

Tenorio fires Wardlaw



Froilan C. Tenorio



Angela Wardlaw

By Rafael H. Arroyo
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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

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 letter 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

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' 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.



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
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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
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Sam McPhetres

Weather Outlook

Partly cloudy with light showers

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GST defends exclusivity clause

GST TELECOM Inc.'s \$23 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 introduce savings to CNMI long distance customers as it will provide long distance providers with a lower cost alternative for transmitting long distance traffic to CNMI-especially since GST will sell cable capacity at a wholesale rate to companies like MTC, IT&E, AT&T, MCI, SPRINT, and PCI. Carriers like SPRINT and GST have stated that they will offer long distance rates as low as .55 per minute.

The submarine cable project calls for interconnecting CNMI with Guam, Saipan, Tinian and Rota. Any carrier will be able to buy or lease space on the GST cable. Having conducted the formal selection process to bring about telephone competition, Governor Froilan C. Tenorio's office deemed GST's proposal as best serving the public interest. GST's competitors during the selection process included Micronesia Telecommunications Corporation (MTC), an affiliate of the Dallas, Texas-based GTE. As part of its plan to operate the system with local employees, GSDT established a local subsidiary, GST Mironesia which in addition to creating local jobs will establish new telecommunications services-

such as internet access and personal communicators systems. GST's parent company, GST Telecommunications Inc. trades on the American Stock Exchange. The project has come under recent criticism because GST's 25-year lease with CNMI guarantees GST exclusive rights to submerge CNMI lands for three years meaning no other carrier can build a similar cable for three years. GST won the bid because - unlike GTE's local affiliate, MTC - GST offered an open system designed to allow competition and reduce rates. 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

a "local" company with more experience. GST representative, Bill Martin says that his company cannot put on the proposed system without the three-year moratorium and that if the lease is blocked, "it will be business as usual for CNMI ratepayers accustomed to paying high phone bills and long distance charges."

9 people hurt in Oleai smashup

By Ferdie de la Torre
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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. The nine victims, including the two operators of the vehicles, were taken to the Commonwealth Health Center but were later released, police said. Initial investigations showed that the accident happened when both vehicles were cruising northward on Beach Road near the Oleai Mobil station. The truck, which was traveling on the inner lane, switched to the outer lane resulting in a collision with the bus. The bus, belonging to the Duty Free Shoppers, swerved off the roadway, struck the Mobil sign and damaged the window of the 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 traveling Middle Road before dawn Saturday. The police pulled over the vehicle on Beach Road in Garapan. When inspected, the police found an air gun. The four were held for traffic violation and reckless driving. In addition, the driver was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon.

Thief who left ID at crime scene jailed

A MAN who had left his identification card at the crime scene while stealing was given one year imprisonment. Associate Judge Edward Manibusan also placed Jesus A. Muna under five years' probation.

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 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 Aldan. 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 burglarized. 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 morning. In Gualo Rai, three persons were arrested for fighting each other at the parking lot at J's Restaurant before dawn yesterday. Arrested were Swingly Ngrailild Agnon, 28, of Chalan Kanoa, Ricardo C. Cabrera, 39, of San Vicente, and Charles C. Torres, 28, of Garapan. Agnon was also found in possession of possible marijuana, police said. (FDT)

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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 cheque once.

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 defaults on loans.

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 the address last week.

The Public Service Association has held a meeting with its members to report on the negotiations with Cabinet on the proposed cuts. The PSA has called for the reduction of unnecessary expenditures and the restrictions of new employees.

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 housing.....Pacnews

Malaysian gov't delegation in Vanuatu

A MALAYSIAN government delegation is in Vanuatu for a visit which will include a meeting with the prime minister, Maxime Carlot Korman, RNZI reports.

The delegation is led by the minister for primary industries Dr. Lim Ken Yaik, and the Malaysian High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea.

They will also visit the facilities of Malaysian companies logging in Vanuatu which have been accused of disregarding environmental issues. When the delegation is in Solomon Islands Lim said the foreign media and non-government organizations were responsible for the bad image of Malaysian investors operating in the Solomon's logging industry.

Malaysian logging operators must be reminded to be good Malaysian ambassadors. He said he would recommend to the government imposing heavy fines and mandatory prison terms for breaches of its forestry laws.....Pacnews

PNG to re-enter comm'l markets

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 Fund in 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 expand at similar rates to APEC member countries.....Pacnews

Solomons has problem settling US \$6-M debts

THE SOLOMON Islands government is having problems settling its debts to the country's National Provident Fund, RNZI reports. The government owes the Fund US\$6 million in rentals, loans contributions, securities and surcharges.

