to resettle Bikini, according to Bikini Mayor Tomaki Juda, who was a small child when he was evacuated with his family in 1946.
Juda has frequently sought assurances from the United States government to endorse the cleanup and resettlement

recommendations of the various scientific groups before the Bikinians move ahead to implement the plans. U.S. officials say the cleanup and resettlement decisions are in the hands of the Bikinians.
The IAEA's panel of experts included scientists from Japan, France, Russia, New Zealand, Australia, the U.S., and the U.K., as well as the world Health Organization and the IAEA.

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Kiribati resettlement program motion nixed

TARAWA (PNS)-The Kiribati Parliament will not allow a resettlement program to be carried out on Kiriritimati Island the capital of Linnix. (Linnix comprises the former Line and Phoenix groups).
Parliament's firm stand was made known when rejecting a motion by former Vice President and member for Beru, Taomati Iuta, Radio Kiribati reported.
Iuta had argued that like the Islands of Tubuaeran and Tereina, Kirimatit will help to ease the population boom in the Kiribati group.
He said if former Atoll Plantation workers have been allowed settlement there, he cannot see why IKiribati should be refused permission.
Kiribati Vice President Tewareka Tentao, however, said former APL settlers who bought half an acre for a thousand dollars (US \$787) will be only exception.

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Suit alleges land transfer fraud

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

A FLORIDA-based woman has sought damages against her "agent" over an alleged

land transfer fraud on Saipan. Rita S. Dutton sued Jose C. Sablan for breach of the duty of care and skill, breach of the duty to give information,

breach of duty to keep and render accounts, breach of the duty of loyalty, fraudulent misrepresentation, and constructive trust.

The Quitclaim Deed of Exchange quitclaimed to the MPLC all right, title, interest, claim or demand to those three lots.

was necessary for the settlement of the estate of the parties' grandfather.

In addition, plaintiff, at the direction of defendant, executed a second Special Power of Attorney appointing Sablan with respect to a tract of land in As Felipe.

Defendant had further dealings with third parties for the properties in which plaintiff has an interest.

In exchanging plaintiff's three lots separate and failing to keep her interest separate and distinct as to plaintiff's separate property, defendant breached the duty of care and skill required of every agent.

Sablan did not use reasonable efforts to keep Dutton informed regarding the actions which defendant was taking with regards to plaintiff's interest in Gualo Rai land, three lots and the parcels of land for which they were exchanged.

By not keeping plaintiff informed of the actions being taken on her behalf and by not exposing the dilution of her interest, Sablan breached the duty to give information owed by every agent to his principle, the complaint said.

By executing the Quitclaim Deed of Exchange, the Deed of Conveyance, and by leasing and selling properties which plaintiff owned, for his own benefit, defendant breached the duty of loyalty.

Sablan acted on those fraudulent, misleading, ambiguous and or misrepresented statements by agreeing to sign the powers of attorney and conveyances.

As a result of the conveyances to defendant of monies and properties, the complaint said, "a constructive trust should be imposed upon those monies and properties received by or transferred to defendant in which plaintiff had an interest."

According to the complaint filed through lawyer Timothy H. Skinner, in 1978, defendant's father, Alejandro, deeded to Dutton, via a Deed of Gift, all right, title, interest, and claim to a parcel of land on Saipan.

The design of the Old Sugar King estate, where the lot was platted, was changed by the Trust Territory.

The understanding was that the Trust Territory or its successor would deed to the owners of the existing lots new lots within the new Sugar King Estate Subdivision configuration in exchange for the Old Sugar King estate lots.

In November 1982, Sablan and his brother, requested that Dutton execute a Special Power of Attorney.

The Special Power of Attorney, which was then executed, gave Sablan the authority to negotiate the exchange of Dutton's interest in three lots with the CNMI government through the Marianas Public Land Corp.

The Special Power of Attorney also gave defendant the authority to do any and all acts necessary to fully consummate an exchange of the lots.

In November 1985, Sablan, acting in his capacity as agent and Attorney-in-Fact for Dutton, exchanged plaintiff's lot 20952, in addition to lot numbers 20949 and 20950 via execution of a Quitclaim Deed of Exchange.

The Quitclaim Deed of Exchange was executed by defendant, as attorney-in-fact for the heirs of Alejandro (Sablan) as "owners" of the three lots in the Old Sugar King Estate.

In the complaint, Dutton stated that Sablan did not inform Dutton that the Quitclaim Deed of Exchange had been executed or that her interest in the lots had been exchanged for three lots.

In January 1986, Sablan sent Dutton several documents relating to the settlement of the estate of their grandfather, Jose R. Sablan.

Sablan represented to plaintiff that her signature was necessary on the Deed of Conveyance in order to settle the estate of Jose R. Sablan.

Sablan did not disclose that the lots to be conveyed were those received in exchange for the Old Sugar King Estate properties.

The Deed of Conveyance, the complaint stated, actually transferred all of Dutton's interest in the Sugar King Estate lots to Sablan.

In 1987, Sablan sold, without informing plaintiff, one of the three lots which was received under the Quitclaim Deed of Exchange. Defendant retained all profits from the sale of the tract.

In April 1987, a final distribution was made in the estate of Jose R. Sablan wherein plaintiff (along with her siblings) received an undivided one-sixth interest in a parcel of property in Gualo Rai.

Sablan did not inform plaintiff of the April 1987 decree of her interest in the property.

In 1989, plaintiff executed, at the direction of defendant, a Special Power of Attorney appointing defendant as attorney in fact with respect to Gualo Rai property.

Defendant informed plaintiff that the power of attorney

Candlelight vigil vs domestic violence slated for this week

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

THE CAMPAIGN against domestic violence continues to gather steam as concerned groups said they are planning a series of activities which will culminate into a candlelight vigil at the American Memorial Park in Garapan this weekend.

Jenny Mafnas, program director of the Criminal Justice Planning Agency, said they expect to mobilize close to 500 participants, mostly elementary school students to join the vigil slated on Friday.

"We are now working with principals of various schools for them to allow their students to participate," said Mafnas.

"Domestic violence," she

said, "is a universal problem."

There are, according to her, at least three categories of domestic violence tom which children usually become victims of. These are physical abuse, emotional abuse and sexual molestation.

The CJPL has said that domestic violence persists because children, who witness violence at the homefront "tend to become parents who somehow involve themselves in the kind of violence they grew up with."

Mafnas said the participants of the vigil will converge at the American Memorial Park at around 6:00 pm. This, she said, will be followed by a march down Garapan area.

Rallyists will momentarily mass up in front of the Duty Free Shop building before

pushing on back to the park where different invited resource persons are expected to take turns discussing the problem on a loud sound system.

