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Tenorio fires Wardlaw



Froilan C. Tenorio

By Rafael H. Arroyo Variety News Staff

ANGELA Wardlaw, hospital administrator for the Commonwealth Health Center has been fired, it was learned.

A termination letter was issued Friday by Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio reportedly upon the recommendation of Public Health Sec. Isamu



Angela Wardlaw

J. Abraham.

Abraham was sought for comment yesterday but the secretary was reportedly off-island.

The Variety tried to obtain a copy of the termination lefter from the Public Information Office but failed

Sources, however said Wardlaw was fired because she has fared

dismally in her performance as hospital administrator.

Although her termination takes effect this coming Friday, Wardlaw said she has already been relieved of her duties since last Friday.

Wardlaw just recently came back from a three-day suspension imposed by Abraham last month supposedly stemming from statements she made during a recent legislative oversight hearing on health care issues.

During the February 15 hearing called by the joint HEW committees of Legislature, Wardlaw and Abraham admitted having differences. Two days later, Wardlaw was suspended without pay for three days.

Abraham, previous to that, questioned Wardlaw about her performance and was in fact seeking a meeting with her to discuss her first year on the job.

The suspension of Wardlaw prompted the filing of a civil suit before the US District Court with Abraham and the CNMI government being named as defendants.

In an interview with the Variety yesterday, Wardlaw said her firing was unfair and that she was a victim of an "injustice."

"I am very sad about it although I must admit that it was not unexpected," said the hospital administrator.

"Anyway, I am relieved that it's over and I am now looking forward to doing other things," she said.

Even as she now plans on returning to the US mainland, Wardlaw stressed that his lawsuit against the government will still be pursued.

"The lawsuit is still active but it will now be based on what happened Friday," said Wardlaw, referring to her termination.

"Also, it will now be amended to include the governor among the defendants," she said.

According to Wardlaw, she is planning to call for a press conference within two weeks to give her reaction to her firing.

She added that she will reveal more information about what is really happening at CHC.

Saipan company sued for 'copyrights infringement'

By Rick Alberto

Variety News Staff

A PARIS public limited company has sued a Saipan corporation for alleged trademark infringement, and counterfeiting.

Hermes International accused Y.O. Saipan Corp., doing business as Okadaya, of selling merchandise that "displays imitations of the property trademarks, design, and logos of Hermes."

"This merchandise comprises, at a minimum, women's scarves," said the complaint filed last Friday.

"The merchandise displays...Hermes' trademark, trade names, designs, and logos without the plaintiff's authorization," the complaint added.

Also listed as defendants are 20

Weather

Outlook

Partly cloudy

with light showers

Does, who are "individuals, corporations or other businesses whose names and identities are unknown to plaintiff but are engaging in business in the CNMI."

Hermes said the defendants'

Hermes said the defendants' acts constituted trademark infringement.

Hermes trademarks, according to the complaint, are used in the promotion and sale of men's and women's apparel, accessories, shoes, scarves, and ties, among other things.

"As a result of Hermes' strict quality control, its trademarks have become synonymous with high quality and prestige," the complaint said. "The Hermes trademarks have come to identify Hermes as the source of high quality fashion apparel. This valuable reputation has been diligently nurtured over the nearly 160 years that Hermes has been making and selling its high quality, prestigious wearing apparel and accessories."

Hermes International claimed the defendants "are trafficking in goods bearing unauthorized replicas of the famous Hermes trademarks in commerce."

Hermes also complained that the copying and unauthorized use of the Hermes trademarks constituted a false designation of origin or a false representation that "falsely describes or represents" the goods sold as those of Hermes International.

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A heavy equipment operator walks away as a co-worker takes his turn in topping with soil a newly installed CUC water line along Beach Road near China House Restaurant in Garapan yesterday. A fire hydrant has been put up also in the area.

Wage hike must entail a reduction in benefits'

By Mar-Vic C. Munar Variety News Staff

CHAMBER of Commerce president Sam McPhetres reiterates his support for the 30-cent per hour wage increase. However, he said, the upward wage movement must be accompanied with a reduction in mandated benefits.

"We support the wage increase, but that's only one branch of the tree; the other deals with mandated benefits," McPhetres said. "When the wages go up, mandated benefits have to come down."

Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio said

last week he will immediately sign into law the new wage hike bill as soon as it reaches his desk.

House Bill 10-158, which was approved by the House of Representatives, seeks to raise the minimum wage from \$2.75 to \$3.05 by April 1.

McPhetres endorses a gradual reduction in workers' non-cash benefits which the current law requires employers to provide.

Among the mandated benefits enjoyed by nonresident workers are housing, transportation, health and medical insurance.

If employers stop carrying all the "burdens" of the Continued on page 15



Sam McPhetres

ment manufacturing factories in the

Commonwealth," said Benavente.

"I asked him to sign the bill in as

much as I believe it would be in the

best interest of our people," said the

According to Benavente, the gov-

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way or the other but that the latter said

he has reservations about the bill.

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tions about placing any morato-

rium on the garment industry or

any kind of business development

in the Commonwealth. He is not

too comfortable with that," said

"At least we agreed on the in-

tent of the legislation, although

he has yet to make up his mondon

whether to sign it or not," the speaker

Benavente.

"We both agreed on the impact

US most competitive nation

World business leaders rate the U.S. as the most competitive nation, followed by Singapore and Japan, according to a global survey released Monday.

Germany was fourth and South Korea fifth in the poll of 2,465 business leaders conducted annually by the International Institute for Management Development. Filling out the top 10 were Switzerland, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Britain. Economic data will be added for

Singapore, Japan next, says pollster

ness Report issued in September, but it seems certain the United States will hold its lead, said Professor Stephane Garelli, director of the project.

The combined rankings will be held until the final report, but the United States leads in three of four categories and is in third place in the remaining category - aggressiveness in world markets.

Chinese premier says a 'war' can be avoided

By RENEE SCHOOF

BELJING (AP) - Chinese Premier Li Peng reminded Taiwan Sunday it could avoid confrontation with China and accused the United States of fanning tensions by sending warships near the island.

"If somebody attempts a show of force in the Taiwan Straits, his efforts will be not only futile, but can merely complicate matters,"Lisaid at a news conference.

While he spoke in the midst of menacing Chinese war games near Taiwan, Li tried to appear more conciliatory toward the island. He said differences can be resolved peacefully if Taiwan agrees to talks on reunification. Beijing's policy favoring peaceful reunification has not changed, he said.

"It is our sincere hope that the people of Taiwan can live in an era of peace and security," Li said.



"I do not think it is difficult to

He blamed current tensions on Taiwan authorities, whom he didn't name, but everyone knew he was talking about President Lee Tenghui. Beijing suspects Lee wants to abandon the goal of eventual reunification and move toward outright in-

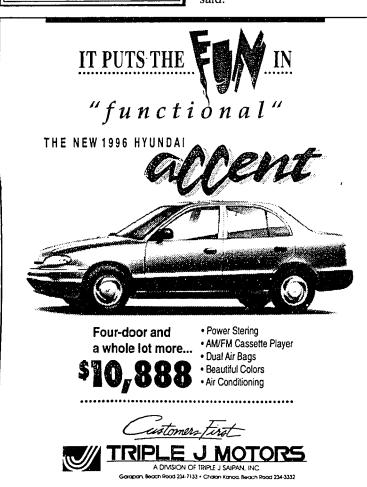
China wants better relations with the United States, but insists the United States "refrain from confrontation" and treat China as an equal, Li said. China won't accept "imposing one's view on others," he said. :

The premier said Beijing would continue to work toward building up trade and economic links and other types of cooperation with Taiwan.

Herepeated assurances that Beijing would protect the interests of Taiwanese who invest on the mainland.

China's state-run Xinhua News Agency, in the latest of a series of commentaries on Taiwan, said missile tests and military maneuvers had accomplished their aim: swaying Taiwanese voters.

"Since China's People's Liberation Army announced it would launch test missiles in the east and south seas, people on the island realize even more that Lee Tenghui himself created the tensions in the Taiwan Straits," Xinhua



Garelli stressed the importance of government support for competitiveness, but said the other ratings are major factors, too. They include a

> attractiveness for investors. "A lot of people are looking at the United States as a new El Dorado for competitiveness," Garelli said.

society's ability to adapt and sustain

competitivenessas wellas a country's

Noteworthy in this year's report was how business leaders in Japan, Germany and Switzerland rated their own governments' support for competitiveness much lower than their international standings.

Japan, in third place globally, was ranked only 27th by Japanese business executives.

The German government, fourth globally, was 17th among German executives, and the Swiss, sixth in the world, was 23rd in Switzerland.

Singapore, ranked second internationally this year, bucked the trend. Business officials in Singapore put

their own government in first place. The United States, which has led the competitiveness survey since it ended Japan's eight-year reign in 1994, was put in seventh place by U.S. business leaders.

The U.S. economy is "on the top of the wave" with "a very resilient society" that adapted quickly to changes made in the 1980s, such as deregulation, Garelli said.

"The United States has regained leadership in a number of technologies" and has labor costs significantly lower than many countries, including Germany, Japan and Switzerland, he

The survey also rated countries on the ability of the society to adapt quickly to change, on attractiveness

The United States led both for society and attractiveness and by margins greater than any recorded since the surveys began in 1980, said Garelli.

Japan led the poll for aggressiveness, followed in order by South Korea, the United States, Singapore, Taiwan, Germany, China, Hong Kong, Malaysia and France.

Some countries attract investment even though they are less competitive on world markets, Garelli said. Britain, for example, is attracting investment because it is relatively cheap for Europe, "but U.K. industry still has some problem to be aggressive on world markets.'

Business leaders were asked to rate three countries in each category. A first place vote was worth a full point to the country, a second place vote two-thirds and a thirdplace was one-third point.

Taiwanese flee island

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - On the eve of a new round of menacing Chinese war games, 300 Taiwanese crowded aboard a ship Sunday to flee two tiny islands near the Chinese coast,

About 100 people who could not fit aboard the ship were left behind in the Chu Islands, just 18 kilometers (11 miles) from the area of the planned exercises, officials said. They said another 100 people who live on the islands chose to stay.

"Like refugees, people carried their kids and took their aging relatives along," the Taiwan newspaper China Times Express reported from the nearby island of Matsu.

"There were indignation and anxiety on their faces."

The war games are scheduled to last until after Taiwan's presidential election next Saturday. President Lee Teng-hui is expected to win. China accuses him of renouncing their shared goal of reunification, and has launched war games and missile tests to frighten voters away from

Taiwan's China Times said China may use a high tide Monday to practice beach landings on Pingtan Island, near the Chu

The newspaper report Sunday ficials.

The report came a day after China denied U.S. claims it has which has been ruled by the rival Nationalists since they fled a civil war on the mainland in 1949.

China said Sunday its military exercises were working.

"People on the island realize even more that Lee Teng-hui himself created the tensions in the Taiwan Straits," the official Xinhua News Agency said.

However, Lee's standing in opinion polls has been mostly unchanged since the start of the

crisis, and some political commentators say opposition supporters may even vote for him in defiance of the Chinese pressure.

Lee countered that attempts to

intimidate Taiwan have backfired by disgusting the Chinese people. He spoke to 5,000 supporters at a campaign rally outside a memorial hall in Taipei for Dr. Sun Yatsen, who is revered by both the

Communists and Nationalists as

the founder of modern China.

Lee said China's Communist leaders were trying to disrupt the election because they were afraid the example of Taiwan's democracy would shake their own con-

"This kind of bullying mentality will only make those Chinese people who are yearning for freedom and democracy more disgusted with the Communist regime," Lee said.

"They shall not achieve their purpose."

China regards Taiwan as a renegade province, and said Saturday that it reserves the right to use force if theislanddeclaresindependence. The two sides have flourishing trade ties, but Taiwan refuses to discuss reunification until China starts democratiz-

China has been making menacing military moves since Lee visited the United States last June, which Chinese leaders took as proof that Tai-

Xinhua, the Chinese news agency, noted the "chaos" that the tensions promised not to invade Taiwan, _ have caused in Taiwan: property prices have fallen, depositors are cleaning out bank accounts and some people are fleeing.

Despite the satisfied tone of the commentary, China is also trying to reassure Taiwanese investors their mainland businesses are secure.

"No matter what happens, the legal rights of Taiwan business people in the Chinese mainland will always be protected, and trade across the straits is encouraged," An Min, a senior foreign trade official, was quoted in the state-run Business Weekly

China's Business Weekly said China-Taiwan trade rose in 1995 to \$18 billion, but the rate of increase was only half that of overall trade growth.

In addition, it said, Taiwanese investment in the mainland fell 11.4 percent to \$3 billion.

"Many Taiwan business people with a sober mind still hold that economic links across the straits will become increasingly close," the newspaper quoted Pan Yiming, a trade promotion official, as saying.

"The panic of some people is . temporary."

Taiwan's United Daily News reported Sunday that Taiwan's exports in the first week of March were down 18 percent from the same period last year, and exports to Hong Kong - Taiwan's gateway to China - were down 26 percent.

The newspaper cited figures from Taiwan's Economics Min-

Five major Taiwanese investment projects on the mainland have been canceled and 11 postponed, the report said. It didn't identify any of them, or say what proportion of total investment they

At a televised forum for Lee and his three rivals for president. independent candidate Lin Yangkang accused Lee of draggin Taiwan to the brink of war with

The other candidates were defi-

"We have to understand the system we're dealing with. It's useless for us to adulate them or surrender, so the only thing to do is to make ourselves strong," said Chen Li-an, an independent.

Also Sunday, about 5,000 of Lin's supporters marched through the center of Taipei in a rally denouncing Lee.

"We are afraid if the situation deteriorates, a war would be inevitable," said demonstrator Chen Wei, a businessman.

House to move pending leases

Variety News Staff

HOUSE Speaker Diego T. Benavente said yesterday he will be pushing legislative action on land lease and lease extension applications pending before the Legislature.

Benavente gave the assurance after a morning meeting with Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio where the two leaders discussed concerns about pending development projects that could not take off because the needed leases have not yet been approved.

Under the Constitution, leases of public land for commercial purposes involving five hectares or more require legislative approval. The same approval process is required for 15-year extensions of eixisting 25-year leases of public

The speaker sought an audience with the governor yesterday primarily to ask him about any concerns he may have on a bill that seeks to impose a moratorium on the issuance of new garment factory licenses for Saipan. Their discussion veered into the

issue of land leases. Currently, there is quite a number of pending applications for public land leases or extensions

of existing leases, including those

sort and SNM's Er-Est Resort on Seeking 25-year leases are UMDA and Tinian Marine Resort, which are planning to build

Diego T. Benavente

PIC, Kan Pacific, Shimizu and SNM are asking for 15-year ex-

Tinian, respectively.

tensions of their current leases. Acording to Benavente, he has long sought action on the leases.

