Guerrero urges repeal of 4-year alien worker ban

Gov. Lorenzo I. Guerrero asked Senate President Juan S. Demapan Friday to help repeal the provisions of law which limit alien workers to four consecutive years of stay in the Northern Marianas.

At the same time, Guerrero proposed the adoption of a quota in certain categories of non-resident workers as a more effective way of reducing the number of alien workers in the Commonwealth.

In a letter to Demapan, the governor sought passage of House Bill 8-159 which has been passed by the House of Representatives.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Pedro R. Guerrero, seeks to repeal the provision of the Commonwealth Code which classifies alien workers who have been in the CNMI for four consecutive years as "excludable aliens" who may be denied entry in the Commonwealth.

"The provision of law... works against our best interest," the governor said. "The confusion and uncertainty caused by retaining 3 CMC 4322(c) on the books adds to the obstacles faced by existing and potential investors in the Commonwealth."

"Our policy should be to keep the number of non-resident workers in the CNMI to an absolute minimum," Guerrero said, adding that the four-year restriction defeats the purpose.

"We may end up with more, not fewer, guest workers," he said.

The governor said his office received numerous complaints in the past few days about the unfairness of the exclusion of the excludable alien provision which was viewed as having a negative impact on vital industries, businesses and private citizens in the CNMI.

In addition, Guerrero said enforcement of the four-year restriction would also create a substantial administrative burden and extra expense on the Immigration Service and the Office of the Attorney General at a time when operating budgets were constrained by the delay in the passage of the budget.

"Enforcement of this statute drains away human and financial resources needed for the detection, apprehension and deportation of illegal aliens who are deliberately avoiding repatriation to their home countries," Guerrero said. (NL)

Restriction to prevent workers from leaving

Non-resident workers who have been in the Northern Marianas for four consecutive years may be able to remain here and renew their entry permits despite the four-year limit of stay provided by law.

When they leave the CNMI even for short trips, however, those non-resident workers may be denied re-entry.

This was learned in an interview with Deputy Immigration Chief Frank Villanueva yesterday.

During the same interview Villanueva said Immigration Serv-

Election official proposes cap on donations to candidates

The Executive director of the Board of Elections yesterday proposed a $1,000 limit on donations to candidates for public offices so they would not feel indebted to their supporters.

In a press briefing, John M. Diaz said that under present law there is no limit to the amount of donations a candidate may accept. The only requirement is that all substantial donations and their sources be reported to the board.

Thus, he said, a candidate who receives a big donation may feel that he owes something to the donor.

He said the ceiling on campaign contribution was among the reforms the board had been proposing since the mid-eighties.

Diaz also cited the need to impose citizenship requirement to candidates for the municipal council. At present, he said, "anybody who is 21 years old and has resided for two years in a municipality can run for a municipal council seat."

Thus, even foreigners can become members of the municipal council, Diaz said.

Diaz also proposed that the constitution be changed to allow for separate election of the governor and lieutenant governor. At present, he said, "two officials are elected as a team."

In a sense you're denied the right to choose your candidate for governor and lieutenant governor, he said.

During the same briefing Diaz said that as of May 13, the board has registered 9,383 voters in the Commonwealth, broken down as follows: precinct 1 - 2,814, precinct 2 - 994, precinct 3 - 2,496, precinct 4 - 1,360, Tinian - 734 and Rota - 985.

Deadline for registration is on Sept. 21, or 45 days before the election (Nov. 6). US citizens continued on page 2

A woman saves boy

A woman saved a three-year-old boy from drowning at the Marianas Resort swimming pool in San Roque over the weekend, police said yesterday.

Police Chief Adrian I. Reyes said Jua Sang Hwang was seen drowning by an unnamed woman described only as Caucasian.

The woman reportedly rushed to the boy's rescue and administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to revived him.

On Saturday, a baby girl who is several months old suffered second-degree burns when a cup of coffee was accidentally spilled on her.

An unidentified brother of the baby just placed coffee on a table in their Tanapag house when the victim, Cristie Sedrim, managed to grab the cup. Another near-drowning incident took place in Tanapag, also over the weekend.

A man from Palau was standing on the flat portion of a cliff at Jeffrey's Beach when big waves lashed at the cliff and threw him into the water.

