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## Gov't sues MTC

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff

THE MICRONESIAN Telecommunications Corp. is facing a lawsuit filed by the Attorney General's Office for allegedly overcharging consumers on calls made between the islands.

This developed as Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Maggie Wonenberg yesterday

### DLNR threatens to terminate fiber optic cable lease

officially notified MTC on government's plan to terminate the firm's permit to operate its fiber optic cable on CNMI submerged lands.

Such actions, according to a government press release, "constitute an effort by the CNMI to force MTC to comply with the

1996 Fiber Optic Law."

The Fiber Optic Law, officially known as the Fiber Optic Communications Facilitation and Competitive Telecommunications Act of 1996, allowed MTC to construct and operate a fiber optic cable between the three islands as long as it does not im-

pose additional charges for inter-island calls.

"Free of charge"

This condition is stipulated under Section 1222 of the law which states that MTC is given a "right-of-way" to install and operate a submerged fiber optic cable without the necessary permits provided that it gives services on a "non-discriminatory basis" within and between the Saipan, Rota and Tinian.

"Non-discriminatory" is de-

finied by court documents as "free of additional charges or tolls."

Upon operation, MTC, on May 15, 1997, lowered its rates for these calls from 25 cents to 15 cents a minute.

"However," stressed the media statement, "since it (MTC) does not impose any charge for calls originating and terminating within the individual islands, the \$.15 charge is an unlawful additional charge under the law."

The lawsuit, docketed as Civil Action 97-1098C at the Superior

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Chinese President Jiang Zemin speaks on the South Lawn of the White House as President Clinton looks on Wednesday during a state arrival ceremony for the Chinese president. Jiang is in D.C. for a historic visit.

AP

### US files counterclaim on CNMI submerged lands

By Rick Alberto  
Variety News Staff

THE UNITED States government has filed a counterclaim against the CNMI on the issue of ownership of the submerged lands in the surrounding waters of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The CNMI had earlier filed a complaint before the US district court, asking it to declare that the CNMI owns and controls submerged lands 200 miles seaward and has sovereignty over a 200-mile exclusive economic zone by virtue of the CNMI Submerged Lands

Act and the Marine Sovereignty Act of 1980.

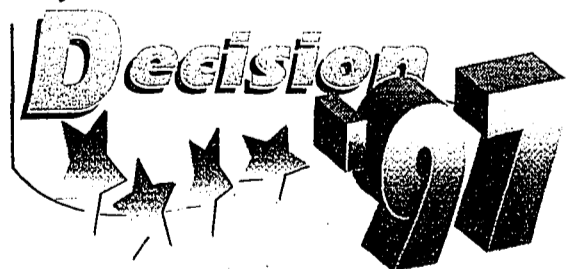
In its counterclaim filed Oct. 20, the US asked the court to decree that the two Acts are invalid and unenforceable as they "violate the United States Constitution, the Covenant and the CNMI Constitution."

The US argued that when the CNMI forged the Covenant to Establish a CNMI in Political Union with the United States of America, it put itself under the sovereignty of the US.

"The CNMI is not an inde-

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## 13,377 voters elect leaders tomorrow



### Where to go to vote

THE BOARD of Elections has released the following advisory on where to vote tomorrow, Nov 1st general elections:

#### \*For Election District No. 1

##### Pct.1-A San Antonio Elementary School

For all voters residing at Chalan Piao south of the Saipan Beach Club and all those residing south of the Agriculture Station Road all the way to the intersection of Antonio M. Benayente's residence southwest to main road, north to Agingan Point and San Antonio Village.

##### Pct.1-B San Vicente Elementary School.

For all voters residing at As Perdido, Fina Sisu, Northern Marianas College, Chalan Dandan, and all those residing north of

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Froilan C. Tenorio

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

WITH THE campaign officially drawing to a close today, the camps of the three gubernatorial tickets are already predicting victory for their candidates in tomorrow's general elections, the results of which are likely to be finalized by Sunday morning.



Jesus C. Borja

Saying that "people always vote with their pocketbooks," Democrat Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio yesterday took credit for the CNMI's strong economy, vowing, at the same time, to "make things even better."

"As they say, 'If it ain't broke, why fix it?'" Tenorio said.

"We started from scratch when



Pedro P. Tenorio

I first took office in 1994, but now (the economy's) running already, and I hope the voters accept that we did a decent job," he said.

"Of course, not everything is fine and dandy, but the CNMI has definitely gone a long way since 1994."

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# DNC returns donation

By Karen Gullo  
WASHINGTON (AP) - The Democratic Party is returning a \$100,000 donation from an Ohio company because of

questions about whether the money came from a foreign source, a party official said Wednesday.  
Global Resource Manage-

## HK reaction to summit mixed

HONG KONG (AP) - Democrats in Hong Kong expressed disappointment Thursday that U.S. President Bill Clinton failed to defend the territory's democracy in his talks with Chinese President Jiang Zemin.

But a pro-China lawmaker said the summit showed the United States is serious about building a constructive rela-

tionship with Beijing.

"I think it shows a new phase of the Sino-American relationship, which for us in China is a good development," said Ronald Arculli, a member of Hong Kong's Chinese-installed legislature, speaking on the radio.

Hong Kong was not mentioned in a joint U.S.-China  
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ment Inc. of Dublin, Ohio, asked the Democratic National Committee to refund a donation it made Aug. 12, 1996, for a fund-raiser for President Clinton's birthday.

The company told the DNC that one of its shareholders, a foreign citizen from Egypt, asserted that the \$100,000 donation came from money he

brought to the company, said Steve Langdon, a DNC spokesman. Foreigners are generally barred by law from making political donations.

The refund is the latest in a string of contributions returned by the DNC because of questions about their origin. The party has returned about \$3 million and is being inves-

tigated by Congress and the Justice Department for fund-raising practices during the 1996 presidential election.

The Global Resource donation and others refunded by the DNC were "soft money" contributions — large unlimited cash gifts that are not regulated by federal election  
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## Taiwan President warns against complacency over China threat

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - President Lee Teng-hui on Thursday warned of grow-

ing complacency towards the military threat from China, which claims Taiwan as a re-

garded province to be reunited with by force if necessary.

"Alertness about the potential military threat from Communist China has grown ever more relaxed" since contacts between the two sides were reopened 10 years ago, Lee said in a speech at a military parade outside Taipei.

"This is something everyone must be vigilant against ... without security, we have nothing" he told assembled troops.

China says it will invade Taiwan if it were to declare independence or if foreign forces intervened. It flaunted  
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Taiwanese Pilots stand in front of their AH-1W Super Cobra attack helicopters during a combined forces mobilization exercise at Lungtan Army Base in northern Taoyuan county on Thursday. AP

**Happy Deepavali**

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# Suit drags ex-officials

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

THE CNMI government sued yesterday two former cabinet secretaries and three other ex-public officials for allegedly entering into an unauthorized building lease agreement with a businessman.

The Attorney General's Office, on behalf of the government, filed a third-party complaint against former Department of Labor and Immigration secretary Raynaldo M. Cing and former Finance secretary Maria D. Cabrera.

Also named as third-party defendants were ex-Finance director Eloy S. Inos, former Procurement and Supply chief David M. Apatang, and



Maria D. Cabrera



Eloy S. Inos



Robert C. Naraja

acted without authority and therefore in their personal capacities when committing the CNMI to a lease term.

The AGO filed the complaint in connection with the \$2.3 million lawsuit brought by businessman Joaquin M. Manglona against the government.

Assistant Atty. Gen. Sally B. Pfund said CNMI cannot be bound by the unauthorized acts of its employees and officials acting in disregard of the law.

Manglona sued the government over alleged nonpayment of lease rentals of a building previously occupied by DOLI.

The AGO also filed a counterclaim against Manglona seeking the return of DOLI's rental payment of the building amounting to \$697,325.50.

kids along a road in Marpo Valley when the driver passed by on board a Toyota Camry at about 7 p.m.

The driver, who was with two other minors in the car, stopped when he heard a noise after striking one of the kids.

Upon seeing the victim behind the vehicle, the operator carried the unconscious boy to the latter's house nearby. The victim was then transported to the clinic where he was later pronounced dead.

The victim is reportedly the teenager's cousin.

Meanwhile, Superior Court Associate Judge Miguel Demapan yesterday sentenced to three months' imprisonment a Japanese male tourist for illegal possession of crystal methamphetamine.

Following a plea agreement, Demapan ordered Koji Yasuda to pay \$2,000 fine and required him to be evaluated for drug abuse.

Customs agents arrested Yasuda at the Saipan International Airport last Oct. 21 for possession of "ice" with a gross weight of 1.16 grams concealed inside a bag.

Yasuda signed a plea agreement with the government, represented by Assistant Atty. Gen. James Norcross. The tourist pleaded guilty to illegal possession of "ice."

## Broadhurst reports getting 'threats'

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio's spokesperson has been getting "death threats" since being accused of working on the governor's campaign efforts during government working hours.

Mark Broadhurst, who is being investigated by the Office of Public Auditor, yesterday said the anonymous phone calls are from a male person who threatened to kill him and his family.

"This is highly upsetting to my family," Broadhurst said. "If someone out there disagree with what I do then this cowardly call is a pretty immature way of showing it."

"It shows a lousy respect for the political process," he said. After receiving an official request



Mark Broadhurst

from Rep. Stanley T. Torres (Ind.-Saipan), the Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) on Tuesday started investigating Broadhurst's political activities during government working hours.

Torres, in his letter to Public Audi-

tor Leo LaMotte, alleged that Broadhurst has been openly promoting the governor's reelection efforts during government working hours.

Torres claimed that Broadhurst is using government facilities for the governor's campaign activities.

He alleged that Broadhurst prepared "several derogatory advertisements" against Independent gubernatorial candidate Jesus C. Borja, adding that he has evidence.

Broadhurst has denied the allegations, saying that Torres still holds a grudge against him for supposedly writing the copy of an "attack ad" against the representative during the 1993 elections.

Broadhurst said he did not write the ad copy.

## Sablan upset over 'political attack' ad

A LAWYER for Jose Camacho Sablan yesterday explained that the 1996 civil lawsuit filed against him by a Florida-based Rita S. Dutton over an alleged land transfer fraud has been settled.

Atty. Bruce Mailman said the lawsuit has been settled in principle although the parties have yet to sign the final agreement.

Mailman made the clarification in light of an advertisement which appeared on page 31 of the Variety's Thursday issue, which he said upset Sablan.

Sablan is running for Saipan mayor under the Republican banner.

The advertisement "was clearly meant not only to harm Sablan's character but to harm his chance of getting elected," Mailman pointed out.

The lawyer added there was never an intent on behalf of Sablan to commit any wrongful acts.



Sierra L. Cody (left), spokesperson of the Marianas Youth Goodwill March Ambassadors, receives from Executive Assistant to the Governor, Herman T. Guerrero a \$135,000 check while parents, advisers, and other members watch at the background. Photo by Gerr R. Cayabyab, Jr.

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

## EDITORIAL

### Let's all vote, smartly

TOMORROW, the people of the Commonwealth head to the polling centers to exercise their right to choose the political leaders who would lead them into the 21st Century.

As the impact of this political exercise on the lives of each individual calling the NMI a home is unquestionably tremendous, it is a must that everyone defend his or her vote, make sure that it matters and is not put to waste.

As we go into the voting booth, it is important that we come up with a set of intelligent criteria as to why we will be eagerly going for a particular candidate.

There needs to be a certain level of soul-searching involved in the voting process in order to ensure the best choice is achieved.

The prime consideration in voting?

Everybody is supposed to have his own set of standards.

There are the so-called clannish voters, those who go for a candidate based on his family's choice or on his circle of friends. Aside from being convenient, potential conflicts within the brood can be avoided if everyone goes for a single common candidate.

Some people on the other hand, go along with party lines and support someone mainly based on that candidate's political affiliation.

Regardless of whether a candidate is good choice or not, he sometimes gets the vote just by being a Republican or a Democrat.

On the other hand, there are candidates who get chosen because they throw more parties and serve better food. They are the bigger spenders who attract the bigger crowds.

Another top reason is debt of gratitude.

A candidate may get votes because he had once helped a voter's son or husband get a scholarship or a job in government.

Politicians who help people are viewed a generous leaders who may be leaned on when times get rough.

Then there is the voter who goes for a candidate because the latter says all the good things he is expected to say.

Varied types of politicians for varied types of voters.

Everyone may have different reasons in voting for a particular politician. But it is important that one votes according to what his or her conscience dictates.

It is of utmost importance that the selection is made with the good of the Commonwealth in mind.

Citizens should vote for whoever they think would be the best, most qualified and most effective candidates. They should go with the one who will deliver and who will most responsibly attend to the needs of the community as a whole.

Go with the candidates who provide the best hope in attaining prosperity for the islands and the people.

When you, the Commonwealth voters go to the polls tomorrow, go along with your relatives, your families. Be reassuring with those candidates who have been "helpful."

Chat with them, group with them, wave with them. Be a Republican, Democrat or Independent.

But when you go into the privacy of the polling booth, where nobody else looks, except God, be sure you put down the names of only those whom you truly and sincerely think would be best for the Commonwealth.

Only if everyone does that can we say that the true will of the people prevailed.

With the decision we are making, the CNMI may prosper or it may sink in failure.

But the main point is everyone goes up or down with the thought of having performed his or her role, in this most vital democratic process, in the most responsible manner.

Let's all vote. Wisely.



### Revel with a cause

LATE IN the spring of 1989, a young Chinese man stood still in front of an approaching column of tanks, which had to stop abruptly. The lead tank then swerved to avoid the man, but he quickly moved to the new path of the heavily-armed combat vehicle, which had to stop again. The man was among the students and workers demanding for, among other things, the right to free elections. He was probably one of the estimated 7,000 who, upon the orders of a regime terrified of ballots, would be murdered and crushed at Tiananmen Square by soldiers and tanks with less inhibition.

Tomorrow, as citizens of this planet's greatest democracy, CNMI voters would perform one of the essential rituals of being free, for which those Chinese and countless others elsewhere have died. There will be, however, no grieving for martyrs when the ballots are cast tomorrow. For though elections are one of democracy's "solemn moments," they are also its "celebration of renewal and rebirth."

Elections, like free speech, are at the core of this most civilized of political systems. Voting is free speech, through which we can mold and form our civic lives, our tomorrow. And tomorrow, as in 1981, when there was also a three-way gubernatorial race, voters would choose their leaders on the same day the dead are to be commemorated.

This is the Commonwealth's sixth general elections. For almost a year now, voters have heard the arguments, the claims, the allegations and the promises of the candidates. Voters have been repeatedly reminded of achievements, plans, past favors and blood relations. In the gubernatorial campaign, the election was framed by three candidates as a choice between 1) A better quality of life and what we have now; 2) A vision for the future and the politics of the past; and 3) Doers and talkers. Not everyone will vote based on a careful study of the platforms. Perhaps a handful would. In real life—far from the sight of the ideologues' glazed

eyes—social affiliations, prejudices and, yes, family ties have more often than not determined the voters' eventual choices.

And no, the CNMI's fate does not "hang in the balance" in this general elections, as the campaign rhetoric would like the voters to believe. They say that in every election anyway.

As usual, moreover, after the elections, citizens would again find themselves blaming their newly-(re)elected leaders for whatever mess that will certainly occur in the coming years. Partly to be blamed, as usual, for whatever mess there is, and will happen, is this belief that politics is only about elections. It is not. Politics is "conscious engagement." It is about "resolving things, getting to know things and reproducing things, even ourselves." It is not enough to vote. The citizenry should also be more involved in their government. But this, of course, is a lesson voters would learn...shortly before the next general elections.

Meanwhile, they will elect candidates who have been giving away promises the way a reveler scatters confetti in the air. After the elections, the newspapers, the TV and the radio will soon tell us how things are, as usual, being screwed up by the government. We will, as usual, complain about taxes, the quality of education, faulty power lines, lack of water and the cupidity of the elected officials.

Why indeed do we put up with government? Well, for one, considering the problems we have with government around, try to imagine life without it.

But all this are concerns for the future. Tomorrow, after lighting candles at the cemetery in reverence of the dead to whom they owe what they are now, voters will troop to the polling stations to mark ballots in celebration of what they can still become.

In those few minutes of solitude, the voter, supremely individual, will glory in his freedom with nary a worry about rampaging tanks.

## Letters to the Editor

LETTERS to the editor must carry the full name of the writer and signature, with a telephone number (in case of faxed or mailed letters) for verification. Letters addressed to other publications or to third parties and those endorsing particular political candidates are discouraged. All letters are subject to editing. The Variety reserves the right to reject any letters. Name withheld and unsigned letters will not see print.

### Vote for children's future

Dear Editor:

Radio, television and newspaper ads bombard us with condemnations of candidates by co-candidates (many of them half-lies and some complete fabrications). Some ads are simply self-serving embellishments of the truth, desperate attempts to suck people into voting for the individual(s) who paid for the ads in the first place.

We also see motorcades, lines of noisy cars, many driven by single occupants that appear to be contract workers who can't even vote and, if they could vote, probably wouldn't vote for the candidate or candidates whose

names are plastered on their vehicles.

Finally, there are the mobile sound systems blaring away, waking up sleeping babies and disturbing others trying to rest from a hard day's work. Sound pollution at its worst!

But it seems that there's an even more disturbing activity taking place. As reported by some candidates for office on Tinian, "money men" have apparently hit the campaign trail, dispensing cold, hard cash in exchange for promised votes for the candidates they represent. Maybe some folks welcome these money men be-

cause they dish out unreported campaign cash (most likely obtained from big-time businesses and other special interest groups). This kind of cash can be used by the receivers to pay off some pressing bills, purchase food and drink, or even to gamble at a favorite poker parlor.

The really smart folk probably say that since they can always use extra money, they'll gladly accept these illegal bribes with a smile and then enter the sanctity of the voting booth and vote for those they really want.

For my part, I hold a full-time job and take courses towards my degree at the Northern Marianas College during my free time because I know that education is my ticket to success. I'm proud to work for the money I get paid and although I could also use some extra cash, when I hold my two-year old son or look at my wife and the new baby she will soon deliver, I can't help thinking about the future....my future and the future of my wife, son and child-to-be. I realize that my vote is worth a lot more than anybody can pay, because I owe it to my

family and myself to use my vote wisely and honestly to help elect the most qualified, best educated, and most sincere leaders who will guide us and our beloved CNMI into the next millennium.

Remember, only God and your conscience will know how you vote in the voting booth! Vote for the future, vote with your conscience, and when you exit from the voting booth, smile, give a wink, and let those standing outside know that you voted the "right way."

ROBERT SUZUKI

### Nothing wrong or illegal

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the campaign ad being aired against Lt. Governor Jesus Borja regarding his letter to Judge Bellas.

Governor Tenorio, as a woman, a resident of the CNMI, and a citizen of the United States, I am deeply offended that you and your campaign staff have bent so low as to use an issue as sensitive as rape in a frantic attempt to turn women against your opponent.

I may be relatively new to the CNMI in terms of years, but I'm not blind. I can clearly see through this grossly distorted act of political desperation....You'll do anything, regardless of how offensive it may be, to pull down Lt. Governor Borja.

If you succeed, you'll have accomplished two things: reaped revenge on a good man who has the courage and character to stand up against you in the interest of truth and justice, and helped maintain the status quo by keeping the governor's seat in the family.

If you're so concerned with this issue, why haven't you publicly released a copy of the letter that was sent to the court by your running mate, Mayor Guerrero. Let us all see the content of your running mate's plea for mercy on behalf of the Cabrera family.

Mayor Guerrero's letter will show that your running mate acted in the very same manner as Lt. Governor Borja, by complying with the presentencing rules of the court which

require comments on the history of a convicted criminal. The letter of your running mate, Mayor Guerrero, will prove that the Mayor, just like Lt. Governor Borja, wrote a letter in response to a plea for help by Mrs. Cabrera and her family. And Governor, please, don't offend me and other women further by saying that your running mate was different because he didn't write his plea for mercy on his official letterhead, he's still the mayor! In accordance with Chamorro culture, as well as the rules of the court, both Lt. Governor Borja and your running mate did nothing wrong or illegal by writing to the court in response to Mrs. Cabrera and her family's request for help.

ELOISE A. KANNELY

### Point missed

Dear Editor:

Pete A. Tenorio's response to Congressman Stanley Torres' charges of a gross violation of ethical standards in the Bird Island Development affair misses the point. No one objects to Pete A. making a living. The

unethical behavior occurred when his brother, Manny A. Tenorio, refused to admit that he had a conflict of interest when the legislature voted on the matter.

JIM KIRBY

### Clearing Jose's name

Dear Editor:

Regarding the column article "Jose" in *Saipan Tribune* (Oct. 27), Charles Reyes even revealed one side of the coin. I write to clear Jose's name, his pride as a Chamorro, and his dignity.

While it is true that Jose did not go to college, he worked hard to provide food and shelter for his wife and 10 kids. Even with his spending habits as depicted by Mr. Reyes, Jose somehow managed to save some money to ensure that his kids got what he couldn't, a college degree.

It is true that Jose is angry about the situation here. However, we all know that Mr. Reyes is pro-development and we also know that he is only telling his side of the story. Jose was extremely proud of his children's achievements. Suffice it to say, his pride was slowly diminished when he found out that even with college degrees, his 10 children were only getting \$3.05 per hour in the private sector.

You see, Jose has finally come to the realization that our leaders up on the hill are more interested in getting some green into their pockets than in helping the local people, these same people who got them into office. They are also afraid to make any move that may offend their investors, even if it means helping the local people to better their livelihoods.

Jose is also angry about the fact that contract workers get more benefits in the private sector than the local workers. Contract workers get free

food, free housing, 100% medical coverage, etc. The locals, on the other hand, get minimum wage and nothing even remotely close to what alien workers receive on the side of benefits. What's even more disturbing is the fact that the local population is being discriminated against on their own soil. (Jose says, "What happened to equal employment opportunity?")

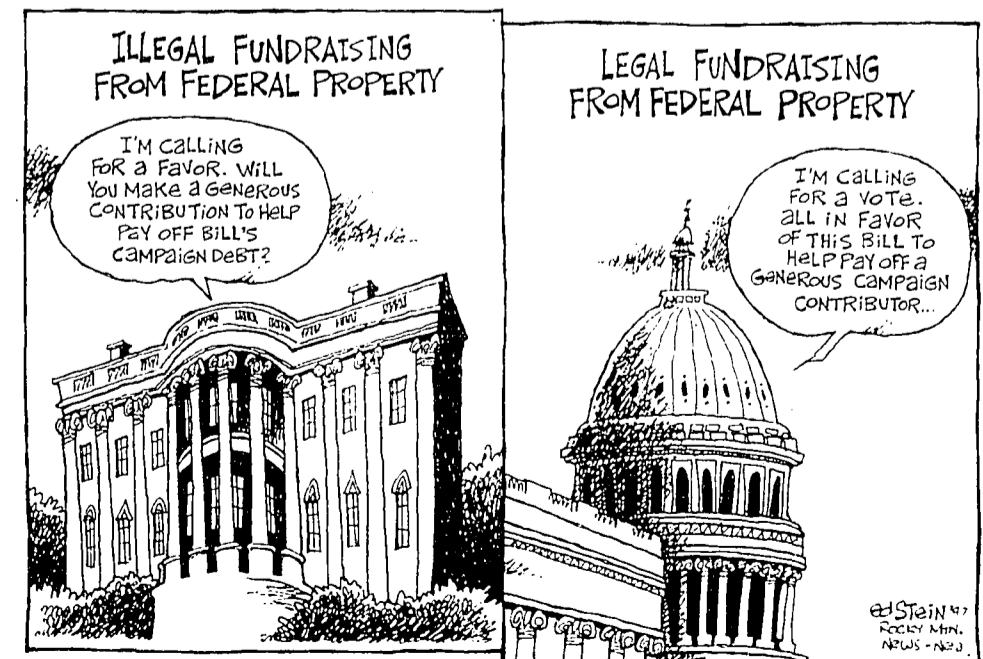
Let it be known that Jose, like Mr. Reyes, is also for development. However, this so-called economy of ours has reached the point where it impedes the local people's abilities to get higher salaries because of cheap labor being so easily obtained from outside. The only people benefiting are employers, most of whom are not from the CNMI. (This is what Jose understands and you don't, Charles.)

By the way, Jose is voting tomorrow because, it is his right to do so! Unfortunately, because of Mr. Reyes' arrogance towards the people of the CNMI, he fails to see this.

As for me, I feel for all the Joses and Marias out there. Their hearts have been hammered to the wall by our leaders up on Capitol Hill, who evidently favor people not of CNMI descent. Shame on all of you putting Jose in this predicament. And shame on you, Charles Reyes, for calling yourself a Chamorro.

This is one battle worth fighting for the people of the CNMI.

BEN Q. LIZAMA



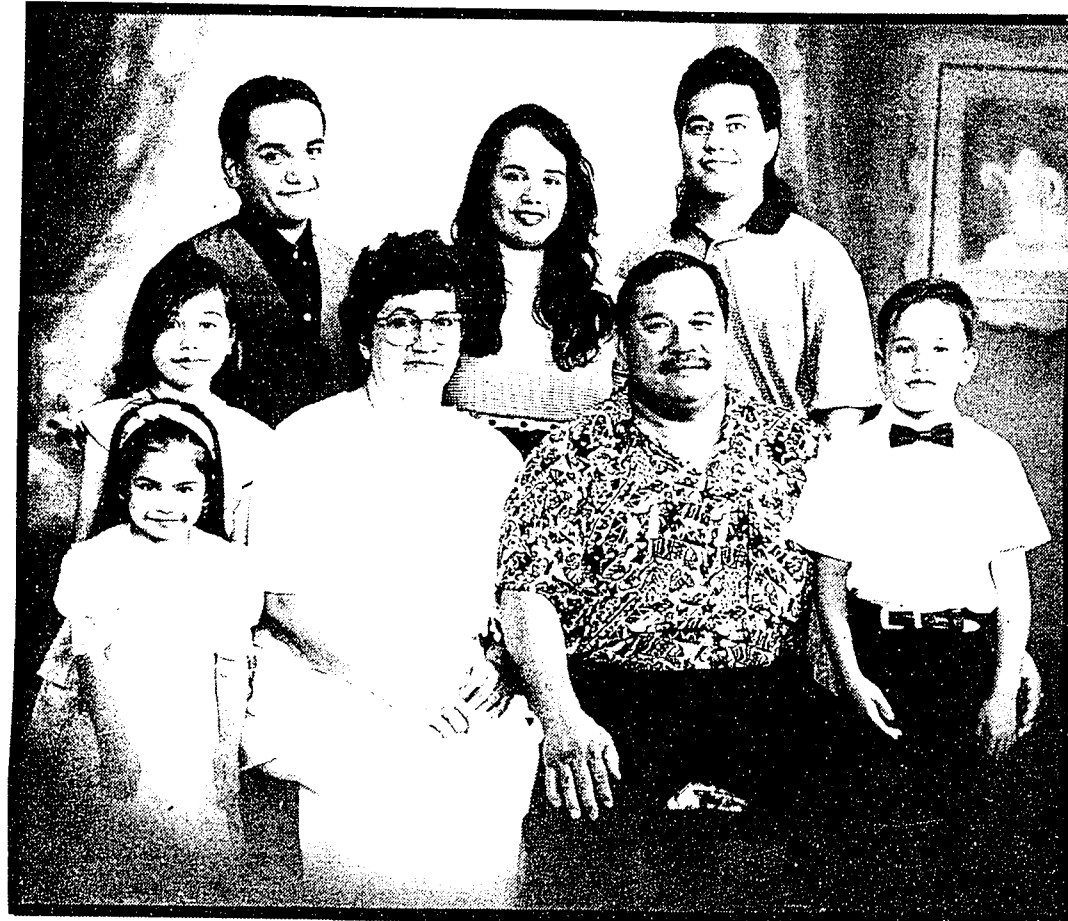
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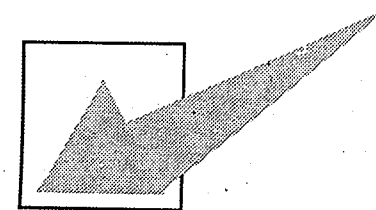
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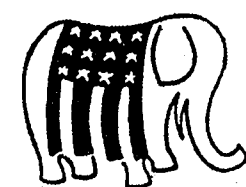


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# BOE expects 90% turnout



Juan M. Diaz

By Gerr R. Cayabyab, Jr.  
Variety News Staff  
THE BOARD of Elections expects a high 90 percent voter

turnout in tomorrow's elections. There are 13,377 registered voters.

BOE Executive Director Juan M. Diaz said voting will start at 7 a.m. and end at 7 p.m.

The tally of votes will start at 9:30 p.m., beginning with the Legislative Initiative referendum, followed by those for "non-partisan" positions (municipal council) and lastly for the partisan positions, Diaz said.

Diaz said the results of the elections would be known by Sunday morning.

Tomorrow's predicted turnout would be higher than those

in the US mainland and other parts of Micronesia, Diaz said.

Diaz recalled that in the 1977 elections, only three percent of the registered voters failed to exercise their electoral right.

"Eighty-five percent was the lowest turnout we ever had, and that was in the 1983 Congressional elections," Diaz said.

Diaz said that aside from his staffs, the BOE will hire additional six people to help them prepare the 17 polling precincts on Saipan.

On Rota and Tinian, there is no need to hire additional personnel because they each have

only one precinct, he added.

Before 7 a.m., police officers will be at the polling precincts to monitor and maintain the peace and order.

In the past, Diaz said, no untoward incidents took place in the polling places.

Diaz said the tabulation of ballots will be done manually.

"I have been asking the legislature to appropriate \$120,000 so that BOE will be able to buy computers for faster results. Probably they have other priorities," said Diaz.

Diaz hopes that by next elections, the computerization of ballot counting will materialize.

## MHS students polled on who will win on Nov. 1

By Laila C. Younis

Variety News Staff

THE tandem of Pedro P. Tenorio (Teno) and Jesus R. Sablan got the most votes from Marianas High School students during a general election poll conducted by the MHS Junior Statesman Academy.

Lt. Governor Jesse S. Borja and running mate Benigno M. Sablan following closely behind.

Governor Froilan C. Tenorio (Lang) and running mate Jesus S. DLGuerrero (Gere) placed third with a total of 166 votes.

"Teno" and Borja were in a "tight race" with only two points separating them. "Teno" with 267 votes and Borja with 265 votes.

In a "General Election Poll" sponsored by the MHS Junior Statesman Academy, MHS students got a chance to participate in the voting process and "elect" the next CNMI's administration.

"This is to give the students

a 'feel' of the political process and to get them involved with what is happening," said Student Activities Coordinator Doreen M. Tudela.

The poll also looked at the candidates for Washington Representative and incumbent Juan N. Babauta placed a leading first with 409 votes. David C. Sablan fell behind with 258 votes.

In the Senatorial race, Senator Thomas P. Villagomez was first choice with 270 votes and Senator Pete P. Reyes placed second with 236 votes. House Representative Stanley T. Torres followed with 223 votes, Luis Crisostomo with 200 votes, Pete C. Arriola with 176 votes and Eli Cabrera with 134 votes.

The students also voted for the next mayor and Jose C. Sablan topped the votes with a total of 234. Juan B. Tudela placed second with 207 votes, and Edward DLGuerrero followed with 143 votes. Pete S. Arriola placed last with 86 votes.

## New plan on garment industry mulled by Borja-Sablan team

INDEPENDENT gubernatorial candidates Jesus Camacho Borja and Benigno Magofna Sablan unveiled their plans to ensure that the garment industry pays its fair share in taxes. Any additional funds collected over the current rate will be dedicated to pay for PSS and NMC Capital Improvement Projects. Accordino Lt. Governor Borja "The Garment Industry has been taking advantage of the CNMI for far too long without paying its fair share. The time has come for them to pay for their impacts to the CNMI."

The garment industry currently pays only approximately 3% in a user fee that is based on their revenues. They do not pay a gross receipts tax and are currently not paying their fair share. Because of the garment industry, the CNMI has had to spend public money to upgrade both sewer treatment plants costing us over \$25,000,000.

The dump has reached crisis conditions because of the excessive amount of garment trash dumped into it. In addition, the garment industry has contributed to our current crisis with the federal government.

The Borja-Sablan administration will immediately assess the most effective way to ke the garment industry pay its fair share. We will either increase its user fee or apply an appropriate gross revenue tax. This could result in over 15 million dollars over the next two years if the industry was just raised to the 5 percent that other businesses pay. This will be adequate start building and repairing schools and other facilities. The Borja/



Jesus Camacho Borja

Sablan team will work with the legislature to make sure that the increased tax revenue or user fee revenue goes directly to PSS and NMC.

The garment industry was initiated under the Teno ad-

ministration in the 1980's. Recently, former Governor Pedro P. Tenorio stated on the Jon Anderson show that there were only four garment factories in operation when he left office.

In fact, there were 23 garment factories in operation at that time.

Coincidentally, his running mate, Jesus R. Sablan (Pepper), was Director of Commerce and Labor at that time.

"Our problems with the garment industry started because of the open door policy of the Teno Administration and Governor Froilan Tenorio's continual preferential treatment of the industry," stressed Borja.

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# 10 of 55 Chinese who 'marched' given jobs

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff

AT LEAST 10 of the 55 Chinese workers who recently trooped to the U.S. labor department to air grievances, have finally landed jobs while the rest are still being processed by the Department of Labor and Immigration for immediate employment.

One of them has opted to be repatriated, according to DOLI Secretary Thomas O. Sablan.

Sablan said getting the remaining workers employed is now "just a matter of time" as at least two firms, one of which reportedly has a contract with the Pacific Islands Club, are interested to hire them.

"There is an end at the PIC project for 20 more (workers). Another firm needs 10 or 15.

"Eventually they (workers) will all be covered. It is just a matter of time... about a week or so to get the employers hiring them," assured Sablan.

The workers, alleging unfair labor practice sought government assistance after their employer, the JNJ International Corp., allegedly kept them waiting for more than a month to actually get jobs.

Sablan said the DOLI investigation of the case is still in progress. He refused to divulge information on the progress of the case.

# Jones rebuts Jones

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff

LABOR and Immigration Deputy Secretary William Jones, visibly irked by Cong. Dino Jones' allegations of "uncontrolled" issuances of Temporary Work Authorizations, yesterday urged the legislator to stick to his job and instead file a bill addressing his concerns.

"Perhaps the congressman should address it on the (House) floor rather than through the newspaper," said Jones, referring to a Variety report quoting a letter the lawmaker sent to Labor and Immigration Secretary Thomas O. Sablan on the matter this week.

Jones, in that letter, asked Sablan to stop the "uncontrolled" issuances of TWAs as the alleged practice has supposedly been hurting the business sector.

Jones faxed a copy of his letter to Variety.

"I don't think Cong. Jones understands what he meant by that (allegation)," said Jones.

"Every permit (TWA) we issue has the signatory of an authority in the



William Jones      Dino Jones

Department (of Labor and Immigration). That, in itself, is a control... and everyone of them (TWAs) is documented in here.

"We only issue them when we have reasons to believe that the (labor) complaint is legitimate and that not giving them (workers) an opportunity to have a temporary employment could result to their inability to sustain livelihood here (while their case is being heard)," explained Jones.

"The notion that filing labor complaints leads to issuances of TWAs is not true... there are certain cases when we say 'no.'"

Applications for TWAs go through acting Labor Director Patrick de Leon Guerrero and is screened by Jones himself.

"If he (Jones) does not want TWAs, make a law on it... we are only enforcing the law and he continue making good laws," said Jones.

In his two-page letter, Jones said several employers have expressed opposition to the granting of TWAs and Transfer Permits saying workers have found these to be a convenient tool to prolong their stay on the island and discredit the firm they are working for through labor complaints.

Jones claimed that nonresident workers resort to filing requests for TWAs or TPs "upon learning or suspecting that the employment will not be renewed," or if they "have found a better-paying job."

"The Labor Division tends to be supportive to the request of employees if it TWA or TE despite objection by employers for good reasons," he said.

"For this very reason, I request that you (Sablan) seriously reconsider the ongoing uncontrolled granting of TWAs and Transfer (Permits). Let's not wait until it's too late to remedy the situation."

# DLNR discussing FDM with Navy

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff

THE DEPARTMENT of Lands and Natural Resources is expediting talks with the U.S. Navy regarding its proposed ban on military exercises at the Farallon de Medinilla Island.

The move came following the resumption of bombing runs in the area, an activity feared to further drive the endangered micronesian megapodes, which have taken sanctuary there, to extinction.

In an interview, Marianne Concepcion, Special Assistant to DLNR Secretary Maggie Wonenberg, said the latter is "speeding up talks" with Navy officials in a bid to get an agreement on a "permanent end" to the exercises.

"She (Wonenberg) is now negotiating. She said she is 'trying to work out a complete halt to the bombings,'" said Concepcion.

The U.S. Navy has slated a daily five-hour bombing runs from to-

day up to Nov. 14 which starts at every 10:00 am on the island. A similar exercise happened from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Wednesday.

The military exercise is being carried out despite supposed ongoing negotiations between the CNMI government and the U.S. Navy on the ban.

Earlier, Wonenberg said the bombing runs have reportedly been suspended following the discovery of the megapodes.

The military exercises are feared to impact on the endangered bird species as well as on various varieties of open water fishes that breed on the island's coral bed which, reportedly is the biggest in the Pacific.

Wonenberg, in an earlier interview, said the suspension was precipitated by a report submitted by a joint team from the Department of Lands and Natural Resources and the U.S. Navy which went to the island late last year.

The report confirmed the presence of the bird species on the island.

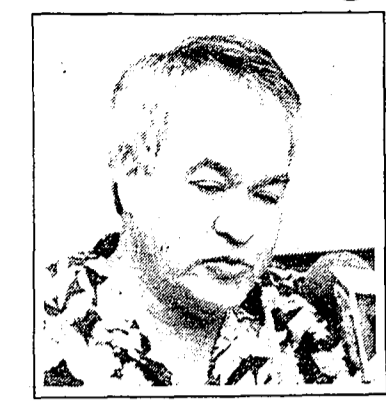
Negotiations for a total ban are being done through Gov. Froilan Tenorio's Consultant, Brenda Tenorio, who have reportedly commenced talks with concerned US officials regarding the matter.

The Navy's unhampered use of the Farallon de Medinilla Island for its exercises is stipulated under the Covenant which turned the islands into a Commonwealth under the U.S. government.

The Covenant provided military lease agreements which include the use by US (for defense purposes) of a part of Tinian, the area covering the Tanapag Harbor on Saipan, and the Farajon de Medinilla island.

A lease-back agreement on Tinian has been worked out in 1994 and later, part of the Tanapag Harbor lease.

# DeLay lauds Tenorio voucher plan



Froilan C. Tenorio



Whip Tom DeLay

CALLING it, "the way to give our kids the chance they deserve at a world-class education," U.S. House of Representative Majority Whip Tom DeLay (R-Texas) has praised Governor Froilan C. Tenorio's choice/voucher legislation which is currently under consideration by the CNMI Legislature.

Rep. DeLay in a letter said Gov. Tenorio's bill fulfills the need "to give parents the power to make education decisions themselves, rather than leaving it up to some faraway bureaucrat."

"In America," DeLay told Tenorio, "we must believe that all our children have the potential to learn."

The congressman said Tenorio's legislation is moving in the right direction toward child-based education.

"The education system," he

said, is not a jobs program for administrators, bureaucrats or even teachers. Schools exist for one reason alone: the children. Schools (and teachers) that succeed in educating children should be rewarded. Schools (and teachers) that fail again and again and again should lose their franchise."

DeLay said the Governor's approach rejects the argument that to improve education, "government should simply pour more money into the current system."

That's the problem, DeLay added, "it is not the amount of money that is spent but how it is spent."

"Your (Tenorio's) vision for the future will help the children of the CNMI enjoy a better tomorrow," DeLay told the Governor.

"That's what the American dream is all about."

# Governor: No problem with \$55M PSS budget

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio yesterday said he has "no problems" with the Public School System's \$55 million "piecemeal" budget provided that it can be justified.

"We'll take everything in consideration, and if PSS can justify it and if we can finance it then I'll sign the budget," he said.

Tenorio, at the same time, said he'll ask the Legislature to pass the school voucher legislation.

In return, he added, he will find the additional funding needed for the Public School System (PSS) without "touching" the budgets of the other government departments and agencies.

Public hearings have been held on the legislation, which was introduced in the House of Representatives, and a committee report finalized, but the bill has yet to be passed.

The House of Representatives, meanwhile, may act today on the PSS's piecemeal budget bill, which is \$9 million more than what was originally proposed.

With the increase in PSS's budget, the funding allotments for other yet to be identified government department and agencies will have to be reduced.

Almost a month has passed since the new fiscal year started, but the \$262.4 million budget bill is still in the House of Representatives, and is expected to be passed by the Legislature by the end of Novem-

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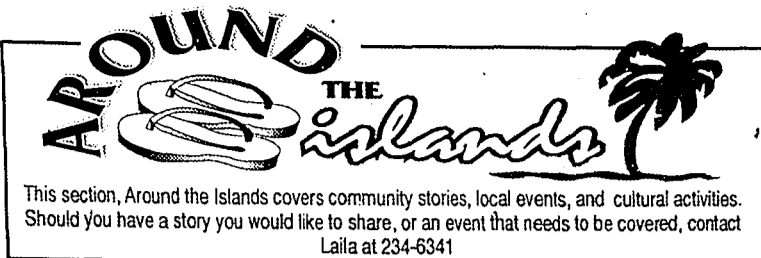
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By Gerr R. Cayabyab, Jr.  
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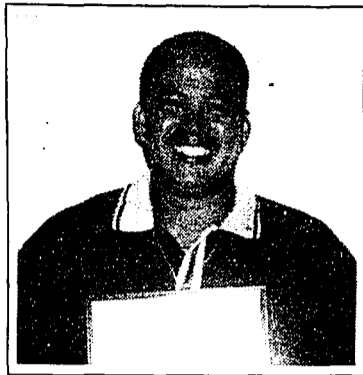
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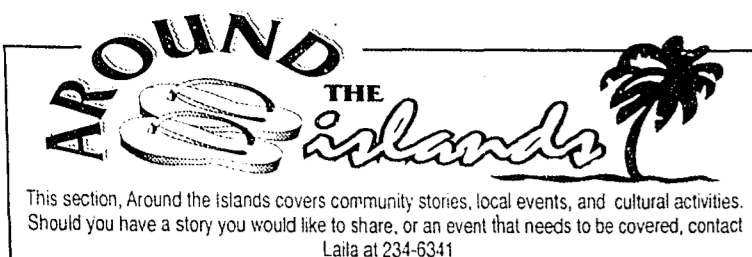


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# CRM to map Saipan reefs

By Rick Alberto  
*Variety News Staff*  
THE Coastal Resources Management will next do the mapping of the Saipan Lagoon reefs, after it has completed a watershed resource atlas using the Geographic Information System technology.



Manuel C. Sablan

CRM Director Manuel C. Sablan said he would again ask the University of Oregon to assist in the planning and undertaking of the project next year.

"Now we know that we have the capability to come up with something like this (atlas)," Sablan told the Variety Tuesday.

Sablan said the CRM would sit down with the University of Oregon on the mapping project.

The University of Oregon Micronesia and South Pacific Program helped the CRM develop the atlas, which Sablan presented yesterday to Norman Lovelace, chief of the Office of Pacific Islands Program for Region 9 of the US Environmental Protection Agency.

Lovelace's agency was a major source of funding for the atlas project.

"One thing that I'm really looking at now is the mapping of the reefs in the Lagoon through electronic basis," Sablan said.

Sablan said this project would complement the watershed atlas.

Environmental scientist Roy Tsuda, meanwhile, is expected to submit to the CRM early next month his full-blown proposal to undertake a three-year study on the Lagoon seagrasses, Sablan said.

Earlier Tsuda, chief of the environmental services of Dueñas & Associates in Guam, had written Sablan on his proposal, and Sablan, expressing his support

for the proposed study, asked Tsuda to develop a more detailed proposal including year-by-year budgets, project schedule, and inter-agency time/per-

sonnel commitment agreements. The study would be in collaboration with the CRM, the Division of Fish and Wildlife, and the Division of Environ-

mental Quality.

The seagrasses provide a primary habitat (shelter and food source) for the juvenile parrotfish.

## CRM completes watershed atlas

By Rick Alberto  
*Variety News Staff*  
THE Coastal Resources Management has completed its watershed resource atlas for Saipan using the Geographic Information System technology, after two years of arduous work.

The atlas contains a large amount of geographic and descriptive information on Saipan's major watershed areas, which are important in resource-management decision making.

The text describes human-induced impacts on the people and natural resources on Saipan.

The atlas was presented formally yesterday to Norman Lovelace, chief of the Office of Pacific Islands Program for Region 9 of the US Environmental Protection Agency by CRM Director Manuel C. Sablan at his

office. The EPA was a major source of funding for the project. Other fund sources were the US Department of the Interior Office of Insular Affairs, the University of Oregon Micronesia and South Pacific Program, and the CNMI.

The heavy task of planning, developing and creating the atlas fell on the shoulders of Chuck Schonder of the University of Oregon Micronesia and John Jordan, CRM resource planner.

John Furey, CRM coordinator, and Ivan Groom, former CRM director, and other members of the CNMI Inter-Agency Watershed Planning Group laid the groundwork for the project.

Different CNMI agencies like the Department of Commerce, Commonwealth Utilities Corp., Division of Public Lands, Department of Public Works, the US Geological Survey and the Natural Resources Conservation Service helped in the collection of digital data for the atlas.

Other agencies that helped secure and process data included the University of Guam, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Dueñas and Associates of Guam.

The development of the atlas also entailed several sessions to build the capability of local personnel on the GIS technology.

The CRM had chosen GIS as the most effective system for compiling the various electronic formats for the atlas.

Schonder said the completed atlas demonstrates the effective use of GIS for data management and display.

Consequently, he added, this would promote the use of GIS as a common system across government sectors in the CNMI.

Many CNMI agencies had in fact been noted to have moved to electronic data collection and storage using the GIS and the Computer Aided Design (CAD) programs, but according to Schonder, these agencies used "different, often incompatible, systems."

As a result, Schonder said, inter-agency cooperation has not improved.

Director Sablan said in a briefing that eventually all concerned agencies including the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., the Division of Public Lands, and the Department of Commerce will be connected electronically to the CRM through a service system.

Thus, if CUC plans to lay a sewer line through certain areas, it could access information from the watershed atlas. From the atlas, it would know where to keep away from resources that need to be protected.

# Borja to BOE: Control absences



Jesus C. Borja

By Laila C. Younis  
*Variety News Staff*  
A POLICY to regulate the absences to Board of Education members

## PauPau World Resort construction soon

By Rick Alberto  
*Variety News Staff*  
A 250-ROOM first-class hotel plans to start construction in January next year in Marpi, San Roque, near Hotel Nikko and La Fiesta Mall.

The \$60-million Pau Pau World Resort project, as early as Oct. 13, 1995, was permitted by the Coastal Resources Management.

The project, however, suffered from snags and delays.

The owner, World Corp. of Korea, this month asked the CRM for approval to proceed with the construction after it had submitted the required water-use, hazard, brown tree snake, and human resources development plans.

The CRM, however, informed the proponent, through its local representative, Elizabeth Salas-Balajadia Consulting Engineers, that the project still has other requirements to submit.

"Please be advised that there are other requirements which shall be satisfied prior to CRM issuing the Notice to Proceed (NTP) for the construction activities," CRM Director Manuel C. Sablan said in his letter to the consultant Tuesday.

The project has been downscaled from a 363-room, 14-story hotel to a 250-room, 13-story hotel.

The unrevised plan also included 33 rooms for condominium, but the revised design increased the number of condominium rooms to 119 to be housed in a separate five-story building.

The condominium units, according to the proponent, will be marketed in Korea and other large Asian cities.

The project site is located on a 49,500-square-foot land leased from the Marianas Public Land Corp.

The project will be constructed in two phases, with the first consisting of the hotel and the second the condominium, convention hall, and additional parking area.

The downsizing of the project is meant to enhance the aesthetic quality of the hotel and improve its conformance to the design criteria of the CRM regulations.

The hotel facility will also include swimming pools and water park, tennis courts, ponds and various sports and recreational facilities.

should be set, according to Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja.

"There should be rules to watch for absences on the Board. Some Boards and Commissions have three absences without valid reasons and they are out," said Borja.

"This is an insult to the students," he said, referring to the "lack of quorum" of yesterday's Board meeting. The meeting would be the fifth meeting called off by BOE Chair Don Farrell due to the lack of a quorum.

"There is a BOE policy on removing a member but it requires four votes to remove one member. So if two members get together like this, they essentially block the Board from doing anything and there is nothing the Board can do about it," said Farrell.

"We can't make a policy, change a policy or do anything without a quorum which is four members. So as long as BOE members Daniel Quitigua and Esther Fleming decide not to come, there will not be a Board of Education," he said.

Farrell noted the reason for not having an "policy for absentees" is because "nobody would have ever

suspected that this would happen and this has never happened before".

"The Board members are elected and so everyone assumes that we are participating as much as we can. Nobody ever dreamed that this would happen," said Farrell.

BOE member Daniel Quitigua said that "the actual work of the BOE lies within its standing committees" and he is "surprised" that the Lt. Governor would suggest "such as a policy because that is missing the whole point".

"The mere absence of a member at a quarterly meeting is not indicative of the performance of that Board member. That is not accurately describing the whole function of BOE," he said.

"I am doing my work and fulfilling my responsibilities by working with the committees," he said.

"I refuse to go to BOE meetings that are called for a specific purpose," he added, without elaborating on the "specific purpose".

Lt. Governor Borja and running mate Benigno Sablan joined Farrell, BOE member Thomas Pangelinan, and Richard Cody of DPW to discuss

the "status" of the 60 emergency classrooms.

Farrell insisted that a decision has to be made to "in whether two half-baked schools" should be built in Dandan or Kagman or "one really good one" in Kagman.

The Leadership of the House of Representative in a recent meeting "announced their commitment to provide the necessary funding for both schools".

The top legislators decided both school projects "are a priority" and "construction should proceed as planned".

The Dandan School project was also noted as part of Public law 10-38 and "funds cannot be transferred from the project".

Farrell said he "would believe it when it happens" as the Legislature has been promising to "attend to educational needs".

"I think that it is wonderful that the Legislature is taking a look at appropriating more funds for the construction of schools and classrooms and I wish they would have done it four years ago," said Farrell.

Quitigua, however, expressed confidence that the Legislature "will respond to the needs" of the public School System.

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Money has been allocated to building those schools. But always something happens so that the schools are still not usable.

The MHS gym is going into its sixth year and not nearly finished. The new Tinian High School is loaded with problems. The 60 classrooms are still a dream. Now a debate has started on whether to build an elementary school in Dan Dan and/or in Kagman. The Sinagalo Elementary School in Rota under construction has a lot of problems. The much needed new high school and a new junior high school aren't even on the drawing board yet.

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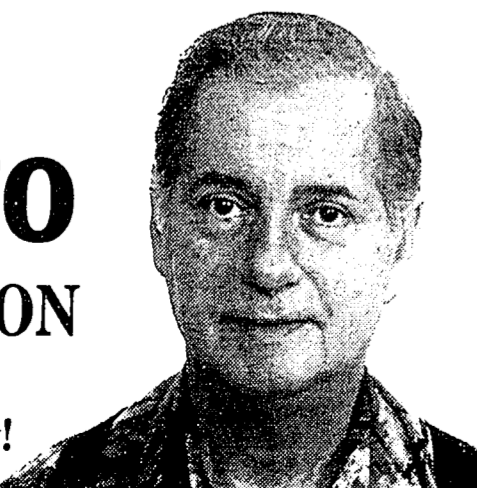
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## Health & Nursing

By Judith Avery RN CNS  
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WHEN A person goes to the hospital and has surgery, one of the hardest things about the experience is getting out of bed for the first time. One question that I hear time and time again is, "Why did the nurse have to get me get out of bed and make me walk so soon?" The answer is that while it may not feel like it at the time, it is good for you.

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tract which will help to speed the passage of gas through the GI tract.

Other benefits of walking around are an increase in circulation of the blood. Increased circulation means that more blood is flowing through all parts of the body. Therefore, healing is faster. Other studies have shown that with this increased circulation there is also less pain.

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Subject: Transmittal of Executed Amendments to Bird Island Development  
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Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

On behalf of myself and the officers of Bird Island Development Incorporated, I am  
 pleased to submit a copy of the amendments to the Bird Island Development  
 Incorporated public land lease for golfcourse and resort. The amendments  
 incorporated all recommendations and changes that the legislature proposed and  
 conditioned in its approval of the lease on June 26, 1997.

We wish to extend our appreciation for the Legislature's overwhelming support of our  
 lease and our project proposal. We look forward to working closely with your  
 respective offices in the future, and with the people of the CNMI for the timely  
 completion and opening of our comprehensive and integrated project. We are  
 confident that with our project, the CNMI will continue to develop its economy in a  
 manner that will benefit the entire commonwealth.

Sincerely yours,

*James Lin*  
 James Lin  
 President/Project Manager, Bird Island Development Incorporated  
 Attachment

cc: Honorable Manuel A. Tenorio, Chairman, House Committee on Natural Resources  
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Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

I am compelled to bring to your attention a gross violation of our  
 Constitution (Art. III: Sec. 15; Conduct of Members), our by-laws  
 and ethical standards.

A transmittal letter from B.I.D.I. (Bird Island Develop't Inc.) to  
 you and the Senate President (see House Misc. Comm. 10-146), dated  
 9/26/97, is written on the letterhead of Mr. Pete A. Tenorio and  
 Associates, the consultant for Bird Island Development, Inc.

Mr. Pete A. Tenorio was and is a Director, and a paid consultant  
 for the Bird Island project. He is back on the B.I.D.I. project,  
 after a "TEMPORARY" leave of convenience (refer to his resignation  
 from B.I.D.I.), in an attempt to avoid an appearance of conflict  
 of interest for legislative approval of San Juan-Kalabera public  
 land LEASE. Sorry, it doesn't work that way. He is not fooling  
 anyone. The conflict is there for everyone to see.

Do our ethical standards apply to everyone or are they to be applied  
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Sincerely,

*Stanley T. Torres*  
 Rep. Stanley T. Torres

cc: House & Senate Members  
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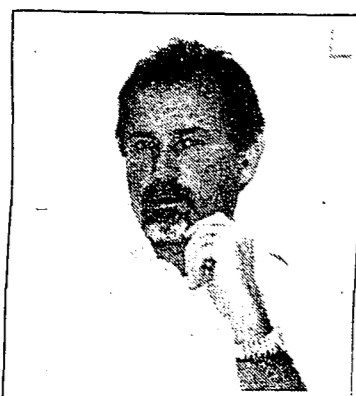
CNMI Drug Czar on 'Drug-free' policy:

# 'Just say Wait'

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio's two key administrators in the "War Against Drugs" have issued an update on the implementation of the government's drug and alcohol workplace policy for all civil service employees.

They have also lined up future activities related to the drug programs.

Richard A. Pierce, special assistant for drugs and substance abuse, and Joseph K. Villagomez, director of the Department of Public Health's Division of Mental Health and Social Services, said the CNMI Government's Drug and Alcohol Workplace Policy will be adopted on Nov. 15, even as the Civil Service Commission has amended the Personnel Service System Rules and Regulations.



Richard A. Pierce

"Just Say Wait" should have been our motto when it comes to the implementation of this policy. After nearly 22 months of work, training and struggles, both internal and external, the Civil Service Commission will print our final

version of the policy to do what it is intended to do; to begin to provide for a clean and effective worksite," Pierce said.

Satisfied that the Policy is to be adopted, Villagomez stated, "I welcome the adoption of this very important policy for the CNMI government. There has been much work put into it by numerous people with the sole agenda of addressing the drug problems that exist in this community. There has been a number of Memorandums of Understanding between the CNMI Government and federal agencies in addressing the drug problem, and I like to view this Drug and Alcohol Workplace Policy as an MOU between the CNMI Government and the people of the Commonwealth. This policy also provides an oppor-

tunity to educate every government employee on the dangers of drugs and alcohol. This education will hopefully then be transferred to the employees' families," Pierce said.

He said majority of the CNMI government employees do not use drugs or abuse alcohol, but there is a need to ensure that their safety and well-being are tended to when they report for work.

Villagomez also said we must not tolerate someone who use illegal drugs and/or abuse alcohol and inform them that that behavior will not be tolerated when you are working for this government."

"According to Gov. Tenorio's sources approximately 30% of their employees have received training and have enacted departmental policies. Their Public Safety De-

partment is still without a policy. And, private firms there say that the CNMI has made more progress in addressing the workplace issue than Guam has," states Villagomez.

The Division of Mental Health & Social Services is the most involved in the Policy's functions. Division Director Villagomez handles referrals for treatment, appoints the Medical Review Officer under the testing portion of the Policy, and is in charge of training of CNMI personnel.

The Alcohol and Drug Workplace coordinator, who oversees the functions of the Policy, is with the office of Personnel Management. This position is assigned to current acting Chief of Classifications and Compensation Francisco S. Ada Jr. The OPM Coordinator defines safety-sensitive positions, maintains confidential recording and monitors compliance.

The Public School System has printed identical regulations for future adoption pending Civil Service Commission action. The CNMI legislature adopted a resolution to mirror the Executive Branch Policy.

Both the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and the Commonwealth Ports Authority have revised their policies and practices as a result of exposure to the Policy to be adopted by the Civil Service.

"I know the governor is pleased with the Civil Service Commission's hard-line approach to drugs and alcohol in the workplace. The revision, and its inclusion, of adverse action for first-time positive drug tests for safety-sensitive employees, as well as pre-employment drug screens for all new CNMI employees, is the no-nonsense approach to the existing situation and the preparation for our future," Pierce stated.

Reports indicate that government employees have begun to seek help in dealing with substance abuse problems as a result of advanced training undertaken before the Policy's adoption and implementation.

A recently awarded contract, through the Governor's Office, will provide for additional training under the new Policy. In mid-November, training for supervisors, training for those charged with the Policy's sustainability and "mock" sessions will be presented to about 200 CNMI personnel.

Pierce noted that "nearly 2,800 employees of the CNMI government have received advanced training under the Policy. The sessions have been presented in Saipan, Tinian and Rota. The CNMI's Policy exceeds the levels of training and standards found in the federal 1988 Drug Free Workplace Act, and the testing portion of the Policy assures the public that those employees considered critical to providing CNMI services are the least likely to be involved in dangerous situations by exposure to drugs, including alcohol."

# Imelda taken to hospital



Former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos swears to the authenticity of her documents as she files a suit against the Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG), a body created to recover Marcos' alleged ill-gotten wealth in this Feb. 6, 1996 file photo. Mrs. Marcos was reportedly taken to the hospital Wednesday after a confrontation with a PCGG official. AP

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Imelda Marcos, widow of dictator Ferdinand Marcos, was taken to a hospital Thursday after confronting members of a government commission in charge of recovering her husband's alleged ill-gotten wealth.

The former first lady, now a member of the House of Representatives, was not taken to the hospital's emergency room.

Mrs. Marcos was complaining about the seizure of her family's properties and the numerous cases filed against members of her family by the government, said commission chairman Magtanggol Gunigundo.

Gunigundo, who took office in 1992, said he explained to Mrs. Marcos that he was not responsible for filing the charges.