Tenorio approves public land



for United Micronesia Development Association (UMDA), Tinian Marine Resort Ltd., Pacific Islands Club, Kan Pacific, Shimizu's Laolao Bay Golf Re-

golf resort hotels in Marpi and Legislature's term.

inaction on the pending leases

"I have been concerned about the leases and now with the governor's urgings, I will definitely call together the leadership to try to expedite approval," said

The approval of pending lease applications has been termed as priority business by the House during the latter part of the Ninth

But for some reason, the said applications were not acted on to

Tenorio in a news conference last week said he is very disappointed about the Legislature's

saying delays mean revenue lost. At one point during the Thursday conference, Tenorio even threatened to withdraw UMDA's lease from the Legislature saying he is already fed up with the lawmaking body. Meanwhile, another topic during yesterday's discussion between the speaker and the governor was on House Bill 10-152

yielded no positive assurance

about the bill's fate with the gov-

The measure which will halt

the issuance of any new licenses

for garment businesses on Saipan

apparently a received lukewarm

"I met with the governor to dis-

cuss with him the bill that is be-

fore him now. As you know I feel

very strongly about stopping any fur-

ther increase in the number of gar-

response from Tenorio.

Headstart project in Kagman breaks ground

THE PUBLIC School System's new Headstart School project in Kagman broke ground yesterday.

The project which costs \$92,000, will be undertaken by the Korean contractor firm company, World Corp., and to be funded by the federal government, according to information officer Lyle

The contract for the school project was executed in December last vear, Bicknel said.

The single-classroom building will accommodate 30 to 40 preschool children.



Antonio S. Guerrero

By Rafael H. Arroyo Varety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio signed an agreement with a casino developer for the lease of some 45.2 hectares of public land for its planned \$500 million casino golf resort hotel on Tinian.

Tinian Marine Resort Ltd., is currently finalizing financing arrangements for the development of an 18-hole championship golf course, hotel and other recreational facilities.

Although TMR would be using privately-owned lands for some parts of the project, a public land component was deemed necessary to live up to the magnitude of the project.

TMR president Antonio S. Guerrero had earlier made a request for a public land lease. Last February 29th both Tenorio and Guerrero signed the lease agreement. -

Under the proposed agreement, TMR will be paying a minimum of \$27,000 annual rent for the first five years, gradually increasing to up \$37.170 for the last five-year period of the lease or three percent of gross receipts.

In a letter to the presiding officers of both houses of Legislature Wednesday, Gov. Tenorio sought expeditious approval for the said land lease.

Under the Constitution, any commercial leases of public land with a size of five hectares or more require approval of both houses of Legislature meeting in a joint session.

"Mr. Guerrero, a citizen of the Commonwealth has had a long and untiring interest in promoting the NMI and in particular, Tinian as a popular tourist destination, by developing needed resort accommodations and necessary infrastructure,"

Guerrero back in 1990 also requested to lease public land on Tinian when his project first

His request reportedly got approval from the board of directors of the former Marianas Public Land Corp. Unfortunately, according to Tenorio, Guerrero's ambitious plans did not materialize due to the depressed economic condition that existed worldwide at that time.

TMR is planning to build a \$500 million, luxury hotel complex with a total of 1,000 hotel. rooms and to feature Las Vegatype casino gaming as well as an 18-hole championship golf

"I firmly believe the type of development as proposed by TMR has long been needed on Tinian and it is good for the entire Commonwealth. It creates employment opportunities for our people and provides an additional source of revenue for the government," the governor

Under the Constitution, casino gambling is prohibited in the Commonwealth except when legalized by law or by initiative in any of the CNMI's three senatorial districts.

Tinian is the only senatorial district that has successfully enacted a gaming initiative.

Although he earlier pushed for CNMI-wide casino legalization, Tenorio has recently went publicly saying he is now giving all his support for Tinian's casino industry.

When asked during a press conference last week if he will push casino legislation after voters rejected a proposed constitutional amendment earlier this month, Tenorio said

pass a bill to legalize casinos CNMI-wide, I will veto it. I have assured developers that they need not worry about competition from the other islands when it comes to casinos," said the governor.



an 80-foot cliff using ropes during a rappelling course training at the Ladder Beach Thursday afternoon.

A Meeting Place For Our Opinions. . . And Yours. . .



ESTE i asunton sueddo kulan mohon un balutan neñgkano na kada ta guot, ta dagao ensegidas huyong gi bintana sa' mampos maipe. 'Nai ta suppone na buente esta mapao, man huyong hit ya ta rikohe, lao trabiha mamaipe ha' ayo na ta dagao ñaihon talo. Kulan mohon ti serioso i asunto ya tafa' hugete i futuron empleao siha espesiat i mangaige gi gobietno.

I lehislatura sige mapoñgga nu iya Washington para u apprueba i trenta sentimos na subrida. Este na sineyo' deste sinko años malofan. Kada guaha espanto na para u chule' tatte i federat i asunton immigrasion, mangalamten hit kadu' tachochogue chechota. I punto: Ni achog hage u inapprueba este na attikulo i uttimo resutta guiya ha'-ma federalisa i sueddon gobietnamenton Marianas.

Faye mampos i Congresson Estados Unidos guine na asunto sa' mientras ha lalaladde hit para ta apprueba subridan sueddo, ni guiya mismo ti malago u mentalo' sa' ha tuñgo na mampos didog i asunto yangin lamegai na industria guine u huchom pettan niha sa' ti ha langag i gaston subrida. Yangin ta apprueba ya lotgun yan keyao i ekonomia, siempre ilegña: "Ti hu sangane hao para un apprueba i trenta sentimos. Ayo ha' ilegho i para inchegue checho i propio ya 'nai mañgalamten hamyo i señgge kalulot miyo".

Yangin para guaho bai' diside este na asunto, dimas de baiho sige u mekungog tai sustansia na espanto, baiho insiste na u madisidi este na asunton linahyan gi hilo estudiao na fakto siha pot kinalamten i tano'ta. Ti siña na para un' famatinas disision sa' matago' hao. Hungan mauleg i magagagao na subridan sueddo. Lao faisen maisa hamyo kao propio yan responsablidao i aksion ni tumatitiye ennao

Dispues, kemprende na yangin deste pago para infanue' federat na man espantao hamyo, siempre estague 'na batunes ha usa deste pago mona gi kada guaha malagoña giya hita. Seso siempre hana' fan mañufa' hit kulan un' tai ilo na manog. Dudayo' kao este na eskalera 'nai para indisidi sustansiao siha na asunton linahyan.

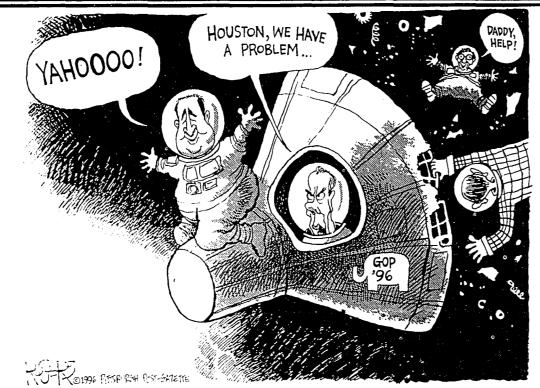
Komprendiyon i sichuasion ni infafana' pot este na asunto. Lao metgot sentimentogho na ni u pagyo, linao osino dilubio i tano', todo sustansiao na asunton pubiko debi u guaha kabales na proteksion yan inadahe gi konsiderasion ennao na attikulo para i mayotmente. I rason na debi un' dispasiuye ya un' estudiaye i asunto pot para un' asegura na menos i daño gi linala' i publiko.

Yangin i disision para u maudai gi hilo' espanto ya lotgun hao guennao na hoyu, pues maulegña mohon na ti un' fan hula' na para un' protehe i interes yan direchon publiko gi todo sustansiao na asunton linahyan. Pareho ha' yan un' dagen maisa hao ya un' fatkiluye i publiko sa' ni hago mismo bulacho hao 'nai matto i oran estrakada gi un' komplikao na asunto. Enlugat de un' seha tatte un'rato, hago finenina manugoñg guato gi kantit ya ni hago mismo ti un' tungo na un' halan papa' i tropa.

Ti baba i para u guaha hatsada. Lao pega fan ennao na disision gi fakto yan analisao na infotmasion siha kosake kontodo hago mismo ni fumatinas ennao na areglamiento ti un' tekon sa' guaha pisu 'nai un' pega disisionmo. I masusede guine gi alacha, angogho na lamegai na taotaota para u fan dinisplanta gi checho' niha pot disision ni masaulag gotpe pot man espantao hamyo ni birag ginen lago.

Baiho aksepta i disision miyo yangin enfin esta guaha industria preparao para u baba pettan niha yangin i mapropopone na subrida inafuetsas nos kuantos industria guine na u huchom petmanente pettan niha. Lao ni este ti inchegue checho miyo. I resutta siempre lamegai na natibo u tutuhon man eyag gumuot talapos, lampaso yan eskoba enlugat de pen, manila folder yan leblon amariyo. Ya debi u mausune i nuebo na offision niha osino man ñalañg i familia.

Poble i tano'ta naturat na finkas. Lao ginen i sustansian i Covenant yan areglamiento gi halom este na dokumento ta diroga ennao na chinatsaga ayo mina' dangkulo na adelanto guaha pago gi ekonomian Marianas. Tafan mannae' mit grasias na ta danche tataga'ña i uson fitme na estao gobietnamento yan areglamienton lai pot para ta establese i ginefsaga ni ta gogosa pago. I kuestion: Kao propio na para ta yamag i hagas tafachuchue' gi hilo' chatkonsidera na subridan sueddo? Eksamina pot un rato. Si Yuus Maase... tion year.



JACK ANDERSON and MICHAEL BINSTEIN

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Rohatyn opponents are ready for battle

WASHINGTON — White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta spent part of last week quietly sounding out Senate Republican leaders on whether the administration should nix the planned nomination of Felix Rohatyn for vice chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. Panetta was privately

warned that Republicans on the Senate Banking Committee, which would have to approve the nomination, were girding for a holy war to stop the liberal Rohatyn, a New York investment banker and longtime Democratic activist, from assuming the Fed's No. 2 job. At this point, Rohatyn would not win a single Republican vote on the banking panel, according to one GOP source who canvassed senators last week.

Although Rohatyn remains the front-runner to fill one of two openings on the seven-member board. sources say that Panetta seemed very concerned about the intensity of the opposition. He appeared grateful for the candid assessment and remarked that he needed to know the reality before the administration proceeded.

Reservations about Rohatyn have delayed the renomination of Chairman Alan Greenspan, who enjoys wide bipartisan backing, because the White House thought Rohatyn's prospects might be improved if he were paired with the Republican Greenspan in the an-

nouncement. Rohatyn has been turned into a human trial balloon as the White House agonizes over whether it has the votes and the verve to tackle another bloody confirmation battle — this time in an elec-

Sen. Connie Mack, R-Fla., a member of the banking nanel and a strong proponent of price stability, will serve as the opposition's field marshal if the nomination is made. Mack, who also serves as chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, recently has been rooting through Rohatyn's past like he was a nominee for the Supreme Court. In fact, the Fed is thought of as the

supreme court of finance. "He's (Mack) adamantly opposed to putting on someone who is deeply ingrained in the body politic, and in a very liberal philosophy, and he's going to lead the opposition," said one Republican member of the Banking Committee. This same source said that Banking Committee Chairman Alfonse D'Amato would defer to Mack and play a low-key role in any confirmation pro-

"These two open seats are vitally important to the future direction of the Fed," said a second Republican. "It's worth having a fight about if that's the way they

are going to go."
The battle lines of that fight are already emerging. Even as Panetta was taking the Senate's political pulse, staffers on the Joint Economic Committee were preparing a series of confidential memos for Mack.

"(Rohatyn's) public views indicate only a casual acquaintance with the issues surrounding monetary poli-" one memo declares. "Nothing indicates he believes the Fed helps America best by keeping prices stable, not by engaging in the kind of fine-tuning that marked the '70s. If he held sway, Americans would have to live with more inflation,

and all of its attendant consequences - a drop in real value of their incomes and wealth, higher interest rates and a weaker and less stable dollar. ... Put simply: R-O-H-A-T-Y-N spells stagflation."

Where Rohatyn calls home could also spell trouble if the administration fudges on the Fed's residency requirement. He can't claim New York as his residence - though he's lived there for a half-century because Greenspan already claims that seat and every Fed governor must be selected from a different Fed district. The administration is floating the idea of claiming that Rohatyn is from Wyoming because that's where he's building a house. The JEC has prepared a two-page legal memo to preempt this ruse.

But Rohatyn's record is the main ammunition. The Mack memos detail his support of European-style industrial policy; increases in the gas tax; government checks on wages and prices to curb inflation; possible limits on foreign trade; and tinkering with interest rates to accommodate changes in fiscal policy. He may "hinder the Fed's independence and lead to internal bickering among its members," the memo warns.

In 1993 Rohatyn stated that the United States "won't get real job creation from the private sector unless it is stimulated by a large public works program." That quintessentially liberal view rankles Republicans, but it should also rub President Clinton the wrong way:-- He said twice during his State of the Union address that the "era of big government is over,"

•Feature

Embarrassed about reading

By: Anthony Pellegrino Education Committee Chamber of Commerce

CENTURIES ago to be able to read was considered a form of magic. The word "grammar" comes from the evolution of the word "glamour" which means an exciting and often illusory and romantic attractiveness. To be able to read and write had a popular association of erudition with occult practices. Reading was considered ascience practiced by the clergy. Monks copied manuscripts by hand which in turn were read only by select learned individuals.

Then the printing press revolutionized all that. Gradually books become a common commodity. Gradually reading became a skilled activity. As more and more people learned how to read its importance in everyone's life increased. Now the inventions of television and computers have catapulted us further into the necessity of mastering reading.

Television is one of the greatest inventions of this century. It brings the world into our living room and gives us instant access to all kinds of knowledge. Computers are another wonder of this century. They allow us to plan and do work instantly that would take months to do manually. Both are a great boon to our modern life. Yet they affect out mental abilities quite differently

Television allows us to sit and fed whatever we choose. There is little activity on our part. However a computer demands mental skills from us. We must work to obtain whatever we wish from it.

A computer demands that we read. It demands mental activity. We do not usually fall asleep in front of a computer unless we have worked exhausting hours. But a television often is a sedative. One does not have to read to enjoy

We can only conclude from the above that anyone that does not read well cannot handle a computer intelligently. Intoday's modern business world almost any company position of responsibility requires some skill with a computer. This istrue whether one works in an office, plant, restaurant, or other place. Computers are an integral part of business. Not to be able to work with computers greatly limits our job choices. And the underlining factor to working with computers is

The examples are endless about the value of reading. We judge people first from physical appearances. Later we judge their mental abilities. We admire and respect people who speak, write and read well. We stand in awe of them as though they possess magical powers. Why is that? Are they more "glamorous" than us? Somehow we feel smaller and slightly inferior.

As you read this you probably are a good reader and are wondering how does all this apply to you. Because you already possess the art of reading, you must

now share it with others who do not possess it as well as you do. In your work place, seek out an employee who needs help. Offer to help him to improve his reading ability. Set up a reading group of fellow workers. The Education Committee of the Chamber of Commerce will assist you in getting

such a group started. Call the Chamber today. The Northern Marianas College has adult reading classes. Suggest to a good friend or a family member to go to a reading class for help. There he will find others like him in search of excellence in reading.

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library has an adult literacy reading program which offers a one on one training. Denise Rosenblatt, a literacy expert there, will work with individuals patiently motivating each to improve his reading skills. Contact

Most of us are embarrassed to let anyone know that we are poor readers. Yet to remain so is to remain locked out of the prosperity of life. You must reach out and encourage the people you know who need help to seek help. Not to do this act of kindness is to cheat friends and family members from their potential.