Aside from school children, Mafnas said, organizers expect to mobilize victim-advocates and their kins.

Other activities, she said, include a poster making contest, the winners of which will be announced during the vigil.

The CJPA has recently organized a successfully held speech contest participated by High School students as part of its campaign against domestic violence. The winners, among which include Christine Cunanan, a senior student at Grace Christian Academy.

Tourists lose bikes

THREE Japanese tourists lost three bicycles which they had rented in Garapan Thursday morning.

Acting Public Safety Information Officer Sgt. Franklin Babauta said the tourists parked their bicycles at 747 Restaurant.

After finished eating in the restaurant, the tourists noticed that the bicycles which they had rented from Asian Scooters were missing.

In other police report, three male juveniles went inside Mayon Mini Mart in San An-

tonio and took some items without paying it Thursday morning.

In Chalan Piao, a cashier was arrested for allegedly stealing \$100 cash from cash register at KSH Poker Room Thursday night.

The arrestee was identified as 28-year-old Enrico P. Malang of KSH Poker.

Malang allegedly claimed that he took the money as an advance payment.

In Susupe, a 28-year-old male tourist said he lost his camera which he forgot inside a taxi Thursday. (FDT)



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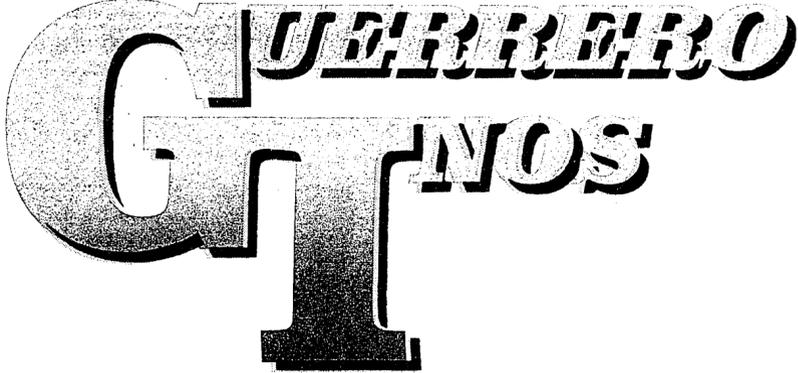
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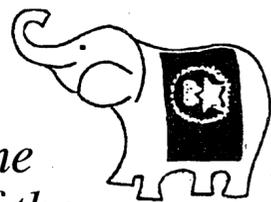
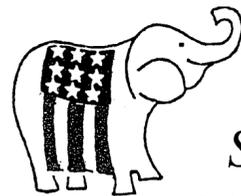
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Plane missing with 141 aboard

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) - A Nigerian jet carrying 141 people was missing Thursday after losing contact with air traffic controllers en route to Lagos, and a search was under way.

The Aviation Development Corp., owners of the missing Boeing 727, said the plane lost contact with the Murtala

Mohammed Airport in Lagos at 5:05 p.m. (1605 GMT) when it was about midway through its 50-minute flight from the southern city of Port Harcourt.

"I just hope, by the grace of God, that nothing bad has happened to the aircraft," said one official of the airline said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "Our men are all over

the place" searching, he said. Darkness hampered the search, and it was possible nothing definite would be known until daylight.

ADC, one of several private commercial airlines operating domestic flights in the west African country, said flight 086 was carrying 132 passengers and nine crew members.

It did not indicate weather conditions in the plane's area of disappearance or say if the pilot had reported problems.

While the state-run Nigeria Airways has a reputation for inefficiency and lax safety standards, the country's privately run airlines have had relatively good safety records. The last major crash involv-

ing a private commercial airline occurred in June 1995, when a Harka Airline plane skidded off a rain-soaked runway at Lagos airport and burst into flames, killing 16 people.

In November 1995 a Nigeria Airways Boeing 737 crashed on landing in the northern city of Kaduna, killing eight of the 129 people on board.

Report: Pilot error may have caused Dominican crash

By JOSE P. MONEGRO SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) - Pilot error probably caused a chartered Turkish Boeing 757 to crash into the Atlantic, killing all 189 people aboard, aviation authorities said Thursday.

In a final report, the Dominican civil aviation agency said the crew of the Birgenair plane didn't recognize that a shaking steering column was a warning of a danger of stalling.

The crew also was confused about different airspeed readings, including a false reading that the plane was flying too fast, the report said.

"The probable cause of the accident was the failure of the flight crew to recognize the activation of the steering column (stick-shaker) as a warning of an imminent loss of aerodynamics (stall) and the failure of the crew to execute procedures to recover from the loss," the report said. Leased by Alas

Nacionales, a small Dominican carrier, the plane crashed from 7,300 feet (2,190 meters) on Feb. 6, six minutes after takeoff from Puerto Plata, a popular resort on the north coast of the Dominican Republic.

Most of the victims were German tourists returning to Frankfurt and Berlin. Also killed were 11 Turkish crew members, seven Poles and two Dominican flight attendants.

In March, Turkey's transport ministry blamed a faulty airspeed indicator for the crash. It did not cite pilot error.

Other factors contributed to the crash, Thursday's report said. It said the crew was not familiar enough with the 757's systems, including the automatic pilot system and procedures to follow when different indicators show different airspeeds.

It also blamed a Birgenair ground crew for failing to cover airspeed sensors known

as pitot tubes while the plane was being serviced.

The ground crew then failed to ensure the tubes were operable before releasing the plane, the report said.

Some officials have speculated that a blocked pitot tube may have been responsible for the pilot's airspeed indicator giving incorrect readings.

Thursday's report Thursday's report did not say whether a pitot tube was blocked.

Aviation industry sources and the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board, which participated in the investigation, have said airspeed indicators might disagree if dirt or debris blocked an external sensor.

Birgenair has said the aircraft was regularly serviced and had been checked by Turkish mechanics the day of the fatal flight.

Thursday's report noted that the crew was called to duty shortly before the flight and may not have been rested.

It also cited Birgenair for not fully training the crew.

The report also said the Boeing Co. training manual for the 757 "lacks detailed information" on crew procedures in the event of different airspeed readings and other warnings.

It recommended that Boeing install an additional cockpit warning when a false airspeed is detected and change its training manual to provide procedures on what to do with different airspeed readings.

In May, the NTSB issued a preliminary report that remarked on "flight crew confusion" but did not blame pilot error.

It recommended that the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration require that Boeing modify its systems on 757s and 767s to activate an alert to warn pilots of an erroneous airspeed indication.

The board noted that other airplanes have such alerts, including the Airbus A320,

Fokker F-100 and McDonnell Douglas MD-11.

The board also recommended that Boeing modify its operating manuals for 757s to include emergency procedures for pilots to respond to unreliable airspeed indications.