"There was no untoward incident, so to speak," he said of his discussions with Mrs. Marcos.

The commission members were waiting in a lounge for their turn

to face a House budget hearing when they were approached by Mrs. Marcos.

After talking to Gunigundo, Mrs. Marcos approached a group of representatives who were discussing the budget for an anti-graft court where she has numerous pending cases.

Rep. Sergio Apostol, a member of the group, said Mrs. Marcos was crying and looked pale.

Apostol said they took her to a clinic where a doctor took her blood pressure, which was an abnormally high 200 over 100.

The clinic staff then put an oxygen mask on her and carried her out of the House on a stretcher to an ambulance that took her to the Philippine Heart Center.

The government claims Marcos stole about \$10 billion from the state during his 20-year administration, which ended in a popular uprising in 1986. Marcos denied any wrongdoing before his death in 1989.

# RP finance secretary wants peso to remain stable

TOKYO (AP) - The Philippine peso has stabilized after its sharp depreciation earlier this year, and the government wants it to stay where it is for the rest of the year, the Philippine finance secretary said Thursday.

"It is entering a period of stability, and that will be the object to-

ward the end of the year," Roberto De Ocampo told Dow Jones in an interview.

The depreciation hasn't hurt the Philippine economy because of the nation's strong economic fundamentals, De Ocampo said. He added that the International Monetary Fund has the same view.

The peso has fallen nearly 25 percent since the central bank abandoned a costly defense of the currency in early July and allowed it to move in a wider range against the dollar.

The dollar averaged 34,938 pesos on the Philippine Dealing System Thursday, up 18 centavos from 34,758 pesos at Wednesday's reference rate.

The secretary said 6 percent economic growth this year was quite possible, and that an inflation rate of 6 percent was "very doable."

Regarding a proposal backed by Japan and others to create an "Asian fund" to ensure monetary stability in the region, De Ocampo said such a fund wouldn't compete with the IMF

or be a separate institution, and should be more accurately called a "facility."

"It would coordinate with the IMF, so the assistance isn't misconstrued as a means to circumvent important structural reforms or to intervene to prop up exchange rates," he said.

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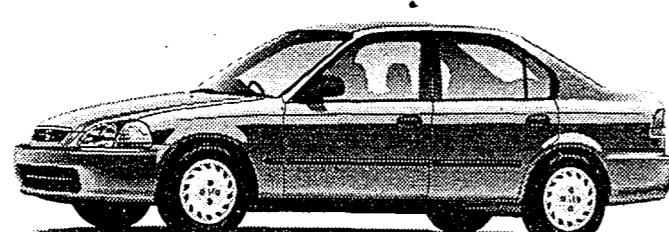
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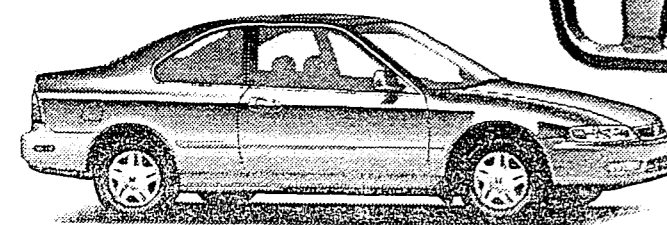
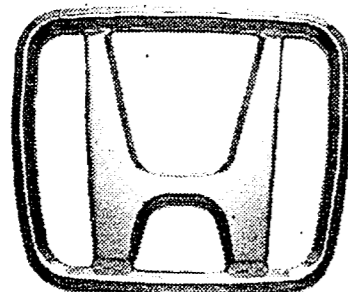
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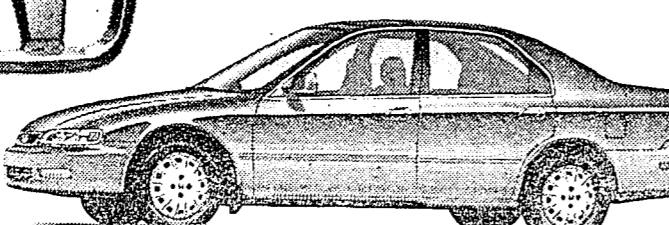
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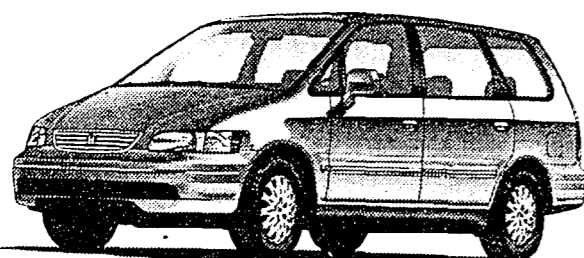
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# Rebels attack police station

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)** - Suspected communist rebels attacked a police headquarters near Manila in a daring midday raid Thursday, killing one policeman and seizing the police chief, officials said.

The attack came as the government and the Communist Party of the Philippines are holding sporadic peace talks in the Netherlands, where rebel leaders live.

About 40 rebels arrived in three vans shortly before noon and opened fire on the police headquarters, located in front of the Montalban town hall in Rizal province, about 35 kilometers (22 miles) east of Manila, Mayor Pedro Cuervo said.

He said the rebels, armed with rifles and grenade launchers and wearing military fatigues, shot two policemen, killing one, as they advanced into the headquarters. The rebels then ransacked the station and took a number of rifles.

## Police chief seized, one cop killed in midday raid

The rebels seized police chief Rene Francisco before fleeing in the vans and a commandeered dump truck, Cuervo told radio station DZMM.

"The rebels shouted 'long live the New People's Army'" after the attack, said Cuervo, who was officiating a wedding when the rebels attacked.

Police senior inspector Roger Quesada of nearby Marikina City said they blockaded roads connecting their city to Montalban after being informed of the attack by telephone.

He said police and soldiers on trucks and four helicopters were pursuing the rebels.

In August, suspected communist rebels attacked a police detachment in a mountain village in Antipolo, also part of Rizal, killing a policeman and a bystander.

The rebels left a statement saying they were retaliating for what they called police brutality against workers' unions and left-wing activists, police said.

Communist rebels still have a presence in many hinterland areas, including rural villages around the capital.

The communist rebellion began in the late 1960s and reached its peak in the mid-1980s, when the party's armed wing, the New People's Army, reached a strength of 26,000 guerrillas. Since then, its ranks have thinned due to battle casualties, surrenders and factionalism.



Protesters stage a roving picket outside the Finance Department building in Manila Tuesday accusing government technocrats of mismanagement and not doing anything to solve the country's economic woes. AP



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*A Letter To The Voters Of Election Precinct No. 1*

Please let me take a few minutes of your time.

I am writing this letter to introduce myself as one of the Republican Party candidate for the House of Representatives, CNMI Legislature, Precinct #1 (San Antonio, Koblerville, Dandan, San Vicente, Pina Sisua and Kagman II & III), this coming November general election.

I want also to take this opportunity to thank those supporters for their vote of confidence granted me the past two terms in the legislature. Through a great deal of encouragement by my constituents, close friends and family members, I decided again to seek re-election for the House of Representative seat for precinct #1. I believe I have done my best to protect the interest of our people during the 10th legislature and I am willing to continue serving your interest as long as my services are needed. With this in mind, I humbly seek your support and vote of confidence this coming November 1st.

Undoubtedly, during the campaign days ahead, many issues both old and new will be presented to the voters by both political parties and individuals candidates. Whatever the issues may be, I am a very staunch believer with a strong conviction that elected officials have the fiduciary and unconditional responsibility of representing the interest of our Commonwealth and its citizens. This being our goal, we establish objectives and priorities to strive for responsible and responsive government. With your vote of confidence, I shall assure you my commitment towards this goal.

I encourage you to continue to follow the election campaigns on the days ahead and listen to the issues. I would like you to know that I stand for, and will support, the protection of our environment, the enhancement of our natural resources and the promotion of high standards of our educational system. Our relationship with the federal government must be restored and the sanctity of the Covenant must be preserved. I will continue to fight the battle against the proliferation of drugs in our islands and will introduced legislation for severe penalties and strengthened our enforcement system. The unchecked growth of alien population continue to be a major problem and I will support legislation for a moratorium on alien labor which addresses our manpower requirements and our growing economy. These are only a few of the objectives and priorities that I will pursue if elected. I want to encourage you also to let me know if you have any strong feelings about certain issues that you may want to share with me.

Please vote for me this coming November 1st and also I humbly ask your support and vote of confidence for my colleagues and candidates for precinct 1. Thank you and sen dangkulu na si Yuus Maase for your precious time.

Hafa Adaj,  
Rep. Manuel Agulto Tenorio

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## RP stocks decline

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)** - Philippine stocks declined marginally Thursday as the market failed to extend its previous session's strong rebound from devastating earlier losses.

The 30-share Philippine Stock Exchange Index slipped 0.99 point, or 0.05 percent, to 1,813.16, after surging 73.97 points, or 4.3 percent, on Wednesday.

The peso, meanwhile, weakened despite relatively heavy intervention by the central bank, dealers said.

Traders said the stock market focused more on corporate earnings announcements than on developments in other stock markets. Anscor-Hagedorn Securities Inc. vice president Noel Reyess said third-quarter results so far have been disappointing.

Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., which led gainers in Wednesday's rally, reported a 26 percent rise in net profit to 5.88 billion pesos (\$168 million) for the first nine months. While the earnings were within expectations, its

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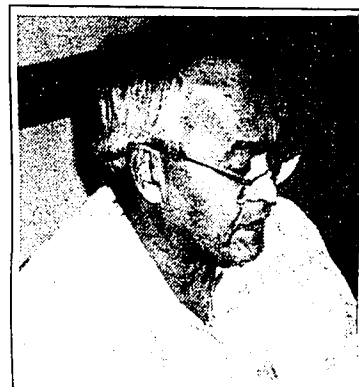
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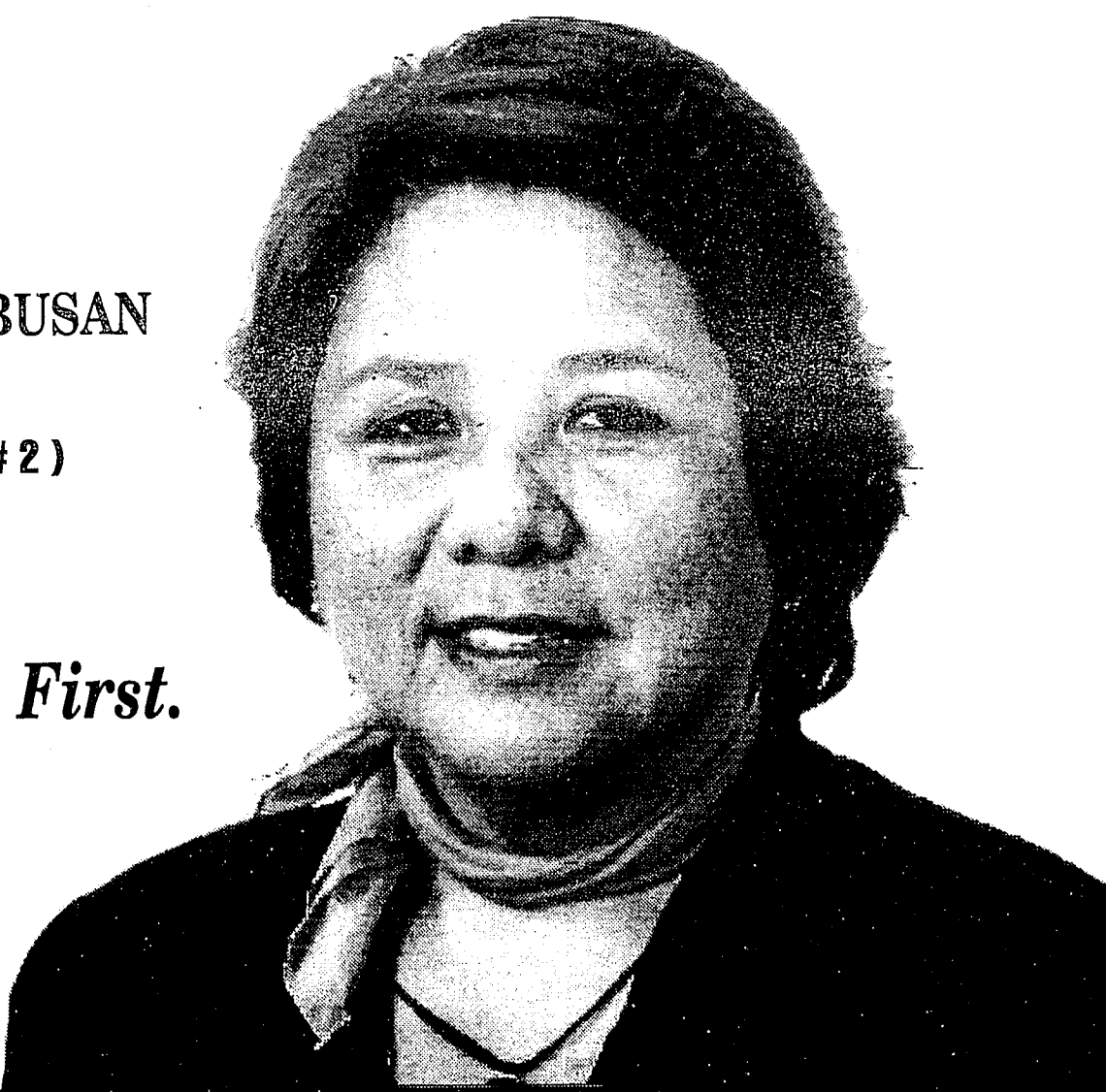
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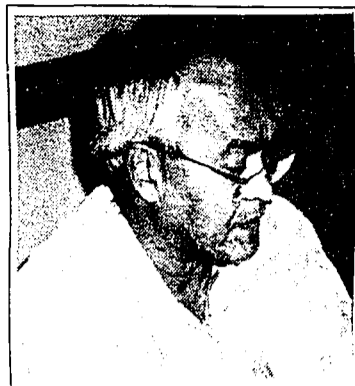
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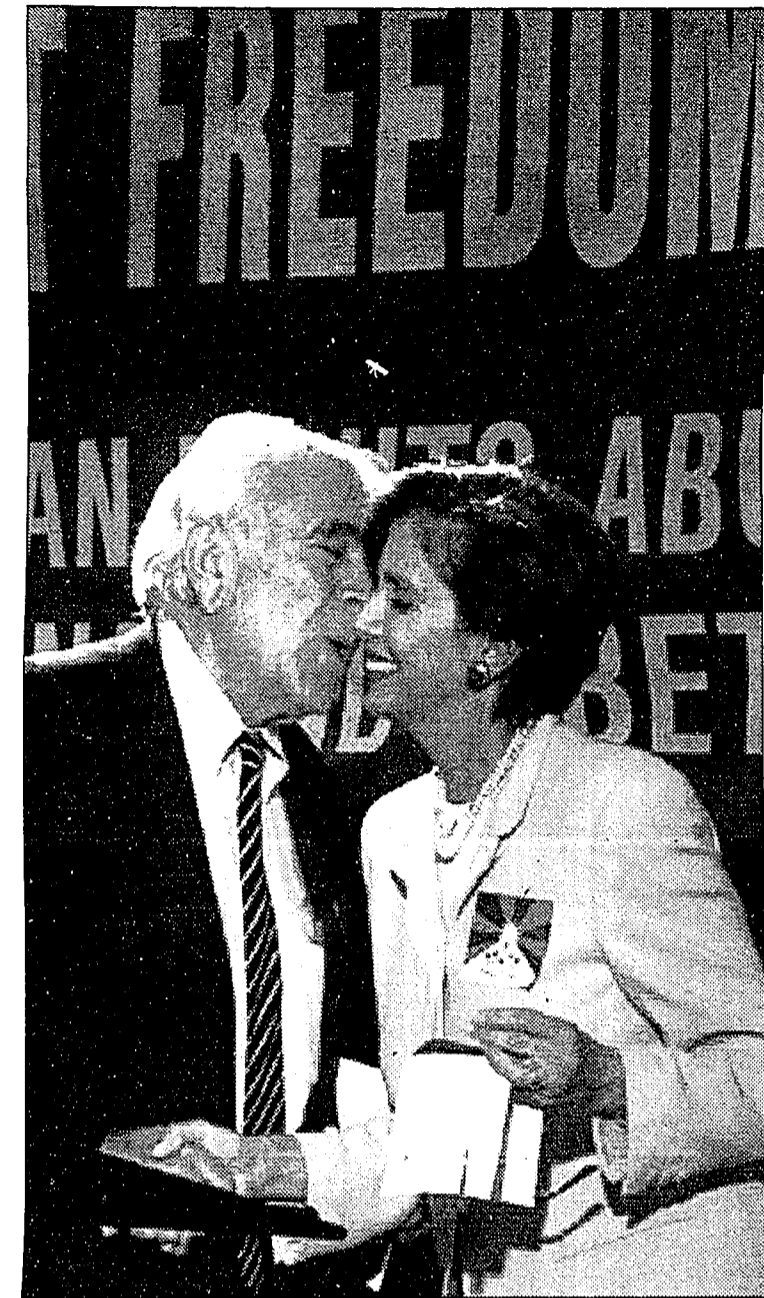
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By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. House of Representatives signaled strong support for a program that has allowed hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants to remain here and apply for legal residence in exchange for paying \$1,000 fines.

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But by a surprisingly wide margin of 268-153, the House on Wednesday rejected a nonbinding motion to instruct its negotiators not to give in to the Senate on the issue.

The law has been on the books since 1994 and almost a quarter-mil-

lion immigrants this year paid the \$1,000 fines while finalizing their legal residence.

Only certain undocumented aliens - mainly those related to U.S. citizens - can take advantage of the provision.

Congress twice has temporarily extended the measure, which was originally due to expire Sept. 30. The most recent extension expires Nov. 7.

The provision's fate rests in the hands of House and Senate negotiators resolving differences in House- and Senate-passed spending bills for the departments of Commerce, Justice and State.

The measure also penalizes people who apply for visas overseas and often must wait years for permission to come here, he argued.

Undocumented immigrants who leave the United States to obtain their green cards could find themselves barred from the country for up to 10 years under last year's immigration law.

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The regulation applies to noncitizens who already have received a visa number from the State Department, as well as those who are the spouse or minor child of a U.S. citizen. Parents of adult U.S. citizen children also can apply.

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District Judge William Hoeverler declared the mistrial two days after

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Moran, of Miami, said he might have to defend himself because he no longer has the money to pay a defense team. Abbell, a former Justice Department official from Bethesda, Md., said he would persevere because he is innocent.

Prosecutors charged the cartel employed a network of lawyers to keep abreast of the latest legal developments in the United States, defend smugglers caught in this country and take an undercover criminal role.

The case was closely watched in legal circles because of the government's bold strategy of charging lawyers with the same crimes as their clients. Some critics have said the government could use such tactics to intimidate their legal adversaries.

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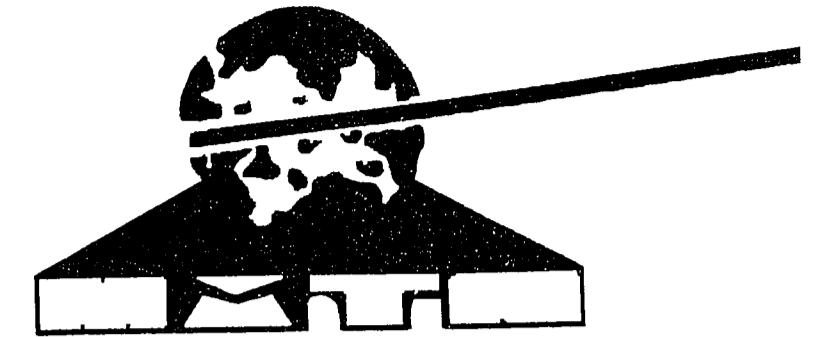


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# Clinton aide cleared

By Michael J. Sniffen  
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 At the request of Attorney General Janet Reno, the special court that administers the independent counsel act appointed one on Nov. 27, 1996, according to a report by Congress' auditing agency.

The names of the counsel and the targeted aide and the nature of the allegation remain under court seal. That practice has been followed in several previous cases over the years when allegations did not receive significant advance public notice.

But two law enforcement officials, requesting anonymity, identified the cleared aide as Segal, who served as chief of staff of Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign and later as an assistant to Clinton in the White House.

While in the White House, Segal organized and headed Clinton's domestic volunteer community service corps, known as the Corporation for National Service or AmeriCorps.

Segal, 54, who left the White House in 1996 to head the Welfare To Work Partnership, did not immediately return calls seeking his comment.

"The allegations were such that no responsible prosecutor would ever have brought a prosecution on these facts," a senior Justice official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "But under the independent counsel act we had no choice but to refer it to a counsel, who looked at the case and decided against prosecuting."

Officials said Segal was covered by the independent counsel act because it applies to anyone whose campaign job entailed "exercising authority at the national level" in a president's election or re-election committee.

He would not have been covered in his White House job, but covered campaign aides remain under the act's jurisdiction, whether they are in the public or private sector, for as long as the president they worked to elect stays in office.

The existence of the unnamed counsel was disclosed in a recent report by the General Accounting Office, an auditing branch of Congress. The report looked into spending by five independent counsels active between Sept. 30, 1996, and March 31, 1997.

The appointment of an unidentified independent counsel to investi-

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The Justice Department says that is done to protect the innocent as well as to allow the counsel's investigation to be conducted secretly without tipping off the targets. The law provides for secrecy in all cases but allows the special court judges to authorize some public disclosure at various stages in cases when there has been considerable public discussion of the allegations.

The GAO report said the undisclosed 1997 investigation spent \$48,784 in a six-month period, including \$38,575 for salaries of the investigator and his staff.

That is a fraction of more than \$5 million spent during the same period by independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr and four other independent counsels active in the same six-month period.

Starr's operation alone spent \$2.8 million over the six months, bringing its total expenses in its investigation of Clinton, his wife and the Clinton White House to more than \$30 million.

Other independent counsels' investigations in that period looked into alleged corruption at the Department of Housing and Urban Development during the Reagan administration; whether former HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros lied to the FBI about payments to a former mistress; the financial dealings of the late Commerce Secretary Ron Brown, who died in a plane crash during a trade mission to Bosnia; and the relationship of former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy to companies that his department regulated.



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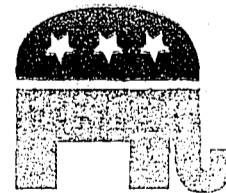
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According to Thai PM:

# 'Newspaper biggest threat'

By ROBERT HORN  
BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - An English-language daily reported Thursday that Thailand's prime minister called it the biggest threat to his government. In a speech to military officers

in Bangkok on Wednesday, prime minister Chavalit Yongchaiyudh slammed the media as an obstacle to effective government. He said The Nation newspaper in particular was a problem. "A foreign friend of mine who

lives in a neighboring country once asked me what was the biggest threat. I said The Nation. This is the true story," Chavalit was quoted by The Nation as saying. The Nation has severely criti-

cized Chavalit and his administration over a range of issues including his handling of the economy, as have many Thai newspapers.

Chavalit began his term of office last December by courting the media, but has ended up by threatening to take some newspapers to court.

As Chavalit failed to fix Thailand's worsening economy, the media became sharply critical of him and relations with the press deteriorated.

"Journalists misusing their pens or commentators misusing their microphones are no different from soldiers misusing their guns," Chavalit told the military.

He added that Thailand needed new social norms to prevent journalists from "abusing their power."

Most Thai media are based in Bangkok, and despite the daily drubbing the prime minister has been taking, his supporters argue he is still popular in the poorer rural provinces, particularly his political base in the northeast.

A leader of a farmers group

from the northeast recently threatened to bring thousands of members to Bangkok to confront anti-Chavalit demonstrators.

The protests, which took place last week, have dwindled.

The government's Media Monitoring Center, meanwhile, will be shut down on Friday, the Bangkok Post reported.

Set up by the Interior Ministry to ferret out reports it considers inaccurate or detrimental to the government and the economy, it sparked angry editorials from newspapers when it was established earlier this year.

Center officials sent several letters threatening newspapers with legal action over reports it considered inaccurate, although no legal action was ever taken.

The government said the center was being shut down because it cost too much money and it was against the spirit of a new constitution passed in November which guarantees freedom of the press.

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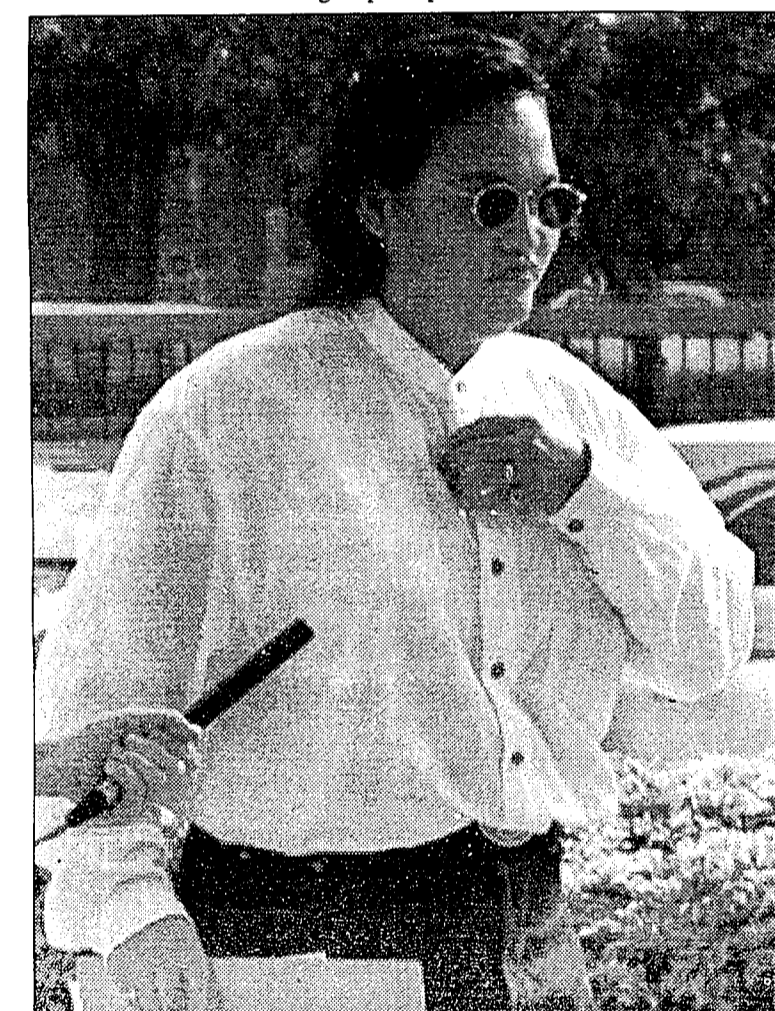
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Chalasai Chooopwa, 27, denies questions from pursuing reporters in front of the Criminal Court in Bangkok Monday. Chalasai faces a lawsuit for the first-degree murder of her ex-husband M.C. Thiliphand Yugala by mixing insecticide with his coffee on August 20, 1995. AP

## Daiwa securities executives arrested in payoff scandal

TOKYO (AP) - Prosecutors have arrested four Daiwa Securities Co. officials in connection with a scandal involving illicit payoffs by Japan's largest brokerages to corporate racketeers, the company said Wednesday.

The officials, including the former head of the brokerage's equity department, were charged Tuesday with funneling 203 million yen (\$1.7 million) in 1995 to a "sokaiya" racketeer. Sokaiya specialize in extorting

money from companies by threatening to disrupt annual shareholder meetings, often with embarrassing disclosures. Their alleged ties to organized crime groups also lead many executives to fear physical violence.

Ryuichi Koike, 54, the sokaiya who allegedly received the hush money, along with compensation for investment losses, has already been charged with taking payoffs from three other major Japanese brokerages and Dai-ichi Kangyo Bank Ltd.

# 'Closer US-China ties'

WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. President Bill Clinton and Chinese President Jiang Zemin issued a joint statement Wednesday, declaring closer U.S.-Chinese ties:

"The two presidents are determined to build toward a constructive strategic partnership between the United States and China through increasing cooperation to meet international challenges and promote peace and development in the world," the statement said in part.

Among agreements the two sides reached:

**NUCLEAR** - Implement the 1985 U.S.-Chinese Nuclear Cooperation Accord. Clinton will certify to Congress that China is no longer selling or transferring nuclear technology to other countries for weapons development, particularly Iran. This would allow the U.S. nuclear industry to export multibillion-dollar reactors and technology to China.

**RELATIONSHIP** - Hold regular strategic meetings between the two governments at every level, including annual meetings between the two heads of state.

**HOT LINE** - Establish a direct and secure communications link between the presidents, a symbolic gesture.

**MILITARY** - Activate a Military Maritime Cooperation Agreement to handle incidents at sea by establishing closer communications and rules for when the nations' ships and submarines encounter one another. Increase openness between the militaries by sharing information and visits.

**MISSILES** - Build on a 1994 Joint Statement on Missile Non-proliferation, reaffirming commitments to halt transfers of ballistic and cruise missiles to Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, Libya, North Korea and others.

**TAIWAN** - Reiterate that U.S.-Chinese ties are governed by three joint communiqués signed in 1972, 1979 and 1982, establishing a "one-China" policy in which America recognizes Beijing over Taipei as the government.

**TRADE** - Sign a deal Thursday between the Chinese and Boeing Co. to buy 50 airplanes for \$3 billion, partly to assuage U.S. concerns about the growing trade deficit, expected to reach \$44 billion this year. China indicated its intention to remove high-tech trade tariffs by participating as soon as possible in the Information Technology Agreement.

**HUMAN RIGHTS** - Open a dialogue on human rights, the biggest area of disagreement between the two nations.

**RULE OF LAW** - Increase U.S. support of China's developing legal system, including training lawyers, prosecutors and judges. Strengthen cooperation in combatting international organized crime, narcotics trafficking, alien smuggling, counterfeiting and money laundering. The United States and China will as-



President Clinton and Chinese President Jiang Zemin toast during their state dinner at the White House Wednesday. The two presidents have reached agreement on a wide range of issues. AP

sign countermarcotics officers to their respective embassies.

**ENVIRONMENT** - Strengthen cooperation in energy and environment by accelerating clean energy projects and the appropriate transfer of related technologies - principally for clean energy, urban air pollution control and rural electrification. No global-warming initiatives were approved.

**SPACE** - Broaden research cooperation in space technology.

**NORTH KOREA** - Press for four-party peace talks on the Korean Peninsula, which were halted earlier this year by North Korea.

What the two presidents didn't do:

**TIANANMEN SANCTIONS** - Reactivate U.S.-backed loans for American companies doing business in China or lift the U.S. ban on the sale of weapons or defense technologies to the Chinese military. Washington also refused Beijing's request to lift U.S. restrictions on export to China of dual-use technologies - fast computers, chemicals, communications devices and other civilian materials that can be used for military purposes.

**HUMAN RIGHTS** - China refused to release political dissidents, which Clinton requested. The Chinese maintain they're criminals but have hinted they may grant medical pardons for ill inmates.

**TRADE** - China wants to join the World Trade Organization, but U.S. officials say the Chinese must first lower trade barriers. The two sides agreed to "intensify negotiations," but set no deadline.

**TAIWAN ARMS SALES** - The United States asserted its right to continue sales and transfers of weapons to Taiwan, something Beijing wants halted. Washington urged Beijing and Taipei to

restart talks to reach a peaceful settlement on the future of Taiwan, which China sees as a renegade province.

**DETARGETING** - China didn't get a "no first use" nuclear weapons deal with the United States. U.S. policy forbids giving up the first-use nuclear rights, although the administration is discussing symbolic detargeting.

**TIBET** - China objects to the Clinton administration's plan to

appoint a U.S. coordinator to Tibet, possibly as soon as Saturday, to urge autonomy talks between Beijing and the Dalai Lama, Tibet's exiled spiritual leader.

**HONG KONG** - The United States complained about rollbacks in electoral rights, which the administrative government has started to impose since the July 1 return of the British colony to Chinese rule.



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# White House glows for state dinner

By Sandra Sobieraj  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** — From the potatoes to the flatware to the finances of most guests, the White House was aglitter in gold Wednesday for the state dinner honoring Chinese President Jiang Zemin.  
 Some 232 guests were packing the East Room, where tables swathed in gold damask were set with the PDR china atop Eisenhower gold base plates. Vermeil flatware was laid out for the chilled lobster, pepper crusted Oregon beef and "Yukon Gold" whipped potatoes.  
 Marzipan pandas nestled on dessert trays represented "a friendly connection with China that we all like," said assistant pastry chef Franette McCulloch.  
 The dinner was a coveted ticket and the list of lucky

invitees showed one of President Clinton's primary goals in U.S.-Sino relations: access to China's 1.2 billion potential customers.  
 No less than two dozen CEOs from America's best-known businesses — including Xerox, PepsiCo, Walt Disney and General Motors — mingled with such guests as film maker Steven Spielberg and dress designer Vera Wang.  
 Wang designed Hillary Rodham Clinton's lavender silk and duchess satin gown, which draped around the first lady's shoulders and featured crystal beading at her neckline.  
 An overflow of 150 lesser-ranking VIPs were invited only as close as the ground floor, for dessert, and the South Lawn, where the National Symphony Orchestra,



President and Mrs. Clinton, wearing a Vera Wang designed gown, greet Chinese President Jiang Zemin and his wife Wang Yeping prior to a state dinner in the Chinese president's honor, Wednesday at the White House. AP

under the direction of Leonard Slatkin, was tuning up for an apres-dinner performance of American classics including Aaron Copland's hoedown from "Rodeo" and Ira Gershwin's "An American in Paris."  
 It was a program, some White House officials suggested, that might tempt Jiang himself on stage. At an official dinner in Manila last year, Jiang surprised his host by singing "Love Me Tender" and "Swanee River."  
 Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., gave the

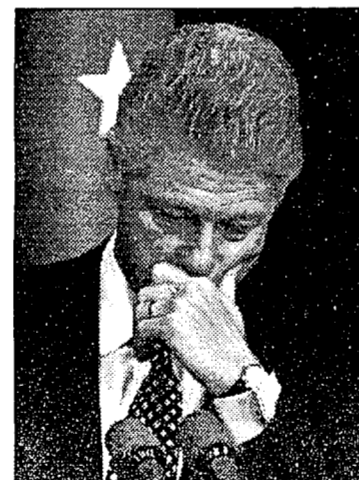
guest list political balance. Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and an outspoken critic of China, showed up for the sake of protocol, his office said.  
 All living former presidents and their spouses were invited, but only Ladybird Johnson and Jimmy Carter, who was accompanied by his son, Chip, accepted. Given a prior engagement in Houston and his personal relationship with Jiang, former President Bush, who was the United States' chief liaison to China from 1974-1975, opted instead for a private breakfast with

the Chinese president on Friday.  
 White House officials, anticipating interest far beyond the mansion's capacity, long ago offered to have the dinner under a tent outside — as they did for the Irish president last year — but Jiang's representatives held out for the gilded State Dining Room.  
 "They thought the symbolism was important," one White House official whispered. Jiang had been miffed in October 1995 when Clinton refused him an official visit and insisted they meet at New York's Lincoln Center instead.

## Hoarse Clinton catches a cold

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Clinton is fighting a cold.  
 During a joint news conference with Chinese President Jiang Zemin on Wednesday, Clinton was clearly losing his

voice. After croaking out a comment on human rights in China, he motioned for press secretary Mike McCurry, who slipped behind a nearby door and returned to hand him two paper cups.



President Clinton

"I gave him a choice of hot tea or water," said McCurry. "He elected both."  
 Clinton drank both beverages before the news conference was over, a thirst that McCurry attributed to a between-seasons cold.  
 "He's coming down with a bug," McCurry said. "He was feeling achy too."  
 Clinton, who has struggled with laryngitis on and off since the 1992 campaign, has been blaming his current voice problems on a change of weather over the weekend — and a lot of singing and talking with visitors who came in for Hillary Rodham Clinton's 50th birthday celebration.

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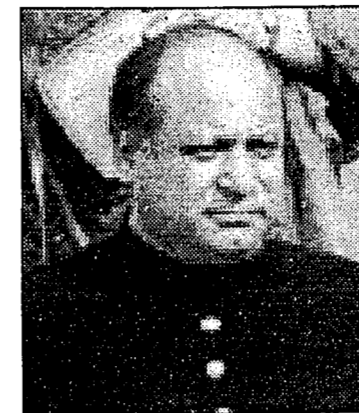
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# Pakistan PM may face charge



Nawaz Sharif

By Zahid Hussain  
**ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP)** — Pakistan's Supreme Court took steps Wednesday that could result in contempt of court charges against the prime minister, intensifying a fierce power struggle over judicial appointments.

The tussle between Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Chief Justice Sajjad Ali Shah over who has the right to pick the court's judges is Sharif's stiffest test since taking office in February, analysts say.

The prime minister has refused to approve a motion Shah filed in August that would expand the 12-seat Supreme Court by five judges.

Shah claims that a 1996 Supreme Court ruling requires the executive branch to approve high court appointments within 30 days. Sharif, however, maintains he has the authority to reject potential justices.

On Wednesday, Shah ordered Pakistan Attorney General Chaudhry Mohammed Farooq to explain Sharif's position before the court.

It was not clear when Shah planned to hold the preliminary hearing, at which time he would decide whether the petition warranted a full trial.

Earlier Wednesday, the Supreme Court dealt Sharif another blow by suspending parts of a constitutional amendment.

Passed in July, the amendment aimed to end the decades-old tradition of vote-buying to get legislation through the law-making National Assembly, the lower house of Parliament.

A three-judge panel led by Shah said parts of the amendment prevented members from voting according to their conscience.

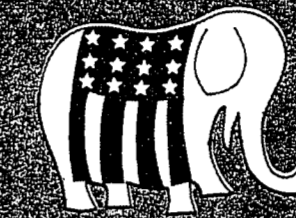
In a special evening session, the National Assembly, which is dominated by Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League, passed a resolution condemning the court's suspension of the amendment as unconstitutional.

Sharif slammed the chief justice for what he said were illegal moves to weaken the executive branch.

"I want to know under what law the chief justice has suspended an amendment passed by the Parliament," he said.

Shah also has moved to resurrect corruption allegations against Sharif, who could be removed as prime minister if convicted.

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Protesters gather during Jiang visit:

# 'Freedom for Tibet!'



Protesters Nancy Hummel, left, and Mary Sinclair, both of Williamsburg, Va., hold "Free Tibet" signs as they protest the visit of Chinese President Jiang Zemin, to the Colonial Williamsburg area in Williamsburg, Va., on Tuesday. The two were part of a small group of protesters that were kept a long way from the Governors Palace which was one of Jiang's stops on his tour. AP

By KALPANA SRINIVASAN  
WASHINGTON (AP) - Since she was ordained a Buddhist nun in 1988, Jane Drake has dedicated herself to carrying on her chosen faith. But as she passes on the word in America, she fears Chinese rule threatens to stamp out Buddhism in Tibet.

"I have become much more conscious through religion of the importance of alleviating suffering throughout the world," said Drake, donning her red nun's robe at a rally outside the Chinese Embassy Tuesday night. "We are here to draw attention to the

fact that Tibet is really being suppressed, and its culture is being dissolved."

While President Bill Clinton welcomed Chinese President Jiang Zemin at the White House, Drake and other members of her Maryland temple joined hundreds of demonstrators miles (kilometers) away at the embassy to protest religious persecution in Tibet.

Four large red lanterns in the backdrop served as the only reminder of the dignitary's presence in the capital. Speakers at the rally stressed their

support for Jiang's meeting with Clinton but said it should be an opportunity to discuss such issues as religious freedom in Tibet.

"We are gathered here tonight not out of any bitterness. We believe this visit is important," said Lodi Gyari, president of the International Campaign for Tibet. "Unless there is dialogue between the U.S. and China, the U.S. cannot help us."

Gyari said he hoped Clinton would follow through on the promise he made to the Dalai Lama in April to keep Tibet high on the meeting

agenda.

The vigil capped off a day of protests and consciousness-raising events timed for the arrival of the Chinese president in Washington. Protests were expected to continue in front of the White House Wednesday during the official welcoming ceremony for Jiang.

Earlier Tuesday, about a dozen members of Congress pledged to adopt prisoners of conscience in China or Tibet and lobby on their behalf with letters to government officials and prison wardens.

Various religious leaders opened the evening vigil with their prayers for the people of Tibet, as the group lit candles and raised signs in support.

"We wanted the Chinese leadership to hear the people," said Karma Zarkhang, who drove with a dozen others in a van from Chicago for the protests. "And we wanted to make our strong presence felt in Washington."

James Manning, a member of the Catholic Alliance, walked through the crowd carrying a replica of the Goddess of Democracy statue that stood in Beijing's Tiananmen Square during the 1989 crackdown

by Chinese troops on student demonstrators. He said the alliance commissioned the statue as a reminder that "the spirit of Tiananmen Square still lives on." The group recited "A Prayer of Words of Truth," an inspirational Tibetan poem written by the Dalai Lama in the 1960s, foretelling a future of freedom.

"May all of Tibet spontaneously gain the glory of complete independence, the aim of our most cherished and long-felt desire," read a verse from the chant in translation.

Ama Adhe, a Tibetan woman who was imprisoned for 28 years, grasped the hands of Rep. John Porter, an Illinois Republican, at the congressional event. Through a translator, Adhe said she was on the brink of tears as she heard the congressmen read the names of their prisoners, some of whom she remembered from Tibet.

Former Chinese dissidents and advocacy group officials voiced their concerns in meetings with Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms and a House International Affairs Committee panel that deals with human rights.

## Dialogue urged between Jiang and Dalai Lama

By KALPANA SRINIVASAN  
WASHINGTON (AP) - A pro-democracy message rang out for China Wednesday. But it was at Lafayette Park instead of Tiananmen Square and entertainers starred instead of students.

"This is not a cuddly new China," movie star Richard Gere told a rally across from the White House during a day of protest and vigil held as a counterpoint to Chinese President Jiang Zemin's state visit.

The famous and the unsung joined in a contrary chorus in the park and on the streets to urge freedom for the Chinese people and others under Beijing's control. Some marched in support of Taiwan. Others came out for Tibet.

Four men donned cardboard sheets on which chains were drawn and holes cut out for their heads and arms, each representing a persecuted Chi-

nese dissident.

People who otherwise support President Bill Clinton politically and financially took the stage to condemn what they regard as a weak U.S. policy on Chinese human rights.

"We should not exchange champagne toasts with a country that brutalizes its people," said Democratic Sen. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin.

Also from the stage came this message, from Adam Yauch, a member of the Beastie Boys band: "How dare President Clinton go into a negotiation about selling nuclear weapons to China without human rights being in the forefront."

Gere, a longtime supporter of Tibetan autonomy, brought greetings from the Dalai Lama, the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader. Pointing to signs of the Dalai Lama held up in the crowd, Gere said, "You could be arrested for that in Tibet."



Tibetan monk Ven-Topgyal, who traveled to Williamsburg, Va., from Washington, D.C., protests at the entrance to the Williamsburg Inn Tuesday. A historic Colonial Williamsburg home can be seen in the background. Ven-Topgyal along with other Tibetan protesters representing the International Campaign for Tibet, were protesting the visit of China President Jiang Zemin. AP

# Clinton, Jiang spar on rights

By RON FOURNIER  
WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton and his Chinese counterpart engaged in a spirited discussion Wednesday over human rights and democracy, with the U.S. president urging "full room for debate, dissent and freedom to worship."

Standing firm, Jiang Zemin said it was natural "for our two countries to hold different views on some issues."

In a remarkable back-and-forth at a White House news conference, Jiang defended the 1989 crackdown against pro-democracy demonstrators in Tiananmen Square. Calling the protest a "political disturbance," Jiang said the action was necessary to preserve "social and political stability."

A stern-looking Clinton replied: "I think it should be obvious to everyone that we have a very different view of the meaning of the events in Tiananmen Square. I believe that what happened and the aftermath and the continuing reluctance to tolerate political dissent has kept China from politically developing the level of support in the rest of the world that otherwise would have been developed."

Clinton, who accused President Bush of coddling China in 1992, is sensitive to criticism that he has not been tough enough with Jiang. Dozens of demonstrators gathered outside the White House during the news conference to protest the visit.

"You shouldn't in any way minimize the steep differences that still remain between us," he said.

Still, he acknowledged that China had made progress on human rights and lifted one of the sanctions imposed after the 1989 massacre: U.S. nuclear firms can now apply to do business with China.

"We have profound disagreements but that does not mean that this visit should not have occurred or that we don't have a big interest in continuing to work together," Clinton said.

In three hours of talks over two days, the president said he confronted Jiang on the sensitive human rights topic and would continue to do so, "directly and personally."

Trade also was a key issue. Clinton urged China to open its markets to U.S. goods. "Just as China can compete freely and fairly in America, so our goods and services should be able to compete freely and fairly in China," Clinton said.

Jiang, speaking in Chinese, said relations between the two nations have reached "a new stage of development." Still, he touched on China's concern that American policies impinge on Beijing's sovereignty. "Both sides are of the view that it is imperative



President Clinton gestures toward Chinese President Jiang Zemin during their joint news conference at the Old Executive Office Building in Washington Wednesday. In a state visit exposing deep fault lines between America and China, President Clinton and President Jiang Zemin sparred publicly Wednesday over human rights and the Tiananmen Square massacre. AP

to handle China-U.S. relations and properly address our differences in accordance with the principles of mutual respect, non-interference in each other's internal affairs," he said.

Clinton certified that China isn't exporting nuclear technology, particularly to Iran and Pakistan, for weapons development.

That puts into effect a 1985 U.S.-China Nuclear Cooperation Agreement, allowing the U.S. nuclear industry to sell reactors and technology in China.

The two leaders announced a series of modest agreements, including:

- Holding regular strategic meetings between their governments at every level. Clinton goes to China next year.

- Establishing a hot line to provide a direct communications link between the presidents.

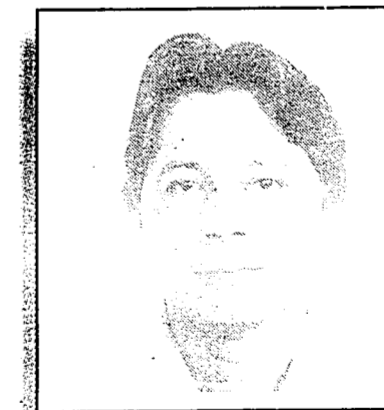
- A Military Maritime Cooperation Agreement to handle incidents at sea by establishing closer communications and rules for when the nations' ships and submarines encoun-

ter one another. "On the delicate issue of Taiwan, Clinton reiterated the United States' "one-China" policy. "Ultimately, the relationship between (China) and Taiwan is for the Chinese themselves to determine peacefully," Clinton said.

- Increase U.S. support of China's developing legal system, including training lawyers, prosecutors and judges.

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# Varied voices of protests



Actor Richard Gere, left, meets fans during a human rights demonstration in Lafayette Park in Washington Wednesday, as President Clinton hosted Chinese President Jiang Zemin at the White House. "This is not a cuddly new China," Gere told the rally. AP

By KALPANA SRINIVASAN  
WASHINGTON (AP) - A pro-democracy message rang out for China Wednesday. But it was at Lafayette Park instead of Tiananmen Square and entertainers starred instead of students.

"This is not a cuddly new China," movie star Richard Gere told a rally across from the White House during a day of protest and vigil held as a counterpoint to Chinese President Jiang Zemin's state visit.

The famous and the unsung joined in a contrary chorus in the park and on the streets to urge freedom for the Chinese people and others under Beijing's control. Some marched in support of Taiwan. Others came out for Tibet.

Four men donned cardboard sheets on which chains were drawn and holes cut out for their heads and arms, each representing a persecuted Chinese dissident.

People who otherwise support President Bill Clinton politically and financially took the stage to condemn what they regard as a weak U.S. policy on Chinese human rights.

"We should not exchange champagne toasts with a country that brutalizes its people," said Democratic Sen. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin.

Also from the stage came this message, from Adam Yauch, a member of the Beastie Boys band: "How dare President Clinton go into a negotiation about selling nuclear weapons to China without human rights being in the forefront."

Gere, a longtime supporter of Tibetan autonomy, brought greetings from the Dalai Lama, the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader. Pointing to signs of the Dalai Lama held up in the crowd, Gere said, "You could be arrested for that in Tibet." Organizers of the lunch rally had a permit for 2,000 people and appeared to draw somewhat fewer than that.

Jiang's visit brought together a diverse collection of groups with nothing else in common except their opposition to U.S. policy on China and their advocacy of more religious and political freedom.

Jiang was out of sight of an early morning gathering at Lafayette Park, across from the White House, when he stepped into his limousine for the short motorcade ride from the Blair House guest headquarters to the presidential mansion.

About 100 demonstrators shouted and passed out brochures calling for a free Tibet, the first small wave in the series of demonstrations marking the first state visit by a Chinese leader in 12 years.

"If we want to transform China into a progressive country, we must change the bad politics first," said Fang Nengda, a former teacher in China who was placed under house arrest for his political beliefs. "If China does not change the broad system of politics, education cannot make a difference."

Hundreds supporting Taiwan marched from Washington's grassy Mall to streets around the White House. "We want Taiwan to be for

the Taiwanese," said Su Chang, who came to Washington on an overnight bus from Atlanta with about 50 demonstrators.

They melded into a crowd of "Free China" protesters and their voices joined together at a street corner near the White House.

The four men wearing cardboard were invoking an ancient Chinese punishment in which prisoners were made to don sheets of metal.

"I'm 50 years old and I cannot see that democracy will be filled in China," said Zhilang Ching, who fled China recently and is here under asylum.

# DeLay boycotts Jiang breakfast

By Jim Abrams  
WASHINGTON (AP) - A senior House Republican said Wednesday he would boycott a congressional breakfast with Chinese leader Jiang Zemin to protest religious persecution in China. Other critics of U.S.-Chinese policy said they were unimpressed by Jiang's talks with President Clinton.

House Majority Whip Tom DeLay of Texas, the No. 3-ranked Republican in the House, said he was staying away from breakfast Thursday "because of the Chinese government's continued harassment and persecution of Christians and other people of faith."

DeLay said it was a "difficult decision" because he believed in engagement and normal trade with China. But he said that the mistreatment of Christians must stop and that a boycott was the "one way I can send that message to the president of China."

Jiang is to meet Thursday morning on Capitol Hill with about 45 Senate and House leaders, including Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, House Speaker Newt Gingrich and their Democratic counterparts, Sen. Tom Daschle and Rep. Dick Gephardt.

He is sure to hear blunt talk about China's human rights record. "I have a message to deliver," said Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., one of the House's leading critics of China. She didn't elaborate, but said she thought that in the agreement reached with China on limiting nuclear technology transfers to the Persian Gulf region "President Clinton has folded on a matter of gravest concern: China's proliferation of weapons of mass destruction."

Pelosi and other members attended a China protest rally in Lafayette Square across from the White House, while others participated in a rally of Taiwan supporters on the Capitol steps.

During his visit, Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., told the gathering that Jiang "will experience for himself the deep ties of common values and shared goals between the citizens of our democracy and those of Taiwan."

Pelosi and Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y., are among those attending a "stateless" dinner Wednesday night to publicize the plight of Tibet.

Solomon said Clinton's statements that all people must be free to express their beliefs didn't go far enough in pressing China on human rights. "It was more an act of appeasement than trying to drive home the values that Americans cherish the most."

Rep. Joseph Kennedy, D-Mass., was among 60 House members who signed a letter to Jiang asking him to release two prominent political prisoners, Wei Jingsheng and Wang Dan. Improving U.S.-Chinese relations is important, Kennedy said, "but if China continues to refuse to make progress on human rights, such an improvement in relations will not occur."

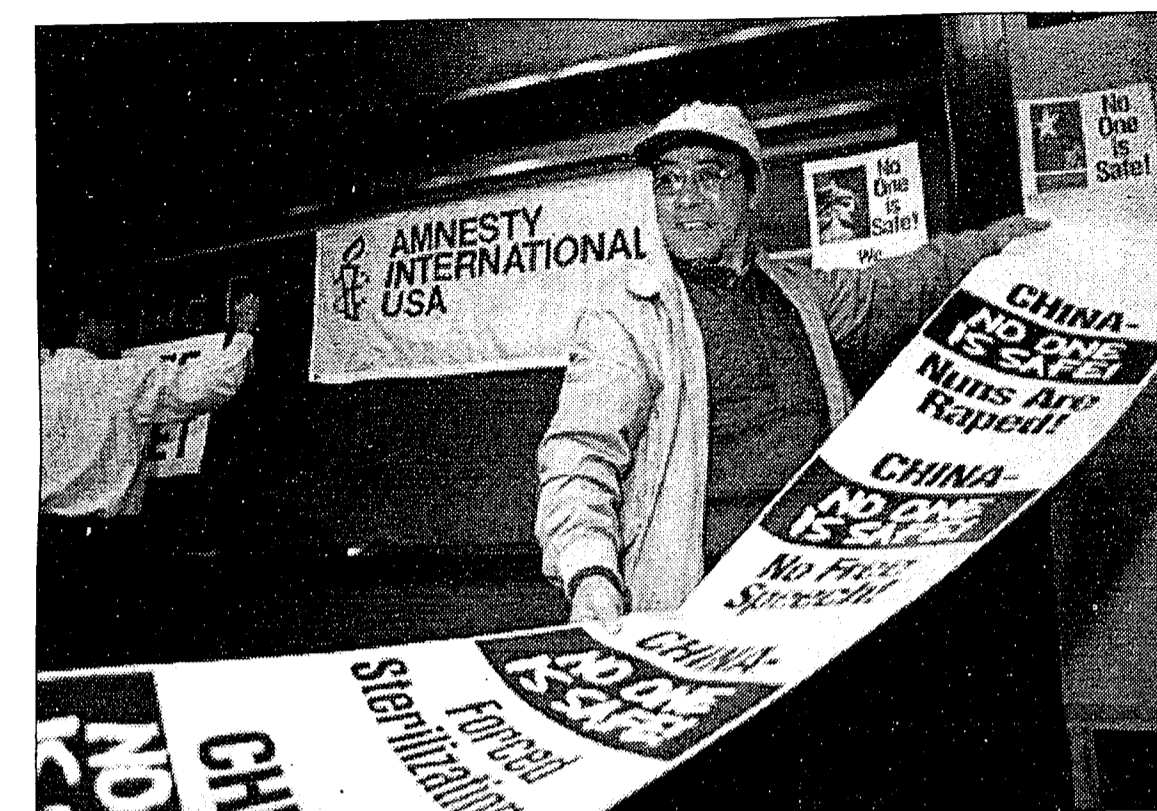
At least one lawmaker had kind words for the nuclear technology deal that will open the way for the

American nuclear power industry to sell equipment to China.

Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, said the promotion of nuclear power in China would significantly help the environment in a country that now relies heavily on coal for energy.

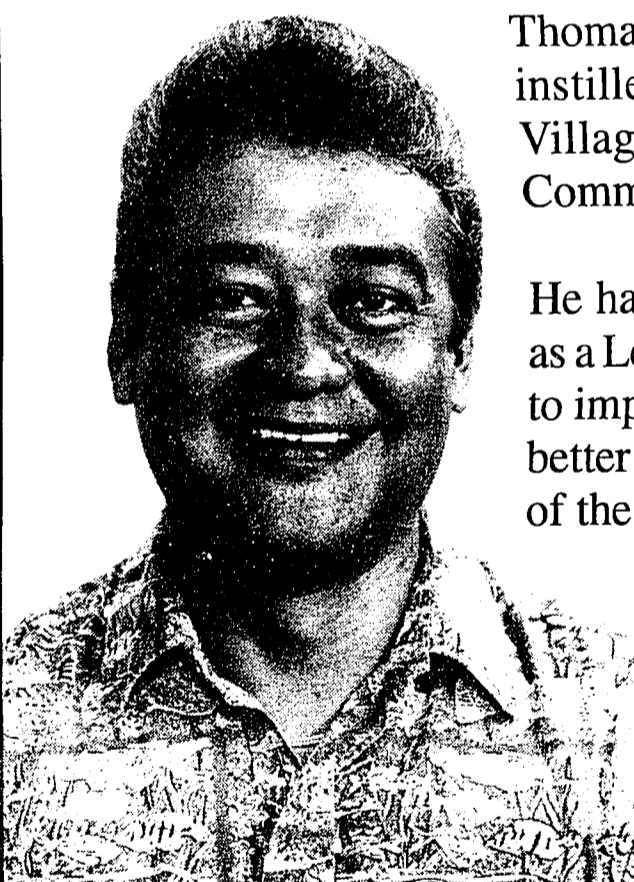
"By certifying China to purchase American nuclear power technology, President Clinton is taking a big step toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions in a nation that is becoming one of the world's foremost carbon belchers," he said.

But Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said he was concerned about China's past record of selling weapons and nuclear technology to countries such as Iran. "I hope and pray that China will turn over a new leaf," Shelby said. "But I am very pessimistic."



Ngawang Jorden, from Tibet, a graduate student studying Buddhism, holds up a sign protesting the many human rights violations in China during a news conference organized by the Coalition for Freedom and Human Rights in Asia, Wednesday in Cambridge, Mass. The Coalition for Freedom and Human Rights in Asia is organizing a protest against Chinese President Jiang Zemin's visit to Boston and his speech at Harvard University scheduled for Saturday. AP

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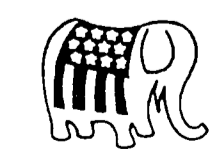
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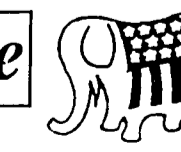
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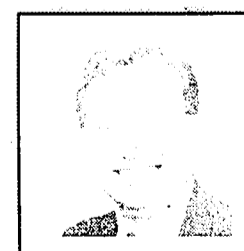
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# US Business wins in visit

By Barry Schweid  
WASHINGTON (AP) — American business stands to gain the most from President Clinton's meeting with Chinese President Jiang Zemin. The world's most populous country, bent on capitalism while paying lip service to communism, beckons for investments beyond the \$15.7 billion in American money already at work there.

Pro-democracy activists in prison and Christians said to be oppressed may not fare so well. There were no known releases timed to Jiang's visit, though three prominent American religious leaders were invited to visit China.

"China has more Christian prisoners and detainees than any other country in the world," said Nina Shea, director of the Center for Religious Freedom at Freedom House. She spoke amid demonstrations across from the White House where Clinton hailed Jiang at the first U.S.-Sino summit in a dozen years as having lifted mil-

lions of Chinese from poverty. Clinton, who had accused his predecessor, President Bush, of "coddling" China despite human rights violations, appealed Wednesday on the White House lawn for treating people with dignity — permitting them to express their beliefs and practice their faith. And Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, underscoring her own commitment to human rights, observed: "In our relations with China, engagement is not the same as endorsement."

Clinton's tack now is that the United States must deal with China, that to foster isolation would produce harmful results all around. He also hoped the meeting would mark a turning point in U.S.-China relations.

"On so many issues, China is on the right side of history," Clinton said, but not on human rights. "We have profound disagreements."

Jiang gave no ground, calling at a joint news conference for "mutual respect" and "noninter-

ference in each other's affairs." China's rising economy is due in large part to a huge injection of Western capital and a dramatic growth in trade. China is now the fourth largest U.S. trading partner but with a one-sided advantage. There is a \$40 billion deficit in Beijing's favor.