You probably have noticed that I have not spoken about reading involving novels, short stories, poems, history books and all the other enjoyments of reading. I am mainly concerned with the ability to read the ability to read whatever one desires. If one prefers hobbies than he should be able to read about them. If he prefers sports or gardening he should be able to read about them also. But mainly the individual should be able to at least read whatever he is faced with on the job. Not to be able to do so is economic disaster.

Hopefully what I have written here will motivate others to help people improve their reading ability. I honestly believe that the future of the CNMI greatly depends on the literacy level of its citizens. We can and must control our destiny. And the ability to understand the written word is the basis for coping with our future. Reading is the gateway to success on the job and in life.



As part of the tradition of J.C. Tenorio Enterprises, Inc., Ramon T. Sablan (left) was presented recently with a plaque for his 22 years of service by the company President Clarence T. Tenorio in a dinner banquet held at the Pacific Island Club:

High Court allows executor to prosecute heirship appeal

By Ferdie de la Torre Variety News Staff

THE CNMI Supreme Court issued an order yesterday allowing Larry Lee Hillblom's estate executor Bank of Saipan to prosecute its appeal from the Superior Court's decision barring the executor to use the estate's money in defending against heirship

The High Tribunal denied the motions of petitioners Kaelani Kinney and David Moncrieff seeking dismissal of the appeal for lack of jurisdiction.

Kinney is the mother of Hillblom's alleged son Junior Larry Hillbroom while Moncrieff is the guardian for the late businessman's alleged daughter Jellian Cuartero.

In the six-page order, Chief Justice Marty W. K. Taylor and Associate Justices Ramon G. Villagomez and Pedro M. Atalig concluded that the lower court in issuing the ruling determined that there is no just reason for delay.

Superior Court Presiding Judge Alexandro Castro issued an order last Jan. 24 stating that the Bank has a fiduciary duty of impartiality and should not actively litigate against heirship claims.

On Feb. 9, the executor and Peter J. Donnici, as chairman of Hillblom's charitable trust, filed



Marty W. K. Taylor

an appeal from the order before the Supreme Court.

The following month, Kinney and Moncrieff, represented by lawyers David Lujan and Randall Fennell respectively, asked the High Tribunal to dismiss the ap-

The two petitioners contended that Castro's order is neither final nor subject to characterization as a collateral order exception to the final judgment rule.

The justices said the Supreme Court has jurisdiction over "judgments and orders which are fi-

Citing the trial court's conclusion that a defense against the



Ramon G. Villagomez

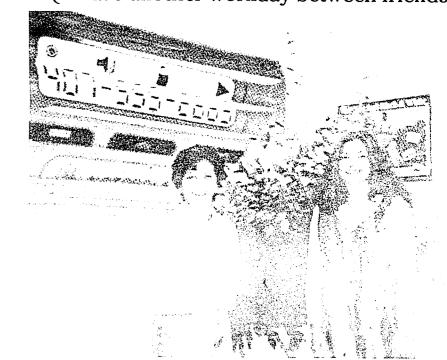
heirship claims would not benefit the estate, the justices pointed out that the court determined that the beneficiaries of the will are responsible for establishing and defending their own rights in the

"In so concluding, the court effectively decided the liability of the beneficiaries under the will, with respect to the fees and costs of any defense against the heirship claims," said the justices in the order.

Furthermore, the justices said in that order the court stated that it is considered the decision final and not subject

Workday. Workday. Workday. Workday. Workday. Sunday.

(What's another workday between friends?)



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Meters to discourage leaks

would also work to the benefit of

homes that consume less than

Homes without meters are

billed for 15,000 gallons, ac-

15,000 gallons a month.

Variety News Staff

THE Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has started installing water meters in homes to discourage leaks that have resulted in \$3.4million annual losses.

CUC Public Information Officer Pamela A. Mathis said the meter installation started last March 11.

A private electrical firm was contracted to do the task, she said. Mathis said the company will

install 1,300 water meters, with

an average 10 installed daily. "They're focusing on the Koblerville area," Mathis said about the project.

She stressed the importance of the project in that it would make the people aware of the leakage

As much as 90 percent of water lost to leaks, including overflowing tanks, has been traced to the different homes.

Some 3 million gallons of water leak from pipes and house tanks every day, it has been found by the Governor's Emergency Water Task Force.

THERE WILL be a free work-

shop for the public on theatrical

set design and construction by

University of Hawaii Assistant Professor, Joseph Dodd and the-

atre technician, Gerald Kawaoka.

This hands-on workshop

will 'be held on Monday,

March 25 from 2 to 5 pm at the

Northern Marianas College

Dodd will give a slide show

lecture of multi-cultural ap-

proaches to design looking at plays

he has designed borrowing from

various cultures: Japanese, Chinese,

His work was seen in Saipan sev-

eral years ago with the Honolulu

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Indonesian and from the Pacific.

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The task force also found that

Free workshop

Said ENTAL Said CLINIC

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Fillings

Teeth Whitening

Teeth Cleaning

Denture Repair

and other Dental needs

Evening & Weekend

appointments available

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MICROL

Extractions



Pamela A. Mathis

is wasted through leaks.

Because of this, the CUC loses \$1.3-million in annual operating cost. "It costs that much money to pump the water and deliver it through the pipes," Mathis ex-

The cost of the lost water is

The installation of water meters

Theatreforyouthtouringshow, "Song

Workshop participants will be in-

vited to work with Dodd and Kawaoka

for a Navigator".

Torres' anti-union bill

50 percent of the waters produced

\$2.1 million, which means that much amount in lost revenues to

The DOI is likewise fundcording to Mathis. Legislature warned on

Variety News Staff REPRESENTATIVE Stanley

Torres' proposal to limit the employment contracts of union members to two years is not likely to get support from the business community, according to Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Sam McPhetres.

"If Chamber members are against the four-year limit, I could say that they'd feel stronger against the two-year limit." McPhetres said. Furthermore, the Chamber

president warned Torres against the possible constitutional impediment facing his proposal. "It would probably be uncon-

stitutional to discriminate against union members if they would only be the ones to be subjected to this two year limitation," McPhetres said.

partment of Interior is fund-

ing the meter-installation

project which will cost

Torres is set to file the bill this week. In drafting the bill, the congressman said he wanted to send a political message to union organizers "that they could not promise alien workers permanent residency in the island." McPhetres said Torres' soon-

to-be-filed bill may not be necessary, in the first place, because employers can exercise their discretion whether or not to renew a worker's contract. Moreover, McPhetres said the

existing law binds the employers to give hiring preference to local workers, and that union membership could not supersede such law. "If an employer does not wish can do so especially if he's going to hire a local, "McPhetres said. "Employers are forced to hire people they don't want because of this local-hiring preference law. Union organizers will probably have a lot more success if they would tell workers that union membership cannot supersede the law."

of the CUC.

Mathis asked any

homeowner who wants a wa-

ter meter installed to call the

A bill earlier filed in the House of Representatives seeks to limit alien workers' contracts to four years.

McPhetres said employers did not support the four-year limit proposal because it would cost them more to rehire and replace employees every now and then.

Babauta attends ceremonies honoring US Sgt. Palacios

during the week as they design and build sets for the upcoming NMC ON February 27, 1996, Resident play "Circle of Stories, Circle of Representative Juan N. Babauta Peace" - an evening celebrating local along with his staff Peter 2Torres culture tentatively planned for attended a Retreat Ceremony in April 19 & 20 at Ladder Beach. Honor of Command Sergeant Ma-Call NMC's Community Serjor Benjamin C. Palacios in Fort vices Program at 234-5498 ext. Hood, Texas.

1810 for more information. This CommandSgt.MajorPalacioswas project was made possible by supbornon 11 November 1950 in Saipan. port from the CNMI Council for He entered the United States Army in the Humanities, a non-profit, pri-October, 1969 and underwent Basic vate corporation funded in part by Training at Fort Ord, California. He the National Endowment for the left the service in 1972 and went back to civilian life, but rejoined the U.S.

Army in 1974 as a Specialist Four. He has served in various assignments to include the 1st Infantry Division, 9th Infantry Division, 1st Cavalry Division, and 2nd Armored Division as well as two tours in the Federal Republic of Germany with the 3rd Infantry Division. His assignments include serving in all enlisted leadership positions in the Armor Career Management Field. He also served as an Operations Sergeant in several Armor Battalions. He served as the 24th Infantry Division Command Sgt. Major from 8 February 1994 to 8 February 1996.

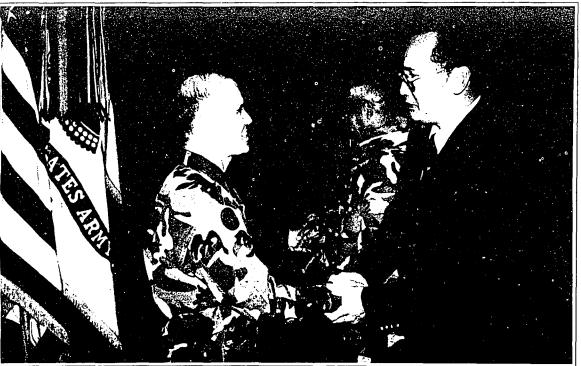
His military and civilian education include the Fifth Army Noncommissioned Officer Academy, the First Sergeants Course, and the Sergeant Major Academy. He graduated from George Washington High School in Guam and has an Associate Degree from Fort Steilacoom Community College.

Among his many awards are the

Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal with Bronze Star, Over seas Ribbon (2), Southwest Asia Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, and the Kuwaiti Liberation Medal. CSM Palacios has also been a member of the elite Morales Club since 1979.

CSM Palacios is married to the former Estella M. Kosaka and they have three sons, Bryan, Bradley, and

As a guest at the ceremony Babauta remarked, "Icommend CSM Palacios for the diligent work and accomplishment done to reach the highest en-



Representative Babauta congratulated CSM Palacios after the Change of Command in Fort Hood, Texas.

Ishibashi acquittal denied

By Ferdie de la Torre

Variety News Staff SUPERIOR Court Presiding Judge Alexandro Castro denied yesterday a motion seeking the acquittal of Kojo Yazawa Ishibashi of criminal charges.

Castro said after reweighing the evidence presented at trial, the court remains certain that the jury had sufficient evidence

By Rick Alberto

Variety News Staff

A BUSINESSMAN was or-

dered arrested yesterday af-

ter he failed to show up in a

proceeding that would have

examined his ability to pay

\$370,611.42, half of which

(\$185,305.71) is in unpaid

wages and overtime compen-

sation for his former 11 em-

ployees and the other half in

District Judge Alex R.

Munson issued a bench war-

rant for George C. Duenas,

owner of the Commonwealth

Security Services, Inc., upon

the motion of the defendants

represented by lawyer Jay H.

Munson also set a \$5,000

bail for Duenas, who failed

to appear in the March 15

proceeding to hear the 11

HOW CAN drama and dance

be used to teach children about

justice, generosity and other

During March and April

1996, the local peace and so-

cial group, Taotao I Redondo/

Aramas'al Faw'ulul/People of

the Circle, is organizing two

workshops for educators in the

The workshops will show

educators how to use various

forms of creative expression

to teach children about respect

The first workshop, "Teach-

ing Values through Dance,

Drama, and Legends - Part I,"

will take place on Monday,

March 25 and Wednesday,

March 27 from 9 am to 12:30

pm at the Northern Marianas

Both workshops will be led

by a visiting scholar, Dr.

Peggy A. Hunt of the Univer-

sity of Hawaii at Manoa's

Department of Theater and

Dance. Hunt specializes in

Saipan's Junior Achievers by

stopping by the 1996 Junior

Achievement Trade Fairs at

the Joeten Hafa Adai Shop-

ping Center on Saturday

March 23rd and March 31st

from 10 am to 2 pm. The high

school achievers will display

Commonwealth.

and other values.

College.

liquidated damages.

Sorensen.

virtues?

Last October, the jury found the businessman guilty of illegal possession of handguns and ammunition, and illegal possession of rifle and ammunition without a valid permit.

The following month,

Ishibashi, through counsel David Wiseman, asked court's judgment of acquittal on the

Duenas ordered arrested

employees' motion for order

The requested order would

alsohave determined the fast-

est way for Duenas and his

company to pay the amount in

On Jan. 18 Duenas was or-

Duenas was also ordered to

dered to pay the \$370,611.42

pay the attorney's fees of

\$2,537.50 and \$235.50 in costs

Duenas had failed to answer

the 11 Filipino employees' com-

plaint (filed Oct. 10 last year) and

a default was entered on Nov. 6.

He had 20 days to answer the

On Jan. 18 a hearing was

scheduled to prove up a de-

fault judgement, but Duenas

kids non-violence, other values

teaching creative dance and

dramatics for children. She

has extensive experience in

dance and drama for young

During the workshops on

march 25th and 27th, Dr. Hunt

will demonstrate techniques

for using drama and dance to

teach children about justice.

generosity, responsibility,

friendliness and other values

Jennifer Coughlin, Manuel

F. Borja and Jill Darling will

assist the presentation, draw-

ing from "Teaching Peace: A

Primary Module," which they

developed for use in local el-

In addition, Dr. Nancy

Flood, a psychologist, author

and educator who specializes

in child development, will be

moderating the discussion and

hands-on activities during the

workshops on March 25th and

A follow-up workshop,

'96 Junior Achievement Fair

they produced during the op-

eration of their student JA

The Achievers are members

in one of four JA Companies

sponsored by leading local

businesses: Bank of Hawaii,

MTC, Pacific Islands Club,

Companies.

and sell the items and services and Tan Holdings Corp.

that promote peace.

ementary schools.

people in cross-cultural set-

Awarded a total

under a default judgment.

awarded to the plaintiffs.

in aid of legislation.

the judgment.

complaint.

did not show up.

to sustain the conviction.

Wiseman said the prosecution failed to prove beyond reasonable doubt each essential element to the charges against Ishibashi.

"All the prosecution had presented was circumstantial evidence. And even the circumstantial evidence presented leaves much doubt and confu-

\$373,384.42 were Teodoro I.

Albia, Alexander U. Bautista,

Melvin M. Molas, Franco

Panganiban, Ireneo R. Co Jr.,

Joselito H. Villarosa, Ricardo B.

Dulay, Danilo S. Lapeceros,

Rolando N. Moral, Augusto Felia,

The complainants said they

were not paid their overtime at the

rate of one and one-half times

They also complained the com-

pany made illegal deduction from

their pay including "Saipan of-

fice fee," contract renewal costs,

and equipment charges, as well as

failed to pay withholding taxes

and to provide W-2 forms de-

spite the wage- and income-

tax deductions from their sala-

1987 and December 1992.

"Teaching Values through

Dance, Drama and Legends -

Part II," will take place on

Saturday April 13, 1996 at the

Northern Marianas College

Flood will speak on the

theme of "The Power of

Story," drawing on her expe-

rience about legends and how

they bring to life the values of

All elementary school teach-

ers, parents and other educa-

tors are encouraged to attend

the workshops on March 25th

and 27th and on April 13th. Ad-

mission is free, but space is lim-

ited, so those who wish to par-

ticipate must register in ad-

To register and for further in-

formation, please call Melody or

Charlene, Northern Marianas

College, at 234-5498 ext. 1813,

or Jennifer Coughlin at 234-6184.

part by a grant from the Common-

wealth Council for the Humahi-

The Junior Achievement

progress the students of Saipan

with practical economic edu-

cation progress and experi-

ences in the private enterprise

system through a partnership

with the business and educa-

tion communities.