It noted that B757 operators including American Airlines and Delta Air Lines had company manuals with such emergency procedures, but that Birgenair's manual did not.

In August, the FAA informed the NTSB that it was working with Boeing to modify the operating manuals and that Boeing was considering modifying its 757 and 767 alerting system with an upgrade scheduled for certification in December 1997.

However, the FAA noted that, "The monitoring and cross-checking of flights and engine instruments are basic and critical responsibilities of the flight crew."

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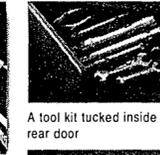
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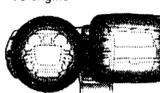
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Rosary is still being said nightly at 8:00 p.m. at Mr. & Mrs. Antonio (Celina) Kaipat's residence in San Roque.

Final rosary on November 14, 1996 will be said 12:00 p.m. Mass for the responso of the soul will be celebrated at San Roque Church at 6:00 pm, November 14, 1996. Dinner will be served immediately after the service at Mr. & Mrs. Antonio (Celina) Kaipat's residence.

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Hong Kong business confident about '97

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) - Hong Kong's business community is confident next year's transfer of the British colony to China will be smooth, Hongkong Bank chief executive David Eldon said Wednesday.

Eldon, who at the beginning of the year took the reins of one of the world's largest banks and the largest in Hong Kong, said that while some in Hong Kong were nervous about the change, business has carried on creating wealth.

If there was some instability as the July 1, 1997, date approaches, there was likely to be a spurt of growth after fears were allayed.

"There is a nervousness, I suppose, in a certain section of the Hong Kong public's minds and it's only something natural," Eldon said.

"It's rather like someone going to a new school or getting a new headmaster, because they're not 100 percent certain (but) they believe it will be all right."

About 4 million people are employed in China by Hong Kong businesses.

The business community itself was not nervous at all — property prices were continuing to climb, "certainly not the sign of a beleaguered city," he said.

"Perhaps in the first six months of next year, while people are waiting for the transition to come, things may slow down a little, but if they do I think it will be only a minimal slowdown. After the transition has taken place... there will be a great opportunity."

Hongkong Bank itself was on good terms with China's central bank, and would continue to issue Hong Kong bank notes.

"We have been in Hong Kong for over 130 years," Eldon said. "We have been in China for the same period of time."

"I believe the Chinese authorities view us as being friends of China, people who have stayed with it. We have no indication that that position will change."

Eldon said he did not accept the argument that after Hong Kong became a part of China its importance as a financial center would be lost to Shanghai.

"There is no doubt that Shanghai will become an important financial center. But there is an awful lot of work for a financial center in northern China which will certainly keep it occupied for a long time."

"To suggest that Shanghai will overtake Hong Kong or that there will be no need for Hong Kong is a little like saying, 'Well, London is a financial center, therefore you don't need Frankfurt, or New York is a financial center so you don't need Chicago.'"

Hongkong Bank's full name is the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp. It was founded in the 1860s with offices in both cities.

In 1992, the bank bought giant British retail bank Midland, a move that led to a restructuring to satisfy British authorities. The head office is now in Britain, with Hongkong Bank a subsidiary.

Midland and Hongkong Bank are the main sources of the group's US \$ 4 billion annual profit, including the activities of the New Zealand and Australian branches of Hongkong Bank.

Other subsidiaries include venerable British-based but international broker James Capel, Hong Kong's Hang Seng Bank and the British Bank of the Middle East.

Eldon said Hongkong Bank's international operation had focused on what the bank had always done well — trade financing. In New Zealand, mortgage lending had been added.

Shanghai told to stay calm after earthquake

BEIJING (AP) - Shanghai residents were urged to stay calm Sunday following a strong earthquake which shook waters off China's largest city Saturday night.

The magnitude 6.1 quake struck late Saturday night in the southern Yellow Sea, about 200 kilometers (125 miles) east of the city, said an official at the Shanghai seismology bureau.

The quake was felt in Shanghai, but there were no reports of casualties or damage, said the official who gave only his surname, Yan.

The Shanghai newspaper Liberation Daily said residents in their nightclothes stood around in the streets after the quake, discussing what had happened.

The newspaper carried a front-page announcement Sunday saying seismologists discounted the possibility of another, larger quake occurring and told residents not to worry.

Similar announcements were also broadcast by radio and television stations, Yan said.

Yeltsin making good progress



Boris Yeltsin

By BARRY RENFREW
MOSCOW (AP) - President Boris Yeltsin was in good condition Thursday and the speed of his recovery from heart bypass surgery continued to surprise his doctors, officials said. Presidential press spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky told reporters

that doctors who examined Yeltsin Thursday morning for about 90 minutes said the president's recovery was going well with no unexpected developments.

Doctors still had not made a decision on Yeltsin's request to be moved from intensive care at the Moscow Cardiological Clinic to the nearby Kremlin hospital, which has suites of offices and a homier atmosphere.

Yeltsin's rapid recovery will boost hopes that he will soon reassert his authority, ending a four-month crisis during which top aides have squabbled openly.

The president reclaimed his full powers Wednesday, just a day after the quintuple bypass. His power had been transferred to Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin during the operation.

"I think he's out of the woods," American heart surgeon Michael DeBakey said after seeing the 65-year-old president Wednesday.

DeBakey said Yeltsin wouldn't have served out the four-year term he fought for so fiercely this summer without the operation.

"He couldn't have carried on much longer," he said in an interview with The Associated Press.

When DeBakey, a consultant on the case, first examined the president in September, "he was incapacitated, considerably incapacitated."

Now, he said, "I expect for him to carry out his term perfectly normally."

The joke making the rounds in the Russian capital was that Yeltsin's first words after coming out of the anesthesia were, "Give me a pen" — a sly reference to the presidential decrees through which he rules.

The story is apocryphal. But at 6 a.m. Wednesday, shortly after he was taken off the respirator, that's exactly what happened: Yeltsin signed a decree taking back the powers he has guarded so jealously against a host of challengers.

Yeltsin met with Chernomyrdin on Wednesday and requested a report on the 24 hours he was out of commission, which included a nationwide protest Tuesday over unpaid wages.

The strike was a sign of the well-spring of nationwide anger over economic woes that Yeltsin will face when he returns to work.

His illness has kept Russia in limbo for months.

Yeltsin has spent mere hours at the Kremlin since winning a second term in July over Communist challenger Gennady Zyuganov. Kremlin squabbling has erupted into wild charges and counter-charges of alleged coup plots, multimillion-dollar slush funds, embezzlement, blackmail and more.

The prime minister, who underwent bypass surgery himself eight years ago, said he was amazed that Yeltsin was bouncing back so fast from surgery.

Chernomyrdin said he urged him to take it easy for a while.

