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Easter Sunday tragedy

By Ferdie de la Torre
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EASTER Sunday in Rota turned tragic when a pick-up truck struck two bicycle riders, killing a six-year-old boy and injuring a teacher.

Police said Joseph Castro Jr., of Teneto Village, was pronounced dead at the Rota Commonwealth Health Center.

Teresita Santos, 36, a teacher at Rota Elementary School, suffered injuries and was also taken to Rota CHC, police said.

The driver, Joaquin I. Norita,

Truck hits, kills six-year-old boy on Rota

55, was arrested and charged with homicide by vehicle, reckless driving, failure to exercise due care, and speeding.

Information gathered from the Department of Public Safety and Attorney General's Office showed that the victims were riding bicycles southward along San Francisco De Borja Highway when the accident occurred at 5:34 p.m.

Castro and his guardian, Santos,

were traveling on the shoulder lane of the road at Ugis when the southbound truck driven by Norita veered off the highway and struck them from the rear.

The boy was ejected from the bicycle and thrown some 30 feet away because of the strong impact.

Santos fell from her bicycle and landed on a grassy area, police said.

Norita was allegedly under the influence of alcohol at the time.

Sources said Norita, a singer who resides on Saipan, went to Rota to celebrate Easter.

The boy is the second fatal vic-

tim of a vehicular-related accident in the CNMI this year.

A Chinese woman died a few weeks after a car she was riding swerved and rammed into a flame tree near the U-R-One Mobil gas station in Susupe on Jan. 21.

DPS records show that 107 people have been arrested for DUI while 28 crashes have occurred since January.

Alien teachers given non-renewal notices

AT LEAST 87 alien teachers in the CNMI have received their walking papers, it was learned yesterday.

In issuing the notices of nonrenewal of the alien teachers' contracts, Education Commissioner William S. Torres said the Public School System "is unable to...certify that no resident worker is available to fill the employment positions that will become vacant at the end of the 1996 school year."

Public Law 10-4, also known as the alien hiring law requires PSS to issue a certification of unavailability of resident workers before it could hire alien teachers.

Torres issued the nonrenewal notices Thursday despite the

recommendations of principals James Fegger and Dave Borja, of Marianas High School and Hopwood Junior High, respectively, to retain the alien teachers.

Torres has expressed preference for US teachers, especially those from the mainland.

A policy clash between the Commissioner's Office and the Board of Education looms as result of Torres' move.

Upon learning of the commissioner's issuance of notices, board chairman Tom Pangelinan called for a hasty board meeting yesterday, and issued a memorandum directing Torres to "let the principals decide whether or not to keep their nonresident teach-

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Tenorio vetoes bill to bring back garment moratorium

By Rafael H. Arroyo
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THE DOORS of government will continue to be open for investors wanting to come in to do garment manufacturing business on Saipan.

This is because Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio has disapproved a bill seeking to reimpose a moratorium on any new garment manufacturing licenses.

"I agree that the prospect of more expansion in the garment industry raises some serious concerns. However, I do not believe that this is an appropriate method of dealing with the problem," said the governor in his veto message to the presiding officers of the Legislature.

Tenorio vetoed House Bill 10-152 on the premise that government is capable of controlling problems associated with growth of the industry and that is why it



Froilan C. Tenorio

should not be curtailed.

"I have faith in the free market and I think we should let it operate with a minimum of interference," said the governor.

The bill, which was authored by Rep. Pete P. Reyes and several others, was approved by the Legislature to stop the Department of

Commerce from issuing any additional licenses for new factories.

There used to be a moratorium on the granting of any new garment factory license on Saipan but this was lifted last year through regulations promulgated by the Commerce Department.

Proponents of the bill said bringing back the moratorium is necessary owing to the industry's impact on the Commonwealth and the US government's insistence that the CNMI should cap immigration at the 1992 levels.

Since garment manufacturing business is labor-intensive, there is concern that opening up the island to more factories would mean a sizeable increase in the non-resident worker population.

In his veto message, Tenorio admitted that the garment industry does impose heavy burdens on

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Gov't hires US firm to develop drug-free policy

GOV. FROILAN C. Tenorio signed a professional service contract with MBG Management Services, Inc., from Olympia, Washington, to design, develop and implement a Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace Program for the CNMI Government, the Public Information Office disclosed yesterday.

"This policy development and program institution will be, as a whole, the CNMI Government's most comprehensive, concentrated and effective approach in dealing with the entire drug and substance abuse program, to date. We believe this will eventually impact the quality of life for everyone who works for, lives with, or works alongside of, any CNMI government employee," the governor said in a news release.

MBG Management's contract

will continue until February, 1997.

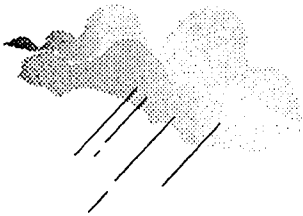
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Rotary Club of Saipan awards a brand new 1996 Nissan Sentra to Duty Free Shoppers for winning the recent annual Rotary Club fundraising raffle. Photo shows Rotary president Frances DLG. Borja (left) and Rotarian Pat Williams (right) with DFS Saipan vice president David Hawkins and a representative from DFS Guam.

Weather Outlook



Partly cloudy
with isolated showers

Emergency in Sri Lanka

By NIRESH ELIATAMBY
COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) - President Chandrika Kumaratunga has proclaimed a nationwide "state of emergency," giving herself sweeping powers to enact laws, it was announced Monday.

The announcement was made in Parliament by Speaker Kiri Banda Ramayake, who said that the emergency was promulgated on April 4 "to maintain law and order."

It was not announced earlier due to the Easter holidays.

Political analysts say Mrs. Kumaratunga will use the powers to postpone election to municipal and area councils which are required to be held in June.

Parliament, which is controlled by Mrs. Kumaratunga's People's Alliance Party, has to vote on the presidential proclamation within 30 days if she wants to prolong it.

The nationwide election, held every four years, were scheduled for last June, but the minister of local government postponed them for a year. The constitution does not give the minister powers to postpone it again.

"It's quite likely that the president wants to avoid the elections," said Jehan Perera, a political analyst.

"With the civil war taking up much of her time and effort, she has not paid attention to the elections, and she may be afraid her party will lose."

The People's Alliance has not drawn up a list of candidates for the elections.

A defeat in the local government polls, that will be seen as a referendum on her policy to fight the Tamil rebels to a finish, would increase pressure on Mrs. Kumaratunga to call general elections.

The state of emergency had been in force in the north and east of the country, and the capital, Colombo, almost continuously since 1983, giving the military wide powers to arrest

and jail suspects.

Mrs. Kumaratunga had lifted the emergency from the rest of the country after she came to power in 1994.

The rebels are fighting for an independent homeland in the north and east for minority Tamils. They claim widespread discrimination by the majority Sinhalese, who control the government and the military.

More than 41,000 people have been killed in the 12-year ethnic war.

8 dead, 3 missing in Ecuador avalanche

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) - Three mountain climbers missing after an avalanche that killed eight people and injured nine were feared dead, the Red Cross said Sunday.

The 20 climbers were caught in the avalanche Saturday, about 130 feet (40 meters) from a wooden shelter on Cotopaxi Volcano, 55 miles (90 kms) south of Quito, according to Red Cross and radio reports.

Red Cross spokesman Ri-

chard Comacho said the number of dead, initially put at six, was increased late Saturday after searchers found two more bodies.

The victims - four women and four men, including two children - were all from Ecuador, he said.

Rescue squads composed of Red Cross, civil defense and fire department members kept looking for the missing climbers, but officials said there was little hope of finding them alive.



Students rush to hurl firebombs at riot police during a clash in front of Seoul National University Tuesday. About 1,000 students staged a campus rally, blaming Friday's police violence for the death of a student protester.

AP Photo

Police probe one of Canada's bloodiest mass murders

VERNON, British Columbia (AP) - Friends preparing to bury the nine family members massacred in one of Canada's bloodiest mass murders want to know why police granted the killer a handgun license after his wife had filed a police complaint against him.

Mark Chahal's rage over his failed marriage to Rajwar Gakhel turned a holiday weekend wedding celebration into grim funeral preparations for members of Vernon's Sikh community.

A husband and wife, their five daughters, one son and a son-in-law were killed.

"We are pretty concerned about how he got two guns," family spokesman Jeet Dukhia said Sunday. "If it did come after the complaint, what kind of system have we got?"

Gakhel told Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Vernon in January 1995 that Chahal, 30, had threatened her but declined to press charges.

Three months later, Chahal submitted a firearms acquisition certificate application for a 40-caliber semi-automatic Smith and Wesson handgun to the RCMP police detachment in Burnaby, where he lived. He applied for a .38 special Smith and Wesson revolver last June.

RCMP spokesman Sgt. Peter Montague said Sunday he didn't know if Burnaby RCMP knew of Gakhel's complaint when they processed the applications. But it wouldn't have mattered, he said.

To reject a firearms permit request, police must have evidence of a conviction, a charge, an investigation or a history of violence, Montague said. "None of that applied."

If Chahal had been denied a gun permit, he could have bought a weapon on the black market or smuggled one from the United States, Montague noted.

Chahal packed the two handguns and a shotgun into his car Thursday morning, drove 440 kilometers (275 miles) from his Vancouver-area home to Vernon and checked into a motel.

Friday morning, Chahal went to Gakhel's home, killed his former father-in-law, Karnail Gakhel, in the driveway, then burst inside. The home was filled with men, women and children preparing for a ceremony traditionally conducted before a Sikh wedding.

"He fired multiple shots at each victim," said RCMP Sgt. Doug Hartl. "Many were shot in the head. He had three clips, 10 bullets in a clip, and we found two empty clips at the house. We found 29 casings."

Of the 13 people inside the home, nine were killed and two injured. Two small children escaped unharmed.

Police said Chahal had enough ammunition to kill the children and believe he deliberately spared them. They said a 6-year-old shot in the legs was apparently hit by a stray bullet.

Hartl said 10 other guests invited to the ceremony for the wedding of

Balwinder Kaur Gakhel, 24, had not yet arrived when the killing began.

After his rampage, Chahal returned to his motel room. He wrote a terse note, apologizing but giving no reason for his actions, put a gun to his head and killed himself.

It was the second-worst murder-suicide in Canadian history, surpassed only by the 1989 slaughter of 14 female engineering students at Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique.

Gunman Marc Lepine also ended his rampage with suicide.

Family friends say Chahal abused his arranged bride from the day they were married.

But he was distraught when she left him after eight months and went to live with her family in Vernon. The couple's divorce was to have been completed next month.

"The problem wasn't with the authorities," said Monica Martinez, a 26-year-old friend of victim Balwinder Gakhel, the bride-to-be.

"The problem was the sister was terrorized enough not to make a complaint."

Richard Wilford, the RCMP victims' assistance co-ordinator for north Okanagan, said police are using Vancouver psychologists and members of the Sikh community to work with the survivors.

Dukhia said a memorial service will be held this later this month when relatives arrive from India.

Gov't denies Wardlaw charges

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

THE C.N.M.I. government has denied many of the allegations contained in the complaint filed by dismissed Hospital Administrator Angela Wardlaw.

In an answer filed before the District Court last month to Wardlaw's complaint, the government, through acting Atty. Gen. C. Sebastian Aloit, insisted that Wardlaw was suspended for three days last February because of absenteeism, reporting late to work and unprofessional conduct.

Wardlaw filed her suit for damages against Health Secretary Isamu J. Abraham, Personnel Director Luis S. Camacho, and the CNMI last Feb. 23.

Wardlaw's claim that the reasons for her three-day suspension were to injure her in her profession, her name, honor, and reputation, as well as to further undermine her employment is not true, the government said.

Other allegations of Wardlaw that the government denied in their entirety included:

- Abraham began taking measures to ensure that Wardlaw could not properly perform her duties and responsibilities as hospital administrator;
- Abraham did not follow the civil



Sebastian Aloit

service adverse action procedures; and

- Abraham took actions against Wardlaw intentionally because of her race (Wardlaw is an African-American).

The government told the court that Wardlaw was an excepted service employee and that she served at the governor's pleasure.

The defendants also denied that Wardlaw had a contractual right to carry out the duties and responsibilities of a hospital administrator.