The workshops are funded in

from 9 am to 12 pm.

a culture.

vance.

and Segundo Lapeceros Jr.

their regular rates.

mind," said the lawyer in his

Assistant Atty. Gen. Christine Zachares, however, said the government presented evidence that Ishibashi had no lawful authority to possess the firearms and am-

Zachares specifically pointed out that the Department of Public Safety firearms section records custodian testified that Ishibashi was not issued firearm identifica-

Ishibashi was arrested in April last year following a raid at his property in Garapan.

The court ordered the Probation

Office to prepare a pre-sentence



Wife 'abuser' charged

THE ATTORNEY General's Office filed yesterday criminal charges against a man who allegedly assaulted his wife by slamming her head into the dashboard of a car last Janu-

Edgar Suzuki was charged with three counts of assault and battery before the Superior Court.

Assistant Atty. Gen. Yvonne Lee said last Jan. 23 Suzuki punched the face of his wife

The workers came to Saipan Not contented, Suzuki at various times between July grabbed Suphap by the hair and slammed her head into the Workshop to focus on teaching

Lee said last Sept. 11, the defendant also slapped his wife on the face with his hand.

again slapped her on the face, said the prosecutor. The court summoned the de-

The following day, Suzuki

fendant to appear for a hearing on March 25.

Meanwhile, the AG also charged yesterday another man with three counts of assault and battery for slapping a woman in separate incidents last year. Lee said Jack Welly slapped

Kutelia Francisco on the face with his hand once in November and twice in December.

WSR Kindergarten registration

2. Health/Immunization Record

3. Health and/or Accidental nsurance

5. Diploma (If Head Start Graduate)

1. Entry permit (non-resident

WILLIAM S. Reyes Elemenstudents)

tary School will be conducting registration for incoming kindergarten students for school year 1996-1997 starting April, 01.

Registration time is from 8 am to 11 am and from 1 pm to 4 pm. Registration will end on June 01. The following documents should be provided during reg-

4. Birth Certificate

6. Telephone number or map For more information, call the

school at 234-6170 or 234-9692.





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GST defends exclusivity clause

million submarine build will bring state-of-the-art fiber optic voice and data communications to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and reduce long distance telephone rates. GST's cable will mainly in-

troduce savings to CNMI long distance customers as it will provide long distance providers with a lower cost alternatives for transmitting long distance traffic to CNMI-especially since GST will sell cable capacity at a wholesale rate to companies like MTC, IT&E, based GTE. AT&T, MCI, SPRINT, and the system with local employ-

Carriers like SPRINT and GST have stated that they will offer long distance rates as low as .55 per minute.

The submarine cable project

such as internet access and personal communicators sys-CNMI with Guam, Saipan, tems. GST's parent company. Tinian and Rota. Any carrier GST Telecommunications Inc. will be able to buy or lease trades on the American Stock space on the GST cable. Having conducted the formal se-The project has come under relection process to bring about cent criticism because GST's 25telephone competition, Governor Froilan C. Tenorio's of-

ees, GSDT established a local

subsidiary, GST Mironesia

which in addition in creating

local jobs will establish new

telecommunications services-

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year lease with CNMI guarantees GST exclusive rights to subfice deemed GST's proposal merged CNMI lands for three as best serving the public inyears meaning no other carrier GST's competitors during can build a similar cable for three the selection process included years. GST won the bid because - unlike GTE's local Micronesia Telecommunicaaffiliate, MTC - GST offered tions Corporation (MTC), an affiliate of the Dallas, Texasan open system designed to allow competition and reduce As part of its plan to operate

Now. however, a key CNMI legislator has pulled out all stops in an eleventh hour attempt to kill the deal by bashing the three-year moratorium and touting the GTE affiliate

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HORIGUCHI BLDG.

leased, police said.

Oleai Mobil station. The truck, which was travelling on the inner lane, switched to

The bus, belonging to the Duty Free Shoppers, swerved off the roadway, struck the Mobil sign and damaged the window of the

lease is blocked, " it will be business as usual for CNMI GST representative, Bill ratepayers accustomed to paying high phone bills and long

Martin says that his company cannot put on the proposed distance charges." system without the three-year 9 people hurt in

Oleai smashup

Variety News Staff

NINE persons were injured when a bus reportedly collided with a pickup truck Saturday morning at the accident-prone area on Beach Road in Oleai.

a "local" company with more

The nine victims, including the two operators of the vehicles, were taken to the Commonwealth Health Center but were later re-

Initial investigations showed that the accident happened when both vehicles were cruising northward on Beach Road near the

the outer lane resulting in a collision with the bus.

Lei rent a car office.

On the other hand, the truck hit another vehicle which was parked near the gasoline station. Seven tourist passengers on board the bus were injured.

Last September, two Korean businessmen died when a car they were driving veered off the highway, overturned, then burst into flame near the same gasoline station.

Meanwhile, four male juveniles were arrested after one of them reportedly pointed a gun while on board a vehicle travelling Middle Road before dawn Saturday.

The police pulled over the vehicle on Beach Road in Garapan. When inspected, the police found an airgun.

The four were held for traffic violation and reckless driving. In addition, the driver was arrested for assault with a danger-

Thief who left ID at crime scene jailed

tification card at the crime scene while stealing was given one year imprisonment.

Associate Judge Edward Manibusan also placed Jesus A. Muna under five years' pro-

Manibusan ordered Muna to perform 200 hours of community work services.

Muna was required to seek substance and alcohol counseling at the Commonwealth Health Center.

He would start serving his jail term on March 29 at the Rota Department of Corrections.

Muna was charged with two counts of vehicle tampering, two counts of theft, and three counts of receiving stolen property.

Muna, through counsel Stephen Nutting, entered a day plea agreement last Nov. 21. He pleaded guilty to the charges.

The court accepted the agreement.

Court information showed that last May 14, Muna broke into two cars and stole money

and other items belonging to Sophia Torwal and Teresita

When the defendant was arrested, police seized from him stolen property belonging to Darren Class and Janet Delsaso.

The arrest was made after Muna had left his wallet containing his identification card in one of the cars he burglar-

Upon questioning, he admitted to the charges.

Meanwhile, in police report an unidentified person set a closet on fire after taking away items from a house in Koblerville Wednesday morn-

In Gualo Rai, three persons were arrested for fighting each other at the parking lot at J's Restaurant before dawn yester-

Arrested were Swingly Ngirailild Aguon, 28, of Chalan Kanoa, Ricardo C. Cabrera, 39, of San Vicente, and Charles C. Torres, 28, of Garapan.

Aguon was also found in possession of possible marijuana, police said. (FDT)



From pay cuts to no pay at all

REPORTS from the Cook Islands say public servants facing 15 percent pay cuts and mass firings are now likely to get no pay at all, RNZI reports. The weekly Cook Islands Press says Westpac Bank has already bounced the governments' pay

A MALAYSIAN government

delegation is in Vanuatu for a

visit which will include a meeting

with the prime minister, Maxime

The delegation is led by the

minister for primary industries Dr.

Lim Ken Yaik, and the Malaysian

High Commissioner to Papua

THE SOLOMON Islands govern-

ment is having problems in settling its

debts to the country's National Provi-

dent Fund, RNZI reports. The gov-

emment owes the Fund US\$6 mil-

lion in rentals, loans contributions,

The Honiara newspapers, Solomon

Star says the amount is likely to accu-

mulate as the financially crippled

Mamaloni government struggles to

TONGAN pro-democracy activ-

ist 'Akilisi Pohiva has settled his

defamation case against the

Tongan government out of court,

Radio Tonga reports. Pohiva has

won eight thousand pa'anga to-

wards his court costs, and the gov-

ernment-owned Tonga Chronicle

is to publish a retraction, in En-

Tonga's Chief Justice, Nigel

Hampton, confirmed the out of

glish and Tongan.

securities and surcharges.

Carlot Korman, RNZI reports.

Malaysian gov't delegation in Vanuatu

Reports say unless the government makes immediate cuts to its expenditure, there will be an overdraft of nearly US\$3 million by the end of June. This would be an addition to the national debt and money owed for

They will also visit the facili-

ties of Malaysian companies log-

ging in Vanuatu which have been

accused of disregarding environ-

mental issues. When the delega-

tion was in Solomon Islands Lim

said the foreign media and non-

government organizations were

Solomons has problem

settling US \$6-M debts

settle the arrears. Documents from

the fund show the arrears have been

accumulating since April last year

and continue to increase each month.

government debt to the NPF is for

unpaid contributions to the social

security fund. NPF documents

show that while the government

was deducting contributions from

its workers, no actual payments had

Pro-democracy activist

settles defamation case

The Tonga Chronicle's retrac-

tion will say that articles is pub-

lished which, it has been sug-

gested, conveyed criticisms of

Pohiva - that he had not been a

faithful husband, that he was dis-

honest and deceitful, that he was

an obstinate liar, that he made

untrue statements to pervert the

course of justice and that he was

the Tonga Chronicle.

About half of the US\$ 6million

Meanwhile, the prime minister, Sir Geoffrey Henry is now expected to announce on Thursday how the government intends to react to its financial crisis. Sir Geoffrey was to give a speech to the nation after postponing

Malaysian investors operating in

the Solomon's logging industry.

ously accused of unsustainable

logging practices as well political

and financial corruption, involv-

ing leading politicians. Lim says

if such reports were true then the

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It says it wants legislation to keep politics out of the public service and make all financial transactions in government accountable. Pressure is reported to be mounting on politicians after it has been revealed that members of parliament get fortnightly allowances which are almost twice the size of the average civil servant's pay. There have also been allegations of widespread abuse of politicians on travel, unlimited toll calls, and allowances for clothing and

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PAPUA NEW Guinea is looking from international commercial markets, the Post Courier reports. Deputy Prime Minister Chris Haiveta says he has sought help in re-entering the commercial markets from the International Monetary Fundin a meeting with the organization's managing director, Michael Camdessus in Japan.

Both Haiveta and Camdessus were in Japan for the two-day APEC finance ministers meeting and arranged a separate meeting to discuss the IMF's role and support of PNG's structural adjustment program. Haiveta says the IMF was very pleased with the PNG Government's efforts and progress in meeting financial targets. Haiveta assured the IMF of the PNG government's commitment to implement the structural adjustment program, and to monitor financial

targets set for 1996. Meanwhile, PNG has continued to push for greater assistance for its fellow South Pacific island nations at the APEC meeting.

Haiveta took the issue with his counterparts, particularly those from Japan, Australia and Malaysia during private meetings. He says he stressed that the needs of smaller South Pacific countries must be recognized. In part, he says this should be done through the provision of technical assistance to ensure these countries expandat similar rates to APEC mem-

Cultivation of marijuana is widespread WESTERN SAMOA's po-

ice commissioner has confirmed that marijuana cultivation in the country is widespread because authority figures in villages, often chiefs, condone it, RNZI reports.

Galuvao Tanielu says the families of the young people who used and distribute marijuana often turn a blind eye to the cultivation of the

He says despite all the convictions so far, marijuana is an increasing problem in Western Samoa, with youths he main offenders.

The Police Commissioner says the drug is mostly sold at the market place in the capital, Apia - sometimes by the owners of pancake stalls. Pancakes are a popular snack in western Samoa because they are cheap.

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for FSM officials on PALIKIR, Pohnpei(FSM IN- expert in performance budgeting.

FORMATION SERVICE)-President Bailey Olter announced the conduct of a Performance Budgeting Seminar on Pohnpei from March 18 to 20, 1996, for officials from the State of Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei and the National Governments and March 28 and 29, in Yap for Yap State Government offi-

The seminar is to be conducted by Dr. Marilyn Jackson, who has been contracted by the USDA Graduate School as replacement of Dr. Allen Schick.

Jackson is currently working for the Minnesota Office of Legislative Auditors. She eill also be representing the State of Minnesota and Governor Carlson.

Dr. Jackson is recognized both in the U.S. and internationally as an

Dr.. Jackson will meet with the Pohnpei Governor and Pohnpei State officials.

Performance budgeting was recommended by the participants if the 1995 FSM Economic Summit as one of the strategies for achieving the effective use and allocation of available resources in the FSM. Thus, the proposed seminar will serve to focus attention on intricacies of performance bud-

Dr. Jackson's tentative schedule includes arriving Pohnpei on March 16. On the morning of March 18 she will meet with the President, US Ambassador, FSM Budget and EMPAT, and in the afternoon she will conduct a half-

On the morning of March 19,

tasizing" and trying to adopt ideas from other countries that are not relevant to the needs of the PNG the Post Courier He says Sir Julius is being

ill advised and has called for the sacking of those who give him gad advise. Mr. Menei, who is president of the University of PNG Student Representative Council, issued a statement after holding discussions with Sir Julius, his advisers and representatives of the World Bank about the new user-pays policy and fees for tertiary students.

He alleges that Sir Julius advisers are the real troublemakers, and blames them for decisions leading to such things as the voluntary acceptance of most of the structural adjustment program proposed by the World Bank and International Monetary Fund Pacnews

US pushes nuke ban treaty

GENEVA (AP) - Declaring that a ban on all nuclear testing is a top U.S. foreign policy goal, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said Sunday he would increase pressure on Russia and China to fall into line.

Despite a host of problems that are obstructing agreement on a Comprehensive Test Ban accord, Christopher said he remained confident that agreement could be reached by summer to allow the deal to be signed by the end of the

He is due to hold talks Monday with disarmament negotiators from the four other declared nuclear powers - Britain, France,

Russia and China - as well as leading non-aligned countries like India, Pakistan, Indonesia and

"Many expert people are working on this. Frequently negotiations of that character develop a life of their own and the expert people get buried in the complexity," Christopher said upon arrival in Geneva.

"My experience led me to think it's a good idea to go to the negotiation at a sensitive point and see if it's not possible to remind the parties about the enormous stakes

He said he planned to put pressure on Russia to accept President Clinton's commitment to a "zero

yield" provision which would ban even the smallest tests.

Moscow has accepted a moratorium on testing. But some diplomats believe it is dragging its feet on the zero-yield threshold because the United States would have better technology to conduct computer-simulated tests.

China has many reservations and wants any treaty to include provisions for nuclear testing for peaceful purposes.

"China will play a crucial role in whether we can get this deal or not this year," Christopher commented. "I hope the Chinese will recognize their responsibilities as one of the nuclear powers." China conducted two tests last

South Pacific, backs the complete ban, as does Britain. A comprehensive nuclear

France, which recently com-

nuclear explosions in the

test ban was first put on the

international agenda 42 years

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"People get caught up in how many brackets there are and pleted a series of underground somehow lose sight of the important goals involved," said Christopher.

"A comprehensive test ban is an extremely important goal. President Clinton has made it one of the top priorities of the United States."

Christopher arrives for talks with Yugoslav leaders

GENEVA (AP) - Despite fraying dreams of a multi-ethnic Bosnia and a rift between Washington and Moscow, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher said Sunday that the Yugoslav peace process was ontrack.

