

# 1,500 jobs for Tinian

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THE CASINO project to be put up on Tinian by a Hong Kong-based investor is expected to create 1,500 jobs but the number of available local workers may not be enough to fill the positions, government officials said yesterday.

At any rate, Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio reminded the project de-

## Tenorio tells casino developer to hire locals

veloper and contractor to give hiring priority to local workers.

"I want to make it very clear to the developer that they have an obligation to recruit local people and unless they hired the ones available locally, we won't be able to issue work permits for them to bring in people from other islands," Tenorio said in a brief

interview with reporters.

Tenorio met yesterday with Tinian Mayor Herman Manglona, members of the Tinian delegation and representatives from the contractor Hong Kong Entertainment Overseas Investment Inc. to discuss how to go about the potential problem of lack of workers.

The governor admits that job opportunities outnumber the local workers available on Tinian and Saipan.

Tinian has a population of 3,000.

Sen. David Cing said the project would certainly need to bring in

nonresident workers to the island since the number of jobs that the project would yield "is more than the (number of) people on Tinian."

"We understand we would get the rest from Hong Kong or China," Cing told reporters. "There are minute jobs that we can take care of but we don't have an architect and we can come up with an outsider."

Government officials and executives of the contractor company broke ground last week to mark the start of the construction of the Tinian Palace Casino and

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Froilan C. Tenorio

## Apatang to Torres: 'We must look for investors'



David M. Apatang

By Zaldy Dandan  
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INSTEAD of criticizing the recent trip abroad taken by House members, Rep. Stanley T. Torres (Ind.-Saipan) should venture out himself and invite foreign investors to the CNMI, Rep. David M. Apatang (R-Saipan) said yesterday.

day.

"As members of the Committee of Commerce and Tourism... I think we did what we were supposed to do. We got out and encouraged investors to come to the Commonwealth," Apatang said.

Torres, last July 10, called the trip taken by Apatang, Representatives Ana S. Teregeyo, Karl T. Reyes and House Vice Speaker Jesus T. Attao a "junket."

The four were joined by Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio and two of his special assistants.

"It's a waste of taxpayer money.... I think it's nothing but a vacation, an early legislative break," Torres told the *Variety*.

But according to Apatang, the trip was "very productive."

"It was a learning issue for us, and not only that but we met a lot of possible investors for the CNMI," he said.

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## Even if US takes over immigration

# Alien workers here won't get US citizenship-- Aloot



Sebastian Aloot

By Rafael H. Arroyo  
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EVEN IF the United States takes over control of CNMI immigration, it is very unlikely for nonresident workers here to achieve US citizenship, or even permanent resident status.

According to acting Attorney General Sebastian Aloot, highly-placed officials in the federal government have told him that length of stay in the Commonwealth could not be a criteria for US citizenship eligibility among alien workers here.

"I'm of the opinion that work-

ers here could not get US citizenship based on the length of time they spent here. I have been informally advised that the US is of the same opinion," said Aloot in an interview Monday.

"I've been also told that even if US takes over immigration, though there's no threat of that right now, they would not apply the same rules they apply in the mainland," he added.

According to Aloot, a take-over by the US of local immigration here would require the repatriation of all non-resident

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Outdoor learning Third graders from San Vicente Elementary School experience the outdoors during a class session at the nearby San Vicente Ballfield. Such sessions are common especially in the afternoons when schoolkids are brought outside by their teachers to flex their muscles and enjoy nature.

## Sale of Hillblom's RP golf memberships being sought

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

WILLIAMI. Webster, special administrator for Larry Hillblom's estate, has sought the Superior Court's permission to sell the late multimillionaire's golf memberships in the Philippines.

In his petition for instructions and monthly activity report, Webster said Hillblom had memberships to two golf clubs in the Philippines—Tagaytay Highlands International Golf Club Inc., and Baguio Country Club.

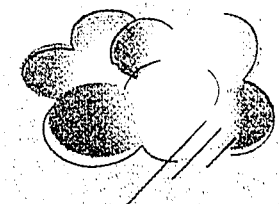
Joe Waechter, representative of Hillblom's suspended estate executor Bank of Saipan, reportedly said these memberships are freely transferable, with current market prices quoted in Manila newspapers.

Permission is sought to sell these memberships at current

market price, said Webster, through counsel Richard W. Pierce, in the petition filed Friday.

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## Weather Outlook



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers in the afternoon



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

JR's Marianas by: John DelRosario

If government agencies were private retailers SINCE retiring from government some four years ago, I've had the rare opportunity to look at our governmental institutions from the other direction.

Definitely, the performance of each government employee isn't necessarily measured in terms of profit margins individually or collectively. Theirs is providing public services in the best way they know how.

Therein lies the question: Do they know how and have they given it their best shots to assist taxpayers from all walks of life better their lot? Maybe. And just maybe! In my 23 years of government service, I've run into situations where service is taken by employees to mean arrogance or lordly attitude. For instance:

A woman from San Roque took off from work to follow-up papers for her live-in-maid. She lined up at twenty after eleven. When her turn came, it was lunch time. She was told to come back in the afternoon.

A young mother (a secretary at a private company) signed leave to bring her toddler to the hospital on an appointment. She waited two hours beyond her appointment before she saw a doctor. By the time she exited the hospital, it was around three in the afternoon.

A homestead applicant submitted her application for a residential lot three years ago. She was told she's a second priority for being an unwed mother. When she got married, she's told that she's now on the waiting list. She still is on that list as do many other applicants.

A young commercial farmer applied for a large tractor service. He was told to come back in about three weeks because the tractor is under repair. He came back three weeks later and the equipment is still in the shop. It's the ke sera sera syndrome.

A man lodged a complaint with DPS about threats made to members of his family. He asked the officer for some police protection. Said the officer on duty: "You'd have to clear that request with my superior, sir". Wow, we have a brain dead receptionist!

Imagine if each case involves selling products or services as a retailer. The woman from San Roque would be attended to regardless of the time. The mother with the toddler would have cleared the doctor's office in less than thirty minutes.

The homestead applicant would have received a solid yes or no answer. The tractor service would have been rendered without any delay and the citizen asking for police protection would have been assigned a security guard instantly.

If you're a government employee (civil service, appointed, elected) think for a minute whether the level of service you personally render to the taxpayer is worth the taxpayers money you collect every ten days.

Think for a minute too whether the level of service you render the taxpayers daily would translate into profit or loss for the department or agency you work for. I am sure that in strict honesty the answer favors the negative rather than the positive. You're supposed to facilitate the delivery of public services just like businesses do everything they can to ensure that their products move off the shelves. If the agency you represent is in the retail business, you'd lose your job in less than a year's time because profit margin would be swimming in red ink!

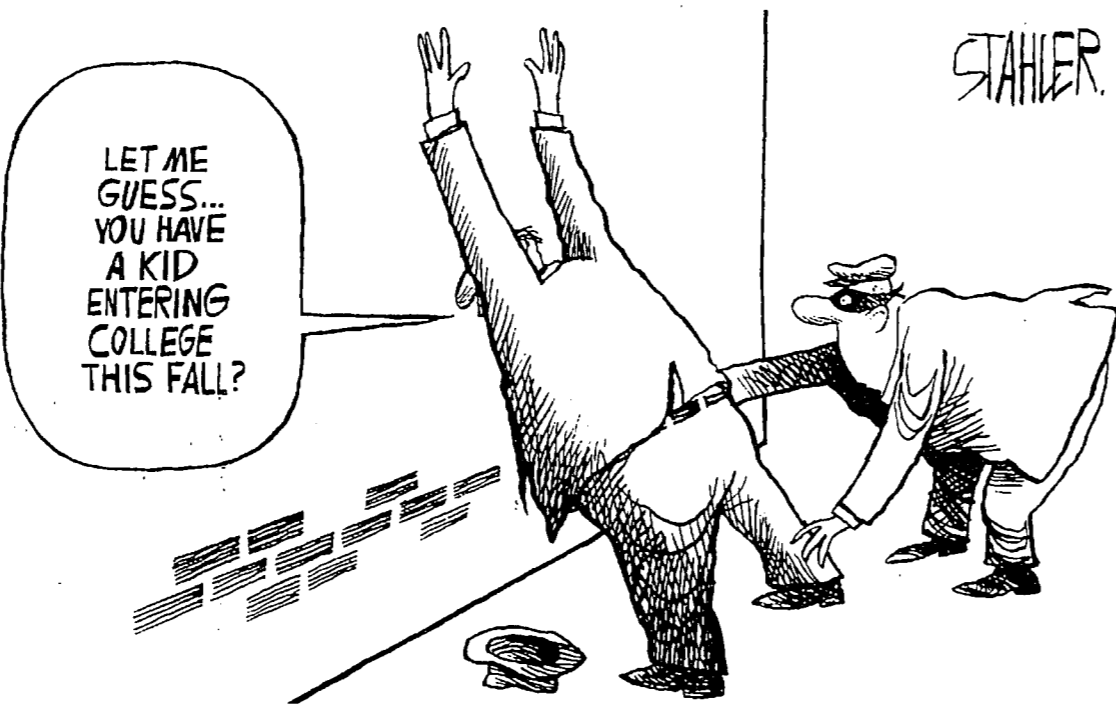
It is no secret that public sector employees are better paid than those in the private sector. The fringe benefits too are far more attractive than you would find in the private sector. The system somehow rewards drone workers rather than industrious employees. I am quite certain too that the annual Employee of the Year Award is a laughing stock among private sector employees who know they work harder than public sector employees.