"(The) plaintiff has a contractual obligation to adequately and successfully discharge the duties and responsibilities of the position of hospital administrator," they said.

The defendants said that should the court determine Wardlaw was a civil service employee, they are entitled to "an offset" for all benefits Wardlaw had received as excepted service employee, including housing, standby pay, deviations from civil service salary guidelines, and relocation and repatriation expenses.

The defendants asked the court to dismiss the complaint and to grant

them their costs and attorney fees.

Wardlaw filed her complaint following her suspension from Feb. 20 to 22.

She has asked for damages amounting to a total of at least \$1,195,000.

Wardlaw's employment has since been terminated effective last March 22 by Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio.

Wardlaw had said she would amend her complaint to include Tenorio as one of the defendants.

The District Court has set the start of the trial for Nov. 25. A settlement conference is scheduled for Nov. 5 and pretrial conference for Nov. 18.



Angela Wardlaw

Immigration chief placed on leave

IMMIGRATION Director George F. Camacho was reportedly placed on administrative leave following an alleged disturbing the peace complaint filed against him last Tuesday.

According to Public Information Officer Mark Broadhurst, the order came from Department of Labor and Immigration Secretary Thomas Sablan putting Camacho on administrative leave effective Thursday.

Broadhurst said the order was to give Camacho time to address the complaint which reportedly occurred in a San Roque video shop.

Department of Public Safety Commissioner Jose M. Castro confirmed yesterday to the Variety that there was indeed a complaint filed by a woman against



George F. Camacho

the director last week.

Castro said although he learned that the woman was hesitant to pursue the complaint, the case was forwarded to the Attorney General's Office.

Tenorio orders gov't offices opened during lunch hours



Froilan C. Tenorio

By Rafael H. Arroyo
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio has ordered all government agencies dealing with the public to remain open even during lunch hours.

In a sternly-worded Directive No. 175, Tenorio took all department and activity heads to task in making sure their offices attend to the public's needs the

whole day every regular working day, uninterrupted.

"The government exists to serve and serve it will or I will make sure that people are hired who are capable and willing to do the job," Tenorio said in his April 4 directive.

The governor's directive came after learning that some government offices stop serving the needs of the public during the lunch hour.

He said he wants the practice stopped and asked agency heads to ensure that appropriate staff are manning transaction windows even during lunch break.

"It has come to my attention that many executive branch offices that directly serve the public are closed during the lunch hour. I don't know how it came to be that such offices are closed at a time of day that might be just the time of highest demand to serve the public," the governor said.

"I don't want to hear again that a member of our public could not, for example, pick up

or file a tax form, renew a driver's license or register a vehicle, obtain or review a public land document, or otherwise get some other basic matter resolved during lunch hour," the governor warned.

According to the governor, since the standard government workday runs from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with an hour set aside for lunch, there is no reason that offices cannot rotate staff at lunch to serve the public.

He said lunch hour can be staggered and personnel can and should be cross-trained so that no person is indispensable to the basic operation of an office.

"If banks, restaurants and other privately-owned establishments can stay open continuously during the business day, there is reason that the government cannot also stay open," the chief executive stressed.

"Therefore, these hours will be increased - immediately, unless each office, seeking an exemption from this directive, can justify otherwise," he added.

Garapan snatcher strikes again

A SNATCHER grabbed a pouch from a woman who was walking along a road in Garapan area Saturday night.

Police said the unidentified suspect approached the woman near Phoenix Market.

The suspect got away the pouch containing \$450 cash, 12,000 Korean won, two passports, and credit cards.

The Garapan snatchers had victimized several persons, mostly women tourists, over the past few

months in the tourist belt.

Last Feb. 21, a car-riding man snatched a bag containing \$2,800 cash from a woman tourist who was walking in Garapan.

The following day, car-riding snatcher struck again, grabbing a handbag from a woman tourist near Country House Restaurant.

In other police reports, a 26-year-old woman complained that a man kidnapped her from Chalan Kanoa Friday.

The woman said the suspect

forced her to go with him to a residence in Kannat Tabla.

The suspect, armed with a knife, threatened to kill her.

"The woman said she ran away when the suspect fell asleep.

No arrest was made yet.

In Garapan, an unidentified person/s broke into Tasi Tour Shop and took items Friday afternoon.

Taken were two video cassette players, \$20 cash, and other items belonging to four victims. (FDT)



Tete-a-tete. Two former governors, Larry I. Guerrero (left) and Carlos S. Camacho, share a laugh during the Washington Representative's address last week. Though away from the political limelight, the two have remained avid observers of Marianas politics.

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I PASGUAN resureksion yan todo aktibidad tradision relihion Katoliko, un' metgot na aseru gi linala' natibon O' Perlas iya Pasifiko. Kada matto este na tiempo, hulilie' mañainata yan todo membron familia man e'enon gi gima niha yan seremonias Gima' Yuus para u ma'obsetba i haanen makastiga yan finatai Sainata.

I sefigsoñg silensio sa' i mañgatoliko man mananayuyot gi halom gima' niha. Un' señat na memetgot ha' i tradision natibo gi relihion niha. Kontodo i man mamadedese putin temo yan atayo' ha hatsan maisa siha pot para u fañaoan gi likao hegso Tagpochau 'nai i mañgilesyano ha uma i kiluus para u konfima hineñgen niha gi Saina.

Hana' humidde yan ma'agim korasonho este na animo ya hana' hahasoyot' gi tres besis 'nai hufafana' i lahiho ya hu a'agañg ayudon i Sainata sa' kabales hu akseptat na taya' mas ke fuetsañ. Hunanae' agredesimiento i mañantos siha yan i Saina pot todo i manai' ho gi namase' na tinayuyotho. Ya dibras fan manhoñge nu i fuetsan tinayuyot.

Hu akompapara aktibidad mañgatoliko guihe lago' yan este i humidde na linala' isla. Dañgkulo na difrensia i manera 'nai masilelebra tiempon kuaresma osino kompliaños finatai yan kinahulo' Jesukristo. Guihe lago, man magof i mañgilesyano ya sa' ta embrarasa este na okasion komo sakrifisio gi Saina pot para u satba i taotao siha ginen i linala' niha. Guine, metgot na tradision inestablesen Guma' Yuus giya hita na kontodo dandan yan television manmapuno' guennao na haane.

Lao i mas na 'magof na patte gi este na okasion fuera de estorian Sainata ni maklaba gi kiluus, matai ya lumala' talo pot satbasion i taotao gi entero elmundo, man daña hit komo mañgatoliko ya tafanuegue' nu i respetuta guihe siha na haane 'nai mumasapet pot hita. Hu diseseha mohon na este na tradision Katoliko guine siha na islas u kontinague' esta i otro siglo. Esta na 'magof i fiet na sensian Katoliko ni motmut gi entre natibo gi un' okasion gi pasun i linala' Jesukristo. Ya maseha atrasao, felis pasguan resureksion ginen i familian mame para todo hamyo guine giya parahiso.

'Nai ha diside i lehislaturan Guam para u gabbe 'nos kuantos miyon pesos gi programan sosiat, hu tuñgo na ayo na disision pot inige gasto nu i ha rekokohe na kontribusion tax gi sakan. Estague' masusesede yangin i gaston programa inipos ke hafa na finkas guaha gi kahan gobietnamento.

Dos asunto inafekta gi hilo este na disision: 1). Menos ayudo para i man amko ni mamalango yan bachet, familia 'nai guaha famagun sin tata; yan otro siha na ayudo. 2). Ma intended mana' fan para todos mafasaoan gi este na programa ni sudadanon iya Palau, Chuuk, Kosraie, Pohnpei yan Marshalls.

I kotte manlagos disision na ti propio na para u mana' fan para sudadanon i Freely Associated States—Palau, Chuuk, Kosraie, Pohnpei yan Marshalls.

Ayo na disision lehislaturan Guam makat sa' kontodo taotao niha man inafekta gi manera 'nai ha utot i kantidan ayudo gi mes, bente pot sientto pot todo.

Inatisa problemam iya Guam ni mahuchom i Ship Repair Facility (SRF) 'nai guaha nuebe sientos (900) na taotao niha para u fan taichecho. Este siha na empleao man marefere guato gi un' offisina pot para u fan ma'adigane hafa para u ekspekta dispues de mana' fan para gi checho' niha. Ha inkluso este tiempo 'nai para u fan espiha otro chochu', marebahan sueddo gi nuebo na checho' na yan otro siha na diskonbiñiente gi familian niha.

Seguroyo' na i mañeluta ginen FSM, Palau yan Marshalls ha pañot ales i intension pot para u mana' fan huyong ginen programan sosiat giya Guam. Mafato ayo na hinaso giya siha kao esta i Chamoron Guam malefa ni kutturin gineftao ni metgot na patte gi tradision niha. Este na tradision sodaun' gi maseha amano na isla guine gi halom iya Pasifiko. Lao mamafnas este na tradision 'nai i makontra prinsipion ekonomia ginen lago yan tradision iya pasifiko sa sumen sahñge man mafanagueta deste tutuhon i tano' guine siha na islas.

Haso pot unrato hafa mohon na sentimento u fato giya hago yangin gaige hao gi otro tano' yan i ayudo 'nai lumalala' familia para u mana para pot ginen otro lugat hao? Si Yuus Maase!



JACK ANDERSON and MICHAEL BINSTEIN

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

No one is giving GOA's PAC money back

WASHINGTON—Republican presidential candidate Patrick J. Buchanan is not the only politician scrambling to explain his relationship with former campaign worker Larry Pratt, who allegedly consorted with white supremacists and radical militia groups.

Pratt's organization, Gun Owners of America, has bestowed campaign contributions totaling \$52,159 on more than 60 congressional candidates since the 1994 election cycle. Even though Pratt has temporarily left his post as co-chairman of Buchanan's campaign because of the controversy none of the members of Congress we contacted are going to return the checks they collected from the GOA's political action committee.

Two of the top recipients—Reps. Steve Stockman, R-Texas, and Helen Chenoweth, R-Idaho—have themselves been linked to militia groups. Another of the top recipients of the group's PAC money—Rep. Roscoe Bartlett, R-Md.—had to apologize in 1993 for saying that people with Asian and Indian surnames do not “represent the normal American.”

Some of Buchanan's past diatribes dovetail with the views expressed by Pratt's political soulmates. Buchanan says he wants “to take America back,” and asks “who speaks for the Euro-Americans who founded the U.S.A.?” He also believes America has failed to “assimilate” African-Americans into “our society.”

Pratt, who is executive director of the GOA, admits that he has attended meetings where various extremists were present, but he denies being a militia member or discussing any racial views with white supremacists. Just days after the infamous 1992 FBI raid at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, in which two people were killed, Pratt attended a meeting with the head of the Aryan Nations, an anti-Semitic hate group. During the meeting, Pratt allegedly attacked the 14th Amendment, which guarantees equal protection under the law for all races.

Following the Oklahoma City bombing last April, Pratt attended a meeting of militia supporters in Missouri. He allegedly equated the bombing to the tragedy at Waco by saying, “The government behaves like a beast.”

Stockman, who was harshly criticized for his own role in the bombing, was the top recipient of the GOA's largess. He accepted \$6,736 in the 1994 election cycle and \$1,600 in the 1996 cycle, according to federal records. The group's financial help was considered pivotal to Stockman's defeat of veteran Democratic Rep. Jack Brooks.

Just hours before the tragedy, Stockman's office received a mysterious bulletin about the bombing by fax from an associate of a militia leader in Michigan but never alerted law enforcement officials to the ominous document until after the blast. A month earlier, Stockman had written Attorney General Janet Reno claiming he had heard from “reliable sources” that the government was planning a raid on some militia groups—a rumor that militia people had been spreading for months.

Stockman later penned an article in a gun magazine that accused the Clinton administration of staging the Waco raid in order to help push the weapons ban through Congress. Stockman's office did not return our calls seeking comment.

The GOA's spokesman John Velleco told us that the group contributes money to candidates who support guns. He added that Stockman is “arguably the most pro-gun member in the House. Militias are pro-gun.”

Bartlett, who accepted \$6,726 in the 1994 election cycle, told us in a prepared statement: “I and other Americans abhor the views of some of the people Larry has spoken to and with whom he has occasionally shared a stage.”