"Any improvement in the overall relationship between the two countries is positive for U.S. business interests," said Vaughn Koshkarian, who heads Ford Motor Co. operations in China. "I also feel very strongly that business interests can help improve understanding between the two peoples. That's a very positive role we play."

Ford last week signed a \$250 million deal with China's YMGC company to jointly produce automobile engines. "Contact with each other and with each other's culture cannot help but improve understanding between the two peoples," he said in a telephone interview before boarding an airplane in Detroit to fly back to

Beijing. On Thursday, the Boeing Co. will finalize a \$32 billion deal to equip China with a modern fleet of commercial airplanes. Thousands of American jobs will result.

Where the Clinton administration hopes to cut into China's trade is in the sale of technology to Iran, Pakistan, and other countries suspected of having nuclear weapons programs.

The Washington meeting produced a guarantee from Beijing that it would curb such deals and also stop providing Iran with non-nuclear cruise missiles that place U.S. troops and oil supplies in the Persian Gulf at risk.

In exchange, again playing the business angle, Jiang won a green light to import sophisticated computers and other advanced technology from American firms.

"The test is whether they carry out these controls," said Lynn Davis, until recently the top State Department official dealing with nuclear issues. "The fact that they

are putting this in writing is the key."

Davis, now a senior fellow at the Rand think tank, said in a telephone interview from Santa Monica, Calif., that China is living up to a pledge it made last year to end technology shipments to facilities not under international inspection.

But Paul Leventhal, head of the private Nuclear Control Institute, was dubious. For one thing, he said, China is shipping heavy water to Pakistan in quantities far beyond those needed for an inspected reactor.

"That opens the possibility the surplus can be diverted to start production of plutonium at the Khushab reactor, also provided by China. That could trigger a nuclear arms race with India, he said in an interview.

The institute, meanwhile, pointed out a Central Intelligence Agency report that in the second half of 1996 China was "the primary source of nuclear-related equipment and technology to Pakistan and a key supplier to Iran."

Stephen Yates, policy analyst with the Heritage Foundation, said, "This summit is not going to rank up there with historical meetings."

But, he added, it was enormously important for the two leaders to meet. "It's just too dangerous not to get together and at least communicate our interests," Yates said.

Former U.S. arms control director Kenneth Adelman was more skeptical. He is convinced only China benefits from the Washington summit.

"It will improve their image. I don't believe it will improve their performance because we are making concessions, such as on the nuclear agreement, which has not been warranted by any change in China's behavior," Adelman said in an interview.

"And," he said, "China's behavior has been against the norms prevailing around the world today — not only American but international norms. This includes on human rights, on not threatening neighboring entities like Taiwan, on not exporting chemical technology, nuclear technology and ballistic missiles, on copyright infringement, etc."

By far, the target of most critics was the way China treats its own people.

Shea, of Freedom House, has sent human rights delegations to China since a month before the bloody massacre in Tiananmen Square in June 1989.

She said 10 Catholic bishops were under some form of detention; Peter Xu, the most famous Protestant pastor in the country, had just been sentenced to 15 years in a labor camp; thousands of Buddhist monks and nuns were in prison, their shrines desecrated, and Muslims in western China were being brutalized.

# Israel agrees to peace talks

By Dafna Linzer  
JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel agreed Wednesday to attend U.S.-hosted peace talks with the Palestinians, but did not address key issues such as troop withdrawal from the West Bank or a U.S. request to halt settlement construction.

Channel 2 television said the government would reject the U.S. request and instead offer to slow the pace of settlement building.

A statement issued after a six-hour Cabinet meeting said only that Foreign Minister David Levy would go to Washington and that Israel expected the Palestinians to "make every effort to advance the process."

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright had hoped to organize a meeting this week between Levy and Mahmoud Abbas, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's deputy.

But the issue dragged on amid signals that Levy would not be empowered to make decisions on the two key issues. Levy, who supports the peace process, has said he would not go without a clear mission.

Asked whether he believed Levy would have a mandate to conduct serious negotiations, Arafat replied, "I doubt."

Albright said she spoke to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday

about the timetable.

"The time seems to be dragging out a little bit more than I would have liked," she told reporters.

Meanwhile, the chief Palestinian negotiator suggested that their participation in the talks was not assured.

"Negotiations for the sake of negotiations only help to protect Netanyahu and provide a shield for him not to implement the agreements," Saeb Erekat said. "We will not let him get away with it."

The talks are a political problem for Netanyahu, whose Cabinet is divided: the concessions needed for serious progress could lead hardliners to bolt, but Levy and others demand action and are threatening to bring down the government as well.

The Cabinet statement did not mention that any agreement had been reached on the extent of a further Israeli troop withdrawal from the West Bank — promised by November — or on the U.S. demand.

It said only that "Israel will discuss those issues," as agreed in a previous meeting between Levy, Abbas and Albright several weeks ago.

Under a U.S.-backed accord, Netanyahu agreed to withdraw Israeli troops from West Bank areas in three stages by mid-1998. Israel would determine the size of each troop pull-

back.

In March, the Cabinet offered to hand over 2 percent of the West Bank, a proposal angrily rejected by the Palestinians who expect to control 90 percent of the West Bank by mid-1998. The Palestinians now have full or partial control in about a quar-

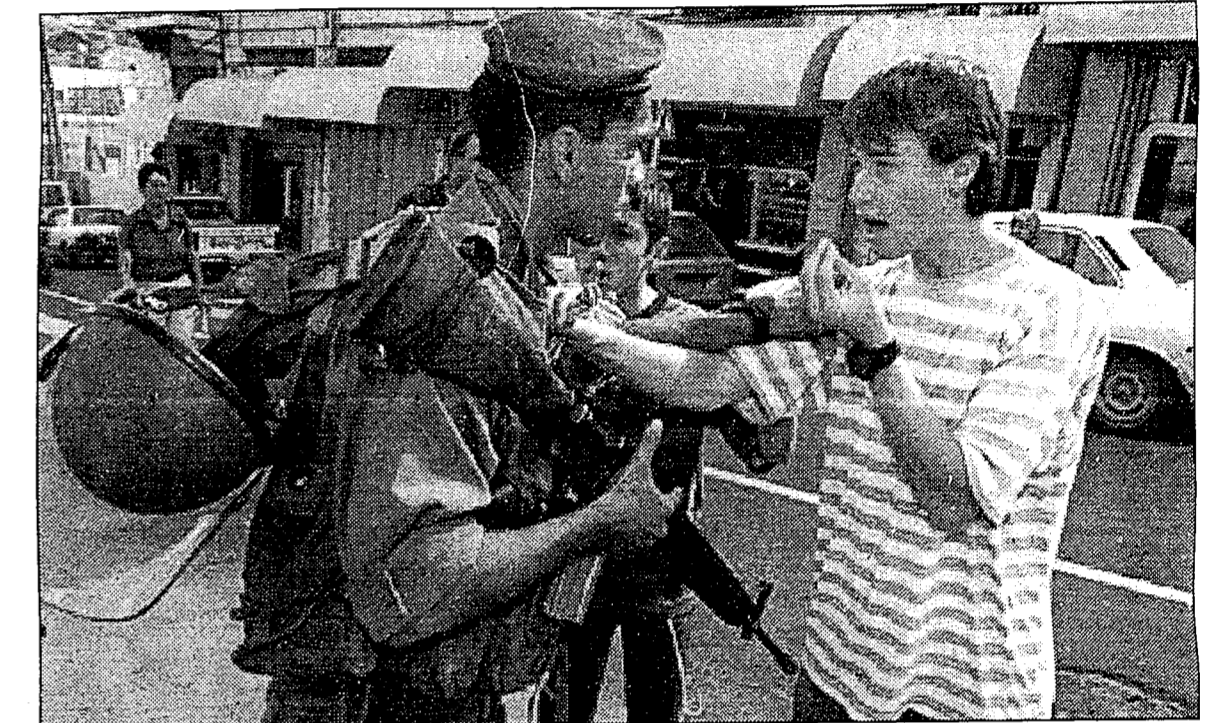
ter of the area.

Channel 2, however, said Levy would suggest that the sides skip the further expansion of Palestinian autonomy and instead begin negotiations on a permanent peace settlement.

Netanyahu has been urging

the Palestinians to go straight into negotiations on a permanent peace agreement, an idea the Palestinians say is only a ploy to avoid giving back land.

An aide to Levy confirmed that the Cabinet instructed him to stress issues relating to a permanent peace settlement.



An armed Israeli soldier restrains a teenage Jewish settler after he and a half dozen others marched through a section of the Arab market off-limits to Israelis near Shuhada (Martyrs) Street in the West Bank town of Hebron, Wednesday. Dozens of Jewish settlers gathered for morning prayers and protest against Israel's decision to partially reopen Martyrs' Street, closed since the Hebron massacre in 1994. AP



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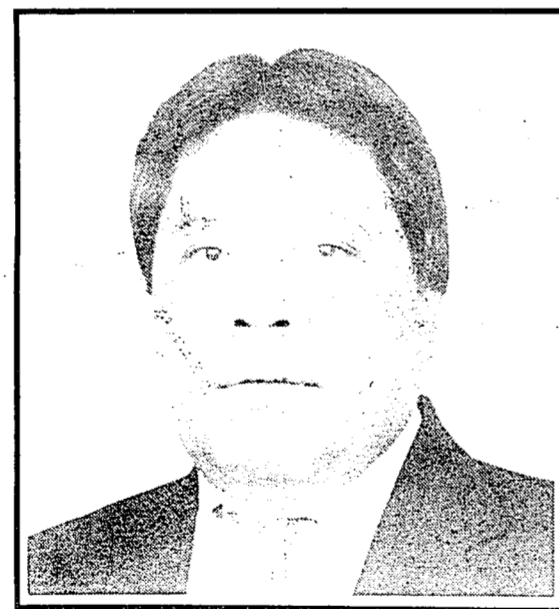


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# Iraq bans US inspectors

By Wael Fahh  
 BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq delivered a new challenge to the United States on Wednesday, barring Americans from the U.N. disarmament effort in Iraq — a move that outraged the chief weapons inspector and prompted him to suspend inspections.

The 10 American weapons inspectors — who are among 40 inspectors now in Iraq — are being told to leave within a week. Iraq also asked the United Nations to stop using U.S. reconnaissance planes to monitor Iraqi compliance in eliminating the weapons.

Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz said Americans must not par-

ticipate in the inspections "until America reconsiders its oppressive policy and its aggressive behavior to the people of Iraq, and its policy of espionage and intervention."

The United States and Britain, allied against Iraq during the 1991 Persian Gulf War and afterward in insisting that Baghdad destroy its weapons of mass destruction, were outraged. The Australian chief inspector said U.N. employees would continue office work but conduct no field operations.

"I'm not prepared to have this work continue on the basis that Iraq can say to us which person from which country is or isn't acceptable," Richard Butler said. "Who's

next? Today the United States, tomorrow the United Kingdom? This is wrong."

Butler also shelved plans to visit Baghdad on Nov. 7. He was to have been accompanied by the Special Commission's deputy chairman, American Charles Duelfer.

The inspectors are trying to determine whether Iraq has complied with U.N. orders to dismantle all long-range missiles and weapons of mass destruction, a condition for ending crippling economic sanctions. The Security Council has said it will lift the sanctions, imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, only after inspectors certify full compliance.



Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, left, chairs a joint meeting of the Revolution Command Council and Leadership of Ba'ath Arab Party Tuesday to discuss the parliament's recommendations to suspend cooperation with the U.N. Security Council's Special Commission. Iraq on Wednesday barred Americans from working with U.N. weapons inspectors and gave them a week to leave the country. Hours earlier, the United States warned Iraq against flouting U.N. resolutions aimed at forcing Saddam Hussein to destroy weapons of mass destruction. AP

White House spokeswoman Ann Luzzatto called the Iraqi demands "unacceptable." State Department spokesman James P. Rubin denounced them as a "blatant rejection" of Security Council calls for compliance with its resolutions.

Iraq's actions have "potentially grave consequences," Rubin said, without elaborating.

The U.S. aircraft carrier Nimitz is in the Persian Gulf, rushing over earlier this month amid heightening tensions after Iranian and Iraqi planes violated the no-fly zone imposed at the end of the war.

The Iraqi statement, however, does not appear to be a fresh rejection of the zone, patrolled by the United States and its allies. U.S. planes also provide aerial photos to U.N. weapons inspectors.

"This is completely unacceptable," the British Foreign Office said in a statement. "It is not for Iraq to dictate who should be in UN teams."

In recent days, Bill Richardson, the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, has warned Iraq against cutting ties with the U.N. Special Commission — a move proposed this week by Iraq's rubber-stamp parliament.

Wednesday's announcement by Iraq also follows a Security

Council threat last week to impose more restrictions on Iraq, including a ban on some Iraqi officials traveling abroad, unless Baghdad cooperates with the inspectors.

The Iraqi Revolution Command Council also said Wednesday that it will not recognize last week's Security Council's travel ban warning. But the council said Iraq would continue to cooperate with the U.N. inspectors "in a manner respecting Iraq's sovereignty, national security and dignity."

The Iraqis suggested the United Nations substitute American U-2 reconnaissance planes with aircraft from other nations should further aerial surveillance of its weapons sites be necessary.

Aziz, the deputy prime minister, said all Security Council members except the United States would be invited to send a delegation to Baghdad "to make sure, once and for all, that Iraq is completely free of banned weapons."

In Baghdad, people reacted calmly to the announcement and seemed supportive of it.

"We are ready for anything," said Amal Khalaf, a school teacher out for a walk with her children.

## Israel budget clears first hurdle

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's proposed budget for 1998 passed its first hurdle in Parliament on Wednesday, amid threats by lawmakers to topple the government if social programs are not restored.

The 48-44 vote in favor of Netanyahu's spending plan was the first of three required parliamentary ballots on the budget.

Despite passage, Foreign Minister David Levy's Geshet Party, which is part of the ruling Likud bloc, wants more money in the \$59 billion budget allotted to social and welfare programs.

The budget includes \$657 million in cuts, including reductions in defense, education and social spending.

The ultra-Orthodox Shas Party

and Israel B'Aliya, which represents Russian immigrants, complained that the budget did not earmark enough to education or to housing for new immigrants.

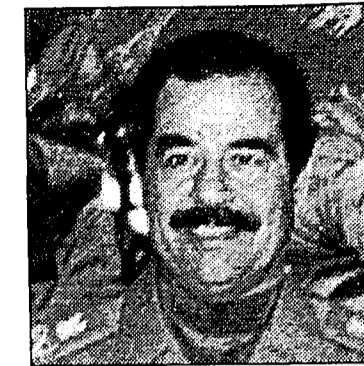
Netanyahu's coalition controls 66 seats in Parliament, including six held by Geshet, 10 by Shas and seven by the immigrants' party.

A full-fledged revolt within the coalition over the budget would be a serious blow to the Netanyahu government: If Parliament does not pass a spending plan by March 1, 1998, new elections have to be called.

Finance Minister Yaacov Neeman assured the lawmakers that he "will be willing to hear alternatives" to his proposal, suggesting he will consider revisions

# Saddam gambles on UN

By Robert H. Reid  
 UNITED NATIONS (AP) — By kicking out American members of a U.N. weapons team, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is gambling he can exploit newly widened divisions in the front that once drove his forces from Kuwait.



Saddam Hussein

The risks are nearly as great for the Clinton administration.

Saddam's move could force Washington to take hard decisions such as threatening military force or watching the U.S. containment policy against Iraq wither away in the face of economic interests of other important U.N. member states.

In a letter to the Security Council, Iraq gave all Americans on the team one week to leave the country and asked that the United Nations stop using American reconnaissance aircraft to monitor its compliance with the U.N. order to eliminate weapons of mass destruction.

Iraqi Ambassador Nizar Hamdoun claimed Iraq was not halting cooperation with U.N. inspectors — only Americans on the team. The inspectors have been trying for more than six years to determine whether Iraq has complied with the U.N. resolutions issued in 1991 at the end of the Persian Gulf War.

Only then will the 15-member council lift the crippling economic sanctions it imposed in 1990 to punish Saddam for invading Kuwait, touching off the Gulf conflict.

Complying with Iraq's new demand would be severe — if not fatal — blow to the U.N. inspection program. Of the 40 inspectors stationed full time in Iraq, 10 are Americans.

Americans hold key positions, especially in those related to Iraq's biological warfare program. They include Charles Duelfer, the deputy chairman of the U.N. Special Commission on Iraq, which runs the inspection program.

U.N. officials said the inspectors have spent years developing expertise on Iraqi weapons and concealment tactics. It would take years more for newcomers to gain that same level of skill.

If diplomacy fails and Iraq refuses to back down, military force is one option. The Security Council could declare Iraq in "breach" of the Gulf War ceasefire, paving the way for military action to force compliance. Political risks at home are ob-

vious. And such a step would also require the approval — or acquiescence — of the five permanent members: the United States, France, Russia, Britain and China.

Without such approval, any U.S. armed attack, such as firing cruise missiles into Baghdad, could backfire by widening the divisions that already exist in the council.

Since 1991, council members — including Russia and China — have issued repeated statements declaring their support for the inspectors and their insistence that Iraq comply fully with U.N. orders.

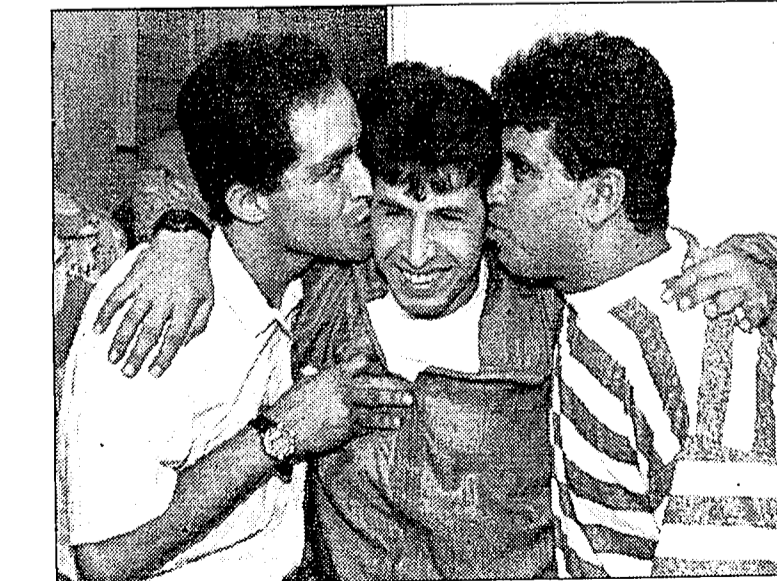
But determining compliance is a subjective judgment. It is clear that the United States and Britain hold Iraq to a tougher standard than Russia, China, France and Egypt. Those countries have been negotiating lucrative oil exploration contracts with Iraq which would take effect as soon as sanctions are lifted.

Those differences reached a climax last week.

U.N. inspectors complained that the Iraqis, on several occasions, barred them from suspected weapons sites. The United States and Britain asked the council to add a foreign travel ban to the list of sanctions to take effect on April 12 unless Iraq toed the line.

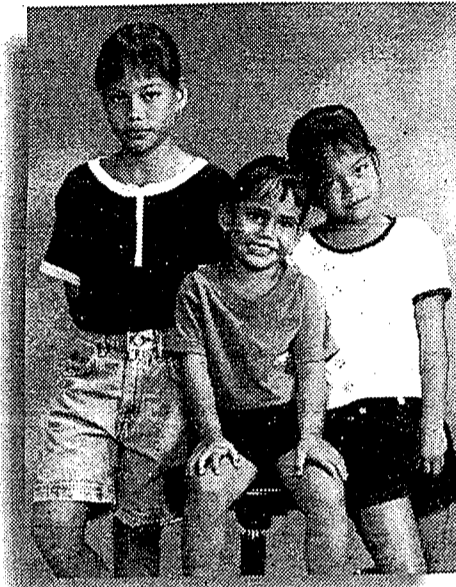
But Russia and France opposed the measure, arguing that Iraq was making progress in complying with U.N. inspectors. Both countries, along with the United States, Britain and China, are permanent council members and can veto any resolution.

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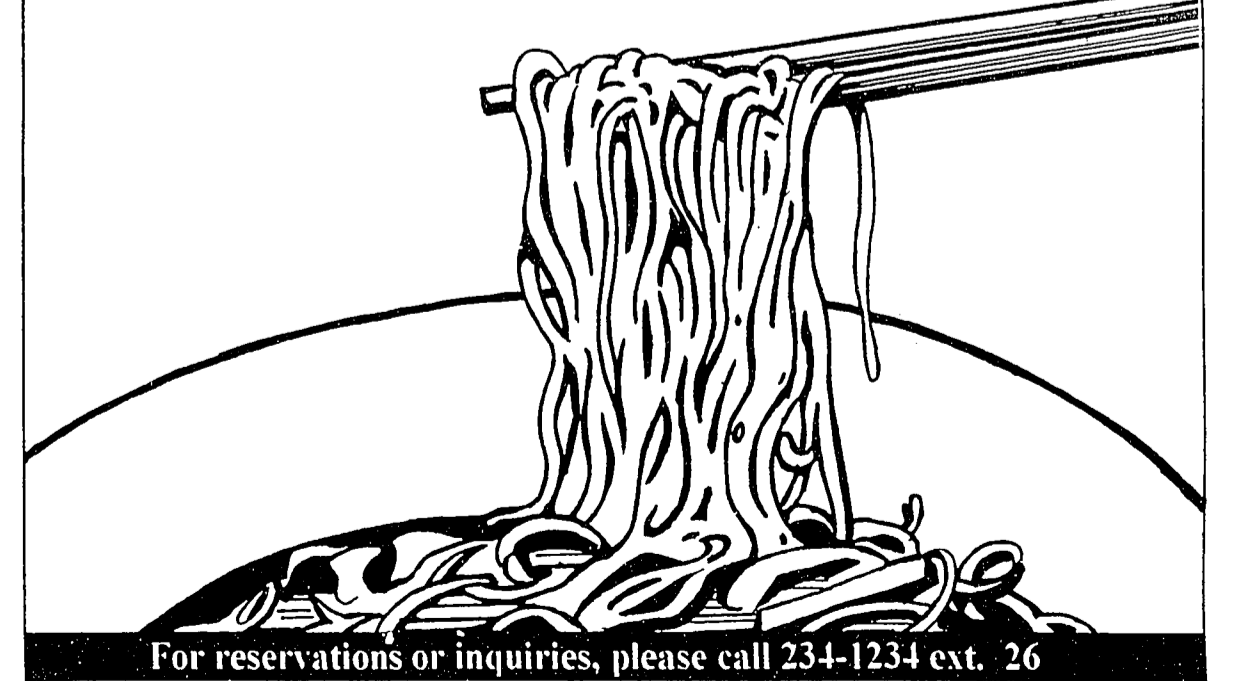
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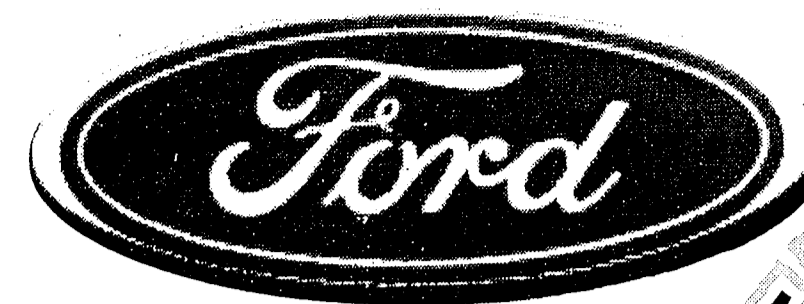
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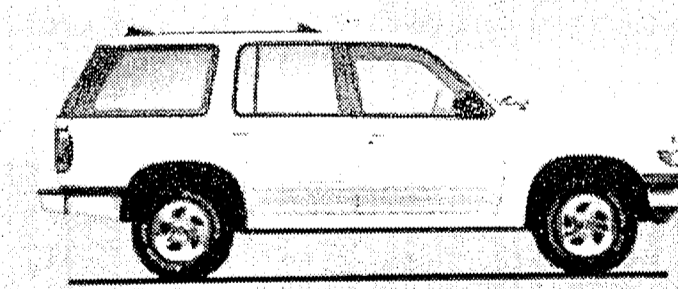
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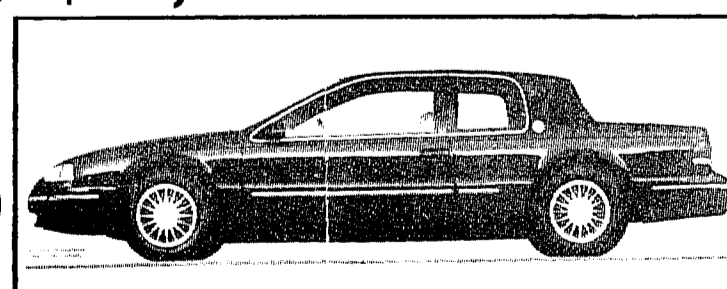
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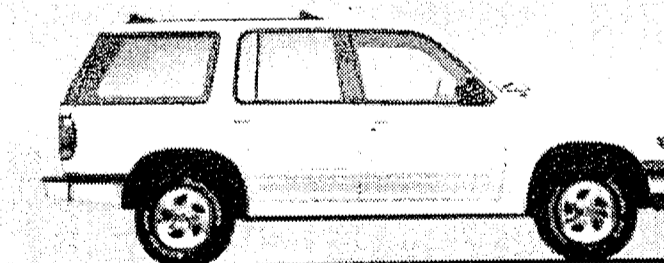


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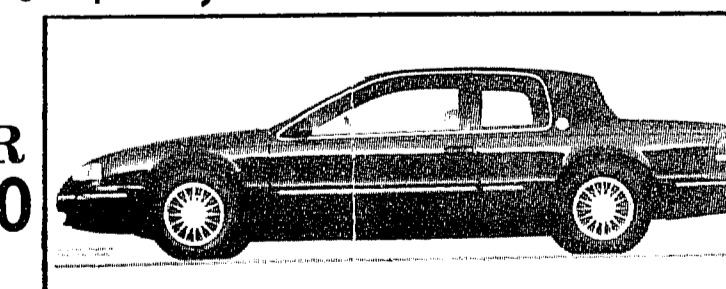
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A half-dozen family members met with Ahmed Maher El Sayed, Egyptian ambassador to the United States, in the office of Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J.

Lautenberg is sponsoring legislation that would suspend 5 percent of U.S. aid to countries that help Libya to violate U.N. sanctions. The United

Nations imposed the sanctions in 1992 to press Libya to release two suspects in the bombing that killed 270 people Dec. 21, 1988, over Lockerbie, Scotland.

Should Lautenberg's proposal become law and apply to Egypt, that nation could lose more than \$100 million of the \$2.1 billion in U.S. aid it gets each year. The proposal would allow the president to waive the penalties.

Many Pan Am 103 families are concerned that Egypt is taking the side of Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi. He has offered to turn the

suspects over for trial in a country other than Scotland or the United States.

"What the ambassador is proposing, to put it bluntly, is a fraud," said Dan Cohen, of Cape May Court House, N.J., whose 20-year-old daughter, Theodora, died in the explosion. "It would set a terrible precedent for the United States."

But some families recently suggested taking Gadhafi up on his offer of a third-country trial.

Cohen vehemently opposes that option as both unworkable and a surrender.

But Eileen Monetti said she is not as adamant about the venue for a trial.

"As each year goes by, we're getting older and older," said Mrs. Monetti, of Cherry Hill, N.J., whose 20-year-old son, Rick, was killed. "I do want to see some justice before I die."

The U.N. sanctions bar flights to and from Libya and include a ban on arms sales. Lautenberg said Egypt has allowed Libyan planes to land in Egypt, welcomed Gadhafi into Egypt and supported the call for trial in a third country.

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The presidential advisory committee is due to present its final report to Clinton on Friday.

The House panel recommended that the Pentagon be forced to give up its lead role in investigating the matter. It said Congress should create or designate an independent agency to research Gulf War illnesses and their causes.

The Defense Department has steadfastly resisted the idea of removing it from the lead investigative role. Spokesman Kenneth Bacon said the Pentagon acknowledged it made mistakes in its early handling of the matter but has recently made important progress in investigating causes and dealing directly with affected veterans.

"We believe that we are responsible for all that happened to veterans during the war — both good and bad," Bacon said Tuesday. "It's our responsibility to follow up on this ... and we can best do that if we're running the investigation."

The report by the House Government Reform subcommittee on human resources asserted that the Clinton administration's approach, through the Pentagon, the CIA and the Department of Veterans Affairs, is "irreparably flawed."

"We find those efforts hobbled by institutional inertia that mistakes

motion for progress," it said, accusing the administration of "arrogant incuriosity."

The subcommittee said its 20-month investigation found that toxic agents including Iraqi chemical weapons most likely are to blame for the respiratory and other Gulf War illnesses.

The Pentagon, which also is investigating the origins of veterans' illnesses, says it has found no firm evidence of a direct link to chemical weapons.

Earlier this year the Pentagon estimated that as many as 100,000 U.S. troops were exposed to low doses of nerve gases released in the demolition of an Iraqi ammunition depot in March 1991, days after the war had ended. But it said the doses were too small to have caused any sustained health problems.

The House panel on Wednesday released a draft of its investigative report, which panel members approved and forwarded to the full committee for action on Friday.

Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., chairman of the committee, welcomed the report and said he agreed that the Defense Department had not pursued the issue forcefully.

"If the departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs cannot do a better job than they have so far on this issue, we need to move this responsibility to an agency that will," Burton

said in a statement released by his office.

The draft report accuses the Pentagon and the VA of ignoring veterans when they offered information about the possible causes of their illnesses.

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Quarterly revenues rose to 6.6 billion pounds (\$10.3 billion) from 6.3

billion pounds.

BAT said that in the first nine months of the year, it earned 1.7 billion pounds (\$2.7 billion), down from 2.0 billion pounds a year earlier.

Nine-month revenues came to 18.9 billion pounds (\$29.5 billion), up from 18.1 billion pounds.

Like other British multinationals, BAT found its earnings suffering from the high value of sterling, which the company said created a one-time drop of 99 million pounds (dls 154 million) when overseas earnings were converted into pounds.

BAT also set aside 114 million

pounds (\$178 million) to cover U.S. tobacco subsidiary Brown-and-Williamson's share of two health-related lawsuits - which it said offset the gains from higher cigarette sales.

BAT recently announced plans to separate its tobacco and financial businesses.

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# Israel delays US rifle sales

By Danna Harman  
**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Responding to pressure from U.S. lawmakers, Israel declared a three-month moratorium Wednesday on sales of modified assault weapons to the American civilian market.

Thirty Democratic senators, led by Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, have been waging a campaign against the import of such weapons.

Israel says it stopped selling assault weapons in the United

States after a 1994 ban — and that its modified Uzi and Galil rifles do not fall under the ban's criteria because they are longer than the original models and lack automatic capabilities.

But Feinstein maintains the weapons are still dangerous and could easily be upgraded.

In a letter to President Clinton last month, Feinstein noted that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has said the modified Israeli guns — called the Uzi American and the Galil Sporter

— remain capable of firing rapidly.

"They have become the weapon of choice for grievance killers, gangs and those who use them against police," wrote Feinstein. "They are designed to kill large numbers in close combat, and as such have no place on the streets of a civilized society."

Last week Clinton announced he would sign a directive suspending pending and future applications to import modified assault weapons and reexamining

the existing import criteria.

In a statement announcing the moratorium, the Foreign Ministry made public a letter from Israel's U.S. ambassador Eliyahu Ben-Elissar to Feinstein, saying the move was for "humanitarian reasons ... in light of the special sensitivity of the issue in the U.S."

Feinstein termed the move a "tentative step forward," noting that she had also made similar requests of other countries, including Russia, Bulgaria, Poland,

Romania and Egypt.

Arik Shor, the vice president of Israel Military Industries which makes the guns, said his firm's U.S. distributor, Mosberg, would lobby the U.S. government to make sure legislation banning the export of the modified automatic weapons was not passed.

IMI could lose several million dollars a year and be forced to close factories if the moratorium was extended, he said.



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, right, and Supreme Court Chief Justice Aharon Barak stand outside the court in Jerusalem Tuesday. Netanyahu used a visit with Barak to welcome an agreement with Reform Jews to suspend a lawsuit before the high court seeking recognition of their movement in Israel. AP

## US to dismantle Ohio county VOA

By KEVIN O'HANLON  
**WEST CHESTER, Ohio (AP)** — The Voice of America relay station — once the world's most powerful radio transmitter that was used to broadcast American propaganda to Nazi Germany — is likely headed to the scrap heap.

The 600-acre site, on the border of Butler and Warren counties about 20 miles north of Cincinnati, was closed in 1994 when VOA was consolidated with other U.S. overseas broadcasting efforts, such as Radio Marti and Radio Free Europe.

A preliminary report released Tuesday by the General Services Administration, the government's housekeeping agency, said the site should be

used for a public golf course and recreational facilities and a high-tech learning center to be shared by area universities. Some of the land would be sold for commercial or light industrial development.

At the start of World War II, most of the major world powers except the United States were broadcasting propaganda throughout Europe and Asia.

By 1941, Japan had 42 transmitters and Germany had 68.

The next year, the U.S. government gave the go-ahead to Crosley Broadcasting Corp. of Cincinnati to build the Bethany Relay Station.

When it opened in 1944, it had 24 shortwave antennas and six 200,000-watt transmitters broad-

casting on many frequencies.

The broadcasts reached western Europe, the Mediterranean, north Africa and South America.

Adolf Hitler once mentioned the station in a speech, referring to it as "The Cincinnati Liars," Haehnle said Wednesday.

Haehnle said he and his co-workers constantly had to thwart efforts by Germany and Japan to jam the station's signals.

"We once taped a Russian program and then played it on our frequency and the jammers got all confused," he said. "It was a real game. We played it all during the war. It was a lot of fun."

# Tensions high as NATO rivals get set for rare meet

By PATRICK QUINN  
**ATHENS, Greece (AP)** — Armed to the teeth by the United States and Europe, NATO allies Greece and Turkey are straining the limits of peace.

Facing off in the air and waters of the Aegean Sea, their military forces regularly confront each other in a high-stakes game of brinkmanship that threatens to plunge the eastern Mediterranean and Balkans into a new post-Cold War confrontation.

Summits between their leaders are exceptionally rare, so a scheduled meeting between Premiers Costas Simitis of Greece and Mesut Yilmaz of Turkey on the sidelines of a Balkan summit beginning Nov. 2 could be a milestone in their relations.

But the odds for reconciliation on the Greek island of Crete do not look good.

Relations are at a low following a series of acrimonious exchanges over sovereignty in the Aegean, and deadlocked negotiations over the war-divided island of Cyprus.

Officials from the United States, the European Union and NATO worry about tension between the region's two most powerful countries, allies that nearly went to war in 1974, 1987 and last year.

But attempts by U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright have done little to bring them closer.

A nonaggression pact brokered by Albright at a NATO summit in Madrid, Spain, last July is dead in the water, while an August meeting she set up between the foreign ministers of Greece and Turkey degenerated into an unprecedented exchange of insults.

"I think Secretary Albright made some Herculean efforts to try and come up with a formulation — I was involved in this process — to try and come up with something that both sides could agree to. It didn't succeed," said Thomas Miller, the United States' diplomat for Cyprus. "Things have a potential to get very, very serious."

Turkish officials agree the time may be ripe for both neighbors to sit down and at least agree what they're willing to negotiate, a task that may prove exceedingly difficult.

"Although we have so many disputes, we have not been able to sit down at the table for meaningful talks aimed at getting results," said Turkish Foreign Undersecretary Inal Batu. "Hopefully, the tightly shut doors to dialogue will be opened in Crete — or at least, some signs that the doors will open soon."

Outside observers doubt that centuries of mutual mistrust, fear



Madeleine Albright

and hate will easily melt away.

"There is a fundamental mistrust, a frustration at each other's position," said Stanley Crossie, with the Belmont European Policy Center in Brussels. "I mean, how many decades has this problem gone on for now?"

At the heart of the matter is the two countries' inability to agree on their disagreements.

They have a series of longstanding disputes in the Aegean, including its airspace, seabed mineral rights and more recently sovereignty over uninhabited islets.

Of the plethora of disagreements, Greece recognizes only one it is willing to talk about — the Aegean's continental shelf. Turkey, on the other hand, argues discussion must be on all or none.

"Our disputes with Greece are solvable — besides the Cyprus issue," Turkish Foreign Minister Ismail Cem said recently. "With some good intentions from Greece, we can solve most of our problems."

Greece's foreign minister, Theodoros Pangalos, says that's impossible.

"Turkey wants something that no other country in the world claims and has never accomplished — a discussion of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of a neighboring country," he said.

Greece fears Turkey has expansionist aims, an apprehension deeply rooted in history. A recent poll of Greeks from the ages of 16 to 29 found 86.6 percent saw a Turkish threat.

Turkey also has security fears, especially regarding its community on Cyprus. It's telling that their two biggest national days commemorate victories against each other.

Ottoman Turks occupied Greece for nearly 400 years, from the fall of Constantinople — modern-day Istanbul — and the Greek Byzantine empire in 1453, to Greek independence after a nine-year war in 1830. Greece and Turkey fought against each other

in the 1912-13 Balkan wars and again in 1921, when Athens sought to liberate what it considered Greek territory in Asia Minor. Millions of Greeks and hundreds of thousands of Turks became refugees.

Harassment of the Greek community in Istanbul in the mid-1950s shrank that minority from more than 150,000 to less than 3,000 today.

In 1974, an Athens-backed coup on Cyprus by supporters of union with Greece led to a Turkish invasion and occupation of its northern third. Turkey said it invaded to protect its minority from the Greek-speaking majority. To this day Turkey fears reprisals for its minority should Cyprus reunify.

Reunification talks are stalled, but officials in Greece, Turkey and elsewhere agree a solution there may hold the key to resolving disputes between the two nations.

"I believe that the cornerstone for Greek-Turkish relations is Cyprus," Mitsotakis said. "If Turkey agrees to a permanent, just and viable solution of the Cyprus problem, then the process of final and complete improvement of Greco-Turkish relations can begin."

## Turkey's Republic Day



Children wave Turkish flags as soldiers watch the crowd during the 74th anniversary celebrations of Turkish Republic in Istanbul on Wednesday. Kurdish guerrillas fighting for autonomy in eastern of Turkey has staged suicide bombings in similar occasions killing tens of people in the past. AP

**HABA ADAI FELLOW VOTER:**

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WE MUST NOT BE INDIFFERENT TO THIS RIGHT AND PRIVILEGE TO VOTE. WE MUST NOT SHIRK OUR SACRED DUTY AND OBLIGATION TO VOTE. IF WE DO NOT EXERCISE THIS RIGHT TO VOTE, WE HAVE FAILED IN OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR SOCIETY AND TO THOSE STILL YOUNG AND TO THOSE NOT YET BORN.

I URGE YOU SINCERELY AND STRONGLY TO GO TO THE POLLS TOMORROW AND CAST YOUR VOTE FOR THOSE CANDIDATES YOU FEEL AND BELIEVE TO HAVE THE SOULS, SPIRITS, MINDS AND EXPERIENCE NECESSARY TO FACE THIS GREAT CHALLENGE OF LEADING OUR PEOPLE AND OUR COMMONWEALTH INTO A BRIGHTER FUTURE.

IF I MEET THE DEMANDS OF YOUR GOOD JUDGEMENT, PLEASE ELECT ME, I AM **IGNACIO (IKE) DELEON GUERRERO DEMAPAN, NUMBER 2 ON THE BALLOT, FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**, SO THAT TOGETHER WE CAN WORK FOR A DECENT FUTURE.

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# UN to Iraq: Back off

By ROBERT H. REID  
UNITED NATIONS (AP) - In a statement endorsed by Iraq's supporters and critics, the Security Council condemned Iraq's order expelling American arms inspectors and warned of "serious conse-

quences" unless President Saddam Hussein backs down. The show of international solidarity followed a decision Wednesday by Iraq's leadership to expel U.S. citizens from a U.N. team trying to determine if Baghdad has

complied with U.N. orders issued in 1991 to destroy mass destruction weapons. U.N. officials said the expulsion of the Americans, who include 10 of the 40 weapons inspectors based in Iraq, would have a devastating

effect on the U.N. program because it would take a long time to train replacements.

Iraq also asked the United Nations to stop using American reconnaissance plans to help verify compliance.

U.N. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, described the current crisis as the most serious since October 1994, when Saddam sent troops to the Kuwaiti border and threatened to kick out American inspectors.

He backed down after President Clinton dispatched a carrier group and 54,000 troops to the region.

The latest crisis following signs of a growing rift in the council over policy toward Iraq, which is negotiating lucrative oil exploration contracts with firms from Russia, China and France.

Those deals would take effect once sanctions are lifted. Last week, five council members - Russia, France, China, Egypt and Kenya - refused to support a U.S.-British resolution threatening a travel ban on Iraqi officials if they continued to impede weapons inspections.

The resolution was approved anyway last Thursday, but U.S. and British diplomats had feared the lack of unity would only encourage Iraq to greater defiance.

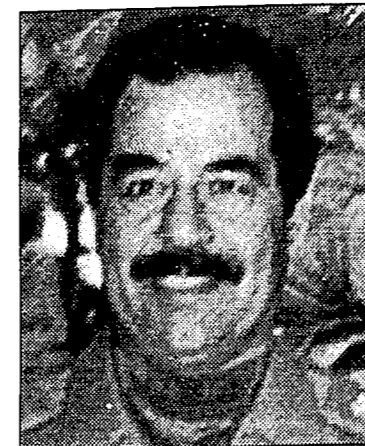
In Washington, State Department spokesman James P. Rubin called the Iraqi action "an attack on the very fundamentals of the U.N. system" and said Iraq's actions have "potentially grave consequences."

The Security Council echoed that sentiment. Following a meeting Wednesday evening, the council condemned Iraq's attempt "to dictate the terms of its compliance" with U.N. orders and demanded that Baghdad "cooperate fully" with the inspection team.

"The Security Council warns of the serious consequences of Iraq's failure to comply immediately and fully with its obligations," it added. The council said it was "determined to ensure rapid and full Iraqi compliance" with U.N. orders.

"We are all in agreement that the move by Iraq was unacceptable to members of the council," Egyptian Ambassador Nabil Elaraby told reporters after Wednesday's council meeting.

But Iraq's U.N. ambassador, Nizar Hamdoon, called the council



Saddam Hussein

statement "counterproductive" and said "it's not going to help in any solution to the problem we are trying to resolve."

He accused the Americans of prolonging the investigation as a cover for U.S. intelligence operations.

Chief inspector Richard Butler, an Australian, suspended inspections and postponed a trip to Baghdad planned for Nov 7.

"Who's next," Butler asked? "Today the United States. Tomorrow the United Kingdom? This is wrong."

The American inspectors were given one week to leave the country, and Butler said he would wait before deciding whether to advise them to go.

Iraq's promise to destroy its banned weapons and make a full disclosure of its research programs was a condition imposed by the Security Council for halting the 1991 Persian Gulf War, in which a U.S.-led coalition drove Iraqi forces from Kuwait.

The council has refused to lift crippling economic sanctions, imposed in 1990 after Saddam invaded Kuwait, until the inspectors certify that Iraq has complied.

In principle, any refusal by Iraq to comply with those orders would constitute a violation of the Gulf War ceasefire, paving the way for military action against the Iraqis.

Since the inspections began more than six years ago, the U.N. team has repeatedly accused Iraq of withholding weapons information and hindering the inspectors.

Before Wednesday's Iraqi order, Russian and French diplomats had been saying privately that Iraq was showing greater signs of cooperation.



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Palestinian youths throwing stones at Israeli soldiers during clashes near Gush Katif Settlement in Khanyounes Refugee camp Wednesday. AP

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What should have been truthfully pointed out was not only that the Acting Governor demanded unlawful action, but that someone in the current administration stood up and said no!

MEMORANDUM  
DATE: February 13, 1997  
TO: Ms. Bertha T. Camacho, Director, Public Lands  
FROM: Acting Governor  
SUBJECT: Land Exchange - Josepha Norita Sablan

Complete the above referenced Land Exchange today. Ms. Sablan will be exchanging private land described as Lot 016 B 53 for Public Lands described as Lot 141 E 05 and Lot 053 A 59.

MEMORANDUM  
DATE: February 13, 1997  
TO: Acting Governor  
FROM: William C. Bush, Legal Counsel, DPL  
SUBJECT: Land Exchange for Ms. Josepha Sablan

This responds to your memo of this date to Bertha Camacho, Director of DPL, received by fax at 1:27 p.m. today. Ms. Camacho asked me to reply to your instruction to proceed with the land exchange for Ms. Sablan, and to complete the exchange today. This is to advise you of the status of the exchange, and to state the position of the Division of Public Lands with regard thereon.

Did you do this to secure a running mate?

Is this not a conflict of interest?

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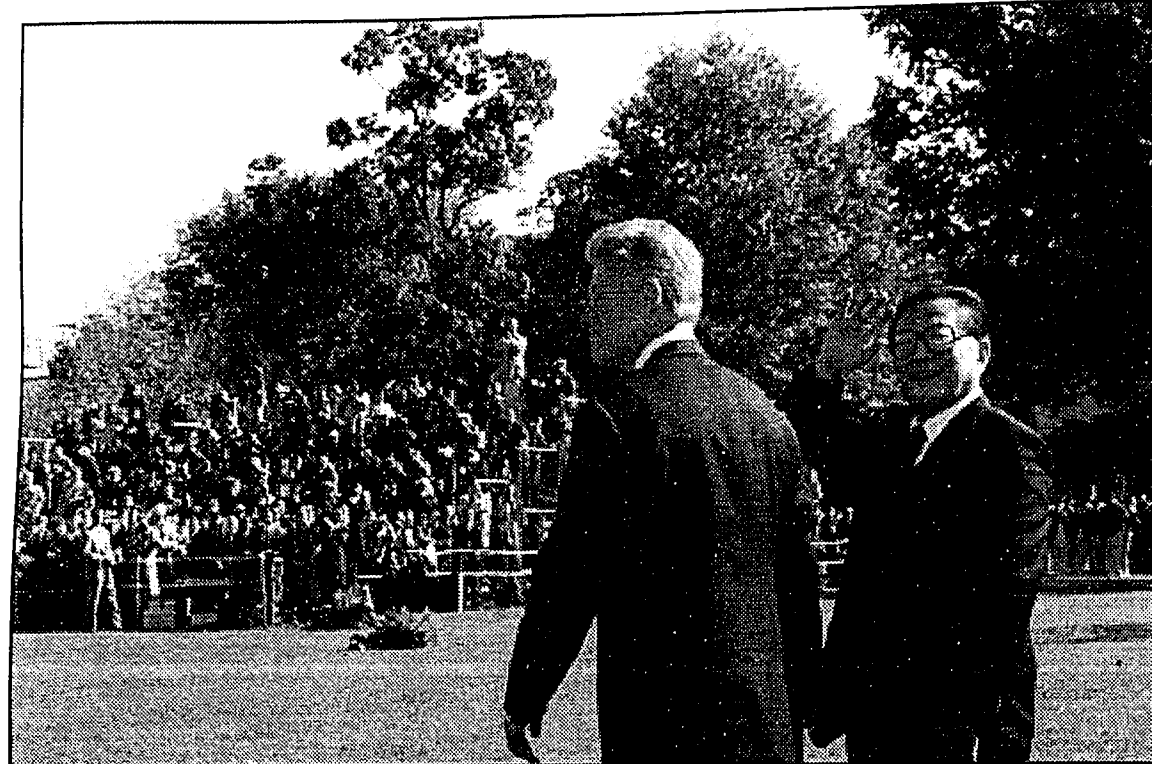
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# Jiang moves on to Capitol Hill

By LAURA MYERS  
 WASHINGTON (AP) - Chinese President Jiang Zemin meets his toughest critics Thursday on Capitol Hill, a day after vigorously sparring with President Bill Clinton over human rights but ending their talks as "old friends."  
 Members of Congress, in criticizing the groundbreaking nuclear deal the two presidents agreed to Wednesday, distrust assurances from China that it will halt atomic weapons assistance to other nations, particularly Iran. In exchange,

Beijing will be able to buy nuclear reactors and technology from American companies, which stand to make tens of billions of dollars.  
 "Once again the business community has called the shots in U.S.-China policy," complained Rep. Nancy Pelosi, a Democrat, one of several lawmakers who joined public demonstrations against Jiang's state visit. "This is the word of a regime which leaves a trail of broken promises."  
 Another Democrat, Rep. Edward J. Markey, said he



President Clinton and Chinese President Jiang Zemin leave the South Lawn of the White House Wednesday after a ceremony for the Chinese president. Warmly welcoming Jiang Wednesday, President Clinton gently reminded him about his human rights record. AP

would move to tighten the 1985 U.S.-China Nuclear Cooperation law that Clinton will certify to seal the agreement with China. Congress has 30 days to consider Clinton's certification, which he has yet to send to Capitol Hill.  
 "Before we start flooding China with advanced nuclear technology, we must insist on public, unambiguous and tangible Chinese commitments that are subject to congressional scrutiny," Markey said.  
 Jiang was meeting privately at a breakfast this morning with about 45 Senate and House leaders, including pow-

erful Republicans Trent Lott and Newt Gingrich and Democratic leaders Tom Daschle and Dick Gephardt.  
 "We will deliver our views very directly and clearly," Lott said, noting it's important that Jiang "hear directly from members of Congress."  
 Some lawmakers have unsuccessfully moved every year since the 1989 massacre of pro-democracy demonstrators in Tiananmen Square in Beijing to cut normal trade relations between China and the United States as punishment.

They continue to talk tough about the growing U.S.-China trade deficit approaching \$44 billion this year, Beijing's plans to reclaim Taiwan - some fear by military force - and the communist regime's brutal persecution of Buddhists in Tibet and other worshipers throughout China.

After meeting with members of Congress, Jiang was delivering a speech to the Asia Society, which promotes U.S.-Sino ties.

He then was heading to Philadelphia, where he planned to see historic Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. His eight-day U.S. tour is part of the first state visit by a Chinese leader in 12 years.

In confronting Jiang on human rights at a joint news conference after their summit Wednesday, Clinton said he was "very pleased" the Chinese president was visiting the roots of American democracy and freedom.

"It was there that our founders set forth the beliefs that define and inspire our nation to this very day," Clinton said of Philadelphia. "We believe all individuals, as a condition of their humanity, have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

"We believe liberty includes freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of association. We believe governments must protect those rights."

In their lively back-and-forth public display of divergent views, Clinton told Jiang, the United States and China have "profound disagreements" on human rights and that Beijing was "on the wrong side of history" about Tiananmen Square.

Jiang adamantly defended the bloody crackdown as the "correct conclusion" by the government. And he insisted China's human rights policies were a matter in which other nations should not interfere.  
 "The world we are living in is a rich and diverse one, and, therefore, the concepts on democracy and human rights and on freedoms are relative," he lectured, telling Clinton each country should make its own rules.

In the end, the leaders shook hands, smiled and Clinton put his arm at Jiang's back to escort him from the room. The Chinese leader, noting this was their fifth meeting, said, "We are already old friends."

Two harsh China critics, Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms and Rep. Benjamin Gilman, chairman of the House International Relations Committee, scored Clinton for warmly welcoming Jiang.

China "emphasizes the lack of human rights," said Helms. "The administration's policy toward China has been an abject failure. Abject means both utterly hopeless and shamelessly servile."

Said Gilman, a New York Republican: "The president has described his policy toward China as one of constructive engagement. I think it has been more on the order of appeasement."

# Mandela, Gadhafi meet again



Libya's President Moammar Gadhafi, left, and South African President Nelson Mandela in the town of Zuwara, east of Tripoli Wednesday. Mandela stopped in Libya on his way back from the Commonwealth summit in Scotland to honour Gadhafi with the Cape Horn award, the highest South African honour to foreign figures. AP

By LOUIS MEIXLER  
**ZUWARAH, Libya (AP)** - Welcomed by a band playing bagpipes, South African President Nelson Mandela arrived Wednesday for his second meeting with Libya's Moammar Gadhafi in less than a week.

The meeting, announced only days earlier, came as a surprise and prompted speculation that the South

African leader might try to mediate an end to U.N. sanctions imposed in 1992. South African officials, however, have denied Mandela has any such plans.

The sanctions were meant to force Libya to turn over two Libyan agents suspected of masterminding the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am jet over Lockerbie, Scotland, that killed 270 people.

The sanctions limit diplomatic contacts, ban arms sales and prohibit flights to and from the country. Mandela made a two-day visit to Libya last week on his way to a Commonwealth summit in Britain. Wednesday's visit to Zuwarah, a Libyan town on the coast about 100 kilometers (60 miles) west of the Libyan capital, Tripoli, came on his return to South Africa. He arrived

overland from Tunisia.  
 The visits have come despite U.S. attempts to isolate Gadhafi.  
 Mandela, wearing a golden shirt and sunglasses, shook hands with military officials and Arab, African and other foreign dignitaries gathered outdoors. Gadhafi looked on during the ceremony, broadcast live on Libyan television.  
 A guard held a red Scottish tartan-plaid umbrella over Mandela's head to shield him from the sun. The two leaders held hands as they walked away from the 15-minute welcome ceremony.  
 "Welcome Mandela, the tough rebel and the stubborn resister who

was not threatened by challenges and threats," the announcer on the television said as Mandela greeted guests.  
 After the ceremony, Mandela and Gadhafi began talks in a tent set up near a crowd of hundreds who had gathered to welcome Mandela.  
 During his previous visit, Mandela pledged his support for Libya in its attempt to have the sanctions lifted. The sanctions, he said, were harming "our African brothers and sisters."  
 Britain and the United States insist the suspects face trial in Scotland or the United States. But Libya has refused to extradite them, demanding the trial be held in a neutral, third country.

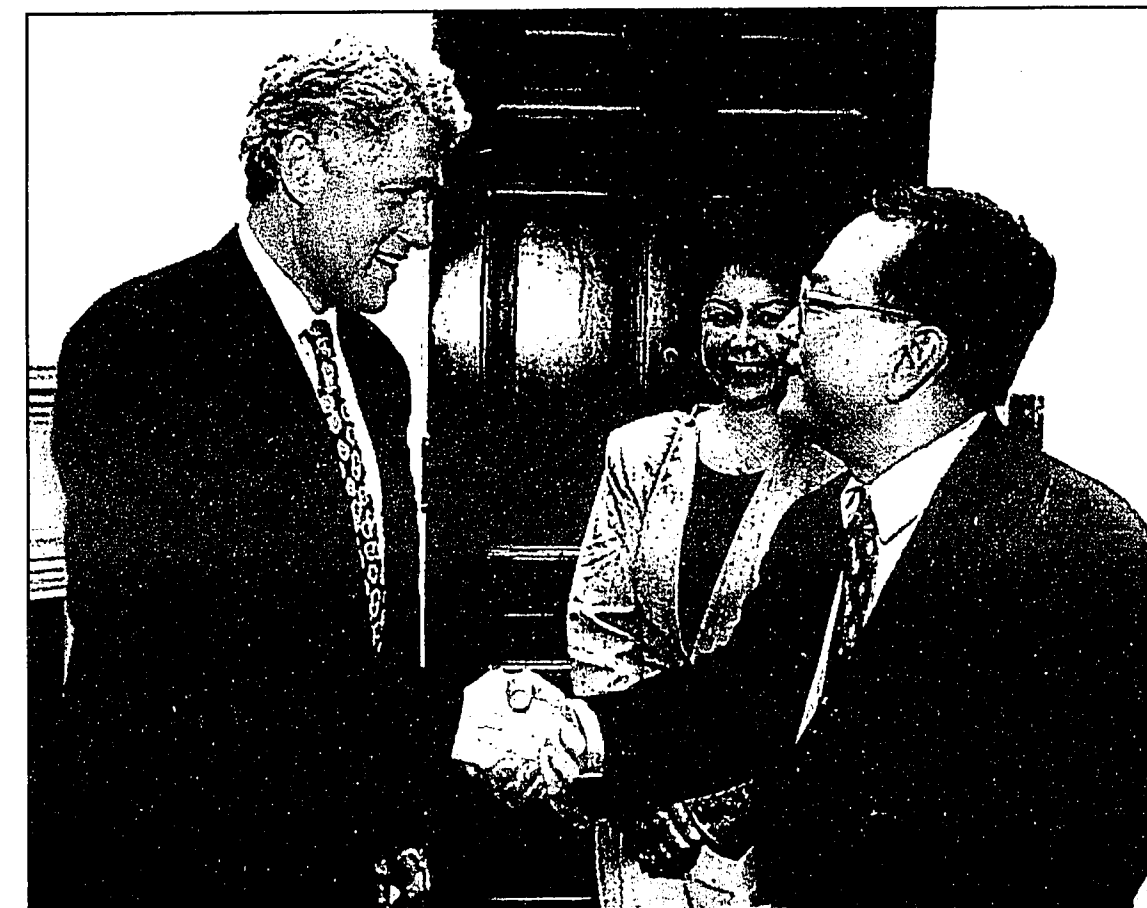
## German defense chief: Root out neo-Nazi feeling

**BONN, Germany (AP)** - Defense Minister Volker Ruehe ordered his top officer to investigate the source of neo-Nazi sentiments in the German army and work up measures to get rid of it.

The order came after a homemade video showing soldiers giving the Hitler salute and talk about killing Jews surfaced last week. The tape was made in 1994-95 by the same battalion responsible for a similar video that was uncovered in July.

Ruehe told parliament's defense committee Wednesday that the behavior of the 571st Mountain Infantry battalion was scandalous and had damaged the entire army's image, committee members said.  
 But he said it was unfair to condemn the army because of the "lapses of individual soldiers." Nowhere, he said, "is action taken so unrelentingly against extremism and radical violence as in the German army."

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# Priest beheaded in India

NEWDELHI, India (AP) - A Catholic priest working for an Australian mission was found beheaded in a forest in northern India, apparently a victim of the region's brutal Hindu caste wars, colleagues said Wednesday.

The decapitated body of The Rev. Father A.T. Thomas, 46, was found

Monday in a river bed near Sirka village, about 30 kilometers (18 miles) from Hazaribagh in the state of Bihar where the mission was based.

He was the third Catholic clergyman killed in that area in two years.

Colleagues in Australia linked the murder to Thomas's help to a group of

untouchables in a land dispute with upper caste Hindus.

"It looks like an act of revenge, from what we've been told took place," The Rev. Father Phil Crotty said in Melbourne.

In New Delhi, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India called on

Prime Minister Inder Kumar Gujral and other federal officials to help trace the killers and protect the community.

"The repeated incidents of violence against Christian priests have deeply shaken public confidence in the state administration," said the Conference in a statement.

Police Superintendent Bihuty Pradhan said police were searching for the priest's motorcycle and had offered a reward of 1,000 rupees (\$28) - a month's wages in that area - for the return of the missing head.

Villagers said Thomas was kidnapped by armed men who could have been from the Maoist Communist Center, an outlawed private army that usually supports low-caste tenant farmers against landlords whom they feel exploit them.

"But this father had no fight with the MCC. There was no motive," said Pradhan, the investigating officer reached by telephone. Police were looking into Thomas's earlier involvement in settling land disputes, he said.

The secretary of the Bishops' Conference, The Rev. Father George Pereira, said the murder came without warning or advance threats. "We were really amazed," he said.