On the eve of a meeting with leaders from former Yugoslavia, Christopher said the U.S.-led military operation to enforce a cease-fire and withdrawal of forces had been a "striking success."

"We are facing a new family of issues beyond the separation of forces," he said. "We are facing the civilian implementation issues which are very tough.'

Monday's talks are due to focus on issues like preparations for fall elec-

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tions in Bosnia; the return of hundreds of thousands of refugees; the extradi-

tion of war crimes suspects; and the expulsion of foreign Islamic fighters.

Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, Croatian President Franjo Tudiman and acting Bosnian President Ejup Ganic were scheduled to

Plans for an accompanying meeting of diplomats from the five-nation contact group suffered with news of a boycott from Russia, which is pursuing an increasingly tough policy before its presidential election sea-

Russian diplomats said it was unnecessary for the contact group to meet at short notice Monday, as a long-planned meeting at foreign minister level was scheduled in Moscow

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Christopher played down Moscow's move, even though it was a snub to U.S. efforts to keep Russia - a traditional ally of the Serbs - on board. Britain, France and Germany are the other permanent members of the contact group. The meeting carne as Bosnian Serbs

> in Sarajevo destroyed as much as possible prior to pulling out of the last remaining suburb to be handed over to the Muslim-Croat federation by Tuesday's deadline. 'It's a setback to the Bosnian gov-

> emment and to efforts to create a multi-ethnic Sarajevo and Bosnia," said Carl Bildt, the international community's top civilian representative, as he arrived in Geneva.

"Efforts must focus on persuading Serbs to return. If they don't have the possibility to return to Sarajevo, I think the entire process of refugee returns to the cities and villages in eastern Bosnia is going to be extremely complicated," Bildt said.

Christopher said the events in Sarajevo were disturbing, but added he didn't think that they would wreck the Dayton peace accords.

"I regard the process as being on track now. There are difficulties that are a matter of concern, but the process does go forward."

Christopher indicated he would use the stick of the possible reimposition of sanctions and the carrot of future U.S. diplomatic recognition for Serbia to press Serbian president Milosevic to cooperate with the international war crimes tribunal.

Although they have arrested two suspects, Belgrade authorities have so farrefused to hand over Serbs to the Hague-based tribunal.

Christopher said he would raise concerns about the lingering presence of foreign Islamic fighters in the Bosnian Muslim-led army. U.S. plans to train and equip the army are on hold pending their

"I have no desire to see the very negative attitude of Iran continue in Bosnia," Christopher said. This had been reinforced by Iran's refusal to condemn the recent bombings in Israel, he said.



RUST M. Deming, right, deputy chief of mission of the U.S. Embassy in Japan, samples a slice of beef jerkey along with an interpreter at Makuhari Messe, east of Tokyo, Tuesday. Deming delivered opening remarks at the U.S. Pavilion earlier for the 21st international Food and Beverage Exhibition, Food '96.

Roh, Chun trial resumes

Former President Chun Doohwan faced prosecutors' questioning Monday as the trial resumed on charges that he and another former president, Roh Tae-woo, committed mutiny and treason in their bloody rise to power.

Chun and Roh are on trial for their actions in the 1979 coup that brought them to power and in connection with a bloody military crackdown on pro-democracy protesters that killed at least 240 people the following year.

At the trial's opening session last Monday, the opposing sides clashed sharply, with prosecutors declaring that justice should apply to all, regardless of social position. The defense called the

TOKYO (AP) - Mitsubishi

Motors Corp. said Monday it

will withdraw from the small-

truck market in the United States

because of poor sales stemming

from a high tariff imposed on

A Mitsubishi spokeswoman

said the company has already

stopped exporting 1-ton trucks

from Japan, with sales to be

ceased by an inventory clear-

imported trucks.

charges politically motivated, and said that denying the legitimacy of Chun's and Roh's rule would raise questions over the legitimacy of the current administra-

President Kim Young-sam, a longtime dissident leader, joined hands with Roh's ruling party in a three-way merger, allowing Kim to run as the ruling party candidate and win the presidential race in

Before that. Chun had ruled until 1988 and Roh had succeeded him as president.

Mitsubishi to withdraw from

US small truck market soon

On top of a 25-percent tariff

charged on imported trucks in the

United States, declining profit-

ability under the limited market

for smaller trucks there was be-

hind Mitsubishi's decision to

withdraw, said the spokeswoman,

who spoke on condition of ano-

first Japanese automaker to pull

Mitsubishi Motors will be the

trucks in the United States.

On trial along with the ex-presidents are 14 former generals accused of involvement in the coup and the crackdown in the southern city of Kwangju.

soaring, the 80 available tickets to Monday's session already had been allotted to people who had begun lining up Saturday.

Fearing further disturbances, the court also announced that it would record the proceedings on videotape. Last week, a scuffle broke out between Chun's sons and supporters and an audience member who cursed Chun.

If convicted, Chun and Roh face the death penalty, although execution is considered unlikely.

The ex-presidents, childhood friends and later military buddies, are also on trial separately on corruption charges in connection with huge slush funds they accumulated during their rule.

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were sold in all in 1995, the

Mitsubishi sold a total of

37.800 1-ton trucks in the United

States during its peak year of

1987, but sales dropped to about

Other Japanese automakers -

Toyota Motor Corp. and Nissan

Motor Co. - currently produce

and sell small trucks in the United

5,000 trucks in 1995, she said.

spokeswoman said.



Former South Korean President Roh Tae-woo in prisoner's uniform enters the Seoul Criminal Court for his trial on charges of the 1979 military coup that killed hundreds of pro-democracy protesters. (AP

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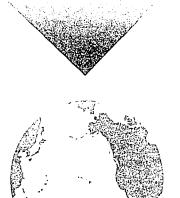
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Russia bans US chicken imports

Prime Minister Viktor

MOSCOW (AP)-Russia effectively banned American chicken imports this weekend over complaints that too much of the poultry is contaminated by bacteria.

Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Zaveryukha said the ban would not be lifted until American poultry producers take steps to eliminate salmonella, a sometimes deadly bacteria.

"Russia stands and will stand on principle" behind the suspension of import licensing, Zaveryukha said in a meeting with farmers Saturday in the city of Voronezh.

The suspension was announced Feb. 16, and the last licenses to import U.S. chicken expired Saturday.

U.S. poultry producers say Russian officials have been unclear about exactly when the imports would be stopped, indicating recently that the country might allow chicken under the old permits even after Saturday.

But combined with rising feed costs and domestic oversupply, even talk of the ban is enough to prompt the largest U.S. poultry producer to cut production by 7 percent, a Tyson Foods Inc. spokesman in Springfield, Arkansas, said Sunday.

"All I can tell you is that this thing is still very confusing," Tyson spokesman Archie our plan to cut some production, and we hope that the situation with the Russians is going to be resolved quickly.'

U.S. officials have rejected Moscow's complaints about health and sanitation standards and said the ban was simply an effort to protect struggling Russian farmers from U.S. competi-

Zaveryukha said the media was whipping up a "political racket" over the ban, which was ordered by the Ministry of Agriculture's veterinary department, the Interfax news agency reported.

Vyacheslav Avilov, the ministry's chief veterinary inspector, said Friday that the United States had met most of Russia's demands, but the problem of salmonella had not been resolved in time to halt the ban.

Moscow offered to meet with U.S. officials to solve the problem, but so far no answer had been received despite the expiration date of import licenses, he told Interfax.

However, Vice President Al Gore has invited Russian agriculture officials to Washington this week to discuss food safety and tariff issues, Dianne Wildman, deputy assistant U.S. trade representative in Washington, said in Saturday's Arkansas Democrat-Gazette news-

Moscow bakers guild will make matzo for Passover

MOSCOW (AP) - The Bakers' Guild has agreed to produce matzo for Passover in answer to appeal from the mayor and the city's Jewish community, a city spokesman said Sunday.

According to Mayor Yuri Luzhkov's office, it is the first time Moscow bakers have mobilized to produce matzo on a large scale.

According to the Interfax news agency, the flat, thin, unleavened bread eaten during the eight-day festival of Passover will be produced by one of the bakeries of the Khleb Fillipova company.

Passover celebrations are one of many signs that after 70 years of official atheism under communism, religious life in Russia is reviving.



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Chernomyrdin agreed in principle two weeks ago to drop the ban in exchange for assurances from Gore that the quality of U.S. chicken exports will be closely

Salmonella bacteria shows up

in 25 percent of the country's processed poultry, the U.S. Agriculture Department says. The agency is due to announce a major overhaul in poultry and meat inspections in a few weeks.

Russia is the largest export market for American chickens, with shipments worth \$500 mil-

lion last year. Chicken legs, unpopular in the United States but in demand among Russian consumers, make up the bulk of the ship-

The Russian market accounts for \$180 million in yearly sales by Tyson, the largest poultry supplier to Russia.

The wry side of death: Daily Telegraph Book of Obituaries

LONDON (AP) - In life, Maj. Donald Neville-Willing found his dentures a liability in romance: "I'm unlikely to be successful if the moon is bright."

In death, The Daily Telegraph's obituary remembered Neville-Willing's dental anxieties, his colorful but entirely unreliable stories, and his belief that World War II was "the best thing that ever happened to English homosexuals.

During his time as editor of the Daily Telegraph's obituary page, Hugh Massingberd played up the odd and the entertaining, and created one of the most consistently readable pages in the paper.

"Foes and friends of the subject should be able to derive pleasure from it," said Massingberd, whose favorites were recently collected in a book, "The Daily Telegraph Book of Obituaries.'

"Reading over them again, I don't think there is any malice

There was mischief in some cases, but not malice," Massingberd said in an interview. "I think you want more people to say, 'Gosh, what a remarkable life,' and give them a laugh along the way.'

Subtitled "A Celebration of Eccentric Lives," the book blends the worthy, the shameful and the sublimely ridiculous, sometimes in a single obituary: -John Allegro, "the Liberace of biblical scholarship," whose promising career as a scholar of the Dead Sea Scrolls degenerated into a series of books claiming that Christianity was a hallucinogenic mushroom cult; indeed, that Moses, David and Jesus were fungi. The obituary recalled a reviewer's opinion that Allegro's books "gave mushrooms a bad Nerea de Clifford,

Think About Television," who had concluded: "Most cats show an interest of some kind, though it is often of hostility."

- Lawrence Isherwood, who painted celebrities as he imagined them in the nude. The obit recorded Lt. Col. A.D. Wintle's opinion - "What I like about Isherwood's paintings is that there is no doubt about which way they hang" - and reminded readers that Wintle was "celebrated for debagging his solicitor (removing his lawyer's

-Felix Hope-Nicholson, whose household once included "a certain Miss Huntley, a former governess to the Spanish royal family, who had a mania for mending household linen."

- Peter Langan, the erratic restaurateur: "Often he would pass out amid the cutlery before doing any damage, but occasionally he would cruise menacingly beneath the tables, biting unwary customers' ankles."

Admittedly, most of the obituaries in the Daily Telegraph record the passing of military heroes, aristocrats and other worthies.

But it also made room for Len Chadwick, outdoor columnist for the Oldham Evening Chronicle, with an obituary that might leave readers regretful, or relieved, that they never met him:

"A classic autodidact, as he strode along Chadwick would regale the young boys who were his most frequent companions (he was homosexually inclined) with interminable but inspired monologues - often in Esperanto - on subjects ranging from the history of socialism or his prisoner-of-war experiences to the poetry of Ebenezer Elliott."

Massingberd said his term as editor, from 1986 to 1994, was "just a lucky time ... a time when author of "What British Cats" so many legends of the century eccentric is unaware.

were dying."

That applies especially, he said, to the old warriors of World War II. "They are marvelous stories. We're not going to see their like again.'

The entertaining warts-andall obituary can be as misleading in its way as more conventional tributes.

"I particularly enjoyed doing the obit of Sir Hugh Rankin. But only the other day I spoke to an aunt of mine who said he was absolutely impossible in real life," Massingberd said.

Sir Hugh was variously runner-up in the All-Britain Sheep Judging Competition, president of the British Muslim Society, vice president of the World's Buddhist Association, and an avowed "blood-red militant communist" as a member of the Perth County Council.

In celebrating life, the Daily Telegraph ignores funeral plans, rarely dwells on the cause of death and never reports the date.

Massingberd recalled arguing with the Daily Telegraph's former editor, Max Hastings, about whether the cause of death should

"The very day after he had more or less ordered me to do so, someone had died of a penile implant which had imploded,' Massingberd said.

The subject was dropped.

Massingberd is mining the archives for a second collection of obituaries, this one devoted to military men. And then there may be another volume about adventurers.

"What interests me is how many eccentrics there will be in the future," said Massingberd, who thinks the breed has been decimated by modern life. "There are plenty of people posing as eccentrics, but the true

FBI probes stolen computer chips

IRVINE, California (AP) -The of the \$9 million in computer chips stolen last May from an Irvine company were funneled to the Vietnamese government.

FBI agents have linked the Centon Electronics Inc. robbery to several computer-chip thefts in Silicon Valley and are investigating a ring involving more than 100 people, FBI spokesman George Grotz said. "Members of that group who were arrested did take proceeds of the robberies to Vietnam," Grotz told

the Orange County Register in a FBI is investigating whether some, story published Saturday. "We do not know the link between this criminal group and the intelligence service, but the investigation is continuing." Last May, gunmen wearing sports coats and ties accosted workers at the computer parts company forcing a worker to unlock a warehouse containing chips and mother boards, which increase a computer's memory capabil-

> In California's Silicon Valley, \$40 million in computer

chips were stolen in 1993 alone. Grotz said the FBI has detected increased espionage activity by the Vietnamese government, particularly spies seeking classified information, attempting to obtain security clearances and stealing secrets from high-technology and computer companies in Orange and Santa Clara counties.

An indictment unsealed last week when more than 40 hightech-theft suspects were arrested does not specifically allege that computer chips were taken to Vietnam after the May 16 thefts.

Union feud grabs nation's focus

the real key to allaying workers'

"The only way to have employ-

ment security in the future is to

compete," Jasinowski said on

can kind of protect jobs by saying

GM outsources about 30 per-

cent of its parts. Financial ana-

lysts have been warning that is

not enough, putting GM at a long-

term competitive disadvantage.

we're not going to change."

"The days are over when you

worries about the future.

ABC television.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Some see a simple matter at the heart of the United Autoworkers strike against two General Motors parts plants in Ohio. Rich Trumka sees a lightning rod in a new era of labor relations.

"Contained in this little strike," said the AFL-CIO secretary-treasurer, "is virtually every issue workers are facing right now." The AFL-CIO is the largest labor movement in the United States.

The strike by 2,700 workers at two Delphi Chassis brake plants in Dayton, Ohio, began March 5. And its effects quickly idled 23 of General Motors' 29 assembly plants and 110,000 workers.

The company appears confident it can weather the shutdown in a stand on "outsourcing" - the buying of parts from outside manufacturers to reduce labor and production costs.

Some analysts believe GM made a clever strategic decision to fight over the issue before a national union contract expires this fall. But to hear Trumka tell it, GM has done the labor movement a favor.

"That strike, and the one that's coming in the fall, could be a lightning rod for labor because it involves the very thing I think is foremost in every worker's mind," Trumka said.

"It's job security, jobs for the future, a high standard of living and broken promises from a corporation."