But Bartlett said he will not return the money because Pratt's attendance at meetings with white supremacists shows that he “defends all constitutional rights,” from the right to bear arms to the right of free speech. “The key is that he is indiscriminate in who he talks to,” said Bartlett, who is apparently “indiscriminate” about who he takes money from. (At least Buchanan was guileless enough to say he was unwilling to dump a friend overboard.)

In 1993, Bartlett complained publicly that a list of scholarship recipients from his district contained a disproportionately large number of students with Oriental names and Indian names. “Not much over a third (of the scholarships) went to students that would represent the normal American,” he said.

Bartlett's press secretary, Lisa Wright, told our associate Ed Henry that Bartlett apologized for “the inartful way in which he expressed his admiration of the academic achievements of the children of immigrants, such as those with Asian-American names.”

Chenoweth, who has accepted \$1,000 from Pratt's group, has no plans to give it back.

Other recipients of the GOA's PAC money include: Sen. Rod Grams, R-Minn., \$1,230; failed Virginia senatorial candidate Oliver North, \$1,878; Rep. J.C. Watts, R-Kla., \$767; and Rep. Enid Waldboltz, R-Utah, \$45.

Rota listed among 'best dive spots'

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

ROTA has made it to the map of divers looking out for excitement offered by sights of shipwrecks.

In the February/March issue of *Action Asia*, this Northern Mariana island is listed as the site of one of Asia's best wreck dives, the *Shoun Maru*.

This Japanese freighter sank during World War II, in 1944.

“Today she sits upright on a bed of pure white sand at 21-33m in some of the clearest oceanic diving water in the world,” the article stated.

It said that one can see the wreck from the surface on good days.

The *Shoun Maru's* bow and stern sections were described as intact but that the “hull in between has been conveniently blown open to reveal the insides of the ship.” “For example, you can peer into cargo holds at a handsome array of ark chassis and cab, tins of paint in neat rows on shelves, *sake* bottles, shell casings, helmets, high-pressure gas cylinders and even several bicycle frames,” the article said.

The rest of the writeup on Rota:

“Further aft the effects of the massive explosions that ripped the ship apart are even more clearly visible. Two boilers and a huge triple-expansion engine sit upright, encrusted with a vivid array of crinoids, sea urchins, featherdusters, christmas tree worms, leather corals and tube corals. At the stern, there's a beautifully impressive propeller arch.”

Other places in Micronesia listed by the well-known magazine whose issue was focused on “Asia's Best Wreck Dives,” were Truk, Palau, and Guam.

According to the magazine, the wrecks in Truk are part of a Japanese supply fleet sunk by US aircraft in 1944.

The magazine counted over 60 wrecks on the bottom of Truk Lagoon.

Palau, according to the magazine, offers “almost as extensive an array of World War II wrecks as Truk.”

Guam has also several wrecks, including the Spanish galleon *Pilar*, which “may be one of the richest wrecks of all time; *Tokai Maru*, a Japanese freighter; and *Comoran*,

a World War I German cruiser.

The magazine described Micronesia as the “unofficial” wreck diving capital of Asia with its “vast

variety of World War II wrecks combined with stunning underwater conditions.”

Other countries that made it to the

list included Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Australia, the Philippines, Vanuatu, and the Solomon Islands.

PSS gets Tenorio support on plans to relocate offices

COMMISSIONER of Education William S. Torres has announced that the PSS has received financial assistance from Governor Froilan C. Tenorio to enable PSS to relocate central office functions to the Nauru Building.

PSS in a news release said the move to the Nauru Building completes the relocation of offices that first began in June of 1995 with Head Start relocating to the Nauru Building and other PSS offices moving to the JTV Building and the NMC campus.

Torres said the PSS offices and activities located at the JTV Building and at the NMC campus will be relocated as soon as renovations at the Nauru Building are completed.

The Commissioner noted that consolidating school support functions at one central location rather than several disparate locations as is the current situation will make for easy “one-stop” shopping for students, parents,

teachers, vendors and community members.

The Commissioner explained that the move to the Nauru Building will directly benefit the schools and community through increased accessibility and efficiency which this consolidation of office space provides.

Torres thanked Tenorio for his support and assistance in this endeavor as well as allowing the PSS to use space leased by the governor at the JTV Building located in Fina Sis.

Commissioner Torres also noted that relocating and consolidating central office functions at one location was initiated and approved by the Board of Education at their February 2, 1995 meeting but made but could not be accomplished until the Governor interceded and made funds available for this purpose.

The Commissioner said the PSS will be relocating offices from their current locations and an incremental



William S. Torres

basin just as soon as the space is ready for occupancy.

Torres added that he expected the relocation of PSS offices to the Nauru Building to be completed before the end of this school year.

Babauta joins delegates on fisheries lobby effort

WASHINGTON Representative Juan N. Babauta joined insular area delegates to US Congress asking US Senator Daniel K. Inouye for continued support on territorial concerns over fishery issues.

In a letter he jointly signed with Guam and American Samoa Delegates Robert A. Underwood and Eni F.H. Faleomavaega, Babauta thanked Inouye for the latter's assistance in crafting an amendment to H.R. 39, a bill that would allow development of fishery resources within the exclusive economic zone of US insular areas.

“We hope that you will continue to champion our interests as the Senate considers these issues,” the joint letter of the insular representatives said.

“We are informed of concerns regarding the license fees that derive from the use of the insular area EEZs and the authority of the insular areas to use these funds, as the governors see fit, for conservation and management purposes,” it added.

In their letter, the three officials



Juan N. Babauta

expressed hope that any decisions regarding the issues would respect the underlying principle that the insular areas should receive the benefits of the use of their EEZ resources.

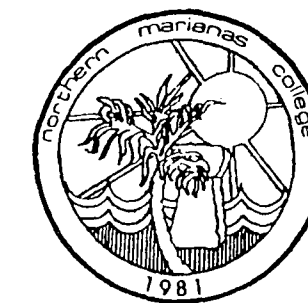
“We hope that you will continue to be supportive of our concerns over how control is exercised over these resources and the fees derived from our EEZs,” they added.

Revenue & Taxation to open extra hours

EDWARD C. Sablan, Acting Director of the CNMI Division of Revenue and Taxation has announced that his office will extend its hours through April 15, 1996 for 1040 tax filing. The office will be open during the following hours:

Monday, April 08	8am-6:30pm
Tuesday, April 09	8am-6:30pm
Wednesday, April 10	8am-7:30pm
Thursday, April 11	8am-7:30pm
Friday, April 12	8am-7:30pm
Saturday, April 13	10am-2pm
Monday, April 15	8am-12 midnight

The Division of Revenue and Taxation is located on the ground floor of the Joeten Commercial Building in Dandan. For assistance, call 664-1040.



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This Outreach and Training Program is a cooperative program between the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA), U.S. Department of Interior, and the Northern Marianas College.

Mafnas pleads innocent in assault

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

A MAN accused of assaulting a public school teacher denied committing the offense during an arraignment yesterday before the Superior Court.

Raymond C. Mafnas, through counsel Kenneth Govendo, waived reading of the information and advisement of his constitutional rights. He entered a plea of not guilty.

The Attorney General's Office charged Mafnas with assault and battery for allegedly mauling Cesar P. Belocora last Nov. 13 in

San Roque.

Medical record showed that the 40-year-old Belocora suffered laceration on the left face, abrasion on the left and right shoulder and neck, and hematoma on the right big toe.

During the hearing, the defendant demanded for a jury trial.

Superior Court Presiding Judge Alexandro Castro, however, denied the request citing the decisions of the Supreme Court in CNMI vs. Atalig (9th Cir. 1984) and CNMI vs. Peters (1991).

Castro set a status conference on May 1.

Belocora, a Public School System teacher assigned at the San Vicente Elementary School, claimed that he was on the second floor of an apartment in San Roque where he was staying when Mafnas arrived.

Mafnas, who was working for Census of the Department of Commerce at the time, showed unruly behavior, asking the teacher what he was doing and why he was not working.

To avoid trouble, Belocora said he left and joined his friends downstairs.

Mafnas later followed resulting to their confrontation.

Shouting profanity, the suspect then started mauling the teacher who crawled to get away and di-



Raymond C. Mafnas



Cesar P. Belocora

aled 911 for assistance. Mafnas fled and filed a counter complaint

at the Department of Public Safety.

NMI Red Cross slates annual Walk-A-Thon on April 27th

THE CNMI Chapter of the American Red Cross will be holding its 10th Annual Walk Marianas Walk-A-Thon on Saturday, April 27. Registration will begin at 5:30 am and the official walk will begin at 7:00 am. The entire walk will finish by 12 noon, a news release from the Red Cross said.

The 10th annual Walk Marianas is a 10K walk that begins and ends at Micro Beach. It is one of the most highly publicized fund raising which brings the entire community together in helping to raise money for our many Red Cross community programs.

American Red Cross plays a very significant role in disaster preparedness and relief, aid to the fire victims, Health & Safety training, Armed

Forces Emergency Services, HIV/AIDS Education and more.

The Walk-a-thon is one of the three major fund raising events to support these services. The goal for the 1996 Walk Marianas Walk-a-thon is \$30,000.

All schools, companies, service organizations, churches, individuals, associations, government departments and agencies are asked to participate.

How can you help? Anyone can do their part by:

- soliciting sponsors and walk to raise money for your local Red Cross Chapter;

- encouraging your friends, co-workers, students, and family to join;

- sponsoring employees, students, friends or family to walk; and

- rewarding your students, employees or members for walking.

If you have a few employees, spon-

sor one or two for \$25, \$15, \$10, etc. each.

Companies and schools appoint a Walk Marianas coordinator who will solicit their own sponsors and participate in the walk and encourage all students and employees to participate.

Larger companies could sponsor up to 25, 50 or more employees for \$5 or \$10 each.

Associations and Service Organizations recruit walkers and challenge other groups.

Pick up a Walk Marianas registration form and try to sign up as many sponsors as you can. All participants will receive a t-shirt and an opportunity to win prizes or special recognition.

All sponsor pledges and money must be turned in no later than the day of the event, and a walker can be sponsored for any amount rather than a per mile basis.

Disaster classes continue

THE NORTHERN Mariana Islands Chapter of the American Red Cross has scheduled the following Disaster classes for the month of April. Disaster classes are free of charge.

Basic Disaster Training schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, April 9	Introduction to disaster	6-10pm
Tuesday, April 16	Damage Assessment	6-10pm
Thursday, April 18	Shelter Operations	6-10pm

Typhoons, fires, earthquakes, flood, etc. No matter when or where disaster strikes, your local Chapter of the American Red Cross is there meeting emergency needs and providing food and shelter. But the Red Cross depends on you. You can help us help others in time of disaster. Your time is a precious gift only you can give. Become a Red Cross Volunteer and sign up for classes now.

All classes listed above are limited, please contact the Chapter office at 234-3495/288-6041 to sign up or come by our office located near the Saipan International Airport.

Report card day

THIS IS to inform all parents/guardians of Tanapag Elementary School students that the REPORT CARD is scheduled to be issued on April 10 Wednesday, starting at 11:30am to 4:30 pm.

All parents/guardians are urged to drop in and pick up their child(ren)'s report cards.

If you have any questions/concerns please feel free to call the school at telephone 322-9843.

Yearbook out

SAN VICENTE Elementary school is proud to announce the selling of the first San Vicente Elementary School Yearbook. It is being sold on a first come first serve basis.

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For more information call the school at 235-9485.

DOI OKs diversion of \$2M for project



Froilan C. Tenorio

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

THE U.S. Department of the Interior has okayed the diversion of P2.2 million from the Dandan sewer project to the Obyan wells project, it was learned.

Pamela Mathis, public information officer for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., said that as

a result of this assurance of funding, the Governor's Water Emergency Task Force would be ready to award to the winning contractor, Solid Builders, the work of laying out the water lines from the Obyan water field, which consists of 10 wells.

The wells were discovered by the task force in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey.

Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio had proposed to the Interior the temporary transfer of the \$2.2 million from the Dandan sewer improvement project to which the Interior had to concur.

"The Department of Interior has concurred with the governor, so now we would be available to award the contract to Solid Builders," Mathis said.