He said Thomas, an Indian working for a mission run by the Australian Province of the Society of Jesus, had built 15 schools and health projects for Harijans, or untouchables, who occupy the lowest rung in the hierarchy of the Hindu caste system.

"He was working for uplifting the Harijans in remote areas. That may have been a threat to the upper castes," Pereira told The Associated Press.

In recent years, hundreds of people have been killed in attacks and counterattacks by caste-based gangs in Bihar, India's most undeveloped state.

Thirteen months ago, a Jesuit priest

and a brother were killed in a nearby district of south Bihar, their skulls crushed.

A few weeks ago, another priest was beaten, stripped naked, paraded through a village and pelted with leather sandals - a great insult for Hindus - after he was accused of sodomy against a student. The charge was denied.

In Melbourne, Crotty said Thomas's murder may have been related to his support several years ago for the Harijans in a bid to cultivate land "which had been unjustly grabbed" by an upper caste group.

"To their surprise, they managed to win the case in court and some members of the upper caste group were imprisoned for forcible land-grabbing. This was a victory for the Harijans and a tremendous loss of face for the upper castes. They went to jail but they never forgot who was behind their imprisonment," Crotty said.

He said Thomas returned to the area a month ago after 18 months studying sociology in Manila in the Philippines.

Last Friday, he decided to go to Sirka after visiting a nearby school he had helped build, but was abducted from the village meeting place, beaten and murdered. His body was discovered Monday by a search party from the mission.

Crotty said Thomas had died for his service to poor, oppressed people.

He said in the past 25 years around the world about 40 Jesuits had been killed for standing up for the rights of poor people.

However, he said there were no extra concerns for the safety of the mission's 15 or 16 members at Hazaribagh as a result of the murder because they often faced danger in their daily work.

He said many insurgent groups operated in Bihar province, creating fear and uncertainty in the villages.

# Pro-Kashmir groups protest

MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan (AP) - Protesters pelted stones and tomatoes at a Pakistan Television's office, demanding the state-run channel broadcast more news about the divided state of Kashmir, PTV officials said Wednesday.

Dozens of protesters broke windows and ripped down a sign Tuesday at PTV's office in central Muzaffarabad, the capital of Pakistan-held Kashmir, about 80 kilometers (50 miles) from the federal capital, Islamabad.

Workers at the station escaped unhurt when the mob briefly broke into the building and destroyed television cameras and other equipment, PTV officials said.

The demonstrators, mostly members of Jamaat-e-Islami, Pakistan's largest religious party, shouted slogans accusing PTV directors of ignoring the plight of the Kashmir people.

Divided between India and Pakistan since the British gave the subcontinent independence 50

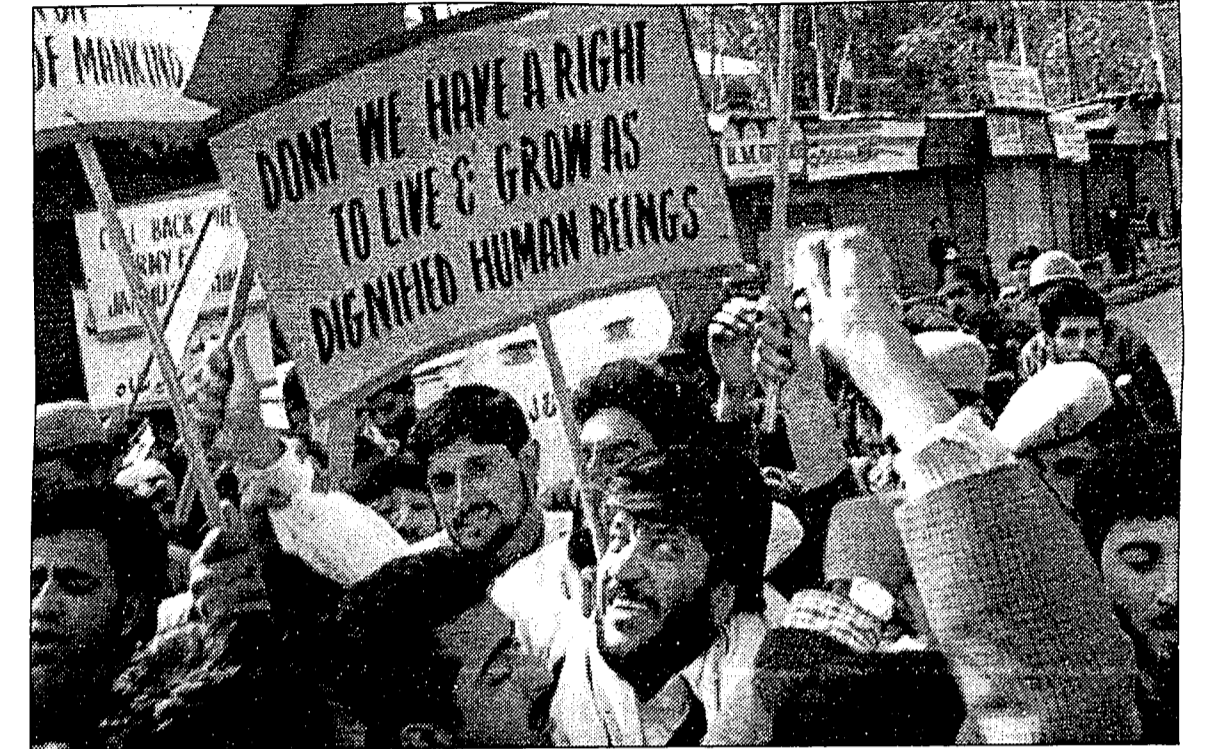
years ago, Kashmir has been the flash point of two wars between the neighboring states.

Many parties in Pakistan, including Jamaat-e-Islami, want the predominantly Muslim Kashmir to become part of Islamic Pakistan. They accuse largely Hindu India of rampant human rights abuses in the two-thirds Kashmir it controls.

India, meanwhile, accuses Pakistan of arming and training Kashmiri militants who have been fighting a separatist war since 1989 in India-held Kashmir. Pakistan denies the charge and maintains that it provides only diplomatic and moral support to the guerrillas.

The demonstrators dispersed after about 30 minutes and before police arrived, witnesses said Tuesday. None had been arrested by Wednesday morning.

Jamaat-e-Islami leaders said they plan similar demonstrations at PTV offices around the country.



Shabir Ahmad Shah, center, a senior Kashmiri separatist leader, displaying a placard and chanting pro-freedom slogans in central Srinagar Monday. Kashmiri separatist leaders organized protest demonstrations in many parts of Srinagar to protest against the denial of right of self determination by the Indian government. The demonstration marked the 50th anniversary of the day Indian troops landed in Srinagar to push back Pakistani-sponsored tribal raiders. AP

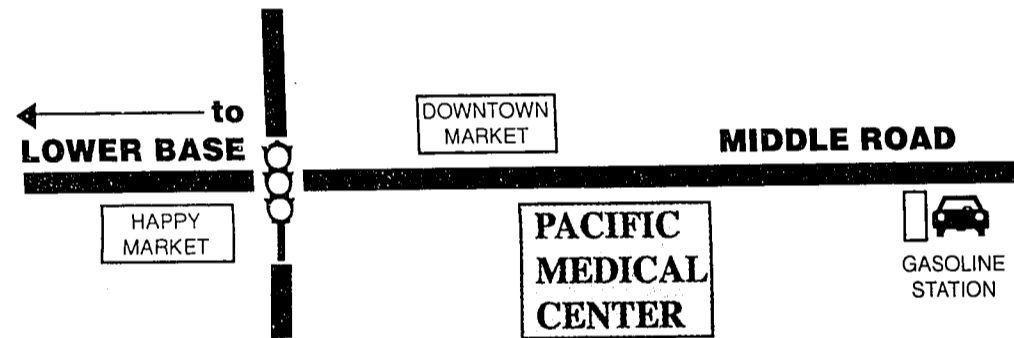
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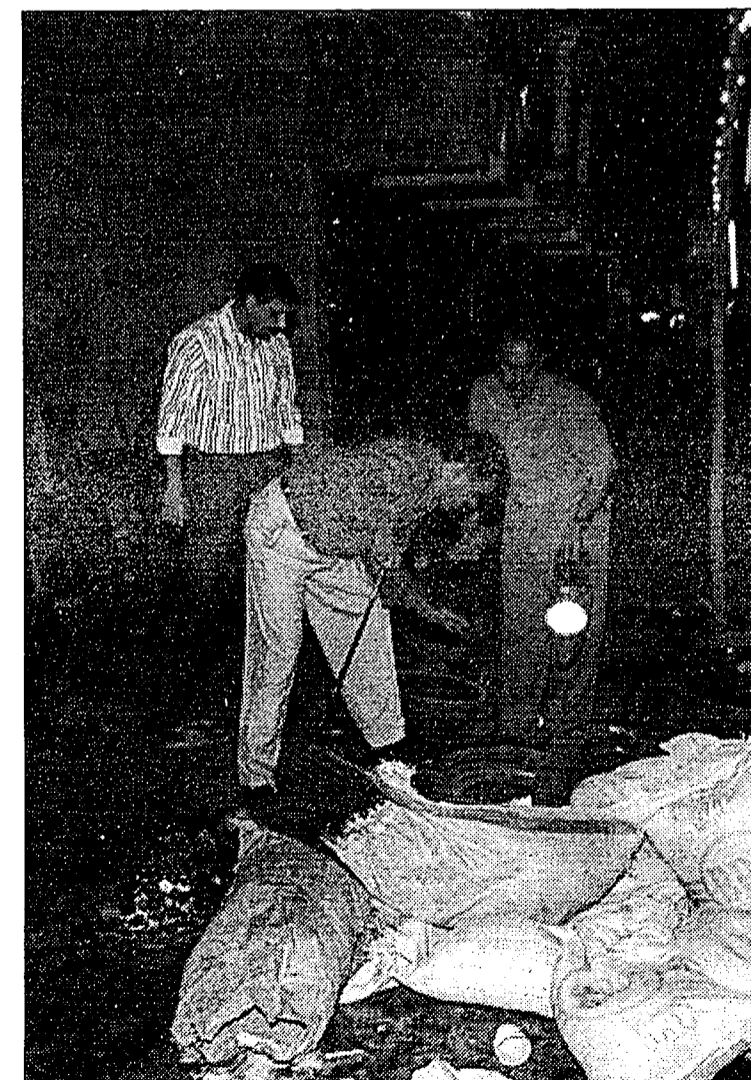
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### Chief minister's political aide killed in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India (AP) - Unidentified gunmen shot and killed a key political aide to the chief minister of northern Jammu-Kashmir state Tuesday, police said.

The motive for killing Habibullah Para was not clear. No one claimed responsibility for the killing. But police blamed guerrillas fighting for Kashmir's independence.

Para was attacked in Gandarbal, a village 15 kilometers (10 miles) northeast of Srinagar, the state capital, from where state Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah contested the elections last year.

He has since then increased the crackdown on the rebels.

Police said two gunmen woke up Para just after midnight and shot him at pointblank range. They fled in the dark. Para was the president of the Gandarbal unit of Abdullah's National Conference Party. Abdullah is currently visiting London.

In an unrelated incident, two persons were killed and eight others were injured Monday when suspected militants hurled a grenade at a wedding party in Maidan Porololab, a village 85 kilometers (50 miles) north of Srinagar.

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# Kennard new FCC chair

By Jeannine Aversa  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A new lineup of communications regulators had Senate approval Wednesday and the daunting task of giving Americans the wider choice of telephone and cable television services promised in a 1996 law deregulating the industry.

On a vote of 99-1, the Senate approved Bill Kennard, a Democrat, to be chairman of the Federal Communications Commission. Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont., dissented.

"I will continue the FCC's efforts to replace regulation with competition and to hasten the delivery of many new telecommunications services to the public," Kennard said in

a statement after the vote. "In doing so we will strive to provide quality telecommunications services at the best price to American consumers."

On Tuesday, the Senate approved three new commissioners to the five-member panel: Republicans Harold Furchtgott-Roth and Michael Powell and Democrat Gloria Tristani.

They join holdover commissioner Susan Ness, a Democrat.

All four incoming members will soon take office but a specific date has not been set, FCC officials said.

"I am ready to go to work and hope that will be next week," Tristani said in a telephone interview. She declined to detail her immediate goals other than to "spend some time learn-

ing." The other two incoming commissioners had no immediate comment.

At Senate hearings several weeks ago, Kennard and the three other incoming commissioners said they want to speed the snaillike pace of local phone and cable competition to offer customers the same wide choices they now have in long distance. But they didn't say how they would accomplish that.

Local and long-distance companies, which want to get into each other's business, accuse one another of trying to forestall competition. Cable companies, which initially had offered a grand vision of delivering local phone services on a widespread

basis, have scaled back plans. Congress blames the FCC for being too regulatory. The FCC blames companies for litigating FCC rules and parts of the 1996 law aimed at opening phone markets to competition.

That law provides for local and long-distance companies to get into each other's businesses and gradually deregulates cable TV rates.

Against this backdrop, some consumer advocates complain that consumers may never reap the promised benefits of competition — more choices and lower prices — promised in the law. The law's supporters contend that in time they will. But those on both sides of the issue agree that competition is not evolving as quickly as the government had hoped.

Kennard was the FCC's general counsel and will be its first black chairman. Furchtgott-Roth was chief economist for the House Commerce Committee. Powell, the son of retired Army Gen. Colin Powell, was chief of staff of the Justice Department's antitrust division. Tristani was a commissioner of the New Mexico agency that regulates utilities.

One decision they'll face is whether to approve individual Bell company requests to offer long-distance service in the same states where they provide local service. The FCC has rejected two such requests and a third, by BellSouth Corp., is pending.

The new FCC members also will decide what digital broadcasters owe the public in return for using the nation's airwaves; consider proposals to further deregulate the TV industry; and adopt standards that will let people block unwanted shows from TV sets.

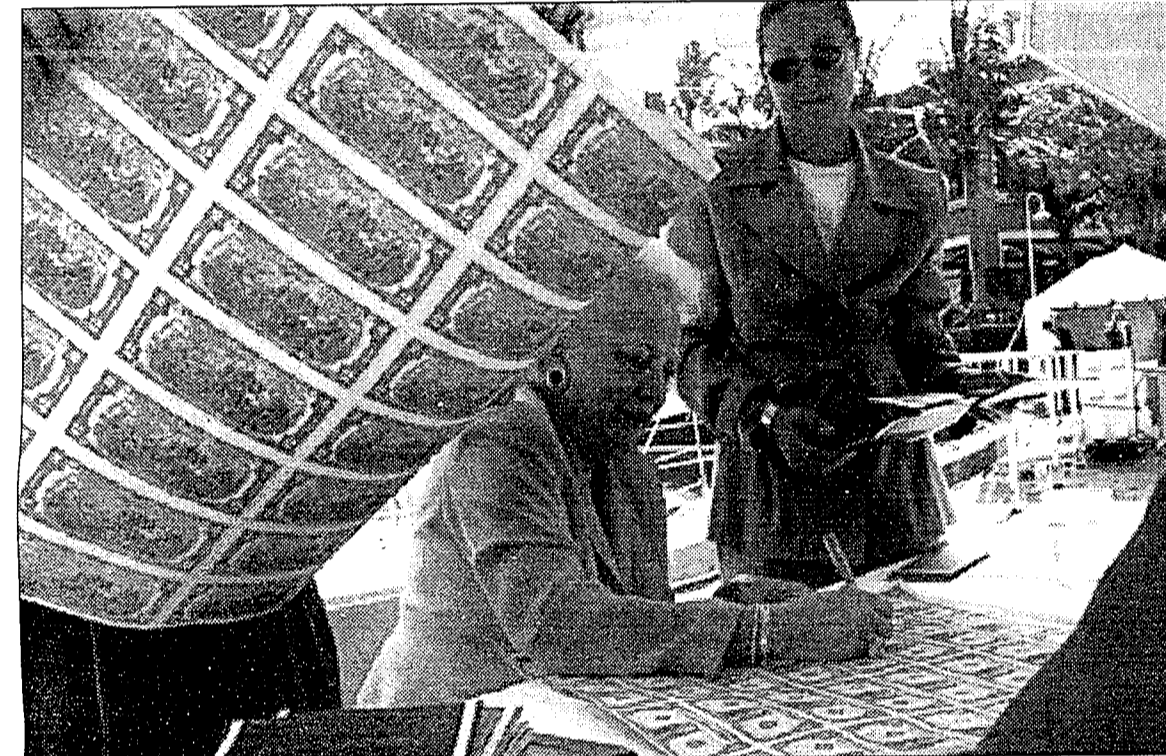
The new commission, for the first time since March of 1996, will operate with all five members. Democrats will continue to hold three of the five seats.

But Kennard will likely be able to count on votes from his fellow two Democrats, giving him the majority necessary to adopt his own initiatives. That wasn't the case with Hundt, who often was at odds with Democratic commissioner James Quello.

Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., who had concerns over Kennard's nomination because of an FCC action that forced Zebulon Lee, an Asheville, N.C., broadcaster, off the air, voted for Kennard Wednesday.

"I appreciate his voluntary assurance that he will work with us on the Zeb Lee case," Helms said of Kennard, adding that they had met privately about three weeks ago.

Burns voted against Kennard, fearing that he won't fully support policies ensuring that rural Americans have affordable local phone service. Kennard, in Senate testimony, said he would.



U.S. Treasurer Mary Ellen Withrow, left, signs a sheet of dollar bills as Jennifer Pakradooni looks on during a ceremony to commemorate the issuance of the new \$50 bill in Miami, Fla., Wednesday. The new \$50 bill is the first of the new series of currency to include a large high-contrast numeral that makes the note more easily identifiable for people with low vision or in low light situations.

## House to vote on fast-track bill

By David Espo  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The House will vote before year's end on trade legislation backed by President Clinton but opposed by many Democrats, leading Republican lawmakers said Wednesday.

Emerging from a closed-door session of the GOP leadership, Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, said House Speaker Newt Gingrich will confer with Clinton before setting a firm date for the vote on the "fast-track" legislation.

"We have decided it will be this year," said Archer, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

The measure would permit the president to present trade agreements to Congress for simple yes-or-no votes, and deny lawmakers the chance to amend them — a process known as "fast track." Clinton and previous presidents have enjoyed such authority, but it has lapsed. Clinton wants the authority to negotiate new trade agreements in South America and among Pacific nations.

A vote in the House would amount to a high-stakes gamble for the White House with Clinton's prestige. Even so, Democratic supporters of the measure have pushed for a vote this year for fear the prospects for passage would only diminish once the 1998 election year dawns.

Many Democrats as well as

their allies in organized labor and environmental groups oppose the measure, and the party's two top leaders in the House, Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri and Rep. David Bonior of Michigan, are leading the opposition.

There had been discussion during the day of setting Nov. 7 for a vote, but officials cautioned that had not been agreed to and other dates were possible. Republicans had been hoping to adjourn Congress for the year by Nov. 7, but delays on other legislation may cause that target to slip.

The decision to schedule the bill for a vote this year came one day after Gingrich met separately with Democratic supporters of the legislation and Clinton.

Democrats had urged Gingrich set a vote, saying that was the only way to see whether the support could be obtained for passage.

According to Republican officials, Gingrich replied that Republicans could count only on about 150 votes in favor of the measure, and worried about the impact on Clinton's prestige if the bill failed.

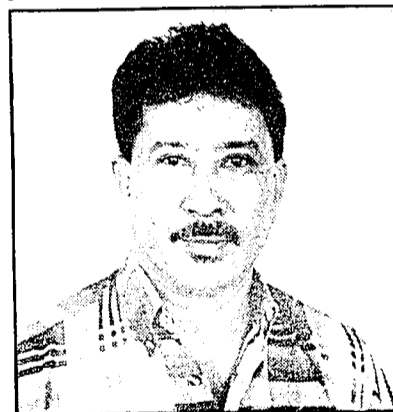
In a letter to Clinton last week, Archer said it would take the support of 70 Democrats to assure passage of the measure. Even the most optimistic tally among Democrats places the level of support at half that level or less.

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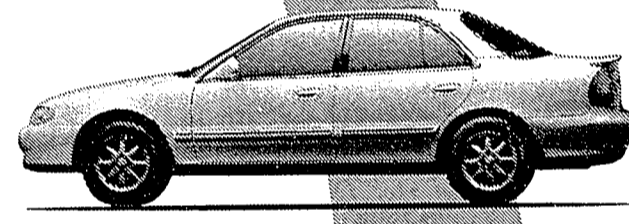
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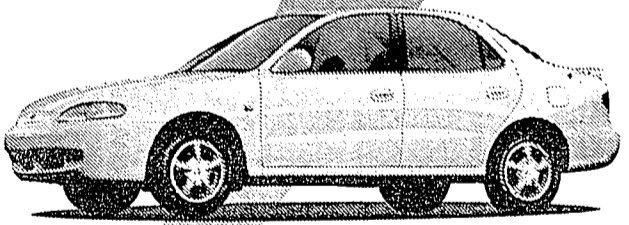
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Yeshi Lokytsang of Tibet, holding a Tibetan flag, wipes her eyes during an anti-China demonstration in front of the White House Wednesday, during Chinese President Jiang Zemin's state visit. AP

## King Sihanouk gets birthday wishes from Khmer Rouge

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) - The radical Marxist Khmer Rouge sent birthday wishes Wednesday to Cambodia's constitutional monarch King Norodom Sihanouk.

In a radio broadcast, the guerrillas said their nominal leader Khieu Samphan wanted to bid the king "good health and a long life" on the occasion of his 75th birthday to be celebrated this Friday.

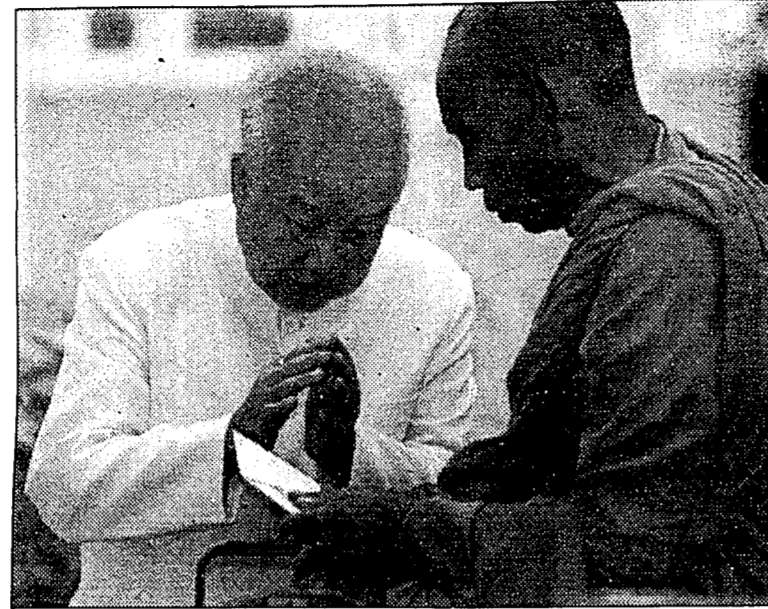
Khieu Samphan also thanked the king for his efforts to put an end to renewed fighting in Cambodia during his nearly two month stay in the northern province of Siem Reap.

The aging monarch, who suffers from cancer - now in remission - hypertension, diabetes and cataracts in both eyes, left for Beijing Saturday to undergo medical treatment.

"During your stay in Siem Reap, the nation and the entire people and the international community saw clearly your efforts, vehemently rejected by Hun Sen," Khieu Samphan said in his birthday wish to the king.

"We, the nation, the people, strongly believe that your humble idea of national reconciliation regardless of political tendency is truly a magic medicine which can help to defeat our enemy in the near future," the Khmer Rouge leader said.

As many as 2 million Cambodians



King Norodom Sihanouk gives the offerings food to a monk during a Buddhism ceremony in front of his residence in Siem Reap last Friday. King left Cambodia for Beijing for medical treatment. AP

died of overwork, starvation, illness and systematic executions during the Khmer Rouge genocide regime in the late 1970s.

Overthrown in 1979 by a Vietnamese invasion, the revolutionaries fled to the jungles and waged guerrilla warfare against successive governments. A handful of Khmer Rouge hardliners are holding out in their northern jungle base of Anlong Veng, near the Thai border.

The king was used by the Khmer Rouge during their in the early 1970s as

they struggled to overthrow the regime of Lon Nol, who had deposed Sihanouk in a American-backed 1970 coup.

Most Cambodians had no understanding or affinity for Marxist ideology, but the king's endorsement of the Khmer Rouge was good enough for most peasants who viewed the monarch as something of a father figure.

After the Khmer Rouge took power in 1975, they kept Sihanouk under house arrest and killed 14 members of his family.

## Khmer Rouge chieftain's visit shrouded in mystery

By KER MUNTHTI  
PHNOM PENH, Cambodia

(AP) - The former deputy premier of the genocidal Khmer Rouge regime met with Cambodian leader Hun Sen Wednesday during his first visit to Phnom Penh since the brutal group was overthrown in 1979.

Officials were tight-lipped, but Ieng Sary, who came to the capital Tuesday in a government helicopter from his northwestern base at Pailin, apparently discussed limiting the ongoing fighting in Cambodia.

Hun Sen's forces are battling a working alliance between the hardliners and royalists, and the fighting has not yet spread to Ieng Sary's neutral faction.

Long Norin, secretary general of Ieng Sary's political group, the Democratic National Union Movement, and others familiar with the talks refused to reveal the contents of the lunch meeting.

"I'll tell you tomorrow," a smiling Ieng Sary, dressed in an off-white safari suit, told reporters when he returned to his hotel Wednesday.

Ieng Sary received amnesty last year for his role in mass murders by the Khmer Rouge regime in exchange for breaking with other leaders and bringing thousands of guerrillas to peace with the government.

But until Tuesday, he had stayed in Pailin, a center of gems mining and an important smuggling point along the border with Thailand.

Ieng Sary was accompanied to Phnom Penh by his son, Ieng Vuth, and one of his top military

commanders, Y Chhien, now mayor of Pailin.

A government official said on condition of anonymity that the meeting with Hun Sen was aimed at stopping clashes between Khmer Rouge factions, including Ieng Sary's men, over timber revenues in the Samlaut district, not far from Pailin.

The fighting has driven an estimated 30,000 refugees into Thailand, separate from 20,000 refugees seeking shelter further north from fighting among Hun Sen's troops, Khmer Rouge hardliners and loyalists of deposed co-premier Prince Norodom Ranariddh.

Hun Sen overthrew Ranariddh in July. Ieng Sary has pledged to stay neutral in their conflict.

Ieng Sary, a former brother-in-law to former Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot, was foreign minister under the group, which turned Cambodia into a vast, Maoist-inspired labor camp after taking power in a civil war in 1975. As many as 2 million Cambodians perished.

King Norodom Sihanouk, a personal enemy of Ieng Sary who was held prisoner by the Khmer Rouge, granted him a pardon last year at the urging of his then co-prime ministers to help break the group up and end the country's long civil war.

Sihanouk's pardon lifted a 1979 death sentence imposed by Vietnam's occupation forces for Ieng Sary's role in the killings during the Khmer Rouge reign and absolves him from breaking a 1994 law formally forbidding the guerrilla movement.

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When the principal of William S. Reyes Elementary School publicized the plight of her students, only one candidate responded with action. Only Governor Froilan C. Tenorio heard her please and responded with decisive action to get air conditioners into her classrooms, so her kids, our kids, can concentrate on their schooling. The others only talked about improving education for our kids when they get into office. Not one other candidate came forward.

So when you go to the polls on November 1, vote for DOERS, NOT TALKERS.

Wednesday • October 22, 1997

# Kids take the heat

## Letters to the Editor

### Kudos from WSR Elementary

Dear Editor:  
Kudos to Governor Tenorio. On behalf of the parents/guardians along with the W.S. Reyes Elementary School administration, faculty, support staff and most especially our students, I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to the governor for responding to the needs and welfare of our public school children.

This is a dream come true for all of us, specifically our students. You finally alleviated the heat in the classrooms and they have realized what it feels to have a cool classroom. Now, they can concentrate more on their studies and not have to worry and deal with the heat on a daily basis.

We have just had our second PTA meeting, and installation of air-conditioning system in every classroom is placed as our top priority for this school year.

We are going to do this through an outreach approach to seek assistance from the parents/guardians, government agencies, business community and private individuals within the com-

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We understand that government resources are not enough to produce quality and conducive learning environment.

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With this tremendous help from your office, we can now focus on other priorities we set for this school year.

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Your efforts to finally make this a reality will be long remembered by all of us working hard towards our school improvement process.

JOHN GUERRERO  
PTA President  
XYLENE PALACIOS  
STUCCO President

## WSR will get air-cons courtesy of Governor

"I'm so excited, I almost cried. The students were very active in voicing their concerns, and I guess they were the right people to do the talking," said WSR Principal Maria Pangelinan.

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### NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS RETIREMENT FUND

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) is soliciting proposals for financial audit of the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund (NMIRF), Workers' Compensation Commission, and the Group Health and Life Insurance Programs for fiscal year ending September 30, 1997. The audit shall be performed in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards and Generally Accepted Auditing Standards.

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#### For the Retirement Fund:

1. Net assets available for benefits
2. Changes in net assets available for benefits
3. Statement of accumulated plan benefits
4. Changes in accumulated plan benefits
5. All other financial statements relating to the operation of the Fund

#### For the Workers' Compensation Program:

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3. Balance sheet
4. Internal operations

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1. Statement of Revenues and Expenses
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Proposals must at least have the following information:

- Title Page:
1. Request for Proposal subject
  2. Name of CPA or CPA firm
  3. Local address and telephone number
  4. Name of contact person and submission date

#### Transmittal letter:

1. Briefly state your understanding of the work to be performed. Include affirmative statement to perform the work within the time period specified.
2. State a comprehensive fee for which the audit will be performed.
3. State the scheduled dates for the entrance and exit conferences, and the submission of the draft and final audit reports.

#### Your Company's Profile

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2. The description must also include an affirmative statement that at least the partners are certified public accountants.
3. Name and profile of staff members to be assigned to the audit, should you or your firm be selected.

Award will be based on four evaluation factors: price, technical competence, prior experience, and ability to meet the deadline.

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All inquiries regarding this audit may be directed to Mr. Edward H. Manglona, Administrator, at telephone number 234-7228. Audit reports from previous years are available at the NMIRF's main office at the Nauru Building.

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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
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Saipan, MP 96950

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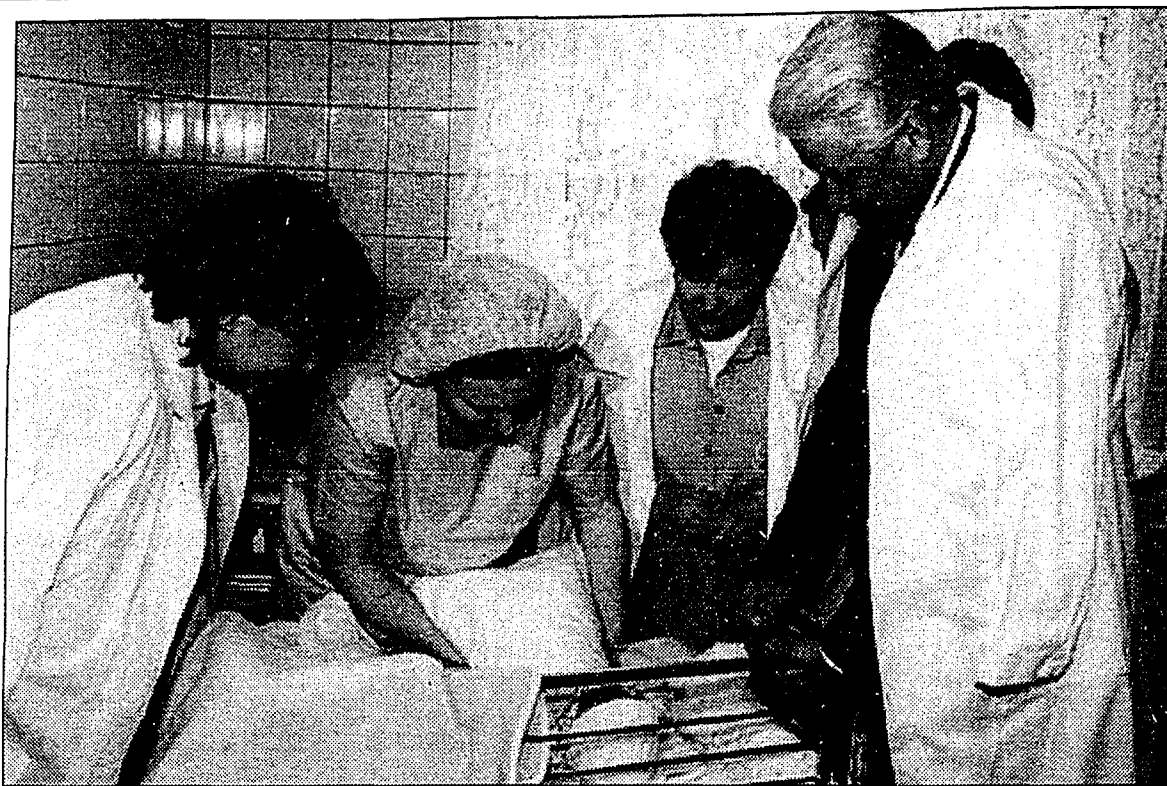
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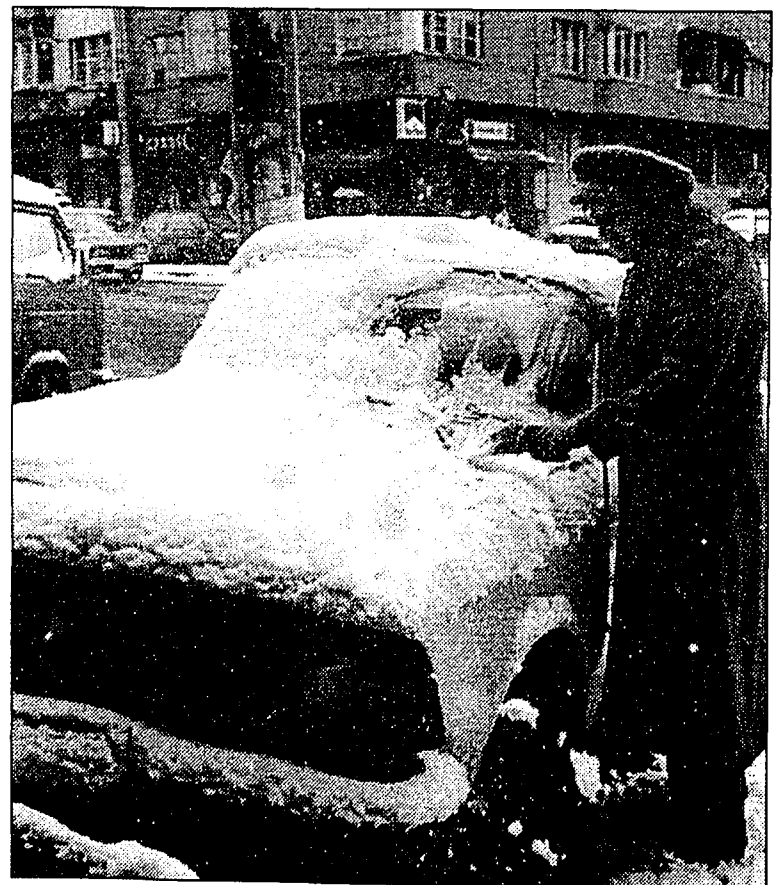
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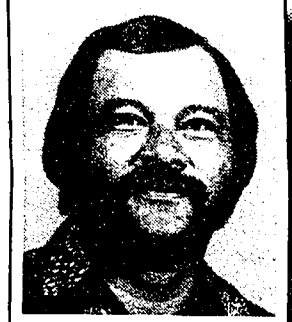
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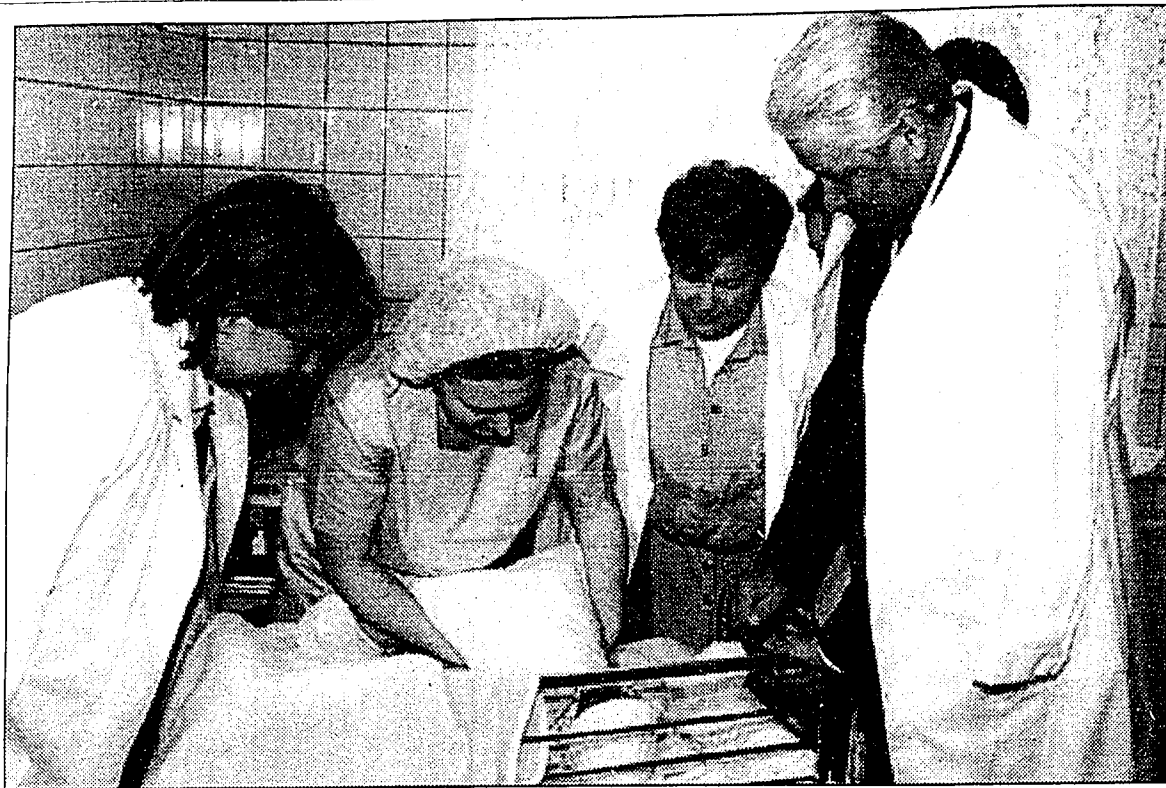
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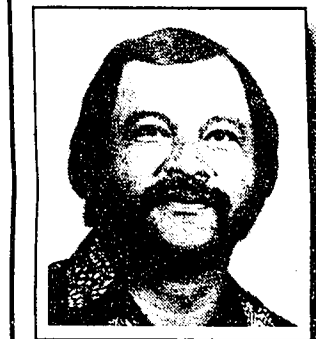
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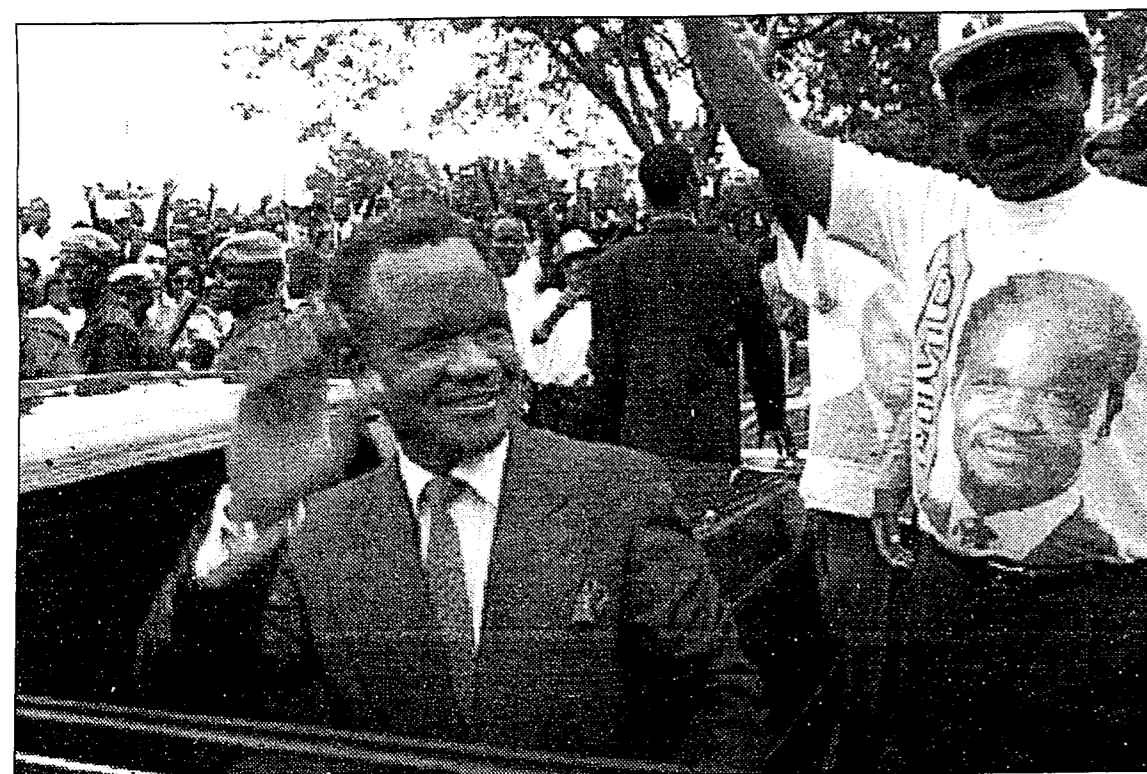
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By KONDWANI CHIRAMBO  
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State television quoted an unidentified government spokesman as saying the emergency powers would take effect immediately. The decision was made by President Frederick Chiluba and his Cabinet ministers earlier in the day.

The spokesman said the Cabinet "decided to be firm on the matter" of the attempted revolt Tuesday, in which troops shot their way into the state radio station to rout mutineers who had announced they were taking power. One rebel soldier died.

The state of emergency will

be reviewed in seven days by Parliament, which is dominated by Chiluba's ruling party.

Television also showed Chiluba addressing students who gathered Wednesday outside his official residence in the southern African nation's capital of Lusaka.

"We will never depart from the rule of law. We are going to move with firmness in the ranks and with justice to all," Chiluba said.

Of the coup bid, he said: "Whoever is involved must know they will never escape the dragnet at all."

Former President Kenneth Kaunda and his United National Independence Party had warned Tuesday that Chiluba would use the coup attempt as an excuse to crack down on the opposition.

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In 1992, Chiluba reimposed the emergency for three months after he alleged opposition groups were planning a campaign of civil unrest to topple the government.

However, Chiluba aide Richard Sakala said the opposition was not suspected of involvement in Tuesday's coup attempt.

State radio said two rebel soldiers were arrested Wednesday morning while still hiding in the grounds of the government broadcast center where the coup attempt took place.

Sakala said five more mutineers were arrested in addition to the 15 captured Tuesday, including both coup leaders.

Shops and business reopened Wednesday, but Sakala said security remained tight, with the main Lusaka international airport partially shut down.

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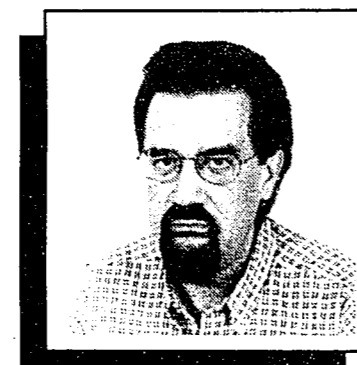
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# Council OKs UNITA sanctions



American U.N. ambassador Bill Richardson, left, walks along with the US ambassador to Angola Donald Steinberg after arriving at Luanda airport Sunday. Richardson said his talks with Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos would cover Congo and the Republic of Congo, where Angola has deployed troops this year to help its allies grab power. AP

By ROBERT H. REID  
UNITED NATIONS (AP) - Frustrated with delays in the Angolan peace process, the Security Council gave the go-ahead Wednesday for air and travel sanctions to take effect against the former rebel movement UNITA.

The sanctions, which also include the closing of UNITA offices abroad, go into effect automatically at 0501 GMT Thursday.

The council also unanimously accepted a recommendation by Secretary-General Kofi Annan to keep about 3,000 U.N. peacekeepers in the southwest African country until Jan. 30.

The council also expressed "grave concern" about the presence of Angolan government forces in the Republic of Congo and called on all foreign forces to withdraw immediately.

The measures against UNITA were

approved Aug. 28 and were to have gone into effect a month ago. But the council suspended them to give UNITA time to fulfill demands under 1994 Lusaka peace accords that ended two decades of civil war.

The resolution, drafted by the United States, Russia and Portugal deplored UNITA's failure to meet with its obligations, including disarming fighters and integrating them into a national army.

Senator Jesse Helms, the powerful Republican who chairs the U.S. Senate's foreign relations committee, said in a letter to U.S. Secretary of State Madeline Albright that any sanctions should be applied equally to the Angolan government for its recent intervention on behalf of a successful incursion in the neighboring Republic of Congo. "I am disappointed that such blatant disregard for international law was not clearly condemned in the strongest possible terms by the U.S. government," said Helms, who had backed UNITA's fight against the leftist Angolan government.

The Angolan government said it backed the Congolese rebels because it believed the former Republic of Congo government was backing UNITA.

The resolution banned all flights that depart from Angola or are due to land there, except for those locations designated by the Angolan government. That measure is aimed at preventing UNITA from purchasing weapons and then flying them into territory it still controls.

UNITA earns hundreds of millions of dollars by exporting diamonds and uses much of the revenue to buy weapons. UNITA would also be prohibited from purchasing aircraft, parts, flight insurance and engineering services. Aviation equipment may enter Angola only through government-approved entry points.

The U.N. sanctions committee must approve any exemptions for humanitarian deliveries.

In 1993 the Security Council imposed arms and oil embargoes on UNITA but with little effect. A 1994 peace agreement was signed in Lusaka, Zambia, to end a conflict that devastated Angola after independence from Portugal in 1975.

The civil war claimed hundreds of thousands of lives.

Last April, UNITA joined a national unity government with its long-time rival the formerly Marxist Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola. The MPLA, led by President Jose Eduardo dos Santos, was supported by Cuba during the Cold War.

The United States and South Africa backed UNITA during that period.

But the peace process appears to be unraveling. The U.N. spokesman in the capital Luanda, David Wimhurst said the military situation is "unstable" and there is "growth in tension" due to an "up-surge in violence." UNITA is suspected of involvement in three ambushes this month. In addition, Wimhurst said new anti-tank minefields have been laid in Malanje province and the government is redeploying troops without notifying the United Nations as required.

# Peru-Ecuador tensions high

By David Koop  
LIMA, Peru (AP) — Rumors of impending war are brewing in Peru, where military leaders accuse neighboring Ecuador of attacking a jungle border post in an area that has been in dispute for more than 50 years.

Anger flared last week when Peru said Ecuadorean soldiers launched two mortars at a post 765 miles north of Lima in the province of Loreto. In cities across Peru, thousands of protesters marched in anti-Ecuador rallies apparently organized by the military.

As anti-Ecuador sentiment grew, demonstrators in fake military uniforms pretended to beat men dressed as monkeys — intended as a disparaging representation of Ecuadoreans.

"It's obvious the military is trying to present Ecuador as an imminent danger ... trying to make the country believe that war is near," military expert Fernando Rospigliosi said.

Even supporters of Peru's military-backed government say the armed forces may have exaggerated the importance of the mortar attack, which caused no injuries, to spur nationalist sentiment.

"We cannot discard that within our country there are people interested in stimulating an armed conflict," said Manuel D'Omellas, editor of the pro-government *Expreso* newspaper.

Peru and Ecuador long have squabbled over 48 miles of unmarked border, fighting wars in 1941, 1981 and 1995.

Ecuador claims a historic right to access to the Amazon River, which passes through Peru, and a huge chunk of Amazonian jungle now part of Peru that would almost double Ecuador's territory.

Peru denies Ecuador's claim, citing a 1942 treaty signed by both governments after a war won by Peru.

The war in 1995 cost at least 78 lives. Peru was defeated by its smaller neighbor for the first time in its history — wounding the pride of its military leaders and leaving them looking for a rematch, mili-

tary analysts say.

"In Peru there is a strong desire for revenge within the armed forces that is slowly spreading to the general population," Rospigliosi said. In September, Peru's military unveiled its new fleet of sophisticated MiG-29 fighter jets bought from Belarus. The jets give it air superiority over Ecuador.

Peruvian generals' desire to redeem their newly strengthened military, coupled with President Alberto Fujimori's low popularity in the polls as the 2000 presidential election approaches, has raised fears the two may foster a conflict to rescue their careers.

"Given the armed forces' great autonomy with no civilian control, and the few practical alternatives to resolve differences between the countries, the possibilities of a war are very high," Rospigliosi said.

Ongoing talks between Peru and Ecuador in Brazil to resolve the border dispute appear deadlocked. Neither side is willing to cede its territorial claim, said retired Gen. Jaime Salinas, head of the Lima-based Latin American Institute for Civilian-Military Studies.

Talk of war is also growing in Ecuador, where schoolchildren are taught Peru stole a large chunk of their territory. The determination to recover this land is part of the national identity.

Last week, 3,000 students marched in an anti-Peru demonstration in Guayaquil, Ecuador's largest city.

"The people must learn to defend their territory, even with their blood," said former Ecuadorean President Leon Febres Cordero.

The powerful head of Ecuador's armed forces, Gen. Paco Moncayo, has vowed to win Ecuador's access to the Amazon River. Moncayo is rumored to want to be president, and a successful war with Peru would boost his chances in next year's elections.

In Peru, fears of war are heightened by reports that soldiers are grabbing young men, particularly in poor rural areas, and forcing them to join the army — a common

way for it to get new recruits.

Although no reliable figures exist, deputy editor Blanca Rosales of leading opposition newspaper *La Republica* said her newspaper's

correspondents across Peru have reported a sharp increase in forced recruitment, starting in July.

In September, Peru's armed forces held maneuvers along the

Ecuadorean border and simulated blackouts in border cities to prepare them for an invasion. Weeks earlier, Ecuador carried out similar maneuvers.



More than 2,500 demonstrators from various Lima districts march to Congress to support the city's mayor Alberto Andrade on Wednesday. Demonstrators protested against the government's proposal to limit municipal powers. AP

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## Authorities seize 2.5 tons of cocaine from vessel

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) - Authorities seized 2.5 tons of cocaine from a Panama-registered ship in one of the biggest busts in Venezuela's history.

The cocaine was confiscated Tuesday when security forces boarded the ship in the port of Judibana, 400 kilometers (240 miles) west of Caracas. Officials said the ship had departed from neighboring Colombia, the world's No. 1 cocaine producer.

Eight crew members were detained. Authorities said Wednesday they were still searching the ship, and that there might be more cocaine aboard.

"We don't know how much is in the ship, but we presume that there are still drugs inside. We still have three compart-

ments to search," said Gen. Luis Camacho, head of the National Guard anti-drug unit.

The seizure was equal to nearly half the entire amount of cocaine confiscated in Venezuela last year. Authorities seized 4 tons of cocaine in July from another ship that also had departed from Colombia. It was the largest cocaine bust in Venezuela's history.

Officials say Venezuela is a major shipment point for narcotics headed to the United States and Europe.

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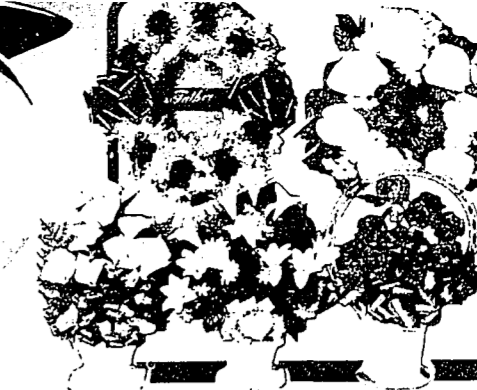
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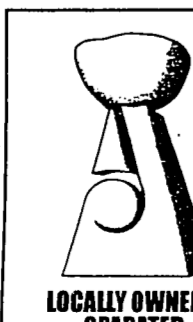
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# Spain senator sentenced

By CIARAN GILES  
MADRID, Spain (AP) - Eight people, including a senator and a former deputy, were convicted and sentenced Tuesday for their roles in an illegal party financing scheme whose revelation helped oust the Socialists from power last year.

The sentences - ranging from six months to 11 years with a \$1.6 million fine - came six years after the first media reports of the "Filesa" affair, named for one of the companies involved.  
In the scheme, bogus consulting firms were used to illegally funnel

more than 1 billion pesetas (\$6 million) from banks and other parties to the Socialists in the 1980s.  
The Socialists ended a near 14-year run in office in 1996 elections won by Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar's Popular Party. The financing scheme and other scandals, in-

cluding renewed allegations the Socialists helped organize "death squads" of Basque separatists, helped bring the party down.

On Tuesday, the Supreme Court sentenced former Socialist party deputy Carlos Navarro to 11 years in prison for illegal business activity, forged documents and tax offenses. Navarro was also fined 260 million pesetas (\$1.6 million) and barred from state employment for six years.

Sen. Jose Maria Sala was sentenced to two years in prison for illegal business activity and one for forging documents. He was also banned from state employment for six years.

Sala announced his resignation as senator later in the day.

Neither Sala nor two businessmen who received six-month sentences will have to go to prison. Under Spanish law, people with no previous convictions can remain free if sentenced

to under two years and four months. Two men who ran Filesa, Luis Olivero and Alberto Flores, were each sentenced to 10 years. The former assistant party treasurer, Aida Alvarez, and a non-party colleague both received two years and four months for tax offenses - the minimum for a jail term.  
Three businessmen were absolved of all charges.  
The eight convicted and sentenced have 20 days to appeal.

Socialist Party Leader Joaquin Almunia told reporters after the court session that the scandal had harmed the party for too long.

"This case has kept alive for too many years a criticism towards the Socialist Party which has been used as a weapon to harm the party's image and honor," he said.  
The party denied ever having received illegal contributions.



Spanish President Jose Maria Aznar Lopez, center, moves Sony's studio camera for broadcasting as Sony President Nobuyuki Idei, left, and his wife Ana look on during the president's tour to the Sony Media World in Tokyo Wednesday. Aznar is on a four-day official visit to Japan. AP

## Butcher in E.coli deaths cleared

HAMILTON, Scotland (AP) - A butcher accused in a food poisoning outbreak resulting from meat infected with E. coli bacteria that killed 20 people in Scotland last winter has been cleared by a court of wrongdoing.

John Barr was charged with supplying 300 slices of ham, turkey and beef from his shop at Wishaw 340 miles (540 kilometers) north of London for a local birthday party on Nov. 23 last year in contravention of environmental health officers' orders.

The prosecution told Hamilton Sheriff Court during the six-day hearing that the health officers had told him the day before to stop selling cold cooked meats to customers after tracing the source of a local food poisoning outbreak to his shop.

Barr, 52, who pleaded innocent to "culpably, willfully and recklessly supplying cooked meats" in defiance of the officers' order, was cleared by the court of the charge on Monday.

Barr's lawyer, George Moore, told the court the prosecution case hinged on a phone call alleged to have taken place between Barr and a customer, David Moon, 66, who

collected the meat for the party. Moon told the court that after being told of the health scare, he called Barr's shop. Moon said a man he believed to have been Barr told him the meat for the party was fine.

But Barr denied the phone call ever took place and Moore argued that because there was no corroborating prosecution evidence to show it had, as required by Scottish law, Barr had no case to answer.

The judge, Sheriff Alexander Macpherson, agreed with Moore and ruled that as a result Barr was innocent of the charge.

The prosecution had told the court that several people at the party fell ill after eating the meat from Barr's shop and that as the E. coli infection spread from person to person through human contact a total of 400 people became infected and 20 died.

Legislator Frank Toy of the governing Labor Party, whose seat includes Wishaw, said after the hearing that the handling of the prosecution case had been shambolic. Fay MacFarlane, 50, who organized the party, said her family were dismayed by the outcome.



A man walks along a wind-swept beach in Pollensa, Majorca, Wednesday after stormy weather overturned various boats including the one seen at far right. AP

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# Jurors delay au pair verdict

By BILL PORTER  
CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts (AP) - The jury deciding the murder case of a 19-year-old English au pair zoomed in Wednesday on a key moment in the trial, asking the judge for a transcript of testimony from a pediatric neurosurgeon.

Jurors deliberated for a second day without a verdict for Louise Woodward, charged with first-degree murder for the death of 8-month-old Matthew Eappen of Newton.

Prosecutors contend she shook the child to death on Feb. 4 and slammed his head against a hard surface out of frustration with the crying infant and a job that hampered her social life. The baby died in hospital five days later.

Medical experts testified for the defense that Matthew died from an injury caused at least three weeks earlier.

The nine women and three men on the jury asked Judge Hiller B. Zobel for transcript of testimony from Dr. Joseph Russell Madsen, who operated on the baby when he arrived at the hospital.

Specifically, jurors wanted to hear what the doctor said about fluid found in the baby's skull during emergency surgery at the hospital.

At issue was the color of the fluid Madsen described.

During his testimony, Madsen described a jelly-like blood clot that squirted out of the baby's brain and landed on the operating room floor. At one point, he called the clot red in color. But on cross-examination, he said some of it was clear.



Defense attorney Andrew Good, left, talks with Gary Woodward, center, and Susan Woodward, right, following the release of the jury by Judge Hiller Zobel to begin the second day of deliberations in the murder trial of their daughter, Louise Woodward, in Middlesex Superior Court, Wednesday in Cambridge, Mass. Woodward is charged with murder in the death of Matthew Eappen while she was his au pair. AP

Medical experts testifying for the defense said clear liquid would indicate an old injury.

Prosecutor Gerard Leone Jr. argued against giving the jury the transcript, saying they should rely on their memory and the notes they took during the three-week trial.

But Barry Scheck, one of

Woodward's defense lawyers, said the jury should be able to get what they wanted. "They are entitled to have their question responded to exactly as they put it," Scheck said.

The judge agreed to allow portions of the testimony to be read to the jury when it returns to court Thursday. This was the second question

At Woodward's request, the jury was told to consider only a first- or second-degree murder charge and not manslaughter. First-degree murder carries an automatic life sentence; second-degree means a life sentence with the chance of parole in 15 years.

Wednesday morning, while jurors deliberated, Scheck asked the judge to clarify his instructions to the jury. He said he was worried the jury did not understand they must immediately stop deliberating if they decide there's any reasonable doubt that Woodward's acts on Feb. 4 constituted murder.

Scheck also said he would like the judge to clarify that the charges against Woodward concern only what happened on Feb. 4, and that the jury should not consider who might have caused any prior injuries.

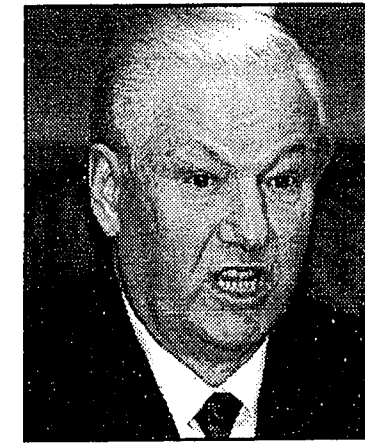
Zobel, however, said he was satisfied that the jury understood their instructions.