Perhaps there's a need to reprogram the requirements for working in the public sector. Qualifications should include two years experience as a private sector employee. Employment in the public sector must come with a strong recommendation from the company manager that in fact you're worth the job and pay in the public sector. This requirement ought to change work ethics and force an understanding and appreciation for hard earned paychecks.

I've helped quite a number of employees secure government jobs. Their chief complaint is the lackadaisical work attitude of drone co-workers. Sure, the pay and job permanence is better than in the private sector. Such is the case not because most of them have worked for it, but because the system allows for both a deterioration in work attitude and the "oh, it's the government" so kick back, why worry syndrome. It never dawned on them that they too are the government.

Then there's the group of employees who secure high paying jobs through political patronage. No qualifications nor anything to hang on except being faithful cheerleaders, canopy and picnic table troops. It's the group that bewilders the educated sector about the value of education. They are better paid than most nurses aides, dental assistants, teacher aides and other deserving middle management people. It's a clear illustration of the cliché "It isn't what you know, but who you know".

Well, I'm not about to discourage you either. But never forget that unless you chip in your share of responsibility in strengthening accountability in government, you'd lose your job if the department or agency you represent is in the retail business. I suppose this is one of the fallacies or fringe benefits of American Democracy or the spoiler system. Now that I've got you all riled up, start working the clock. Our taxes pay for your salaries! That goes to the 27 men of wisdom and their staff on the other side of the street.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Principal's wife defends her husband

Dear Editor: On Wednesday, July 10, an article appeared in your newspaper entitled "Hopwood teachers speak about 'low morale' in school."

My husband, David Borja, Principal of FHHS is currently off-island for training, and has not had the opportunity to respond publicly, in print, to the petition/letter. However, as his wife, a MHS teacher and a parent with children in the Public School System, I would like to make several comments about the article.

Whenever there are great changes made, particularly when it has been said it cannot be done, it is human nature to rebel and fight the action. The year-round system and middle school concept are both changes implemented at Hopwood, both were controversial in the past, but are necessary and successful. The person implementing those changes bears a great burden, always receiving criticism until all the wrinkles to the new system have been ironed out.

Secondly, mention was made that the "school was being run like a military camp." Yes, my husband proudly served his country and is retired from the U.S. Army. However I question how these teachers know how a military camp is run, if many have not served their country in this manner. One should not make derogatory remarks about the millions who have willingly put their life on the line to protect us and have experienced the "military camp," if they have not done the same. In addition, the same practices used in the military are also found in most businesses in the private sector in U.S.

It was further stated that "by attaching their signatures...the 26 teachers took a big risk of losing their jobs." I have been on island for two years, and have never seen a teacher "lose" their job for voicing their opinion or standing up for what they believe in. I have, however, seen teachers reprimanded for failing to do their job, not teaching, not doing lesson plans, leaving students unattended, being unable to control their class, hitting a student, absenteeism, failing to call in to work, alcoholism, etc. We must all show professionalism, doing the job we were contracted for. If we are providing quality education for students and following BOE and PSS policies, as a teacher myself, I have nothing to fear.

Lastly, David and I came to the island as teachers. After one year, he was promoted to principal. However, to date, my husband has not received any compensation for this promotion. Contractually, new teachers hired today are given compensation for all their teaching experience.

At the time we were hired, this was not the case. David has worked many long hours, has borne the responsibilities and headaches of managing a school particularly during a time period of change, has given up all his vacation normally afforded a teacher, but has done so because of his desire to give something back to his home-Saipan. At times I become frustrated with my husband's devotion to the school, an say "You're not being paid for your services, let's go back to the States." But my husband's constant reply is "This is home. This is where we're needed."

Hopefully, the public will review both sides of this story, before making a judgement.

Karen L. Borja

MVB staffer parries Reyes criticism

Dear Editor: This is in regards to a certain Mr. Charles Reyes' article in your paper just a few days ago. I take this as a personal attack from this scholar from the other side of the universe. It has come to my attention that this is what this person is actually looking for, ATTENTION.

Mr. Reyes were are not overpaid. I wonder who or what gave you that impression. All the money that we earn are well accounted for. Tell me, have you ever had to work 16 hours in one day and this is after your regular 8 hour working day? Or have you ever been in a situation where things have to be done in a very critical manner that you loose sleep over it? If you have, then I respect your judgement of us MVB staff. If you haven't, then please keep your opinion to yourself and who ever gave you that impression of us.

The Marianas Visitors Bureau is here to promote abroad as well as within our region. We have whole bunch of activities for our local community as well as other residents set up during the year that no other agency has and in order to accomplish all this you need staff and if I am not mistaken, the MVB staff and

So please, lets just all get along. Jack V. Diaz

One of 2 suspects in robbery seeks trial

By Ferdie de la Torre Variety News Staff

ONE of two suspects in the armed robbery at a store in Kanhat Tabla who earlier expressed intention of admitting participation to the crimes has changed his mind.

During yesterday's hearing in the Superior Court, Long Zhen Nan, through counsel Chief Public Defender Dan DeRienzo, said he now wishes to set the case for trial.

Last July 8, Assistant Atty. Gen. James Norcross told the court that a plea agreement was in the works for Nan.

The defendant was represented at the time by Deputy Public Defender David Juarez.

Associate Judge Miguel Demapan set the change of plea hearing yesterday.

Following Nan's wish, Demapan ordered the defendant to appear today in court for preliminary hearing.

Nan is still in the police's custody.

The court set \$10,000 cash bail for his release.

Demapan ordered last July 8 the release of Nan's co-defendant, Gang Zhi Han (not Hang as earlier reported), on a \$10,000 unsecured bond, as the victim, Eun Chang, could not be cross-examined because she left for Korea.

Han was charged with robbery, two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, carrying a firearm, and illegal possession of firearm and ammunition.

Nan was charged with robbery and complicity to assault with a dangerous weapon.

Court information showed that last June 10 Han and Nan, both armed with guns, entered the Clara Market and forcibly took money from Chang's control.

Han allegedly threatened to cause bodily injuries to two men with a .22-cal. rifle, the complaint stated.

Korean sues co-investor over 'forced' buy-out deal

By Ferdie de la Torre Variety News Staff

A KOREAN sued yesterday his business partner who allegedly "detained" him for 12 hours and forced him to sign documents in order to take control of their joint business.

In a civil lawsuit filed before the Superior Court, Geon S. Lee demanded damages, the amount to be proven at trial, from Sung Kyu Lee for alleged false imprisonment.

Geon, through counsel Michael W. Dotts, asked the court to terminate the partnership and order Sung, to pay to him his share of the partnership assets misappropriated by the defendant.

Geon also demanded for a formal account as to partnership affairs and attorney's fees and costs of action.

The complaint stated that Geon and Sung, also a Korean, entered into a partnership for the purpose of constructing, managing and renting space in certain building.

Last June 18, Sung, accompanied by one Kee Hong Kim, came to plaintiff's office.

Sung and his companion, by threat of violence, persuaded Geon to sign certain assignments of lease and false confession of wrongdoing, said the complaint.

The signing of the assignments of lease caused the transfer to the defendant of Geon's ownership interest in the buildings which they both owned.

Sung submitted the assignments of lease to the Office of the Commonwealth Recorder.

The defendant has assumed the full management and control of the buildings and has retained for his own use all of the rents and profits generated since last June 18, the complaint said.

Rehiring of displaced RP teachers unlikely--Torres

By Mar-Vic C. Munar Variety News Staff

THE PROSPECT of rehiring the Filipino teachers whose contracts were not renewed by the Public School System may not be legally possible, education commissioner William Torres said in an interview Monday.

The commissioner's statement came after the District Court dismissed last week the lawsuit filed by 62 nonresident teachers—60 Filipinos and two Indians—who received their notice of nonrenewal last April.

"From the very beginning, our action was based on the law," Torres said.

A total of 87 teachers received walking papers. Some of them decided not to contest the nonrenewal of their employment.

During a meeting with President Ramos in Manila last month, Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio spoke of the possibility of rehiring some of the Filipino teachers concerned since the government's plan to construct more public schools would entail a demand for additional teaching staff.

Torres, however, is skeptical of the governor's plan.

"I'm not sure if the governor was advised by the Attorney General on this matter," Torres said.

PSS had repeatedly invoked Public Law 10-4 in not renewing the contracts of the nonresident teachers.

Judge Alex Munson, in a decision issued July 18, upheld the PSS action saying the commissioner could not be faulted "for following a Commonwealth that

has granted preference to the hiring of teachers of US citizenship."

Meanwhile, Virgilio Abueme, president of the Marianas Association of Filipino Educators Inc., said the teachers might either appeal the US Court's ruling or simply amend some of their claims.

"This is not the end of the world," Abueme said. "We can always pursue various options."

From the start, Abueme said, the teachers saw the case dismissal coming.

"We had expected it to be an uphill battle judging from the initial rulings of the court," Abueme said.

One of the major issues dismissed by the court was the teacher's claim the agency's move was a "retaliatory action" against those who fought PSS in a previous case in 1994.

Munson has said the teachers failed to present a proof of this claim.

Abueme admitted their legal shortcomings.

"It was really hard to cite particular instances of retaliation, but we knew it and we felt it," he said.