She said the Interior also has to approve the design of the pipeline installation, can be started.

The Obyan project also involves

the installation of power lines, which have to be underground because they are situated near the airport.

The power project, according to Mathis, would be bid next.

"The pumps are there and the wells are there, and we're ready to go. We just have to hook up the lines to the next

closest line," she said.

She said the 10 wells will produce 700,000 gallons of water every day.

Mathis said the flow of water from the wells should help a lot of areas.

"We're very anxious to get that on line," Mathis said.

A CUC engineer said the Obyan water field should be

operational in eight months after the approval of the design.

Mathis said the water that will come out from taps and sourced from the Obyan wells would be "really nice—potable, fresh."

The CUC plans to take Gov. Froilan Tenorio to the wells for inspection.

New Labor regs to push hiring of TWA holders

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

THE DEPARTMENT of Labor and Immigration wants the local business community to absorb the nonresident workers who are holding temporary work authorization instead of bringing in more aliens from foreign countries. This is one of the highlights of the amended labor rules and regulations, according to Asst. Atty Gen. Dan Aguilar.

TWAs are given to alien workers who have lost their jobs, but stay in the island pending resolution of their labor cases.

Aguilar said the number of TWA-holders in the CNMI has reached about 2,000 to 3,000.

"Many of these workers are basically unemployed," said Aguilar who authored the new labor guidelines. "Our legislators keep complaining about the large number of aliens here and we don't see the need for employers to bring in more workers from foreign countries."

Aguilar said the new set of guidelines, in effect, seeks to give second preference to TWA-holders next to local residents who are in the hiring priority list under the current law.

Aguilar admits that the new labor guidelines would draw opposition

from employers as it would limit their choices of workers.

"They need to understand that the new regulation was not meant to make hiring nonresident workers easy, but rather to make it much harder," Aguilar said.

Nevertheless, Aguilar said, the new regulation would be favorable to the employers as it would save them the bigger costs of bringing in workers from other countries. Processing of papers of a workers costs the employer about \$400, inclusive of other expenses.

"We want the employers to weigh the financial costs of hiring people from outside versus the ones who are already here," Aguilar said.

The new set of labor guidelines was published in the *Commonwealth Register* last Dec. 15. It was supposed to take effect 30 days hence, but the labor department moved to delay its implementation after receiving public comments.

The proposed regulation is in conflict with a proposal filed by Rep. Pete Reyes who wants to send home nonresident workers who have pending cases.

Aguilar said if Reyes' bill is passed into law, it would supersede the department's guidelines.

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Saipan, HK tycoons visit Palau

GARMENT tycoons from Saipan and Hongkong visited Palau for vacation and to look for investment opportunities last week, the Tia Belau reported in its April 6 issue.

With them was an Asia Director of an international apparel corporation.

Saipan-based millionaire, Willie Tan and his wife Rosaline accompanied by Michael Leung, banker and owner of garment factories in Hong Kong and Mr. & Mrs.

John Cox Managing Director of New York-based apparel giant, Polo-Ralph Loren, spent several days diving and touring Palau and meeting high government officials.

Accompanying the group also was David Sablan, President of Micro Pacific Inc., a company in Saipan owned by UMDA and Tan Holdings Corporation.

Tan Holdings of which Willie Tan is a principal, owns several garment factories,

travel, freight, finance, and real estate related companies in Saipan as well as HIC, a hardware store in Malakal and CTSCI freight forwarding company with an office at the Airport.

The regional conglomerate has a fishing company operating in Guam and Ponape and is applying for a fishing license in Palau which is pending before the FIB.

HIC-Palau whose President is Polycarp Basilus is a joint

venture between Basilus with 20% equity while Tan Holdings owns 80% according to Sablan.

Sablan who oversees HIC management said that HIC management said that HIC-Palau which had been losing money for the first five years of operations, has begun to recover return of its investment for the past three months.

He added that Tan Holdings is looking for other investment opportunities in Palau beside

fishing.

If they do get a fishing permit, they will begin operation in three months and will contract services from PITI and other local companies in their operations.

When asked if they are interested in putting up garment factories there, Sablan responded in the negative.

He said Tan will build hotels in Guam and Saipan and is interested in tourism related businesses.

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ter Plan for Design, Development and Implementation; Phase II - Clinical Testing Planning and Development; Phase III - Model Plan Implementation at DPS and PSS; Phase IV - Private Sector Partnering; and Phase V - All Agency Implementation.

"Drug and alcohol testing are a part of this government-wide policy. The specifics of employee testing will be determined by the task team. The important thing to remember about drug screening is that it is to provide for a safe workplace environment, and to enable us to provide help where needed. It is not a law enforcement tool, in this case, to establish a who's who in drug abuse in the Commonwealth," Tenorio explained.

The Phase I task team will meet April 24-25, 1996.

MBG's contract for a CNMI Government Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace program, funded through the Office of the Governor's Special Assistant for Drug and Substance Abuse, was highly endorsed by Joseph K. Villagomez, director for the DPH

Division of Mental Health and Social Services.

Villagomez, a member of the Governor's Drug Task Force, emphasized the need for workplace policy and programs during his Drug Task Force Opening Session speech.

Director Villagomez, the CNMI's sole addiction specialist, and Tenorio's Special Assistant for Drug and Substance Abuse, Richard A. Pierce, will both be responsible for providing for the continuation of the program through "Train the Trainer" seminars with MBG.

MBG Management Services, Inc. is owned and managed by Ronald D. Kuest. Kuest is a pharmacist and former law enforcement administrator. For 14 years, Kuest served the state of Washington.

Now the President of a management consulting, publishing and media production firm, he lists some of the largest corporations in the Pacific Northwest as clients.

"This government will do everything it can to educate the public and private sector so drug and alcohol abuse in the workplace can become something of the past," asserted Tenorio.

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the Commonwealth.

"The thousands of employees are indeed a strain on our infrastructure. Processing these large numbers already stretches the resources of our government; expanding the industry will make it even harder. Our society will be further strained if large numbers of foreign workers come in. Workers' rights are still a concern," said the governor.

Nevertheless, he said, he believes the garment industry is presently doing more good than harm to the CNMI, and for good reasons.

For one, the governor said the garment industry contributes a tremendous amount of money to the economy - over \$20 million in fees, payroll taxes, customs user fees, business gross receipts taxes, and others.

"We receive more money from the garment industry than we do from federal CIP funding," Tenorio notes.

The governor also pointed out that the indirect contribution of the industry is even greater, saying dozens of small businesses depend on the garment industry for their survival.

Since most foreign garment workers come to the CNMI to save money, the governor said they are responsible for many millions of dollars of deposits in local banks.

"Further expansion of the garment industry, though troubling in many ways, would bring major economic benefits. For this reason alone, it should not be foreclosed without careful consideration of the true costs and benefits. No such analysis exists at this time," Tenorio pointed out.

Another reason Tenorio had for his veto was that a moratorium may unfairly benefit existing garment factories, by shielding them from competition.

"No other local industry is entitled to such special treatment," he said.

Also, Tenorio saw no point in having a moratorium when in the long run, there is the question on whether the industry would continue to be viable in the islands.

"Our minimum wage is rising. This will certainly affect the labor-intensive garment industry. In the next few years, the industry will also face fierce competition in the US market from Mexican factories under the NAFTA," said the governor.

The chief executive noted that although government has received a large number of applications for garment factory licenses and has approved 17 in the last six months, only three have so far gotten forward with construction or operation of new factories.

"History shows that many, if not most, of such applications are not followed up to the point of actually opening a factory. We do not believe that we will be seeing anything like the 'boom' that followed the initial entry of garment factories into the Commonwealth in 1983-1984," said Tenorio.

"Wages are higher now, and is much more expensive. OSHA and labor laws

are more stringently enforced and any new investor will have to compete with the factories who are already here," he added.

For all these reasons, Tenorio said the Commonwealth is a much less attractive location for a new garment factory than it was ten or 12 years ago.

Lastly, the governor expressed confidence government can manage a reasonable increase in the number of garment factories.

"An additional six or eight factories would present problems, but nothing that we could not handle," said Tenorio.

He pointed out that the new Labor and Immigration Identification System will greatly increase government's capability for handling large numbers of workers quickly and efficiently.

"We would still have to be very careful about monitoring for violations of workers' rights, particularly in the case of new investors from Asia who are not familiar with American laws and standards. But I think these difficulties can be overcome, particularly given the additional tax revenue that more factories would generate," said the governor.

Tenorio ended his letter to the Legislature saying the veto is not the last word on the issue of garment industry limits.

"If it appears that too many garment factories are coming in too quickly, if expansion of the industry threatens to overwhelm our ability to deal with it, or if a careful analysis shows that the problems are outweighing the benefits, I would quickly reconsider legislation of this nature. For now though, I think it is premature," said the governor.

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ers until year 2000, as specified by PL 10-4."

The memorandum was signed by Pangelinan, board members Esther Fleming, Aniceto Mundo, Jovita Masiwemai (teacher representative) and Zaida H. Calvo (student representative).

Pangelinan said board member Daniel Quitugua had refused to sign the memorandum. Board vice chairman Don Farrell was not informed of the impromptu meeting.

"The five board members signed the memo and that means they are supporting the retention of these nonresident teachers," Pangelinan said in a telephone interview. "We expect the Commissioner to honor the principals' recommendation. The principals should be the ultimate persons to decide whether or not to keep their teachers."

PL 10-4 allows the government to continue hiring nonresident workers until year 2000. But the same law imposed hiring restrictions on PSS which put at stake the positions of alien teachers.

Compounding the alien teachers' predicament is the Commissioner's policy toward giving preference for US citizens. PSS has started recruiting teachers from Guam, Hawaii and the US mainland.

Pangelinan said "there is no such US-preference policy in the PSS." The Commissioner's Office and the education board, Pangelinan said, had never discussed or formalized any PSS position on the hiring policy.

Pangelinan, moreover, said that the administration's interpretation of the law is not consistent with the original intention of the legislature. "The law is clear that the government may continue hiring nonresident workers," he said.

The board chairman maintained that alien teachers should retain their jobs in local public schools, saying "the CNMI's diverse student population needs an equally diverse teaching population."

"Most of these teachers have been serving PSS for more than 10 years and they have proven to be excellent ones," Pangelinan said. "We can't be sure if we can replace them with equally talented teachers from the mainland."

Rebels, gov't asked to reconcile

THE Bougainville Transitional Government's premier, Theodore Miriung, says peace on the troubled island can only be achieved, if all parties lay down their arms and reconcile. In his Easter message, Miriung appealed for peace and reconciliation between the BRA rebels and government forces, to end the prolonged

crisis, NBC reports Monday.

He says all parties should not use the lifting of the cease-fire to cause more killings and troubles, but make it a stepping stone for building peace. The premier says the parties should also use the Easter occasion to pledge total peace on the island.

Miriung says talks should be al-

lowed to begin on the possible autonomy for Bougainville within the current government structure of an independent Papua New Guinea.

Meanwhile, the Solomon Islands-based spokesman for the Bougainville Interim (Government has blamed the Papua New Guinea government for the collapse of Solomon Islands-brokered peace efforts for Bougainville.

Martin Miriori said the Bougainville peace office recently destroyed by fire including communications equipment, meant he was unable to contact the secessionist leaders on Bougainville and the outside world.

Miriori said with the communications equipment, including a wireless set and a fax machine, gone he was not able to give or-

ders to BRA fighters. He said BRA has itself to blame for the escalation of renewed fighting between the BRA and government soldiers on Bougainville.

The BIG spokesman said future peace talks for the island cannot be ascertained.

PNG ended its 18-month old cease-fire with the BRA last month....Pacnews

PNG reaches point of despair, says Chan

PAPUA New Guinea prime minister Sir Julius Chan says many of his countrymen and women have almost reached a point of despair about the future of the nation.

In his Easter message, Chan says he knows that the public has lost faith in the country's politicians, believing them all to be corrupt, national radio NBC reports.

Radio Australia's correspondent, Sean Dorney reports that according to Sir Julius, many Papua New Guineans have become both sceptical and cynical about what the country's leaders say. Even worse, he

says, personal failures and weaknesses have driven people past scepticism and almost to the point of despair.