Moreover, he said, citing the 116 pieces of evidence brought into the case, "The fact that the jury has not reached a verdict by this time is of no surprise to anyone."

The strain of the 14 hours of deliberations and the jury's questions seemed to be wearing on Woodward's father, Gary, who had a worried look by the end of the day.

In closing arguments, the defense described Woodward as a loving au pair who only tried to save the baby in her care. Prosecutors, however, called her a "little aspiring actress" who lied about what happened to Matthew.

# China, Russia plan border announcement



Boris Yeltsin

BEIJING (AP) - China said Thursday it expects to announce progress in ending a decades-old border dispute with Russia during a visit by President Boris Yeltsin on Nov. 9-11.

China wants to settle the locations of its borders with Russia and other former Soviet republics so that it may better combat sepa-

ratist unrest in border areas. Russia wants to limit illegal crossings by Chinese traders and hunters.

The two governments also plan to sign agreements intended to follow up on their commitment announced earlier this year to increase trade, said Foreign Ministry spokesman Tang Guoqiang.

"The two sides will ... make an important announcement on the issue of demarcation of the eastern, section of the Sino-Russian boundary," Tang said during a weekly news conference.

Russia is eager to strengthen its ties with China to counterbalance NATO's expansion and growing U.S. influence in the world.

Jiang visited Moscow earlier this year, and the two sides signed a declaration pledging to seek a multipolar world with no dominant single force - a move clearly aimed at the United States.



Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin addresses his government Tuesday at a government meeting about the anticipated introduction of the budget to the Duma. The budget is one of the biggest points of contention between the reformist government led by Chernomyrdin and the communist dominated lower house. AP

# Japan releases names of visiting Japanese wives from N. Korea

TOKYO (AP) - In a sign of eased tensions between Japan and North Korea, Tokyo announced the names Tuesday of 15 Japanese women in the North who are to be allowed to briefly visit this country next month.

The visit of the women, who are married to North Koreans, is the first of its kind and is the result of long and difficult negotiations between the two countries, which have

no formal diplomatic relations.

The women will arrive in Japan Nov. 8 for a four-day reunion with family members.

North Korea and Japan agreed in August to hold talks aimed at normalizing ties, and North Korea's decision last month to allow the women to return for the visit was seen as a major step forward.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Kaneko

Muraoka, after announcing the names at a regularly scheduled press conference, said he was pleased by the North's approval of the visit.

"With the realization of the first visit of the Japanese wives and our hope for a second one, the negotiations for normalization of diplomatic relations are improving," he said.

Muraoka added that he hoped a second group of Japanese wives

would be allowed to visit as soon as possible.

About 1,800 Japanese women and a small number of men moved to North Korea from 1950-80 after marrying North Koreans.

Many Korean laborers were forcibly relocated to Japan during World War II to work in factories and mines. After the war, some returned home with Japanese

brides.

Japanese officials have denied the upcoming visit is linked to other issues, but Japan announced earlier this month plans to give the U.N. \$ 27 million to supply food for North Koreans suffering from a severe food shortage.

It also donated about \$ 7.76 million to the Red Cross for medical aid to North Korea.

## BIO - DATA

Date of Birth: November 27, 1951 (45)  
Spouse: Maria Quichocho Mendiola  
Children: Roger Wayne, Jason James and Len Mark  
Education: Marianas High School - 1972

## WORK EXPERIENCE:

TTPI - H.Q. CAPITOL POLICE OFFICER  
CNMI - DPS POLICE OFFICER  
CNMI - LEGISLATURE COMMUNITY SERVICE  
CNMI - SENATE COMMUNITY SERVICE  
CNMI - LT. GOV. OFFICE COMMUNITY SERVICE  
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- \* San Antonio Basketball Team (coach)
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Mother: Francisca Mendiola Tudela Borja  
Grandmother: Maria Mendiola Tudela Cabrera-Tamat  
Grandfather: Jesus Ramirez Tudela  
Great Grandmother: Jose Palacios Cabrera-Tamat  
Great Grandfather: Vicenta Mendiola Mendiola  
Vicente DLGuerrero Sablan

Father: Pedro Camacho Borja  
Grandmother: Rosario Cruz Camacho  
Grandfather: Jose DLGuerrero Borja  
Great Grandmother: Nicolasa Pangelinan DLGuerrero  
Great Grandfather: Simon Duenas Borja



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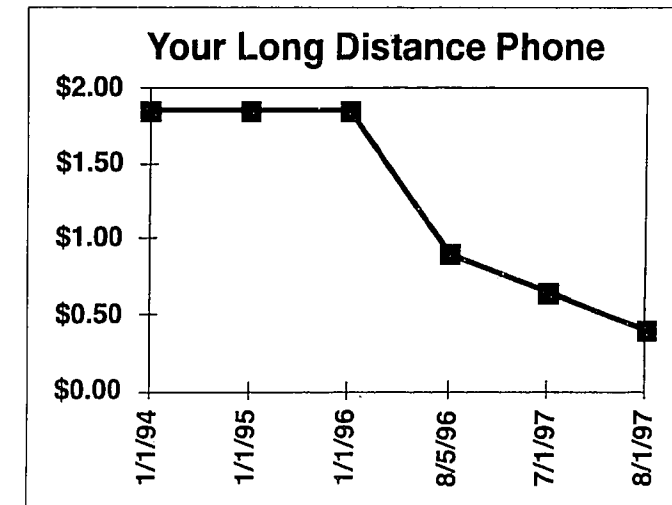
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# Prosecutors eyeing Kaczynski papers

By Richard Cole  
SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — In papers found in his Montana cabin, Theodore Kaczynski admitted committing "non-bombing acts of violence," prosecutors said in documents filed Wednesday.

The government did not say what the acts of violence were. Justice Department spokeswoman Leesa Brown said she could not release any information.

A federal law enforcement source who spoke on condition of anonymity, however, said the acts were serious and have never been made public.

Kaczynski's writings also show the "incremental development of ... (his) intent to kill," which grew out of his "hatred and antisocial preoccupations," prosecutors said.

The government contends Kaczynski is the anti-technology terrorist known as the Unabomber who is responsible for 16 bombings over

17 years that killed three and injured 23.

Prosecutors filed the documents Wednesday in an attempt to use Kaczynski's writings as evidence that he was responsible for bombings he has not been charged with and that he intended to hurt people.

Such evidence could help counter a possible insanity defense. Kaczynski's lawyers have indicated they may argue that he suffered from paranoid schizophrenia.

"The defendant's decision to put his mental condition at issue makes highly relevant his admissions to committing the non-bombing acts of violence," said the brief by prosecutors Robert Cleary and Douglas Wilson.

Defense lawyer Quin Denvir did not immediately return a telephone call Wednesday.

Kaczynski, 55, faces trial Nov. 12 on a 10-count indictment charging him with using bombs to kill two Sacramento men and injure two others.

He faces the death penalty if convicted. He also has been charged separately in New Jersey with the bombing death of an advertising executive. He has pleaded innocent to all charges.

The papers found in cabin when he was arrested in April 1996 "contain express statements of the defendant's intent to kill and the reasons why he sought to kill," prosecutors say.

"The admissions show the incremental development of the defendant's intent to kill and thus tend to show that his intent grew out of defendant's hatred and antisocial preoccupations," the brief said.

Kaczynski has no known police record.

## Drawings of paper money deemed as 'contraband'

By ANICK JESDANUN  
WASHINGTON (AP) - Artist J.S.G. Boggs said he only wanted to express himself with his hand-drawn images of paper money.

A federal judge ruled Wednesday that his artistic renditions were so close to the original that they represent contraband subject to seizure under federal counterfeit laws.

"Great minds have always differed as to the merit of art, and Mr. Boggs' travails demonstrate that adage," Judge Royce C. Lamberth said.

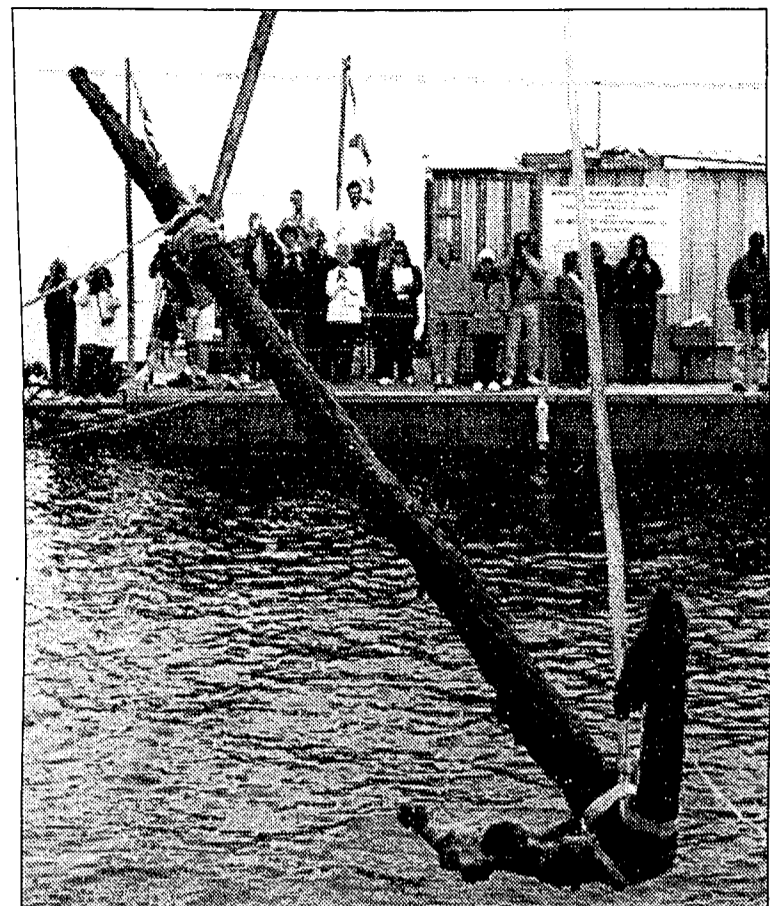
The judge ruled the Secret Service may keep the drawings its agents seized at his studio in Pittsburgh five years ago, even though a prosecutors later decided not to prosecute the artist.

To the consternation of the Secret Service, Boggs often reproduces actual-size but one-sided, color replicas of currency and then barbers his hand-drawn "Boggs bills" for goods and services, such as meals and hotel rooms. Federal law makes it a crime to possess or produce any likeness of currency. Exceptions are made for black-and-white replicas, or those less than 75 percent or more than 150 percent the size of real money.

Lamberth said none of the drawings he examined met the exemption provisions.

Boggs, who had moved from Pittsburgh and set up a studio in New York, argued that his drawings are not an exact copy of real money because he signs his own name on the bills and uses Pittsburgh, Pa. (Pennsylvania), instead of Washington, D.C. Furthermore, the bills are printed on thicker paper.

People who accept the Boggs bills know they are not real and sometimes have resold them for hundreds of dollars, Boggs said.



The 10-foot-long wrought iron anchor from a Spanish galleon that helped bring the first colonists to what is now the United States is raised from Pensacola Bay for the first time in 438 years on Wednesday in Pensacola, Fla. The galleon sank in a hurricane in 1559. The barge in the background is filled with media, archaeologists and other onlookers. AP

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# The truth about the garment industry

*It came to the CNMI not because of any person, but because the U.S. Federal Law changed and made the CNMI an attractive place to do business.*

August 5, 1983: Congress passes the Caribbean Basin Initiative increasing duty-free treatment of goods produced in the U.S. territories.

August 9, 1983: U.S. Customs rules garments manufactured in the CNMI could be labeled "Made in Northern Mariana Islands (U.S.A.)."

August 20, 1983: Dept. of Interior encourages garment factories to locate in the CNMI.

October 6, 1983: U.S. Customs rules Headnote 3(a) applies to sweaters assembled in the CNMI.

October 19, 1983: A factory in the CNMI ships the first garments to be manufactured in Saipan to the U.S. Six months later, the second factory is in production. Twelve months later, the third factory is producing.

Governor Pedro P. Tenorio ("Teno") Froze the Growth of the Industry in 1987 because he was concerned that it would negatively affect U.S./CNMI relations.

1986: Governor Tenorio orders a study of the growth of the garment industry and its effects on the CNMI.

August 1986: Governor's Office produces 111 page report "Policy Alternatives for the CNMI Garment Industry." The report concludes the industry's growth and potential production will cause great concern in Congress that could jeopardize federal relations, particularly the ability of the CNMI to control its immigration.

June 19, 1987: Teno Administration establishes a moratorium to freeze the number of factories and the number of garment workers in the CNMI. Commerce is forbidden to issue new business licenses for garment factories.

Immigration is forbidden to issue entry permits for new worker positions. Customs is forbidden from issuing Headnote 3(a) certificates to any factories other than those already existing.

1996: Current administration repeals the nine year old moratorium Teno established.

February 15, 1996: By administrative regulation, current Administration repeals the moratorium on importing alien garment workers. Commonwealth Register, Vol. 17, No. 11, page 13803.

The Legislature passes legislation to establish the moratorium by statute. The bill passed both Houses. It is P.L. 10-9, the "Garment Industry Moratorium Act of 1996."

April 4, 1996: current administration vetoes P.L. 10-9 to establish the moratorium.

The Senate on April 4, and the House, on May 28, 1996, override the administration's veto, and the bill becomes a public law on May 28th.

The Department of Commerce, after the new law went into effect, continues to process nonresident worker applications, granting perhaps hundreds or thousands more entry permits to allow alien workers to come to Saipan's garment factories.

1997: President Clinton writes to the administration stating that he wishes the U.S. to take control over CNMI immigration.

Dept. of Interior's Al Stayman comes to CNMI and says the problem is with the garment industry.

The truth about the garment industry is that the current administration tried to let it grow without control and this is a major reason why we now face a crisis with the United States. Why did the current administration remove the moratorium after nine years and veto the bill to freeze its growth?

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# Woman expecting 7 babies

By JORDAN LITE  
DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - A woman who was hospitalized in the midwestern state of Iowa waiting to give birth to seven babies on Wednesday is in good condition.  
"She's just wanting relax right now and take everything one day

at time," said Ann Wilson, spokeswoman for Iowa Methodist Medical Center.  
"We're respecting her wishes right now to give out limited information."  
The hospital identified her only as "Bobbi," a 29-year-old woman from Carlisle, a tiny town just 10

miles (16 kilometers) southeast of Des Moines in central Iowa.  
They would not release any other personal details or say how far along she was in the pregnancy. A news conference was scheduled for late Wednesday afternoon.  
"She does not want to be bom-

barded with calls at this time," Wilson said.  
Such pregnancies are rare and there are no known living sets of septuplets in the world.

A Spanish woman who became pregnant last year with the aid of fertility drugs conceived octuplets, but gave birth to only six healthy babies. The other two died in utero.  
A British woman's unsuccessful attempt last year to give birth to octuplets drew widespread scorn when it was revealed she had the financial backing of a tabloid newspaper.

The last set of septuplets born in the United States was in May 1985 in Orange, California, to

Samuel and Patricia Frustaci. One was stillborn, three died within 19 days of their birth and the remaining three had medical and developmental problems.

The couple later filed a wrongful death suit against the fertility clinic and doctor who helped conceive the four boys and three girls. The couple settled in June 1990 for at least \$2.7 million.

One hospital official said as many as three dozen doctors would be on hand for the birth when it comes.

"There's just an awful lot of planning going on at this time," Wilson said. "Certainly all the resources that are needed are here."



Trucks loaded with tree branches line up on a Lincoln, Neb., street as they wait their turn at a drop-off site Tuesday. It is estimated that the city may lose 25,000 trees in the aftermath of last weekend's storm. About 32,000 people—primarily in Omaha and Lincoln—were without electricity today for the fourth day after a wintry storm dumped more than a foot of snow in parts of Nebraska. About 10,000 people were without phone service. AP

## House probe links Gulf illness to toxic exposure

By ROBERT BURNS  
WASHINGTON (AP) - The mysterious Gulf War illnesses suffered by thousands of U.S. and other veterans were probably caused by "a variety of toxic agents" encountered in the war against Iraq, a House subcommittee concluded Wednesday.

The panel recommended that the Pentagon be forced to give up its lead role in investigating the matter. It said Congress should create or designate an independent agency to research Gulf War illnesses and their causes.

As recently as Tuesday the Pentagon said it would resist efforts to remove it from the lead role. Spokesman Kenneth Bacon said the Pentagon acknowledged it made mistakes in its early handling of the matter but has recently made important progress in investigating causes and dealing directly with affected veterans.

The report by the House Government Reform subcommittee on human resources asserted that the Clinton administration's approach, through the Pentagon, the CIA and the Department of

Veterans Affairs, is "irreparably flawed."

"We find those efforts hobbled by institutional inertia that mistakes motion for progress," it said, accusing the administration of "arrogant in-curiosity."

The subcommittee said its 20-month investigation found that toxic agents including Iraqi chemical weapons most likely are to blame for the respiratory and other Gulf War illnesses.

The Pentagon, which also is investigating the origins of veterans' illnesses, says it has found no firm evidence of a direct link to chemical weapons.

Earlier this year the Pentagon estimated that as many as 100,000 U.S. troops were exposed to low doses of nerve gases released in the demolition of an Iraqi ammunition depot in March 1991, days after the war had ended. But it said the doses were too small to have caused any sustained health problems.

The House panel on Wednesday released a draft of its investigative report, which panel members approved and forwarded to the full committee for action on Friday.

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# PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

The Criminal Justice Planning Agency (CJPA) is pleased to announce the availability of funds from the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Program, the Title Five Prevention Program, the Challenge Grants Program, the STOP Violence Against Women Program, the Victims of Crime Act Assistance Program, the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program, and the Violent Offender Incarceration Truth & Sentencing Incentive Program from the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. The programs and the amount available are as follows:

**A. Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Program.** The JJD program is a federal program created by the JJD Act of 1974, as amended. The purpose of the program is to prevent juvenile delinquency and requires participating states and territories to comply with the requirements of (1) Deinstitutionalization of status offenders, (2) Sight and Sound Separation between juveniles and adult inmates, (3) Complete Jail Removal of juveniles from adult jails and lockups, and (4) the Minority Over Representation issue. The program intends to meet these requirements by providing seed money to states and territories for services targeted at juvenile delinquency prevention through education, training, recreation and other rehabilitative services. Such services may be provided by local educational agencies, law enforcement agencies, community-based organizations, community-based action agencies, state recreation agencies, and private non-profit organizations. The following represents the CNMI's FY1996 Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention (JJD) program plan and the amount allocated for each program category:

**1. Family Services—\$25,000.** This category is aimed at families identified as having problems (by a referring agency or self-referral) and will provide counseling assistance for the families in dealing with resource agencies, teaching basic home management skills (budgeting, effective shopping, etc.), teaching parenting skills, and encouraging service agencies to consider the family rather than its individual members as the recipient of services. The program will also support activities targeted at status offenders where helping to improve the family situation is a significant aspect of the service provided to the status offender.

**2. Youth Development—\$55,000.** This category is about providing pre-delinquent or "at-risk" youth (those who show signs of troubles at home, school, or in the community but are not yet adjudicated as delinquents) and status offenders with activities which will help to develop in them a sense of participation in and responsibility to the community as well as develop a sense of self-respect and self-worth. Such programs should include community service, anti-drug abuse projects & activities, outward bound type projects, teen centers (in areas of special need), outreach, survival education, counseling, and other activities which foster the above characteristics. Included in this category are programs and projects that promote participation in organized activities, better self image and self-esteem, and programs that instill community involvement and a sense of belonging which recreational activities may be a significant part of the overall program.

**3. Juvenile Rehabilitative Services—\$20,000.** The category is designed to provide activities to allow access to family services (see program of same title), community service, probation supervision, restitution, counseling, and other rehabilitative programs and services. The services to be delivered vary from project to project but it is expected that counseling will be a common element of every project. Community service and related projects will need staff time for supervision of clients and coordination, scheduling, and arranging of program activities. It is desirable for the service provider to provide educational activities that will promote and instill community involvement and a sense of responsibility. It is also hoped that the rehabilitative services to be provided will include structured activities dealing with agricultural projects, handicraft and other cultural projects, fishing, trade, and any other rehabilitative services that will promote and enhance the participants' self image and self esteem. Most projects will require equipment and supplies in support of the project activities. Funds from this program category will also be made available to other programs or service providers for the purpose of providing counseling and social case work, and other rehabilitative services to juveniles who have been remanded to secure residential care. The funds may not be used to provide for the security and/or maintenance of juveniles in detention.

**4. Technical Assistance/Juvenile Justice—\$15,000.** The purpose of this category is to provide technical assistance from three directions. The first approach is through the provision of technical assistance to CNMI line agencies through the CJPA staff and associates. The second approach is through requesting and coordinating assistance from local and national technical assistance providers. The third approach is through the sharing of vital criminal justice and juvenile justice data with other justice agencies in the CNMI. The CNMI Juvenile Justice system is continuing in its developmental stages and makes frequent use of technical support and assistance for addressing specific operational problems, staff training, and agency planning and development. This continuing support is a needed resource to the line agencies and its lack would inhibit CJPA's ability to comply with JJD mandates and achieve program objectives.

**5. Police Juvenile Unit—\$22,048 (\$19,048=JJD + \$3,000=Community Policing).** This category is to assist juveniles coming in contact with the justice system through the continued provision of a specialized Juvenile Unit within the police department to make the initial response and screening of juvenile offenders. It is expected that projects funded under this program will serve as a resource to the CJPA, Courts, Department of Public Safety (DPS), Office of the Attorney General, and DYS. Funding available under this program can be used to pay for training and partial operating costs of the unit.

**6. Youth Worker Training—\$18,683.** This category provides support for training activities for youth workers currently employed within the Commonwealth by either a public or private agency which is involved in the delivery of social services to juveniles. Funds from this category can be used to provide tuition, instructor fees, travel for students or instructors and related per diem, registration fees, educational supplies and materials for agency staff, and room rental for presenting training activities. A critical factor in self-sufficiency is the skill level of the staff. This program provides the resources necessary to raise the skill level of both line and management personnel. The result should be an increased ability to effectively deliver quality services by both public and private agencies. This program will provide a resource for needed training in job skills where the pool of trained youth workers is minimal and does not meet the demand for skilled employees. A skilled labor pool is vital to the ability of youth service agencies to effectively operate. With staff knowing what to do and having the confidence to do what must be done as a result of learning

how to apply relevant skills, the quality of service will increase, along with the long term capability and effectiveness of the CNMI to serve its troubled youth.

**B. Title Five-Prevention program - \$31,350.** This program is based on the premise that in order to prevent a problem from occurring, the factors that contribute to the development of that problem must be identified and addressed. Thus, the program calls for the identification of the risk factors which are known to be associated with juvenile delinquency behaviors and to implement specific programs to counter these risk factors. To this end, the program requires active community participation and coordination of resources in addressing the needs of our at-risk and delinquent populations.

**C. Challenge Program - \$15,000.** This program is to provide incentives for states and territories participating in the JJD Formula Grants Program to develop, adopt, and improve policies and programs within ten authorized Challenge Activities. Of the ten Challenge Activities, Challenge Activities E and H have been funded in the amount of \$7,000 and \$8,000, respectively. Challenge Activity E is for developing and adopting policies to prohibit gender bias in placement and treatment and establishing programs to ensure that female youths have access to the full range of health and mental health services, treatment for physical or sexual assault and abuse, self-defense instruction, education in parenting in general and other training and vocational services. On the other hand, Challenge Activity H is for developing and adopting policies and programs designed to serve as alternatives to suspension and expulsion from school.

**D. Violence Against Women Program.** This program provides financial assistance to states and territories to develop and strengthen law enforcement, prosecution, and victim services in cases involving violent crimes committed against women. Funds under this program can be used for hiring personnel, training, data collection, and equipment for apprehension, prosecution, and adjudication of persons committing violent crimes against women. The FY1996 strategy proposes to use 5% for administration and 95% to fund prosecution, social services, police, and training components of the Governor's Family Violence Task Force.

**1. Family Violence Task Force—\$168,036.** Created by Governor Froilan C. Tenorio, the Task Force is intended to provide a centralized, coordinated, and multi-disciplinary response to domestic violence, with an emphasis on victim safety and on the prevention of further and more serious violence or injury to women and/or juvenile family members. The Task Force includes a Prosecutor from the Criminal Division, three Victim Advocates, Social Workers from the CHC Social Services Unit, Karidat and other VOCA funded projects, and two Police Officers from the Department of Public Safety.

**E. Victims of Crime Act Assistance Program.** The primary purpose of the VOCA victim assistance program is to assist states in providing high quality services that directly improve the health and well-being of victims of crime and to provide funding for sexual assault (rape crisis programs), spousal abuse (domestic violence shelters), child abuse (treatment programs), and previously underserved victim populations. A wide range of services for victims of crime are supported by this Act. These include, but are not limited to, ensuring that victims received timely notification about the various proceedings involved in prosecuting the person accused of the crime and counseling to help the victim overcome the emotional trauma of victimization.

**1. Victim Services—\$247,000.** Victim services must include the VOCA priority areas in that program proposals must clearly outline direct services to be provided to Victims of Child Abuse, Victims of Domestic Violence, and Victims of Sexual Assaults. The CNMI will provide a minimum of 10% of its total grant to these category of victims. Furthermore, the Victim Assistance funds will be used to finance direct services to previously underserved victims of crime such as Survivors of Homicide, Survivors of DUI accidents, Survivors of Suicide cases, Survivors of Violent Crime and related underserved victims. The VOCA funds can not be used for administrative expenses.

**F. Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners - \$104,429.** This program is to allow the CNMI, for the first time, to establish a residential drug treatment program for convicted criminals with drug problems. These inmates will participate in the program for at least six months prior to their release, and upon their release will be monitored extensively by Probation and Parole staff. While they are in the community, the participants will continue to receive out-patient drug treatment services at the Division of Mental Health and Social Services. This program, which involves drug testing, calls for collaborative efforts among the Division of Corrections, Parole, Probation, and the Division of Mental Health and Social Services.

**G. Violent Offender Incarceration and Truth-In-Sentencing (VOITS) - \$97,178.** This program is designed to provide state and territories funding assistance to build or expand correctional facilities in order to make available secure confinement space for convicted violent offenders. The recipient of funds under this program will be the Division of Corrections, Department of Public Safety.

The CJPA is also accepting sub-grant applications for the remaining funds available under the following FY95 AND FY96 programs:

JJD/Rehabilitation Services	\$17,126.00
BJA/DARE Program	\$ 9,897.00
VOITS	\$88,806.00

The funds will be awarded by the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Council for the Improvement of the Criminal Justice System (CJPA Supervisory Council) and CNMI Youth Advisory Council (YAC) through a sub-grant process consistent with the project description outlined in the CNMI's FY1997 applications and accompanying strategies for these programs and will be administered by the Criminal Justice Planning Agency. The YAC and the Council are expected to meet in December 4 & 5, respectively, and will review all applications and proposals submitted to the CJPA on or before November 7, 1997.

Interested applicants must contact the CJPA at 664-4550 or stop by the CJPA Office on Capitol Hill (House #1314) to obtain a Sub-Grant Application Form. For more information, please contact Mr. Joaquin T. Ogumoro, CJPA Executive Director, at the above telephone number.

## Greenspan on stock market drop:

# It's a 'salutary event'

By DAVE SKIDMORE  
WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress Wednesday the stock market's sharp drop may well prove "a salutary event" that should help extend the economy's 6 1/2-year expansion.

Are stocks still overpriced? "Things are less out of line, certainly, than they would have been," he said as Wall Street's rebound continued.

After months of warnings extending back to his December talk of "irrational exuberance," Greenspan put a positive spin on Monday's wrenching 554-point decline followed by Tuesday's 337-point rebound in the Dow Jones industrial average.

"It is quite conceivable that a few years hence we will look back at this episode, as we now look back at the 1987 crash, as a salutary event," he told Congress' Joint Economic Committee.

In 1987, the 22.6 percent Black Monday crash - slightly more than triple Monday's decline in percent-

age terms - neutralized inflationary excesses then building in the economy, he said.

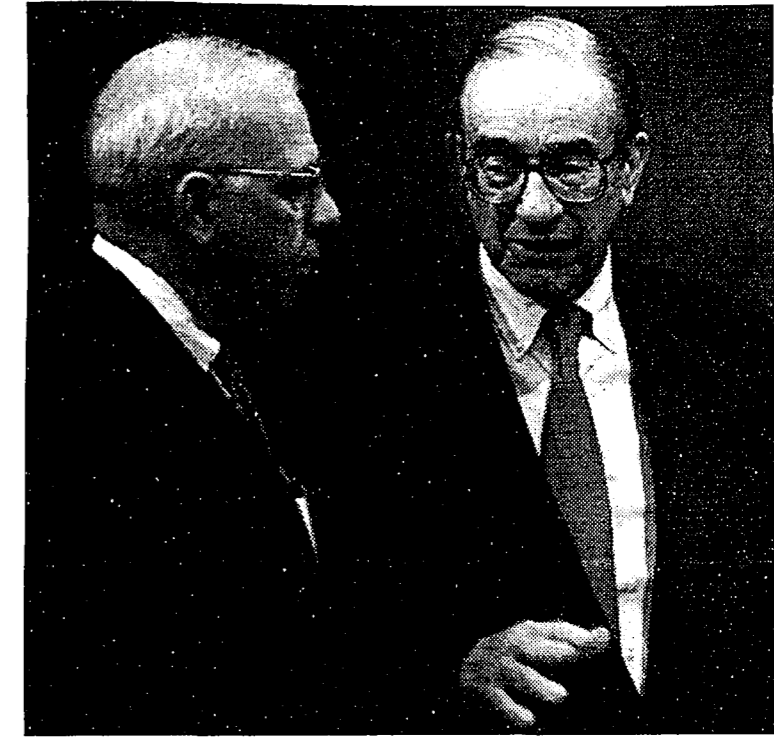
Monday's drop, provided markets settle down, "should help prolong our 6 1/2-year business expansion," he said. By leaving investors less wealthy, the stock decline should dampen consumer spending, which has fueled unsustainably fast job growth that could lead to inflation.

Though U.S. economic growth is robust and inflation low, stocks fell because investors grew too optimistic about future profits, he said. Currency crises in Southeast Asia touched off the drop, but U.S. stocks "were primed to adjust" anyway, he said.

"If it was not developments in Southeast Asia, something else would have been the proximate cause for a re-evaluation," he said.

The Asian currency turmoil that began in July also should have a "modest but not negligible" impact on the U.S. economy by muting export sales to the region, Greenspan said.

He said it was important for the



Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, right, talks with Joint Economic Committee Chairman, Jim Saxton, R-New Jersey, left, Wednesday, in Washington. Greenspan talked about the economic outlook and monetary policy. AP

United States and multinational lending agencies such as the International Monetary Fund to help the region.

The soothing tone of his remarks couldn't have been more different from his Oct. 8 testimony warning the

economy was on an "unsustainable track" and it would be "unrealistic" to expect stock market gains anywhere near those of the past two years.

Three weeks ago, the Dow lost 83 points the day Greenspan spoke. On Wednesday, it surged as much as 123 points before settling back and closing up 8 points at 7,507. Traders took his comments as suggesting Fed policy-makers won't touch interest rates for the rest of the year.

"By saying economic growth is more likely to slow ... he was implying that there is really no need to expect higher interest rates," said economist Sung Won Sohn of Norwest Corp.

Two economic reports depicting mixed conditions supported that view. Orders to U.S. factories for big-ticket durable goods such as cars and computers fell 0.6 percent in September, the first drop in four months, the Commerce Department said.

Though Greenspan didn't dwell on inflation, he made clear he hadn't dropped his concern that labor shortages could fuel an acceleration in wage increases, which could produce faster consumer price inflation.

## Collectors sweep up euro in its trial run

By VICTOR L. SIMPSON  
FIESOLE, Italy (AP) - It has been billed as the most extensive trial of the new money in Europe, a way for Italians to actually handle a near facsimile of the currency that in a few years will replace their lira and allow Europeans to stand up to the American dollar.

But Europe's financial minds have again been foiled, undermined by coin collectors and those seeking to make a quick euro.

One month after Fiesole, an upscale town in the hills overlooking Florence, and nearby Pontassieve put \$440,000 worth of euros in circulation, they have disappeared. They have been swept up by collectors and many of them put up for sale at 10 times their worth in a budding souvenir market.

During a stop in Fiesole this week, the local bank was out of euros, the post office had only a few and stores said they had not seen euros in days.

"They make great presents," said Gina Simoncini as she snapped up the last of the day's available supply at the post office, getting a 3-euro note

and a 1-euro coin at the exchange rate of 2,000 lire, or \$1.17, per euro.

"Not one person has spent a euro here," said Maria Pecchioli, whose women's clothing shop Lana Pir is one of dozens of stores, restaurants and espresso bars that have signed on to the plan. Purple and yellow "Ecco l'Euro" posters, meaning "euros accepted here," grace their windows.

An experiment a year ago in the small German town of Waldkirch suffered a similar fate. It lasted only two weeks and was declared a flop after collectors grabbed up almost the entire limited run.

If any of the 15 European Union countries seem ripe for such a trial, Italy certainly is the one.

Surveys repeatedly have shown that Italians are the keenest supporters of a single European currency, with 75 percent favoring scrapping the lira for the euro by Jan. 1, 2002. The date for the euro to go into circulation.

Fiesole, a town of 14,000 people known for its beautiful villas, and Pontassieve, home to 21,000 people, welcomed the experiment.



On the occasion of the U.N.'s 52nd anniversary, the European Headquarters in Geneva welcomes more than 500 children from Bahrain, France, Italy, Germany, Russia and Switzerland and organized a workshop entitled "Peace 2000" with international artists on Wednesday. AP

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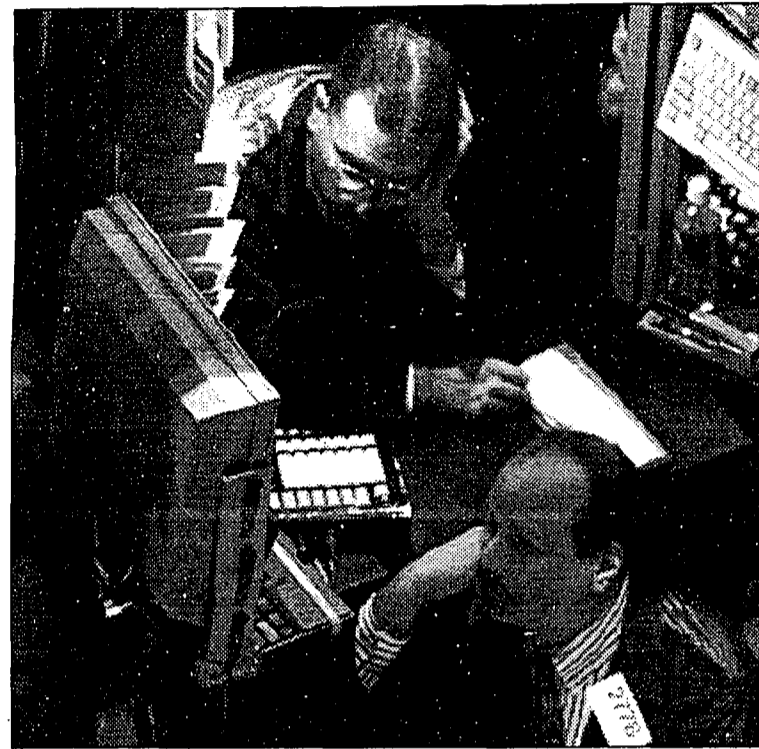


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# Business & Trade

## Calm returns to Wall Street

By BRUCE MEYERSON  
 NEW YORK (AP) - With relative calm returning to Wall Street, stocks edged higher Wednesday as Fed-eral Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan offered some soothing words about the tumult that seemed so threatening just a few days ago. The Dow Jones industrial average rose a meager 8.35 to 7,506.67, a veritable gurgle compared with Monday's devastating 554-point



Traders watch stock information monitors as closing nears at the New York Stock Exchange, Wednesday. The Dow Jones industrial average rose a meager 8.35 to 7,506.67, a veritable gurgle compared with Monday's devastating 554-point plunge or Tuesday's 337-point moonshot by the stock market's best-known barometer. AP

plunge or Tuesday's 337-point moonshot by the stock market's best-known barometer. Broader stock market measures were mixed, with smaller-company stocks posting the best performance. Even though Wednesday's advance was slight, most investors were merely impressed to see the market hold most of Tuesday's big gains.

Either way, the 'slower' pace - if not for Tuesday's record volume of 3 billion shares traded, Wednesday would have been the busiest day in history - offered a chance to reflect on the market's bout with the Asian flu. And for weary Wall Street professionals who've been working long hours, the relative lull provided an opportunity to relax and ward off the more personal type of flu that is starting to spread on Wall Street.

As the dust settled, market analysts mulled whether this week's events might have any impact on future trading. The storied heroes of the week, mom and pop investors, apparently hung tough on Monday, either by choice or their inability to place an order by phone or computer amid the crush of trading.

"I feel with a big burp like we had, you've got to say 'hold on,'" said William Green, a retired executive from Libby Glass of Toledo. "The way the big swings are, it could come back in a few days."

Valid or not, that image of level-headed savers sitting tight during Monday's carnage has cast a negative light on mutual fund managers and other institutional investors, who were accused of flooding the market with sell orders to meet an expected rush of withdrawals by their customers.

According to mutual fund giant Fidelity Investments, investors started adding money to Fidelity stock funds after Monday's selloff

shut down the stock market. No. 2 Vanguard Group said buyers outnumbered the sellers on Monday.

"If the investing public is buying, portfolio managers are going to end up buying, and for the last 10 years, investors have been trained to buy on weakness," said Dwyer. "Portfolio managers should take this into account when concerns over mutual fund withdrawals become heightened."

But worried that Wall Street's latest flirt with disaster might make investors more headstrong about buying the dips, financial planners cautioned against trying to time the market rather than waiting out the fluctuations and sticking to a steady game plan.

"If they think they can predict the direction of the market, they should slap themselves," said John Markese, president of the nonprofit American Association of Individual Investors.

The day began on an encouraging note as Asian and European investors took their cue from Tuesday's rally in the United States. In Hong Kong, where the global financial crisis took hold last week, investors drove the main index stock index 19 percent higher. The Tokyo stock market rose 3.3 percent, Germany's rose 6.3 percent and London's rose 2.4 percent.

Then, shortly after trading opened in New York, in a scheduled appearance before Congress, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan consoled investors with assurances that the market's rocky performance could actually prove beneficial to the U.S. economy.

Greenspan suggested that the selloff had brought market valuations back to more reasonable levels and could extend this country's 6 1/2 year economic expansion by slowing it to a more sustainable pace.

### Office of the Secretary of Public Works

#### INVITATION TO BID DPW98-ITB-001

Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja through the Department of Public Works and the Department of Lands & Natural Resources, is soliciting sealed bids for the construction of Kagman Watershed Wetland Project Irrigation Pipeline and Supplemental Wells Saipan, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands. Bids in duplicate will be accepted in the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan until 2:00 p.m., local time on November 7, 1997 at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A bond of fifteen percent (15%) of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be Certified Cashier's Check, Bid bond or other acceptable form from the Government made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660.

The bidder is required to submit with his proposal, a copy of his business permits in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Specifications and plans of the project are available on or after October 20, 1997 at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) is required for each set, payment to be made to the CNMI Treasurer, Capital Hill.

Pre-bid Conference for this project will be held at 10:00 A.M., local time, October 28, 1997 at Gualo Rai Conference Room Department of Public Works, Saipan. A site showing will follow after the pre-bid conference.

Attention is called to Labor Standard Provisions for Wage Rate Determination of the CNMI Classification and Salary Structure Plans, and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Specifications must be paid on this project.

All bids documents received shall be the sole property of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands with the exception of the bid bonds, certified checks or cashier's check which will be returned to the bidders in accordance with the specifications section, Instructions to Bidders page IB-2, Section 5 "Bid Guarantee."

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Reviewed by:

STEPHEN P. LEMIEUX  
 Acting Secretary of Public Works

MAGGIE WONENBERG  
 Secretary of Lands & Natural Resources

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 Director, Division of Procurement & Supply



### NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

#### INVITATION TO BID

Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, are hereby soliciting sealed bids for the NMHC Maintenance Office/Shop Building Extension in Saipan. Bids, in duplicate, must be marked "NMHC MAINTENANCE OFFICE/SHOP BUILDING EXTENSION" and submitted to the office of the NMHC Corporate Director in Garapan, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m., Monday, November 10, 1997. All bids received will be publicly opened and announced. Bids received after this deadline will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A bond of 15% of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond made payable to NMHC. The bidder is required to submit the following documents with the proposal; 1) a copy of valid CNMI business license; 2) updated financial statement; 3) a listing of existing and past projects, including date of completion; 4) a listing of manpower with copies of employees' CNMI-issued work permits; and, 5) a complete listing of equipments.

Plans and Specifications of the project are available at the NMHC's Office on Saipan, on or after October 9, 1997. A non-refundable payment of \$150.00 is required for each set of the Plans and Specifications. Check should be made payable to "NMHC". The project's Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Friday, October 17, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room in Garapan, Saipan.

NMHC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of NMHC.

/s/ MARYLOU S. ADA

# Business & Trade

## Asian markets climb

By KATHY WILHELM  
 HONG KONG (AP) - Asian and key European markets rallied strongly Wednesday in obvious relief over the New York Stock Exchange's overnight rebound, but analysts warned that more volatility lay ahead.

Investors feasted on the broad array of blue-chip bargains made available by the massive price cuts Monday and Tuesday on almost every Asian exchange.

After just a few minutes of trading on the London Stock Exchange, Europe's biggest market, the key Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index was up by 140.2 points, or 2.9 percent, at 4,895.6.

In Moscow, the Russian Trading System Index opened up nearly 1 percent or 3.56 points, to 396.51. The index understated the market's gains, however, because not all its component issues were traded from the start.

In Hong Kong, origin of the current round of market quakes, the Hang Seng blue-chip index soared 18.8 percent to close at 10,765.3 points, up 1,705.41 points from its disastrous close Tuesday.

Property and banking shares, which had suffered the biggest losses, led the rally.

The market reversed its Tuesday losses, when it shed 13.7 percent of its value in the biggest decline since 1989.

In Tokyo, the benchmark Nikkei Stock Average of 225 selected issues closed the day up 544.35 points, or 3.34 percent, at 16,857.04 - only partially wiping out Tuesday's 725.67-point loss.

Markets also climbed steadily in Australia, New Zealand, South Korea, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia. Taiwan was the only exception, with significant selling in the technology sector. No one was sure, however, whether the rebound would bring to a close the global market jitters that ultimately had their roots in the Southeast Asian financial crisis.

Chain-reaction sell-offs hit Hong Kong last week, New York on Monday, and Hong Kong plus the rest of Asia again on Tuesday.

"It is a nice recovery, but it makes yesterday look silly. But I guess we're wiser today than we were yesterday," John Rowley of SBC Warburg New Zealand Ltd. said in Wellington.

Analyst Russel Ong of Anscor-Hagedorn Securities Inc. in Manila said Wednesday's rally was a combination of emotion and bargain-hunting, and that there was room for skepticism about its durability.

"Fundamentals still haven't changed," Ong said.

Even after its Wednesday rebound, Hong Kong's market remained well below the level at which it had started the previous week, before a speculative attack on its currency triggered interest rate hikes that hurt corporate prospects. Speculators judged Hong Kong's dollar as overvalued compared to Southeast Asian currencies.

Of the past eight trading days in Hong Kong, six saw sharp declines and only two produced gains, for a

cumulative loss in value of 20 percent. The market at Wednesday's close was 35 percent below its value on Aug. 7, when it peaked at 16,673.27.

Merrill Lynch predicted the index will recover to about 14,800 points by mid-1998.

"It's just following the U.S. stock market. Also, the market was oversold Tuesday so it's rebounding," said Josephine Hui, research director at Cheerful Securities Ltd. in Hong Kong.

"Price-earnings ratios are so low at this moment - around 10 times - so all kinds of stocks are cheap in Hong Kong now," she said.

The climate for the rebound was set by the Tuesday performance of the Dow Jones industrial average in New York, which wiped out more than half of Monday's 554-point plunge. It soared an unprecedented 337.17 points to 7,498.32.



A general view of the Sydney Futures Exchange shortly after opening Wednesday. Markets began to recover after losses from late last week and earlier this week. AP

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# Business & Trade

## Tokyo stocks rebound

By KOZO MIZOGUCHI  
**TOKYO (AP)** - The Tokyo Stock Exchange's main index rebounded sharply Wednesday, lifted by a dramatic recovery on Wall Street overnight from its biggest drop in a decade. The dollar edged lower against the yen.

The benchmark 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average climbed 544.35 points, or 3.34 percent, closing the day's trading at 16,857.04.

After two days of heavy losses totaling 1,051.05 points in the Nikkei, including Tuesday's drop of 725.67-point, or 4.26 percent, buying by foreign and domestic institutional investors drove the key index sharply higher. Trading volume remained moderate.

Harushige Kobayashi, deputy general manager at Yamaichi Securities, said Wednesday's rebound in Tokyo was largely based on the Wall Street advance and Hong Kong's early rebound Wednesday.

"A real test for the Nikkei's resilience back to the 17,000 will come next," Kobayashi said.

Kobayashi said public funds, including pension funds, have been the main purchasing force for the Nikkei, but life-insurance companies and individual investors have been on the selling side.

Japan's economy has remained in the doldrums over the past seven years following the collapse of the highly speculative "bubble" economy of late 1980s.

Japan, which relies for much of its growth on exports, will inevitably be affected by the financial crisis in Southeast Asian countries, if it is prolonged, analysts say.

"What's worrying is not the movements up or down of stocks, but the effect resulting from it," Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto told reporters Wednesday.

Hashimoto said he will direct state-affiliated financial institutions not to hesitate in their lending for commercial companies.



A stock trader claps his hands during the morning session on the Tokyo Stock Exchange Wednesday. Following overnight rally on Wall Street, share prices rebounded 451.95 points, or 2.77 percent, to 16,764.64 points in the early trading. AP

Despite Wednesday's rally, analysts said market sentiment remains cautious in Tokyo as investors remain wary about the direction of the Hong Kong market and the health of Southeast Asian economies.

Trading was moderate, with an estimated 450 million shares changing hands on the first section, up from Tuesday's 403 million Tuesday. Advancers overwhelmed decliners 1,070 to 69, with 70 issues unchanged.

The broader Tokyo Stock Price Index of all issues listed on the first section was up 43.68 points, or 3.46 percent, to 1,306.79. The TOPIX closed down 49.34 points, or 3.76 percent Tuesday.

In Hong Kong, the Hang Seng blue-chip index soared on the back of the strong jump in New York overnight. By the midday closing it had gained 1,512.42 points, or 16.7 percent, moving to 10,572.31.

Other regional bourses were also higher.

In New Zealand, the New Zealand's benchmark NZSE-40 capital index rose 214.87 points, or nearly 10 percent, recovering much of the ground lost during Tuesday's rout.

Meanwhile, Australian share prices also staged a sharp rebound. The All Ordinaries Index of share prices closed Wednesday at 2,443.0 points, up 143.8 points, or 6.3 percent, from Tuesday's close at 2,299.2.

In late afternoon, the dollar was traded at 120.36 yen, down 0.56 yen from late in Tokyo on Tuesday and also below its late New York rate of 120.47 yen overnight. It ranged between 120.27 yen and 120.80 yen in Wednesday's trading.

### COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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It is the policy of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) that the CUC Merit Hiring System shall be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution and Statutes regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, handicap or place of origin.

**POSITION TITLE: Trades Helper**  
**STARTING SALARY: \$ 9,616.20-\$11,681.76 + 25% Hazardous**

**LOCATION:** Water, CUC Tinian

**DUTIES:** Responsible in assisting in the installation, maintenance and repair of pipelines, plumbing systems and fixtures. (Interested applicants are encouraged to obtain copy of the complete description of duties and responsibilities of this position at any of the CUC offices listed below).

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** High school graduate or GED or at least 4 years experience in related field with basic writing and math skills. Recent police clearance.

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**POSITION TITLE: Trades Helper (Assistant Meter Reader/Customer Service)**  
**STARTING SALARY: \$9,616.20-\$11,681.76**

**LOCATION:** Utility/Revenue Service, CUC Tinian

**DUTIES:** Responsible for providing assistance to the meter reader/customer service. (Interested applicants are encouraged to obtain copy of the complete duties & responsibilities of this position at any of the CUC offices listed below).

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** High school graduate or GED with basic writing & math skills. Good driving skill, & recent police clearance.

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**POSITION TITLE: Trades Helper (Lineman)**  
**STARTING SALARY: \$ 9,616.20-\$11,681.76 + 25% Hazardous**

**LOCATION:** Power Distribution, CUC Tinian

**DUTIES:** Responsible in assisting in the installation, repairs of overhead transmission lines, transformers, regulators, insulators and etc. (Interested applicants are encouraged to obtain copy of the complete duties & responsibilities of this position at any of the CUC offices listed below).

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Dr. Jose T. Villagomez  
 Chairman

Dear Commonwealth Voter:

"Teno is Eligible" is our response to a flyer being circulated by a "concerned citizens" group. Anyone who says former Governor Pedro P. Tenorio is not eligible to run for Governor again is using a "scare tactic" to distract voters from the real issues.

Let's put the eligibility issue to rest once and for all. Some common questions regarding eligibility include:

- If Teno was eligible why didn't he run again in 1989?  
 Teno did not run for a third term in 1989 because he had promised to support then Lt. Governor Pete A. Tenorio and he kept that promise. Pete A. Tenorio lost the GOP primary to Larry Guerrero who ran against Froilan Tenorio and won.
- What about the term limits in the CNMI Constitution?  
 Since 1989, in addition to the AG's opinion, the Court has ruled on the eligibility and term limit issue regarding the Mayor of Rota. The ruling was in our favor. The mayor could run again, and he did. So can Teno. Several legal scholars have since researched the issue further and advised Teno of his eligibility.
- Why doesn't Teno ask the court for a declaratory judgment?  
 If people spread a rumor you may have violated a law, and you knew you were innocent, would you go to the police and ask them to arrest you so you could be proved innocent in court? Teno was governor for eight years. He is known for his integrity. If he had any doubts on his eligibility, he would not run.

I am certain that the "Lang/Gere" and "Borja/Sablan" camps have studied the legal aspects and that there has been no lawsuit. There is no constitutional issue, or legal issue at all. Questions regarding Teno's eligibility are obviously a political trick. It will come as no surprise to us if our opponents wait until just a few days before the election to file a suit and hope that voters will be scared into voting for opponents of Teno-Pepero.

Don't be misled by desperate political tactics.

Sincerely,

## Appellate Court Voids State Law on Term Limits

L.A. TIMES 10/8/97

■ **Politics:** Federal judges rule that voters didn't really lawmakers would be barred from office for life. Legislators review campaign plans in wake of decision

By DAN MORAIN and MAX VANZL, TIMES STAFF WRITERS

SACRAMENTO - A federal appellate court struck down California's 1990 initiative barred legislators for life from seeking office once they were forced out.

Term limit defenders vowed to appeal the decision by the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. The U.S. Supreme Court, which already has an appeal pending before it, could announce as early as Monday whether it will take the California case.

## Novel Decision With Broad Impact

L.A. TIMES 10/8/97

■ **Assessment:** Legal policy issue finding the California voters were qualified to amend the constitution.

WHILE THE 9TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS STRUCK DOWN CALIFORNIA'S 1990 INITIATIVE BARRED LEGISLATORS FROM SEEKING OFFICE ONCE THEY WERE FORCED OUT, TERM LIMIT DEFENDERS VOWED TO APPEAL THE DECISION BY THE U.S. SUPREME COURT, WHICH ALREADY HAS AN APPEAL PENDING BEFORE IT.

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## CALIFORNIA 9th Circuit strikes legislative limits

A federal appeals court threw California politics into turmoil Tuesday with a ruling that strikes down legislative term limits. The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals took no position on whether it is constitutional to restrict a voter's right to support a candidate. But the 2-1 ruling said a 1990 ballot initiative failed to tell voters that the limits meant a lifetime ban on seeking the same office. Supporters of the initiative plan to ask the Supreme Court to block the ruling, which is scheduled to take effect in three weeks.

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## Cambodia, HK companies in \$35M cement factory deal

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) - The Cambodian government has signed a \$ 35 million deal with two Hong Kong companies to build a cement plant in the southwestern province of Kampot, a local paper reported Wednesday.

The plant will be a venture between Cambodia's Angkor Cement Ltd. and Hong Kong's Land Regent Ltd. and Wing Group Co Ltd., the Cambodia Daily reported. The Hong Kong investors will hold a 70 percent share in the

venture, the paper quoted Industry Minister Pou Sothirak as saying. Construction of the first phase of the plant, which will be called the Golden Angkor Cement factory, is to begin immediately, the paper reported.

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**VOTE #9**

For Saipan Municipal Council



Ravindra Jain, a stock broker and jeweller, performs a special prayer with offerings of flower petals and sliced fruits to Laxmi (represented by coins in the metal plate), the Hindu goddess of wealth, after the stock market returned to normalcy in Bombay Thursday. The National Stock Exchange index which had fallen by 7.9 percent on Tuesday like all other stock markets in the world recovered almost every thing it lost by Wednesday evening. AP

## India celebrates Hindu festival

By HEMA SHUKLA  
NEW DELHI, India (AP) - With firecrackers popping all over town, 35,000 policemen patrolled India's capital Thursday to ensure that a Hindu festival does not provide cover for terrorist bombs.

A series of bomb blasts have killed six people in New Delhi this month and have injured another 100. All the explosions were in crowded markets.

"All leave has been canceled and the entire police force is on maximum alert," said Ravi Pawar, a spokesman for Delhi Police. New Delhi has some 10 million residents.

Police arrested two suspected criminals and seized 11 homemade bombs, Pawar said, but the men were not believed to be involved with the recent bombings.

No one has claimed responsibility for the spate of attacks, and police say they have no suspects. But India is challenged by separatist insurrections on several fronts - by Muslims in the state of Jammu-Kashmir bordering Pakistan, by Sikhs in the northern Punjab state, and by tribal rebels in the remote northeastern states bordering Burma.

Thursday is Diwali, one of the most popular festivals in the Hindu calendar, when people

through markets to buy sweets and exchange gifts.

The holiday, which commemorates a battle in Hindu mythology and the triumph over evil, is celebrated by lighting lamps and exploding fireworks throughout the evening.

As part of the security arrangements, plainclothes policemen will mingle in crowds to watch for suspicious people and unclaimed packages that could contain bombs, said the police spokesman.

Through billboards, handbills and newspaper advertisements, police warned Delhi citizens not to touch any suspicious parcel and to inform the police if they saw any. Bus commuters have been told to look under their seats.

In most of the earlier explosions, police found the bombs were hidden in unclaimed packages or attached to parked motor scooters.

The high alert follows criticism by the Delhi government and the public of police inefficiency.

"No one is sure of what will happen," Chief Minister Sahib Singh Verma, the chief executive of the state of New Delhi, said earlier this week after huddling with top police officers.

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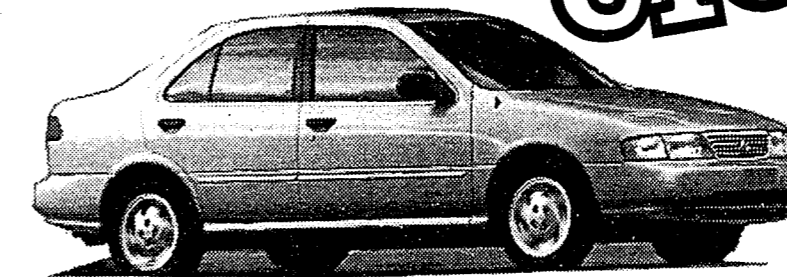
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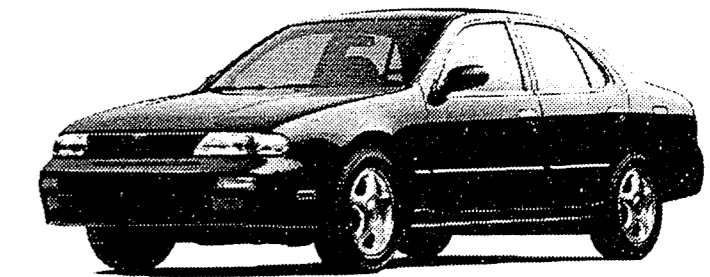
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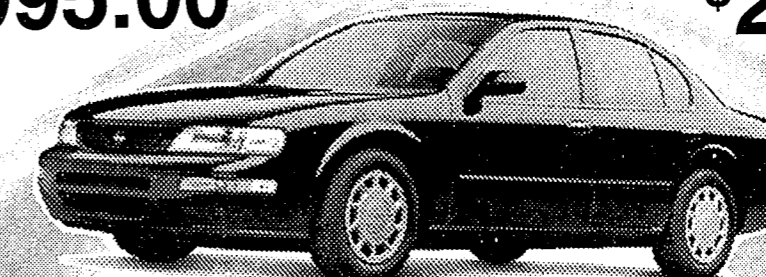
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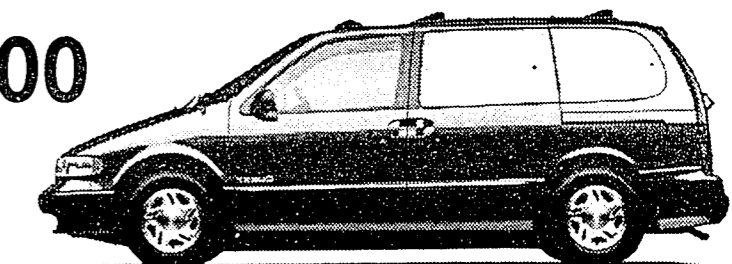
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## Gujral to skip summit

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - Prime Minister Inder Kumar Gujral has canceled his plan to attend the G-15 summit in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, next week, reports said Thursday.

Vice President Krishna Kant will represent India at the annual economic meet of developing nations instead. The Times

of India newspaper reported. Gujral is the first Indian prime minister to be absent from the summit since the meetings began in 1990.

Gujral has been criticized at home for spending too much time abroad, delaying decision-making by his government.

Since becoming prime min-

ister six months ago, he spent eight days traveling in Tanzania, the United States and Italy. He later went for a week to Africa, followed by a brief trip to Edinburgh, Scotland to attend the Commonwealth summit. He earlier visited Nepal and the Maldives.

## Burma detains four Suu Kyi supporters

RANGOON, Burma (AP) - The military regime said Thursday that four members of pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi's political party have been called in for questioning after a scuffle between riot police and her supporters.

The incident happened Tuesday during an attempt by Suu Kyi, winner of the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize, to meet members of her party's youth wing in Mayangon, a suburb of Rangoon.

It was one of the rare forays she has been permitted outside her home in the past year.

A government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, indicated that four members of the Mayangon office of the National League for Democracy were being questioned for overstepping laws aimed at maintaining stability.

In a faxed statement, the official said the attempt to hold a political meeting meet was against the law and ran against the military government's attempts to build democracy.

Suu Kyi's attempt to meet the supporters tested the limits of a recent softening toward her by the regime, which allowed a congress of her party in September and let her visit youth wing members in another Rangoon suburb last week.