A relative of the man who was a good swimmer, managed to fight off continued on page 2
Former immigration officer convicted for 6 months in jail

By Division of Fish and Wildlife

**ALMOST 30 cases of fish poisoning were handled by the Commonwealth Health Center in Saipan in 1992. Ordinary food poisoning, which can be caused by bacteria that has contaminated fish as a result of improper handling and poor refrigeration, is generally not a serious health problem. However, there is one form of fish poisoning that is serious enough to be of concern - ciguatera fish poisoning. A toxin known as ciguatoxin can be present in the fish and if eaten, it can cause ciguatera fish poisoning in humans. The toxin in the fish cannot be destroyed by cooking or freezing.**

The ciguatoxin originates from a dinoflagellate called Gambierdiscus toxicus, which is a microscopic algae. The alga, Gambierdiscus, live attached to the limestone rocks and various kinds of seaweeds in and around coral reefs. Placed near reef fish will eat the small Gambierdiscus and then those, in turn, eaten by larger predators or carnivorous fish.

The ciguatoxin is not harmful to the fish but it becomes concentrated in the flesh and particularly in the liver and reproductive organs of the fish. The highest concentrations of the ciguatoxin are found in fish at the top of the food chain (the larger fish-eating fish).

The clinical symptoms associated with ciguatoxin poisoning are variable and people may react differently after eating the same fish. Symptoms, which range from headaches to death, can last from hours to days. The toxin is believed to be the cause of ciguatera, which is a type of fish poisoning found in the tropics, particularly in the Pacific, the Caribbean, and parts of the Indian Ocean. Ciguatera is a common problem in island nations and is often reported in the Pacific region.

The toxin affects the nervous system and can cause a variety of symptoms, including:

- Numbness and tingling in the extremities
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- Stomach cramps and diarrhea
- Dizziness and confusion
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Legal levels of air pollution can raise risk of early death

By Malcolm Ritter

NEW YORK (AP) - Air pollution by extremely tiny particles can raise the risk of early death, even when the pollution falls within legally acceptable limits, a study found.

The research, which tracked more than 8,000 adults for about 15 years, linked the pollution chiefly to deaths from heart and lung diseases.

The fine particles, small enough to be inhaled into the lungs, result mostly from burning of fossil fuels for power generation, steel production, other industry, automobiles and home heating with coal or oil, said chief author C. Arden Pope.

Pope, a visiting scientist in the environmental health department at the Harvard School of Public Health, said the result confirms prior studies.

In fact, it is in many ways more convincing than the prior results, commented Joel Schwartz, a senior scientist in the Office of Policy, Science and Analysis at the Environmental Protection Agency.

Taken together, the studies suggest "tens of thousands of people a year are dying as a result of air pollution that is within our current standards," Schwartz said.

The new study was presented Sunday in San Francisco at the annual international conference of the American Lung Association and the American Thoracic Society.

"I think this can really revolutionize our thinking about the dangers of air pollution," said Dr. Alfred Munzer, president of the American Lung Association. "I think all our emphasis has been too short on the dangers of ozone, and far less attention paid to the dangers of particulate matter."

Schwartz said the result shows that the fine particles can shorten people's lives by years, rather than less significant periods.

The pollution probably does not create heart or lung disease, Schwartz said. But the study results suggest that long-term exposure may make existing cases worse, and short-term exposure may lower the odds of surviving medical crises brought on by the diseases, he said.

Prior studies and the new one observed an effect on mortality at air pollution levels well within federal standards, he said.

The work is part of the Harvard Six Cities study, which includes the communities of Watertown, Mass., the Kingston-Harriman area in Tennessee, St. Louis, Mo., Steubenville, Ohio, Portage, Wis., and Topeka, Kan.

Researchers followed a total of 8,111 adults for 14 to 16 years.

Koch admits theft

DORIS Pangelinan Koch, a cashier at Northern Marianas College, has decided to plead guilty to a theft charge and will be sentenced this morning.

The government charged Koch a few months ago following the discovery that at least $800 in tuition and other fees paid by NMC students was missing.

Under the plea agreement, Assistant Attorney General Russell Marsh will recommend that Koch be placed on probation instead of being sent to jail.

The government will also ask the court to order Koch to pay restitution for all the money taken from NMC.

The sentencing was scheduled yesterday but was deferred because the Superior Court judge handling the case was presiding over another case.

Meanwhile, the trial yesterday of Henry L. Iguel, who was arrested in November after a government vehicle parked near his house in Garapan yielded several firearms, was moved to July 26.

Assorted bullets and residue of crystal methamphetamine or ice were also found in the car.

The vehicle was issued to Senate Vice President Francisco M. Borja, a relative of Iguel. Borja earlier denied knowledge of the guns and drugs found in the vehicle (GLD)
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Goro Moriguchi, a former vice-president of Kyowa Co., a steel-frame maker, admitted that he gave the cash bribes to Fumio Abe, a former senior political ally of Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa in the governing Liberal Democratic Party.