Sir Julius says faced with a similar situation, Jesus Christ did not go back to the village or sell himself for power and money to the foreign corrupters.

The lesson of Easter, Sir Julius says is for the people of PNG and its leaders to forsake corruption....Pacnews

Fiji Dev't Bank has \$42-M bad loans, says newspaper

THE Fiji Development Bank is reported to have 60-million Fiji dollars (US\$42 million) in bad loans, representing almost 20 per cent of its total loans. And the bank expects to write off \$15 million this financial year after having written off a similar amount last year, the Fiji Times reports.

FDB managing director Laisenia Qarase said in a report to the board in December, the interest return target of 11.23 per cent for the year has been recognized as not achievable as the bank has a high level of non-earning loans approximately 19 per cent or \$60-million of the total portfolio. He said write off of these bad loans for the financial year had been estimated at \$15 million.

But, interestingly, the Fiji Times reports another paper presented to the board in January, says "accounts in arrears represented 13.99 per cent of total loans and had been increasing in the past three months."

The January board paper said "the bank's target for arrears to portfolio is 11.5 per cent and the trend over the last three months show that the level of 'arrears' is increasing as a result of a decline in collections."

Meanwhile, a bank has stopped agricultural loans for new applicants with "Class J" leases unless they are de-reserved as native land. Class J leases are agricultural leases which are approved to indigenous Fijians only overland within native reserved.

The decision was made because such accounts had the largest percentage of loans written off Pacnews

Meeting a 'historical breakthrough'

TEACHERS union leaders in Vanuatu have welcomed their first meeting with the new minister of education and deputy prime minister, Donald Kalpokas, as a historic breakthrough.

Vanuatu Teachers Union secretary general Charles Kalo said the VTU working committee called on Kalpokas with a 9-point petition late last week and came away with high hopes, the Trading Post reports. Kalo

said the minister agreed the teachers union is a legal organization and promised to confirm the government's recognition in "black and white".

Kalpokas assured the teachers he would instruct the Department of Finance to re-open union members' loan repayment facility which was cancelled by the last government.

He will also re-instate teachers still without work following the

1993 national strike which saw about 400 civil servants losing their jobs.

The minister said he recognized the teachers' concern over the operations of the Curriculum Development Unit and promised to revive its operations. He also said he would reactivate scholarship training for teachers in New Zealand and Australia which was halted by the last government....Pacnews

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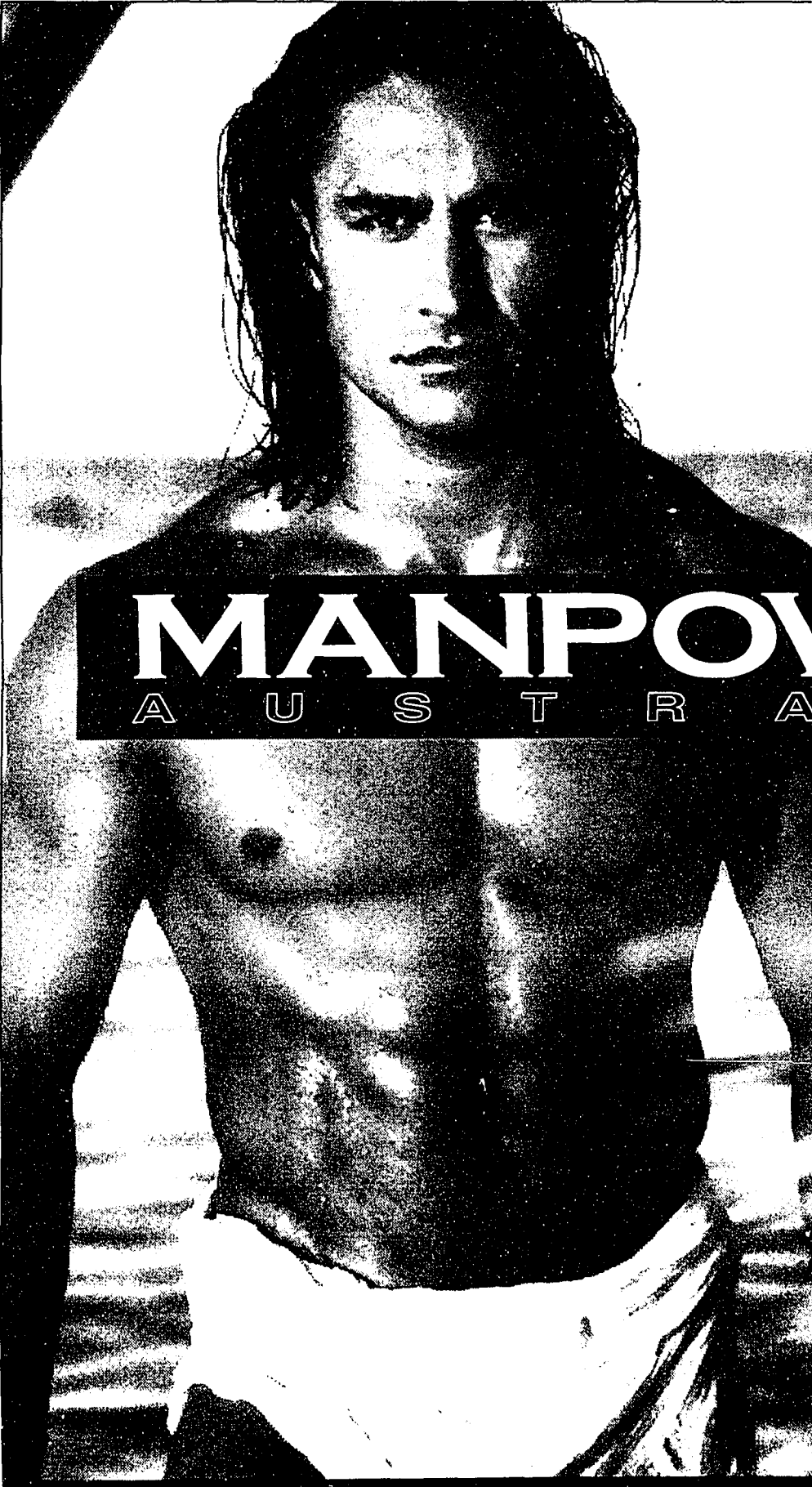
The Coastal Resources Management Program (CRMP) will be holding a public hearing regarding Coastal Permit Application No. SMS-96-X-144 submitted by ESB Consulting Engineers on behalf of KUMKYUNG Corporation for the renovation of an existing warehouse for a temporary garment factory. The project will also include an extension for additional toilets, office space and cafeteria. The proposed garment factory is located in Tanapag, Saipan.

The public is invited to attend and to submit written comments and/or to make oral comments regarding this project. All written and oral comments received will be made a part of the permit application record, and will be considered in any decision made concerning the proposed project.

The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 1996 at 6:30 pm at the Tanapag Elementary School. A second and final notice of this public hearing will be published at a later date.

Please contact the Coastal Resources Management Office at 234-6623/7320 or 3907 if you have any questions or require further information regarding this project.

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McVeigh wants to testify

NEW YORK (AP) -Oklahoma City bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh says he's nevertouched a bomb and wants to testify at his trial so "jurors know me and not what they've read," Time magazine reported.

"People have to realize that 90 percent of the case that people think they have, it has all been through non-verifiable leaks," McVeigh was quoted as saying in the magazine's April 15 issue,

due on newsstands Monday. "And I think you would be surprised how much those leaks are bogus. Especially through eyewitnesses," he said.

The interview with McVeigh took place in a federal prison in Oklahoma last month just before he and fellow suspect Terry Nichols were transferred to Colorado, where their trial will be held.

In the interview, McVeigh maintained his innocence in the April

19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah federal building that killed 168 people and injured more than 500. McVeigh and Nichols face the death penalty if convicted of federal murder and conspiracy charges.

McVeigh said he has been falsely labeled a "speed freak," "gun freak" and "loner," and wants to testify at his trial "so that the jurors know me and not what they've read."

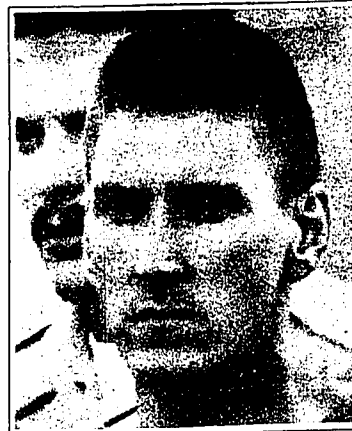
Time said McVeigh refused to discuss specific evidence or disclose where he was on the morning of the bombing, saying, "we're saving that for the trial."

But he did deny that he ever built a bomb. "I've never had my hand on one. I used to watch other people do it. I won't go into that," McVeigh said. "There were plastic soda bottles. They would put vinegar and baking soda in and screw the cap on and it would burst."

The Los Angeles Times reported last year that Nichols told federal authorities he and McVeigh learned how to make bombs while they were selling military surplus items at gun shows around the country in 1994 and 1995.

Nichols' brother James Nichols announced last week that he is working on a book that would prove Terry's innocence.

"Terry wasn't there, plain and



Timothy McVeigh

simple. And if he was, if he had something to do with it, that would be the end of it. I wouldn't support him." James Nichols was quoted as saying in a story published in the Sunday edition of The Detroit News, a newspaper. "There isn't any doubt about his innocence."

James Nichols' book is tentatively titled "Conspiracy in Oklahoma: A Search for the Truth."

Ex-US congressman may plead guilty to charges of corruption

CHICAGO (AP) -Former U.S. Rep. Dan Rostenkowski is expected to plead guilty this week to two corruption charges in a deal that would limit his sentence to 17 months in jail, according to news reports Sunday night.

Rostenkowski, 68, also agreed to pay a \$100,000 fine as part of the plea deal, Newsweek magazine and Chicago's WBBM-TV reported, citing unidentified sources close to the case.

Rostenkowski's home telephone number was unlisted and

a message left on the answering machine of his lawyer, Dan K. Webb, wasn't returned late Sunday night.

Rostenkowski, a Chicago Democrat, lost his bid for re-election to a 19th term in November 1994 after he was accused of plundering nearly \$700,000 from the government and having ghost employees kick back paychecks to his office.

The felony charges included mail fraud, tampering with a witness, embezzling public funds, concealing a material fact, wire fraud and aiding and abetting a crime.

The former chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee pleaded innocent and denied wrongdoing.

Last month, U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson dismissed charges that Rostenkowski lied to Congress about alleged schemes involving ghost employees on the payroll, personal purchases at the House stationery store, cash-for-stamps at the House Post Office and vehicles leases. Her ruling left 13 of the original 17 counts.

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Unabomber suspect's trail from Montana to California

By BOB ANEZ

HELENA, Montana (AP) - A hotel employee said Sunday he saw Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski in Sacramento, California, several times in recent years - an account that places him in the region where the Unabomber's last four bombs were mailed.

Frank Hensley, a desk clerk at the Royal Hotel, next door to the bus depot in downtown Sacramento, told The Associated Press he saw Kaczynski in the neighborhood or staying at the hotel almost annually during the last five years. He stayed at the hotel two or three times, usually in the late spring or summer, Hensley said.

Kaczynski, 53, was taken into custody at his cabin near Lincoln, Montana, on Wednesday and is being held without bail in a Helena jail. He has been charged in federal court with possession of bomb-making materials.

The charge is intended to keep Kaczynski in custody while investigators build a case against him for the Unabomber attacks that killed three people and injured 23 in nine states over the past 18 years.

Federal investigators tracking Kaczynski's movements are trying to learn how the former math professor, who had no visible means of support, could get to other states where the Unabomber's bombs were mailed or left.

They reportedly are checking whether he rode buses to those states; two bus line employees in Montana told the AP that Kaczynski was a passenger numerous times.

Meanwhile, the painstaking search of Kaczynski's 10-foot-by-12-foot (three-meter-by-four-meter) cabin continued Sunday. FBI spokesman George Grotz said investigators were combing the cabin and the surrounding forest.

The cabin search already has turned up a partially completed pipe bomb, bomb-making chemicals and components, and notes on making bombs. One law enforcement official said a type-

writer found in the cabin appears to be the one the Unabomber used to type his 35,000-word manifesto and letters. Another said investigators found and defused a live bomb in the cabin on Friday that they believe was intended for someone in particular.