William Torres

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## CPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### NOTICE OF MEETING

Pursuant to Section 11 of Public Law 8-41, The Open Government Act of 1992, the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Ports Authority hereby serves notice that it will hold its regular Board Meeting on Friday, July 26, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. at the CPA Seaport Office Conference Room, Charlie Dock, Puerto Rico, Saipan.

The following items are on the agenda for the above-referenced meeting:

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
  1. Call to Order
  2. Roll Call
  3. Adoption of Agenda
  4. Adoption of Minutes (June 14, 1996)
- II. CORRESPONDENCE
- III. COMMITTEE REPORT
  1. Adoption of Financial Statements
  2. Other Committee Report
- IV. EXECUTIVE REPORT
- V. OLD BUSINESS
  1. New CPA Flag
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT(S)
- VIII. (Executive Session) LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

/s/ Victor B. Hocog  
Chairman, Board of Directors

### NOTICE TO INSURANCE CARRIERS CANCELLATION OF INVITATION TO BID (BID NO. IFB96-0079)

Pursuant to P.L. 10-19, the CNMI Group Health and Life Insurance plans are now administered by the NMI Retirement Fund. In the interest of the government, its employees and retirees, the Board of Trustees has decided to undertake a review of the existing group life insurance plan to determine the need for the bid invitation. Accordingly, the Invitation for Bid (bid number 96-0079) published in the local papers is cancelled until further notice. Please direct any questions regarding this notice to the Administrator, NMI Retirement Fund.

/s/ Edward H. Manglona  
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## PNG, Solomons officials agree on border security

PAPUA New Guinea and Solomon Islands senior security officials have agreed on security mechanisms for their common border at a meeting Monday.

The meeting was held and concluded on board Solomon Islands patrol boat Auki at Oema Bay in the Shortland Islands, Western Province, SIBC reports.

Director of Information Johnson Honimae reported from patrol boat Auki that the meeting looked at ways in which security along the common border can be enhanced by both the Papua New Guinea defense force and Solomon Islands police field force.

The meeting senior security offi-

cials agreed on setting up of communication links at Lofung and Taro in Solomon Islands territory and Toarato on the PNG side of the border.

The officials also agreed to defer the joint surveillance by patrol boat of both countries until the next operational liaison meeting is held.

However they agreed that the exchange of information will continue until the signing of the Basic Border Agreement.

They also agreed to hold consultation talks once a month and for ground commanders of both forces at the border will meet as many times as required.

Monday's meeting was chaired by

the Solomon Islands Assistant Commissioner of Police National Reconnaissance and Surveillance Force, Michael Wheatley.

The ten-member PNG delegation was led by the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Ludwig Kembu... Pacnews

### Fishing union issues notice of a strike

PACIFIC Fishing Company Employees Union in Fiji on Monday issued a 72 hours strike notice after management failed to reach an agreement on the reinstatement of the suspended workers.

The 52 workers were suspended last week after they refused to follow a new 12-noon lunch hour timetable which was set down by the management, the Fiji Times reported.

The union had said on Friday that 74 workers had been suspended. Union officials including their legal adviser Apaiaia Seru had to adjourn Monday's meeting in Levuka to allow the management to consider the union's claims.

When the meeting reconvened in the afternoon there was still no positive response.

Union general secretary Iona Waloki says they had written to the ministry of labour to report a trade dispute in accordance with the provisions of the Trade disputes Act.

He says the suspension of the workers was done illegally because they were not given the required three-week warning letters.

Waloki says the union was disappointed about such decision because most of them were permanent workers. He says out of the 26 workers suspended last Thursday only 22 received their suspension letters.

Of the 26 workers suspended on Friday only one had received his letter... Pacnews

## Fiji political parties hit Constitution Day plan

THREE political parties in Fiji on Monday condemned the idea of celebrating Constitution Day saying it was unnecessary and untimely in the present political and economic situation of the country.

They said it would be better to celebrate a Constitution which was liked by a wider cross-section of the community and not a particular ethnic group, the Fiji Times reported.

Fiji Labour Party parliamentary leader Mahendra Chaudhry said the Constitution Day holiday was totally unnecessary because there was nothing to celebrate.

National Federation Party parliamentarian Sayed Khaiyum said that although the party had ruled against the Constitution Day it would still declare it as a public holiday.

Fijian Association Party general secretary Josaia Cukaake said the holi-

day would be seen as an unnecessary public holiday because it was meaningless.

He said that to create a new holiday when there was a downturn in the economy was a waste of production for an entire day to the business community.

But he said that with the multiracialism stand recently put forward by the ruling Soqosoqo ni Vakavulewa ni Taukei Party there were some indications that the Constitution would be favourable to all races in the near future.

But General Electors Party secretary Crahan Rouse said the concept of celebrating a Constitution Day with a public holiday was quite acceptable and even worthy. Rouse said the idea of celebrating the 1990 Constitution for over half of Fiji's population must be insensitive even grotesque... Pacnews

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## Tuvalu's phone sex calls hit

SUVA, Fiji (AP) - Tuvalu's powerful national church is outraged that the tiny central Pacific island has boosted government revenue 10 percent by leasing its international telephone code to be used for phone sex services.

"If it is true then this is the most degrading thing that has ever happened to Tuvalu," said The Rev. Rosette Alefaio of the Ekalesia Kelisiano, the church that dominates the lives of 90 percent of the nation's 9,000 Polynesian citizens.

Alefaio had received faxed pages from a British magazine, Men Only, displaying numerous ads offering "Live One to One" sex conversation to callers who dial a number prefixed by Tuvalu's country code, 688.

"Tuvalu is a Christian country and things advertised in the magazine do not, and never will happen in Tuvalu," he said.

Prime Minister Kamuta Latasi has denied knowledge of the nature of the calls.

Lopati Tefoto, director of Tuvalu Telecommunications Corp., said that since April Tuvalu has been paid at least US \$ 50,000 a month and was being equipped for TV on its nine atolls by Asia Pacific Telecommunications, which has bought rights to use excess capacity on Tuvalu's international telephone exchange.

Tefoto said he understood

### Law students say allowances for books are insufficient

FIJIAN law students studying in Vanuatu say their studies are being affected because their book allowances are insufficient to buy all the books they require.

The students say that 500 Fiji dollars (US\$358) in book allowance from the Fijian Affairs Board (FAB) is just not enough for one semester, Radio Fiji reported.

According to one student they were given 1 thousand dollars (US\$717) each for two semesters and some of them have already spent all of it for the books they needed for in semester one.

The third year law students claim they have written to the FAB and have received a reply promising them their problems would be looked into. However, the students says it's over two months now and there still been no word from the Fijian Affairs Board.

Part of their allowances, the students say is used on the stationery they require which is very expensive in Vanuatu.

The students say they hope the FAB will urgently address their grievances... Pacnews

the calls were for "marketing" purposes, and said he was unaware of sexual calls. "We were told that this is purely for data transmission," he said.

Revenue received for the calls amounts to about 10 percent of Tuvalu's national budget of US \$ 4 million to 5

million. Tuvalu, which has only 10 1/2 square miles (27 square km) of land, relies on foreign license fees, remittances from Tuvaluans working on foreign ships, foreign aid and revenue from a national investment fund of about US \$ 30 million.

The Pacific Islands regional news magazine Islands Business said in its July edition that at least three other Pacific Island countries — Niue, Tokelau and Fiji — had also received foreign offers for the use of their telephone country codes from firms operating from or linked to New

Zealand, Hong Kong, the United States and Gibraltar.

Fiji rejected a deal with Asia Pacific Telecommunications due to the obscene nature of the calls involved, said Mohammed Farouk, general manager of Fiji International Telecommunications Ltd.

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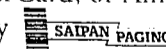
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# Peres blames Syria for poll loss

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) - Shimon Peres, out of office and facing an uncertain political future, sees Syria behind his misfortunes.

Peres faulted Syrian President Hafez Assad for being too cautious and too slow and failing to pick up on his proposal to speed up negotiations with a summit.

"When you have a horse race, you cannot have the mentality of a turtle and say the armor on my back will replace the speed of my legs. It doesn't make sense," Peres told The Associated Press in an interview Monday.

Had Assad agreed to meet often enough in direct negotiations with Israel, instead of proxy through American mediation, Peres said he would not have called early elections. And he would still be prime minister.

Peres spoke in a borrowed office, with an imitation oak desk spotted by coffee cup rings and most of his bookshelves empty - a sign of the hard fall from power. Many of his former allies in the Labor Party now want Peres, who has lost four elections since 1977, to step down as party leader.

In a voice tinged with sadness but no anger, the 72-year-old Nobel Peace Prize laureate said he would not go easily into political exile. He said he planned to be an active opposition leader and that he had not given up his quest for Mideast peace.

"Winners don't quit, and quitters don't win. Surely, I wouldn't like to become a quitter and lose," he said.

Peres said right-wing rival Benjamin Netanyahu came to power partly because Labor had not built a bridge to Israel's Orthodox religious community and also because of outside influences such as Assad's "over-carefulness."

Peres recalled writing to Assad early this year, urging him to speed up the process and join in a peacemaking summit. To make his case, Peres

chose an aviation image to appeal to Assad, a former air force chief, and quoted the French author Andre Malraux, himself a pilot.

"Malraux says mothers whose children are pilots are praying all the time that they will fly low and slow. They don't understand that to fly high and fast is safer. So I told (Assad): Let me know - do you want to fly low and slow or do you want to fly high and fast? If you want to fly high and fast, I am a partner."