Presiding judge Masaru Suda told the court Moriguchi handed over the bribes on seven occasions at Tokyo restaurants in return for favors while Abe headed the New Democratic Development Agency in 1990.

Prosecutors demanded a six-year prison term, but Suda said the defendant had reflected on his conduct by admitting the charges.

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**Japanese businessman gets 5-year jail sentence**

TOKYO (AP) - In the latest of a major influence-peddling scandal in Japan in recent years, Tokyo District Court sentenced a businessman Wednesday to five years in prison for giving 90 million yen ($804,000) in bribes to a former Cabinet minister.

Goro Moriguchi, a former vice-president of Kyowa Co., a steel-frame maker, admitted that he gave the cash bribes to Fumio Abe, a former senior political ally of Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa in the governing Liberal Democratic Party.

Moriuchi also accused Moriguchi of swindling trading companies out of 6.9 billion yen ($62.2 million), purportedly by tricking them into making advance payments for transactions involving Kyowa.

Suda said the court that Moriguchi's link with Abe was very close, and that he had operated based on "egotistic and self-centered thinking, stopping at nothing to expand business." Abe, 50, a former secretary-general of Miyazawa's faction in the governing Liberal Democratic Party, was arrested in January 1992 for allegedly accepting bribes from Kyowa to help Kyowa win lucrative construction contracts in his home district in Hokkaido.

His case is still pending. He is being tried separately from Moriguchi.

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**Retail sales surge in China**

BEIJING (AP) - China's retail sales and rates of living both registered the sharpest increase in five years last month, an official newspaper said.

Last month's retail sales exceeded 101.7 billion yuan ($18.8 billion), a 23.2 percent increase over the April 1992 figure, the China Daily newspaper reported. It also said the cost of living in 35 major cities last month was up 17 percent from a year earlier.

The cost of living increase showed a price and cost of living both increased as a steeper rate. Prices in the first three months of this year were up 15.7 percent over the same period last year.

April's cost of living increase is the largest acknowledged by the government since 1988, when the official inflation rate was 18.6 percent. Economists at the time said the true figure was more than twice that.

In part because of the price hikes, consumers are rushing to buy massive quantities of durable goods and gold products, according to the China Daily. Cities and coastal provinces showed the largest increases in retail sales, with a 38.9 increase in major cities, the newspaper said. Sales of color television sets and refrigerators were up more than 60 percent.

The government has reduced several measures in the past few years to cool down inflation. On Sunday, the official media announced a crackdown on counterfeit goods, which officials fear are diverting scarce funds and raw materials. And on Friday, the government announced it was raising bank interest rates and the interest rates on treasury bonds in hopes of encouraging saving and discouraging lending.

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**Guangdong sets up mobile phone system**

BEIJING (AP) - South China's Guangdong province has set up China's largest mobile telephone system with a capacity of 120,000 users, half of the nation's total, an official newspaper reported.

Lu Enrui, director of the mobile telecommunications department of Guangdong, said a joint-venture partnership will enable the department to provide phones for all applicants, the Xinhua News Agency reported last Sunday.

The province plans to spend 2 billion yuan ($315 million) to increase the capacity to 200,000 users by the end of June and half a million by the end of this year, the newspaper said.

The number of mobile phone users has increased dramatically in Guangdong. At the end of 1992, it had 100,000 users, 3.8 times that of the previous year.

In the first four months of this year, 26,000 more users were added.

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**Taiwan sends trade delegation to Japan**

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - Taiwan's largest trade delegation to Japan left Sunday to try to reduce a growing trade deficit that could reach a record $1.16 billion this year.

The 215-member delegation, led by Hu Yuann-tung, chairman of the Bank of Taiwan, includes executives from software, textile, machinery, computer and textile firms.

Officials said the size of the delegation underscores the importance of the mission that was organized by the semi-official China External Trade Development Council.

Li Shang-chia, a spokesman for the delegation, said the group would encourage Japan to import more from Taiwan and approve the transfer of Japanese technology to Taiwan.

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Immigration frees 29 Chinese nationals

TWENTY-NINE Chinese nationals who were apprehended on May 6 for alleged overstaying in the Northern Marianas had been released because the Immigration Service does not have money to send them home, according to Major Frank Villanueva, deputy chief of immigration.

In an interview, Villanueva said the office was able to send 11 others back to China because they had money to buy airline tickets or had relatives who helped them.

The 40 Chinese nationals were apprehended during raids in two apartments in Koblerville and Fiesta Shins. They consist of 14 women and 26 men.

Lt. Sid Cabrera, leader of the raiding group, said most of the foreigners entered Saipan on short-term business permits or as tourists. A few were contract workers whose working permits had expired.