The Honiara newspapers, Solomon Stars says the amount is likely to accumulate as the financially crippled Mameloni government struggles to settle the arrears. Documents from the fund show the arrears have been accumulating since April last year and continue to increase each month.

About half of the US\$6 million 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 been made to the Fund.

Cultivation of marijuana is widespread

WESTERN SAMOA's police 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 drug. He says despite all the convictions so far, marijuana is an increasing problem in Western Samoa, with youths the 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.

The Sunday Samoa newspaper says gathering to smoke marijuana is now a common ritual at nightclub and parties.....Pacnews

Permanent Secretary for Finance, Snyder Rini, says the government will start repaying its debts next week. Accountant-General, Michael, Katea says it will be impossible to pay the full amount at once because the government also owes substantial amounts to other creditors.....Pacnews

Pro-democracy activist settles defamation case

TONGAN pro-democracy activist 'Akilisi Pohiva has settled his defamation case against the Tongan government out of court, Radio Tonga reports. Pohiva has won eight thousand pa'anga towards his court costs, and the government-owned Tonga Chronicle is to publish a retraction, in English and Tongan.

Tonga's Chief Justice, Nigel Hampton, confirmed the out of court settlement in the Supreme Court in Nuku'alofa. The settlement means Pohiva will drop his action against the government and the Tonga Chronicle.

The Tonga Chronicle's retraction will say that articles it published which, it has been suggested, conveyed criticisms of Pohiva - that he had not been a faithful husband, that he was dishonest and deceitful, that he was an obstinate liar, that he made untrue statements to pervert the course of justice and that he was an unworthy MP, were not meant to be taken that way. The retraction will say the Tonga Chronicle regrets any distress and upset that may have been caused to Mr. Pohiva and his wife as a consequence of the articles, which was quite unintended.....Pacnews

Student leader accuses Chan of fantasizing

PAPUA NEW Guinea university student leader Leslie Menei has accused prime minister Sir Julius Chan of "fantasizing" and trying to adopt ideas from other countries that are not relevant to the needs of the PNG the Post Courier reports.

He says Sir Julius is being ill advised and has called for the sacking of those who give him bad advice. 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 FundPacnews

Performance seminar for FSM officials on

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE)- President Bailey Oler 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 officials. 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 will also be representing the State of Minnesota and Governor Carlson. Dr. Jackson is recognized both in the U.S. and internationally as an expert in performance budgeting. Performance budgeting was recommended by the participants in 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 budgeting. 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-day seminar. On the morning of March 19, Dr. Jackson will meet with the Pohnpei Governor and Pohnpei State officials.

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US pushes nuke ban treaty

By CLARE NULLIS
 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 year.

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

"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 involved."

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 Mexico.

China conducted two tests last year. It wants to allow for the continuation of "peaceful" explosions - as an alternative to conventional explosives in the construction of canals, for example.

India is also creating increasing problems by insisting that any test ban treaty should be linked to a deadline to negotiate worldwide nuclear disarmament.

France, which recently completed a series of underground nuclear explosions in the South Pacific, backs the complete ban, as does Britain.

A comprehensive nuclear test ban was first put on the international agenda 42 years ago. But progress in the 38-

nation Conference on Disarmament - the main international disarmament forum - has been slow.

Australia recently put forward a new draft text, backed by the United States and the rest of the West. However, it is littered with brackets indicating areas of disagreement.

"People get caught up in how many brackets there are and 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 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 came 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 government 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

Christopher arrives for talks with Yugoslav leaders

By CLARE NULLIS
 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 on track.

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-



Warren Christopher
 tion 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 Tudjman and acting Bosnian President Ejup Ganic were scheduled to attend.

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 season.

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 next Saturday.

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 expulsion.

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Roh, Chun trial resumes

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Former President Chun Doo-hwan 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

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 administration.

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 1991.

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

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.

With interest in the trial still 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.



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 Photo)

Mitsubishi to withdraw from US small truck market soon

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 imported trucks.

A Mitsubishi spokeswoman said the company has already stopped exporting 1-ton trucks from Japan, with sales to be ceased by an inventory clearance of about 2,700 remaining

trucks in the United States.