"We won't overload him," an upbeat Chernomyrdin said. "We'll try to take as much of the burden off him as possible."

DeBakey said the 65-year-old president's heart was functioning at just 20 percent of normal in September, and only 40 percent when he went into surgery. Now, after five bypass grafts, it's at 100 percent, he said.

Asked if Yeltsin moved too quickly to reclaim his presidential powers, including control over Russia's huge nuclear arsenal, DeBakey said "he's quite alert."

Police round up Jewish extremists

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) - Police arrested three Jewish extremists in Hebron Sunday as a first step in preventing a violent response to any Israeli redeployment in the West Bank city, a senior police official said.

The arrests came a day after thousands of Israelis crowded the Palestinian city in support of the 450 Jews living there.

Noam Federman, a leader of the outlawed anti-Arab Kach movement, was among the three arrested Sunday and put under administration detention, a holdover from British mandatory rule that allows a person to be held for up to six months without being charged.

"There were loud knocks on the door at 5 a.m.," Federman's wife, Elisheva, said on Israel army radio. "The police shouted that if we didn't open the door they would break in. We got dressed and opened the door."

Mrs. Federman said that the warrant served her husband said he was arrested under administration detention for two months.

The warrant did not give a reason for the arrest, she said. Under administration detention, a holdover from British mandatory rule, a person can be held for up to six months without being charged.

Over the past three years, Federman has spent 14 months in administration detention, once after a Jewish settler shot and killed 29 Palestinians in a Hebron mosque in 1993 and a second time after the 1995 assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

The police official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said police had arrest warrants for a few dozen Jewish extremists.

In addition to Federman, there are several members of the militant Kach movement living in Hebron, including the group's leader Baruch Marzel. It was not immediately clear if Marzel was among the three arrested Sunday morning.

The Hebron settlers, who live in several small enclaves throughout the

city that is home to 94,000 Palestinians, fear that the Israeli pullout will compromise their security.

But Israeli security officials are concerned that the Hebron settler community, one of the most militant in the West Bank, may try to provoke armed clashes with the Palestinian police to deploy in the city.

Israel's Channel Two reported Saturday that two settler women intended to set themselves on fire to protest the

moved. The settlers have also said that they intend to seize Arab homes in areas of the city to be under Palestinian control.

Israel was to have withdrawn the bulk of its troops out of Hebron in March but delayed that pullout after series of suicide bombings that killed 63. The redeployment was further postponed after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu won the elections in May.



Bodies lay covered with plastic on a street following an air plane crash in Sao Paulo, Brazil. A Brazilian jetliner crashed into a residential neighborhood in the Brazilian city shortly after takeoff Oct. 31, igniting a river of fire that engulfed apartments, homes and cars. A civil defense official said all 95 people on board were killed and feared more victims would be found in destroyed buildings.

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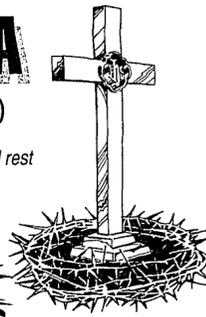
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APEC split on new members

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Nations in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum are divided over whether to extend a moratorium on new members, a senior APEC official said Thursday.

A three-year moratorium on accepting new members ends this year. APEC leaders plan to address the issue of opening their ranks to other Asian rim countries at the APEC summit in the Philippines later this month.

"My sense is that APEC is divided down the line," said Edsel Custodio, the Philippines' assistant secretary of trade and industry.

Custodio and counterparts from the other 17 APEC nations are preparing a trade and investment liberalization plan known as the Manila Action Plan that APEC leaders will be asked to endorse at a summit at Subic

Bay on Nov. 25.

Custodio said the APEC Substantive Group, of which he is a member, met Thursday to review individual action plans submitted by each APEC country for attaining the group's goal of free trade.

Custodio declined to describe the stances of individual countries on the membership issue. "It's not a question of numbers but consensus," he said.

The moratorium was imposed because of concerns that a deluge of newcomers would hamper the group's free-trade goals.

But APEC has made considerable progress this year in hammering out the individual action plans.

Eleven other countries, including Russia, Vietnam, Colombia and India, have said

they want to join. But the United States is reportedly not keen on accepting new members.

Custodio said the final Manila Action Plan would contain an assessment of how close each economy is to achieving APEC's goal of dismantling all barriers to trade and investment by the year 2010 for industrialized countries and 2020 for developing countries.

The plan, he said, would also review what steps are being taken by APEC countries to achieve this goal.

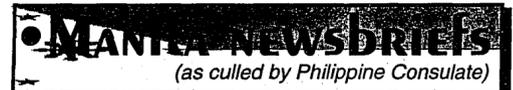
The APEC summit in Osaka last year identified 15 areas for trade and investment liberalization.

Calling this a "template," Custodio said the Philippine summit aims to "fill in the blanks."

Formed in 1989, APEC

groups Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand,

Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and the United States.



Maceda suspects Ramos plot to oust him

PRESIDENT Ramos and Senate President Ernesto Maceda last Friday met at Malacanang, the first time since Maceda accused the President of hatching a plot to unseat him from his post.

But the alleged plot was never discussed in the meeting, leaving Maceda and his followers to believe the plot indeed exists.

Sen. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, one of those who attended the LEDAC meeting, said Mr. Ramos began the discussion with a joke that they should not stray from the main agenda of the meeting.

"Let us talk about substantive matters," Mr. Ramos told Maceda and other LEDAC members to avoid tackling the issue of changes in the present Senate leadership.

After more than three hours, Maceda came out of the Palace still convinced that Mr. Ramos planned another plot to unseat him as Senate President. *Chronicle*

Ramos orders that strikes be resolve

PRESIDENT Ramos last Friday ordered three of his Cabinet officials to resolve immediately labor problems in vital utilities and prevent strikes that might be timed with the APEC summit.

The President issued the order during the 17th Regional Cabinet Meeting in Iba, Zambales, following reports that employees of three big hotels, Meralco, PLDT, and Philippine Air Lines (PAL) have threatened to go on strike to coincide with the APEC summit.

Senate President Ernesto Maceda had prodded the government to immediately intervene in the labor problems confronting three hotels in Manila where delegates to the APEC summit are expected to be billeted.

Maceda said Malacanang should act now before employees of the hotels push through with their strike at a time when participants in the Apec summit are already here. *Chronicle*

RP gov't endorses P1.9B in projects

THE PHILIPPINES government has endorsed two projects worth P1.9 billion to be financed under the \$100 million Spanish Mixed Credit Facility.

These are the \$18.6 million project for the purchase of one research vessel of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and the \$54.2 million project for the purchase of two mapping vessels of National Mapping Resources Information Authority (NAMRIA).