"We want to deport them but the government has no money," Villanueva said. "We're not budgeted for that."

Malaysia to detain 200,000 immigrants

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) - Police have been directed to detain about 200,000 immigrants who have not applied for work permits, the deputy prime minister said Saturday.

"These immigrants will be deported if they are not employed by local firms and have not obtained work permits," Ghafar Baba said in Kuantan, about 200 kilometers (120 miles) east of Kuala Lumpur.

His remarks were issued by the Information Ministry.

The Malaysian government has declared an amnesty on foreigners who entered Malaysia illegally last year, and is permitting those with jobs to stay for a specified period because of the nation's labor shortage.

But the government considers unlicensed petty traders and hawkers undesirable, and those aliens will now be targeted by police.

Wages are higher in Malaysia than in neighboring countries, and because of their training and education many Malaysian workers refuse to work at the lower end of the wage scale.

Most of the illegal immigrants are from neighboring Indonesia with small numbers from Thailand, Burma and the Indian subcontinent.

Ghafar said even those foreigners with regular jobs in Malaysia will have to return to their home countries eventually.

"We will definitely not give them citizenship," he said.

Ghafar said he was also concerned that the children of foreign workers could eventually obtain Malaysian citizenship.

He said police had detained members of 20 local syndicates that brought immigrant workers into the country illegally.

Saipan Cable, NHK tie up

SAIPAN Cable TV has reached an agreement with NHK International Inc., Japan's largest broadcaster, to deliver the nation's top-rated news program, NHK News 7 via satellite as added-value to our subscribing hotels and condominiums as an added-value amenity to their guests," Holmes said.

NHK News 7 reports international news, national news, sports scores, and weather forecasts on Cable Channel 11. NHK News 7 broadcasts from 7 p.m. to 7:55 p.m. in Tokyo time, 8 p.m. to 8:55 p.m. in Saipan time, Monday through Friday.

A repeat broadcast will be shown at 7 a.m. the following day, convention to Japanese tourists and Japanese living on Saipan alike.

NHK News 7 will have a half-hour news presentation on Saturdays and Sundays.

"Saipan has to be competitive with other tourist destinations and we have to attract the business traveller who might consider a quick trip to Saipan for a golf vacation. Providing NHK News 7 keeps the business traveller abreast of any national or business affairs while he is on Saipan," Saipan Cable general manager Fred Lord said.

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Bank of Hawaii vs. Carmen Sananome
Camacho, Elfrain P./Greenmount Dev. Maniana Corp.

10:00 a.m.

Lorenzo Manga Ayuyu et al. vs. Realty Trust Corp., etc.
Lorenzo Manga Ayuyu, etc. vs. Commonwealth Investment Co.

Judge Marty W.K. Taylor
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1:30 p.m.

Herman’s Modern Bakery vs. Panes, Felix S./Tagaheiu Maria

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CNMI vs. Ruffin N. Maratita

CNMI vs. Sy Loon Lee

CNMI vs. Danilo L. Parones

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CNMI vs. Ariel M. Garcia

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Universal Rental vs. Guerrero, Jose C.

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Island Fiesta Foods Co., Inc. vs. Geisinger Michael A./Mermie B.

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Happy Market vs. Mimi Almario K.

Highway Market vs. Etene Grandmaleda

Happy Market vs. Nancer W. Martin

Highway Market vs. Francisco P. Sablan

Pacific Electrical Supply, Inc. vs. Sablan Francisco P.

Bank of Guam vs. Gloria L. Velasco et al.
Saipan Supermarket vs. Mimi R. Almario

Six-ten Store vs. Angela N. Williams

Wilburn C. Hamilton vs. Richard Towill

Happy Market vs. Alman, Velma S.
Marianas Printing Service vs. Francisco P.

Lucky Supermarket vs. Camachio, Jacinta C.

J.C. Tenorio Ent. vs. Anthony C. Reyes

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J.C. Tenorio Ent. vs. Remedio Soman Mike

Tropical Color Corp. Micronesia vs.

John S. Reyes dba Rainhook Constr.

Meitetsu Shopping Ctr. vs. Diaz, Larry F.

J.C. Tenorio Ent. Inc. vs. Rosina V.

Buenaventura Jr.

J.C. C. Tenorio Ent. vs. Gale Marlin Highway Markets, Guerrero, Jose C/Gilda Dig.

Town House Inc. vs. Earl Warren

J.C. Tenorio vs. Mendiola

Florestina B.C.

Oriental Market vs. Maureen H. Ramangmou

Oriental Market vs. Nida P. Pangelinan

Town House Inc. vs. Esther Maria R. Sablan

Town House Inc. vs. Samuel F.