Hensley said FBI agents approached him in March, showing him Kaczynski's photo.

"I recognized him right away," he said. "I remembered his face." Hensley said Kaczynski stayed at the hotel two or three times in the late spring or early summer, and his stays lasted no longer than a week. He said he didn't recall the years he stayed in the hotel.

Hensley said FBI agents collected registration cards from the Royal and three other hotels in the neighborhood under the same ownership.

The agents were searching the Royal records for a guest registered by the last name of Konrad, Hensley said. He said they did not explain why. The last four bombs from the Unabomber were mailed from Northern California: Two bombs postmarked in Sacramento exploded in June 1993, wounding one person in San Francisco and another at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. A bomb mailed from San Francisco in 1994 killed a New Jersey advertising executive. And a fourth bomb postmarked in Oakland, California, exploded April 24, 1995, killing a timber industry lobbyist in Sacramento.

Newsweek magazine reported Sunday that Kaczynski approached a grocer in Lincoln in the summer of 1994 to ask about getting a job.

"He said he was running out of funds," grocer Becky Garland told the newspaper. "He said, 'I don't know how to go out and get a job. It's been so long since I've done something like that.'"

He gave her a handwritten letter that included his difficulties growing up as "a genius in a kid's body and sticking out like a sore thumb in his surroundings as a child," Garland said.



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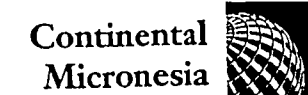
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Sex slave fund falls short of goals

TOKYO (AP)-A government-backed campaign to raise money to compensate Asian women forced into prostitution for Japanese soldiers during World War II has fallen short of its goals.

So far, the Asian Women's Fund, set up last summer, has raised 300 million yen (\$2.8 million), spokesman Katsumi Taga said Monday.

Taga said the fund hasn't set a specific target for contributions, but he said the current amount isn't enough.

Previous reports have said the fund wants to raise 1 billion yen (\$9 million).

Historians estimate that as many as 200,000 Asian women - many of them youngsters - were kidnapped and forced into sexual slavery at brothels overseen by the imperialist

military.

Many have come forward recently, demanding redress from the Japanese government.

Their testimonies tell of beatings, kidnappings, repeated rapes by soldiers in front-line cubicles. When the war ended, many were left to die. For decades, the women kept their silence, living in shame.

Fund officials have set July or August as the deadline for coming up with the money for the women in South Korea, Taiwan and the Philippines. Further efforts are needed to boost donations, Taga said. Donations from labor unions were expected to come in soon, he said.

Taga denied a report published Monday in the Yomiuri

newspaper, citing fund sources, that said single payments of at least 2 million yen (\$18,000) each will be made to about 300 women.

"We are in no condition to be able to make such decisions," Taga said.

Taga also noted that many women have rejected the fund because it is officially a private operation. Former sex slaves have demanded that the government take responsibility but it has refused to pay direct compensation.

It was not until 1992, when historical documents surfaced, that the government even admitted it was involved in the "comfort women" operation. The women have filed lawsuits demanding compensation, but the cases could drag on for years.



Lydia Antonio 73, left, and Free Yong Sue, 67, both alleged comfort women of the Japanese Army during World War II, welcome each other before the start of a session in the Asian Women's Conference last week at a Manila Hotel. Asian women forced into sexual slavery in World War II rejected a Japanese offer a money from a private fund today, demanding instead that Japan apologized and compensate them directly.

AP photo

Chinese premier says weather a key concern for the Chinese

BEIJING (AP) - Concerned with the challenge of feeding China's 1.2 billion people, Premier Li Peng says he often is preoccupied with watching weather forecasts.

Interviewed by the French television network Antenne 2, Li said his main motivation was to work "on behalf of the people."

"Since China has only 7 percent of all the world's arable land to nourish one-fifth of its population, the grain harvest has a major influence on our politics," Li said.

"So, when it is dry, I watch the evening news to see if it will rain the next day."

That is my primary preoccu-

pation."

A transcript of the interview, to be aired on the eve of Li's departure for an April 9-13 visit to France, was seen in Beijing Monday.

In keeping with his country's effort to improve ties with Europe - while relations with the United States remain tense over Taiwan, human rights and trade issues - Li sought to stress the similarities between China and France.

"China and France are two great nations, two great peoples, both members of the U.N. Security Council," Li said.

"They should play a greater role in international affairs."

Suggesting that France, along

with China, shared a secondary status vis a vis other Western nations, Li said:

"We are not satisfied with this position for France and we hope it will improve."

Armed North Korean military troops march into DMZ again

By SANG-HUN CHOE

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)-By day, hundreds of tourists gawk through binoculars at the 2.5-mile-wide (4 kilometer) demilitarized zone that separates North and South Korea.

By night, spotlights rake the zone, dotted with guard towers, barbed wire, minefields and - for the past three days - North Korean soldiers whose presence violates a 43-year truce their government says is "worthless."

Between 150 and 180 North Korean soldiers entered the DMZ on Sunday night, placed mortars and aimed machine guns at the South. As on Friday and Saturday, the soldiers stayed 21-2 hours and left without incident. The incursions began after North Korea announced on Thursday it would no longer honor the buffer zone, established at the end of the Korean War in 1953.

The North's armed demonstrations were seen as its latest effort to force Washington to negotiate a peace treaty by proving the armistice ineffective.

The two Koreas have never signed a peace treaty, and their border is the world's most heavily fortified, with nearly 2 million troops deployed on both sides.

North Korea insists that the peace treaty be signed between it and the United States without the participation of archival South Korea. Wash-

ington has called that "unrealistic."

The armistice between the Koreas allows each side to have 35 soldiers in the zone at any time, carrying only sidearms. On Thursday, the North called the agreement a "useless piece of paper."

Officials with the U.N. command that monitors the border have played down the incursions. In a statement, the command said that while it was watching the situation closely, it was not particularly alarmed.

"There is not going to be a second Korean War because of this," command spokesman Jim Coles said on Sunday.

As of Sunday, the United Nations had not changed its troop deployments on either side of the zone. South Korea has put its 650,000-strong military on heightened alert, increasing surveillance to its highest level in 15 years.

Most of South Korea's forces, and 1.2 million from the North, are posted along the 151-mile (240 kilometer) border, which stretches across the peninsula.

It is the world's most heavily fortified border, about 30 miles (50 kilometers) or an hour's drive from Seoul, the thriving South Korean capital and its largest city. Each year, thousands of tourists from South Korea and abroad get government permission to visit the ob-

servation post just outside the zone.

With North Korean troops only yards (meters) away, they are told not to make sudden movements or threatening gestures.

On Sunday, hundreds of tourists - a normal crowd - gazed through binoculars out the windows of a large pagoda at Communist troop installations and migrating birds gliding out of a hazy sky.

The frontier snakes through the village of Panmunjom, an eerie no-man's land where a few farming families still work the rice fields.

The armistice ending the war, which started in 1950, was signed in Panmunjom, and infrequent, often testy talks between the United Nations and North Korea take place there.

About 2.5 million people were killed in the Korean War, which devastated the entire peninsula.

The United States led a U.N. force in defense of South Korea after the North invaded in 1950. The conflict ended in a stalemate with both sides dug in at more or less the same positions they occupied when it began.

Since 1953, 1,278 men under U.N. command have died in the buffer zone. In a dispute over tree-pruning there in 1976, North Koreans hacked two U.S. servicemen to death.

Vigil held at beating site



Jesse Jackson

LOS ANGELES (AP)-The Rev. Jesse Jackson led a prayer vigil Sunday at the site where two Mexican citizens were beaten by sheriff's deputies in an attack caught on videotape.

"I know that we must have border checks, and with that conflict there must be due process, but there was no justification for the brutal beating; for the officers to

take the law into their own hands," Jackson, a civil rights leader, said in a telephone interview after leading some 60 people in a "Stop the Violence Prayer."

The 18 men and one woman detained after the beatings were illegal immigrants from rural Mexico, who said they came to seek work. Authorities said the deputies chased the immigrants' truck 80 miles (128 kilometers) to Los Angeles County after it ran an immigration checkpoint in Temecula.

Riverside County Sheriff Larry Smith said last Wednesday that the beatings were "clearly an excessive use of force," and promised a full investigation.

Deputies Tracy Watson and Kurtis Franklin were suspended with pay pending investigations.

The two immigrants who were beaten - Alicia Sotero Vazquez and Enrique Funes Flores - were released from an undisclosed hospital Friday, the Los Angeles Times reported Saturday.

On Saturday near the Temecula checkpoint, seven suspected illegal immigrants were killed and 19 injured when the pickup truck the men were riding in overturned as it was followed by U.S. Border Patrol agents.

Four makeshift crosses were erected at the crash site. One memorial at the ditch where the truck landed consisted of rocks in the shape of a cross. Three other standing crosses were placed amid wreckage.

Survivors of the crash were taken to three hospitals. Two of the men were in satisfactory condition Sunday at one of the hospitals, a nursing supervisors said. The other hospitals would not release the survivors' conditions.

Freemen negotiator not optimistic

By DAVID FOSTER
JORDAN, Montana (AP) - As the standoff between anti-government Freemen and FBI agents neared the end of its second week on Easter Sunday, a negotiator said he was not optimistic about a quick resolution.

"It's a very, very volatile situation," said Montana state Rep. Joe Quilici, who has met with Freemen representatives twice, along with three other legislators. "Right now, I can't be optimistic. It's so deep and complicated, it's hard to get a handle."

Quilici said some minor

progress was made in negotiations Thursday and Friday, but he would not discuss specifics.

"Things are better than they were when we got over there," he said in a telephone interview Sunday.

Quilici said Freemen leaders and the FBI would decide when and if talks would resume.

The standoff began March 25 after federal agents arrested Freemen leaders LeRoy Schweitzer, 57, and Daniel Petersen, 53.

About a dozen of the Freemen on the compound face

state or federal charges, ranging from writing bad checks and impersonating public officials to threatening to kidnap and murder a U.S. district judge.

After days of activity, the compound was quiet Sunday. A mother and her daughter left Friday night, and on Saturday, two cars carrying relatives of the Freemen were allowed to visit.

About 20 men, women and children are believed to be barricaded inside the Freemen compound. Neighbors have said the group has stockpiled weapons and enough food and supplies to last months.

US Labor secretary worried at lack of jobs

RAPID change in the world economy has widened the "fault line" of education in the United States, says Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich.

"People with only a high school education, or who have dropped out of high school, are losing ground rapidly," Reich said in an interview in Washington.

"As the old factory jobs disappear, they have little to fall back on, except retail, restaurants or low-wage hotel or hospital jobs, which come with fewer benefits and far less job security."

"At the other end of the spectrum, people with technical skills that are in demand or who have the right professional experience and background are doing exceedingly well. The gap is growing and that could be a profound social problem in this country, unless squarely addressed."

The Clinton administration favors \$2,600 government vouchers for career training for unemployed or low-wage workers and a yearly tax deduction of \$10,000 for education and job training.

After World War II, Reich said, the United States reaped "an enormous benefit" from the spread of international trade.

"But over the last 15 years we've bumped against the fundamental problem of education and skills. As we've moved from the mass production economy to an information-based economy, education has become the fault line dividing winners and losers."

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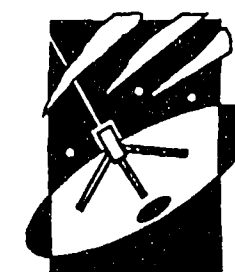
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Communists seek ties with Church

By DAVE CARPENTER
SERGIEV POSAD, Russia (AP) - Atheists in Soviet times, Russia's leading presidential candidates are taking increasingly reverential steps toward religion as the election approaches.

Front-runner Gennady Zyuganov, after watching Boris Yeltsin establish close Kremlin ties with the Russian Orthodox Church, is nurturing the Communists' own links with the influential church. Zyuganov toured the

church's holiest site at the Trinity Sergius Lavra, or monastery, in Sergiev Posad, north of Moscow. He also met privately with clerics for four hours on Sunday.

An unlikely pilgrim, the leader of Russia's Communist Party insists that Jesus Christ was the first Communist because he wanted social justice for all.

