

Japanese found dead

Police suspect homicide in Daiwa supervisor's death

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A 47-YEAR-old Japanese has been found dead at the Daiwa Leisure Fishing Saipan, Inc. and police are suspecting a possible homicide, the Department of Public Safety said yesterday.

The victim was the second Japa-

nese national to die on Saipan in less than a month.

On December 26 last year, a male Japanese collapsed at the Pacific Islands Club beach side and died. Nomura Yuki, 34, was rushed to the hospital where he was declared dead. Police did not suspect foul play.

In a press briefing yesterday, DPS spokesman Edward Manalili said a male Daiwa supervisor was discovered dead at the Garapan establishment Sunday morning. His body was found by an employee in one of the rest rooms, he said.

Probers believed the death was

a homicide, but Manalili did not say if they were suspecting the intruders as the killers.

The man's lifeless body was discovered while two Daiwa employees were inspecting the premises of the store which was burglarized.

Manalili told reporters that a safe was opened by unknown suspects and some items stored in the box were stolen. The spokesman could not say what property was taken. He had also no information as to the approximate value of the

missing items.

Manalili said the burglary-homicide was still under investigation.

According to Manalili, a female complainant went into the establishment apparently to report to work when she discovered the burglary. The woman noticed the safe was open.

She then went looking for her supervisor to report the burglary, Manalili said.

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Civil rights advocates Joe Hill (left) and John Joyner pay tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. during a demonstration in front of the Legislature building in celebration of King Day yesterday. The duo headed a group of concerned citizens lobbying for the reinstatement of the King Holiday. (story on page 7)

Price of drinking water to go up by next month

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THE PRICE of bottled water from Saipan Ice and Water Company is scheduled to increase come February 1st, even as its main competitor, JG Sablan Ice and Water is also said to be studying the prospect of raising its prices.

According to a letter sent by Saipan Ice President Anthony Pellegrino to customers, each gallon of water would cost 60 cents early next month, up ten cents from the current 50 cents.

This means that water refills in the blue five-gallon bottles would then cost \$3.00 from the current \$2.50 per bottle.

"After explaining my action and reasons, I hope you will understand and cooperate. I must raise my price of water effective February 1, 1995. It's a difficult decision. But unless I do so, I will not be around much longer to supply you with Sparkle-Clean water," said Pellegrino in a "dear cus-

tomers" letter dated January 3rd. In announcing his plan, Pellegrino cited the following as reasons:

- Cost of hiring both local and alien workers has skyrocketed

during 1994 and is expected to continue to do so in 1995;

- Government has increased costs for their services and will certainly continue to do so during

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AFTER hearing about a senator's request for a federal investigation on lawmakers about the controversial plan to rollback the CNMI minimum wage, Representative Pete P. Reyes now wants the probe expanded to include the highest official of the land.

A still unnumbered House joint resolution, authored by Reyes and Rep. Stanley T. Torres proposes to

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Reyes is also proposing that several large businesses who stand to realize substantial financial gain from a delay in the implementation of higher minimum wage standards

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Filipina serious after hit-&-run

A FILIPINO contract worker was evacuated yesterday to Manila for immediate medical treatment of serious head injuries which the victim sustained in a weekend accident.

The Department of Public Safety said a Filipina was medivaced to the Philippines yesterday morning, two days after she was hit by a speeding vehicle in Dandan. DPS spokesman Edward Manalili did not release the name of the victim nor the operator of the vehicle.

According to Manalili, the woman was crossing 16 Highway in front of Ike's Market on Saturday when she was struck by a black Toyota pick-up truck. The driver who was identified only as a "local" fled the scene but later turned himself in to the police. The man also reported the accident.

The victim sustained head injuries and fractured pelvis, Manalili said without describing them in detail. She was rushed to the Commonwealth Health Center and confined there until her evacuation yesterday.

A driver of another vehicle who saw the hit-and-run told investigators that the suspect was travelling at a "high speed rate." He was quoted by police as saying that he observed the truck fleeing the scene of the accident.