"I got a reply: 'I am ready to meet, but I cannot quote a date,'" Peres quoted Assad as saying.

Calling elections in the midst of negotiations with Syria would have been politically unwise, Peres said. But with talks going nowhere, there was no reason not to advance the date from November to May 29. At the time, Peres was 16 points ahead in the polls, riding a wave of sympathy after the assassination of his predecessor, Yitzhak Rabin, by a right-wing extremist.

Faulting Assad was an unusual move for Peres, who while in office tried to avoid jeop-

ardizing peace negotiations. But on Monday, Peres said he saw a Syrian hand in the shelling of northern Israel by the Shiite Muslim Hezbollah guerrillas in April, which set off a chain of events he felt contributed to his defeat.

Peres recalled turning to Syria via American mediators to halt Hezbollah attacks. "The Syrians said, 'OK, there will be a cease-fire.' And on the next day, instead of a cease-fire, they continued to shoot."

This, Peres said, left him no choice but to launch "Operation Grapes of Wrath," the air and artillery blitz of Lebanon that led to Israel's shelling of the U.N. base and the deaths of 91 Lebanese civilians.

# Christopher slams Burma

Over military regime's human rights record

By KENNETH L. WHITING  
JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - The military regime in Burma is violating basic human rights and the deterioration of the rule of law there increases the threat from its drug trade, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher said Tuesday. Christopher's assessment of conditions in Burma was made in remarks prepared for the ASEAN Regional Forum, a consultative body concerned with political and security issues under the auspices of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.



Warren Christopher

In a move opposed by the United States, ASEAN granted Burma observer status on Saturday and has promised full membership to Rangoon's repressive junta, known as the State Law and Order Restoration Council, or SLORC.

ASEAN insists that its "constructive engagement" with Burma's military leaders will encourage it to relax its repression of pro-democracy activists, led by 1991 Nobel Peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas says that while ASEAN acknowledged that a resolution of Burma's problems was needed, it could not be achieved by isolating the country.

"The SLORC's refusal to heed the desire of a majority of the Burmese people for a transition to democratic rule and its increased harassment of the democratic opposition not only violates basic, universal human rights but raises the chances of instability, bloodshed and migration within Burma and across its borders," Christopher said.

The United States and several European nations contend that ASEAN's embrace helps entrench SLORC, which seized power after Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy scored a landslide victory in 1990. SLORC refused to accept the outcome and nullified the vote.

"The steady deterioration of the rule of law has increased the threat that Burma's burgeoning drug trade poses to citizens from Bangkok to Berlin and from Shanghai to San Francisco," he added.

Christopher told the forum that their individual approaches to Burma may differ but all sought a meaningful political dialogue that leads to greater stability and openness.

"It is important that we use our engagement with Burma to promote concrete results, especially after these meetings in Jakarta. Burma's participation in the ARF and its closer relationship with ASEAN make it especially important that the process of reconciliation move forward, not backward."

rial claims in the South China Sea and the Spratly Islands. Ensuring freedom of navigation in sea lanes that carry 25 percent of the world's ocean freight is vital to the security and prosperity of the Asia-Pacific region," he said.

Brunei, Malaysia, Taiwan, the Philippines, Vietnam and China have overlapping claims to the Spratlys, one of the region's potential flash points.

On relations with China, Christopher said Washington recognizes "that we continue to face areas of difference, which we must seek to manage constructively."

"The United States strongly believes in the need to ensure a stable environment for the peaceful resolution of the issues between China and Taiwan."

We encourage both sides to continue taking steps to reduce recent tensions in the Taiwan Strait, including a resumption of cross-strait dialogue."

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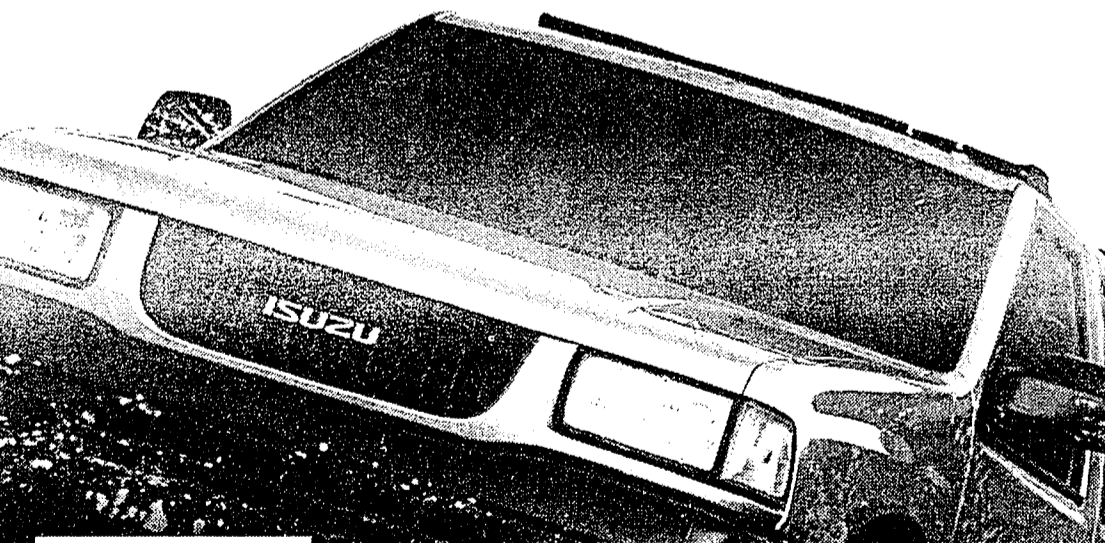
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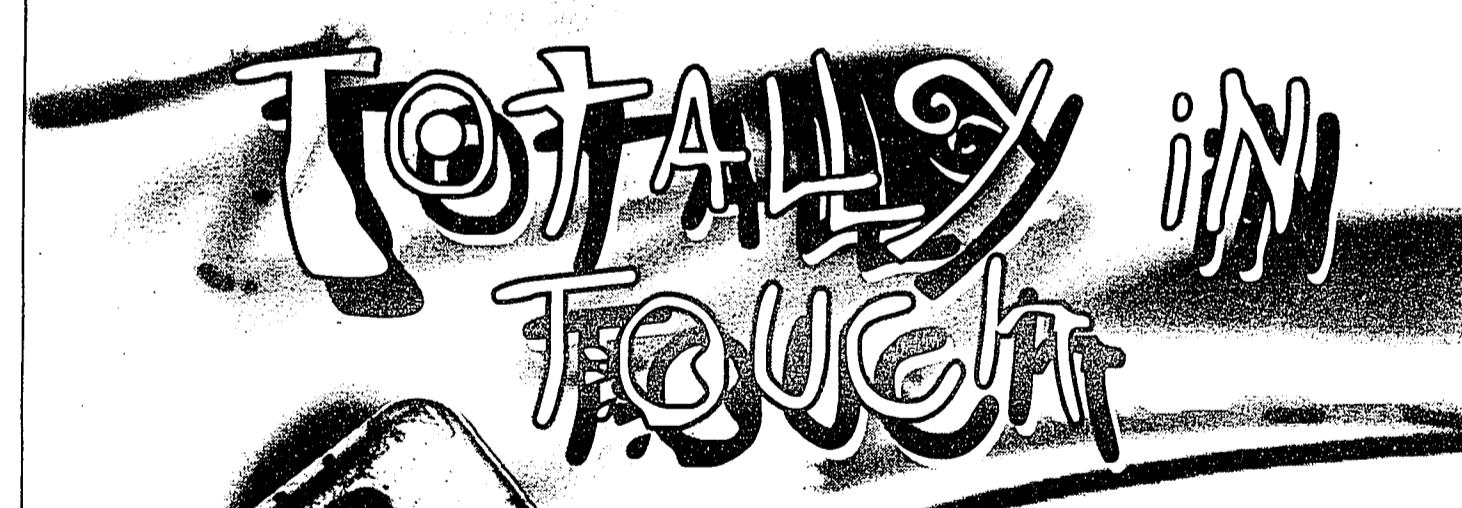
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# US-Japan ventures spur hope

*New era of trade peace foreseen*

By YURI KAGEYAMA  
TOKYO (AP) - Japan's giant NTT Corp. was in search of a technologically savvy partner to help create its experimental digital video-on-demand project.

But it didn't look to any of its local counterparts for assistance. Instead, it headed across the Pacific to California-based Silicon Graphics, the company that brought dinosaurs to life in the movie hit "Jurassic Park."

Now, 300 homes can access the system, which includes a graphically advanced video-game channel, cable TV and on-line information.

Such U.S.-Japanese cooperative projects may be an indication that a new era of peace - or at least a solid cease-fire - in bilateral relations may be here and worries of an imminent trade war can be put aside for the time being.