According to the National Economic and Development Authority, the loan agreement of the NAMRIA project has already been signed while the BFAR plan has yet to be approved by the Monetary Board. *Philippine Journal*

A million more new telephone lines

THE GOVERNMENT expects to hit more than one million new telephone lines for 1996 under the service area scheme, based on the encouraging performance of the local exchange operators during the first nine months of the year.

National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) chief Simeon L. Kintanar disclosed last Friday that the additional lines rolled out by the new carriers reached 774,038 during the nine-month period.

The TDI, which is the ratio of telephone lines per 1,000 Filipinos, is estimated to hit 5.2 percent this year from 2.4 percent in 1995. *Bulletin*

RP export receipts hit \$14.9B

THE COUNTRY'S exports receipts hit \$14.926 billion for the first nine months this year reflecting 16.6 percent increase from \$12.802 billion exports registered in the same period last year, the National Statistics Office (NSO) reported.

This means the January-September exports level is only \$5.6 billion short of the \$20.5 billion exports target set by Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

With exports expected to accelerate in the remaining months this year, the DTI is optimistic of even surpassing its goal. *Bulletin*

Ramos congratulates Clinton

PRESIDENT Ramos congratulated last Friday US President Bill Clinton on his re-election, saying it will ensure positive developments in Philippine-American relations.

"We congratulate President Clinton on his re-election. We applaud the American people for their choices as well as for their democratic process," Ramos said at last Friday's press conference.

Ramos also cited Republican presidential bet Bob Dole for putting up a "good fight."

The President said that Clinton's victory will be good for the country. *Bulletin*

Hashimoto faces challenges

By JOSEPH COLEMAN
TOKYO (AP) - Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto won re-election Thursday to Japan's top job, taking the helm of a minority government that could be too fragile to tackle the country's biggest problems.

Hashimoto easily outdistanced his rivals in votes in the lower and upper chambers of Parliament, capping the major gains his Liberal Democrats made in the Oct. 20 election.

But the party's failure to win a legislative majority means the man who earned his reputation as a hard-driving trade negotiator may now face his biggest challenge - taking decisive action to spur Japan's economy.

The powerful House of Representatives gave Hashimoto 262 votes on a first ballot in a special session, a majority of the 500-member chamber. Minutes later, he received a strong majority in the 250-member upper house.

Hashimoto's closest rival was Ichiro Ozawa, head of the New Frontier Party, with 152 votes in the lower house, where a total of 498 votes were cast. Hashimoto's supporters clapped and cheered as the tally was read out.

Free of governing by coalition, the LDP took all the Cabinet posts.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Seiroku Kajiyama, minutes after it was announced that he would continue in his post, set the tone for what Hashimoto had promised would be a reformist administration.

"The top priority is administrative reform," he said, without offering specific steps.

Hashimoto set an ambitious reform agenda for himself during the recent campaign, when he painted his conservative party, which had ruled for nearly 40 years, as a progressive force for change.

With the country struggling to emerge from a five-year recession and scandals rocking the Finance Ministry and the Health and Welfare Ministry, calls are getting louder from inside and outside Japan to deregulate the economy and slash the tremendous power enjoyed by career bureaucrats.

But Hashimoto could be hamstrung with a minority government.

Thursday's vote came after the Liberal Democrats bolstered their clout in Parliament in the Oct. 20 election, winning 239 lower house seats. That was a substantial lift from the 206 seats it had held since 1993, when a string of money scandals put an end to its 38-year reign as Japan's governing party.

Hashimoto first took office as prime minister in January, when socialist Tomiichi Murayama resigned.

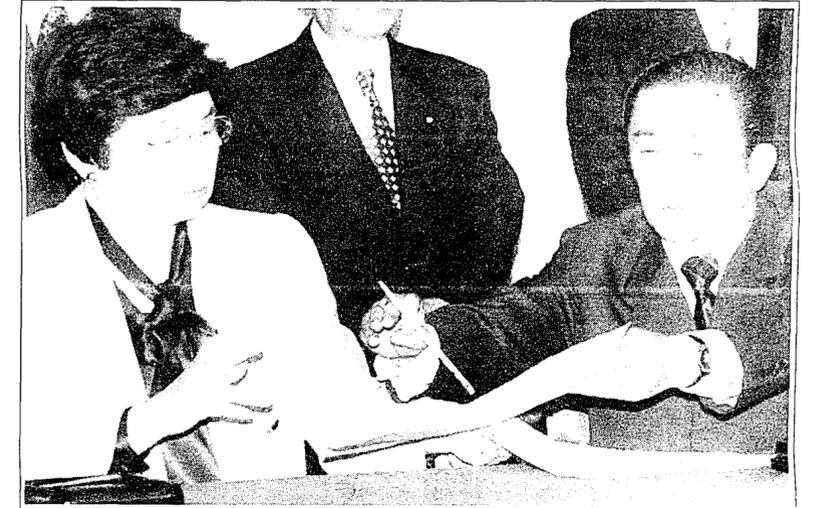
But the tally left the LDP a dozen seats short of a majority, and the party had to win the support of two small parties, the Socialist and Sakigake parties, and several independent lawmakers to run the Hashimoto government.

Even those non-LDP members who agreed to vote for Hashimoto on Thursday did not join in a coalition - a sign the governing party might not be able to count on their support in upcoming legislative battles.

And though the opposition lawmakers agree on the need for radical reform of the bureaucracy, it is uncertain how far they will go to make Hashimoto a success - and undermine their own electoral fortunes. The opposition New Frontier Party

holds 156 seats and the new Democratic Party has 52.

"He is popular for now, but it is hard to tell what will happen to the new government," said Fukuji Taguchi, a political scientist at Ritsumeikan University.



With a calligraphy brush in hand, Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, right, shows a form and explains where to sign to Takako Doi, leader of Social Democratic Party, during the signing of an accord between coalition parties at the Prime Minister's official residence in Tokyo. The Liberal Democratic Party, the Social Democratic Party and New Party Sakigake, reached policy agreement for a new cabinet to be formed by the Prime Minister. *AP Photo*