Tudela

Town House Inc. vs. Brenda A. Reyes

Town House Inc. vs. Doberes Cabrera & Hawaiian Eagle,

J.C. Tenorio Inc. vs. Francisco O.

Tagaheiu

Herman’s Modern Bakery vs.

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Lizana, Vivian H.

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Nicola S. Masa

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Herman’s Modern Bakery vs.

Josephine C. Cabrera

Herman’s Modern Bakery vs.

Margarita Dig. Indalecio

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Francisco P. Sablan

Herman’s Modern Bakery vs. Julie B.

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Tudela, Alex

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March M. Sablan

Island Bottling Co. Inc. vs.

Aldan, Ramona M., dba Bob’s Retail Store

C.C. Enterprises vs. G.C.D. Development Corp.

MTC vs. Tereguyo, Estor M.

MTC vs. Sablan, Rudy C.

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MTC vs. Duenas, Marie A.

Del Cruz, Rizal C. vs. Pua, Sylvan A.

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Bank of Guam Saipan #3 vs. Mafnas, Biau.

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NMC to host Pacific economic conference

DIGITARIES from US affiliated islands of the Pacific will be covering in Saipan this weekend to attend the Economic Development Administration’s annual conference, “Pacific 2000: Responsible Economic Growth.” Governor Lorenzo L. Guerrero invited the EDA to hold the conference in Saipan and appointed a planning committee headed by Northern Marianas College President Agnes McPhetres to coordinate the event.

“We expect more than 75 participants from Saipan and more than twice that many from local businesses and government agencies,” McPhetres said.

Guerrero will host an opening reception for participants Sunday night with the conference proper beginning Monday at 9 a.m. at the Dai-Ichi Hotel.

Following remarks by the governor and EDA Regional Administrator John Woodward, Dr. Ira Rother of the University of Hawaii will present the keynote speech, discussing alternative economic futures for island states.

Other conference topics include: energy self-sufficiency, the role of the Federal Emergency Management Agency in promoting responsible growth, EDA projects in the Pacific, a general discussion of what constitutes “responsible” economic growth, human resource development, regional federal development projects, and responsible tourism.

“This is visionary conference, designed to develop and promote solutions, not just discuss problems,” McPhetres said.

The conference will be held all day on May 24 and 25, at the Dai-Ichi Hotel with a special half-day session on May 26 for individual sessions with EDA representatives.

There is a $100 conference registration fee which includes participation in all conference social functions.

Persons interested in attending the conference should contact Eric Plinske or Bernie Alepuyo at 234-5498.

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Implementation of zoning law starts

THE COMMONWEALTH Zoning Board of Saipan announced yesterday the implementation of the newly approved Saipan Zoning Law.

All persons desiring to develop land should contact the Zoning Board office to determine if a zoning permit will be required for their desired use. Single family residential uses and agricultural uses are exempt from the zoning law requirements.

All individuals, developers, architects, engineers, attorneys, commercial building owners, sign companies, contractors and anyone starting new business, building a new building, or planning an expansion to an existing building needs to be aware that they are required to comply with the provisions of this new law.

The Zoning Board office is located in Suite 209 of the Cabrera Building on Beach Road. The office is open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. The telephone number is 235-5018/5019. The FAX number is 235-5020. The Zoning Board staff is available to answer your questions about this new zoning law and how it may or may not affect you.

Voters urged to register

THE COMMONWEALTH League of Voters would like to inform all citizens that the Republican Party will hold its primary election for governor on May 29.

The cut off date for voter eligibility for the primary is May 19. All citizens who have not already registered to vote are encouraged to register to vote. You may register to vote at the Board of Elections office located across from the Islander Hotel, Beach Road in Garapan. Be part of the process, not a bystander.

Liberation Day booths available

THE LIBERATION Day Committee is planning now for the 5th of July carnival and festival at American Memorial Park.

Hundreds of people will gather that day for games, food and entertainment. Island businesses, civic groups and other organizations are encouraged to build a Pala Pala (booth) and sell their stuff.

Booth space is limited and only nine spaces are left.

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Doubts linger on anti-missile defense system
By Robert Burns

WASHINGTON (AP) - At the end of World War II, a team of American military officers traveled to Europe to study Germany’s use of ballistic missiles against the Allies. Their recommendation: develop US defenses against these new weapons.

Nearly half a century later, an army of billions of dollars spent on research, the United States has no national anti-missile defense. And while the spending goes on, the question remains whether such a defense ever will be built.