"I honestly believe it is to some extent a new ballgame," said War-

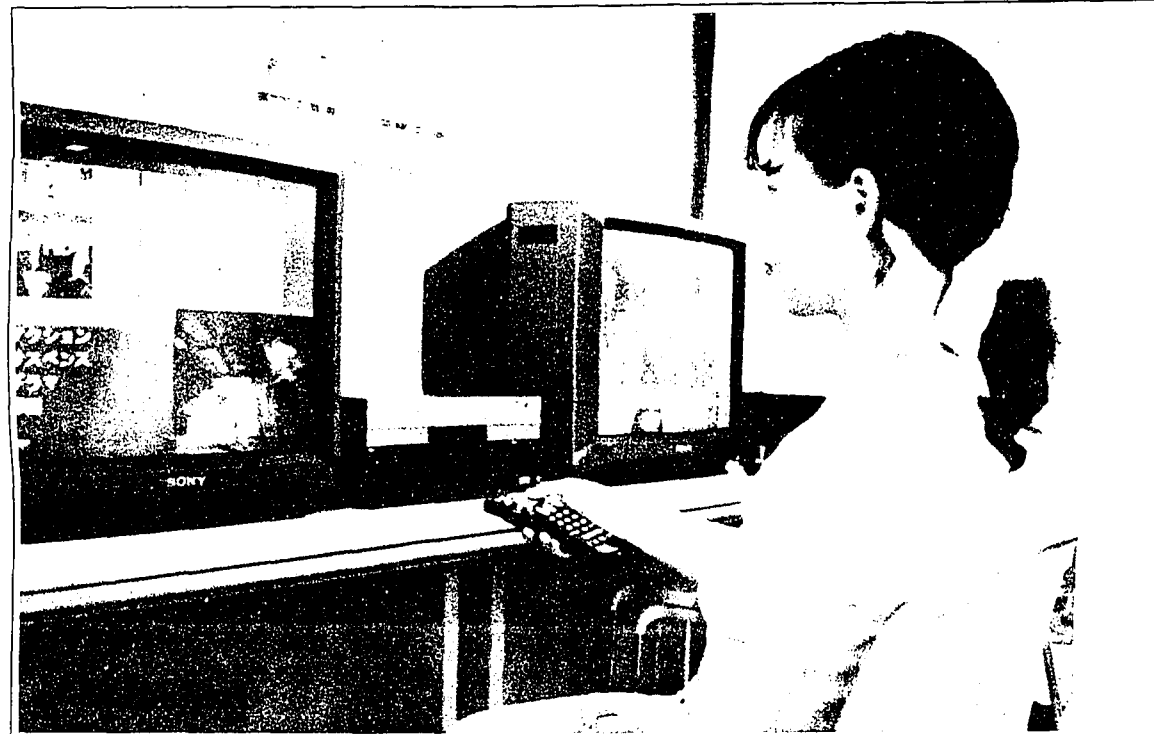
ren Day, of the American Chamber of Commerce in Tokyo, who has served as a consultant for U.S.-Japanese business partnerships. "There's a whole new era in U.S.-Japan relations."

U.S. and Japanese trade negotiators clashed last year over opening the Japanese auto market. And tensions still linger over boosting sales of foreign computer chips and film in Japan.

But there is some indication that Japan is starting to show a friendlier side to U.S. businesses. "Alliances are definitely increasing," says George Mu, a U.S. Embassy official in Tokyo overseeing business. "It's just the way the world economy is evolving."

Especially in high-tech areas, the costs and risks of doing business are so great that strategic alliances are almost a necessity, Mu said.

Other examples of some recent alliances:



A Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp. (NTT) employee searches a program through a video-on-demand system at NTT's Urayasu office near Tokyo last Wednesday. Silicon Graphics Inc. of the United States produced the segments for NTT's experimental digital video-on-demand project for about 300 households. Such U.S.-Japanese cooperative projects are growing at such a pace they may even herald a new era of peace - or at least a solid cease-fire - in bilateral relations that have often been marked by imminent trade wars. AP Photo

Ford Motor Co. increased its stake in Mazda to 33.4 percent from 24.5 percent, taking virtual control of Mazda.

Packard Bell Electronics Inc. acquired the personal computer operations of NEC Corp. outside of Japan.

Japan Airlines and American Airlines have agreed to share computer-reservation information on flight bookings, rental cars and hotels.

Anheuser-Busch Inc. and Kirin Brewery Co. help distribute each other's beer in their respective home markets. Kirin is now having Anheuser-Busch produce more types of Kirin brand beer in the United States.

The cutthroat nature of Japanese market can work as a leverage for American companies seeking to set up shop here. Often, "Made in U.S.A." can offer variety, a new technology or some other edge that helps the Japanese maker one-up its domestic rivals.

America Online is poised to start a Japanese-language version of its U.S. on-line computer service by late this year or early next year. It's teamed up with Nihon Keizai Shimbun, a leading economic newspaper, and major trading company Mitsui Inc.

It's hoping that its service, used by some 6 million subscribers back home, will prove equally appealing to Japanese discovering the Internet.

Japanese buyers have started to embrace U.S. products - Compaq computers and Chrysler Jeeps - shedding their famous loyalty to Japanese brands.

But much more needs to change if Japan's markets are to become truly open, starting with the easing of the countless regulations that block outsiders, said Tomoharu Washio of the Japan External Trade Organization, a government organization that promotes trade.

"We can say we are heading toward a new era," he said. "But it's hard to say whether we're really there yet."

## Large piece of TWA jet wreckage retrieved

# More crash fatalities found

By LARRY NEUMEISTER  
EAST MORICHES, New York (AP) - Divers have reached a large section of downed TWA Flight 800 on the ocean floor, pulling out six bodies from their watery tomb and searching for clues to what caused the disaster.

"This is a big step forward," said FBI Assistant Director James Kallstrom.

"We predicted this would be a good day, and it was."

National Transportation Safety Board Vice Chairman Robert Francis said the fuselage section was found Monday in a "wreckage field" of airplane parts scattered along the ocean floor below 120 feet (36 meters) of water.

"There are literally hundreds of objects down there," he said. After removing any more bodies that might be found, investigators will analyze and prioritize the objects to bring up.

The discovery, which came after several days when searchers were hampered by bad weather and equipment glitches, was announced at an emotional seaside memorial service.

President Clinton asked Americans to sympathize with the crash

victims' families, who are frustrated at the slow pace of the investigation and the recovery of the bodies.

Clinton is sending Federal Emergency Management Agency Director James Lee Witt to New York as his representative.

"The president wants his own eyes and ears in place," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said.

The bodies were found underneath the 30-foot by 60-foot (9-meter by 18-meter) piece of fuselage sticking about 10 feet (3 meters) off the sea floor, Francis said.

Any more bodies found will be removed before investigators try to bring up wreckage, which is strewn in a fairly dense trail about 500 feet (150 meters) long.

The Paris-bound flight exploded

in a fireball and plummeted into the sea Wednesday about 10 miles (16 kilometers) offshore, killing all 230 aboard. Investigators are still unsure what caused the catastrophe, but suspect terrorism or an unprecedented mechanical failure.

Investigators say clues might be lost the longer the wreckage remains in the water. Surging salt water can destroy or sweep away chemical signatures on bomb materials or pieces of evidence.

Even the smallest items could prove important. It was a fingernail-sized fragment of a timing device found embedded in clothing that determined that a bomb blew Pan Am Flight 103 out of the sky over Lockerbie, Scotland.

CNN reported Monday that chemical traces had been found on the trailing edge of a wing.

Francis told The Associated Press he wasn't aware of any traces found.

The Boeing 747's two black boxes still haven't been found, and investigators said they haven't heard the telltale "pings" the boxes emit, possibly because they are buried or covered with certain types of metal.

Francis said the boxes' batteries had been recently replaced and the boxes should be working.

Francis said Monday that the search for the boxes was being temporarily suspended so workers could focus on retrieving the fuselage.

The equipment used to look for the main piece of wreckage interferes with the electronics of the device needed to locate the signal from the boxes, he said.

Of the 107 bodies recovered by

Monday, 64 had been positively identified.


The search Monday was made easier by the best weather conditions since the crash - 2 foot (60-centimeter) swells and moderate winds.

The Coast Guard collected debris on the surface near the crash site, about 12 miles (20 kilometers) off Long Island.

Kallstrom said that if the crash was determined to be an act of terrorism, the FBI was ready to begin analyzing any information with hundreds of agents around the world.

"There are terrorist states, Syria, Libya, North Korea, Iraq, Iran. We know who they are," he said. "It's not like we're blind, it's not like we don't know what's going on."

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## Homeless camp out to protest

By DANA CALVO  
SAN DIEGO (AP) - About two dozen of the city's homeless marched from Balboa Park to City Hall Monday night to launch what one organizer called an "extended campout."

They are demanding that city officials stop trying to sweep them off the streets in preparation for next month's Republican National Convention. About 30,000 guests are expected for the convention.

"This is not a protest, this is an extended campout," said march organizer Larry Milligan. "People are being taken to jail not because of alcohol and drug problems, but simply because they're homeless, because they're too tired to move anywhere."

Milligan, who used to be homeless, now operates a food truck at Balboa Park two nights a week.

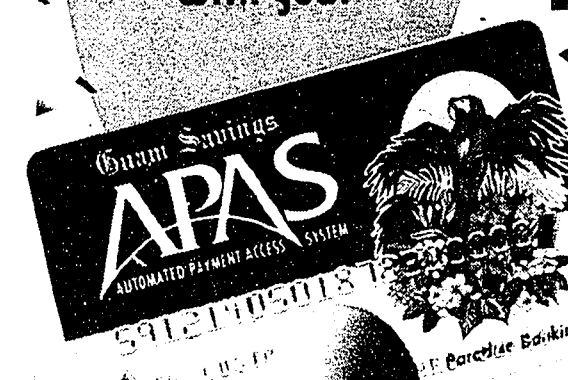
Among some of the protesters' demands are a 24-hour "safe-site" where people can sleep and leave their belongings, more public restroom facilities and hotel vouchers.