On top of a 25-percent tariff charged on imported trucks in the United States, declining profitability under the limited market for smaller trucks there was behind Mitsubishi's decision to withdraw, said the spokeswoman, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Mitsubishi Motors will be the first Japanese automaker to pull out of the U.S. small-truck market,

where about 1 million trucks were sold in all in 1995, the spokeswoman said.

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 5,000 trucks in 1995, she said.

Other Japanese automakers - Toyota Motor Corp. and Nissan Motor Co. - currently produce and sell small trucks in the United States.

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RUST M. Deming, right, deputy chief of mission of the U.S. Embassy in Japan, samples a slice of beef jerky 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.

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Bangladesh situation worsens

Anti-gov't strike continues

By FARID HOSSAIN
DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) - Anti-government 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 eighth 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

people and torched a bicycle rickshaw 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 said.

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

Both Mrs. Zia and the opposition leader, Sheikh Hasina, are unyielding in their demands.

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.

At Mrs. Zia's request, the figure-head president met with top opposition leaders this week without any success.

The opposition has accused Biswas 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-

ling the election results.

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 exports.

Ignoring the strikes the President

Biswas is likely to ask Mrs. Zia to form a new government in a couple of days, a ruling party official said. He spoke on condition of anonymity.

The opposition says, the strike will continue indefinitely until Mrs. Zia quits.

They have planned to stage demonstrations before the parliament building on March 19, when the legislature is scheduled to convene.



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 rubble of the collapsed building. At least 10 have died and 10 were injured in the accident. AP

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 capital.

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 education.

More than 40,000 people have died in the civil war since 1983.

Accused war criminal to learn about fate by June

By NICOLAS MARMIE
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 humanity.

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 1942-44.

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.

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 vote-getter 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 politics.

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 parliament.

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 1992.

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

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

Sierra Leone, a once-prosperous nation on the west coast, has struggled for stability since becoming independent from Britain in 1961.

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

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 campaign.

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 ballots.

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 total.

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 outcome.

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 years later.

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

They will remember the inhumanity and brutality of the war for the rest of their lives.

They are five sisters in all, the youngest 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 battlefields.

"It is quite normal for hatred to exist because they've done terrible things to us," says the eldest, Emira Ibrahimovic, who is now the surrogate mother.

Their real mother, Emima, 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 Emima.

Emira was not with her. Nor was Muska, now 12. But Sanela, now 6, Semsa, 8, and Ibrima, 16, were eyewitnesses.

Sanela was three then, too young to remember.

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 casualty.

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.

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 mother died.

"There were a lot of shellings and an attack because the Serbs were quite close and in a position to spot us," recalls Emira.

"Many people ran away from the village."

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 screaming, but I did not know what happened," she remembers.

"They ran away. Adults from the village buried my mother. They did not allow us to look at her terrible state. They tried to protect us."

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

to her mother.

After two 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 1992.

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 Srebrenica.

"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 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 again.

"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



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Leprosy stigma persists in Japan

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,

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 leprosy patients' 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

understand what the disease was. "I thought I would be going home in a few months," he said.

Brought over in an open boat - the bridge was not built until 1988, over fierce opposition from mainland residents - he was dumped at the small harbor at the foot of a mountain and stripped of money and possessions.

He was given a uniform and assigned to a labor squad and a floor space in a cramped hut, shared with seven others.

He did not contact his sister for more than a decade, knowing she would have a difficult time finding a husband if his disease and whereabouts became known.

During that time, malnourishment and exposure from official deprivation and neglect claimed the lives of more than 40 percent of Nagashima Island's inmates.

"We only had cotton kimonos in the winter, and little food," said another patient, Osamu Usami, 70. Amid so much death, life's routines became ghoulis. "We 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 deformities and handicaps in about one-third of the leprosy patients' 713 patients. Most are elderly; the average age is 71 and one man is 101.

There are 14 other leprosy patients in Japan that house some 5,000 patients. National law forbids any of them from leaving the isolated leprosy grounds, although the measure has been flouted for years. Since the 1960s, most new

cases have been treated as outpatients.

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 leprosy patients' director.

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 all ways 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 children."

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

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 leprosy 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 nature."

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 basilica.

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 shuffles.

Disease now easy to cure, hard to catch

By The Associated Press
LEPROSY has long evoked images of horrible disfigurements and caused widespread fear of contagion. But the disease is in fact hard to catch - and for 50 years has been readily curable.