Attempts to hold a congress last year were prevented with hundreds of arrests, while Suu Kyi has largely been confined to her home for more than a year and weekend meetings that drew thousands to hear her speak have been stopped.

Quiet pressure from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations is believed to be behind recent changes. ASEAN turned a deaf ear

to Western protests over Burma's human-rights record in July and gave the country membership. In return, ASEAN is thought to be pressing for an overture to resolve political deadlock.

Domingo Siazon, foreign minister of the Philippines, met Suu Kyi two weeks ago. He is the most senior ASEAN official ever to do so.

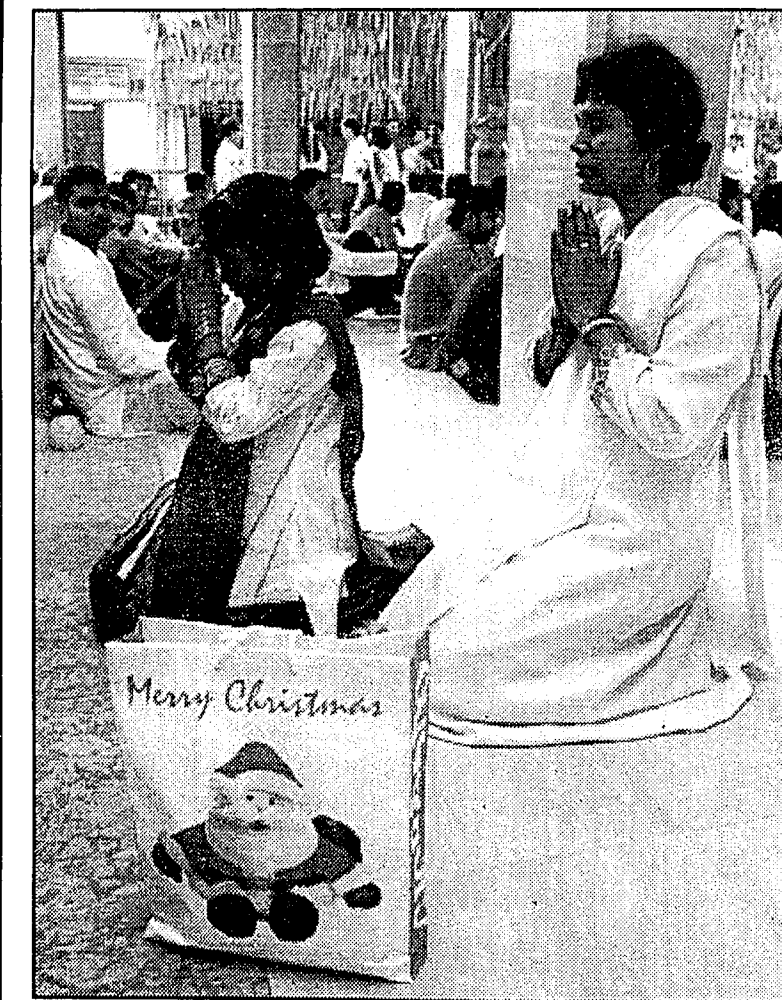
On Thursday, Thai Foreign Minister Prachuab Chaiyasarn called on government leader Gen. Than Shwe and was later to meet Lt. Gen. Khin Nyunt, a member of the ruling State Law and Order Restoration Council and head of military intelligence. No plans to meet Suu Kyi were disclosed.

Suu Kyi said last week that she intended to visit all the offices of her party to rebuild the youth wing, a move the SLORC would find provocative and tried to limit Tuesday.

The scuffles came when a car carrying Suu Kyi and other party leaders arrived on the road to the Mayangon office. Supporters who were waiting for her were frustrated by barbed wire barricades and broke through them. A dozen scuffled with riot police.

Party members, journalists and onlookers were loaded by police onto trucks and taken away from the site, then let off. An NLD youth said later that no one was beaten.

The military has ruled Burma since 1962. Suu Kyi, daughter of independence hero Aung San, rose to the forefront of the democracy movement during an uprising against military rule in 1988 that was violently suppressed. She was sentenced to house arrest in 1989.



An ethnic-Indian mother and her child pray, with a Christmas shopping bag, during Deepavali festivities at the Mahamariamman Hindu Temple in downtown Kuala Lumpur Thursday. Hindus believe that the festival celebrates the defeat of Rawana by Rama, the symbol of goodness as depicted in the Hindu classic Ramayana. Indians make up less than 10 percent of the multi-ethnic population of Malaysia. AP

# Ireland elects new president

By ROBERT BARR  
DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) - The winner of Ireland's presidential election Thursday will have to persuade a lot of people that she is the next best choice for the nation's highest office. Second-place votes could decide the race.

Opinion polls indicate that the race will boil down to a contest between Mary McAleese, a lawyer and academic from Northern Ireland, and Mary Banotti, a member of the European Parliament.

McAleese was well ahead in opinion polls this week, but Irish voters mark their ballots in order of preference and second choices will almost certainly be decisive in a five-candidate race in which no one is likely to get the required majority of votes in the first round.

In that event, the lowest-ranking candidates will be eliminated after the first count Friday and the second-preference votes will be added to the totals of the candidates still in the race.

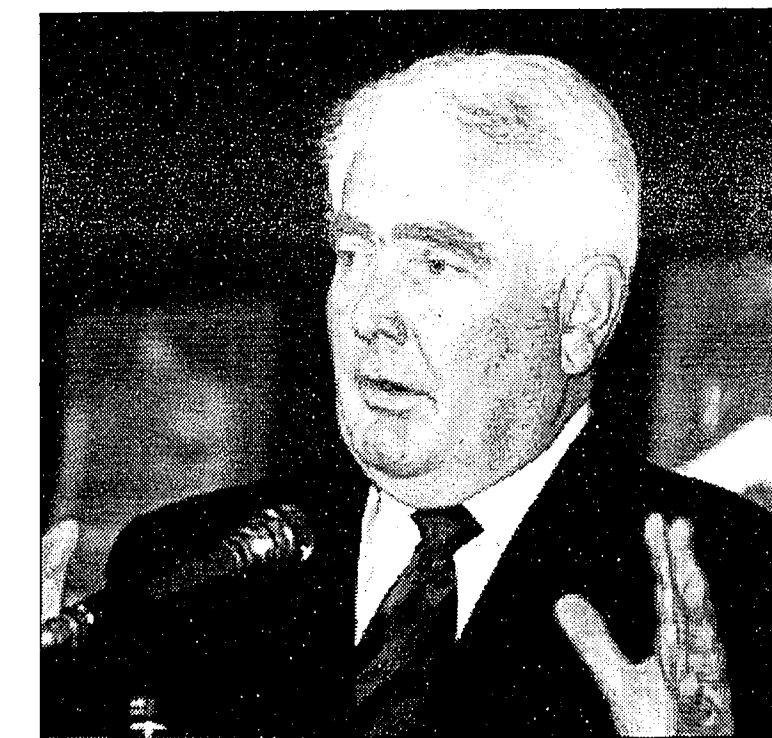
Based on its final poll, The Irish Times predicted Wednesday that McAleese "is heading for a comfortable victory."

Its poll showed that she was the first choice of 37 percent while Banotti, the only political professional in the race, trailed at 24 percent. Three other candidates, including the lone male in the race, were below 10 percent each.

McAleese, 46, was running well ahead of Banotti, 58, as the second choice of those who favored the three lowest-rated candidates.

Polls opens at 0900 GMT Thursday, with 2.7 million people eligible to vote before the stations close at 2100 GMT.

According to The Irish Times' poll, 20 percent of its sample of 1,000 adults hadn't made up their minds when they were interviewed Monday. The poll had a margin of error of three percentage points.



Irish Presidential candidate Derek Nally outlines his vision of the presidency at a meeting in Dublin, Wednesday on the eve of polling day. The latest polls gives Nally a 7 percent support. Nally standing against four other candidates for the Irish presidency, which is a largely ceremonial office. AP

Dana Rosemary Scallon, 46, a native of Northern Ireland who now lives in the U.S. state of Alabama, was the choice of 8 percent, anti-nuclear campaigner Adi Roche, 42, was a point behind, and former policeman and victims' rights advocate Derek Nally, 61, was at 4 percent.

Second preferences were decisive in the 1990 election that made Mary Robinson the first woman president of Ireland. She trailed Brian Lenihan in the first count, but was the overwhelmingly second choice of those who supported the third candidate in the race.

Robinson resigned in September to become the U.N. Commissioner for Human Rights.

McAleese is able to run for president, despite her Northern Ireland roots and residence because she holds an Irish, not a British, passport, and she was nominated by a political party.

The president is the head of state, but has few explicit powers other than to refer legislation to the Supreme Court for a ruling on constitutional issues or to refuse a prime minister's request to dissolve parliament and call a national election.

Robinson exploited the symbolic potential of the office, especially by her frequent trips to Northern Ireland to make contact both with Protestants who support British rule and Roman Catholics who oppose it.

Her handshake with Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, was a key bit of diplomacy in encouraging the IRA to call a cease-fire in 1994.

McAleese also was involved in cease-fire diplomacy, but as an insider: a Catholic and native of Northern Ireland, and a woman who had felt sectarian hatred firsthand when her family was driven out of a

Protestant area of Belfast.

In 1983, as a law lecturer at Queen's University Belfast, she helped the Roman Catholic bishops of Ireland present their anti-divorce and anti-abortion

views to an Irish government forum.

In 1987, she was appointed director of Queen's Institute of Legal Studies and later became deputy chancellor, the highest

position ever held by a Catholic at Queen's University. She led the way in stripping the university of overtly Protestant ceremonies in favor of a "neutral" environment.



Northern Ireland Ulster Royal Constabulary Forensic expert examines the wreckage of a booby-trapped car bomb Saturday in the Drumkirk Road. The incident is believed to be part of an internal feud between loyalist factions and possibly drug related, according to local witnesses. AP

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1985-86 The Catholic Home Study Inst. Leesburg Virginia  
1980-83 Graduate - Special Ed. (BA) University of Guam  
1977 University of Oregon, Eugene  
1975-77 Field Work Training at UOH Manoa School of Public Health (Burns School)  
1972-73 Cooperating Teacher Certification  
1969-71 Teacher Certification (CCM)

#### WORK EXPERIENCE:

1969-97 Member, Food & Pharmaceutical Committee (CHC)  
1990-97 Member, Special Education State Advisory Panel  
1996 Assistant Public Relation Officer, Governor's Office  
1993-94 Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Coordinator for Individual with Mentally ill in patients and out patients  
1987-93 Karidat (aka Catholic Social Services)  
1979-80 Regular Classroom Teacher (San Vicente & Tanapag)  
1966-69 District Land management (Agriculture & Village lots assigner)

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1994 Member, Marianas Public Land Trust Fund  
1994 Member, Mental Health Planning Council for CHC  
1988 Member, Special Education P.T.A.  
1979-82 Member, Board of Education, Member Board of Regents  
1978 Advising the parents of Handicapped on "How to deal with their disabled children"

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES:

1978 Eucharistic Ministry (Catholic)  
Chairperson in Translating all Gospels, Prayers, and Missal into Carolinian Version  
1974 Instructor for Doctrina for 7, 8 and 9th graders member for Carolinian Community on Worship Commission (CCWC)

#### WORKSHOPS:

1997 International Symposium on Herbal Medicine (Hawaii)  
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# Ontario seeks to end strike

**TORONTO (AP)** — Ontario's provincial government said Wednesday it will seek a court injunction this week to end the teachers' strike that has halted classes for 2.1 million students.

Attorney General Charles Harnick said hearings on the motion would be held Friday, and he hoped a court order requiring the 126,000 teachers to return to work could be issued early next week.

Teachers and their union leaders could be subject to fines or imprisonment if they defy an injunction ordering them to end the biggest teachers' strike ever in North America.

Teachers walked off the job Monday to protest a proposed overhaul of the education system. They oppose a bill that would give the provincial government, rather than local school boards, control over such matters as class size and the hours that teachers spend in the classroom.

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Teacher Mamie McQuire-Smith shows her feelings for the provincial government's attempt to take over policy-making powers now held by local school boards, while bundled up against the cold in Cambridge, Ontario, Canada, Tuesday. It was the largest teachers' strike ever in North America which shut down classes for 2.1 million children. AP

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## Westinghouse poised to benefit from US-China nuclear accord

By BRUCE STANLEY  
**PITTSBURGH (AP)** - Access to China's multi-billion-dollar energy market should dispel doubts about the future of industrial operations at Westinghouse Electric Corp., analysts said.

Under a pact approved by President Bill Clinton and Chinese President Jiang Zemin,

Westinghouse and other U.S. companies could soon be exporting nuclear reactors and technology to China.

"It is a key opening a lock for significant opportunity going forward," said financial analyst Kemp Fuller of National Securities Corp. in New York.

Pittsburgh-based Westinghouse estimates that China wants \$50 billion to \$60 billion in nuclear reactors and technology. A deal reached at Wednesday's summit in Washington would allow a 1985 U.S.-China agreement to go into effect and let U.S. companies sell equipment to China.

"This is an exceptional opportunity for Westinghouse's nuclear business," company spokesman Jim Pierobon said. "This is something Westinghouse has been working on for a long, long, long time."

Westinghouse plans to spin off its industrial operations, including its nuclear business, as a separate company by the end of the year. Its broadcasting arm would operate separately as CBS Corp.

Some analysts have expressed doubts that the industrial entity could survive on its own.

Clinton's decision and its implications for Westinghouse "should more than answer any such doubts," Pierobon said. "It's essential. They had to have it," Fuller said.

China has made overtures to Westinghouse despite legal barriers to such exports.

If Congress approves Clinton's decision, Westinghouse stands to earn as much money from future years of servicing new reactors as it would from their initial sale.

"Nuclear power is certainly viewed more favorably in many countries overseas than it is here, so this is good news for Westinghouse," said Jeffrey Williams, a business professor at Carnegie Mellon.

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This RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defect in said proposals if in its sole opinion, to do so is in the best interest of the CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquiries regarding this proposal should be directed to Mr. John C. Mafnas at telephone number (670) 322-4033, ext. 16 or facsimile number (670) 322-6582.

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### Singapore-Brazil air pact

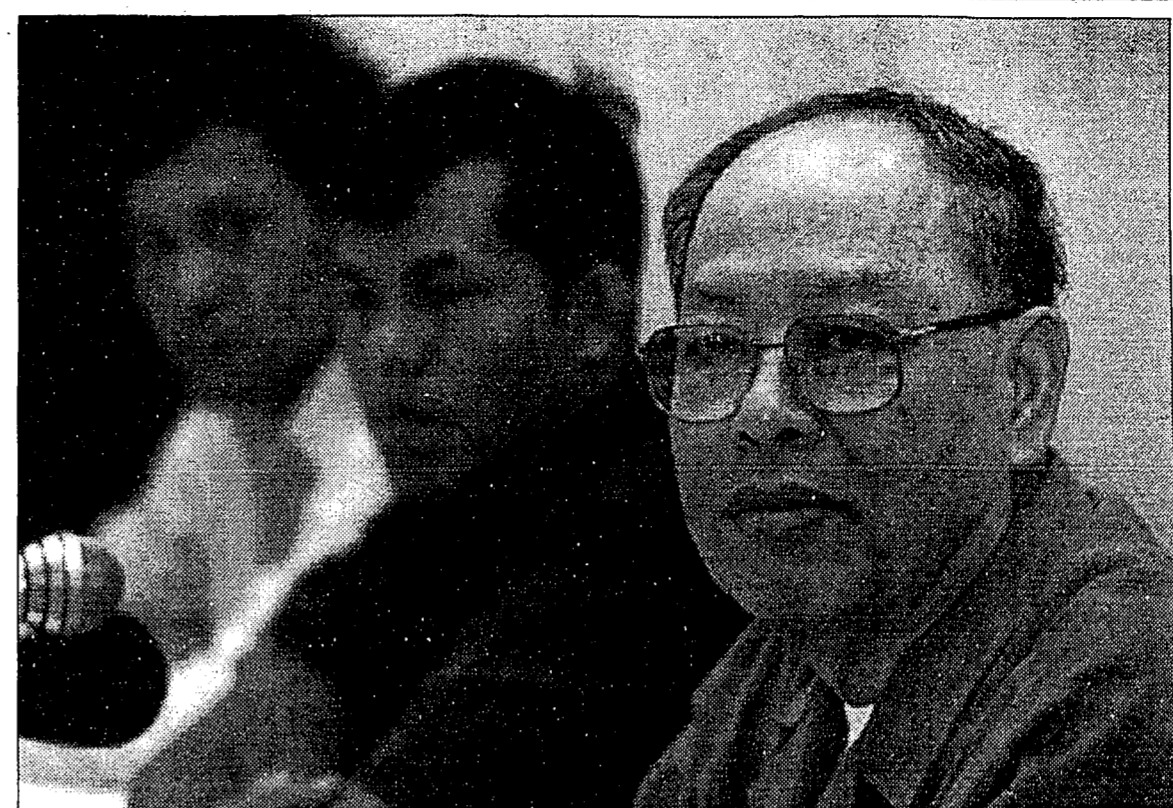
**SINGAPORE (AP)** - Singapore and Brazil have signed an air services agreement allowing their airlines three weekly services between the two countries, the Civil Aviation Authority says.

Singapore Airlines and the Brazilian carrier Viacao Aerea Sao Paulo SA have been designated to operate under the pact.

The agreement was signed Tuesday by Communications Minister Mah Bow Tan and Brazil's Minister for External Relations, Luiz Filipe Lampreia, who is in Singapore to open the Expo Brazil Asia '97 trade exhibition.

"The exhibition and the signing of this agreement are steps in the process of strengthening relationships between Brazil and Southeast Asia, a region that boasts the highest economic growth in the world today," Lampreia said.

There was no indication when direct air links would be set up.



Former Khmer Rouge deputy premier Ieng Sary, Pailin Governor Y Chhien and Ieng Sary's son Ieng Savuth (from right to left) listen questions during a press conference at the Royal Phnom Penh Hotel on Thursday. Ieng Sary, currently the president of the Democratic National Union Movement, was a founding member more than 30 years ago of the Khmer Rouge movement which was toppled in 1979 by a Vietnamese invasion. AP

## In Cambodia, Ieng Sary endorses Hun Sen's coup

By KER MUNTIT  
**PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)** - The former deputy premier of the genocidal Khmer Rouge regime endorsed Thursday the violent seizure of power by Second Prime Minister Hun Sen during July.

Ieng Sary, who is visiting Phnom Penh for the first time since 1979 when a Vietnamese invasion expelled the Khmer Rouge government, called his trip to the capital "an historical one to work for peace and national reconciliation," during a press conference.

The Khmer Rouge harbor deep racial hatred of the Vietnamese, and many of them consider Hun Sen, a former Khmer Rouge cadre who defected and was installed as prime minister by the Vietnamese during the 1980s, a traitor.

Hun Sen toppled democratically-elected First Prime Minister Norodom Ranariddh in July. Ranariddh's remaining forces are still fighting Hun Sen's soldiers in northern Cambodia with the help of Khmer Rouge hardliners led by Ta Mok.

Ieng Sary, who is based in Pailin in northwestern Cambodia, led thousands of Khmer Rouge under his control to defect to the government last August.

Closer to Ranariddh than Hun Sen, if Sary supported the ousted prime minister with his thousands of troops it would be a significant threat to Hun Sen, whose soldiers control most of the country.

Relaxed and smiling during the two hour press conference, Ieng Sary said his confidence in the government was "bolstered" after he met with Hun Sen Wednesday and was briefed about events that led to the coup.

Ieng Sary said he was convinced after the talks that "the government took legitimate measures" which had been necessary to "save the nation." Otherwise, he said, "the people and national interest would have been more badly endangered than it is now."

Ieng Sary also said he believed the prince should be tried for wrongful acts, including negotiations with outlawed guerrilla hardliners in the

months preceding Hun Sen's power grab and the smuggling of illegal weapons into the country.

Though he has repeatedly professed a desire to stay out of the conflict, Ieng Sary said Thursday the territory under his control belonged to the government as did his armed forces.

Ieng Sary was foreign minister under the Khmer Rouge, which turned Cambodia into a vast, Maoist-inspired labor camp after taking power in a civil war in 1975.

He received amnesty for his crimes last year for leading his guerrillas to peace with the government. But until Tuesday, he had stayed in Pailin, 355 kilometers (220 miles) northwest of Phnom Penh.

As many as 2 million people - one in five Cambodians - died of overwork, starvation, illness and execution during the Maoist rebels' reign.

The last Khmer Rouge leader who came to Phnom Penh, Khieu Samphan in 1992, was chased from the capital within hours by an angry mob throwing rocks and debris at him. Hun Sen is believed to have organized the attack.

"Frankly I was not afraid that people would demonstrate against me," Ieng Sary said, adding that "there are people who requested me to come."

He said the city he hadn't seen in 18 years was "busier" than during the Khmer Rouge reign when the guerrillas emptied it after taking over, sending its all residents to work in the countryside.

Ieng Sary, whose visit is to last only three days, said he ate Wednesday night at a popular restaurant in one of Phnom Penh's eastern suburbs. He described the eatery as "impressively brand new."

### Suharto wants balance between progress, religion

**JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)** - The world should strike a balance between technological progress and religious values, Indonesia's President Suharto said Wednesday.

In an opening speech to more than 200 religious ministers and officials from 40 Islamic countries, Suharto said modern progress had prompted many people to grasp for materialism.

Some young people had abandoned their religion and had turned to narcotics and alcohol.

"The world has the responsibility to make a balance so that science and technology are in line with religious values," Suharto said told a meeting of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

He said scientific progress has not solved all of the world's problems.

The world still watches as hunger still exists in many regions," Suharto said.

"Imbalances in utilizing the world's natural resources still greatly enjoyed by the people in the northern hemisphere compared with people in the southern hemisphere."

About 90 percent of Indonesia's 200 million people are Muslim, making it the world's most populous Islamic nation.

Even so it prides itself on religious tolerance and diversity, which is enshrined in its national philosophy.

The meeting, which is to discuss how to improve the welfare of Islamic communities around the globe, will end on Nov. 1.

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#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PSS-RFP98-001

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting from firms interested in providing to the Public School System Occupational Therapy Services, Physical Therapy Services, Speech and Language Services, and Psychological Services (Related Services) to children from ages birth to five years old and from ages 6 to 21 years old. The Proposal package requirements is now available at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan, during normal working hours. All proposals are to be submitted in duplicate and facsimile "RFP98-001 - Special Education Related Services" and delivered to the Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan no later than 2:00 p.m., November 26, 1997. The proposer is required to submit with his proposal a copy of his business license. Any proposal received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A pre-bid conference for the aforementioned RFP will be held on October 29, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. at the Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan. Interested proposers are requested to submit all their questions pertaining to the proposal package requirements in writing Attn: Sue Lizama, Action Special Education Coordinator no later than 4:30 p.m., November 07, 1997 at the Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd floor, Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan. All submitted questions will be responded to in writing within three working days from date all questions are due.

Proposals will be evaluated and selections will be made based upon the following criteria:

1. Price 20%
2. Proposal Plan 40%
3. Qualification of Individual 30%
4. Qualification of Firm 10%

The CNMI Public School System reserves the right to award a single or multiple awards or reject any or all proposals in the best interest of the Public School System. Inquiries to this announcement may be directed to Louise Conception at telephone 664-3763

WILLIAM S. TORRES *Commissioner of Education* LOUISE CONCEPCION *PSS Procurement & Supply Officer*

# Howard rebukes Hanson

By ALAN THORNHILL  
CANBERRA, Australia (AP) - Prime Minister John Howard on Thursday rebuked maverick legislator Pauline Hanson, who asked why Australia should offer economic aid to Indonesia's "militaristic" government.

"The measure that I announced was designed not to prop up a regime, but to help the Indonesian people," Howard said.

Hanson, an independent member of Parliament from Queensland, has been a thorn in the government's side, advocating a cutoff of Asian immigration to Australia and the

abolition of welfare programs targeted at helping Aborigines.

Howard said that the aid, which would be directed through the International Monetary Fund, would be in Australia's national interest.

"What I indicated was that we would be prepared to participate in facilities organized by the IMF," Howard said.

"And it would be a very short-sighted, narrow-minded Australian government which passed up the opportunity to extend a strong hand of economic support in a time of difficulty for a friend and a neigh-

bor," he said.

Hanson asked, during question time in Parliament, how the proposed Australian aid could be justified.

"Has the government considered that it is perhaps more appropriate for President Suharto to help bail out his own people, with some of the billions that he and his family have profited from during his time in office?" she asked.

"Is it the policy of this govern-

ment to prop up questionable and militaristic regimes, with appalling human rights records?" she said.

Howard accused Hanson of attempting to misrepresent what his government is proposing.

He said Hanson had also misrepresented promised aid of up to \$1 billion that Australia has offered to Thailand, as part of an IMF sponsored rescue package.

"She quite wrongly categorized that as a direct contribution,"

Howard said.

In fact, it would be a currency swap.

Turning to Indonesia, Howard said: "The right thing to do in the national interest and in the long-term interest of the region is to make the commitment that I made yesterday.

"It does not, as I hope the honorable member on reflection will understand, it does not amount to an outright gift.

## Missing boy confirmed dead

PERTH, Australia (AP) - The body of a boy found on a dirt road south of Perth was identified by police Wednesday as that of missing 11-year-old Gerrard James Ross.

The boy's body, clad in the same shorts and T-shirt he wore when abducted from the seaside town of Rockingham on Oct. 14, was discovered Tuesday morning by a trainer exercising a horse.

His body was dumped close to

hobby farms and an ammunition dump in the semi-rural community of Kamrup, 12 miles (20 km) from the outskirts of Rockingham.

Gerrard, from the northern Pilbara town of Newman, was abducted while walking from his family's holiday house in Rockingham to a comic book store five blocks away.

The boy's parents and 13-year-old brother plan to remain in the town indefinitely while police investigate the murder.

"They're obviously very distressed, and the police chaplain has gone out there to talk with them, counsel them," a police spokesman said.

Forensic officers continued to comb the area surrounding the body, and police started a door-to-door search of the area, in the hunt for clues leading to the boy's killer.

A post mortem examination of the body was expected to be completed Thursday.

## APEC may be called in to help ASEAN currency woes

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation group may be asked to confront the Southeast Asian currency crisis, Trade Minister said in a speech Thursday.

That crisis is still disrupting financial markets throughout the world.

"It is possible that APEC finance ministers will be called on to look closely at options for addressing re-

gional currency instability," Fischer said in a speech to business leaders in Sydney. He did not elaborate on the remark.

"For its part, the Australian government has made it clear that it maintains its confidence in the region's strong growth prospects," he said.

Fischer said this is based on high rates of saving and investment in the Southeast Asian region, progress in opening markets and strong investment in human capital.

Leaders, senior legislators and officials of the 18 APEC member countries are to meet in Vancouver between November 21 and 25.

If APEC leaders do decide to act on controlling currency fluctuations, they would be embarking on a completely new course for the organization, which has so far concentrated on tariff reduction and trade liberalization.

Measures to secure currency stability have usually been left to specialist bodies such as the International Monetary Fund.

The APEC members are the United States, Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Malaysia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand.

### FOURTH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

## SOLEDAD Aquiningoc Terlaje

We the family of the late Soledad Aquiningoc Terlaje would like to invite all our relatives and friends to join us in prayer as we commemorate the Four Year Anniversary of our beloved mother and grandmother.

Daily mass will be offered beginning on Saturday, November 01, 1997 thru November 09, 1997. On the final day November 09, 1997 (Sunday) mass will be offered at Kristo Rai Church at 6:00 a.m. breakfast will be served immediately after the mass at the Social Hall.

Please join us in prayers, thank you.

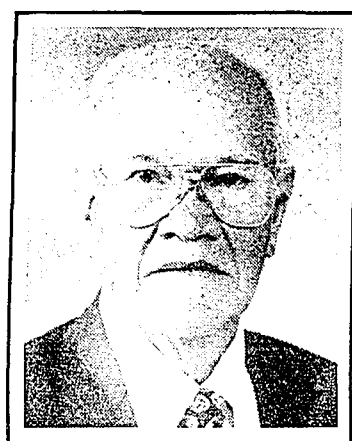
#### THE FAMILIES

#### MASS SCHEDULE

11/01/97	Saturday	Cemetery	4:00PM
11/02/97	Sunday	Cemetery	4:00PM
11/03/97	Monday	San Vicente Church	6:00PM
11/04/97	Tuesday	San Antonio Church	6:00PM
11/05/97	Wednesday	San Jose Church	6:00PM
11/06/97	Thursday	St. Jude Church	6:00PM
11/07/97	Friday	San Jose Church	6:00PM
11/08/97	Saturday	San Jose Church	6:00PM
11/09/97	Sunday	Kristo Rai Church	6:00AM

## Fourth ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory of the Late  
**Jose Camacho Tenorio  
(JOETEN)**

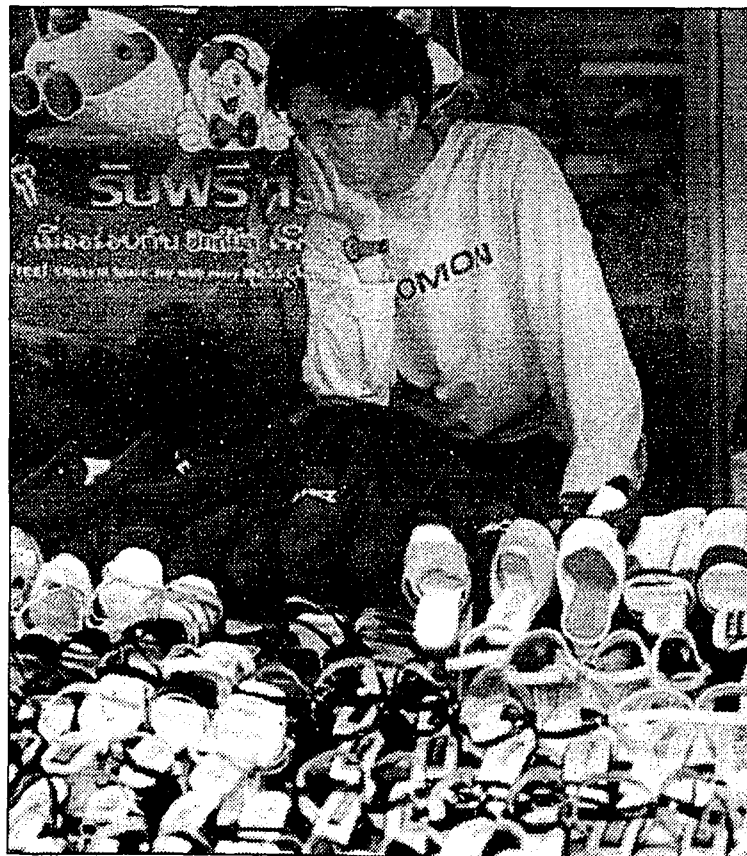


My children and I cordially invite all our relatives, friends and business associates to join us in prayers for our beloved husband, father and grandfather, on the Fourth Anniversary of his death.

Nightly rosary will be said at Mrs. Soledad (Daidai) Tenorio's residence in San Vicente, Airport Road, at 8:00 p.m. beginning on Tuesday, October 28, 1997 through Tuesday, November 4, 1997.

Final rosary on Wednesday, November 5, 1995, will be said at 12:00 noon. Mass of Intention will be celebrated at Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 5:00 p.m. November 5, 1997. Dinner will be served immediately after the service at Mrs. Soledad (Daidai) Tenorio's residence.

Thank you  
Mrs. Soledad (Daidai) Tenorio and Children



A Thai shoe vendor waits for customers in Bangkok on Thursday. While Thai economy is down, Thai central bank intervened in financial markets to stop the Thai baht's slide against the U.S. dollar, which was trading at an all-time high of 39.95 baht up from 39.40 late Wednesday. AP

# It's About Faith in the Community

Throughout this campaign one thing remains true: our collective faith in community. Our community has been through it all, and not just in this campaign season... we have seen trials and triumphs over time, the difference today is that our people, for the first time in centuries, are in charge of our own destiny as we enter a new century. We are stronger, prouder people now, and we will enter the 21 Century with even more confidence and pride. This has been the message Lang and Gere have spread throughout the Northern Marianas in their campaign for governor and Lt. governor. It is the message you have all responded to favorably in overwhelming numbers.



From the Lang & Gere family to yours, we extend a heartfelt Thank You to our supporters who have given countless hours of help to this campaign. From the envelope stuffers, the chefs at our barbecues, our logistical support, our house-to-house companions and to the people of the Commonwealth, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for the kindness you have shown us over the last few month.

We urge all of you to exercise your constitutional right to vote for the team you feel will best represent the interests of our Commonwealth in the years ahead. We hope you will vote for us.

Please join our family and vote on Saturday, November 1, 1997. Thank you again for your support.

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# Sony to recall 30-M batteries

TOKYO (AP) - Consumer electronics giant Sony Corp. said Thursday it will recall approximately 30 million dry cell batteries in Japan due to complaints of fluid leakage.

But the company said it hadn't yet decided what to do about an undetermined number of the batteries that were exported.

The LR6 series of AA-size alkaline cell batteries subject to the recall were produced between May 1996 and April 1997, Sony said in a statement.

Sony said it decided to issue the recall following an inspection carried out after the company received what it described as a "comparatively large number of complaints" regarding the leakage of electrolytic fluid.

Sony attributed the problem to

a defect in the manufacturing process of the batteries' seals and said "a small percentage" of the 30 million may leak the fluid.

Sony said the possibility of leakage increases with time.

A Sony spokesman, who asked not to be named, said the company was also trying to find out to which countries the batteries had been sent. A decision on whether to recall those batteries would be determined on a country-by-country basis, he said.

He said a total of 104 million of the batteries had been produced during the period and that "a small portion" had been exported.

The spokesman said that if the acid-like fluid leaks onto the skin it should be rinsed off immediately.



Traders work the floor of the Sao Paulo Stock Market (BOVESPA) on Wednesday in Sao Paulo, Brazil. After opening two hours late in order to protect the market, the BOVESPA lost 6% at the end of the day. AP

# Australia offering support for IMF rescue for Indonesia

By GEOFF SPENCER  
**JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)** - In what it said was "the act of a good neighbor," Australia Wednesday joined a growing list of countries ready to help bail Indonesia out of its financial crisis.

Prime Minister John Howard used a 27-hour visit to Jakarta to pledge support for a rescue package now being negotiated with the International Monetary Fund.

After talks with President Suharto, Howard told a news conference that Australia would either be part of an "initial provision of support or alternatively ... a standby credit arrangement along with other friendly countries in the region and elsewhere."

Howard declined to say how much Australia's assistance would be worth.

He stressed that the "offer of assistance would, of course, be subject to Indonesia meeting conditions laid down by the International

Monetary Fund and, of course, would be part of a package or an arrangement that would be supervised by the International Monetary Fund."

Howard said he understood an agreement between Indonesia and the IMF on the size and form of the rescue package would be reached soon.

A few hours before Howard met Suharto, Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto told the Indonesian president by telephone that Tokyo would be prepared to contribute to an IMF package.

On Monday Malaysia pledged \$1 billion to Indonesia.

On Tuesday Suharto announced that Singapore had offered \$10 billion.

Indonesia called in the IMF after speculative attacks sliced more than a third off the value of its currency and sent its stock market into a nose dive.

Australia was one of several

countries to contribute to a \$17.2 billion IMF rescue package for Thailand earlier this year.

Howard, who in the past has been accused of being wary of forming strong links with Australia's Asian neighbors, said his offer of support would help both Indonesia and Australia, which are now strong economic partners.

"I regard this as a very important element to Australia's ongoing role as a fully active participant and player in the Asia-Pacific region," Howard said.

"It is the act of a friend. It is the act of a good neighbor. It is the act of a nation willing to assist another nation with which it has very long term interests and a long term association."

"It is also in the interests of the Australian nation and the Australian people that the Indonesian economy be strengthened and supported," he said.

# Dollar higher in Tokyo

TOKYO (AP) - Tokyo stock prices fell in early trading Thursday amid lingering uncertainty about Japan's economy. The U.S. dollar was higher against the yen.

The benchmark 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average lost 177.12 points, or 1.05 percent, moving to 16,679.92 points in the first 30 minutes of trading. On Wednesday, the average rose 544.35 points, or 3.34 percent, following Tuesday's sharp rebound on Wall Street.

Traders said weakness in futures prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange overnight added to the negative sentiment along with worries among investors about Japan's economic recovery.

Some foreign investors were taking profits following Wednesday's sharp rebound, traders said.

The Tokyo Stock Price Index of all issues listed on the first section was down 7.84 points, or 0.60 percent, to 1,298.95. The TOPIX was

# Guests stay free in hotel if haze reaches unhealthy level

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) - A five-star hotel will offer free accommodation whenever thick smog rises above the "unhealthy level" of 100 on the "Air Pollutant Index," a news report said Wednesday.

The Mutiara Beach Hotel launched the campaign to support tourism in the resort island of Penang, 300 kilometers (240 miles) northwest of Kuala Lumpur, The Star daily reported.

"It is a calculated risk, but we feel it is necessary to restore confidence in both local and international markets and to put Penang back on the tourist map," Mutiara's general manager, Peter D. Gibbons was quoted as saying.

Currently, Penang hotels average 31 percent occupancy. But before haze swamped the region four months ago, they registered up to 70 to 80 percent.

# Nations target pirate fleets

HOBART, Australia (AP) - Nations with interests in Antarctica will crack down on a pirate fishing fleet of some 90 ships that have poached 10 times the legal limit of the toothfish, prized in Japan for its delicate flesh, officials said Thursday.

The officials, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, were part of a private meeting this week of the 23-nation Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR). They said some 90 vessels have been identified by name and country of origin illegally poaching toothfish in the Southern Ocean around Antarctica.

The meeting also has confirmation that up to 70,000 tons of the toothfish has been caught illicitly over the past 18 months, 10 times the permitted legal catch level set under the CCAMLR Convention.

"The damage already done to the stocks of toothfish is enormous," according to the assessments submitted to the conference.

There has also been significant "collateral damage" to seabirds like the Southern Albatross, which gets caught on baited long-line hooks.

"There is a real willingness among CCAMLR nations to find urgent solutions to the problems of fishing piracy in sub-Antarctic

waters," the officials said.

They said strong measures to reinforce the convention are expected to be agreed by CCAMLR states at their formal meeting next week, including:

- Requiring "proof of source" for fish on any vessel calling at a CCAMLR state port, similar to the system used by the North West Atlantic Fisheries Organization to deal with pirate fishers, by requiring them to prove they have legal right to the catch on the vessel.
- Measures to stiffen authority over vessels by the country that registers them;
- Moves to strengthen the role of countries with exclusive economic zones that include sub-Antarctic waters, such as South Africa, France, Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Chile.

The Australian navy brought two poaching ships into port this week under guard. The owners could face heavy fines, and loss of the ships and their catch if convicted of illegal fishing.

Earlier this year France seized three ships near its sub-Antarctic islands, and South Africa has refused to let poaching ships dock in Cape Town. British patrol boats have driven off poachers from the region around South Georgia Island.

"We expect to emerge with some very strong measures by the end of the meeting" next

week, one official said.

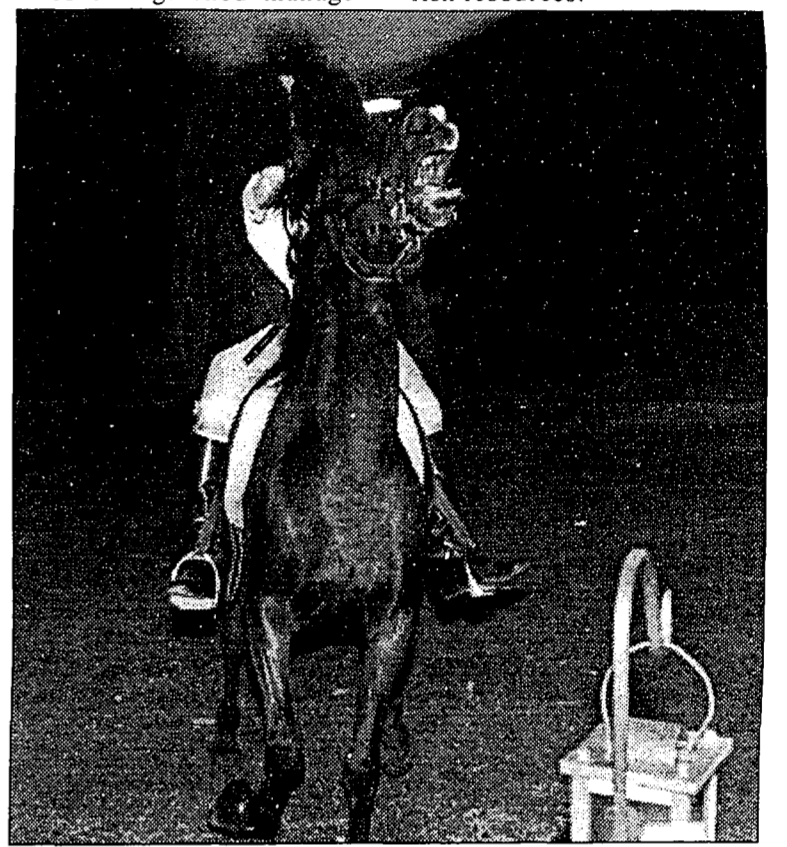
"The toothfish resources gives an indication of the potential of the southern oceans, and means there will be much greater pressure on these waters from fishing states in the near future."

A strengthened management and control regime "will come from this CCAMLR meeting," he said.

Under the Hobart-based Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources, strict controls were imposed on Antarctic fish resources.

But the pirates, some owned and based in CCAMLR member states, have ignored the controls in hunting the prized Patagonian Toothfish.

Toothfish sells for U.S. \$4,000-6,000 a ton in Japan, which takes about 80 percent of the catch.



The Headless Horseman, played by Sal Tarantino, rides near a Halloween celebration Friday on the grounds of Philipsburg Manor in the village of Sleepy Hollow, N.Y. Until last December, the village of Sleepy Hollow was called North Tarrytown. AP

# Anatomy exhibit to feature body parts

MANNHEIM, Germany (AP) - In this body of work, the work is the body.

An exhibit of real human bodies, limbs and organs opens to the public Thursday in the southwestern city of Mannheim, courtesy of people who donated their remains to science.

The exhibit, from Japan, has drawn criticism from local church leaders who say human body fragments aren't meant for such a spectacle.

Organizers, however, say real-life displays like the lung of a heavy smoker can teach lessons about health and disease like no textbook or plastic model possibly could.

"Almost no one in the average public knows what cancer really looks like," said Andrea Whalley, an organizer of "Body World: A Look into the Human Body," at the Mannheim State Museum for Technology and Labor.

The show runs until February.

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**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

POSITION: LAND ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
 LOCATION: DIVISION OF PUBLIC LANDS - SAIPAN

**INTRODUCTION & DUTIES:** This position is under the general supervision of the Chief Planner. Reviews of all land use requests for compliance with DPL requirements and monitoring of leases, commercial permits an agricultural and grazing permits to assure compliance with the terms and requirements of the lease and permit agreements and periodic inspection of all other public land in order to identify and rectify unauthorized use of public land.

**SALARY:** Beginning salary will depend upon qualification and experience: from \$35,000. to \$40,000 per annum.

**QUALIFICATION & REQUIREMENT:** Any combination equivalent to graduation from an accredited college or university with a BS degree in public or business administration or related field plus five (5) years of management experience.

INTERESTED PERSONS SHOULD SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION BY NOVEMBER 10, 1997 TO:

Division of Public Lands, DLNR  
 P.O. Box 10007  
 Capitol Hill Main Office, Saipan

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 NOVEMBER 1, 1997

**SPECIMEN 1-A**

1. I have the honor to present to you the ballot for the election of the 11th CNMI Legislature. Please mark your ballot in the space provided for each office and candidate. Write in the name of the person you wish to elect in the space provided for each office. Mark only one name for each office.

2. I have the honor to present to you the ballot for the election of the 11th CNMI Legislature. Please mark your ballot in the space provided for each office and candidate. Write in the name of the person you wish to elect in the space provided for each office. Mark only one name for each office.

CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR (VOTE FOR ONE):

TUDELA, HERMAN PALACIOS (Incumbent)  MUNDO, DAVID APATANG (Incumbent)

CANDIDATES FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (VOTE FOR ONE):

APATANG, DAVID MUNDO (Dave) (Incumbent)  CAMACHO, A

DEMAPAN, IGNACIO DELEON GUERRERO (Ike)

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REYES, KARL TUDELA (Incumbent)

TENORIO, MANUEL AGUILTO (Brown) (Incumbent)

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**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR VOTE & ALL THE SUPPORT THAT YOU HAVE EXTENDED.**

## Street scene in Hanoi



A worker hangs onto an abstract painting while transporting it on the back of a motor bike through the streets of Hanoi on Tuesday. The market for Vietnamese paintings is booming in the country's capital. AP

# Vietnamese premier pushes export sector

**HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam (AP)** - Premier Phan Van Khai is warning of an economic slowdown in Ho Chi Minh City if authorities do not narrow the focus of development in Vietnam's largest city.

Business leaders and government officials should aim to develop high technology industries geared for export markets in order to sustain the city's growth, Khai was quoted Thursday by the official Vietnam News Agency as saying.

Vietnam as a whole is facing an economic slowdown, with a drop in new investment.

Ho Chi Minh City, the country's bustling economic hub, has managed to avoid much of the downturn, but unless the city identifies its strengths it could be in store

for similar troubles, Khai said. Gross domestic product in Ho Chi Minh City is up by 12 percent so far this year compared with 1996, but agricultural and industrial exports are beginning to drop.

"The city's investment structure over the past has been too stretched out, lacking priority for key areas," Khai was quoted as saying. "Investment in industry should concentrate on developing high technology and modern industries."

Khai, who recently replaced former Premier Vo Van Kiet, supports the idea of further economic reform, including the privatization of state-run companies.

He warned the state sector not to expect preferential treatment from the government in the future.

In Ho Chi Minh City, Khai told managers from state-owned companies to speed their efforts to reorganize. He warned that some of the city's 730 state sector firms may be dissolved to free up capital for more competitive ventures.

In addition to encouraging more growth for the city, Khai said local officials must work to curb economic crime.

Although Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, is the driving force behind much of Vietnam's recent near 9 percent economic growth, it has also been home to a growing number of economic scandals.

Corruption, fraud and smuggling are rampant in the former South Vietnamese capital.

## Vietnamese diplomat encourages trade

**HANOI, Vietnam (AP)** - Vietnam needs better trade relations with Washington and stronger ties with expatriate Vietnamese living in the United States, a Vietnamese diplomat has said.

Nguyen Xuan Phong, Vietnam's general consul posted to San Francisco, told the state-controlled Saigon Times Daily he hopes to foster greater understanding between the two countries and encourage two-way invest-

ment. In an interview published Thursday, Phong said Vietnamese businesses should aim to increase exports to the United States while encouraging high-tech imports and technology transfer.

"Since the United States is vast and diverse, penetrating into it must be regarded as a development step of vital importance to Vietnam," Phong was quoted as saying.

The United States and Vietnam established diplomatic ties in 1995, but have been slow to build strong economic and trade relations. The two countries agreed to open consulates in San Francisco and Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon.

Phong, a graduate of La Havana University in Cuba, served as a political counselor at the Vietnamese embassy in Cuba before being appointed to the United States.

## Appreciation Message

We, the Family Violence Task Force, would like to recognize and extend our sincere appreciation to the following businesses, agencies, and individuals for assisting us in commemorating the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Month:

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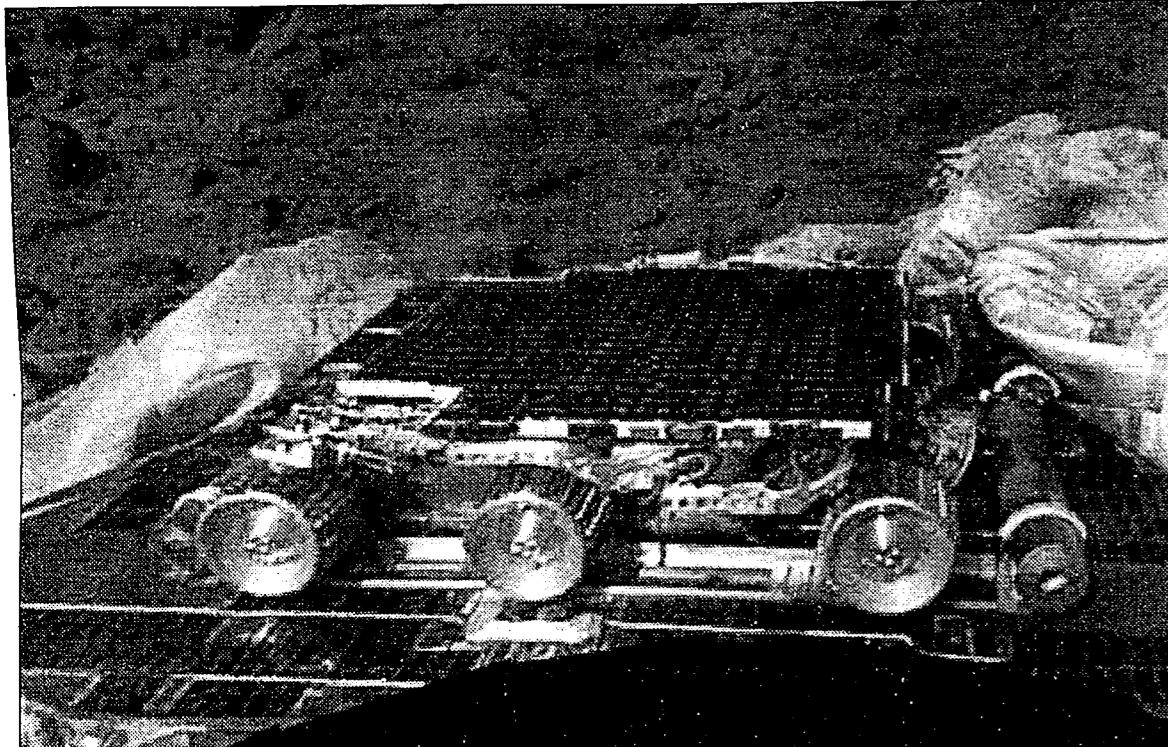
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# No word from Pathfinder



The Sojourner rover sits atop the Mars Pathfinder probe on the surface of Mars in this July 4, 1997 image from NASA television. Heroic measures to get in touch with the Pathfinder, which has been silent in the martian cold since Oct. 7, will continue into next week. "By the end of the day next Tuesday, we will have exhausted all possibilities," Brian Muirhead, the project manager at NASA. AP

AP Science Writer  
LOS ANGELES (AP) - The Mars Pathfinder remains in a coma and the prognosis is grim.

The robotic patient that last summer revitalized America's space program hasn't released an audible breath in three weeks and hasn't had a conversation with Earth in more than a month.

Heroic measures to get in touch with the aging lander, silent in the martian cold since Oct. 7, will continue into next week.

"By the end of the day next Tuesday, we will have exhausted all possibilities," Brian Muirhead, the project manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, said Wednesday.

Muirhead said the mission will then go into a contingency mode, where attempts will be made to contact the craft on a weekly or a monthly basis.

Even then, Muirhead will be reluctant to declare the patient dead.

"There's a small chance that it may

still be alive and we may hear from it again," Muirhead said.

Engineers last week suspected that temperatures might be too cold for Pathfinder's radio receiver to operate properly. As a result they sent a range of frequencies to the lander hoping the signal would get through and the Pathfinder transmitter could respond.

Since last weekend, controllers have continued to send radio commands telling the computer to reset itself, hoping that somehow they might jog it back into operation.

"We've just about run out of tricks," Muirhead said.

"Right now, we've got about four or five things left to try," said Richard Cook, the mission manager, who believes the problem probably lies within the lander's radio receiver. That was preceded by battery failure and a drop in temperatures.

Cut off from the lander, controllers say the state of the foot-high Sojourner rover also remains a mystery.

"I suspect it's probably just fine, but without the lander communication link it's kind of lost in space," Muirhead said. It could be circling the lander on autopilot.

If nothing changes by Tuesday, scientists and engineers will declare victory in the \$266 million mission that far outlasted its primary mission - a week for the rover and a month for the lander - and fired up the imagination of a blase American public.

Pathfinder, which bounced onto the red planet on July 4, managed to radio home fantastic images of the barren surface.

Pathfinder's radar experiments suggested the planet has a crust, a mantle and an iron core, much like Earth. The significance? A metal core would have been formed in the presence of heat, which is one of the three critical elements for life, along with water and organic chemicals.

Mission officials are trying to convince themselves that "we just have to be happy with what we have been able to achieve," said Cook. "I think we're going to have a wake ... to celebrate what we've done rather than mourn."

## South Korea's current account deficit down

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - South Korea's current account deficit in September narrowed to \$425.7 million, down from a \$1.51 billion shortfall a year ago, the central bank said Thursday.

The Bank of Korea attributed the improvement to brisk exports. In September, South Korea posted a trade surplus of \$405.6 million, swinging from a \$919.9 million deficit a year earlier.

Led by brisk shipments of semiconductors, chemical products, machinery and steel goods, exports rose 16 percent to \$11.54 billion. Imports rose by 1.2 percent to \$11.55 billion.

But the current account balance - which also includes services - remained in the red. For example, South Korean tourists abroad spent \$229.8 million more in September than foreign tourists did in South Korea.

## According to appeals ruling: UN tribunal can't subpoena states

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) - The Yugoslav war crimes tribunal has no right to subpoena governments or their officials, appeals judges ruled Wednesday in a blow to prosecutors trying to obtain crucial evidence.

The ruling upheld Croatia's appeal against a subpoena issued in January ordering it and its defense minister to hand over military records for use in the trial of Bosnian Croat Gen. Tihomir Blaskic.

Judges quashed that subpoena Wednesday and suggested prosecutors replace it with a milder "binding order" to hand over the documents.

Tribunal Chief Prosecutor Louise Arbour said the decision merely changed the style of the demand for evidence sought by the U.N. court, which is trying those accused of atrocities in Bosnia's war.

The five-judge appeals panel, the tribunal's highest judicial body, ruled that a subpoena carries an implicit threat of sanctions - something the tribunal has no legal right to impose.

By issuing a binding order, the court can report noncompliance to the U.N. Security Council, which does have the power to impose sanctions.

Croatia had argued that the tribunal "has no power to issue such orders under threat of sanction," said Croatia's ambassador to the Netherlands, Jaska Muljagic.

Still, he added that "Croatia cooperates and will cooperate with the tribunal in this case."

Iven Simonovic, Croatia's U.N.

## Canada names its new envoy to Mexico

OTTAWA (AP) - A career diplomat who most recently served in India was named Wednesday as Canada's new ambassador to Mexico, replacing a diplomat forced to quit after unflattering remarks about corruption in Mexico.

Stanley Gooch, 54, was appointed to replace Marc Perron, who lost the post earlier this month after giving an interview to a Mexican magazine in which he described Mexico as plagued by corruption and called its war on drugs a sham.

Mexico's foreign minister called his Canadian counterpart, Lloyd Axworthy, to protest the remarks.

Perron, under pressure, submitted his resignation but is expected to be reassigned to another foreign service post. Many commentators in Canada have said his controversial remarks, though undiplomatic, were accurate. Gooch has extensive experience in Latin America and the Caribbean. He served as the ambassador to Costa Rica - with further responsibilities for El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras and Panama - in the late 1980s and later became the assistant deputy minister for Latin America and the Caribbean branch of the Foreign Affairs Department.

ambassador, said the decision means that Croatia "symbolically defended its sovereignty."

Croatia has refused to hand over military records demanded in the subpoena, but officials have given prosecutors some other documents, Arbour said.

The appeals panel also said that countries could not plead national security interests as a reason for not handing over documents, a ruling that Arbour called critical.

The tribunal, set up by the U.N. Security Council in 1993, publicly has indicted 77 suspects and has 20 in custody. Its most-wanted suspects, former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and his wartime military strongman Gen. Ratko Mladic, remain free.



Residents cross the flooded streets on bicycles after heavy rains hit this northeastern coastal Spanish town of Salou Wednesday. AP

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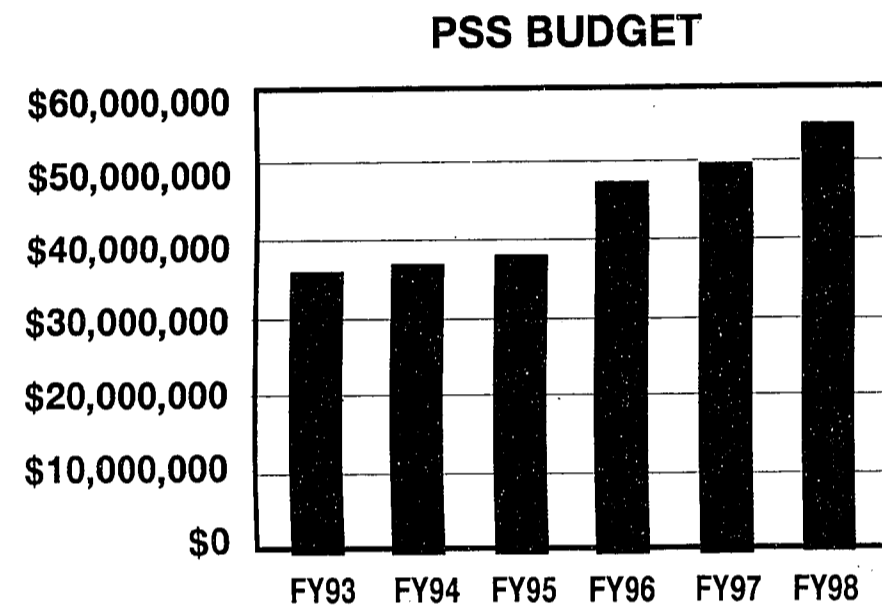
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# Polish Cabinet presented

By Andrzej Stylinski  
**WARSAW, Poland (AP)** — Poland's governing coalition presented its new Cabinet to the president on Wednesday, after a last-minute decision to drop a candidate accused of supporting Poland's communist regime during anti-Semitic purges.



Polish Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek, right, and President Aleksander Kwasniewski before a meeting in Warsaw Wednesday. During the meeting Buzek presented to Kwasniewski with a list of his Cabinet members. The new Polish government will be sworn in on Friday. AP

## Swiss unearth 14,000 more accounts

By Geir Moulson  
**GENEVA (AP)** — Swiss banks released a new list Wednesday of 14,000 accounts that have gone unclaimed since World War II, in a sweeping effort to return the assets of Holocaust victims.

For the latest list, 123 banks — including small savings institutions — searched their records for even the smallest accounts. Their findings total about \$12.4 million, bringing to \$54 million the amount found in unclaimed accounts in the past two years.

That is still far short of the hundreds of millions of dollars some Jewish groups assert is missing.

The Swiss Bankers Association, which oversaw the latest search, said it was now confident the vast majority of dormant assets from the period prior to 1945 have been identified.

However, it conceded the new list may not include all the people who deposited money in Swiss banks before they were killed by the Nazis. A list of 1,872 names published in July raised an outcry from the heirs of Holocaust victims whose relatives were not listed even though they were certain they held Swiss accounts.

The investigation was in response to intense international criticism over Switzerland's wartime record and especially that of its banks, which have been accused of hoarding the assets of Holocaust victims

and their heirs. There are no assurances that accounts on the latest lists belong to Holocaust victims. They simply give the names on accounts opened by non-Swiss before the end of World War II and which have shown no activity since May 9, 1945.