The demonstrators said they would sleep at City Hall, less than two miles (three kilometers) from where the Republican delegates will meet, throughout the convention.

There are an estimated 4,000 homeless in the downtown area, Milligan said.

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# Business/Trade



## Microsoft profits up 52%

By GEORGE TIBBITS  
SEATTLE (AP) - Strong sales of programs that are pre-installed on personal computers helped Microsoft Corp. to a 52 percent jump in profit during its fiscal fourth quarter, the company said late Monday.

Microsoft earned \$ 559 million, or 87 cents per share, in the quarter that ended June 30. Its profit for the same period a year ago was \$ 368 million, or 58 cents a share, when it had a 52 percent per-share charge for calling off an acquisition of Intuit Corp.

Revenue rose 39 percent to record \$ 2.3 billion, from \$ 1.6 billion a year ago. The company released the results after stock markets closed. Microsoft closed down \$ 1.23 at \$ 119.75 on the Nasdaq Stock Market during a day when technology stocks broadly were lower.

Earnings were just above analysts' consensus of 84 to 85 cents a share. "The year's been a CFO's dream," said Mike Brown, vice president and chief financial officer for Microsoft. Costs came down, revenues rose and sales remained strong throughout all business segments, he said.

Revenue from desktop applications such as word processors and spreadsheets exceeded \$ 1 billion for the second consecutive quarter. Brown said research and development costs, which totaled \$ 1.4 billion in fiscal 1996, may increase as Microsoft works to exploit the success of the Internet. But he said he sees nothing ominous for the coming months.

Results for the software company are closely watched by the financial markets, which have swung widely in the past week over worries about technology stocks.

For the fiscal year that ended June 30, Microsoft had record profits of \$ 2.2 billion or \$ 3.43 a share, up 51 percent from \$ 1.5 billion or \$ 2.32 a share last year. Annual revenues were up 46 percent, to \$ 8.7 billion from \$ 5.9 billion.

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Rosary is being said nightly at 8:00pm. at the residence of the late Mr. Miguel M. & Mrs. Anuncia Q. Babauta at As Matuis.

Last respect will be on Saturday, July 27, 1996 from 7:30AM to 2:30PM.

Christian Mass will be held on the same day at 3:00pm at San Roque Church. Burial will follow immediately at the Tanapag (Lower Base) Cemetery.

Si Yuus Maase.  
From the Family



Rev. Jesse Jackson waves as he takes a taxi to leave Tokyo headquarters of Mitsubishi Motor Corp. after a meeting last Wednesday with its executives to discuss alleged sexual harassments at its U.S. subsidiary Mitsubishi Motor Manufacturing of America Inc.'s plant in Normal, Ill. AP Photo

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On the final day, July 24th, rosary will be said at 12:00 noon followed by a mass intention at 5:00 pm. at San Antonio Church. Dinner will be served at Halina's Restaurant (Afelna Square Bldg.) in San Antonio.

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## Stocks rebound, dollar finishes lower in Tokyo

TOKYO (AP) - Tokyo stock prices ended higher Tuesday, with the benchmark index rebounding on last-minute purchases following a three-day loss. The U.S. dollar traded lower against the Japanese yen at mid afternoon.

The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average gained 158.06 points, or 0.75 percent, ending the day at 21,163.69 after losing 52.66 points, or 0.25 percent, in the morning session. On Monday, the index shed 2.19 percent.

In the morning session, the Nikkei fell below the key psychological 21,000-point level as investors bailed out of the market because of concerns about possible higher interest rates.

The Tokyo Stock Price Index of all issues listed on the first section was up 6.47 points, or 0.40 percent, to 1,609.70. The TOPIX was down 27.37 points, or 1.68 percent, the day before.

Volume on the exchange's first section was estimated at 300 million shares, almost unchanged from Monday's 318 million. Declining issues outnumbered advancers 579 to 463, with 177

unchanged. In currency dealings, the dollar weakened as the market continued to focus on a possible interest rate hike by the Bank of Japan. Traders said the market suspected that rates could be raised as early as next week.

At 3 p.m. (0600 GMT), the dollar was trading at 107.13 yen, down 0.63 yen from late Monday in Tokyo and also below its late New York level overnight of 107.44 yen.

Also weighing on the dollar was Monday's 35.88-point fall in the Dow Jones industrial average, which revived currency market fears of a continued sell-off in U.S. capital markets.

Since last week's wide fluctuations in the Dow, dealers have been worried about a flight from dollars into other major currencies, including the German mark, yen and Swiss franc.

The benchmark No. 182 10-year Japanese government bond was sold at 97.41 yen, down from Monday's finish at 97.62 yen. Its yield, which moves in the opposite direction, rose to 3.370 percent from 3.340 percent.

# Gov't troops prepare to attack

By DEXTER CRUEZ  
COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) - The Sri Lankan army on Tuesday massed new troops on a northern beach to prepare for an assault on a military base which Tamil rebels say they have overrun after wiping out its 1,200-man garrison.

## Beach assault readied on camp overrun by rebels

Three helicopters shuttled Monday, while naval landing craft set off from the nearby port of Trincomalee with more infantrymen to be beached a few kilometers (miles) south of the Mullaitivu army base, military officials said. The government belittled the importance of the battle, which is turning out to be the military's biggest

debacle in the 13-year civil war, and has reaffirmed the Tamil Tiger guerrillas as a military force. "This attack is to restore their international image after recent defeats. But this is not a big victory for them," Anuruddha Ratwatte, deputy defense minister told reporters.

But military officials said it appeared that the base had been overrun since there was no radio contact with the garrison since Friday. A handful of soldiers could be hiding in the nearby jungles, said the officials speaking on condition of anonymity.

The rebels have started destroying military structures at the 8-square-kilometer (3.2 square miles) base, that was once the township of Mullaitivu, 275 kilometers (170 miles) north of the capital, Colombo.

The two sides gave conflicting casualty reports, with the rebels claiming 1,208 soldiers and 241 guerrillas have been killed. The military said about 300 soldiers 400 rebels have died and it has not lost the base.

There was no independent confirmation of either claim, since the government has barred journalists from the war zones, and there are no telephone links with the north, much of which is held by the rebels.

Just two months ago, the military expelled rebels from the Jaffna Peninsula, where they had run a virtually autonomous state for years. The government hoped then that it was almost done fighting a war that costs a billion dollars a year and has killed 42,000 people.

The biggest battle in the war was in November 1993, when 754 soldiers and sailors and 700 rebels were killed in four days of fighting at the Pooneryn military complex in the north. Sri Lanka marks the 13th anniversary Tuesday of nationwide anti-Tamil riots in which more than 2,000 people were killed. The riots are regarded as the start of the war.

On Tuesday, security was tightened in the capital, with soldiers on motorcycles hunting for rebel saboteurs, racing around Tamil neighborhoods checking people's identification. Many parents kept their children away from school.

## US reaffirms position against Boutros-Ghali

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - The United States reaffirmed its opposition to U.N. chief Boutros Boutros-Ghali on Monday, saying diplomats who believe the country will change its position "do not understand the United States of America."

Last month, the United States announced it would use its Security Council veto if necessary to block a second five-year term for Boutros-Ghali as U.N. secretary-general. His current term expires Dec. 31.

Some U.N. officials have speculated that the United States might withdraw its threat if President Clinton wins re-election in November.

"The United States has taken an irrevocable position regarding the re-election of Boutros-Ghali," U.S. Mission spokesman James P. Rubin told reporters. "Those who think we'll change our mind simply do not understand the United States of America."

U.S. Ambassador Madeleine Albright said she agreed with Rubin's assessment.

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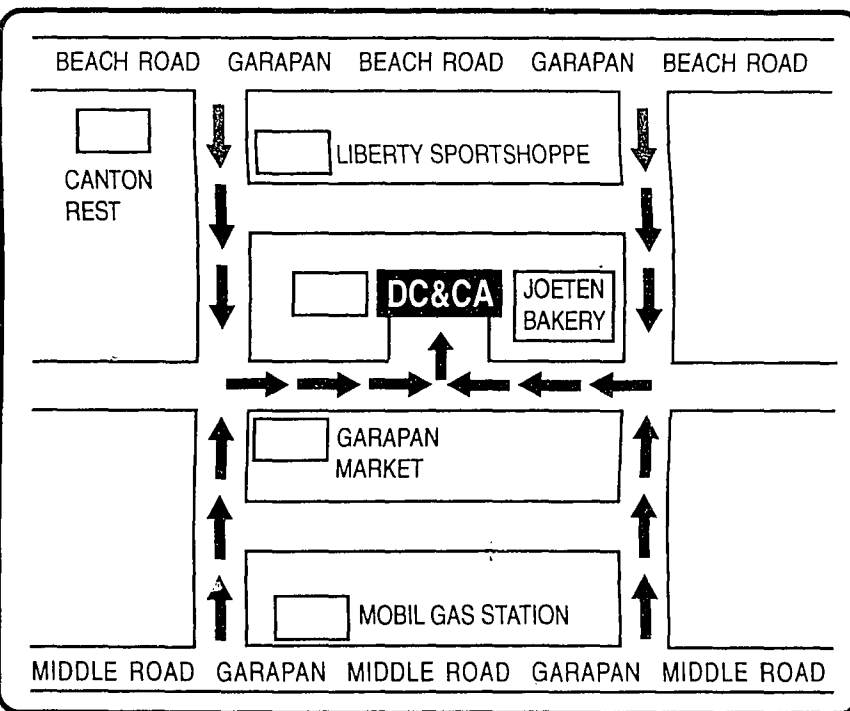
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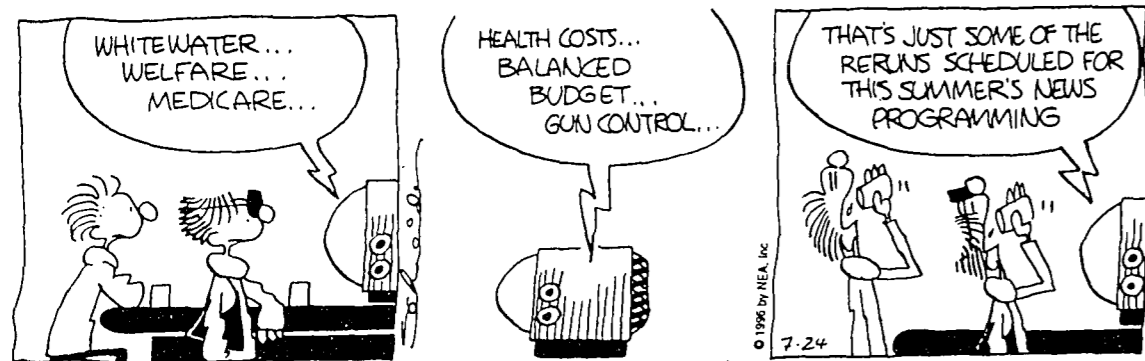
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STELLA WILDER YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