By declaring “the end of the Star Wars era” on April 16, Defense Secretary Les Aspin made official what many had already surmised: if an anti-missile system is built, it will not be the space-based shield that Ronald Reagan envisioned when he started the Strategic Defense Initiative, or SDI, in 1983.

Aspin asserted that the Clinton administration will press ahead with a less exotic version of missile defense. It would use radars, sensors and ground-based interceptors rocketed to protect US territory against missile attacks.

But even as he lauded the virtues of this approach, Aspin made no firm commitment to building national defenses - a choice heavily criticized by opponents.

“This is a charade,” said Henry Cooper, one of only three men who directed the SDI organization during its 10-year life. Aspin is undercutting, rather than promoting, strategic defense, he said.

Cooper, who resigned shortly before President Clinton took office, said Friday he was not bothered by Aspin’s decision to declare an end to SDI and to rename the Pentagon office that ran it.

“This is a bunch of baloney, conjuring in and suggesting they’re making big changes now,” Cooper said, noting the shift away from space-based defenses had begun while he was SDI chief during the Bush administration. But Cooper was troubled that the Clinton administration did not seek to develop a ground-based national missile defense. He said the administration is asking Congress for $1.2 billion for the project for 1994 - about $430 million less than is being spent this year and about 60 percent less than Cooper had recommended last year.

James A. Abrahamson, the retired Air Force lieutenant general who was SDI’s first director, said Friday he was pleased that Aspin did not kill the whole program. But he thinks America must have more than a continental defense against missiles.

“It is imperative that we continue with some kind of global capability,” Abrahamson said. Others fear the Star Wars effort is not yet dead.

“It’s not over, regardless of what (Aspin) said,” Carol Rosin, president and founder of the Institute for Defense and Cooperation in Outer Space, a group that has long fought for an international ban on weapons in space.

Dalai Lama visits Poland

WARSOW, Poland (AP) - The Dalai Lama, Tibet’s exiled leader, began a five-day visit Sunday to Poland.

The Dalai Lama planned a series of meetings with Polish parliament members, the Roman Catholic Primate Josef Glemp and representatives of the tiny Buddhist and Jewish communities.

It was not known whether the Tibetan leader, who was awarded the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize for his campaign against China’s occupation of his country, would meet with President Lech Walesa, who received the same prize in 1983.

The visit was sponsored by the Helsinki Fund for Human Rights.

The Dalai Lama will travel to the Nazi Auschwitz death camp in southern Poland to join members of other religions in prayers at the International Center for Prayer and Dialogue.

The Dalai Lama, 57, was born Tenzin Gyatso. At age 2, he was recognized as the reincarnation of his predecessor and became the highest authority among Tibetans worldwide. His followers regard him as a living saint.

He fled Tibet in 1959, nine years after the Chinese army invaded.

Fewer stars in Cannes Festival

CANNES, France (AP) - Fewer celebrities than usual were expected to attend the 46th Cannes Film Festival, but organizers are relieved that some including Robert De Niro, are showing up.

De Niro caused the biggest stir so far when he appeared for the premiere of "Mad Dog and Glory," in which he plays a shy policeman who inadvertently saves the life of a Mafia moneylender, played by Bill Murray.

Organizers were uncertain whether De Niro, whose father died this month, would make it to the annual, sun-drenched Riviera filmfest, which began Thursday.

Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jean-Claude Van Damme and Catherine Deneuve already have come and gone.

This week, Michael Douglas, Sylvester Stallone, Elizabeth Taylor and Michael Jackson are expected by the main draws in this film-mad town, inundated by journalists, industry figures and cinema fans.

Van Damme to direct film

CANNES, France (AP) - Jean-Claude Van Damme will make his directorial debut this year in a $30 million blockbuster about a boy who flies Paris in 1860 and is abducted by pirates.

"The Quest," which will begin filming late this year, will be filmed in Paris, China and Tibet. Van Damme will play a character who learns martial arts and Buddhist spiritualism.

"It isn’t a ‘Star Wars’ film like the others," Van Damme said at the Cannes Film Festival. "I want it to be a sort of ‘Bon Hur’ of karate films."

Perhaps the Belgian actor expects "The Quest" to be a big-time award winner. "Bon Hur," starring Charlton Heston, holds the all-time record for Academy Awards, winning 11.

Seymour marries Keach

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) - Jane Seymour, who married actor-director James Keach in a private ceremony, walked down the aisle in a gown made by a royal designer.

Seymour’s floor-length, peach-colored gown with train was designed by David Emanuel, who also designed the wedding gown worn by Princess Diana, said publicist Dick Gutman.

It was the fourth marriage for Seymour, 42, and the second for Keach, 45. Keach is the brother of actor Stacy Keach.