The auto workers union has not portrayed the strike as a national

union spokesman Frank Joyce. But the strike nevertheless has drawn national attention, in part because of a new focus on downsizing and corporate responsibility in this presidential elec-

calls GM's violation of a 1994

agreement on job security with its

corporations to honor the com-

mitments they make?" asked

"What's wrong with asking

local union.

tion year. That's where Trumka sees the labor movement stepping in. The AFL-CIO's new leaders have vowed to spend millions on organizing and political action this year to regain labor's clout.

This week, workmen were busy transforming the federation's marble entrance into a sprawling work station for "Union Summer" - a campaign to train 1,000 new organizers. Fair wages and job security are the rallying cries.

"Here's another example of a corporation who's making billions of dollars, has the potential of (giving) their own workers ... a little job security rather than laying them off, and decides to break the promises,"Trumka said. "Strategically, a bad place to make a

A General Motors spokesman said negotiations are continuing and declined comment.

But a top business official, Jerry Jasinowski of the National Association of Manufacturers, noted Sunday that the U.S. economy creates twice as many jobs as are lost, and called economic growth

Chrysler outsources about 70 per-GM wants this story told."

outsourcing attractive.

David Cole, director of the University of Michigan's Office for the Study of Automotive Transportation, said many of the striking workers earn more than dlrs 60,000 annually, well above the national average. Cole argues the company chose the right mo-

ment to make a stand. "It's not a good time for the union movement in this country," he said. "Contrary to the idea that GM would be embarrassed. I think

news hasn't been entirely upbeat. An eight-month newspaper strike in Detroit is grinding on, with the companies willing to sustain heavy losses to outlast workers.

Still, Trumka contends the labor movement is on the move.

"I've seen more enthusiasm and more hope with American workers in the last four to five months than I've seen in the last decade," Trumka said. "There's a lot of anger, there's a lot of resentment but it is now being refocused into



Luis Guima, left, and Melida Manjarrez, right, pose with their adopted baby, 7-month-old Huiyan, in Elk Grove, Calif. Huiyan was a Chinese orphan until her American parents adopted her in December 1995. According to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, 2,130 Chinese babies were adopted by Americans in

Some 20,000 visit former Stasi archives in Germany only a small portion of some 180 kilometers (112 miles) of files

BERLIN (AP) - Some 20,000 people visited the former East German secret police archives this weekend to get a look at how the all-pervasive Stasi operated, organizers said Sunday.

Joachim Gauck, the head of the government agency charged with investigating Stasi operations, called the surge of visitors "the second storming of the Stasi central," in reference to Jan. 15, 1990 when thousands of East Germans stormed the headquar-

ters demanding it be shut down. Gauck said he was surprised by the high interest of private citizens and the crowds proved how big "the need of the people still is to come to terms with their past even (six) years after the (peaceful) revolution in East Germany."

He said that because of the large interest, another open door session of the archives would probably be held in April.

Thomas Rogalla, Gauck's spokesman called the flood of visitors "a traffic jam ... we were totally overrun." Rogalla said that after some

5,000 people visited the center on Saturday, more than 13,000 viewed it on Sunday, with 2,000 waiting in cold weather outside the building to get in later in the afternoon.

On display for the visitors was

maintained by the Stasi on former East Germany's 16 million citizens, along with explanations of how the secret police operated.

Also displayed were 5,800 bags containing shredded or ripped up files on East German dissidents and other suspected state enemies, which the Stasi had tried to destroy before they were shut down in 1990.

About half the files were kept at the central in east Berlin, with the others scattered at about a dozen other former Stasi locations in other east German cities.

Rogalla said that thousands of the visitors had signed up to be allowed to see if files existed on them. It will take at least eight weeks for them to get answers.

Many of the visitors also snapped photos of the rows of files, pondered over accompanying exhibits, and muttered about the abuses of the hated secret police as they passed through the building.

While individual files were not available for viewing, opening of the three storage rooms for Saturday and Sunday offered a rare glimpse of how the Stasi were organized and operated.

Guards kept visitors from roaming into other areas of the 10-storey central.

Death And Funeral Announcement Magdalena Maratita Inos "Maggen Kooch" Born January 25, 1948-Died: March 14, 1996 Was called to her eternal rest on Thursday March 14, 1996 in Rota at the age of 48 yrs. IN HER DEATH SHE NOW JOINS HER: Parents-In-Laws: Emilio & Augustina Inos Asuncion Hocog Maratita Brother-In-Law: Miseal Hocog Ogo Thomas Villagomez Castro Raimundo Hocog Manglona Sister-In-Law: Isabel Songsong Manglona Beato Hocog Manglona HER SPIRIT AND MEMORIES WILL LIVE IN THE HEARTS OF HER: Iuan Ouichocho Inos Christine Annette Inos & Rodney Mendiola Leilani Lynette Inos Candilyn Nannette Inos luan Inos II Grandchild: Magdalena Ann Inos Mendiola Romano Masga Maratita Brothers/Sisters Spouses and Children: Guadalupe Manglona-Ross, Roddy, Raymond, & Modestia
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follow immediately after the mass at the San Jose Cemetery. Your presences and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Bangladesh situation worsens

Anti-gov't strike continues

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) - Antigovernment activists firebombed a bus, torched a bicycle rickshaw and attacked a rally, killing one person and injuring 15 others as part of a strike that has crippled Bangladesh for the eight day Sunday.

Two others were killed in overnight violence, police said Sunday.

The strikes to oust Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and have fresh elections under a caretaker government have left 42 dead this month.

Shops remained shut and vehicles were off most roads Sunday, which is a working day in this Islamic country. Friday is the weekly holiday.

On Sunday, opposition activists hurled a crude bomb at a bus with 30 people trying to defy the strike in Dhaka, the capital. One passenger was killed and 15 others injured, police said.

In another part of Dhaka, opposition activists attacked a rally of 200

shaw they were using as a podium to protest the political impasse.

"We want neither Khaleda Zia nor (Sheikh) Hasina. We want work and business,"the demonstrators chanted when the attack took place, police

The demonstration by the street vendors, small by Bangladesh standards, was another evidence of growing frustration with the feuding poli-

Both Mrs. Zia and the opposition leader, Sheikh Hasina, are unvielding

The opposition wants Mrs. Zia to resign, annul the results of the Feb. 15 elections and hold fresh elections. Mrs. Zia has refused to quit and wants constitutional changes before she will hold the new elections.

The anti-government campaign intensified after President Abdur Rahman Biswas failed to broker an end to the power struggle.

Clashes between gov't, rebels leave 19 dead

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)

- Tamil rebels attacked a police outpost and a military camp in two separate incidents in the northeast, killing 11 policemen and soldiers, a military official said Sunday. Eight guerrillas were also killed in the attack.

Five policemen were killed and 11 others were injured in Saturday night's attack on the police post in Polonnaruwa district, the official said on condition of anonymity.

Rebel casualty figures were not immediately known in the attack, which took place in Alinchipathana village, 190 kilometers (119 miles) from Colombo.

In the second incident, Tamil Tiger rebels attacked a military camp in the northeast on Saturday morning and killed six soldiers, the military said.

At least eight rebels were killed when the troops retaliated with mortar and artillery fire, said Major D.A.R. Ranawake, a military spokesman in Colombo.

Eight soldiers and two civilians were wounded in the attack at Halambewewa village, about 220 kilometers (140 miles) northeast of Colombo, the Sri Lankan capi-

The rebels are fighting for a separate homeland for the minority Tamils.

They accuse the majority Sinhalese of discriminating against the Tamils in jobs and

More than 40,000 people have died in the civil war since

Accused war criminal to learn about fate by June

BORDEAUX, France (AP) - A former official in France's collaborationist World War II regime will learn in June whether he will be tried for crimes against

Lawyers wrapped up three days of arguments Saturday evening on exactly what role Maurice Papon -accused of deporting hundreds of Jews -actually played in France's Vichy regime.

An appeals court in Bordeaux must decide whether there is enough evidence to warrant a war crimes trial. Magistrates indicated they would rule in about three months, or sometime in June.

If Papon is tried, it would give France an opportunity to re-examine one of the darkest chapters of its history and finally decide whether Vichy as a regime committed crimes against humanity.

Papon, 85, is accused of having ordered the arrest and deportation of 1,690 Jews, including 240 children, while serving as general secretary in southwest France from

About 76,000 Jews, including 12,000 children, were arrested and deported from France to Nazi death camps between 1941-44. Only about 2,500 survived.

In closed-door hearings that began last Wednesday, 18 lawyers representing Holocaust survivor groups and relatives of Papon's victims prosecutors depicted Papon as a ruthless war criminal who unflinchingly sent hundreds of Jews to their deaths.

At Mrs. Zia's request, the figurehead president met with top opposition leaders this week without any

TheoppositionhasaccusedBiswas of "siding with the ruling party in betraying the nation" after he summoned the disputed parliament for its first session on March 19.

The opposition got a boost after the business community and the voluntary agencies also called for cancel-

At a rally in Dhaka Saturday, they asked the president to refer the dispute to the Supreme Court by Monday to seek the highest court's opinion on whether he has the power to form a caretaker government.

The strike has badly hit garment factories, which bring Bangladesh about \$1 billion in ex-

Ignoring the strikes the President



Residents from neighboring buildings offer their help in the rescue of people caught in the debris of a five story building which collapsed in Bombay, India. Rescue workers continued to search for survivors Friday through the rumbble of the collapsed building. At least 10 have died and 10 were injured in the accident.

Winner declared in Sierra Leone presidential elections

By CLARENCE ROY-MACAULAY FREETOWN, Sierra Leone (AP) - The candidate from the country's oldest political party was declared Sierra Leone's new president Sunday after elections to end nearly 20 years of civilian and military dictatorships.

Ahmed Tejan Kabbah won Friday's runoff with 59.4 percent of the 1,022,754 votes cast, the head of the national election commission announced Sunday night.

Kabbah, 64, was the top votegetter in the first round of voting Feb. 26-27, when he bettered 12 other candidates with 35 percent of the vote. He was forced into a runoff with the second-place finisher, John Karefa-Smart, 80, a longtime figure in national poli-

Kabbah was considered the favorite because of the long history of his Sierra Leone People's Party, which was formed in 1952 when the West African country was still a British colony. It was the main opposition party in the country's last multiparty vote in 1977, when it won 15 of the 85 seats in parlia-

A one-party state was declared the following year, and the party

in power clung to office until being ousted in a military coup in

The military leaders promised elections in February 1996, only to be ousted in another coup by rival officers six weeks before the

The new coup leaders promised to go ahead with the vote and said Sunday that power would be handed to the new government

Sierra Leone, a once-prosperous nation on the west coast, has struggled for stability since becoming independent from Britain

Hours before the election announcement, the outgoing military rulers raised hopes of further progress by announcing a ceasefire with rebels to end their five-

A brief press statement from defense headquarters said the cease-fire took effect immediately and was agreed to "after persistent dialogue" with the rebel Revolutionary United Front over the weekend. It gave no details of the talks.

There was no immediate comment from Kabbah, who like the other presidential candidates offered little in the way of ideas during the cam-

Biswas is likely to ask Mrs. Zia to

formanew government in a couple of

days, a ruling party official said.

He spoke on condition of ano-

The opposition says, the strike

will continue indefinitely until Mrs.

They have planned to stage dem-

onstrations before the parliament

building on March 19, when the

The campaign was dominated instead by civilian criticisms of military rule and vague promises to restore the shattered economy, end corruption and stop the civil war.

The rebels also offered no statements, either on the reported ceasefire or the election outcome. They opposed the vote on grounds it was organized by a government they did not recognize.

Last month, rebels hacked off the hands of dozens of civilians who cast

No violence was reported in Friday's balloting, but the election commissioner, James Jonah, said in his radio statement that "like in most elections, there were difficulties."

These apparently focused on Karefa-Smart's demand for a recount in two districts, which Jonah said was done and which resulted in 70,000 votes being retracted from Kabbah's

Several foreign officials and election observers, including U.S. Ambassador John Hirsch and representatives of the Commonwealth and United Nations, were present with Jonah as he announced the

No peace for Bosnia orphans

By GEORGE ESPER TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) - In the middle of the night, the little sisters of Srebrenica cry and scream and tremble.

The memory of their mother's head being blown off during a shelling attack is still frightening nearly three

Their father was seen being ledaway by Serb soldiers when Srebrenica fell last July. He hasn't been heard from

They will remember the inhumanity and brutality of the war for the rest of their lives. They are five sisters in all, the young-

est six, the oldest 18. All they have are each other, a grandfather, an uncle, three aunts and the housemothers at the orphanage where they now live.

Overcome with the horrendous deeds of war, there is no peace of mind even if there is peace, for now, on the battle-

"It is quite normal for hatred to exist because they've done terrible things to us,"saystheeldest, Emira Ibrahimovic, who is now the surrogate mother. Their real mother, Emina, was too

young to die, only 35, an innocent of the war between Serb and Muslim. As Emira tells it, war chased their

Muslim family from village to village in the Srebrenica region, and it was during one of those flights, on July 25, 1992, that a shell hit near the fleeing refugees, killing Emina. Emira was not with her. Nor was

Muska, now 12. But Sanela, now 6, Semsa, 8, and Ibrima, 16, were eyewit-

But Semsa, then five, remembers. There is still a scar on her head from a piece of shrapnel. The body has long been healed, but the mind is still a

Semsa is silent, retreating into her world of dolls and stuffed animals and other toys. When she is with them, a smile lights up her face.

casualty.

mother died.

Save for the oldest sister, Emira, none of the others will talk about their mother. And Emira, just barely.

The two youngest girls are painfully shy. When visitors arrive, Sanela hides under a bed. Semsa holds her head down and puts her hands over her eyes. Semsa's eyes fill with tears when oldest sister Emira recalls the day their

attack because the Serbs were quite close and in a position to spot us," recalls Emira.

"Many people ran away from the

Emira was just behind her mother and sisters. She had stopped at their house to pick up some belongings. "I heard the two little girls scream-

ing, but I did not know what hap-

pened," she remembers. They ran away. Adults from the village buried my mother. They did not allow us to look at her terrible state.

Emira found her younger sisters in a neighboring village 10 minutes away. Villagers bandaged Semsa's wounds. She cried and said she wanted to return

People browse through the illustrated 584-page catalog for the upcoming auction of the estate of Jacqueline

Kennedy Onassis at Sotheby's auction house in New York. About 5,500 items from the former first lady's

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They tried to protect us."

Aftertwo days, the sisters returned to their own village, living with their paternal grandfather, Fadil Ibrahimovic, 65. Their father, Omer, a 41-year-old construction worker, was in Libya. He returned the day after Christmas in

When the Serbs attacked Srebrenica last July, the sisters and their grandfather fled to Tuzla. Their father fled into the forest but another relative reported he was captured along with many others. He is among the 8,000 Muslims still missing from

"Still we hope," says Emira. "We hope maybe he's in some concentration camp, not registered. But with every day that hope is less and less."

That is the sadness. But there is a "There were a lot of shellings and an smile later when the mood changes to banter, when someone suggests that Emira, a hairdresser who has already cut her sisters' hair short, will do it

> "I will not let her cut my hair again," says Semsa.