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graph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide. THURSDAY, JULY 25 LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today, your accomplishments will inspire others to work toward their goals.

be issues throughout the day. If you pace yourself, you will not run out of fuel. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today, some of your friends may think that your behavior is not quite up to par.

CLOSERS

Red and beige used cars tend to sell more easily than their darker counterparts.

President James Garfield could simultaneously write Latin with one hand and Greek with the other.

The idea that fat people are jolly can be found as early as Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," which describes a lean and hungry Cassius as one who "thinks too much: such men are dangerous."

Earth Tip: A special "Endangered Collection" edition of Animal Crackers is being released, containing the shapes of 16 endangered animal species, including the jaguar, giant panda and peregrine falcon.

Bonus Earth Tip: May 9 is National Bike to Work Day. Save the planet while you burn calories and have fun.

By measuring shadows at different points on the same day, the Greek mathematician Eratosthenes calculated the circumference of the earth 17 centuries before it was circumnavigated.

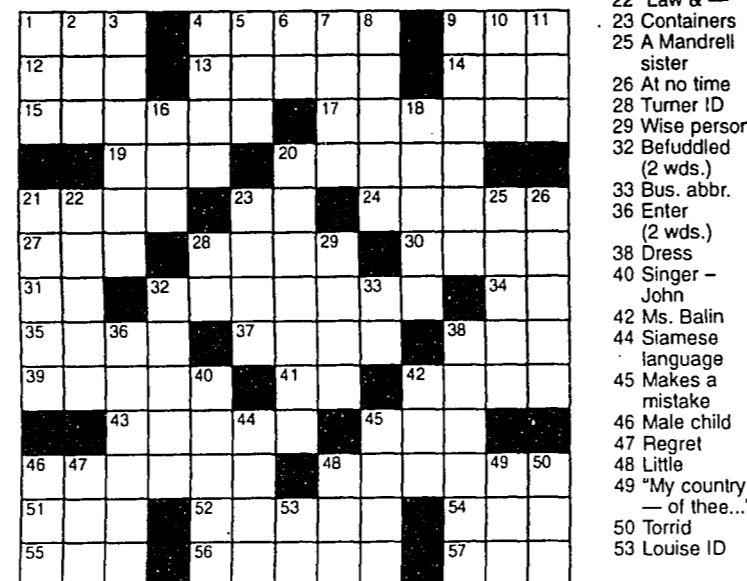
Seals depend mainly on muscle to move around on land and travel much like earthworms.

The basic material in a microchip is called a wafer — a 1/30-inch thick piece of silicon from three to six inches in diameter.

A recent survey of 5,000 Lutherans revealed that 75 percent believed that Jesus Christ did not tell jokes.

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS 1 Ginger — 4 Transparent 9 Mr. Caesar 12 Indian weight 13 Energy 14 Hawaiian dish 15 Gibson/Close film 17 Tea type 19 Creator of 21 Across 20 More unusual 21 Filmdom spy 23 Al Gore, for one (abbr.) 24 Have dinner at home (2 wds.) 27 Before 28 Lights out 30 TV marine 31 Duvall ID 32 Draw 34 Villella ID 35 Geom. figure 37 Utah lily 38 Sue — 39 Got up 41 Selenium symbol 42 Roman road 43 Dissolves 45 Ending with differ 46 "You take my — away!" 48 Apparition 51 Miss Piggy word 52 Western 54 — de Janeiro 55 Age 56 Frasier's brother 57 NY time

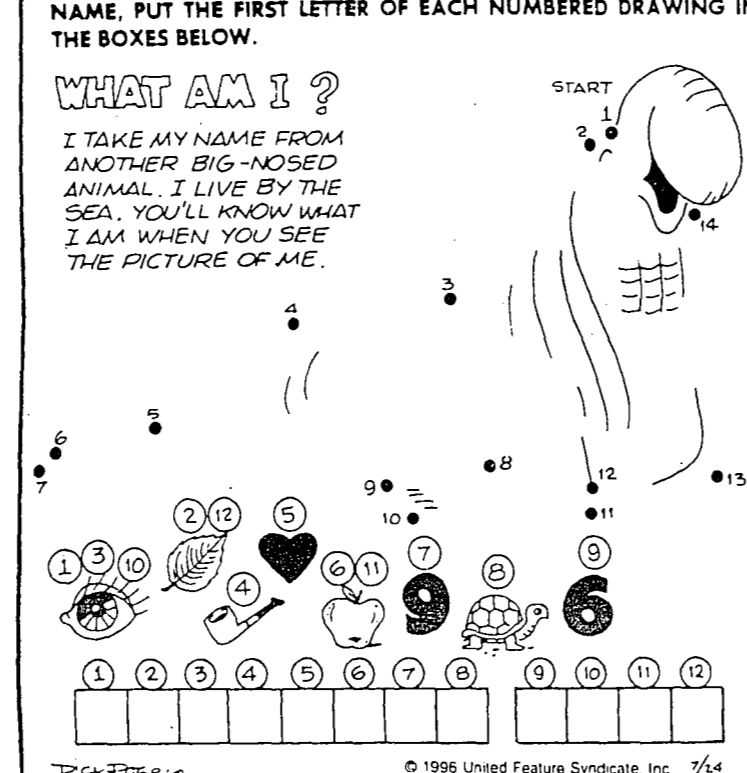


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Sumo champs hit with taxes

TOKYO (AP) — Three members of Japan's top sumo wrestling family have been hit with about \$1 million in back taxes for failing to report more than \$3 million in income, reports said Tuesday.

Futagoyama paid the back taxes and submitted revised tax reports, reports in local media said. Both wrestlers are members of the Futagoyama sumo stable, run by their father, which is one of the most successful in Japan's ancient sport of sumo wrestling.

The reports said most of the 370 million yen (\$3.45 million) that went unreported in the three years up to 1995 stemmed from a senior membership in the Sumo Association worth 300 million yen (\$2.8 million) that supporters of

the stable bought for Futagoyama. The coveted senior membership guarantee retired sumo wrestlers a living after they step down from active roles in sumo. Futagoyama told Japanese reporters that his failure to report the membership as income was an oversight and that he had no intention of evading taxes.

sumo wrestlers and their stables from fan clubs. Those contributions often go unreported to tax authorities. Sumo observers said the move by the Tokyo Regional Taxation Bureau against one of the most popular stables was meant to put the sumo world on notice that wrestlers and stable masters should properly report all their income, not just their official salary.

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under a four-year suspension for steroid use. They since have married. There has been speculation that she may have used performance-enhancing drugs. "You can't stop people making allegations," she said. "I am happy with my medal and that is what is important."

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sure following the explosion of a Paris-bound TWA jetliner Wednesday soon after takeoff from New York. It also occurred just hours before President Clinton arrived for

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offer. We compromised our position and they haven't compromised theirs. "Until there is movement, there is nothing you can do. Dennis has refused to play for them until they've offered."

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with the international officiating. He also complained the U.S. coaches failed to notify players about who would start the match.

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the fifth, when Greisinger's batterymate blocked Korea from snatching back the momentum. Chea Jong-kook tried to score from second on Jason Williams' fielding error, but the shortstop retrieved the ball and threw to catcher AJ. Hinch.

Saipan Major League Baseball

Individual Batting Record table for Saipan Major League Baseball with columns for Player, G, AB, R, H, 2B, 3B, HR, RBI, BB, SO, E, BATTING.

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# SPORTS



# Irish tanker nets 2 golds

ATLANTA (AP) - Ireland's Michelle Smith became the first double gold medalist of the Summer Games on Monday night, hours after being in suspense over whether she would be allowed to race.

Russia's Alexander Popov became the first repeat winner in the 100 meters freestyle since Johnny Weismuller captured swimming's blue-ribbon event in 1924 and 1928.

Smith scored a decisive victory in the 400-meter freestyle, two days after she won the 400 individual medley. Following a strategic blunder, U.S.

veteran Janet Evans even failed to make the final.