The British-born Seymour won an Emmy Award for her work in the miniseries “Onassis: The Richest Man Alive.” She was also in the films “Live and Let Die,” “Battlestar Galactica” and “Somewhere in Time.”

Thatcher gets college post

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) - Margaret Thatcher has been given the ceremonial post of chancellor at the College of William and Mary.

The college’s Board of Visitors announced Thursday that the former British prime minister will succeed Warren E. Burger, retired Chief Justice of the United States, as chancellor of the 300-year-old school.

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Smith receives doctorate

MADISON, N.J. (AP) - Jeffrey Smith, the “Frugal Gourmet,” has been given an honorary doctor of divinity degree by Drew University.

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Cambodian govt told to minimize election violence

By David Thurber

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) - Leading nations involved in the UN peacekeeping operation told the government Sunday to reduce violence against opposition groups in the final weeks before UN-organized elections begin.

Diplomats told Prime Minister Hun Sen that the level of political violence and intimidation "is still too high," French Ambassador Philippe Coste said.

They warned that the international community may not recognize next week's election as fair if the attacks continue unabated, said a Western diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Three government armed personnel carried the streets of Phnom Penh into the early hours on Saturday night in a highly unusual show of force in the capital. Hun Sen told reporters that he had to act to deter possible attacks by Khmer Rouge infiltrators.

An official said fighting and shelling broke out again between Khmer Rouge guerillas and government troops in northwestern Siem Reap province, site of the famous Angkor Wat temple complex. The temples were not damaged.

UN officials said as many as 100 Khmer Rouge and 150 government troops went to war Sunday morning near the provincial capital. But they did not consider it a serious clash.

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inning tie with his second career
home run as Houston completed a
three-game sweep, winning its
10th straight against Los Angeles
in the Astrodome.
Drabek, who also hit a run-
tying single in the fifth, lined a
3-2 pitch from Pedro Martinez (1-
2). Drabek's only previous home
run was on April 24, 1990, off
San Francisco's Scott Garrelts.
Drabek (4-4) allowed both runs
and eight hits in 7 2-3 innings, and
Doug Jones pitched the ninth for
his eighth save, sealing Houston's
sixth victory in eight games and
sending the Dodgers to their sixth
loss in seven games.
Phillies 5, Braves 4
Mickey Morandini singled home the
go-ahead run in the ninth as eighth
eighth as stoped Atlantas four-
game winning streak.
Mariano Duncan singled off
Greg Maddux (1-2) for his third
hit of the game, pinch-hitter Juan
Bell sacried, Lenny Dykstra popped out and Morandini singled
to right for the go-ahead run.
Danny Jackson (4-1) allowed four
runs and six hits in seven innings, walked four and struck
out two. Mitch Williams pitched
the ninth for his 14th save.
Cardinals 1, Marlins 0
Pinch-hitter Todd Zeile singled
with the bases loaded in the ninth
as St. Louis ended a string of 17
consecutive scoreless innings.
St. Louis was blanked Saturday
night on Ryan Bouwens's six-hitter and got only three hits in eight innings
against Marlins starter Luis Aquino. The Cardinals fin-
ally got a run in the ninth off
rookie reliever Trevor Hoffman
(1-1) after Greg Wells singled
with one out, stole second and
went to third on catcher Steve
Decker's wild throw.
Lee Smith (1-1) was the inner
in only his second appearance this
month. Pirates 5, Cubs 3
Bob Walk increased his record against Chicago to 14-3 as Pitts-
burough rallied with four runs in the
seventh.
Walk (4-3) has won five straight
against Chicago since April 13,
1990. He allowed three runs
and seven hits in six innings. Stan
Belinda pitched 1 2-3 innings for
his seventh save in eight chances.
Greg Hibbard (3-3) gave up four
runs and five hits in six-plus
innings. Randy Johnson came
within two outs of Seattle's sec-
ond no-hitter of the season and
finished with a one-hitter as the
Mariners beat the Athletics 7-0
Sunday.
With one out in the ninth and a
runner on first, Lance
Blankenship, a .221 batter enter-
ing the game, hit a bloop single
into right field but outfielder Jay
Buhner didn't have a chance
to make a play.
It was the second time in his
career that Johnson lost a no-hi-
ter in the ninth inning against
Gallego singled for the A's only
hit against him.
Johnson, a 6-foot-10 left-
handr, pitched a no-hitter for the
Mariners against Detroit on June 2,
1990 - his first major-league
shutout.
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By Marius Turula

Cuba grabs 8 golds in amateur boxing

Olympic winners, light welterweight Hector Vincent and middleweight Ariel Hernandez were now crowned world champions. Vincent beat Finland's Jyrki Kjäll 7-1 Sunday.