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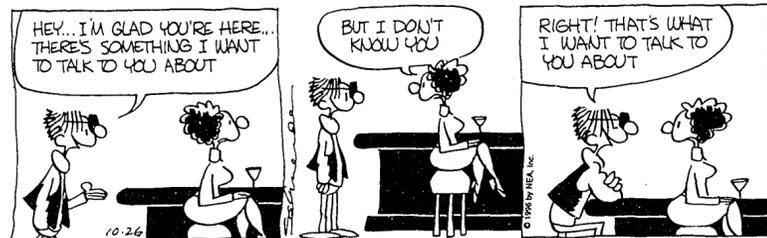
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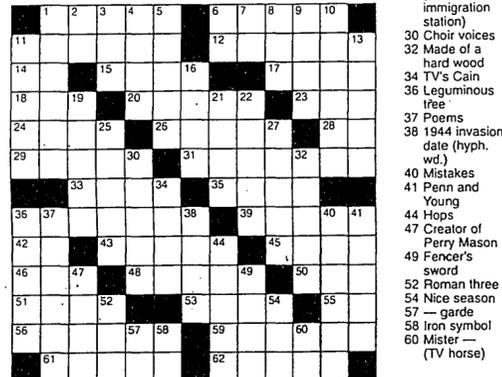
By Stella Wilder Born today, you are a trailblazer of sorts, but you're not the kind to lead others in a grand display of courage and determination. On the contrary, you prefer to go about your business in a quiet, down-home sort of way, confident that what you accomplish will surely point the way for others when the time comes. You are not exactly a loner, but neither do you enjoy being part of a crowd. You recognize that there are times when either going solo or as a group can be beneficial, and you do what you must to reap the greatest possible benefits out of every situation. Inventive and clever, you are known for solving problems in new and unusual ways. You may find that you are pushed into a world of public recognition and notoriety at some point in your life. Although it may be initially against your will, you can surely make the best of it, provided that you do not let your private life suffer as a result. Also born on this date are: Robert Fulton, developer of the steamboat; King Hussein of Jordan; Claude Monet, painter; Boutros Boutros-Ghali, secretary-general of the United Nations; Brian Keith and McLean Stevenson, actors. To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide. TUESDAY, NOV. 11 SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You may be subject to some disappointment today in an affair of the heart. Your expectations may be getting too inflated. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Share what you have to offer willingly today and you will effectively avoid any kind of professional jealousies further down the line. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Seek today and ye may not find — unless you have a little help. Know how to multiply your efforts without overdoing it. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — A current project is in fine shape today. Now you can enjoy a little more freedom to head off in a new and perhaps unanticipated direction. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — That which is pleasant and peaceful is for you today. Steer clear of any situation which shows signs of volatility. The evening brings a golden opportunity. ARIES (March 21-April 19) — This is a good day to talk openly about things you usually keep under wraps. No one will doubt your motives or your integrity today. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Now is the time to face facts, and accept a probable loss before it becomes unbearable. You needn't go down with the ship this time! GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It is easy to overload your schedule at this time and strive for too much at once. Today, however, a low-key approach is certainly favored. CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Try not to be too possessive or competitive today. Any attempts to lord it over someone else will surely fall flat — and threaten your position. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You may be accident-prone today. Now is no time to get yourself involved in unfamiliar, highly complicated endeavors. Play it safe for a while. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Disagreement is inevitable today, but lasting conflicts can certainly be avoided. Do what you can to stress the importance of accord, harmony. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Home affairs may prove trickier than expected today. Focus on things which bring you immediate comfort and pleasure. der wraps. No one will doubt your motives or your integrity today. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Now is the time to face facts, and accept a probable loss before it becomes unbearable. You needn't go down with the ship this time! GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It is easy to overload your schedule at this time and strive for too much at once. Today, however, a low-key approach is certainly favored. CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Try not to be too possessive or competitive today. Any attempts to lord it over someone else will surely fall flat — and threaten your position. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You may be accident-prone today. Now is no time to get yourself involved in unfamiliar, highly complicated endeavors. Play it safe for a while. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Disagreement is inevitable today, but lasting conflicts can certainly be avoided. Do what you can to stress the importance of accord, harmony. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Home affairs may prove trickier than expected today. Focus on things which bring you immediate comfort and pleasure.

CLOSERS

COLUMN CLOSERS The basic monetary unit in Myanmar is the kyat, and its chief fractional unit is the pya. Mark Twain's "Life on the Mississippi" is believed to be the first typed manuscript ever sent to a publisher. Three of the first five presidents of the United States died on the Fourth of July. The Teddy Bear is named after President Teddy Roosevelt, who once refused to shoot a bear cub while hunting in Mississippi. Theodore Roosevelt's trip to witness progress on the Panama Canal was the first time a U.S. president left the country while in office. Airborne fungi spores have been detected at altitudes of up to 35,000 feet. Some dinosaurs were about the size of modern-day hens. The pineapple, potato and pumpkin were all first cultivated by the Incas. Before switching to tea after a blight in 1869, the main crop in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) was coffee. The log cabin was first brought to America by settlers from Sweden. ©1996 NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN. Our minister says his idea of purgatory is to be cooped up with a group of hypocritical do-gooders. Before wishing upon a star, be sure it's not the tail light of a 747. What did they do with stale nuts before someone decided they'd be perfect for dry cereal? When you've come to the end of a perfect day, it's wise to check things over one more time.

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BC caps lousy week with a loss

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. An upset would certainly have eased Boston College's pain. Notre Dame, however, would have none of it.

After a week in which 13 of its players were suspended for gambling, Boston College stayed with Notre Dame for nearly three quarters before losing 48-21 Saturday.

For a while, all the talk of suspensions and scandals quieted as the Eagles rallied from an 11-point half-time deficit to tie it 21-21 in the third quarter. But Notre Dame got touchdown runs of 81 and 11 yards from Robert Farmer in a 2:15 span to help the Fighting Irish pull away.

"Their whole thing had to be 'It doesn't matter what's happening, we're going to show the whole country we can beat Notre Dame,'" said Fighting Irish quarterback Ron Powulis, who had three Irish fumbles and threw an interception. "We hoped our physical play could wear them out, and it did."

Notre Dame (6-2) amassed 426 yards rushing, including 155 from Aury Denson and 98 from Farmer on only three carries. Fullback Marc Edwards had seven carries for 68 yards and a TD before leaving in the

second quarter with torn knee ligaments. Meanwhile, the Eagles (4-6) were hoping to put a tumultuous week behind them. With the Irish ahead 21-10 at the half, the Eagles fought back to tie on John Matich's 41-yard field goal, a 16-yard TD run by Omari Walker and a 2-point conversion pass.

"We knew it was emotional," BC quarterback Matt Hasselbeck said. "There were tears in guys' eyes when we came out there. I know there were tears in my eyes."

When Farmer finally got in, he made the most of it. On third-and-3 from the 19, he broke free around the right side and went 81 yards for the go-ahead score. The next time Notre Dame got the ball, Farmer ran 11 yards for his second TD to give the Irish a 35-21 lead. With 1:02 left, Bert Berry forced Hasselbeck to fumble and Alton Maiden ran it in for 20 yards.

The Irish added another TD with 5:52 left on Randy Kinder's 1-yard run. In the AP's Top 25, No. 1 Florida held off Vanderbilt 28-21; No. 2 Ohio State routed Wake Forest 44-7; No.