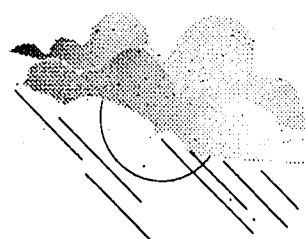
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DPS probers detected an odor of alcoholic beverages while interviewing the man, added Manalili.

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Weather Outlook



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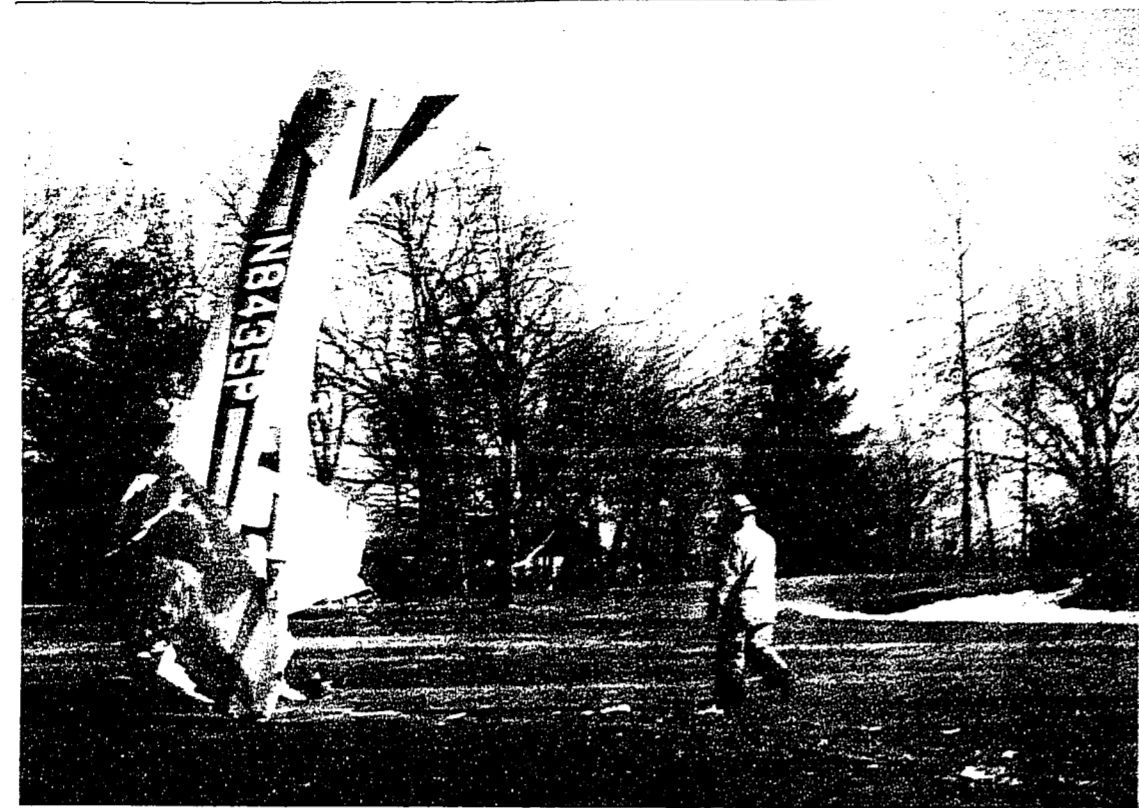