Semsa is finishing her first year of elementary school. Sanela begins school next September. Muska is in the sixth grade and

Emira just completed a course in hair styling and hopes to leave the orphanage soon. Both Semsa and Muska have received excellent evaluations in school. Only Ibrima is not in school for the

moment. She completed only the fourth grade, which is customary in some villages in eastern Bosnia, where Muslim tradition stresses the role of women

The sisters can stay at the orphanage until they complete secondary school or get a job. They have been there since last August. If Emira gets a job, she plans to leave the orphanage but her sisters will stay. Emira, who turns 19 n October, will stay in the Tuzla area to be near them.

When they can, the sisters exchange visits with their grandfather and an uncle, Hamdija Nuratovic, 32, who lives 25 miles (40 kms) away. The uncle has been helping

them out financially, with what

in Srebrenica. "All of us, we are together," says "Like nothing happened."

her only once.

mother," says Emira.

There is a 35-year-old aunt

nearby, too, Suada Effendic, their

mother's sister. But Emira has visited

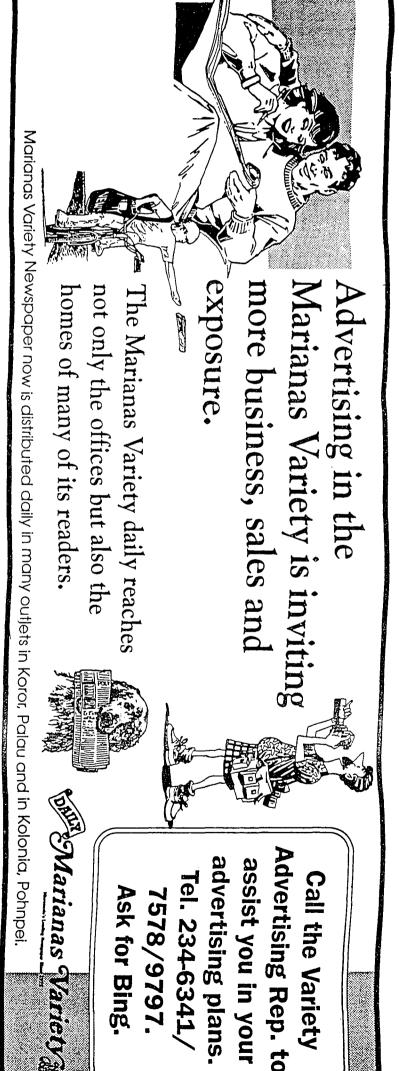
"Ican't stand to go there and visit that

aunt because she looks so much like my

Emira's mother is still with her in her

dreams, and they talk, just as the family

often did when they sat down to dinner



Wage . . . Continued from page 1 workers, McPhetres said, "the em-

ployer-employee relationship would become more of an adultto-adult kind of relationship." He said the employers does not

have to continue acting as a "babysitter who has to carry all the burdens of employees 24 hours a day and seven days a

The Chamber president said he supports an across-theboard wage increase.

Leprosy stigma persists in Japan

home in a few months," he said.

Brought over in an open boat -

the bridge was not built until 1988,

over fierce opposition from main-

land residents - he was dumped at

the small harbor at the foot of a

mountain and stripped of money

He was given a uniform and

assigned to a labor squad and a

floor space in a cramped hut,

He did not contact his sister for

more than a decade, knowing she

would have a difficult time find-

ing a husband if his disease and

During that time,

malnourishment and exposure

from official deprivation and ne-

glect claimed the lives of more

than 40 percent of Nagashima

"We only had cotton kimonos

Island's inmates.

whereabouts became known.

shared with seven others.

and possessions

By P.H. FERGUSON

NAGASHIMA ISLAND, Japan (AP) - Even in death, the leprosy patients who make their home on Nagashima do not cross the link to the mainland, a span they call the "Bridge to Humanity.

A half century after a cure was discovered for Hansen's disease. commonly known as leprosy, it remains a powerful stigma in Japan. Sufferers are feared and loathed. The nearest town doesn't even include the bridge on maps.

Now, all those years after leprosy was declared curable, Japan's Parliament is preparing to formally lift measures that decreed isolation for the disease's victims.

For Hajime Kagata, the repeal is too late.

"This is the place I expect to remain after I die," said Kagata, 78, who arrived 50 years ago as a prisoner on this rugged island in Japan's Inland Sea.

"It's easier this way," he added,

By The Associated Press

LEPROSY has long evoked im-

ages of horrible disfigurements

and caused widespread fear of

contagion. But the disease is in

fact hard to catch - and for 50

"Leprosy can be eliminated

years has been readily curable.

as a health problem by the year

2000," the World Health Orga-

Now often called Hansen's

disease, it is an illness of the

nervous system, triggered by a

bacteria so fragile that scien-

tists have a difficult time work-

It is extremely rare to con-

tract leprosy from patients. Not

one person working in any of

ing with it in labs.

nization said in February.

then paused. "No one has to take care of my grave.

A robust and neatly dressed man whose only apparent mark of the disease is his thinned eyebrows, Kagata is president of the Nagashima leprosarium's patient association.

Like most of the 500 patients on Nagashima, he was turned over to the secret police by his doctor in prewar Japan. People with disabilities were labeled "polluted" and "stains on the flag of the Rising Sun."

Although medically groundless by then, official policies called for the complete removal of leprosy patients from society.

While the disease is contagious, it is caused by an extremely delicate bacteria that rarely spreads in person-to-person contact.

Kagata was studying accounting at night and working as a bookkeeper by day when he became infected. He did not even

Japan's 15 leprosariums has

can suffer deformities like

clawed hands and distorted fea-

tures, because of damage to the

nervous system. The damage

is not fatal, but numbress from

ruined nerves allows injuries

to go unnoticed and even small

cuts can easily develop into

Nearly all the 560,000 new

cases around the world each

year are in the poorest nations.

and that is down two-thirds

About 10 cases are reported

in Japan and 20 in the United

since 1991, WHO says.

serious sores.

States

Without treatment, victims

ever contracted the disease.

in the winter, and little food," said another patient, Osamu Usami, Disease now easy to 70. Amid so much death, life's routines became ghoulish. "We cure, hard to catch heard one director ordered the ashes of the dead be used for crop fertilizer.'

Despite the food shortage, they were not allowed to fish, let alone swim, in the surrounding waters.

The grounds today are tidy, and the level of care is more or less the same as hospitals or nursing homes anywhere in Japan. The disease has caused defor-

mities and handicaps in about onethird of the leprosarium's 713 patients. Most are elderly; the average age is 71 and one man is

There are 14 other leprosariums in Japan that house some 5,000 patients. National law forbids any of them from leaving the isolated leprosarium grounds, although the measure has been flouted for

understand what the disease was. cases have been treated as outpa-"I thought I would be going

> A bill that would officially allow the patients' return to society was introduced in Parliament in February. Expected to pass in April, it would end a system under which more than 30,000 people had been rounded up and condemned to isolation.

But even after they are legally freed, most patients here are expected to remain in seclusion. "The stigmas against them are

still very great," said Dr. Osamu Onoue, the leprosarium's direc-

For now, patients still need his permission to travel off the island. He nearly always grants it but sounds a note of caution.

"I warn patients applying to leave that though they will always have a hometown, they may no longer have a home outside the island," he said.

Hardly a year goes by without a patient suicide. Onoue worries that returning to society might prove too tough an adjustment for patients, though so far none has expressed an interest in moving away. Most have spent the majority of their lives on the island.

Few have their own families, because even though the disease was known to be acquired, not genetic, draconian rules required infected men to be sterilized before marrying.

"My wife and I never really discussed it," said Masatome Ikugawa, 84. "But, well, of course we would have liked to have chil-

A spry and energetic man with an easy laugh, Ikugawa could easily pass for 30 years younger. One of the lucky ones, he was only slightly disabled by the disease, which left him with clawed hands and thinned eyebrows.

The youngest son of a fishing

years. Since the 1960s, most new

Takehiko Kawano, president of Green Cross Corp., and other high-ranking officials bow down on the floor to apologize in front of plaintiffs who contracted the AIDS virus from contaminated blood products, in Osaka, western Japan, Thursday. The Osaka-based company is one of five drug firms accused in lawsuits by about 400 HIV-infected hemophiliacs who sought compensation and medical payments. The drug makers and the Health and Welfare Ministry have agreed to a court-proposed settlement. (AP Photo)

family, he was already married when he came down with the disease. His wife abandoned him. but a brother stood by him when he needed financial help to marry a fellow inmate.

In those days, marriages were rare and husbands and wives slept in common huts packed with as many as seven other couples. His brother sent him enough money in 1943 to build his own hut for his bride that helped them survive the hard times.

Despite physical disabilities of many of the inmates, they raised almost all their own food.

"It was the ones who were in good physical shape that died first," Ikugawa said. "They were worked hard."

Though most died of illnesses caused by hunger or cold, some drowned trying to escape or took their own lives.

But even death provided no pardon from the leprosy laws. A small Buddhist ossuary atop Ten Thousand Spirits Mountain holds thousands of tiny, earth-colored urns on crude wooden shelves, the remains of patients who have died at the leprosarium since it was founded almost 70 years ago.

Pope makes his very first appearance after illness

By FRANCES D'EMILIO VATICAN CITY (AP) - Looking

drawn and tired, Pope John Paul II on Sunday made an abbreviated appearance, his first in public in a week after illness forced him to cancel several engagements.

The Vatican has been keeping quiet about what exactly sent the pope to bed last week - the most it has offered since John Paul's illness became known on Wednesday was that he was suffering from "a feverish syndrome of digestive

A round of applause greeted the pope after he slowly made his way up the center aisle of St. Peter's Basilica to take his place on the center altar for just the start of the beatification ceremony for two Italians who founded missionary orders - Daniele Comboni and Guido Maria Conforti.

The two-hour-long ceremony had originally been planned for St. Peter's Square, but after rain and wind lashed Rome for several days, the site was changed to inside the

With the pope not well enough to preside over the long Mass, the Vatican's secretary of state, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, was asked to take his place and celebrate the Sunday Mass.

John Paul was to celebrate his own Mass in his private chapel in honor of the missionaries.

John Paul's face looked pinched and tired as he lumbered up the football-field-length (100 meters) aisle. Since having hip surgery following a fall in 1994, the pope, who is 75, walks gingerly and

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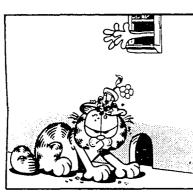
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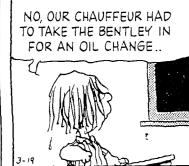






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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You will have an opportunity today to demonstrate that you are the best choice for that job or position.

You will hear good news soon. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You know how to present yourself properly in front of others, but today you may be stumped when you find yourself in a situation that is

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Others will come to you for help marks. Do not let a rival force you today. You can help them, but Ursula Andress, Glenn Close, ac- you'll want to think before you act in order to avoid making any mis-

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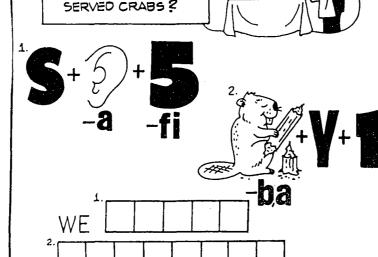
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One year after comeback, Jordan is still the best

CHICAGO (AP) — Michael Jordan already is guaranteed a personal 70-win season, one of his many incredible accomplishments since saying those two little words a year ago: "I'm back."

He's a cinch for an unprecedented eighth National Basketball Association scoring title. His Chicago Bulls are on pace for the best regular season record in league history. And he has again shown that he can dominate just about any game. "I'mnevertotally satisfied because

I start from perfection," Jordan said. "That's a part of my mentality. But I'm happy that I could come back and play the type of basketball that I know I can play.'

It was one year ago Monday that Jordan sent his two-word fax into the Bulls' office, telling a waiting world

that he was ending his 17-month

He played the final 17 games last season, with the Bulls winning 13 times. And he's the only Chicago player to have started every game this season; the Bulls are 57-7 as they try to become the first NBA team to record 70 wins.

So with Monday night's game at Philadelphia representing the equivalent of a full 82-game season for Jordan, he is 70-11 since beginning his comeback. And since losing in Jordan's United Center debut last March 24, the Bulls have won 39 consecutive regular-season home

Jordan had his moments in 1995, beating Atlanta at the buzzer in his fourth game back and scoring 55 points against New York three nights

Buthis memories were of shooting 41 percent from the floor, of making crucial mistakes during the Bulls' six-game playoff loss to Orlando and ofhearingsomemembersofthemedia say he could never again be the Jordan who carried Chicago to NBA titles in 1991, 1992 and 1993.

He also was criticized for changing uniform numbers during the playoffs. And his offseason included an unsuccessful bid to decertify the players union. "I came back for 17 games and had some up-and-down periods. What it really showed me was I needed to get

back in the gym and work on my skills a little," said Jordan, who embarked on a rigorous training regi-

"You guys (in the media) gave me

some great constructive criticism. That motivated me: 'Youdon't know if I can get back to the level of basketball I've played at. I believe I can, and

I'm going to show you.' "I haven't heard much lately about if I've lost a step or if I can't make the right decisions down the stretch."

It's become obvious that even if the 33-year-old Jordan has lost a step, he's still several steps ahead of the rest of the league. And he again has shown he can carry the Bulls.

The latest example came in Chicago's most recent game Saturday night. Scottie Pippen was out with injuries and Dennis Rodman was ejected in the first quarter. But the Bulls beat the New Jersey Nets anyway, as Jordan had 37 points and a season-high 16 rebounds.

"I'm willing to do whatever it takes

Jordan is averaging 31.1 points, 4.5 more than No. 2 NBA scorer Hakeem Olajuwon of Houston. His 53-point outburst against Detroit March 7 is the league's high game this season. He's shooting 50 percent and has improved upon his career rebound and 3-point

It's been quite a year for Jordan, and the next 12 months figure to be no less

On the court, there's the race for 70 wins and the NBA title. Off the court, Jordan will take on management; his contract is up after this season, and he already has said he'd consider leaving Chicago if the Bulls don't treat him "fairly" and don't retain coach Phil Jackson.

Fair treatment of Jordan might cost owner Jerry Reinsdorf dlrs 15 million to dlrs 25 million a year.

point shots to lead the Wildcats to a

40-24 advantage before No. 21 Iowa

Arizona (26-6) didn't have to rely

on long-range shooting in the sec-

ond half as it kept pushing the ball

up court quickly, outrunning the

slower and smaller Hawkeyes, and

beating them inside to go back up

closed to 48-37 at halftime.

Georgetown, Cincinnati, Arizona advance to sweet 16 Temple (20-13) closed to 64-61 with under Huggins, who took over a mori-

3:32 to go, then missed 12 of its final 13

shots to fall from the tournament with

Iverson scored 19 of his 25 points in the second half as Georgetown advanced to the NCAA's Final 16 with a 73-62 victory over foul-plagued New Mexico Sunday.

Iverson, who had to mark time on the bench with foul trouble for the fourth straight game, hit a 3-pointer to start a 12-3 run that gave the Hoyas the

lead for good with 14 minutes to play. Victor Page added 14 points and Jerome Williams had 13 points and 11 rebounds for the Hoyas (28-7). Clayton

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Albert Lizama

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Saipan Major League Game 4 Statitstics

Shields scored 19 points for New Mexico (28-5), which had its 11-game winning streak snapped.