The United States had a big night even without Evans, winning two gold medals and three silvers. It leads the competition with 12 medals - four gold, seven silver and one bronze.

Beth Botsford and Whitney Hedgepoch finished 1-2 in the 100 backstroke and the women's 400 freestyle relay team beat runnerup China.

Evans, the world record holder in the 400 freestyle, has four Olympic golds, one less than speedskater Bonnie Blair's record for U.S. women. Evans can tie

that in the 800 freestyle Thursday night.

But she didn't get to the 400 final because she finished ninth in morning qualifying heats, when only eight got in.

"I am very disappointed Janet wasn't in the final," Smith said. "She is a really good swimmer and I am sad she wasn't here because she's a great champion."

Smith is an unlikely champion. She entered the Olympics ranked 41st in the 400 IM and out of the top 50 but can end up with four gold medals if she wins the 200 IM and 200 butterfly.

Early Monday, the Court of Arbitra-

tion for Sport rejected an appeal by the United States, Germany and the Netherlands of an International Olympic Committee decision allowing Smith to compete.

"Once I was told you could swim and then I was told you can't swim and it was going backwards and forwards," she said. "I didn't let it bother me. I just thought if I swim, then I'll just do my best and if I can't, then I'll concentrate on my other events."

Smith pulled in front midway through the race and kept stretching her lead to win in 4:07.25 seconds. Dagmar Hase of Germany, who edged Evans for the gold medal at the 1992 Olympics, was second in 4:08.30. Kirsten Vliedhuis of the Netherlands took third in 4:08.70.

Evans won in the 1988 Olympics when she was 17, setting a world record of 4:03.85 that still stands.

Smith swam her qualifying time for the Olympics on July 6, one day after the deadline. Smith said the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games provided incorrect deadline information.

Smith swam a Olympic qualifying time of 4:08.64 that day. The time was faster than any swimmer had achieved in competition this year and Smith's best previous time was 4:26.18.

Her dramatic improvement in many events began about three years ago when she began training under Dutch discus thrower Erik de Bruin, who is

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## Aces outlast Wheels, 7-6

By Francisco M. Palacios  
For the Variety

MARK Toves went 3-for-4 and knocked in four runs and Chris Nelson went the distance pitching seven hits with ten strike-outs as the League leading U.M.D.A. Aces outlasted second place Toyota Wheels 7-6 in ten minutes and remained perfect with a 11-0 record.

The victory almost certainly assured the Aces their second pennant in-a-row with just three games remaining. The Aces were in full com-

mand in the first 7 1/2 innings with a 5-0 lead, but the Wheels came back strong to tie the game up at 5-all with three runs in the bottom of the eighth highlighted by Bill Quitano's two-run single and two in the ninth to force the game into extra inning.

A costly error by the Wheels in the top of the tenth resulted in Mark Toves two-run single to give the Aces back the lead, 7-5. The Aces committed two errors in the bottom of the tenth that put the tying run on third and the winning run on sec-

ond but the Wheels couldn't shake off Nelson as he retired the last three batters for the win.

Winning Pitcher: Nelson (7-0)  
Losing Pitcher: Tony Benavente (1-1)

Elmer Sablan pitched the first five innings for the Wheels; gave up 3-runs on six hits, walked none and four strike-outs.

Tony Benavente pitched the last five inning, allowed four runs, on four hits, walked two and seven strike-outs.

## 1996 Men's Major League Baseball Team Standings as of Friday, 7/22/96

Compiled By Francisco M. Palacios  
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Team	Win	Loss	Pct.	GB
U.M.D.A. Aces	10	0	1.000	-
Toyota Wheels	9	1	.900	1
Ngerbeched Chiefs	8	3	.700	2 1/2
Miller Lite Brewers	4	5	.444	5 1/2
Kautz Glass Glazers	4	5	.444	5 1/2
San Vicente Sunrisers	3	8	.273	7 1/2
Air Mike Flyers	2	9	.200	8 1/2
Kiyu Elite	0	9	.000	9 1/2

**BATTING LEADERS:** (Based on 3 or more times at bat)

Player	Team	AB	HIT	Batting
Manny Evangelista	Wheels	39	20	.513
Reno Celis	Wheels	36	17	.472
Frank Pangelinan	Wheels	33	15	.455
Bill Quitano	Wheels	40	18	.450
Ken Kalen	Glazers	38	17	.447
Brady Ubedei	Chiefs	33	14	.424
Steve Coleman	Aces	33	14	.424
Frank Torres	Sunriser	36	15	.411
Mabel Ngringemelas	Aces	32	13	.406
Mike C. Guerrero	Glazers	35	14	.400

**RUNS:** (18) Inosuke Yamada, Bill Quitano, Manny Evangelista, (16) Ken Kalen, Reno Celis  
**RASCO YAMADA:** (15) Jerome Salas, Ben Hocog  
**DOUBLES:** (4) Frank Pangelinan, Glen Palacios, Mike Guerrero, (3) Brady Ubedei, Everett Indalesco, Sherman Ngraidong, Wilber Ada, Ed Kapileo  
**TRIPLES:** (5) Jerome Salas, Greg F. Camacho, (3) Ben Hocog, Bill Quitano,  
**HOMERUNS:** (7) Greg C. Camacho (1) Frank Pangelinan, Ken Kalen, Sherman Ngraidong, Nick Guerrero  
**RBIS:** (13) Frank Pangelinan, (12) Reno Celis, Brady Ubedei, Inosuke Yamada, (11) Greg F. Camacho, (10) Bill Quitano, Mike Guerrero, Ken Kalen, Frank Torres, Jerome Salas, Larry Guerrero, Ed Kapileo, Mabel Ngringemelas

"PITCHING LEADERS"

PLAYERS	TEAM	G	INN	ER	HIT	W/L	ERA.
Tony Benavente	Wheels	5	12	0	9	1-0	0.00
Chris Nelson	Aces	7	46	2	15	6-0	0.39
Eddie Santos	Wheels	2	10	1	4	2-0	0.90
Elmer Sablan	Wheels	9	48	5	1/3	6-1	0.96
Ben Aguon	Aces	4	10	2	8	1-0	1.80
Albert Castro	Glazers	7	29	6	21	1-1	0.80
Everett Ngraidong	Chiefs	7	35	9	46	3-0	2.51
Roy Magofna	Glazers	8	41	15	46	4-3	3.21
Eddie Diaz	Aces	4	16	8	13	3-0	3.38
Afonso Abraham	Brewers	6	15	6	21	1-1	3.60

**STRIKE-OUTS:** (60) Chris Nelson (49) Elmer Sablan (36) Albert Castro (32) Albert Lizama

## Barkley blames slippery ball for 20 turnovers in Argentina game

ATLANTA (AP) - Now it's the ball's fault.

Making yet another excuse for the U.S. men's basketball team's poor showing in its opening game, forward Charles Barkley said Monday the slippery basketballs used at the Olympics helped cause 20 turnovers against Argentina.

"I know that might not sound like a big deal, but the ball we're playing with is one we hadn't seen until we got here," said Barkley, who is known for his outspokenness. "It's a totally different leather than the NBA's (U.S. National Basketball Association). We're playing with a Molten, and we practiced

the last month with a Spalding. We had 20 turnovers, and that was one of the bigger reasons."

The U.S. squad, known as the Dream Team because it includes the world's top professionals and is considered a sure bet for the gold medal, struggled against Argentina before pulling away late to win 96-68. It was the smallest margin of victory by any Dream Team, which first appeared at the 1992 Barcelona Games.

The governing body of world basketball, uses a leather ball made by Molten - the same ball used in the European leagues. In the NBA, a Spalding ball is used.

Molten shipped 700 balls to Atlanta

in early May, and the organizing committee scrambled to distribute the balls to summer leagues and camps so they could be broken in.

"They were broken in for at least a week, and they were used all day long," said Dan Mannix, the competition manager for Olympic organizers. "The ones that were broken in the most are being used in the competition."

Mike Krieger, sales manager for Molten, said it takes almost a month for a ball to be properly broken in. Ramon Rivas of Puerto Rico agreed the balls might be a little underused.

"But what's equal is not an advancing

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## US remains unbeaten in baseball

ATLANTA (AP) - Warren Morris hit a three-run homer to center field, breaking open a tie game Monday night and keeping the U.S. baseball team undefeated in Olympic play with a 7-2 victory over South Korea.

The United States improved to 2-0 and remained at the front of the pack in the seven-gameround-robin tournament, which cuts the field to four teams for medal play. South Korea, projected as one of the medal-round teams, fell to 0-2.

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## Man with gun slips thru Olympic security

ATLANTA (AP) - A man carrying a gun and a knife slipped past security at the Olympic Stadium less than two hours before the Opening Ceremony, Atlanta police said Monday.

The man, wearing a security uniform, was arrested inside the stadium Friday night after he failed to show an identification badge when asked by security officers, police spokesman John Quigley told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution newspaper.

"One Atlanta Police Department officer noticed he was in

uniform carrying a weapon but looked suspicious," the newspaper quoted Quigley as saying.

Roland Atkins, 55, of Aurora, Colorado, has been charged with carrying a pistol without a license, carrying a dangerous weapon, criminal trespassing and theft of service.

Police said he was carrying a knife and a semi-automatic .45-caliber handgun loaded with 11 rounds.

The breach came after Olympic organizers tightened security mea-

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