There will be no return to the Soviet policy of atheism if he wins the June election, he assured a questioner with a

laugh.

"Our program envisions freedom of conscience and maximum respect for everything connected with the history of culture, our traditions, our holidays and our people," Zyuganov, standing alongside a priest, told The Associated Press.

"I came here to be here, to pay tribute, to get acquainted. It's only natural for any sensible person who relies on his spiritual roots."

Coming exactly 10 weeks before the election, the timing of the visit suggested that more than religious fervor might be involved. The balding Zyuganov acknowledged that it was his first visit to "this sacred place" since he was a history student.

Wearing a black leather jacket over his shirt and tie, Zyuganov listened intently but did not cross himself as a black-robed novice with a long beard guided him through the 15th century Trinity Church and around the ancient walled compound of spectacular gold-domed buildings. Hundreds of faithful and tourists visiting on Orthodox Palm Sunday eyed the candidate curiously during his unannounced visit but kept respectfully clear.

Last month, Yeltsin publicly declared the rehabilitation of people imprisoned or otherwise punished for their religious activities in the Soviet era. The decree's practical effect was unclear.

Yeltsin, never a churchgoer in his days as a Communist boss, regularly summons Patriarch Alexy II to Kremlin ceremonies and makes high-profile visits to cathedrals.

"By reviving the spirit, we revive Russia," the president said at a church in Prokhorovka, southwestern Russia, during a campaign swing last week.

It's not surprising that the Orthodox Church, which has viewed itself as a powerful pillar of Russian society through the ages, would cultivate top politicians. Even in Soviet times, the church always tried to maintain good relations with those in power. Its rapid reversal of fortune, however, is stunning.

Under Soviet rule, particularly that of Lenin and Stalin, religion was suppressed. Thousands of churches were destroyed or converted to other uses, and many people were persecuted for their beliefs.

Now many churches are being rebuilt, and the Russian

and city governments are the driving force behind the estimated \$250 million reconstruction of the huge Christ the Savior Cathedral, which has already become a dominant feature of the Moscow skyline.

Many Russians say the project is a tribute to political muscle, not religious faith. Now critics are making similar remarks about the candidates' show of piety.

"Everybody from Yeltsin to Zyuganov is trying to ingratiate himself with the church in a cheap attempt to get its blessing and more votes from believers," said Gleb Yakunin, a former dissident and defrocked priest.

Such overtures, he said in an interview, have "nothing to do with real religion."

At a Moscow congress three weeks ago, the revived Russian Communists stripped atheism from the party charter and added an article stipulating that members can practice any religion and believe in any god.

Of the turnaround and the Christ-as-Communist claim, the liberal newspaper Izvestia called them "amazing."

"They are trying to convince us that Christianity and Communism have the same values and aims," the daily said. "All that is deepest delusion."

Offshore plants gain popularity

By CHARLES J. HANLEY
KINGSTREE, South Carolina (AP) - Addie Brown, like America, had it made.

A hardworking husband. A nice little hometown. Her own job, \$8.50 an hour, with Kingtree's biggest employer, Baxter Healthcare. "I thought I was set," she said.

Then came her lesson in the new economics: Baxter closed the South Carolina plant, laid off 800 workers and moved production to far-off Malaysia, where young women turn out the same Baxter latex gloves for barely \$8 a day.

And Addie Brown, like thousands of other American workers in the 1990s, wound up a loser in a global race to the bottom line.

Not long after Baxter shut down last November, billboards sprang up in Iowa with a new campaign cry: "Bring the jobs home!" Pat Buchanan's presidential candidacy faded by winter's end, but his slogan will live on through more seasons of discontent as workers in the United States and other industrial countries watch more of their jobs disappear.

In Washington, where some in Congress want laws to pressure multinational companies to "stay home," Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich dismisses the sloganeering.

"It is a myth that international trade has robbed America of its manufacturing industries," he says.

Myth? "What he needs to do is come to Williamsburg County," advises Kingtree Mayor Russell Kellahan.

Economists line up with Reich. Jobs are not a zero-sum game in which one side has to lose, they say. Developing countries that win jobs and prosper will buy products - and create jobs - in the in-

Cutting costs becomes a 'global revolution'

dustrial world. Besides, they say, labor-saving technology is probably killing more U.S. jobs than the "export" of work to low-wage countries.

And yet, they acknowledge, something very new is going on out there in the dog-eat-dog world, where suddenly all the dogs are capitalist dogs.

"These are revolutionary times in the global economy," concludes a World Bank report on how a transformed world is affecting ordinary workers.

International trade barriers have dropped. Capital, manufacturing technology, expert managers flow freely across borders. Transportation and communication grow cheaper by the day. Perhaps most significantly, half the global work force - China, India, the former Soviet bloc - is suddenly entering the free market.

Hard-pressed companies in a worldwide market will spot more and more opportunity in wage costs - 50 cents an hour in China, for example, against an average \$18 in the industrialized nations.

Klaus Schwab believes in the "win-win" creed of free trade. But the German economist, leader of the annual World Economic Forum, foresees 20 or 30 years of difficult adjustment, as multinational companies thrive on high-tech, high-productivity but low-wage operations in developing countries.

While those countries catch up on income, Schwab said in an interview in Geneva, millions of workers in today's industrial nations will "stagnate ... will be the losers."

Once they were winners in Kingtree. Illinois-based Baxter

Healthcare established the latex-glove factory among the cotton farms and weathered mansions of east South Carolina because this was where you came for low wages in the 1960s. By the late 1980s, however, Baxter's horizons had widened and it was building the world's biggest such plant in Penang, Malaysia - closer to that country's rubber plantations and to its inexpensive labor.

"Our challenge is to be a global competitor," said Bill Saxelby, who heads Baxter's glove business.

"To be competitive in the health-care marketplace, in or out of the U.S., you have to be a low-cost leader."

The medical-products giant is clearly a global competitor, a \$10 billion-a-year company that now sells more of its examination and surgeon's gloves abroad than in the United States.

The Baxter shutdown in Kingtree was just a ripple in a wave of American "downsizing" in which manufacturing has shrunk to just 18 percent of U.S. economic output - while rising to above 20 percent of total Third World production.

For Williamsburg County, however, the ripple was a disaster.

A local Tupperware plant had already begun laying off 550 workers, and Oxford Industries had recently shut down a garment factory and moved the jobs to Mexico.

The countywide unemployment rate now tops 14 percent.

I went out looking for work, and it was horrible," said Mrs. Brown, 30. "There was nothing out there."

That's when she and more than 200 other ex-Baxter employees, with federal financial help, signed up for voca-

dustrial electronics.

Smart move, says Reich. "Business tells me they can't find enough people with the necessary skills," the labor secretary said during an interview in his Washington office.

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 - B. Proof of Notice of Meeting (voluntary compliance with Open Government Act, 1 CMC § 9901 et seq.)
2. Old Business
 - A. Approval of Minutes of November 21, 1995, Special Meeting
 - B. Continuing Services; Sales of Publications
3. New Business
 - A. New Staff
 - B. Recent Expenditures/Planned Expenditures
 - C. Report on Electronic Publishing Services
 - D. Proposed Legislation Concerning Commission
 - E. Other Business
4. Adjournment

For Further Information, Contact the Commission
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COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Notice is hereby given that the Regular Meeting of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 1996. The meeting will commence at 10:00 am, in Conference Room No. 1, CUC Administration Building, Lower Base, Saipan. The agenda is set forth below:

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
 - D. Adoption of Minutes
 1. March 6, 1996
- II. CORRESPONDENCE
- III. COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
- IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 1. Resolution 96-1
 2. Equity Conversion
 3. Feasibility Study - Privatization
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
 1. Presentation of Proposed Telecommunications Bill
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- VIII. (EXECUTIVE SESSION) LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

/s/ CARLOS A. SHODA, Chairman
CUC Board of Directors

Fourth Anniversary Rosary



FRANCISCO CRISOSTIMO ALDAN

We the family of the late Francisco Crisostimo Aldan would like to invite all our relatives and friends to join us in the Fourth Anniversary of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather.

Nightly rosary will be held at the residence of Mrs. Bernadita Aldan in Sadog Tasi at 8:00 pm beginning Wednesday April 10, 1996. Daily masses will be offered 6:00 am at Kristo Rai church.

On a final day, April 18, 1996, Thursday, rosary will be said at 12:00 noon.

Mass of Intention will be offered at Kristo Rai Church at 5:00 pm, April 18, 1996.

Dinner will follow at the residence of Mrs. Bernadita Aldan at Sadog Tasi.

Please join us.

Thank you
The Family



First Anniversary Rosary



We, the family of the late
MARIA REYES LIZAMA

would like to invite all our relatives and friends to join us for the first anniversary rosary of our beloved one.

The nightly rosary will be held at 8:00 p.m. beginning April 11, 1996 (Thursday) at the residence of Dionicio Mendiola Lizama; better known as "Dionicio Batitang" in San Vicente village Dist. #10.

On the final day, April 19, 1996 (Friday) the mass of intention will be offered at 6:00 p.m. at the San Vicente church.

Dinner will follow immediately at the family's residence in San Vicente village.

Your presence and your prayers is greatly appreciated.

PLEASE JOIN US, THANK YOU
THE FAMILY

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE Marianas Variety NEWS AND VIEWS



Riot police spray tear gas over students to disperse them during a clash following an anti-government rally at Sokang University in Seoul last month. They demanded the government disclose political funds for the last presidential elections.
AP Photo

Garcia's ashes strewn into Ganges

LONDON (AP) - Jerry Garcia's widow Deborah has sprinkled the ashes of the Grateful Dead lead guitarist into the River Ganges in India.

dia, according to a London news report Monday. The Independent newspaper said that on Thursday she and band member Bob Weir waded

into the swirling waters of the river, which is regarded as sacred in India, and released the ashes as dawn broke following a lunar eclipse.

It said the ceremony took place near Rishikesh on the upper Ganges where the river flows out of the Himalayas into the plains.

It said they acted in secret because Mrs. Garcia feared if word leaked out in the United States and Europe about the ceremony, thousands of the American band's fans called Deadheads might have flocked to India and spoiled what was a private occasion.

Garcia died on Aug. 9 last year of a heart attack at age 53 at a northern California drug rehabilitation center and was

cremated.

The Grateful Dead grew out of an acoustic jug band that Garcia, Weir and others formed in 1965. For three decades, it was one of rock 'n' roll's top-drawing acts. It combined rock, bluegrass and folk influences in its songs, which included "Truckin'," "Casey Jones," "Sugar Magnolia" and "Friend of the Devil."

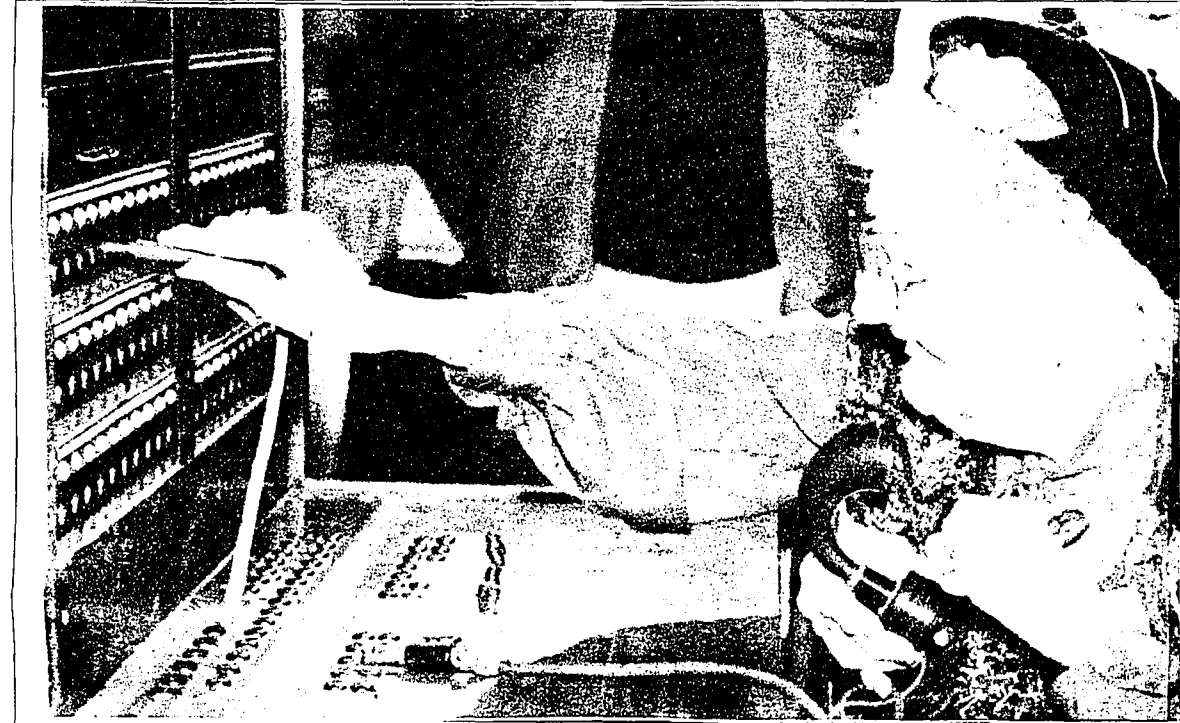
Deadheads worshipped the Grateful Dead as though its members were tribal gods rather than musicians and followed the band from concert to concert like pilgrims, the paper noted.