5 Nebraska beat Missouri 51-7; Memphis stunned No. 6 Tennessee 21-17; No. 7 Colorado outscored Iowa 49-42; No. 8 North Carolina topped Louisville 28-10; and Purdue shocked No. 9 Michigan 9-3.

Elsewhere, No. 12 Brigham Young blanked Rice 49-0; No. 13 Kansas State defeated Kansas 38-12; Clemson upset No. 15 Virginia 24-16; No. 18 Northwestern trounced No. 23 Iowa 40-13; No. 19 Washington blasted Oregon State 42-3; No. 22 Auburn edged Northeast Louisiana 28-24; and No. 24 Syracuse thumped Tulane 31-7.

In late games, No. 4 Arizona State hosted California, No. 10 Alabama visited No. 11 LSU, No. 20 Southern Miss was at Houston, and No. 25 Virginia Tech played East Carolina. <^No. 1 Florida 28, Vanderbilt 21 At Nashville, the top-ranked Gators clinched their fifth consecutive SEC Eastern Division title with their 20th straight conference victory, but not without a late scare from Vanderbilt (2-7, 0-6).

Danny Wuerffel's four TD passes helped Florida build a 28-6 lead, but Vanderbilt scored 15 unanswered points within four minutes in the

Irwin in early lead

By PETE IACOBELLI MYRTLE BEACH, South Carolina (AP) — Hale Irwin, aiming for a money title along with the Senior Tour Championship, used on-target irons and steady play for the first-round lead Thursday with a 5-under-par 67. Irwin, the Tour's rookie of the year last season and its money leader heading into the final tournament, had a one-stroke lead over Vincente Fernandez and Bob Charles, who dropped from first with a bogey at No. 18. Mike Hill, the Tour Championship winner in 1990 and 1991, was at 3-under 69, along with Jay Sigel. Defending champion Jim Colbert, Lee Trevino, John Bland and Larry Gilbert were next with 70s.

Irwin steadily moved from tee to green, putting his approach shots inside a 10-foot (3-meter) circle all day. "I don't want to sit here and say it was boring," said Irwin, who has won dls 1,572,894 this season. "But it was a very solid round. Not a lot of spectacular holes-in-one, knocking it in for eagles or that kind of stuff. It was just the kind of round I wanted to play."

Irwin made few mistakes at The Dunes Golf and Beach Club, and when he did, he quickly turned them around. He missed a 15-foot (5-meter) try for birdie at No. 6, then made a putt of similar length for birdie at No. 7. At the 10th hole, Irwin's approach rolled off the green and his chip back came only within 6 feet (2 meters). His putt, though, found the cup. Irwin badly chopped a 10-foot (3-meter) birdie putt at the par-3 17th hole, but closed the round with a fist-pumping 20-foot (7-meter) birdie. "I wasn't unhappy with my score, but I saw a terrific round," said Colbert, who trails Irwin by dls 66,004 in the money chase and is grouped with him during the first two rounds. "Hale was never in trouble, never needed anything. He was impressive." Charles, who joined the Senior PGA Tour 10 years earlier than Irwin, also was impressive with six birdies in sunny conditions. The New Zealander, who won the Kananapali Classic two weeks ago, said he can't afford to miss anything if he wants to compete on the par-72 course.

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three of its mainstays didn't show up for the opening match. Despite the handicap, the duo of Ferdie de la Torre and Erel Cabatbat raced to several 10-point spreads in the first half as the Hard Drives' failed to contain the two. Raffy Arroyo's arrival late in the first period enabled Editorial to pull away from the Art Department. The first half ended with the Quota Boys on top, 31-15. The Hard Drives' playing coach Boeing Hernandez made several adjustments in the final half to no avail as de la Torre racked up 32 points in the pay-off period to offset the combined efforts of Zoilo Hernandez, Mike Temperante, George Malonzo, and Elmer Chavez. The four combined for 72 points. De la Torre topscored for the Editorial with 43 points while Cabatbat backed him with 39 markers as the Quota Boys started their title retention bid on a bright note. Arroyo added a modest 20 points after exploding with 17 markers, mostly on one-on-ones and underdog stabs in the final half. Zoilo Hernandez paced the Art Hard Drives with 27 points. Temperante contributed 21 while Malonzo added 18. In the second game, Production relied on its one-two punch combination of Melchor Puri and Melvin Villarain in the crucial stretches of the game to score the close win over the hardfighting Administration team. Puri scattered 49 points while Villarain added 29 of his own as the Production team established itself as one of the favorites to unseat Editorial. After trailing by eight and losing two key players to injuries in the first half, the Administration team went on a 21-10 run at the start of the final canto to grab the lead, 43-42. Production, however, had no trouble regaining the driver's seat as Puri and Villarain went to work inside the paint. Amir Younis carried the fight for the Administration by scoring back-to-back triples while Banny Younis scoring mostly on driving lay-ups as their team continued to stage several comebacks in the final period. Administration made its last ditch stand in the last six minutes of the game by cutting Production's lead to five, 67-62 but Production's playing coach Jun Carandang made timely substitutions in the face of Administration's searing rally. Puri and Villarain triggered a 13-8 blast and watched their opponents missed several attempts from the three-point territory in the final two minutes of the game. Jun Torio, after sitting most of the half due to injuries topscored for the Administration with 28 points. Banny Younis added 25 while Amir Younis contributed 22 for the Administration's losing bid. Egay Geronimo, Manny Jardinero, Tristan Timbol and Carandang scored two points or more for Production. (EAC)

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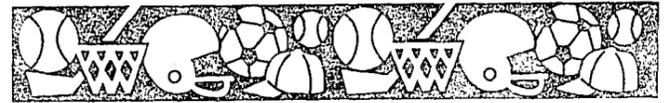
"He was out," Halpem said. Don Turner, Holyfield's trainer, said: "All you've got to do is swing and you can beat Mike Tyson." As for the ending, Holyfield said, "I knew I had to be at my best. If I got hit by seven unanswered punches, they'd stop the fight on me as well." Tyson still appeared dazed when he left the ring. "He was about to get knocked down again," said Halpem, who put his arm around Tyson's neck when he stopped the fight. "The first four fights of Tyson's comeback, which began Aug. 19, 1995, lasted a total of less than eight full rounds. There was some question about Tyson's stamina if Holyfield was able to force him into the later rounds. But it wasn't a lack of stamina that beat Tyson. It was a tremendous performance by Holyfield, who had lost two of his previous three fights but insisted he could be cham-

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their match. In the distaff side, Ann dela Peña justified her number one ranking by repulsing Mamoko Kobayashi, 6-1, 6-0 to join Michelle Geniere and Hiroe Fujimoto in the next phase. Toni Okawa walloped Ayano Fujimoto, 6-3, 6-2 for a semifinal's seat in the 4.0 bracket joining Sally Wong and Letty Jones. In 3.0 bracket, Okawa will face Delila Johnson in the finals. Ken Musashi will go up against S. H. Lee while R. Sohn and A. Lee tangle for the two finals' seat in the boys' 15 and under. Momoko Kobayashi and Jill Pierce will dispute the girls' 15 and under. In the boys' 12 and under action, J. Lee trounced J. Rollinson, 8-6 and R. Lemaich had an easier time in dispatching R. Park, 8-2. In the girls' side, Kana Akawa, Maui, Shoko Suzuki and Mae Suzuki advanced in the semis.