"Leprosy can be eliminated as a health problem by the year 2000," the World Health Organization said in February.

Now often called Hansen's disease, it is an illness of the nervous system, triggered by a bacteria so fragile that scientists have a difficult time working with it in labs.

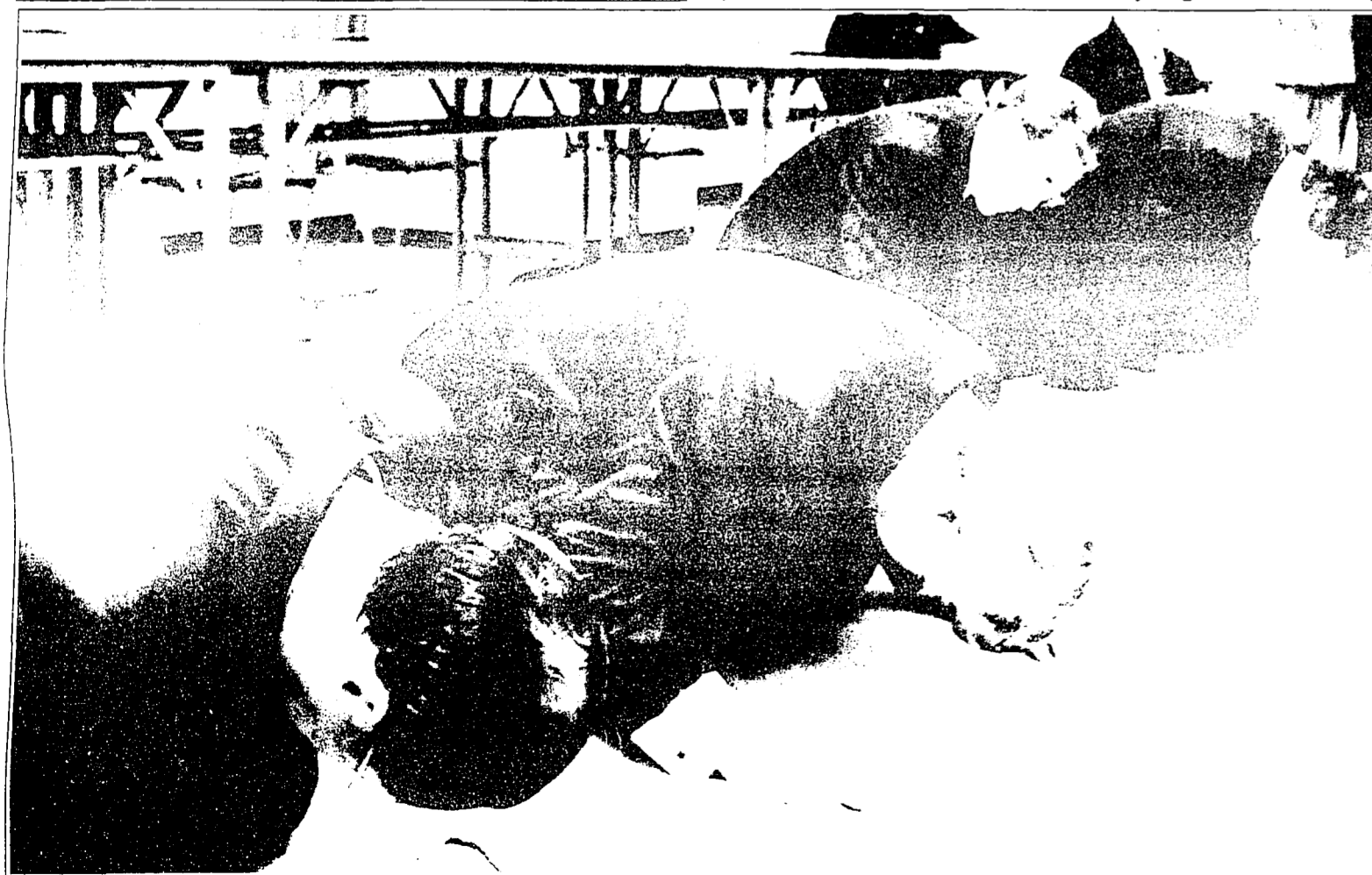
It is extremely rare to contract leprosy from patients. Not one person working in any of

Japan's 15 leprosy patients has ever contracted the disease.

Without treatment, victims can suffer deformities like clawed hands and distorted features, because of damage to the nervous system. The damage is not fatal, but numbness from ruined nerves allows injuries to go unnoticed and even small cuts can easily develop into serious sores.