Welterweight Juan Hernandez defended his world title from 1991 in Sydney, Australia, decisioning Lithuania's Vitaliy Karpaciauskas and light heavy Ramon Garbey went two better after a bronze medal last time out. He outpointed Jacklour Jacobs of Nigeria 10-4 Sunday.

"Our team has raised its boxing standards since the (Barcelona) Olympics," Sagarra said.

The key is a fighting style which benefits from the electronic scoring system. The talented islanders can circle backwards keeping out of reach, and hit with precise counter-blows or short, fast combinations. The great Muhammad Ali would have called it "Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee."

Two of the Cuban losses came against Bulgarians using a style definitely Cuban.

Bantamweight Alexander Christov, who last medal came in the 1988 Olympics, defeated last year's Olympic winner Joel Casamayor, and featherweight Serafim Todorov added a gold to the one he took 1991 and a silver two years before. Todorov took Enrique Carrion 11-6 and was elected the best boxer of the tournament.

Even if the Cubans mostly are winning, according to coach Sagarra they have learned the painful lesson of losing.

"These guys don't complain. When Rogelio Marcelo (the only Cuban boxer to lose before the finals) lost by one single point in his first match, he did not say anything negative at all," Sagarra said.

Marcelo, the Olympic light flyweight champion, was the only Cuban who failed to make the finals, losing to Edward Gaifulin of Russia.

Spurs...

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a 17-4 scoring advantage at the free throw line. Robinson scored 10 of his 13 third-quarter points during a 23-13 binge that started the second half.

Knicks 94, Hornets 92

In Charlotte, N.C., Rolando Blackman's 20-foot jumper with 5.4 seconds remaining broke a tie and gave New York a 3-1 lead over Charlotte in their Eastern Conference semifinal.

Blackman, struggling with 31 percent shooting in the playoffs, took a pass from a stumbling Hubert Davis and fired in the game-winning shot from the top of the key just before the 24second clock expired.

On the Hornets' last possession, Mike Dunlap lost the ball and Patrick Ewing grabbed it to secure the victory, although the Knicks scored just 14 points in the fourth quarter.

Ewing, who finished with 28 points and 10 rebounds, scored with 9.07 left in the third quarter, capping an 8-0 run that gave the Knicks their largest lead, 66-51.

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By The Associated Press

DOUG Drabek tied Roger Craig's club record by losing his 18th consecutive decision Tuesday night to America West Arena, where the San Francisco Giants won the first two games of the series.

In another game Sunday, New York beat the Charlotte Hornets 94-92 to take a 3-1 lead in their Eastern Conference Semifinal series. Seattle played Houston in Game 4 of their series Sunday night.

The Spurs pulled away from Phoenix early in the fourth quarter with a 15-6 run sparked by Lloyd Daniels' 3-pointer that made it 100-86 four minutes into the period.

San Antonio held the Suns' Charles Barkley to five points in the second half. He finished with 18 points on 7-of-20 shooting and 12 rebounds.

Kevin Johnson led Phoenix with 26 points, while Dan Majerle had 16. Sean Elliott scored 19 points for San Antonio, which outrebounded the Suns 52-36.

The Spurs, trailing 56-52 at halftime, outscored the Suns 33-24 in the third period, buoyed by continued on page 15

Graf spoils Sabatini's birthday

BERLIN (AP) - Steffi Graf spoiled Gabriela Sabatini's 23rd birthday by beating the Argentine 7-6, 2-6, 6-4 to capture a record seventh German Open title Sunday.

Sabatini seemed to win in the third set as the German broke her serve twice and converted her first match point to win in two hours, 18 minutes. "Maybe it wasn't the right birthday gift," Graf said of her victory.

Graf, who was the top seed and the defending champion in the $750,000 clay-court tournament, raised her career record against Sabatini to 25-11. The German went 0-5 against Sabatini during a period between 1990 and 1991, but only in the second set did Sabatini dominate with a serve-and-volley style that keyed those five straight victories.

Using her favorite weapon, Graf let her powerful forehand dictate the match.

The German broke Sabatini's serve to lead 3-2 in the third set, when Sabatini was forced to battle from behind in several matches. "In three matches, I had my back to the wall," Graf said. "I don't have much confidence in my game and I get upset too easily after some errors. This was my hardest title."

Sabatini, the 1990 US Open champion, also lost in last week's final at the Italian Open to Conchita Martinez in straight sets. She now has a victory drought stretching back to May of last year.

Graf earned $150,000 for her victory, while Sabatini had to settle for $60,000 and a large birthday cake.