SPORTS



Holyfield KOs Tyson

By ED SCHUYLER
LAS VEGAS (AP) -Evander Holyfield, given barely a chance by anyone, did what he guaranteed he would do:and beat Mike Tyson Saturday night, pounding Iron Mike into submission at 37 seconds of the 11th round.

Just when Tyson appeared to be in ascendancy in the heavyweight division again, Holyfield sent him crashing to earth with a shocking upset that brought back memories of Tyson's defeat by Buster Douglas on Feb. 11, 1990 in Tokyo.

The 34-year-old Holyfield not only beat Tyson, he dominated the dominator. He knocked Tyson down with a left hook in the sixth round, cut him over the left eye in the same round, had him in serious trouble in the 10th and stopped him with a nine-punch barrage in the 11th.

"I'm not a guy who makes excuses," Tyson said. "He fought a good fight. I look forward to a rematch." A jubilant Holyfield said, "I gave it what it takes to win the fight. It wasn't about getting tired, it was about not giving up."

Holyfield, a 7-1 underdog who had been thoroughly tested by the Mayo Clinic at the request of the Nevada State Athletic Commission because of fears about his health, became the WBA champion. He became the second man to hold a piece of the heavyweight title three times. The other was Muhammad Ali.

A sellout crowd of 16,205 began chanting "Holyfield! Holyfield!" in earnest when Holyfield dropped Tyson with a left hook in the sixth round. It was in that round that a gash appeared over Tyson's left eye and

the defending champion complained that he had been butted.

The sixth round really turned the fight in Holyfield's favor because in the fifth, Tyson had wobbled him with a right uppercut and it appeared Holyfield might become Tyson's fifth comeback victim.

Tyson rallied in the seventh round but then Holyfield took charge in the eighth and ninth with solid left jabs and sharp rights and Tyson appeared befuddled.

In the 10th round, Tyson landed a hard hook early. But with 20 seconds

left, Holyfield landed a hook that sent Tyson reeling back into the ropes. Holyfield pounced on Tyson and landed about a dozen hard punches to the head. Tyson appeared out on his feet, but the ropes saved him.

Tyson came out for the 11th like a man sleepwalking, and Holyfield landed a left jab and followed with eight punches to the head, including three left hooks. The last punch was a right to the head that put Tyson into the ropes, and referee Mitch Halpern stopped it.

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Bud Light tennis tilt

Upset mars singles events

By Erel A. Cabatbat,
 Variety News Staff

TODD MONTGOMERY made the biggest ripple when he ousted top seed Jeff Race, 6-3, 6-2 yesterday to enter the semifinals of the Open Division of the 15th Annual Bud Light Tennis Tournament's singles draw at the Coral Ocean Point Tennis Center.

Montgomery, the third seed, advanced together with second seeded Mike Mason and Peter Burlas.

Mason JJ Richardson, 6-4, 6-0 while Burlas ousted Taira Fujimoto in three sets, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.

In the 4.0 category, Takashi Kitigawa beat Mike Jang 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 to enter the last four.

Arthur Borromeo, Steve Nutting, Gerote and Ely Wong hurdled their quarterfinal's assignments to enter the next round in the beginners' draw. Borromeo beat Hiroe Fujimoto, 6-3, 6-1; Nutting routed Ryan Nisperos, 6-1, 6-1; Gerote thrashed Carpenter, 6-4, 6-0; and Wong eliminated Dick Pierce, 6-4, 6-4.

In men's 4.0 and above, top seed and Congressman Dino Jones blanked Joe Hill, 6-0, 6-0 to arrange a semifinal showdown with Takashi Kitigawa who upset third seeded Franz Reksid, 7-5, 6-3.

In the lower draw, Chuck Jordan defeated Mike Jang, 6-1, 7-5 while Donn Dunlop had an easy time entering the final four as Tae Kyo Park retired in

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2nd YAS-Marianas Variety cage tilt Quota Boys, Production prevail

QUOTA Boys, Production score
 DEFENDING champions Editorial Quota Boys crushed Art Hard Drives, 102-87 while Production edged the Administration, 92-89 as the 2nd Annual Younis Art Studio-Marianas Variety's 3 on 3 Interdepartment Basketball Tournament kicked off with a rousing start yesterday at the Younis' basketball court.

Playing with only three men, the Quota Boys leaned on a big 16 point halftime advantage to withstood several rallies in the second half by the Hard Drives in the first game.

Editorial was forced to play with two men in the most part of the first half after

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Wednesday Pinbusters League

J's takes solo lead

By Erel A. Cabatbat,
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J's RESTAURANT swept Mean Machine, 4-0, while Trash King made mincemeat of erstwhile co-leader Century Travel with the same score in week 15 of the Wednesday Pinbusters League at the Saipan Bowling Center.

With the rout J's Restaurant hiked its win loss slate to 40-20 while the losses brought down Century Travel to third place with 36-24 record.

Chong's Corporation inched closer to the top by whitewashing Holiday Shop, 4-0. The shutout enabled Chong's to climb to second spot with 38-22 tally.

F.T. Construction kept its firm grasp of fifth place by trouncing fourth running Jaridon, 3-1. F.T. improved to 32-28 or just a win behind its victim.

WST Enterprises moved one notch higher in the overall team standings after drawing with UIC, 2-2. WST is now in sixth position with 29-31 mark while UIC is ninth with 25-35 record.

LVS Car Paints routed Krautz Glass Company, 4-0 to improved to 23-37 in the last pairing of the week. KGC dropped one

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WE'RE NUMBER ONE!— The Eastern Eagles Midget team and their cheerleader's squad jubilate after outlasting the Central Vikings, 34-19, to record their fifth straight triumph in the Saipan Youth Football League yesterday at the Airport Field. With the win, the Eagles virtually clinched the title. The Midget Division champions is being coached by Fred Guajardo (extreme right) and James Kintol (third from right, standing). Earlier, the Pee Wee Eagles won their division by scoring a hard-earned 7-0 win over their Vikings' counterparts.

(Photo by Erel A. Cabatbat)