Nearly all the 560,000 new cases around the world each year are in the poorest nations, and that is down two-thirds since 1991, WHO says.

About 10 cases are reported in Japan and 20 in the United States.



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)

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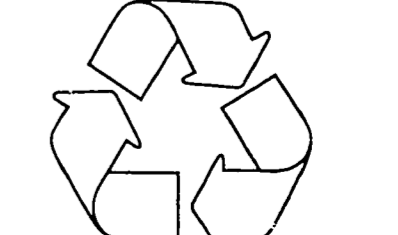
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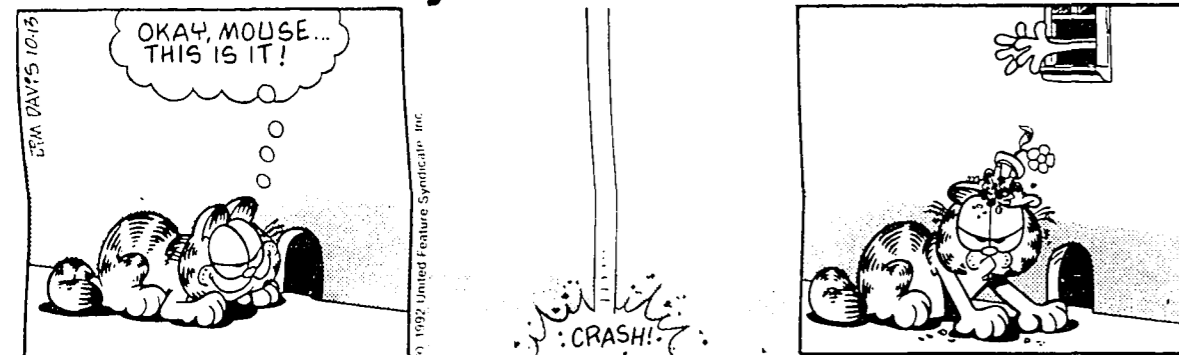
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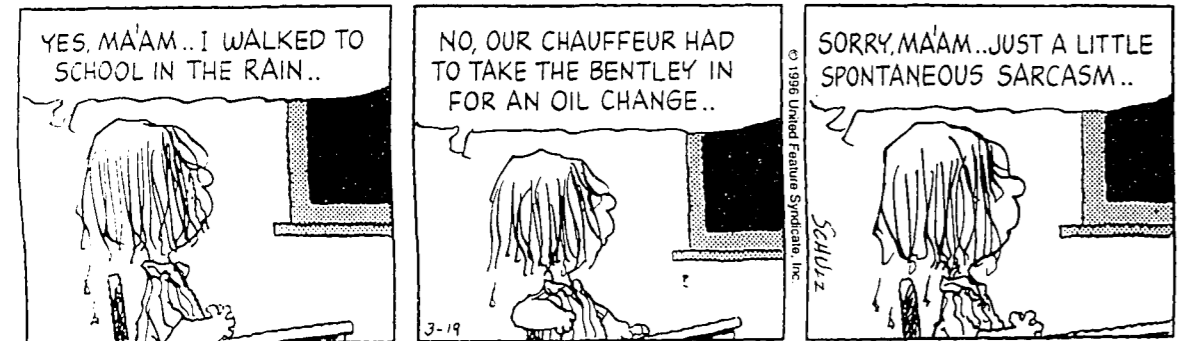
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By Stella Wilder

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your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — The end of a cycle is near, and it will be time to think ahead.

rely on his or her intent. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You should use tact and diplomacy as much as possible today.

BARBS

Lovebirds bill and coo. People begin by cooing — the billing comes later. Money isn't everything, but if you have enough of it, you can buy all the rest of the stuff.

It's time to say it again: April showers bring May flowers and the crews who repair leaky roofs come in June. Some of today's talkshow hosts must've flunked math.

There are two ways to lose weight: diet, or live on what you can make by selling elephants door to door. Remember when folks went on cruises to see scenery and not to pedal the exercise bikes in the ship's spa?

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes 'Answer to Previous Puzzle' and copyright information.

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Rebus puzzle featuring a waiter and a diner. Clues include 'WHAT DID THE WAITER REPLY WHEN THE CRANKY DINER ASKED IF THIS RESTAURANT SERVED CRABS?' and 'WE [ear] + 5 - a - fi'.