In Orlando, Florida, Cincinnati earned a trip to the Sweet 16 with a 78-65 victory over Temple in the NCAA Southeast Regional.

Damon Flint scored 22 points and Darnell Burton made three 3-pointers during a 19-2 run the second-seeded Bearcats used to open a 15-point second-half lead.

Cincinnati 78, a loss to Cincinnati (27-4) for the sec-Temple 65 ond straight year. Burton finished with 18 points and Danny Fortson, the Conference USA player of the year, scored 15 of his 18

the regional semifinals at Lexington,

The Sweet 16 appearance will be Cincinnati's third in the past five years

after halftime to send the Bearcats into

bund program seven seasons ago and took the Bearcats to the Final Four in

Arizona 87, Iowa 73 In Tempe, Arizona downed Iowa

87-73 to gain a berth in the NCAA West Regional semifinals in Den-Six of the third-seeded Wildcats scored in double figures, led by

Ben Davis' 17 points.

ground outs.

Mauleg errors.

Conference.

Seabees... Continued from page 20

plete innings, 9-5. Amigos scored six runs on seven hits, led by Dennis Ngeskebei's two-run single.

Mauleg retaliated with two runs in its half of the inning on Dave Camacho's and James Diaz's RBI

56-41 with 15 minutes to go. Arizona had only one 3-pointer in the Reggie Geary, who scored 16 second half.

defeat, 15-7. Amigos started sealing the out-Amigos scoredone more run in the come of the game at the top of the fifth sixth when Frank Iglesias doubled inning by scoring six more runs for a and scored on an error. 10-run lead, 15-5, led by June Ito's Mauleg closed the game with three two-run single, aided with four

Mauleg countered with two runs in the final margin. its half of the fifth on two Amigos errors that avoided a 10-run shutout

tation.— By Ray D. Palacios and 12 assists and Tracy Murray had

21 points for Toronto, which lost its

In Minneapolis, Tom Gugliotta

scored 11 of his 26 points in the fourth

quarter and the Timberwolves

matched last season's victory tota

with their 21st win, 90-85 over the

Vancouver, which lost its 14th in a

row, shot 2-for-14 from the field in

Doug West scored a season-high

16 points for the Wolves, who were

without starters Andrew Lang (in-

jured left calf) and Isaiah Rider (up-

Bryant Reeves equalled his career-

per respiratory infection).

Vancouver Grizzlies.

the fourth quarter.

Mitch Richmond's 18 points, has third straight. gone 6-22 after a 22-13 start. Cleve-Timberwolves 90, Grizzlies 85

games of the season. Pacers 105, Raptors 96 In Indianapolis, Reggie Miller moved to small forward and snapped out of a shooting slump, scoring 27 points to lead the Indiana Pacers past

Sacramento, which was led by

land is 36-21 after losing its first seven

the Toronto Raptors 105-96. Miller, who was 21-for-76 from the field in his previous three games, started poorly but finished strong. He was 5-for-15 until he hit a 3-pointer at 3:39 in the third quarter, then made

three of his next four shots. Rik Smits added 21 points and 12 rebounds for the Pacers, who snapped a two-game losing streak.

high with 26 points, Blue Edwards added 20 and Eric Murdock had 13

causing Bruno to gasp.

Tyson then straightened out of a crouch and snapped a short hook to

right to the chin and another hook to the side of the head.

Bruno tried to wrap Tyson up, but Tyson pulled away and launched a right uppercut to the jaw, a right uppercut that scraped the left side of Bruno's head and then a thunderous rightuppercutthat lifted Bruno off his

Bruno fell back against the rope, his arms upraised, but Tyson's hook hammered him into a sitting position on the ropes. Lane leaped in to block Tyson's righthandand pushed Tyson

Lane then dropped to his left knee and removed Bruno's mouthpiece. It was over 50 seconds into the third

runs on Dave Camacho's RBI single and James Diaz's two-run single for

The game ended due to time limi-

Surging . . Continued from page 20

Kevin Johnson had 30 points and Charles Barkley 20 to lead the Suns, who have won eight games this season by overcoming deficits of between 11 and 21 points.

Cavaliers 115, Kings 84 In Cleveland, Terrell Brandon scored 26 points in his second game backforClevelandaftermissingseven

games with a bruised tailbone. He made 10 of 16 shots from the field and all four of his free throws. Cleveland pulled within 1 game of

the New York Knicks in the battle for the fourth playoff position in the Eastem Conference. Sacramento fell into a tie with the Golden State Warriors for the eighth spot in the Western

Mike ...

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in the second round referee Mills Lane penalized him a point. Seconds into the third round Lane warned Bruno, "You will be dis-

qualified for holding. Now come on." Bruno's reaction was to hold. Lane would have done Bruno a

favor by disqualifying him. The beginning of the end came when Tyson ducked under a slow left hook and ripped a right to the body,

the head, a hook to the right eye, a

This was the Tyson his fans want to see, the Tyson that packed almost 17,000 people into the arena. The performance was the reason Tyson has made dlrs 60 million in three fights since coming back from a fouryear layoff.

Brunohadrocked Tyson in the first round and battled him hard until he was stopped in the fifth round Feb. 25, 1989. Saturday night, he just looked like an old fighter. Frank Warren, Bruno's promoter,

said Bruno had a bad cut over his left eye, coming in the first round. The wound was taped at a Las Vegas hospital and was to be stitched in London.

SPORTS W



unrisers save the best for last

THE San Vicente Sunrisers escaped past Kiyu Elite in their last at-bat with a seven-run outburst at the top of the last inning, 14-12, in their season debut last Friday at the Francisco M. Palacios ballfield.

Trailing 7-10, going to the ninth inning, lead-off batter Richi Benavente reached first base on

San Vicente wins in last inning rally

an error by first baseman Poland Yamada.

Nick Reves and Frank Torres followed with a back-to-back single that loaded the bases.

Everet Indalecio drew a walk that scored Benavente and was

followed with a three-run triple by rookie Brian Lizama who ripped a liner to the right field.

Lizama later scored on Ray Renguul's single for a commanding 14-10 lead.

Elite Kiyu managed to cut Sunrisers' lead to two, 14-12, in its half of the ninth inning. The

tying runs on first rookie reliever Albert Lizama then got Dominic Chong looking for the final out of the game.

The Sunrisers jumped to the top, 4-2, in the first two innings, but Elite Kiyu countered and scored eight of its last 10 runs, led by James Miwata with two RBIs,

aided with six Sunrisers errors.

The Sunrisers are composed mostly of young and up-and-coming players, while the Elite consists mostly of veteran players from the Masters' League with ages 35 years old and up.

Age took its toll as the young Sunrisers made a run in the last three innings, outscoring the Elite, 9-2, led by Lizama's three-run triple.

-By Francisco M. Palacios

Seabees, A migos win

RED DOG Seabees Four and Amigos posted respective victories in the continuation last Friday of the men's fastpitch league.

Red Dog demolished Joeten Piaos in the six-inning opener on a shutout win, 14-4, for a 7-1 winloss firstround record. Amigos completed their round with an even 4-4 card by beating Stevedore Mauleg,

The defeatpushed down the Piacs to 2-6, while the setback tied Mauleg with Seabees at 7-1.

Red Dog vs Piaos

In the first game, Seabees Four jumped to a 5-2 distance after two complete innings when they scored a run at the bottom of the first on an error, and scored four more in the second inning on Mike "Rock" Guerrero's RBI double, Jess Wabol's RBI ground out and Mel Teregeyo's RBI fielder's choice.

Piaos registered one run at the top of the opening inning when Glen Cabrera hit a single and scored on Bob Lizama's ground out.

Seabees widened their lead by five runs at the end of the fifth inning, 9-4, in retaliation to Manny Cabrera's two-run park homer at the top of the third inning.

Seabees' Mel Teregeyo singled and scored one run on a pass ball, while the other three runs were scored on Mike Guerrero's two-run single and Nick Saimon's bases loaded

Seabees were bent on a shutout victory. And so they did in the sixth inning when they scored five runs on four hits and three costly Piaos errors.

Amigos vs Mauleg

Amigos made a grand exit in the first round by delivering Mauleg its first defeat in the season that forced the Stevedores to share top round honors with Seabees Four.

After a three-all standoff in the firstinning, Amigos managed to put up a four-run lead after three com-

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Mike Tyson: A champion who wants more

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Mike Tyson is a dissatisfied champion, and that seems to be the way he wants it.

"I'm never satisfied with my performance," Tyson said Sunday when asked to analyze is third-round WBC heavyweight title victory over Frank Bruno on Saturday night. "I just want to do better. I'm always searching for perfection."

While Tyson wasn't perfect against Bruno, hedisplayed some of the things that made him the awesome undisputed champion in the late 1980s fire, hand speed and power. He also displayed the head and shoulder

movement that were lacking in his first two comeback fights.

"Tyson is better than I thought," Bruno said after the fight in which he never had a chance.

The dethroned champion from Britain did not attend the Sunday news conference, which started more than two hours late. He was headed home, his career probably over at age

Tyson's next fight could be against WBA champion Bruce Seldon July 13, and promoter Don King said he also wants to match his 29-year-old fighteragainst IBF champion François

Botha of South Africa. Litigation and boxing politics could alter these plans.

Seldon, who attended the fight in the MGM Grand Garden, as did Botha, said of his reason for wanting a Tyson fight, "Basically, it's the money. Mike Tyson is the man where you get the money.'

The purses of Tyson's opponents are almost always the best of their

Brunogotdlrs6million,compared with dlrs 30 million for Tyson, but the Briton didn't do much fighting for his paycheck. He continually held, and

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Surging Pistons down Denver Nuggets AUBURN HILLS, Michigan

(AP) — Grant Hill had 20 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists, and Allan Houston added 28 points to lead the surging Detroit Pistons to a 91-81 victory over the Denver Nuggets on Sunday.

Hill's triple-double was his eighth of the season and second in three games for the Pistons, who have won five straight and nine of 10. With their recent surge, Detroit has moved into third place in the Central Division.

Denver has lost three of four. Twice, Houston hit buzzer-beaters, one at the horn ending the first quarter and then a 35-foot shot at the end of the third to make it 66-54.

Hill, Houston, Joe Dumars and Terry Mills hit 3-pointers for Detroit after Denver pulled within eight with eight minutes to play.

Antonio McDyessled Denver with 20 points, and Dikembe Mutombo had just three points, but had 11 rebounds and nine blocked shots.

Hornets 103, Suns 102

In Charlotte, North Carolina, Glen Rice scored 26 points and Charlotte earned its third consecutive victory

after blowing a 21-point first-half lead.

Rice grabbed a crucial rebound and hit a pair of foul shots with five seconds left to help seal Charlotte's fourth victory in five games.

Larry Johnson added 20 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds for the Hornets, who moved one game ahead of Miami in the race for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Chang proves he is champion

INDIANWELLS, California (AP) -Michael Chang went on the attack for a change on Sunday, rolling to a 7-

5,6-1,6-1 victory over Paul Haarhuis in the Newsweek Champions Cup

Chang, known for his agility and determination in returning almost every shot, did make some scrambling, spectacular returns against Haarhuis, who had made it to the final with a string of upsets.

But Chang also clearly dictated the pace of the match played on an afternoon when courtside temperatures peaked at 117 degrees Fahrenheit (47 degrees Celsius) at the desert resort.

This time, Chang forced his opponent to scurry side to side, up and back, more than he had to, hitting a deadly mix of crosscourt winners and blasts down the lines with an occasional drop shot for good measure.

Chang, assured of moving up one notch past Boris Becker to the No. 4 world ranking, won 38 of 40 points on his first serve and ripped off 35 winners against Haarbuis.

After having his service broken in

the third game, Chang broke back to tie it 4-4, then broke the Dutchman again in the 12th game, going to match point with a sizzling backhand down the line, then winning the set when Haarhuis hit a forehand long.

Losing the first set seemed to take the steam out of Haarhuis, a 30-yearold who played at Florida State. Haarhuis managed to win just three points off Chang's serve the entire second set.

Haarhuis, who will jump from No. 68 to the 20s in the world ranking with his finals appearance, looked spent from the heat and the long week, during which he also played doubles.

A premier doubles player who teamed with countryman Jacco Eltingh to win the Wimbledon, French Open and U.S. Open titles, Haarhuis went quietly in the third set against Chang.

He did, however, manage to take his defeat with a sense of humor, raising his arms with a dramatic flourish and grinning—to a roar from the crowd of 11,500—when he won his only game of the third set.

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Evert Cup Results

INDIAN WELLS, California (AP) - Results Saturday in the dlrs 2.2 million Newsweek Champions Cup men's tennis tournament and the dlrs 550,000StateFarmEvertCupwomen's tennis tournament at the Hyatt Grand Champions Resort:

Men's singles semis

Michael Chang (5), United States, def. Marcelo Rios, Chile, 7-6(8-6), 6-3. Paul Haarhuis, Netherlands, def. Goran Ivanisevic (6), Croatia, 6-2, 7-6

Doubles semifinals

Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde, Australia, (1) def. Byron Black, Zimbabwe, and Grant Connell, Canada (4), 6-3, 6-3.

Brian MacPhie, United States, and Michael Tebbutt, Australia, def. Trevor Kronemann, United States, and David MacPherson, Australia, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4. Women's singles final

Steffi Graf (1), Germany, def. Conchita Martinez (2), Spain, 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (7-5).

Final

Brenda Schultz-McCarthy, Netherlands, and Chanda Rubin, United States (3), def. Julie Halard-Decugis and Nathalie Tauziat, France (6), 6-1, 6-4.

Pool A Pool B Final Ranking

Micronesian Invitational Basketball Tournament Games results and standings

Saipan Youth Umatac 76ers Rota Tinian I Guam Malojloj Palau		Champion - Umatac 76ers Runnerup - Saipan Youth Third placer - Rota					
	SHS Selection	PC	ourth placer	- Tinian I			
March 15 Games Pairings/Score Umatac 76ers vs SHS, 61-36 Rota vs Guam Malojloj, 56-47 Tinian I vs Palau, 41-40 Saipan Youth vs Tinian II, 53-16			Margin 25 pts. 9 pts. 1 point 37 pts.	Halftime 29-13 28-18 18-27 23-4			
March 16 Games Pairings/Score Tinian I vs SHS, 85-84 Saipan Youth vs Rota, 51-46 Umatac 76ers vs Palau, 59-49 Guam Malojloj vs Tinian II, 57-33			Margin 1 point 5 pts. 10 pts. 24 pts.	Halftim 37-41.* 20-23 37-25 30-23 **	20-23 37-25		
Pre-finals Sta	andings						
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** Guam Malojloj has a 1-1 record, but its win over Tinian II was declared

forfeited in favor of Tinian II because of overaged players in the Malojloj team.

Finals ***

Championship: Umatac 76ers 51, Saipan Youth 48 | halftime: 21-23 Consolation Place: Rota 59, Tinian I 40 halftime: 28-22 5th and 6th places: Guam Malojloj 47, SHS 40 halftime: 27-17 7th and 8th places: Palau 57, Tinian II 20 halftime: 31-8

*** Final games pairings were based on fewest points allowed. Spread point was applied to determine ranking of teams with identical win-loss record last Friday and Saturday games

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