A separate list includes all Swiss-opened dormant accounts containing about \$70 or more, in case a Holocaust victim had asked someone in Switzerland to open an account for them — a common practice all the time.

The average log amount in the newly listed non-Swiss accounts is just under \$1,200. The Swiss-held accounts regarded as big enough to list average less, the bankers lid.

The Bankers Association said Wednesday it had taken pains to avoid a repetition of last July's inclusion of known Nazis. But if any names were missed, "in no case will criminal assets be paid the association said.

Rabbi Marvin Heir, founder of the Los Angeles-based said the Swiss banks removed "hundreds" of names of possible Nazi criminals before publishing the latest list. He said Christoph Meier, a bankers association spokesman, told him there were some exact matches with Nazi names.

However, Meier said he believed 99 percent of the withheld names would turn out to be innocent. The only reason there were so many, he said, is

because Swiss and German names are so similar. In contrast to the July list which was published in newspaper advertisements worldwide and on the Internet, only the 3,700 non-Swiss names will be made available on the Internet.

This time, however, it will not be possible to access the whole list, but only to search the site for specific names. The complete list can be obtained through the banks and contact centers.

Besides the non-Swiss names, a listing of almost 11,000 Swiss-held accounts can only be obtained from banks and contact centers.

A further 64,000 Swiss-held accounts containing less than \$69 each was also discovered, but those names have not been published because they are considered too insignificant — leading to criticism from some Jewish groups. The banks deliberately withheld 64,000 names," complained Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress. "An account with one cent, in terms of history, call be worth more than an account with 500 francs."

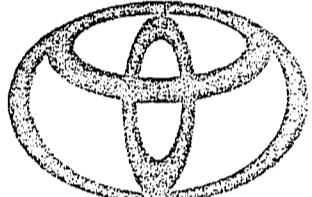
A name & search on non-Swiss accounts can be done at the Internet site [www.dormanlaccounts.ch](http://www.dormanlaccounts.ch). A copy of the complete list and information on the claims process can be obtained by calling 1-800-662-7708 in the United States and 1-800-6627708 in Canada.

She was replaced by Joanna Wnuk-Nazarowa, director of the Krakow Philharmonic. In another last-minute switch, the Freedom Union substituted Eugeniusz Morawski for Jacek Merkel as its candidate for transport minister. Solidarity leaders had objected to Merkel because he sat on the board of a private company linked to the reformed communists.

The two resignations helped overcome the deadlock that had delayed formation of the new government, controlled by Solidarity Electoral Action — which defeated the ruling party of ex-communists in September elections — and its coalition partners, the center-right Freedom Union.


A swearing-in ceremony is set for Friday, the constitutional deadline for forming a new government. The government will then have two weeks to win almost certain approval by Parliament, since the ruling coalition controls 261 votes in the 460-vote chamber.

"The government is ready to work," Solidarity Chairman Marian Krzaklewski said. The government will have two deputy prime ministers: Freedom Union chief Leszek Balcerowicz, the architect of Poland's market reforms who will also be finance minister, and Janusz Tomaszewski, Solidarity deputy chairman, who will also be in charge of the Interior Ministry. The Freedom Union will control six ministries, including finance, foreign affairs and defense, while Solidarity will have 11 and five ministers without portfolio.



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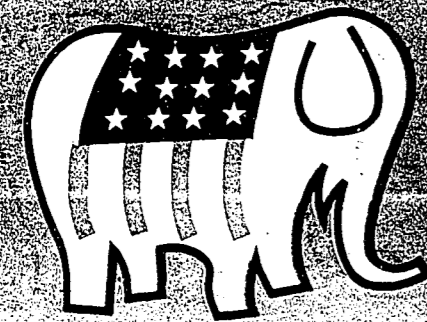


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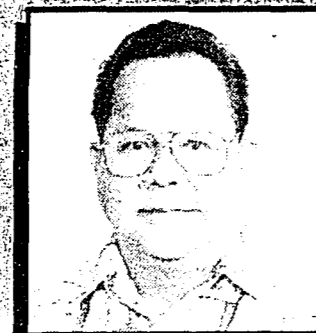


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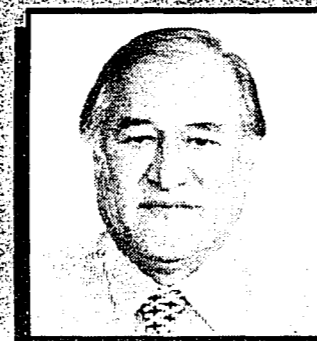


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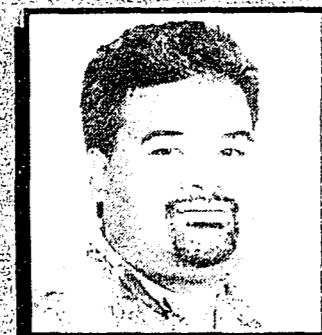
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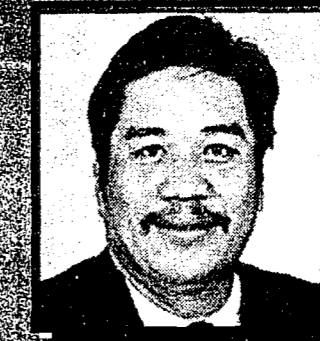
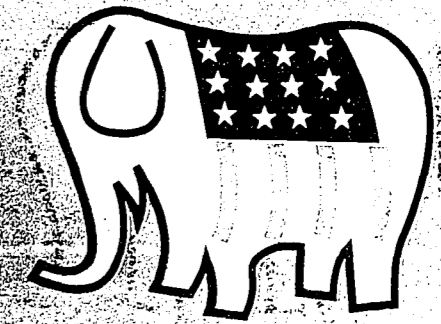
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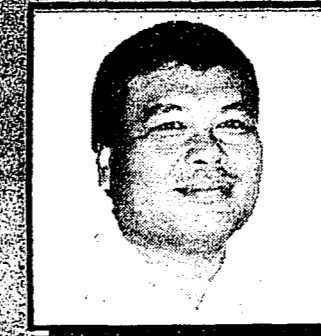
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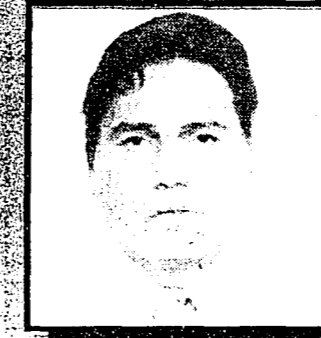
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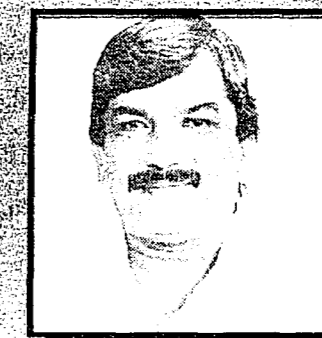
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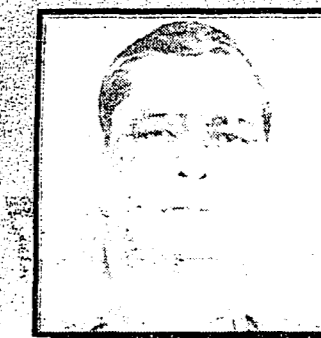
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# Thais: No IMF renegotiation

**BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)** - As the Thai currency slid toward the psychologically significant mark of 40 to the dollar, the government Thursday denied plans to renegotiate a \$ 17.2 billion international bailout plan.

The central bank was intervening in financial markets to stop the Thai baht's slide against the U.S. dollar, which was trading at an all-time high of 39.95 baht, up from 39.40 late Wednesday.

"There's no central bank that is not concerned about the currency level," said Kiattisak Meecharoen, an assistant governor at the Bank of Thailand.

Earlier, Deputy Finance Minister Maruay Phadungsit told reporters that there would be no revision of the program worked out with the International Monetary Fund in August to replace foreign reserves exhausted by a previous baht defense.

"We want to show them that we are sincere in solving our problems, so there will be no revision," Maruay said.

Alarm bells about Thailand's commitment to the IMF conditions began ringing Thursday after the Paris-based International Herald Tribune newspaper reported unnamed Thai officials as saying that the government would try to revise terms of the credit line.

Bangkok's benchmark SET In-

dex was 4.27 points down at 452.89 by midday, partly in response to concerns raised by the report.

Distrust of Prime Minister Chavalit Yongchaiyudh's resolve sharpened earlier this month after he imposed an unpopular oil tax to raise government revenue in line with IMF conditions, then repealed it three days later.

The policy backtrack is believed to have caused the resignation of Thanong Bidaya after four months in the finance minister's post. A week of demonstrations calling for Chavalit's resignation followed.

Chavalit has bought more time by calling early elections under a new constitution aimed at stamping out corruption many Thais feel have fueled the economic crisis. He has appointed a new caretaker Cabinet with Kosit Panpiemrat as finance minister.

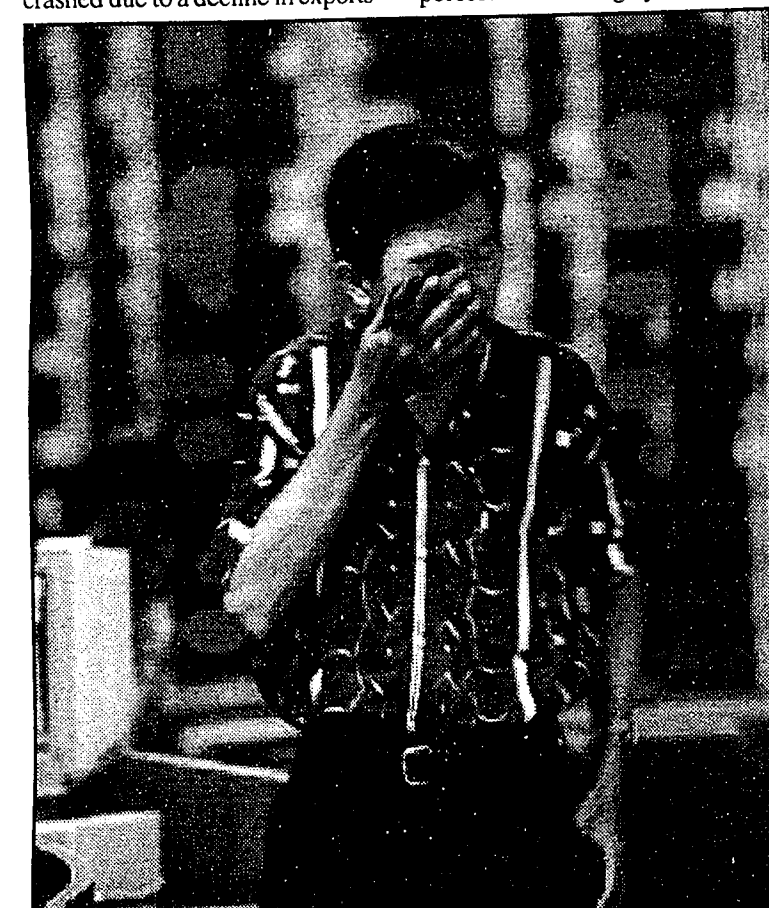
Factional disputes and rumors of defections in the six-party coalition are heating up with the anticipation of polls.

Maruay, a former president of the Stock Exchange of Thailand, told reporters a working group would be created to look for ways to support the stock market, which has fallen 46 percent since the beginning of the year.

The working group will be set up within a week, with the measures being announced in a month, Maruay said. However, he gave no

indication of what those measures might be.

Previous efforts to bolster the Bangkok bourse have failed as the once-booming economy has crashed due to a decline in exports



A Thai investor wipes his face while walking out a trading room at the Stock Exchange of Thailand in Bangkok Tuesday. Thailand's share prices have continued to drop, caused from the country's lagging economy and is even worsened by the single-day point drop on Wall Street overnight. AP

a mountain of bad debt, largely from real estate speculation, forcing the closure of half the country's financial institutions.

The weakening economy and perceived dithering by Chavalit's

government triggered speculative attacks earlier this year against the baht that forced a flotation in July. The baht has since lost 50 percent of its value against the U.S. dollar.

## Cambodia, South Korea to open full diplomatic ties

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)** - Cambodia and South Korea have agreed to elevate their trade missions to the full ambassadorial level effective Thursday, Foreign Ministry officials said.

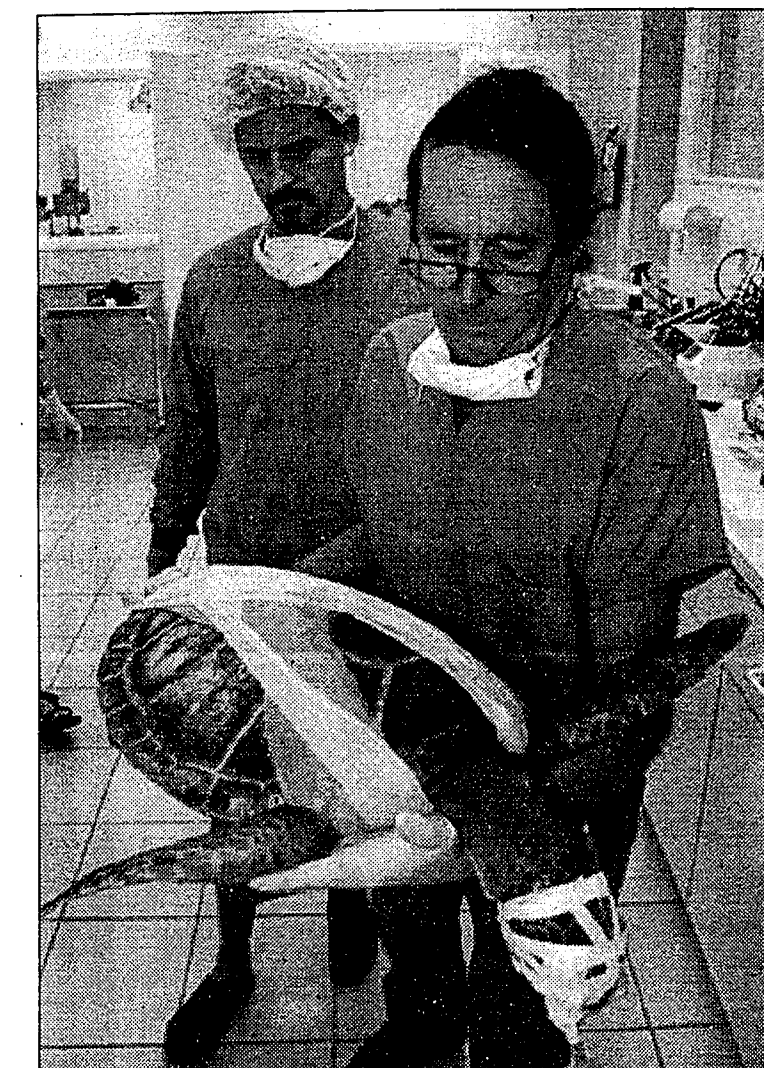
A formal accord to upgrade the relations will be signed in Phnom Penh later Thursday, ministry officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

South Korea hasn't had full diplomatic ties with Cambodia since the Khmer Rouge took power in 1975. For Cambodia, the restored relations could bring badly needed investments from South Korea.

South Korea has operated a trade mission in Phnom Penh since May 1996.

Cambodia's decision to restore relations was made without the objection of King Norodom Sihanouk, who has a residence in North Korea and enjoyed a close friendship with late North Korean leader Kim Il Sung, Cambodian officials said.

# Tumors threaten turtles



Richie Moretti of Marathon, Fla., right, and veterinarian Doug Mader of Big Pine Key, Fla., shown in this Oct. 3, 1997 file photo, carry Lumpy III to a post-operative recovery area, after removing numerous fibropapilloma tumors from the green sea turtle at the Turtle Hospital. The tumors were believed to be caused by a herpes-type virus, which threaten sea turtles worldwide. AP

**By DAVID ROYSE**  
**MARATHON, Florida (AP)** - A fishing boat captain spots a giant sea turtle in shallow water near a stand of mangroves just off the coast. He's seen turtles here before, only this time there's something horribly wrong.

The green turtle, as big as the roof of a compact car, is covered with a gruesome growth of gray, bulbous tissue. The mass - half the size of the turtle itself - is slowly starving the animal by covering the eyes it uses to find food.

The growths, noncancerous tumors called fibropapillomas, have turned up in alarming numbers on sea turtles all over the world, and researchers are scrambling to find a cure while there are still turtles left to save.

"The disease is taking the turtles

faster than Mother Nature can replace them," said Richie Moretti, who runs the Turtle Hospital in the Florida Keys. "It's definitely a race."

The tumors themselves don't kill as much as they smother. Eyes and noses get covered. Lungs and the heart are constricted by the tumors on the inside. The turtle found by the boat captain was not only blinded, but the mass also covered its rectum, preventing it from eliminating waste. Nicknamed Mini Pearl, after the fishing boat that saved it, the turtle underwent surgery at the hospital to remove the tumor and was recovering in a swimming pool. The giant, flaking mass was sent to a lab for study.

Researchers believe something is causing turtles' immune systems to

weaken. What that is, they don't know. But the prevalence of tumors in turtles found near shore areas suggests a possible link to runoff from fertilizer or farm waste.

Some turtle habitats have an infection rate as high as 90 percent.

"Runoff is definitely a possibility because you see turtles with papillomas mostly in heavily populated areas," said Glenn Harman, a marine biologist at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. "But really, we just don't know. I wish I did."

Scientists also have speculated that cyclical changes in water temperature may be decreasing the cold-blooded animals' ability to ward off viral intruders.

"There's some worldwide problem going on and how to tie it all together is not easy," said University

of Florida veterinarian Elliott Jacobson, who has done research on the tumors.

Jacobson doesn't know how many green sea turtles have been affected by the tumors, or how many of the endangered turtles remain.

Turtles with tumors have been seen from Brazil to the coast of Florida, from Hawaii to Australia, and in Indonesia. Green sea turtles aren't the only ones turning up with the tumors; they have also been seen on loggerheads and olive ridley turtles.

A study last year by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection found that 10 percent of live loggerhead turtles caught in Florida Bay, at the southern tip of the state, are affected.

For Moretti, who has worked the last 10 years to heal injured and sick

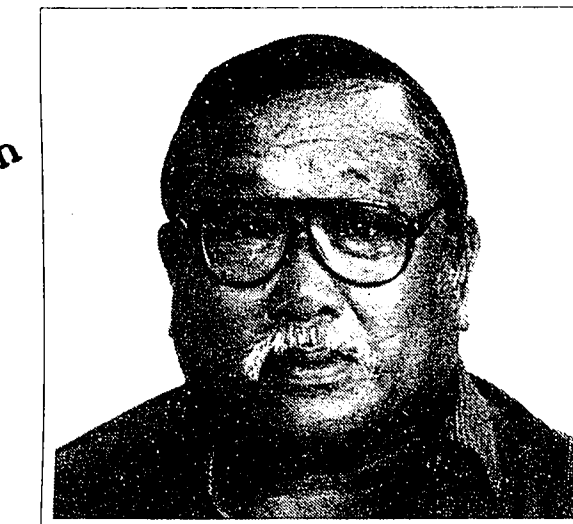
turtles, the tumor is the worst enemy yet.

"We're losing them to something we can't see," he said.

Mini Pearl is about 6 years old and 24 pounds (11 kilograms) with the tumor. The disease primarily afflicts young turtles, ages 5 to 10, and few turtles with the tumors survive, unless the growths are surgically removed.

At the Turtle Hospital, built on the site of a former strip joint, that is surgeon Doug Mader's specialty. These days, much of his time is spent removing the fibropapillomas, although the hospital also has repaired turtle hernias, removed fishing line from turtle digestive tracts, and plans to perform soon what is thought to be the first ever turtle cornea transplant.

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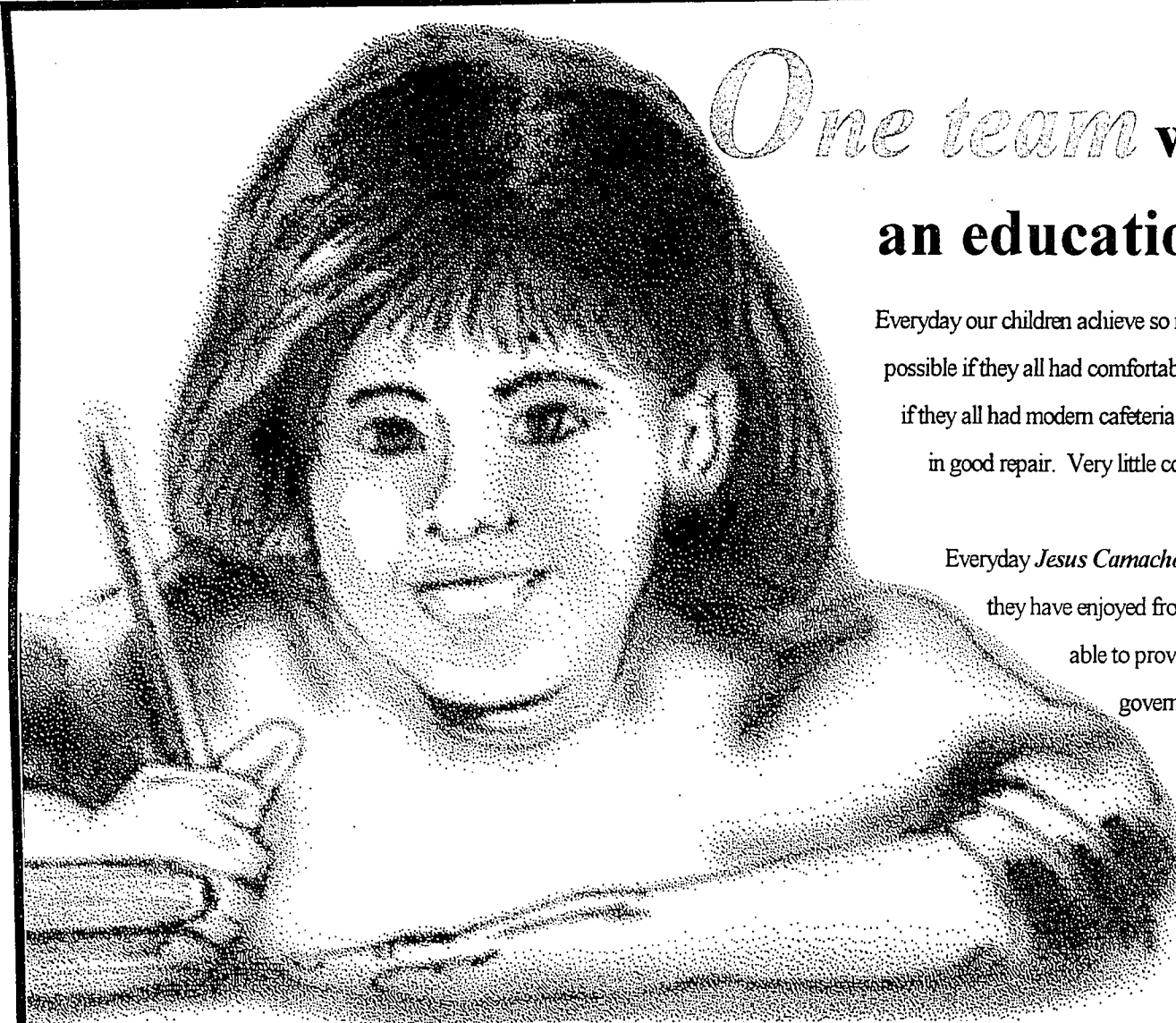
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I URGE ALL MY FORMER STUDENTS AND OTHERS TO VOTE.

NOVEMBER 1, 1997

**BIBA MARIANAS!**  
DR. JACK ANGELLO

*To my family, friends and associates—on Saturday, we will be called to vote in a crucial election. Every election is important but this one, more than any other, will decide the course of our future. The elected leaders must fight a federal takeover, initiate bold changes in education, maintain the current course of economic growth and diversify in new and exciting ways, all the while, maintaining our unique identity.*

*At the turn of this century we must make sure that we remain in control of our own destiny. I know of only one team that can ensure that we retain our own identity*  
—LANG & GERE.

*I urge all of you to vote for Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Mayor Jesus DLGuerrero, the only team that is capable of leading us through this complex time in our history.*



**VOTE FOR  
LANG & GERE!  
BIBA MARIANAS!**

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## TUNGO I MINAGAHET ...

Kao in repapara, gi malofan tres anos, i megai yan dangkulo na adelanto siha gi bandan CHALAN, i HANOM, yan ELECTRICIDAD (Kandit) ?

Duranten esti i kadada na tiempo, kana-ha' todo "CHALAN PRINSIPAT", kontodo ayo siha i halom i sengsong, esta man ma "atkitran", manafan-anoho yan man ma-matka. Megai lokue man peligro siha na lugat man ma-pegayi "TRAFFIC LIGHTS", ni ha-suheheta akcidenti yan hana-libiabiano i finalagon kareta. Esti siha na adelanto manafana-posible ginen i ayudo yan kooperacion gi entalo i Oficinan Mayor Jesus S. Deleon Guerrero "Gere" yan i Oficinan Govietno. I programan "Naan Chalan" ni ha-establesi si Mayor Gurrero esta-ha' para ufon-hayan. Todo i man principat siha na chalan gi halom i sengsong ufan ma-pegayi "naan" yan tabbleru ... man nana-e' direccion yan hana-gagatbo i sengsong-ta siha.

I setbision "KANDIT" esta mas angogkuyong. Ayo-ha' nai guaguaha temporario na problema yangin pagyo, mat-tiempo osea presisu na uma-aregla i makina. Ta-nana-e' agradesimiento i Board of Directors yan i empleao CUC pot i animu yan man mauleg siha na checho niniha.

I "HANOM" lokue mas esta diario yan guaguaha gi todo guma yan bisnis. Ma'fato i setbicion hanom gi todo patti gi isla anai ma-establesi para residenti. Manafan nuebu i "pipe" hanom, ma-umenta metgot na bomban hanom yan man ma-kahat siha mas tupu yan tanken hanom. Ginen todo esti, ma-extiendi i oran setbicio, ya i kualidad hanom mas mauleg. Ta-rekognisa talo i sakrificio yan fina-chocho i CUC Board of Directors yan i empleao siha.



Bai in prometi hamyo mas megai man presisu, asentadu yan probechosu siha na setbicio yan programa para minauleg yan ginefsagan i tautau Marianas bai na posible gi otro na tietminon mami. In respeta yan sen agradesi botun miyo gi 1 Noviembre 1997. Un dangkulo na Si Yuus Maasi.

*"Nai Animu Tautau Marianas!"*

Tatitye i Minagahet, Supotta si Lang yan si Gere.

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# Iraq tension ups oil prices

By CLIFF EDWARDS  
**CHICAGO (AP)** - Crude oil futures prices rose sharply Wednesday after Iraq barred Americans from a team overseeing dismantling of its weapons of mass destruction, a move that could lead to a complete ban on Iraqi oil exports. Heating oil and unleaded gasoline also jumped.

On other markets, copper futures prices rose as rebounding world stock prices prompted optimism. Asian economies could bounce back quickly, boosting demand for the metal in the construction industry. Corn and soybean futures retreated on fears that demand is slowing.

Crude inventories already are ample. U.S. crude supplies rose 5.25 million barrels last week to 306.26 million barrels, according to the American Petroleum Institute, an industry group. The increase was double market expectations.

Crude for December delivery on the New York Mercantile Exchange rose 25 cents to \$20.71 a barrel, after rising as high as \$20.95. November heating oil rose .67 cent to \$7.19 cents a gallon; November unleaded gasoline rose 1.21 cents to 60.09 cents a gallon. Natural gas retreated a second day to profit-taking, with the November contract falling 21.7 cents to \$3.405 for each 1,000 cubic feet.

Copper futures prices followed world stock market prices higher on the New York Mercantile Exchange, amid easing concerns about a weak world economy that could reduce

to that embargo to pay for food and medicine. The oil amounts to 1 million barrels a day, or 1.6 percent of global output. U.N. arms chief Richard Butler responded to Iraq's decision Wednesday by suspending weapons inspections in Iraq, and the U.N. Security Council was meeting to consider a response.

Some investors were betting the United Nations would cut the flow of oil from Iraq. But prices retreated from the day's highs on the expectation that even if exports are stopped other countries will step in to take up the shortfall, said analyst Gerald E. Samuels at ARB Oil Inc.

The action came in response to a U.N. resolution, passed late last week with urging from the Clinton administration, that threatened to impose travel restrictions on Iraqi officials if they do not cooperate with U.N. inspections teams.

Iraq must eliminate its weapons of mass destruction before the council will lift the oil embargo it imposed after that country's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

Iraq currently is allowed to export slightly more than \$2 billion in oil every six months under an exception

demand for the metal in everything from cars to electronics and plumbing.

Metals analyst William O'Neill warned, however, that the optimism may be short-lived since the underlying financial crisis in Southeast Asia is likely to cause an economic downturn in that region for at least six months. December copper rose .55 cent to 91.05 cents a pound.

Corn and soybean futures prices retreated on the Chicago Board of Trade amid concerns the fundamental supply picture for U.S. crops has changed for the worse.

The Asian currency crisis could make U.S. imports more expensive and lead to a supply glut as farmers harvest a record soybean crop and the third-largest corn crop on record.

China continues to make corn

sales to South Korea, defying reports last month that it had halted exports. China, the largest exporter of corn behind the United States, has harvested a bumper crop. Its continued sales to its Asian neighbors are hurting U.S. export prospects.

December corn fell 3 cents to 68.89 cents a bushel; November soybeans fell 2 3/4 cents to 68.89 a bushel.



Starving villagers eat food distributed by local aid workers in the drought hit village of Sela in Jayawijaya, Irian Jaya, the western half of New Guinea, east of Jakarta Wednesday. Government officials said that 507 people have died in Irian Jaya due to drought-related sicknesses and relief efforts have not been able to reach the area due to the haze caused by burning wildfires. AP

**The Honorable Herman M. Manglona**  
**Mayor of Tinian**  
 P.O. Box 59  
 Tinian, MP 96952

Dear Mr. Mayor:

On September 17, 1996, a loan for \$77,240.00 was approved by the Bank for Tinian Municipal Treasurer for the following purposes:

- To cover the employee's payroll of the Tinian Municipal Treasurer.
- To cover the overdraft extended to the Tinian Municipal Treasurer for payroll No. 18

The note was signed by Herman M. Manglona, Bernadita Palacios and Jeanette H. Borja. This loan was paid-off on April 17, 1997. The Loan was not a personal loan of the Mayor (Herman M. Manglona) base on the Bank's records.

If we can be of further assistance, please do let us know.

Sincerely,

/s/Thomas B. Aldan  
 Chief Executive Officer

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

This is in response to the "Questions to the Voters of Tinian" which appeared in the Tuesday, October 28, 1997 issue of the Marianas Variety. We, the undersigned, were employees of Senator Herman M. Manglona and stand ready to testify that the following information is true and correct.

We hereby attest that during our term of employment with Senator Herman M. Manglona during the Fifth and Sixth Commonwealth Legislatures, we received our salaries in full and on time and were all paid to the last penny. We were not paid inflated salaries so that Senator Manglona could receive a percentage of our pay.

We are stating this for the record so that the public can learn the truth. We felt that it was our duty to write this to set the record straight as the Tinian Independent Party is presenting a very distorted version of the facts.

Your courtesy in publishing this will be very highly appreciated.

Sincerely,

/s/Alvin U. Hofschneider • /s/Baltazar H. Borja • /s/Augustin B. Evangelista • /s/Ellis F. Barcinas • /s/Bernadita C. Palacios • /s/William B. Nabors

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## BORJA-SABLAN ANNOUNCES MAJOR POLICY POSITION WITH REGARD TO GARMENT INDUSTRY

### BORJA/SABLAN WILL RAISE GARMENT TAXES TO HELP PSS & NMC

**INDEPENDENT GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES JESUS CAMACHO BORJA AND BENIGNO MAGOFNA SABLAN UNVEILED THEIR PLANS TO ENSURE THAT THE GARMENT INDUSTRY PAYS ITS FAIR SHARE IN TAXES. ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS COLLECTED OVER THE CURRENT RATE WILL BE DEDICATED TO PAY FOR PSS AND NMC CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. ACCORDING TO LT. GOVERNOR BORJA "THE GARMENT INDUSTRY HAS BEEN TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE CNMI FOR FAR TOO LONG WITHOUT PAYING ITS FAIR SHARE. THE TIME HAS COME FOR THEM TO PAY FOR THEIR IMPACTS TO THE CNMI." THE GARMENT INDUSTRY CURRENTLY PAYS ONLY APPROXIMATELY 3% IN A USER FEE THAT IS BASED ON THEIR REVENUES. THEY DO NOT PAY A GROSS RECEIPTS TAX AND ARE CURRENTLY NOT PAYING THEIR FAIR SHARE. BECAUSE OF THE GARMENT INDUSTRY, THE CNMI HAS HAD TO SPEND PUBLIC MONEY TO UPGRADE BOTH SEWER TREATMENT PLANTS COSTING US OVER \$25,000,000. THE DUMP HAS REACHED CRISIS CONDITIONS BECAUSE OF THE EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF GARMENT TRASH DUMPED INTO IT. IN ADDITION, THE GARMENT INDUSTRY HAS CONTRIBUTED TO OUR CURRENT CRISIS WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.**

**THE BORJA-SABLAN ADMINISTRATION WILL IMMEDIATELY ASSESS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO MAKE THE GARMENT INDUSTRY PAY ITS FAIR SHARE. WE WILL EITHER INCREASE ITS USER FEE OR APPLY AN APPROPRIATE GROSS REVENUE TAX. THE BORJA-SABLAN TEAM WILL WORK WITH THE LEGISLATURE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE INCREASED TAX REVENUE OR USER FEE REVENUE GOES DIRECTLY TO PSS AND NMC.**

**THE GARMENT INDUSTRY WAS INITIATED UNDER THE TENO ADMINISTRATION IN THE 1980's. RECENTLY, FORMER GOVERNOR PEDRO P. TENORIO STATED ON THE JON ANDERSON SHOW THAT THERE WERE ONLY FOUR GARMENT FACTORIES IN OPERATION WHEN HE LEFT OFFICE. IN FACT, THERE WERE 23 GARMENT FACTORIES IN OPERATION AT THAT TIME. COINCIDENTALLY, HIS RUNNING MATE, JESUS R. SABLAN (PEPERO), WAS DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND LABOR AT THAT TIME. OUR PROBLEMS WITH THE GARMENT INDUSTRY STARTED BECAUSE OF THE OPEN DOOR POLICY OF THE TENO ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNOR FROILAN TENORIO'S CONTINUAL PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT OF THE INDUSTRY.**

**ON NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**

**LET'S PUT AN END TO THE POLITICS OF THE PAST.**

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# Scientists target animal microbes before leaving

By TARA MEYER  
**GRIFFIN, Georgia (AP)** - Faced with outbreaks of salmonella and E. coli, scientists are developing a better way to protect food: killing deadly bacteria in the bowels of chickens and cattle before the animals even leave the farm.

"We've concentrated on the end product of food so long when we should be looking at how to stop it from being contaminated in the first place," said Lester M. Crawford, director of the Center for Food and Nutritional Quality at Georgetown University in Washington.

Salmonella, campylobacter and toxic forms of E. coli all get their start in animals' intestines. They can spill out in the slaughterhouse and make their way into food.

Currently, chickens are sprayed with chlorine and quick-chilled to retard bacteria. Inspectors touch, sniff and sometimes test animal carcasses for contamination. Another method, in which bacteria are killed with zaps of radiation, has proved too controversial for widespread use in this country.

In a lab, food scientist Michael Doyle looked inside a cow's stomach for a way to kill E. coli O157:H7, the mutant microbe blamed in the recall of 25 million pounds (11 million kilos) of ground beef over the summer.

Doyle found that several types of bacteria inside the cow make their own repellent against E. coli O157. So he took those bacteria from cattle droppings and tissue, grew them in the lab and fed them to calves in their milk. The bacteria not only wiped out E. coli O157 in one group of calves within three weeks, they also kept it

from invading a second group, said Doyle, who runs the University of Georgia Center for Food Safety and Quality Enhancement.

Doyle hopes his work will lead to a product that could be fed to cows to clean them out before they are sent to slaughter. He is hoping to get his product to market within three years, at a cost of about \$1 per animal.

"This type of technology is exactly what we need if we are going to keep the bacteria out of the food supply," said Caroline Smith Dewaal, director of food safety for the Center for Science in the Public Interest, an independent consumer advocacy group. "We need to have farmers address the bacteria before the cattle go to slaughter."

Several researchers are working on a similar concept in chickens. A new oral vaccine aimed at cutting down salmonella infections from

eggs and poultry could be available for farmers by early next year.

Developed by biologist Roy Curtiss III of Washington University in St. Louis, the vaccine is a weakened form of salmonella that allows the bird's defenses to fight off infections.

Scientists at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Research Service in College Station, Texas, have also patented a mixture of bacteria from a chicken's gut that wards off salmonella in chicks.

The mixture is now being sold overseas. The approach is awaiting approval in the United States from the Food and Drug Administration.

In Canada, Andy Potter and his colleagues at the nonprofit Veterinary Infectious Disease Organization are also working on an E. coli vaccine for chickens. They hope eventually to develop a supervaccine that can also fight salmonella and campylobacter.



A nurse works with sperm samples submitted by banana plantation workers at a clinic in Davao, southern Philippines as others await for their turn. Workers who can prove sterility will get part of a settlement from a lawsuit over the use of the pesticide DBCP. AP

## M Science briefs W

### Gene linked to skin cancer

**NEW YORK (AP)** - Scientists say they've identified a gene that appears to cause the most common form of skin cancer when it turns on in vulnerable skin cells.

The gene, called Gli1, was already known to scientists, but the new work suggests a link to basal cell carcinoma. At least 750,000 Americans a year get this form of skin cancer. It is highly curable if treated early, and deaths are rare.

The new finding might mean that tests for G11 activity could

allow early diagnosis of basal cell cancer, while drugs that interfere with its functioning might treat the disease, researchers from New York University said.

In the Oct. 23 issue of the journal Nature, they report evidence that Gli1 had been active in nearly every sample of basal cell tumor they analyzed. They also found that when frog embryos were made to turn on their Gli1 gene, they developed tumors in otherwise normal tadpole skin.

### Evidence of bacteria in Mars

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** NASA scientist David McKay says there is additional evidence to support his claim last year that a meteorite contained signs of ancient life on Mars.

McKay said Oct. 20 that film-like material in the meteorite resembles slime secreted onto underground rocks by microbes on Earth.

"We don't have a smoking gun yet, but we're increasing the probability" that Mars once harbored primitive life, the Johnson Space Center geologist during the Geo-

logical Society of America's annual meeting.

"I'm still not convinced," said paleontologist Jack Farmer of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Ames Research Center in Mountain View, California.

Geoscientists who debated the issue at the meeting agreed that the question of whether life once existed on Mars is unlikely to be answered until a NASA spacecraft lands on the planet in 2005, scoops up soil and brings it back to Earth for analysis.

### Survivor of rare sickness still feels effects of multiple strokes

**ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico (AP)** - Susan McKinney was grocery shopping when the headache overpowered her. The pain was so bad she couldn't drive home, and her 13-year-old had to take the wheel.

In the following days, the Alamogordo woman suffered several strokes, paralysis and partial blindness and lapsed into a coma while doctors initially wrote off the attack as migraine.

Now, a year and a half after being stricken by a rare and deadly illness called central nervous system (CNS) vasculitis, she still cannot walk unassisted.

For reasons that may never be known, Mrs. McKinney's own immune system launched the full-scale attack against her in April 1996.

"It's unknown and yet unclear what the immune system is seeing to make it react against its own blood vessels," says her doctor, Dean Roller, a neurology resident at University Hospital.

It took a combination of dangerous and powerful drugs to suppress her immune system and halt the attack.

Vasculitis is defined as inflammation of the blood vessels, but the damage is much more widespread and can be long-lasting.

Dr. Patricia Moore of Wayne State University in Detroit, who has treated more than 60 vasculitis victims, estimates there may be only 200 cases in the United States.

In the past, it had been fatal 85 percent of the time, says Roller. Now, if it's treated, it's no longer fatal, Moore says.

However, she adds: "Not everyone goes back to a normal life."

That's true, so far, of Mrs. McKinney, 47.

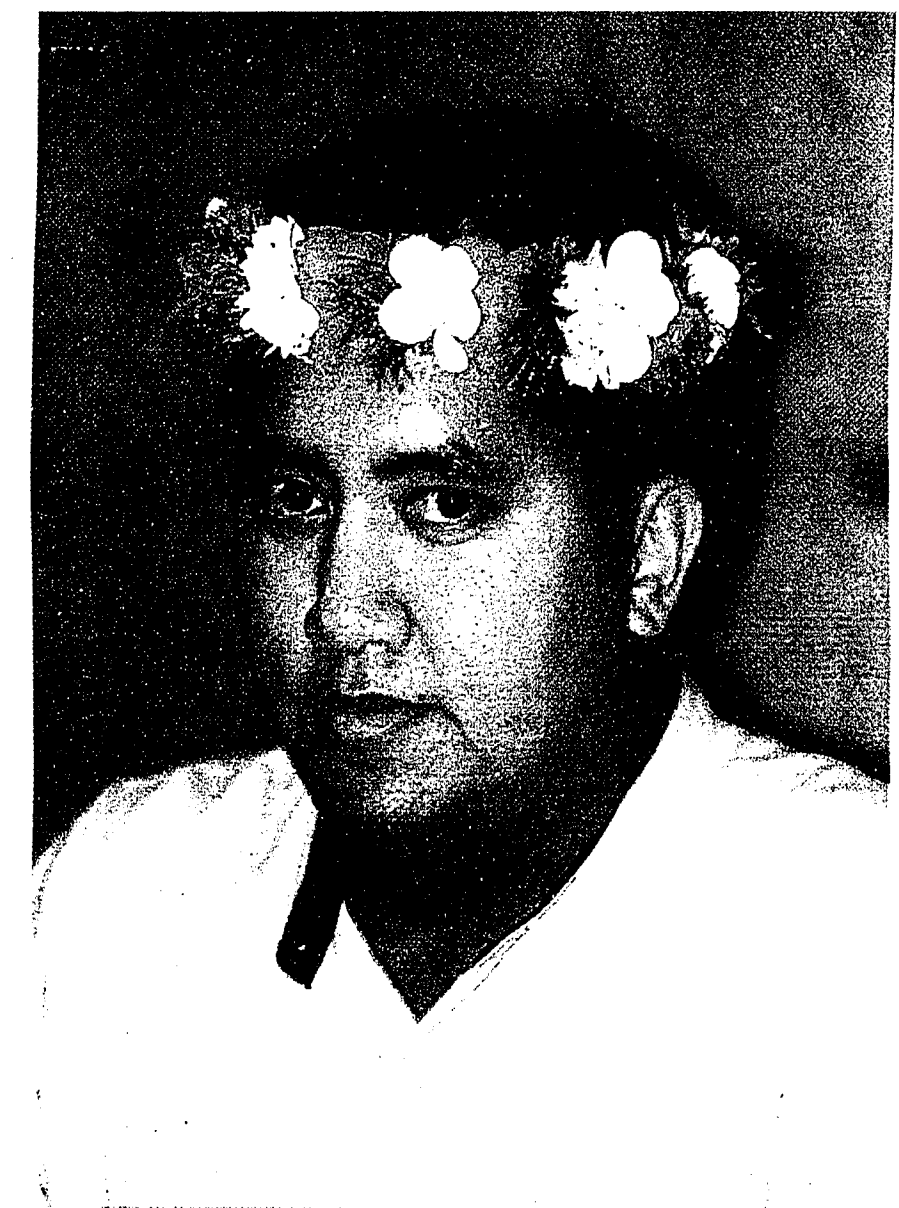
"I can't walk. My right leg is pretty much paralyzed," she said.

"I lost over half my vision," she added, although she said she hopes it will return after the drug therapy stops.

Mrs. McKinney says her memory is also impaired, as is her perception of heat. Still, she says, her memory, eyesight and ability to move all have improved. She undergoes physical therapy twice a week.

*To my supporters, my family and I extend our thanks and appreciation for your enormous effort on our behalf. We know that many of you have dedicated many of months of hard work and it has not gone unnoticed. We thank our logistical support staff, the administrative staff, family members, friends and colleagues who have gone house to house—we thank our street-side wavers and—*

*we thank our food preparers and all the other countless people that have made this whole process a memorable one for us. Most of all, we want to thank you, the voters, for your support throughout this campaign season.*



# Christopher Tenorio

## Biba Democrats!

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## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Attorney Brian W. McMahon, Receiver  
 Goodwill Insurance Company, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 1267, Saipan, MP 96950

Date: October 30, 1997  
 To: All Bondholders, Claimants and Creditors of Goodwill Insurance Company, Inc.  
 From: Attorney Brian W. McMahon  
 Receiver for Goodwill Insurance Company, Inc.  
 Subject: Cancellation of All Existing Bonds of GIC and Claim Filing Deadline

On October 27, 1997, a Supplemental Order of Liquidation was issued by the Superior Court. This order terminates all existing bonds issued by GIC on November 11, 1997, fifteen (15) days from the date of this order. Further, all Claimants and Creditors of GIC are hereby notified that any and all claims you may have against GIC must be filed with the Receiver's office on or before December 30, 1997. Claims not submitted by that date will not be honored. Claims must be submitted to the above address.

ATTENTION EMPLOYERS: GIC's assets are severely impaired and it is unlikely the company will be able to pay more than a very small percentage on any submitted claim. Employers who obtained labor bonds from GIC in order to maintain compliance with CNMI Labor and Immigration laws should replace those bonds immediately. Please obtain alternative coverage from approved carriers. Contact the Department of Labor and Immigration for further details.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at telephone number 234-9314/5.

Happy Birthday  
**MELVIN VILLARIN**  
 From the Production & Art Department  
 of Marianas Variety

# Star Wars myth, reality in exhibit

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID  
WASHINGTON (AP) - It seems like "a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away" that moviemaker George Lucas brought the Earth's timeless myths of hero and villain, good and evil into their most modern setting as "Star Wars."

Now, 20 years later, the National Air and Space Museum in Washington D.C. brings back together Luke Skywalker and Princess Leia, Darth Vader and the Emperor, R2-D2 and C-3PO, in a new, yearlong exhibit. "Imagination is what makes reality happen," said Mary Henderson, author of the companion book for the exhibit.

Star Wars focuses on characters set long ago and far away, "but whose lives are as near as the next heartbeat."

"Star Wars: The Magic of Myth," includes original props, models, costumes, characters and artwork from the three-film trilogy that took Luke Skywalker

through the classical hero's journey from callow youth with a call to adventure until he reaches maturity and leadership - a trip Lucas designed to parallel Joseph Campbell's book "The Hero with a Thousand Faces."

The exhibit opens Friday tickets are free on a same-day basis. The movie's goal was to open young people's minds to space, Lucas said, and the exhibit can show them the many worlds of moviemaking also.

Like many heroes of old, young Skywalker is living on a farm yearning for adventure when heralds come to him with a mission - in this case androids R2-D2 and C-3PO with word that Princess Leia is a prisoner of the Evil Empire.

Obi-Wan Kenobi takes on the role of Merlin, advising to the young hero, training him and presenting him with his father's sword, much as Siegfried reformed his father's sword or King Arthur drew the

magic sword from the stone. The exhibit details both the mythical connections and the extraordinary sources of inspiration ranging from the American West to Japanese Samurai, Flash Gordon and Buck Rogers to German military uniforms and the feminine hero.

Even Vader's 7-foot (2-meter) bulk appears, a uniform that first combined a German military helmet and Medieval plague mask and later evolved to resemble the mempo mask and Kabuto helmet from the Japanese feudal period. And Lucas disclosed Wednesday that the next chapter in the saga has been filmed and could be released within 18 months.

The new movie - he declined to give the title - is set 20 years before the Star Wars trilogy and forms Chapter 1 in a new three-part saga leading up to the original Star Wars.

Perhaps after 30 or 40 years, Lucas commented, he will complete all nine chapters he has conceived to this modern myth.

## People and places

### Bob Hope honorary vet

WASHINGTON (AP) - Bob Hope was named an honorary U.S. veteran Wednesday for his half-century of entertaining his country's troops around the world.

Hope, 94 and in frail health, rose to thank the crowd of lawmakers and other officials, many of whom watched his shows as servicemen during wartime.

"I've traveled all over the world, and I've never met a better audience than this," Hope said.

Hope, the first American to be so honored by Congress, began his military shows in 1941. He visited the European and Pacific war zones in World War II, was there for the Berlin airlift and entertained the troops in the Korean, Vietnam and Persian Gulf wars.

### Woman didn't know she's pregnant

OSLO, Norway (AP) - A Norwegian woman had an exceptionally easy pregnancy - maybe too easy. She didn't even know she was with child until it was time to give birth.

"He is a little big to have hidden himself so well," Betty Olaussen was quoted by the Norlands Framtid newspaper as saying about the 3.2-kilogram (seven-pound) boy who was born Monday.

### Fayed suit dismissed

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A screenwriter's lawsuit against the estate of Dodi Fayed was dismissed after the plaintiff failed to show up at a court hearing.

Peter Slate had sued Fayed, claiming he reneged on a deal to pay him \$100,000 for a movie script.

Judge Lawrence Crispo dismissed the lawsuit Tuesday because neither Slate nor his lawyer, Farhad Novian, appeared in court.

### Flynt denies sexual abuse rap

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - Larry Flynt's daughter has talked with police about her allegations that the Hustler magazine publisher sexually abused her for years.

Tonya Flynt-Vega, who crusades against pornography, said she repressed memories of the alleged abuse until she saw "The People vs. Larry Flynt," a 1996 movie about his 1977 prosecution on an obscenity charge.

She met Tuesday with police detectives about her claims that he sexually abused her from the time she was 9 until she was 18.

"I'm going to do what I should have done as a kid," Ms. Flynt-Vega told reporters.

Her father denied the allegations. "I have three other lovely, grown daughters that I have a great relationship with," Flynt said. "Any psychiatrist will tell you that if abuse is going on in a family, it's not just one child that's affected."

### Legend of 'headless horseman'

SLEEPY HOLLOW, New York (AP) - For the first time since the early and influential U.S. writer published "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," there really is a Sleepy Hollow for the headless horseman to haunt.

Last December North Tarrytown, harking back to legend and looking forward to tourist dollars, opted to change its name to Sleepy Hollow.

This was always Sleepy Hollow country. Washington Irving's 1819 tale about schoolmaster Ichabod Crane's nightmarish trip refers to the Old Dutch Church, the bridge over the Pocantico River, and the brook where the British spy John Andre was captured - all of which are in this village about 20 miles (30 kilometers) north of New York. Children screamed when the Headless Horseman suddenly pulled up at a Halloween celebration near pasture fence and gave everyone a good look at the empty space above his collar.

"Where's your head?" shouted a brave 8-year-old boy, who became much less cocky when the Horseman reached for the kid's own noggin.

Sal Tarantino played the role in a cape with a stiff collar that sat on his head.



Bob Hope, left, takes part in a ceremony on Capitol Hill Wednesday where he was honored as an honorary veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces. Joining Hope, from second from left are: Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C.; Hope's wife, Dolores; and House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia. Hope was recognized for his efforts in entertaining U.S. Troops around the world for a half-century. AP

## Diana home to be opened to public



her death in a Paris car crash, her family said Wednesday.

The number of people allowed will be limited to preserve the beauty and dignity of Diana's final resting place, the family said.

The Spencers have not decided whether to charge a fee but said any money collected would go to charity.

Visitors will not actually be allowed onto the island where the princess is buried, but it can seen from the house 100 yards away.

The family plans to open a museum, with family photographs, home movies and other memorabilia alongside a selection of tributes and condolence books.

Before Diana's death, the house was open to the public in July and August and attracted about 10,000 visitors each year.

## Former US envoy dies

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) - William Herbert Crook, former director of the VISTA national service program and a former U.S. ambassador to Australia, died. He was 72.

Crook died Wednesday at his home after a lengthy illness. His wife, Eleanor Butt Crook, said he had undergone bypass surgery and suffered a number of medical complications over a long period of time.

"He never touched a responsibility that didn't become a devotion," said television journalist Bill Moyers.

A minister and educator, Crook was chosen by President Johnson in 1965 to open an Austin branch of the Office of Economic Opportunity to oversee national service programs in five states.

## EVEN GOVERNOR FROILAN CRUZ TENORIO SAID JESSE BORJA WOULD BE A "BETTER GOVERNOR"

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# Borja for governor

## Tenorio opts against reelection in '97



Froilan C. Tenorio

By Rafael H. Arroyo  
Variety News Staff  
GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio will not be seeking reelection when his term of office ends two years from now.

Instead, he will be rooting for Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja as Democratic gubernatorial candidate in the 1997 general elections.

Tenorio made the announcement during yesterday's ribbon-cutting and groundbreaking ceremonies for the reconstruction and

traffic lights installation projects for Chalan Msgr. Guerrero in San Vicente.

"I am not seeking reelection for personal reasons. I have been thinking about this for a long time. But from the very beginning, I have never said that I was going to seek a second term," Tenorio told reporters who covered the event yesterday.

When asked whether he will run in lieu of Tenorio in 1997, Borja gave a non-committal response, indicating he still has to weigh his options.

"I have to discuss it with my family. I still have to consult them. In 1993, the governor was planning on running so things have changed a little bit," said Borja.

Asked on who he wants as runningmate in case he decides,

Borja said he hasn't given it any thought at all as he has not made up his mind whether to run or not.

Tenorio's announcement yesterday stunned the audience, including members of the local media who were mostly expecting him to make a reelection bid in 1997.

Moreover, there were those who felt the announcement was made much too early.

The governor is only half-way through his four-year term and has a full two years left in office.

Pressed to explain his decision, Tenorio declined giving specifics and insisted his reasons are personal.

"When I ran the last time, I didn't plan that far ahead. I really wanted just one term but thought that I could later make a decision



Jesus C. Borja

on whether I would seek another term. Now, I have decided - I am not seeking another term."

**Borja...**  
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"Yes, I am supporting him and I am hoping he would run. Right now, I think he is the most likely Democratic candidate for governor and I will lobby for him," said Tenorio.

Quote from Marianas variety, December 13, 1995.

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# Black eye for corporate Japan



Mitsubishi Motors President Takemune Kimura bows deeply before journalists gathering at the second news conference in Tokyo, following a police raid on its headquarters last week after arresting three other executives. The arrest, on charges of making illegal payments to suspected racketeers, is the eighth such case against a major Japanese company so far this year. At right is Managing Director Fumikazu Yokokawa. AP

step down within the year to take responsibility following the arrest of four company officials this week on charges of making payments to sokaiya, Kimura said at a press conference Thursday.

Meanwhile, top computer and home electronics manufacturer Toshiba has made cash payments to the same sokaiya-linked resort operator totaling several hundreds of thousands of yen since at least as far back as 1987, a spokesman for the company said. He spoke on customary condition of anonymity.

While the spokesman said the purpose of the funding has not been determined yet, Japanese press reports say investigators are trying to establish a link between the money and Toshiba's efforts to appease sokaiya.

Sokaiya are gangsters who threaten to disrupt shareholders meetings by disclosing embarrassing information about board members or their business decisions. Their close links to the Japanese mob lead some executives to fear physical violence as well.

Once commonplace, payments to sokaiya were banned under Japan's Commercial Code in 1982. But severing corporations' murky relationships with the sokaiya has proved difficult.

All of Japan's "Big Four" brokers have been implicated in the scandal by Tokyo prosecutors, who have arrested a total of 19 current or retired officials at these brokerages. Prosecutors arrested three former Nikko Securities Co. executives Thursday, includ-

ing a vice president, for ushering along payments to a racketeer through illegal transactions, according to Japan's national broadcaster NHK.

In addition to Nomura Securities Co. and three other major brokerage houses, companies with senior officials who have been charged so far this year with making payments to sokaiya include food additive maker Ajinomoto Co., Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank Ltd., and department store operator Matsuzakaya Co.

Other companies which have been fingered by Japanese press reports for possibly paying off sokaiya with money channeled through the resort operator include eight members of the Hitachi Ltd. group, Asahi Bank Ltd. and Dai Nippon Printing Co., Japan's largest printing company.

Japan's Cabinet earlier this month forwarded to parliament a proposal to increase penalties against corporate racketeers and company executives who bow to threats by making payments to extortionists.

A Mitsubishi Motors spokesman said the company isn't sure what impact, if any, the resignations of its top two executives will have on its business. But the loss comes at a difficult time for the company, which is attempting to restructure its troubled U.S. manufacturing and sales operations.

Mitsubishi Motors said in May that its group net profit dropped 9 percent to 11.60 billion yen for the year ended March 31.

By CHESTER DAWSON  
TOKYO (AP) - Corporate Japan suffered another black eye Thursday as Mitsubishi Motors Corp.'s top two executives resigned after the disclosure last week of suspected payoffs to corporate racketeers.

Alto Thursday Toshiba Corp. admitted making regular payments to a racketeer-linked company for the past decade.

The two companies, key members of Japan's business elite, are the latest firms to be ensnared in a rapidly widening scandal involving hush money funneled to extortionists known as "sokaiya."

Until recently, the damage had been limited to the Japanese securities industry. But the latest developments indicate that supposedly severed ties between a broad range of brand name companies and the Japanese underworld remain strong.

Hirokazu Nakamura, 71, chairman of Mitsubishi Motors, and Takemune Kimura, 66, the automaker's president, will both

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The CNMI Public School System is soliciting for competitive sealed bidding from interested firms for the installation of two(2) 15 tons split type air conditioning unit including installation of electrical system specifically for these units for the Tinian Elementary School Cafeteria. Bids in duplicate will be accepted in the PSS Procurement and Supply Office on the 3rd Floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan, no later than 2:00 p.m., December 12, 1997 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any Bids received after the above date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A bond of 15% of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be a certified check, cashier's check, bid bond or other forms acceptable to the government payable to the PSS Treasurer, CNMI Public School System, 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan. The bidder is requested to submit with his bid a copy of his business license as it complies with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Bid documents will be available on or after November 5, 1997 at the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan. A non refundable payment of One Hundred and Fifty (\$150.00) U.S. Dollars is required for each set. A pre-bid conference for the aforementioned project will be held at 2:00 p.m. Local Time at the Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan, November 28, 1997.

All prospective bidders are requested in writing to submit all questions pertaining to the bid documents two days prior to the pre-bid conference in which time and place specified above. All questions must be submitted directly to the PSS, CIP Coordinator, Clemente Salgan at the Department of Public Works, Technical Service Division at Lower Base, Saipan and may be contacted at telephone number 322-9436 extension 51.

All Bidders are required to submit their responsibility determination documents in compliance to PSSPR3-301. Responsibility determination documents must be submitted in separate envelope and face marked "IFB98-001 responsibility determination."

Responsibility determination documents are due at the date, time and place of the Bid opening.

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Attention is called to the Labor Standards Provisions for Wage Rate Determination of the CNMI Classification and salary structure plans, and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth. All documents received shall be the sole property of the Public School System, Government of the Northern Mariana Islands with the bid bonds, certified checks, or cashier's check which will be returned to the bidders in accordance with the specification "Individual for Bidders" Page 1-2 paragraph No. 5 Bid Guarantee.