Advertisement for 'Balto' movie featuring a dog character and showtimes for The Movie House.

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."

that he was ending his 17-month retirement. 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.

Georgetown, Cincinnati, Arizona advance to sweet 16

RICHMOND, Virginia (AP) — Allen 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.

Shields scored 19 points for New Mexico (28-5), which had its 11-game winning streak snapped. Arizona 87, Iowa 73. In Tempe, Arizona downed Iowa 87-73 to gain a berth in the NCAA West Regional semifinals in Denver.

Athletes Foot Youth Volleyball League (final regular season standings) table with columns for Juniors, Girls Division, and Boys Division.

Saipan Major League Game 4 Statistics (March 15 Game) table with columns for Sunrisers, Kiyu Elite, and various player stats.

Base on ball: 2-N. Reyes, A. Sablan, D. Chong; 1-J. Salas, M. Pangelinan. Running score table for Sunrisers and Kiyu Elite.

Seabees... Continued from page 20. plete innings, 9-5. Amigos scored six runs on seven hits, led by Dennis Ngeskebei's two-run single.

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.

Mike... Continued from page 20. In the second round referee Mills Lane penalized him a point. Second into the third round Lane warned Bruno, "You will be disqualified for holding. Now come on."

some great constructive criticism. That motivated me: "You don'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."

to win," he said. 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 averages.

and 12 assists and Tracy Murray had 21 points for Toronto, which lost its third straight. Timberwolves 90, Grizzlies 85. In Minneapolis, Tom Gugliotta scored 11 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter and the Timberwolves matched last season's victory total with their 21st win, 90-85 over the Vancouver Grizzlies.

round. This was the Tyson his fans wanted to see, the Tyson that packed almost 17,000 people into the arena. The performance was the reason Tyson has made \$60 million in three fights since coming back from a four-year layoff.

SPORTS



Sunrisers 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 Reyes 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, Amigos 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 Piao in the six-inning opener on a shutout win, 14-4, for a 7-1 win-loss first round record. Amigos completed their round with an even 4-4 card by beating Stevedore Mauleg, 16-10.

The defeat pushed down the Piao to 2-6, while the setback tied Mauleg with Seabees at 7-1.

Red Dog vs Piao

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.

Piao 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 walk.

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 Piao 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 first inning, 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 his 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, he displayed 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 34.

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 fighter against IBF champion Francois

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 careers.

Bruno got \$6 million, compared with \$30 million for Tyson, but the Briton didn't do much fighting for his paycheck. He continually held, and

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Micronesian Invitational Basketball Tournament

Games results and standings

Pool A	Pool B	Final Ranking
Saipan Youth	Umatac 76ers	Champion - Umatac 76ers
Rota	Tinian I	Runnerup - Saipan Youth
Guam Malojloj	Palau	Third placer - Rota
Tinian II	SHS Selection	Fourth placer - Tinian I

March 15 Games

Pairings/Score	Margin	Halftime
Umatac 76ers vs SHS, 61-36	25 pts.	29-13
Rota vs Guam Malojloj, 56-47	9 pts.	28-18
Tinian I vs Palau, 41-40	1 point	18-27
Saipan Youth vs Tinian II, 53-16	37 pts.	23-4

March 16 Games

Pairings/Score	Margin	Halftime
Tinian I vs SHS, 85-84	1 point	37-41 *
Saipan Youth vs Rota, 51-46	5 pts.	20-23
Umatac 76ers vs Palau, 59-49	10 pts.	37-25
Guam Malojloj vs Tinian II, 57-33	24 pts.	30-23 **

Pre-finals Standings

Team	W	L	Team	W	L
Umatac	2	0	Tinian II	1	1
Saipan Youth	2	0	Palau	0	2
Tinian I	2	0	Saipan High School	0	2
Rota	1	1	Guam Malojloj	0	2 **

* The game ended in a double overtime. The first overtime was at 62 all, but the second overtime score was not noted in the official scorebook.

** Guam Malojloj has a 1-1 record, but its win over Tinian II was 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

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-beat-

ers, 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 McDyess led 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.

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Chang proves he is champion

INDIAN WELLS, 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 final.

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 Haarhuis.

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-year-old 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.

Evert Cup Results

INDIAN WELLS, California (AP)

— Results Saturday in the \$2.2 million Newsweek Champions Cup men's tennis tournament and the \$1.5 million State Farm Evert Cup women'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 (8-6).

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.