"The other band members who stayed behind in California had written farewell mes-

sages to Jerry," The Independent reported from New Delhi. "According to witnesses, Mr. Weir and Mrs. Garcia - the guitarist's fourth wife - poured some of Garcia's ashes on each message before setting it adrift in the currents. Mr. Weir's own paper was blank when he sprinkled on his best friend's ashes."

It said Weir's bare chest was garlanded with marigolds as he stood waste deep in the Ganges and uttered the words: "May you have peace, Jerry, and travel to the stars."

It said the earlier, during the eclipse, Weir had picked up a guitar and begun strumming "Friend of the Devil" but was overcome by grief and could not finish the song.



Retired New York telephone operator Florence Trembley, of Glens Falls, N.Y., plays with a vintage telephone switchboard during a celebration of her 100th birthday in Albany, N.Y. Tuesday. Trembley, who started with New York Telephone Glens Falls office in 1910, turned 100 on Sunday, March 31, 1996. Trembley said she enjoyed her 45 years as an operator for the utility now known as Nynex. AP Photo

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AP specialist in business reporting dead at age 84

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sterling F. Green, a Washington-based Associated Press reporter who specialized in business and economic news at a time when such coverage was rare, died Sunday in Tarpon Springs, Florida. He was 84 and had suffered a series of strokes.

Green had worked for the AP for 36 years when he retired in 1973, earning repeated praise from his boss as "the most all-around valuable man in the Washington bureau."

Green was walking near Blair House on Nov. 1, 1950 when two Puerto Rican nationalists tried to assassinate President Truman who was living there while the White House, across the street, was being renovated. Green dictated the story from a nearby

pay telephone.

He rejected lucrative offers from government and industry to remain a reporter, until he left to join the Washington Forum as vice president of research. He retired there in 1981 and moved to Florida.

Green was graduated from the University of Oregon, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and became a reporter for the Oregon Journal. Green married Dorothy Louise Webber of Portland three days before starting his career with the AP in San Francisco. After transferring to Washington in 1941, he was put in charge of covering war agencies. He moved from there into his specialty of economics, finance and business. He leaves his wife, two children and two grandchildren.



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SPORTS



Bulls nears NBA record

NEW YORK (AP) - It looks like the Chicago Bulls may reach 70 wins with a week to spare.

The Bulls took another step toward eclipsing the best record in U.S. National Basketball Association history by beating the Orlando Magic 90-86 Sunday.

With eight games left in the regular season, the Bulls need just four more victories to reach 70 and outdo the best record in NBA history - 69-13 by the 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers.

Charlotte, Philadelphia and New Jersey are Chicago's next three opponents, so the Bulls

would seem to have a great shot at getting No. 70 next Sunday at Cleveland.

Given the fact that Orlando entered the game with the second best road record in the league, trailing only Chicago's 37-0 mark at the United Center, Sunday's game figured to be as tough as any the Bulls have played this season.

The Bulls had their problems, too, scoring only 15 points in the fourth quarter. But Michael Jordan hit a tough turnaround jumper with just under a minute left to put Chicago ahead for good.

The Magic had a chance to go for the tie or the win in the final 10 seconds, but Anfernee Hardaway missed a driving shot in the lane. Shaquille O'Neal grabbed the rebound, but perhaps thinking the buzzer was about to sound, rushed his follow shot and threw up an airball.

Dennis Rodman got the rebound, Toni Kukoc was fouled and made two free throws and the Bulls had upped their record to 66-8.

"It was a sweet win. We really kind of lost our rhythm in the second half, but we found ways to scrap and win. I think it shows the character of this team," said Jordan, who finished with 27 points in 10-for-30 shooting.

"A win is a win," Jordan said. "Sometimes you escape, sometimes you dominate and you're in

control. I think in the first half we dominated.

The second half we lost control, yet we were able to control it down the stretch."

In other games, the Los Angeles Lakers beat San Antonio 107-97, Utah downed Sacramento 107-92, Denver defeated Houston 111-105, Boston edged Detroit 98-97 and Phoenix beat Vancouver 112-92.

Bulls 90, Magic 86

In Orlando, Florida, Toni Kukoc added 20 points and Scottie Pippen had 17 for the Bulls, who won their sixth straight game.

The Magic, who won their first 33 home games this season, lost for the third time in their last four home games.

Shaquille O'Neal arrived at the arena just before gametime and entered the contest at the start of

the second quarter. He had been in New Jersey attending the funeral of his grandmother.

"It's unfortunate that we had to lose that game," Orlando coach Brian Hill said. "I thought in the second half we did everything we had to do to win. We said going in that if we held them to 90 points, we would win the basketball game."

Chicago won the season series 3-1.

"When the playoffs begin, what happened in the season series doesn't matter," Hill said.

Lakers 107, Spurs 97

In Inglewood, California, Vlade Divac had 19 points and 11 rebounds and Eddie Jones scored 13 of his 19 points in the third quarter as the Lakers beat the suddenly cold Spurs.

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MASTERS DIVISION

TEAM NAME	W	L	%
1. Copenhagen/Skoal Outdoors	86	31	73.52
2. Skoal Racing Bandits	74	30	71.15
3. Henry's Bouncers	67	37	64.42
4. Mogambo African Kings	72	45	61.54
5. Angus Beef Eaters	36	55	39.56
6. Kio's Bouncers	17	74	18.68
7. Tommy's Terrors	12	92	11.54

A-DIVISION

TEAM NAME	W	L	%
1. Team Red Dog Beer	66	33	66.67
2. Lens Restaurant	71	39	64.55
3. Tom's Superheroes II	70	40	63.64
4. Mozart's Overthrow	66	44	60.00
5. P.O.I Sure Hits	62	48	56.36
6. Oleai Beach Restaurant	62	48	56.36
7. Songbird Blackbirds	49	61	44.55
8. Miller MGD	41	58	41.41
9. Lite Beer	40	70	36.36
10. Dart Vaders	12	98	10.91

B-DIVISION

TEAM NAME	W	L	%
1. Songbird Bees	71	39	64.55
2. Rudolpho's Jr.	68	42	61.82
3. Dart Haus Blue	68	42	61.82
4. Bud Ice Low Life's	62	48	56.36
5. Rust Evader	59	51	53.64
6. Team STS	56	51	53.64
7. Wolfgang	47	63	42.73
8. Mogambo African Warriors	43	67	39.09
9. Duty Free Shoppers	39	71	35.45
10. Hot 98 Roots, Rock & Reggae	37	73	33.64

C-DIVISION

TEAM NAME	W	L	%
1. Songbird C Notes	78	32	70.91
2. Dart Haus C2	65	45	59.09
3. Wiseman's Barristers	64	46	58.18
4. Sign Design	63	47	57.27
5. Oleai Beach Boys	55	55	50.00
6. Rudolpho's Rudartos	54	56	49.09
7. Mom's Dart Babes	33	66	33.33
8. Dart Haus C1	17	82	17.17

MIXED DOUBLES DIVISION

TEAM NAME	W	L	%
1. Sheldon & Yoli	68	42	61.82
2. Mark & Gladys	64	46	58.18
3. Chuck & Stephanie	61	49	55.45
4. Dan & Dahlia	58	52	52.73
5. Gary & Becky	57	53	51.82
6. Tom & Mary	52	58	47.27
7. Bob & Miles	48	62	43.64
8. Burt & Bonnie	48	62	43.64
9. Larry & Doreen	48	62	43.64
10. Bob & Merle	46	64	41.82

Hardcore wins '96 Rocball World Cup

THE HARKORE made it official, they are the first rocball team to three-peat the World Cup of rocball. Hardcore won the 1996 World Cup Title in 3 straight wins. They won the first game 34 to 2, the second game 50 to 14, and the third game yesterday 44 to 20. Although the Brotherhood did

gain the lead in a couple of sets, it was Hardcore's hard offensive plays and tight defense that finally rolled over the Brotherhood.

In yesterday's game, there were 7 aces, 4 xunks, 12 kees, 1 Jam, and 2 goals scored. The Brotherhood led in scoring aces 4 to 2, the Hardcore dominated the xunks 4 to 0, the Hardcore scored more

kees 8 to 4 Brotherhood scored a rare play; the Jam, and the Hardcore and Brotherhood split the goals 1 to 1 Jarvis Rano of the Brotherhood was the games heavy hitter with 1 ace, 3 kees, and 1 goal for 11 points. Alex Olopai was the Hardcore's heavy hitter with 1 xunks and 4 bees for 10 points.

Nicklaus wins 100th tourney

By MEL REISNER

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona (AP) - Jack Nicklaus embellished his legend on Sunday, vaulting past Hale Irwin with a three-shot swing on the 12th hole and staying ahead for his 100th pro victory and fourth in the Tradition.

He was the defending champion in the 8-year-old tournament, which he also won on his first attempt, in 1990, and in 1991.

Nicklaus carded his second

straight 7-under-par 65 for a 16-under 272 overall, beating Irwin by three strokes.

Irwin began the round at 10-under, one shot ahead of Nicklaus and two up on Raymond Floyd, and reached 15-under by No. 10. But he couldn't overcome three straight bogeys on Nos. 11-13 and shot 69 for 275.

He wasn't the only great to wilt before Nicklaus, who has won 70 titles on the regular tour, 10 as a

senior, and 20 others around the world. Nicklaus is driving better than he has in years, and his short game was flawless in the bogey-free final round.

Floyd had two bogeys and a double bogey in the last five holes of the front nine and needed a strong finish to get back to 281.

Bob Murphy completed the tournament at 282, Walter Morgan and Al Geiberger finished at

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US upset in Davis Cup

By STEPHEN WADE

PRAGUE, Czech Republic (AP) - Turns out the United States needed more than its third team to advance in the Davis Cup, after all.

With its best players - Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi among them - bowing out in favor of more lucrative events, the Americans lost 3-2 to the Czech Republic on Sunday when Petr Korda defeated Mali Vai Washington in three sets in the decisive match.

The victory moved the Czechs into the semifinals - they will play Sweden in September - for the first time since 1986.

"I've been on this team eight years,

and now we've finally broken through - coming against the Americans is all the better," the 41st-ranked Korda said. "I don't care who the Americans had - that's up to them to choose. They chose the best they had, it's too late now to cry about it."

In losing in the quarterfinals, the defending Davis Cup champions are again faced with trying to get their best players to participate.

"Right now I can't see how you would work out the schedule," said U.S. Tennis Association president Les Snyder, referring to bigger paydays chosen by the likes of Sampras, Agassi, Michael Chang and Jim Courier.

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Japan rules games for the deaf

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) - Japan won 10 gold medals to emerge overall champion at the 5th Asia-Pacific Games for the Deaf, a news agency reported Monday.

Japan also won nine silvers and two bronzes at the 10-day games that ended Sunday, the national news agency Bernama said. Japan was followed by Iran with seven golds, five silvers and one bronze.

Seventeen nations sent 545 athletes to take part in several events

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