The CNMI Public School System reserves the right to reject any or all bids to the best interest of CNMI Public School System.

/s/ William S. Torres  
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Louise Concepcion  
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Pedestrians walk by underneath an electric stock indicator that flashes the big loss on the Tokyo Stock market Tuesday. Following the worst ever loss on Wall Street, share prices in the Asian markets including Hong Kong and Tokyo have lost. AP

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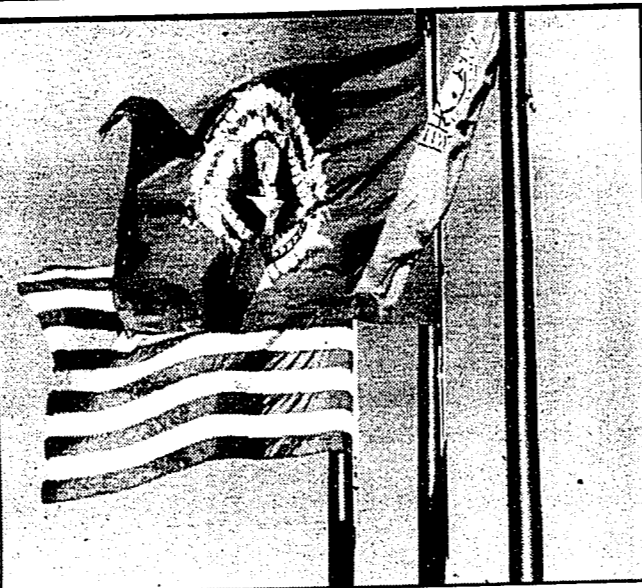
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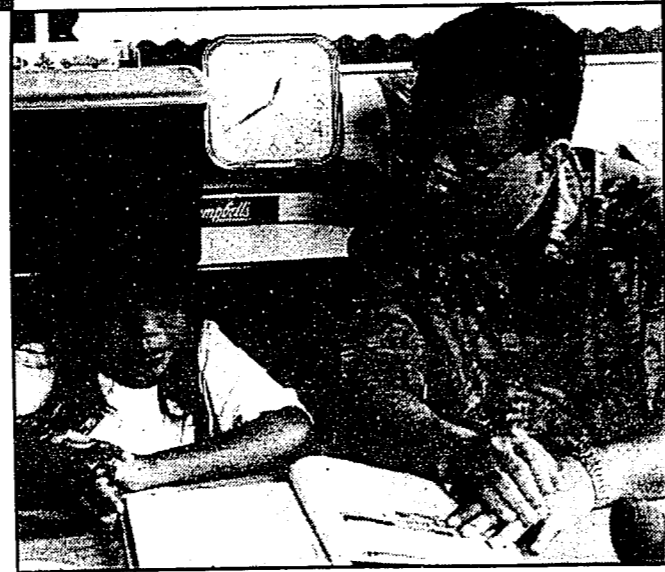
**T**his November 1st, the race for governor is about **vision**. It's about who has a clear, specific plan to lead us forward. Jesse Camacho Borja and Benigno Magofna Sablan have a plan to achieve excellent schools, a healthy tourism economy that benefits all CNMI residents, and a relationship with the federal government based on mutual respect.

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# HIV teaches painful lessons

By Carolyn Thompson  
**JAMESTOWN, N.Y. (AP)** — Even the kids who missed the message in health class surely heard it somewhere else, if not from parents, then from movie stars on MTV who have said it time and again: Unprotected sex can kill.

That doesn't mean they heeded the warning, as a rash of HIV cases among young women — all linked to one man — has reminded people deep in the farm country of western New York.

Now people wonder with frustration what else they could possibly have done beyond the school lectures, church sermons and community programs.

"We're dealing with a teen population," said Pat Van Etten, a coordinator from the county's health department. "In their minds, nothing's going to happen to them."

Nine young women — the youngest is now 14 — are infected with the AIDS virus after having sex with 20-year-old Nushawn Williams. Authorities believe Williams spread the virus knowingly to young women he met at parks and near schools after he was diagnosed and received counseling about his HIV status.

The threat looms for many more youngsters who may already be infected and could unknowingly spread the virus further into a region where the largest city

has 34,000 people.

In response to the crisis, parent-teacher groups and health and AIDS officials scheduled a forum Wednesday night — "HIV/AIDS: How do we protect our kids?" — at a civic center.

"This terrible event should make them believers," Jamestown Schools Superintendent Craig King said.

Ms. Van Etten can list a half-dozen county health programs and publications that spread the safe sex message. HIV and AIDS prevention has been taught in the schools here for the better part of a decade; even kindergartners are told about a "bad disease called AIDS."

The schools are not required to tell students about condom use, and Ms. Van Etten knows that some don't mention condoms unless students ask. None of the county's schools distribute condoms, she said.

Dozens of women in this small county apparently had unprotected sex with Williams. Chautauqua County health officials said Williams gave them 20 names of women with whom he had had sex at the time of his HIV test about a year ago.

He gave New York City health officials dozens more names during an interview last week from jail, where he has been since July on a drug charge, state Health Commissioner Barbara DeBuono said.

What was it about him that made young women ignore any safe sex messages they may have heard?

"He would use his charm," said 16-year-old Katie Kirkpatrick, who knew Williams and dated one of his friends. "He'd say 'What's up, baby? Can I take you to dinner?'"

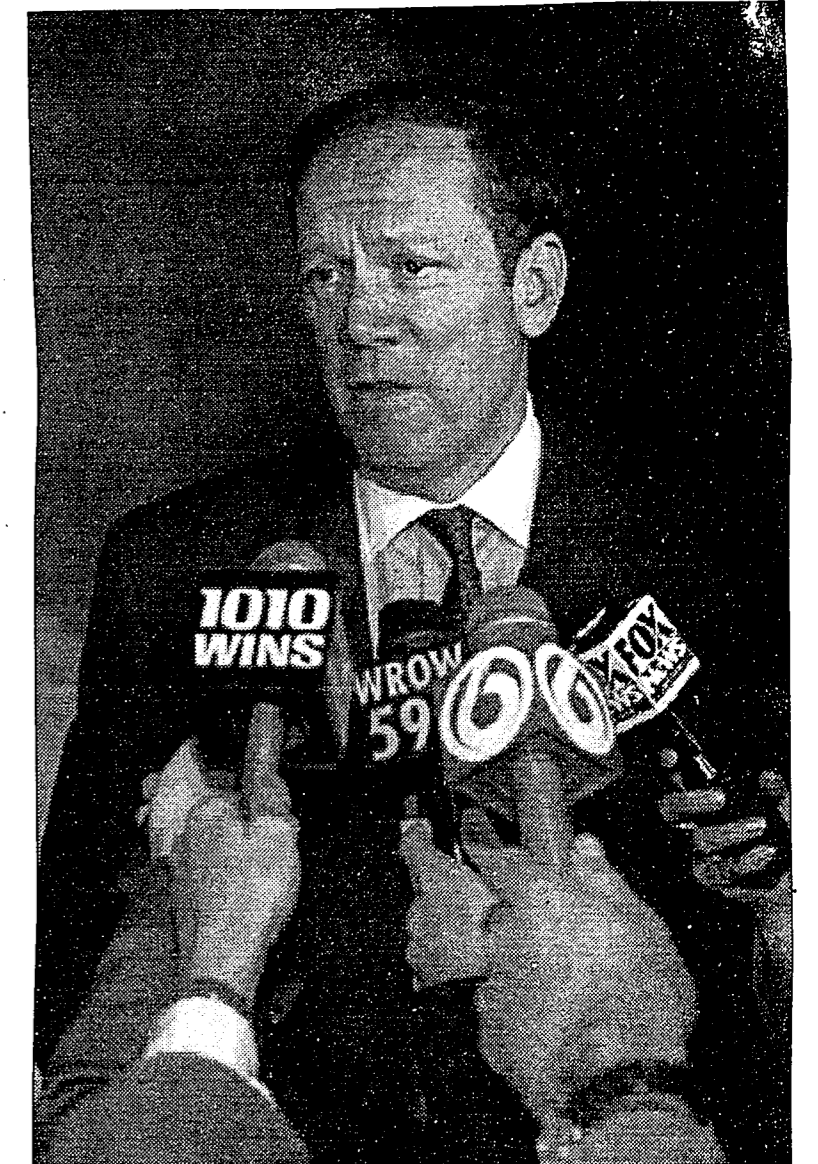
Authorities said he offered drugs for sex in some cases. They described him as a "scorekeeper" who delighted in keeping track of his relationship.

Nationally, Gallup polls have shown that a decreasing number of Americans are concerned about getting AIDS. The number dropped from 42 percent in October 1987 to 30 percent earlier this month.

The challenge, parents and educators said, is making their messages stronger than the lure of people like Williams.

"You have to know your kids and make sure you know what they're doing," said Nancy Knee, president of the Parent Teacher Student Association at Jamestown High School, where two of her daughters are students. The district's state-approved curriculum is strong enough, Mrs. Knee said.

Fredonia Schools Superintendent James Coon agreed. In addition to the AIDS education program required by the state, his district has students who serve as



New York Gov. George Pataki speaks with reporters in Rotterdam, N.Y., Tuesday. Pataki warned of a man who is suspected of knowingly infecting women and girls with HIV in Chautauqua County. AP

peer counselors. They are available to answer questions from fellow students.

Even though students are required to pass tests showing they know all about AIDS, "we're dealing with impressionable kids who can be risk-takers," he said.

But Rosanne Myers, whose son Randy died of AIDS in 1995 after receiving a tainted blood transfusion, claimed that the school districts in Chautauqua County told her to tone down her lectures to students.

"They tell me to tell my personal story without mentioning sex or condoms," Mrs. Myers said. "I can talk about my son and the blood supply but really nothing further. It's like they're burying their heads in the sand."

And Dr. Neal Rzepkowski, an openly gay physician who is HIV-positive, said that when he gave presentations a few years ago at several area high schools and talked about condoms, "I was never criticized. I was just never invited back."



John Weatherward and Amber Arnold clown around after school Tuesday in Veterans Park across the street from Jamestown High School Jamestown, N.Y. Amber's former boyfriend, Nushawn Williams, is suspected of transmitting HIV to as many as 100 people in Chautauqua County either through direct or indirect sexual activity. AP

## James Earl Ray hospitalized

**NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)** — James Earl Ray, the confessed assassin of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., was hospitalized in serious condition.

Ray, 69, who suffers from cirrhosis of the liver, has been hospitalized eight times since last December.

Columbia Nashville Memorial Hospital spokes-

woman Freda Herndon said Wednesday that doctors performed tests, but she did not elaborate on the type of examinations.

"Fluid builds up on his liver, and they have to drain it," Ray's brother, Jerry Ray, said in a telephone interview from his home in Smartt, about 65 miles (104 kilometers) south-east of Nashville.

Ray, who is serving a 99-year prison sentence for the 1968 shooting of King, last month was denied a petition to be released on bail to go to a hospital out of state. He is seeking a liver transplant.

Ray pleaded guilty to killing King but recanted soon after and has sought a trial since. He claims his gun was planted to frame him.

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# China protects currency

**BELJING (AP)** - To ensure its currency remains free from the speculative attacks that have wreaked havoc in neighboring Asian countries, China has strengthened its restrictions on trading the yuan.

Rules announced by China's State Administration of Foreign Exchange

## Fortifies its own rules against speculators

spell out a ban on trading foreign exchange for any purpose other than to finance trade, an official report said Thursday.

As it gradually opens its financial sector, China has been gradually

moving to ease controls on its currency. Late last year, the government declared the yuan convertible under the current account, for trade as well as for repatriation of profits from Chinese operations by foreign com-

panies. But Beijing has yet to offer a firm timetable for capital-account convertibility, which includes transactions in equity and direct investment.

The financial turmoil rocking Hong Kong and other countries is likely to discourage further steps to lift restrictions on currency trading.

The rules reported by the state-run newspaper China Securities News ordered banks to enforce the separation of current and capital accounts and warned them not to approve transactions without proper documentation.

Companies allowed to trade foreign exchange must be approved by the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation, it said. Conversions of less than \$ 50,000 for

trade related purposes would get priority consideration. Transactions involving larger sums must conform with additional regulations not listed in the report.

Officials at the State Administration of Foreign Exchange declined to comment on the new rules.

The new rules were intended to tighten imperfect enforcement of current restrictions, said a trader on the Shanghai currency exchange, where most of the foreign currency entering China is converted into yuan as required by the central bank.

Although a handful of firms have managed to flout the rules, the yuan has resisted the speculative attacks that forced a devaluation of the Thai baht in July and that eventually rolled into Hong Kong, putting pressure on its currency's peg to the U.S. dollar.

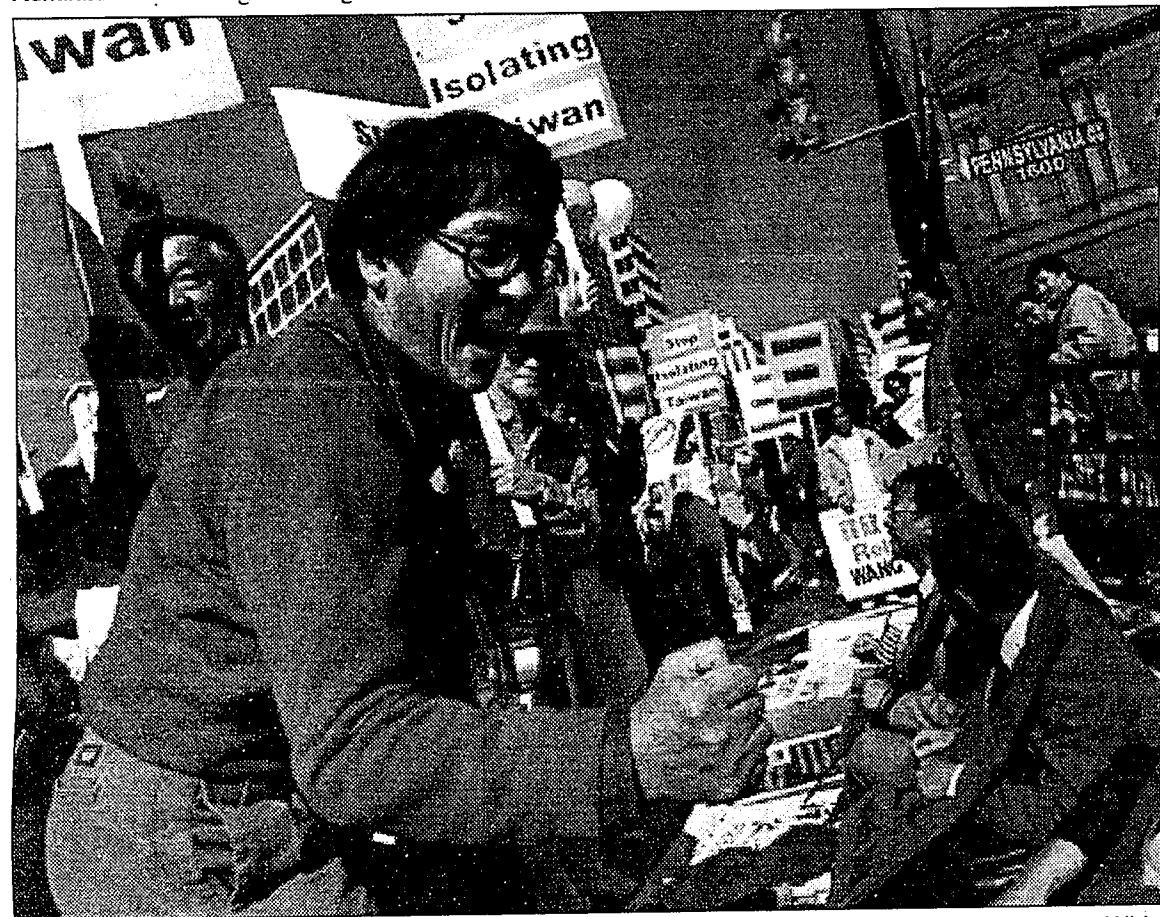
## Train crash kills six

**BELJING (AP)** - A speeding passenger train slammed into a truck at a crossing near the southern Chinese city of Guangzhou, killing the engineer, the truck driver and four other people, a newspaper reported.

The 16-car train bound for Beijing had just left Guangzhou station when it hit the truck at a crossing shortly after midnight Tuesday morning, the

Yangcheng Wanbao reported. Three other people were seriously injured and many others received less severe injuries, the newspaper said.

The truck trailer, carrying 13 tons of mineral ore, was thrown into a small building beside the tracks, but there was no one inside. Photographs in the newspaper showed the truck wreckage being cut apart by a railroad worker.



An unidentified Taiwanese protester, and others, take part in a human rights demonstration near the White House Wednesday as President Clinton hosted Chinese President Jiang Zemin at the White House. AP

# Sony's profits surge

**TOKYO (AP)** - Sony Corp. said Thursday its net profits surged by 62.0 percent in

the July-September period from a year earlier, boosted by strong sales of video and

audio equipment and its Playstation game consoles. Sony's group net profit

totalled 56.11 billion yen (\$ 467 million) on sales of 1.638 trillion yen (\$ 13.65 billion), up 20.6 percent from a year earlier.

The company said net income per share rose to 122.1 yen (\$ 1.02) in the latest reporting period, compared with 76.0 yen (63 cents) for the same period of last year.

Electronics sales shot up 15.2 percent to 1.234 trillion yen (\$ 10.29 billion), and sales generated by the entertainment division jumped 42.2 percent to 314.07 billion yen (\$ 2.61 billion). Revenue from Sony's insurance and finance business showed a 35.5-percent rise to 8974 billion yen (\$ 747 million).

The leading electronics manufacturer cited increased sales in all major markets around the world as a main contributing factor, with growth in both sales and profits helped by the yen's weakening against the U.S. dollar and other major European currencies.

The yen's depreciation against the dollar was about

8 percent in the July-September quarter from the same period of last year and about 12 percent against the British pound.

Sony said its consolidated pretax profit climbed by 67.8 percent to 110.2 billion yen (\$ 918 million) and operating profit jumped by 74.1 percent to 140.3 billion yen (\$ 1.17 billion).

Andy Bubala, spokesman of Sony, said the company will expect earnings to continue to rise for another term, thanks to booming sales of the Playstation game machine and MiniDisc audio system.

With the latest quarterly figures, Sony said consolidated profits surged by 75.8 percent to 90.9 billion yen (\$ 757 million) on sales of 3.068 trillion yen (\$ 25.57 billion) in the six-month period ending Sept. 30 from the same period of last year.

Sony predicts its annual group sales will rise by 9 percent to 6.18 trillion yen (\$ 51.5 billion) for the current fiscal year, which ends March 31, 1998.



Taiwanese President Lee Teng-hui rides in an open limousine to inspect armored divisions during a combined forces mobilization exercise at Lungtan Army Base in northern Taoyuan county on Thursday. The exercise was a test of Taiwan's newly mobile units that combine ground troops, armor and helicopter air support. AP

## FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION 2x BARNES - NORITA, LUCIA

### BIODATA

#### Education:

- Masters of Arts - Elementary/Early Childhood Education, University of Hawaii, 1994
- Bachelors of Arts - Elementary Education, University of Guam, 1974
- Diploma - Hopwood Junior High, Saipan, 1968

#### Professional Experience:

- 1995 - Present - Principal/Instructor -NMC School of Education College Lab School
- 1990 -1994 - Teacher Trainer - Northern Marianas College, Saipan
- 1989 -1990 - Teacher, Department of Education, Saipan
- 1982 -1989 - Senior Library Specialist, IBM Almaden Research Center, San Jose, California
- 1974 -1978 - Teacher, Department of Education, Saipan.
- 1971-1973 - Teacher, Maris Stella Catholic School, Koror, Palau
- 1968 -1971 - Teacher, Department of Education, Saipan

#### Professional Membership:

- Early Childhood Education Task Force
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**Parents:**  
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Maria Torres Baletto Norita (Deceased)

**Stepmother:** Ana Atalig Manglona Norita

**Maternal Grandparents:**  
Dolores (Long) Palacios Torres Baletto  
Rome Martinez Baletto

**Paternal Grandparents:**  
Maria (Sibue) Norita (Deceased)  
Joaquin Dela Cruz (Lasio) Quitugua (Karabao)

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# Tajiks, Uzbeks dialogue

MOSCOW (AP) - Tajikistan and Uzbekistan planned talks Thursday on the volatile situation in western Tajikistan, where government troops have been coming under attack by renegade fighters, news reports said.

Tajik officials have said that rebel fighters, who have stepped up attacks this month, may have been coming from Uzbekistan - a charge that Uzbek officials deny.

In a most recent episode, government troops have defeated a band of 200 renegade fighters after two days of fighting earlier this week in the Shirkent gorge, about 80 kilometers (50 miles) west of the capital Dushanbe.

More than 30 rebel fighters were killed and 15 captured, presidential guard commander Gafur Mirzoyev was quoted as saying by Interfax news agency.

Detained fighters say that part of their group had been hiding in Uzbekistan, Mirzoyev said. Uzbekistan's Foreign Ministry adamantly denies the charge, but has invited Tajik officials to jointly investigate the accusations, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

"All of these accounts will be checked," Mirzoyev said. During the fighting in the Shirkent gorge, four government servicemen were also killed, and about 20 wounded, Mirzoyev said.

Although fighting has been quashed, government troops continued sweeping the area in search for scattered rebel fighters, he said. Periodic raids against government troops have continued despite a peace treaty between Tajik President Emomali Rakhmonov's hard-line government and Muslim opposition groups.



Former asylum inmate, Saber el-Ulla (back) is escorted by military police with his brother Mahmoud (front), to a Cairo military court Thursday. Both brothers were sentenced to death for attacking a German tourist bus and killing 9 Germans and one Egyptian last month. AP

## Court sentences 2 Egyptians to death for museum attack

By TAREK EL-TABLAUW  
CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - A former asylum inmate and his brother were sentenced to death by a military court Thursday for killing nine Germans and an Egyptian bus driver last month outside the Egyptian Museum, legal sources said.

Saber Abu el-Ulla, the former inmate, and his brother, Mahmoud, were charged with premeditated murder in the Sept. 18 shooting and firebombing of a tourist bus outside the museum, which houses some of the world's greatest Pharaonic treasures.

Twenty-six people were wounded in the attack, which shook a vital tourism industry that had rebounded in recent years. Tourists had earlier been avoiding Egypt because they feared attacks by Islamic militants.

One of seven co-defendants on trial on charges of selling the brothers arms and ammunition or acting as middlemen for purchasing the arms was found innocent.

The sentences of the others ranged from one year to 10 years in jail at hard labor.

The mother and the three sisters of the Abu el-Ulla brothers burst into tears when a member of the defense team announced the news to the family and a crowd of reporters outside the court. He asked not to be identified by name.

Egyptian officials have denied the attack was linked to Islamic militants, who have waged an insurgency since 1992 to topple President Hosni Mubarak's government and replace it with strict religious rule. Saber Abu el-Ulla, however, has said he sympathizes with the militants and would have joined them if he had the chance.

Both men had pleaded guilty to the charges Oct. 18. But under the Egyptian judicial system, convictions and sentences are handed down at the same time, so further testimony was required for the three judges to determine the sentence.

The death penalty is usually

carried out by hanging. Defendants in military trials can only appeal to Mubarak.

Immediately after the attack, Saber Abu el-Ulla said he wanted to avenge a cartoon drawn by an Israeli woman that depicted Islam's Prophet Mohammed as a pig.

But in wide-ranging comments during the trial, he told reporters from inside a steel cage set up in the courtroom that he staged the attack to defend Islam and to punish Europe.

Saber Abu el-Ulla, a failed pop musician, had recently escaped or was freed from a mental asylum where he was committed for killing two Americans and a Frenchman at a Cairo hotel in 1993.

He has told reporters that his father paid the head of Egypt's mental institutions 50,000 Egyptian pounds (\$ 14,700) to get him certified mentally ill so that he could escape the death penalty in the 1993 attack. The official, Sayed el-Qut, has been arrested.

## Dublin diocese unveils ad campaign

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) - Stung by sex abuse charges against priests and a TV series which makes fun of the church, Dublin's Roman Catholic archdiocese said Wednesday it had launched an advertising campaign to boost its image.

"Who are the men in black," is an advertising campaign aimed at showing the variety and type of work done by the diocese's 600 priests.

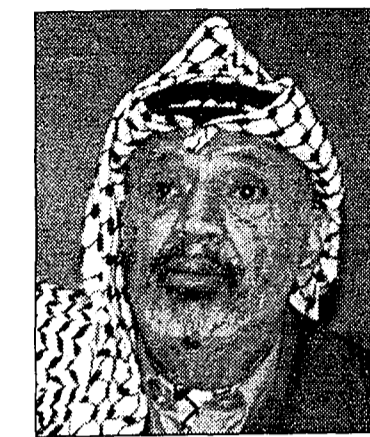
Priests felt "voiceless" and were asking who would speak up for them, said a diocese spokesman, the Rev. John Dardis. "There are all these

we never talk about ourselves even," said Dardis.

"It is very hard for a young person to be attracted to a career choice if the main portrayal is a faintly ridiculous character on TV," Dardis said in reference to "Father Ted," a popular comedy series set around the lives of a group of Catholic priests in Ireland.

In 1994, the head of Ireland's Roman Catholic Church, Cardinal Cahal Daly, said he felt betrayed by child-molesting priests after a series of scandals involving priests.

# Arafat: Israel behind 'bad health' rumors



Yasser Arafat

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) - Insisting that he was in good health, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said Israel was behind recurring rumors that he was suffering from a serious illness.

"This is silly Israeli propaganda and rumors," Arafat, 68, told reporters Wednesday evening in an impromptu news conference called to dispel new rumors that he had been hospitalized after feeling faint. Asked if he was in good health, Arafat said: "As you

can see, yes."

Arafat adviser Nabil Abourdeneh said the Palestinian leader had routine health check-ups in his office, not in a hospital. He said he did not remember the last time Arafat had a checkup.

Arafat's wife, Soha, also said her husband was not hospitalized. She accused Israel of waging a campaign to try and erode her husband's standing whenever the peace process was in trouble.

"I advise the Israeli media and government not to use these tactics. They should focus on the important issues like the implementation of the peace process," Mrs. Arafat said.

Rumors that Arafat's health was deteriorating intensified in September when, in an interview with Israel TV's Channel Two, Arafat was pale, with his lower lip trembling uncontrollably.

Arafat aides at the time attributed the trembling to the late hour of the interview and said the Palestinian leader was exhausted after a long day of

# No more free lunches for Israeli politicians

JERUSALEM (AP) - There's no such thing as a free lunch - at least not for Israeli politicians.

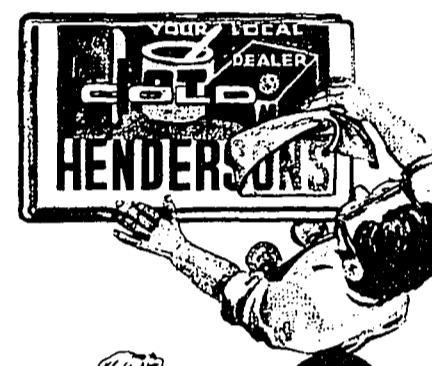
Fed up with unpaid bills, the privately-operated cafeteria in the Knesset, Israel's parliament, will start issuing magnetic credit cards to lawmakers, and the balance will automatically be deducted from their

salaries, the Yediot Achronot newspaper said Thursday.

Knesset members currently owe the cafeteria more than 100,000 shekels (\$ 30,000), from the summer session that ended in July, the newspaper said. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office alone owes 30,000 shekels (\$ 9,000).

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An orthodox Jew leaves behind a group of demonstrators as he prays with a boy on his arm as he makes his way up Shuhada (Martyrs') Street in the West Bank town of Hebron, Wednesday. AP

## China-Boeing deal on

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton confirmed Wednesday that the Boeing Co. will sign a contract for the sale of 50 jets to China for \$3 billion, the largest sale of airplanes to China in history.

"This contract will support tens of thousands of American jobs and provide China with a modern fleet of passenger planes," Clinton said during a news conference with Chinese President Jiang Zemin.

Clinton said the deal would be signed Thursday. Boeing officials said they could not immediately release any details.

Phil Condit, chairman and chief executive officer of the Seattle-based Boeing Co., is scheduled to attend a signing ceremony Thursday with Commerce Secretary William Daley and senior Chinese government officials at the Commerce Department.



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# Sri Lanka recruits female pilots

By NIRESH ELIATAMBY  
COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) - With fewer men enlisting, Sri Lanka's air force Thursday began a drive to recruit women to train as pilots for cockpits left vacant by the deaths of dozens of airmen in the country's civil war.

"There is a place in the sky for women too," ran the headline of a quarter-page color ad in both state-run daily newspapers.

There is no pool of trained pilots in Sri Lanka. The air force needs to recruit 100 pilots by next year, Air Marshal

Oliver Ranasinghe, the air force chief, has said.

Women pilots would initially fly surveillance and transport planes and helicopters, said an air force official, who asked not to be named.

But flying those planes was as dangerous as piloting jet fighters. Of the 17 aircraft lost in the last 2 1/2 years, only four have been attack planes.

Until now, the air force has employed women only as ground staff.

The air force, which has about 40 aircraft, has blamed

ethnic Tamil guerrillas for only five of the losses. The rest have not been explained. Nine aircraft were lost this year.

The guerrillas, who are fighting for a homeland for minority Tamils, have no air force of their own, but are equipped with shoulder-held heat-seeking missiles to attack low flying aircraft.

The army and police began recruiting women a decade ago, and have been sending them into combat. The navy has women in its shore bases, but not on warships.

On the other side, the Tamil rebels rely heavily on women among their front-line fighters and in their elite Black Tigers suicide unit. The assassinations of former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in 1991 and Sri Lankan presidential candidate Gamini Dissanayake in 1994 were blamed on female suicide

## Many depositors' heirs have too little to go on

By ERICA BULMAN  
GENEVA (AP) - Lists of foreign owners of dormant Holocaust-era bank accounts showed that people all over the world chose Switzerland to protect their savings, some now living as far as Argentina, Egypt and India.

But information provided in the lists often gives possible heirs of Holocaust victims little to go on.

Swiss banks released a new list Wednesday of 14,000 accounts that have gone unclaimed since World War II, in a sweeping effort to return the assets of Holocaust victims. Some 3,700 foreign owners of Swiss accounts were given.

Sometimes only the family name is given, with a rough indication of the value of the account.

For instance, one account with over 1,000 Swiss francs (\$690) was listed as belonging to a certain "De Horn" with no first name, city or country.

Another name simply given as "Real" was also listed as having an account with over 1,000 francs.

Most entries give at least a first and last name and a country.

"Karl Gurtner" of Germany has more than 1,000 francs

(\$690), as does "Albert Duval" of France.

The list goes on for 11 pages, plus another page for people with power of attorney for foreigners owning accounts.

Lucky searchers will also find a city, but only given the residence at the time the account was opened, and the date is unmentioned.

Almost all the foreign names appear to be individuals or families, but one listing was Bouvier and Co. of Sallanches, France, with one asterisk.

The Swiss Bankers Association uses a simple system to indicate the value of each account: two asterisks means less than 100 francs (\$69), one asterisk is between 100 and 1,000 francs (\$69-690) and no asterisk means more than 1,000 francs (\$690).

A separate new list of more than 10,000 Swiss account-holders - any of whom may have been acting as agents for victims of the Nazis - appears to be more complete on the names, but often the city is not mentioned.

In accounts holding more than 1,000 francs (\$ 690), no upper range is provided, but the total for all foreign accounts was 6.2 million francs (\$4.3 million), so none is huge. Less than 1 percent of the accounts had more than 10,000 francs (\$6,900).

## British Telecom loses \$61M in last quarter

LONDON (AP) - British Telecommunications PLC said Thursday it lost 38 million pounds (\$61 million) in the last quarter, when profits were wiped out by a "windfall" tax imposed by the new Labor government.

British Telecom also said it was hard to predict whether its agreed takeover of MCI Communications Corp. can succeed, now that MCI is weighing rival offers from two U.S. suitors, WorldCom Inc. and GTE Corp.

Its net loss for the three months ending Sept. 30, the second quarter of the company's fiscal year, compared with profits of 469 million pounds a year earlier, the company said.

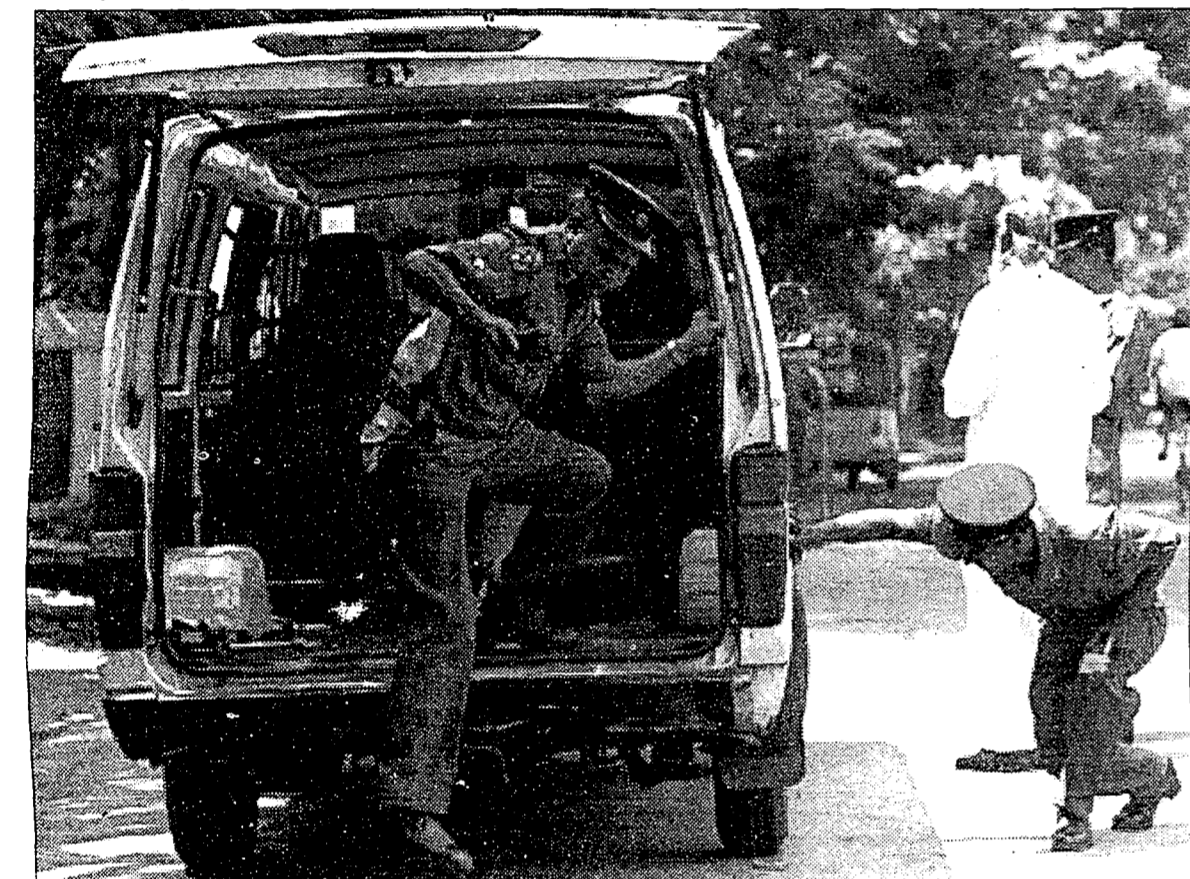
Revenues were higher, at 3.95 billion pounds (\$ 6.36

billion) compared to 3.73 billion pounds, but British Telecom said its results were devastated by a one-time extra tax bill of 510 million pounds (\$ 821 million).

Britain's treasury chief, Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown, imposed the windfall tax on several formerly state-owned utilities that were privatized by the two previous Conservative governments.

British Telecom said that during the first six months of its fiscal year, the windfall tax pushed net profits down to 565 million pounds (\$ 910 million), from 1.04 billion pounds in the same period last year.

Half-year revenues were higher, at 7.75 billion pounds (\$ 12.48 billion) compared with 7.37 billion pounds.



Police officers check on vehicles entering Colombo Saturday. A massive security crackdown was launched in the entire capital to flush out suspected Tamil Tiger rebels, believed to be behind the devastating Oct. 15 bomb blasts that severely damaged parts of Colombo's financial center.

### KON AGRADESIMENTO

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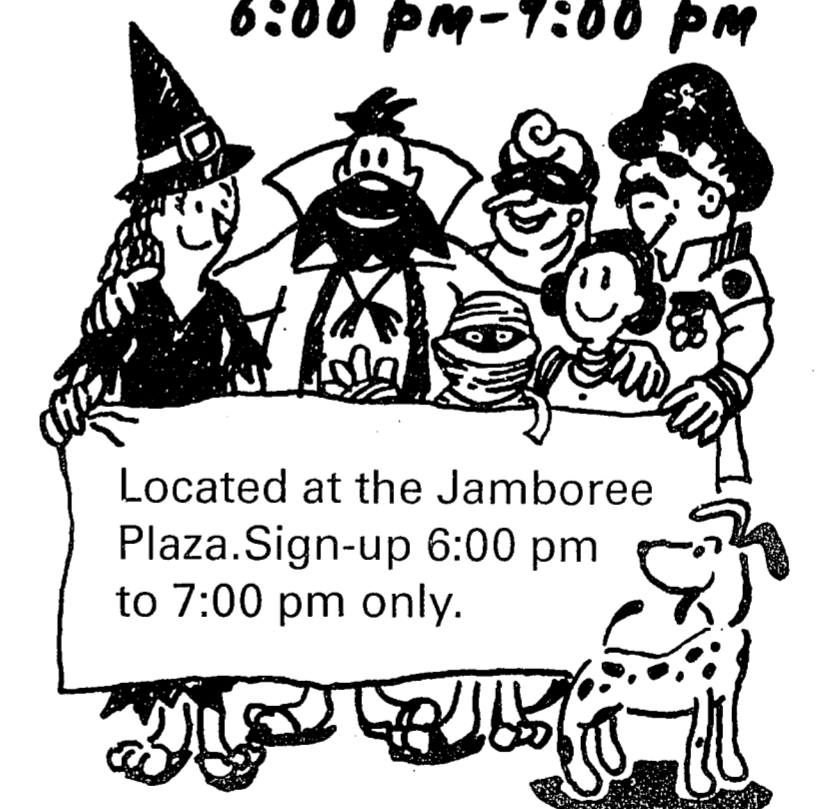
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# Three accused of killing spree

By Madeline Baro  
HOUSTON (AP) — Three young men are accused of ambushing and killing the pimp of one of their girlfriends and then going on a spree to eliminate witnesses — killing three more people, including an accomplice.

Dung Huy Tran, 25, Son Vu-Khai Tran, 17, and Truc Thanh Hoang, 24 — described by police as gang members — were being held Wednesday without bail on capital murder charges.

The killing spree started Oct. 10 at a Houston nightclub, where Dung Tran and Ray Salazar, 18, shot and killed Nam Dung, 20, who was acting as a pimp for Dung Tran's girlfriend, police said.

Son Tran and Hoang were allegedly the lookout and getaway driver.

After the shooting, the killing was discussed in front of Thuy Nguyen, 18, the roommate of Dung Tran's girlfriend, who began "freaking out," said homicide investigator Todd Miller.

"The defendants thought that if they didn't do something about her, she was going to snitch them off," Miller said.

So the men took Ms. Nguyen to a secluded beach in Galveston, about 55 miles southeast of Houston, and Hoang shot her in the head.

Officers in Galveston and Houston

connected her murder to Dang's through ballistic evidence, said Galveston County Sgt. Brandt Raeburn.

Two weeks after the slayings, Son Tran, Dung Tran and Hoang launched a plan to get rid of Salazar.

"They felt like he was becoming weak and they were afraid that he was going to talk," Miller said.

So they suggested that Salazar should accompany them to rob a Houston modeling studio, Miller said. Salazar showed up Saturday with another friend, Quan Hoang To.

"They figured that Quan To also knew about the Rose Club incident because they were such good friends so they figured they would just kill him as well," Miller said.

People who knew that Salazar and To were going to meet the trio led police to Son Tran, Dung Tran and Hoang, who were arrested Sunday. Police said all confessed to the killings and had matching stories.

Miller, who interviewed two of the men, said they showed no remorse. One even laughed while recounting the events.

"I thought they were pretty hard-core criminals," Miller said. "They showed no remorse, had no feelings for the families of any of the victims or the victims themselves."



Lt. Tom Mayne hugs his son, Brent, 3, after S-3 Vikings landed at Naval Air Station-Jacksonville, Fla. on Monday, after a six-month deployment overseas on the USS Kennedy. They are the first active-duty squadron to leave Cecil Field, where they were originally stationed. AP

# US business lobby group urges Japan for tax cut, deregulation

TOKYO (AP) - Japan should cut corporate taxes by 10 percent and deregulate its economy to allow for-

ign producers more access to its market, the American Chamber of Commerce said Thursday.

"The chamber believes that deregulation must lead to increased market access for Japanese and foreign companies alike and not just fewer rules and regulations," the group's vice president Glen Fukushima said.

The statement added that a substantial corporate tax cut would help stimulate the economy by increasing both domestic and foreign private investment.

The Japanese government is considering an extensive set of proposals on administrative reform and deregulation of the economy. The government is expected to release a report on the program in November.

The chamber also called for a strengthening of the government institutions that address market access issues, such as the Fair Trade Commission and Office of the Trade Ombudsman.

The chamber's statement comes as Japan's trade surplus with the United States is on the rise. Japanese auto exports to the United States are booming, for example, while sales of U.S. cars in Japan remain minuscule.

The government has said it is committed to deregulation as a means to stimulate the sluggish economy, but the Finance Ministry has insisted that a major cut in corporate tax without an offsetting abolition of tax exemptions would frustrate efforts to cut the ballooning budget deficit.

# Orthodox Church head on 3-day Boston visit

By ERICA NOONAN

BOSTON - The spiritual leader of more than 300 million Eastern Orthodox Christians began a three-day visit to Boston by greeting a cheering crowd of more than 2,500 children and supporters from Greek Orthodox churches across the state.

Holding religious flags and candles, children in traditional Greek dress performed ancient dances as others huddled Tuesday against brisk winds outside the Greek Orthodox Church of the Taxiarchae in Watertown to catch a glimpse of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime chance," said Stephanie Logan, 14, of Worcester.

Logan, who attends St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church in Worcester, came with two busloads of children from central Massachusetts for the

rally.

Kara Travers of Acton said she learned about the patriarch while attending a camp operated by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Boston.

"He seems very nice," said Travers, 13, who came to the rally with friends from Dormition Greek Orthodox Church of Somerville.

A blessing by the black-robed, bearded patriarch, Travers said, "would be great."

The children's rally was one of several scheduled activities to honor Patriarch Bartholomew during his month-long visit to the United States.

He was greeted at Logan International Airport Tuesday morning by acting Gov. Cellucci, local dignitaries and an enthusiastic contingent of Greek-American seminary students, schoolchildren and community leaders. It was the first such visit in five years.

# THE OTHER CANDIDATES' FOUR POINT PLAN TO DISCREDIT JESSE BORJA & BEN SABLAN:

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DPW98-ITB-003

Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, through the Northern Mariana Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors and the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting sealed proposals for construction of a toilet facility at the Dandan Baseball Field on the Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The existing baseball field at Dandan will be improved with construction of a toilet facility. The successful bidder will be responsible for supplying all necessary materials, as required in the Plans and Specifications.

The Department of Public Works has prepared plans and specifications which are available at the DPW Technical Services Division, Lower Base, Saipan.

This project is funded by the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) under its Community Development Block Grant allocated to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The award of a contract for this project is contingent from NMHC-CDBG for using HUD funds.

Bids must be marked "DPW98-ITB-003". One (1) original and three (3) copies of bids must be submitted to the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 4:00p.m. local time, Friday, November 21, 1997.

All responses to this ITB should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the bidder in fulfilling the contract, including excise taxes.

The bidder is required to submit with his/her bid, 1) a copy of CNMI-issued, current business license; 2) updated financial statement; 3) listing of existing and past projects including completion dates; 4) certification of tax compliance from the Department of Revenue and Taxation; 5) written confirmation from a reputable bonding firm as to the company's capability to obtain bond insurance and performance and payment bond; 6) copy of Builder's Risk and Workmen's Compensation coverage; 7) listing of manpower with copies of CNMI-issued work permits; and 8) listing of equipment(s).

Attention is called to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1988 which requires the provision of training and employment, and the awarding of contract for work on the project, to low income project area residents and business concerns. NMHC also notifies bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that, in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority and women's business enterprises will be accorded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this Invitation.

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The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfections in the said bids if, in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the government's best interest. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI Government.

/s/ <b>JUAN S. TENORIO</b> Chairman of the Board Northern Marianas Housing Corporation	October 22, 1997 Date
/s/ <b>STEPHEN P. LEMIEUX</b> Acting Secretary of Public Works	October 22, 1997 Date
/s/ <b>EDWARD B. PALACIOS</b> Director of Procurement & Supply	October 22, 1997 Date

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- ◆ \$10 million dollar reverse osmosis plant
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  - ◊ Oleai Waterline Replacement (\$600,000)
  - ◊ Isley/Old Hospital/San Vicente Waterline Replacement (\$800,000)
  - ◊ San Roque and Tanapag Waterline Replacement (\$800,000)
  - ◆ Chalan Kiya Waterline Replacement (\$915,000)
  - ◆ Beach Road/Quarter Master Road Waterline Replacement (\$840,000)
  - ◆ Isley Booster Renovation and Waterline (\$600,000)
- ◊ Installation of New Waterlines, including:
  - ◊ Kagman III Homestead Waterline (\$2,350,000)
  - ◆ Chalan Monsignor Guerrero and Chalan Pale Arnold Waterlines (\$2,676,000)
  - ◆ Kagman II Homestead Waterline (\$1,050,000)
  - ◆ Obyan Waterline (\$750,000)
  - ◊ Tinian Waterlines (\$800,000 - \$1,100,000)
  - ◊ Rota Waterlines (\$700,000-\$1,400,000)

(Teal signifies on-going projects; blue signifies completed projects.)

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# Taiwan voter listing ends

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - Candidates riding on horseback and in loudspeaker-equipped "battle wagons" marked the end of registration Thursday for local elections in which the opposition is expected to make modest gains.

Ninety-one candidates are running in 23 races for mayors and county executives on Nov. 29.

Anxious to give their campaigns an auspicious start, candidates referred to the Chinese zodiac when they selected the best days to register. Seeking media coverage, they descended on registrars' offices with blaring sound trucks or on horseback, accompa-

nied by scores of flag-waving supporters.

The elections are a crucial test for the Nationalists, under fire over corruption and public safety and riven in past months by a feud between President Lee Teng-hui and powerful Taiwan governor James Soong.

Results will likely have a major impact on 1999's elections for the national legislature, where the Nationalists have seen their majority slip to just 80 of 164 seats.

Lee alienated Soong by moving to all but eliminate the provincial government, erasing the governor's power base and over-

hauling the political structure.

The two have called a truce and appeared together at campaign stops over the past week. The appointment of popular Premier Vincent Siew and foreign policy successes by Lee and Vice President Lien Chan have also improved the party's chances.

But a backlash against corruption and crime, and fielding of strong candidates by the main opposition Democratic Progressive Party are predicted to chip away at the 16 constituencies the Nationalists now hold.

Though the DPP holds only six constituencies, those include

Taipei county, the largest, and most of northern Taiwan. Since a by-election earlier this year, the DPP has governed over half the island's population at the local level, including the capital Taipei.

Mayors for Taipei city and the second largest city Kaohsiung will be held in 1998.

Predicted wins by ex-DPP

members in two races may deprive the party of some gains, however.

The New Party, Nationalist-breakaways who strongly favor Taiwan's reunification with China, have suffered internal splits and aren't expected to improve on their past 13 percent of the vote.



Some 35 protesters from the Taiwan Independence Party rally outside the Foreign Ministry in Taipei Tuesday, before departing for the United States to protest the visit of Chinese President Jiang Zemin. Party members said they want to protest China's claims to sovereignty over Taiwan when Jiang meets U.S. President Bill Clinton. AP

## Closer US-Chinese ties get Taiwan 'concerned'

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - Taiwanese officials voiced concern Thursday that the new U.S.-China relationship may be bad for Taiwan if it strengthens U.S. support for China's claim on the island.

Taiwan will act to prevent China from using its new relationship with the United States "to suppress us," Premier Vincent Siew said Thursday.

He said that at the Wednesday U.S.-Chinese summit, the first in 12 years, "We don't think the U.S. side has deviated from its current policy."

"But the meeting could mark a new chapter in the development of a full range of relations" between Wash-

ington and China, Siew said at a Cabinet meeting.

China considers Taiwan a renegade province to be reunified with Beijing, by force if necessary.

At his meeting with Chinese President Jiang Zemin at the White House, U.S. President Bill Clinton reiterated the United States' recognition that China and Taiwan are one country but should settle their differences peacefully.

"We would be glad to see such a development if it could help enhance peace and stability in Asia and foster (China's) opening and reforms and its democracy and human rights," Siew said.

But Taiwan would try to

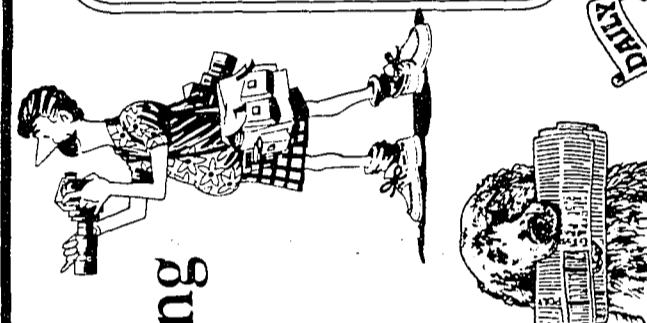
strengthen relations with the United States and "carefully prevent (China) from taking advantage of the new situation to suppress us," he said.

Chang King-yuh, chairman of the government's Mainland Affairs Council which charts policy toward China, warned that the closer exchanges could offer Beijing an opportunity to "bring up the Taiwan issue from time to time" and urge Washington to help isolate the island diplomatically.

Like many countries, the United States recognizes China and not Taiwan, but maintains strong trade and other unofficial ties with Taiwan.

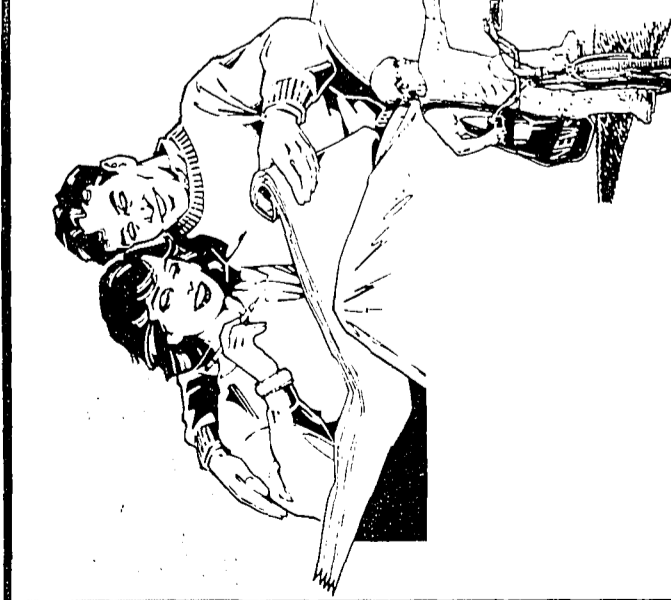
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# SPORTS



## Saipan Rugby does good in Bangkok

**BANGKOK, THAILAND** — THE SAIPAN Rugby Football Club competed in its first international tournament last weekend making the quarter finals while earning itself the title, "Sweethearts of the Tournament."

Taking on some of the best rugby players in the world in a 24-team event, the club made it to the final 8 of the annual International Bangkok Sevens Tournament before losing to the eventual champions.

Playing in a two-day format in which the 24 teams from all over the world competed, Saipan compiled a 1-1 record against the other two teams in its division.

On Saturday morning, Saipan beat the Chulachomkloa Royal Military Academy in an exciting 20-19 match.

Two tries were scored by Stanley Iakopo, who broke loose on one 80-yard scamper that put Saipan up 10-0 just before halftime.

Also scoring were Faaea Talamoto, who ran over 3-4 players for the first score and Captain Mike Bishop.

Saipan then had to play "Le Froggies," a team from (where else) France, which is mostly comprised of players from the French National team.

Saipan hit hard on defense, won the support of the crowd and kept the score to 7-0 after the first half, but, were eventually overwhelmed 33-0, despite a near-try by Wes Bogdan, who charged up the middle of the field brushing aside numerous Frenchmen before barely being dragged down from behind by the last defender.

Sunday morning found Saipan facing the Royal Thai Police in the quarter finals of the Plate Championship.

Saipan scored first on a brilliant outside run by Stan Iakopa. Two quick tries just before halftime by the Thai Police against a tiring Saipan

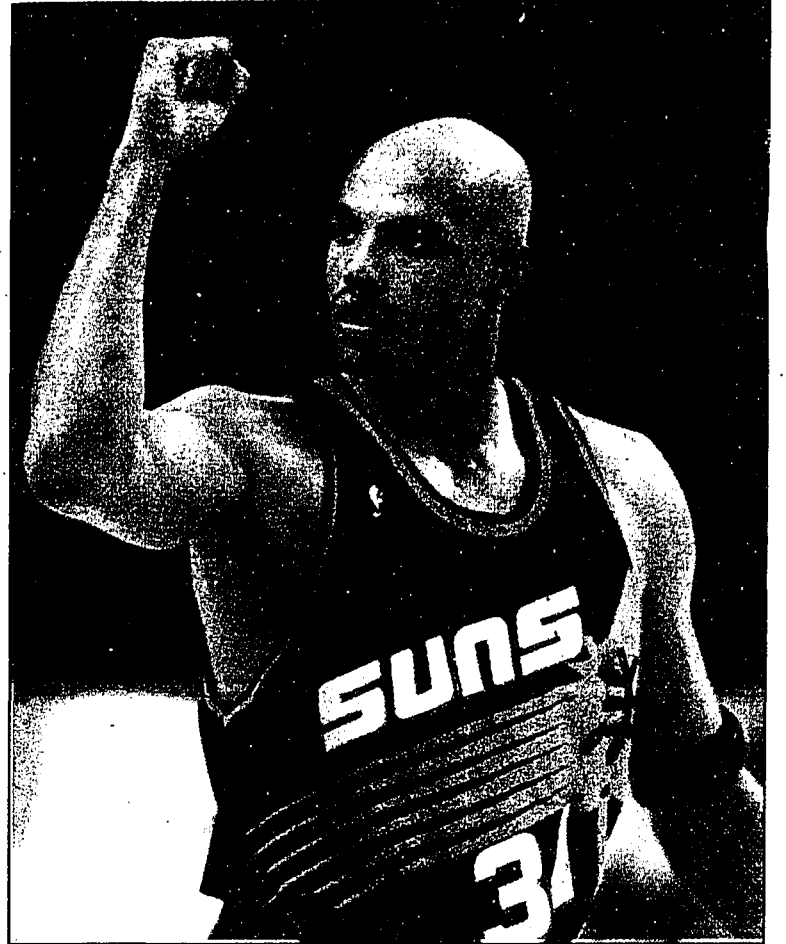
Defense brought the score to 12-7.

The second half was a back-and-forth defensive battle with neither team scoring until late in the period when the Thai Police's Anan Lumnuwa inched over to make the final score 17-7.

Saipan, outscored but not beaten, then retired to the stands to drink beer and watch the Thai Police win the semifinals and then the finals to win the Plate.

The Travelling Saipan Squad consisted of Mike Bishop, Soni Pomee, Faaea Talamotu, Willie Stefano, Stanley Iakapo, J.D. Hall, Eka Veamatalian, David Banes, Jim Hollman, Greg Koebel, and Wes Bogdan.

At the awards banquet following the tournament on Sunday night, Captain Bishop proudly received the "Sweethearts of the Tournament" award given to Saipan for its gutsy hard-hitting play and crowd-pleasing aplomb.



Phoenix Suns Charles Barkley gestures to fans in this Feb. 4, 1996 photo. Barkley, saying his young daughter was being harassed by schoolmates over his arrest in Orlando, Fla. last Sunday, told several Houston reporters Wednesday he is "leaning toward retirement" from basketball. AP



Golf instructor Butch Harmon, left, works with Tiger Woods, of Orlando, Fla., on the practice range at the Champions Golf Club Wednesday in Houston. Woods is among the top 30 money winners who will take part in The Tour Championship tournament starting Thursday. AP

### Perry loses starting job

**By John Mossman**  
**DENVER (AP)** — Six-time Pro Bowl defensive tackle Michael Dean Perry is being benched, a move that might signal the end of his 10-year NFL career.

Denver Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said Wednesday that Perry "does not have the leg strength he used to have, and therefore he's not playing at the level Michael Dean is capable of playing."

In an effort to coax another half-season out of Perry, Shanahan

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## Barkley to retire?

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Charles Barkley, saying his 9-year-old daughter was harassed by schoolmates over his arrest in Florida, told several Houston reporters Wednesday he is "leaning toward retirement" from basketball.

The Houston Rockets forward, who has missed two consecutive practices, was in Phoenix Wednesday to mull over his future with his wife, Maureen, and daughter, Christiana, according to several reports.

Barkley, who is in the final year of a six-year contract that

would pay him nearly \$2.5 million this year, contacted at least two television stations — KHOU and KTRK — and also called the Houston Chronicle.

Barkley said he is upset with harassment his daughter was facing at elementary school in Phoenix.

Barkley also said he was upset that NBA officials wanted to talk with him about a possible suspension for the Sunday incident in which he was accused of throwing a bar patron through a plate-glass window.

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• Zaldy Dandan

### Original, deep, precise'

"ONCE, TOWARDS the end of the Botvinnik-Tal match, when it was clear that the colossus had fallen," says Soviet GM Alexei Suetin, "I asked Petrosian if he didn't think that the laws of chess needed revision, now that Tal was champion?"

"'No,' he said, 'No. Because sooner or later a chess-player of the style of Capablanca will become world champion, who will bring order to chess.'"

Three years later, that prediction of Tigran Vartanovich Petrosian (1929-1984) came to pass. He became world champion, reigning for

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## Mike Tyson hurt in motorcycle crash



Mike Tyson

**By EVAN BERLAND**  
**HARTFORD, Connecticut (AP)**—Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson suffered broken ribs when his motorcycle skidded off a Connecticut highway. He is expected to be hospitalized about two days, a hospital spokesman said.

Tyson, 31, was in stable condition late Wednesday at Hartford Hospital, spokesman James Battaglio said.

"He's got some fractured ribs on the right side and any other injuries are still being evaluated," Battaglio said.

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## Out-of-form Agassi given the wild card

**SYDNEY, Australia (AP)**—Australian Open organizer Paul McNamee has given former champion Andre Agassi a wild card into January's tournament, saying the United States player still has "fire in the belly."

Agassi has been forced to accept the wild card following a disastrous season, with his ranking down to 140. In 12 tournaments this year he has lost

McNamee said he was convinced that Agassi was committed to regaining some of the fitness and form which took him to the world No. 1 ranking.

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