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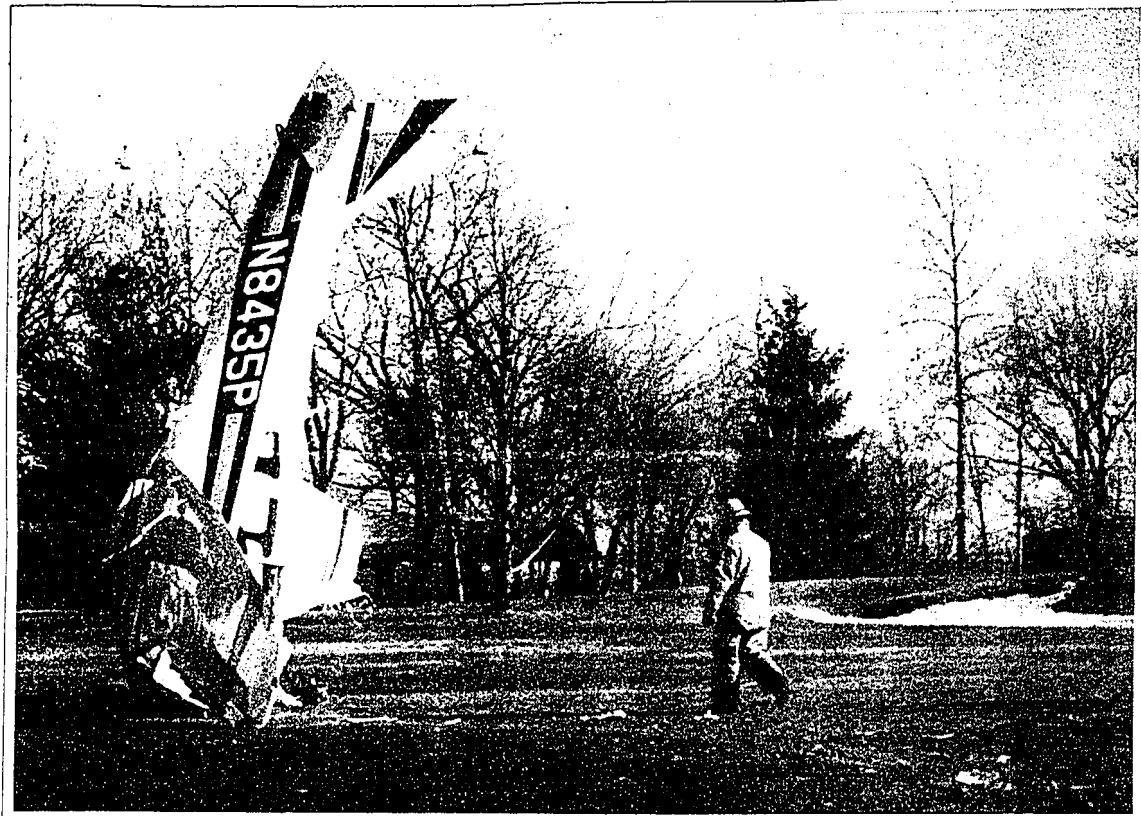
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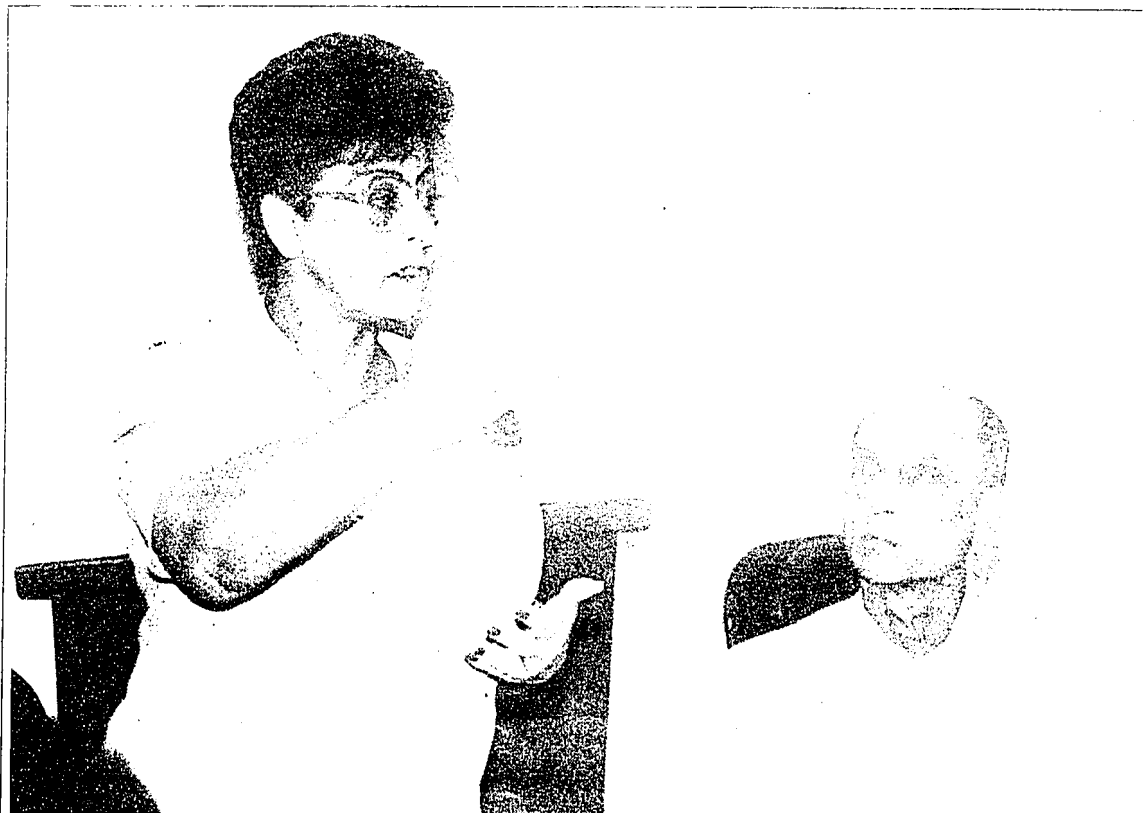
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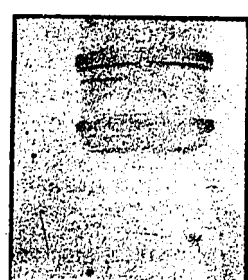
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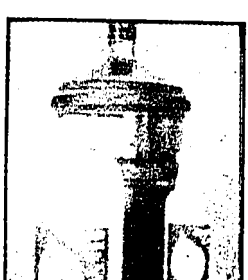
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ASUNTON MARIANAS

Ginen: John S. DelRosario, JR.

Matto mensahe ginen lago na si Congressman Elton Gallegly para hu kontinua humusga asuntion Marianas pot sueldo, tax, immigration yan labor. Malagnos este offisiatmente gi un katta para i kabesanten san papa' na guma' lehislatura.

Esta este na problema pot tres años deste ke man manotisia hit na debi ta aregla komo hita dumispapacha todo dispo-sision gobiernamento. Lao man tinane' i membron lehislatura man politikan babarias yan petsonat na interes. Todo man gai sustansia na asunto man maletke.

Dankulo na merito i hita para ta dispone gi hechuran lai este siha na asunto. Hanae' hit pudet lumimenda todo attikulo ni ha nesesa man matulaika pot para ukinubre kinalamten ekonomia yan siasat guine. Yangin para ta sede i Congresson America na guiya para hu dispone este siha na asunto, siempre ta pañot asunto siha ni ti umaya yan kinalamten tano'ta.

Maseha guaha siha na asunto 'nai ti umaya opinionon mame yan si Señor Jesus P. Mafnas, ha mirese saludo gi ayo na inatuñoña yan si Governor Tenorio pot para ta mueba tinilaika gi este kuarto na asunto. Ansia lokue' i dos na uguaha offisiat na pottamunedan (budget) gobiernamento sa' esta pot dos años deste ke taya' budget.

'Nai pago humalom si Governor Tenorio gi administrasion i primet na ginagaña gi lehislatura i hatsadan sueldo. Ti man malago i san papa' na guma' lao gi et mismo tiempo taya' explanasion sa' hafa na muña siha nu ennao na ginagao. 'Nai ha tulaika ataña si Governor Tenorio gi hilo inakomprende yan si Señor Mafnas, ti manmalago' ha' talo i san papa' na guma'.

Na ti magahet na este i huegon politika pot kompromisu (compromise) gi entalo' kabayeros? Debi señores yan señoras in ketuño sumepara asunto yan taotao. Kumeke ilegho, siña ha' tiyamo fasun un gachonimo ni matatachoñ gi fihonmo. Lao ti matulaika i facto na debi infachochu' na dos para minauleg todos. Debi in afana' ya inatuño pareho hafa sentimenton miyo gi hilo kinemite na gi uttimo besis uguaha inakomprende.

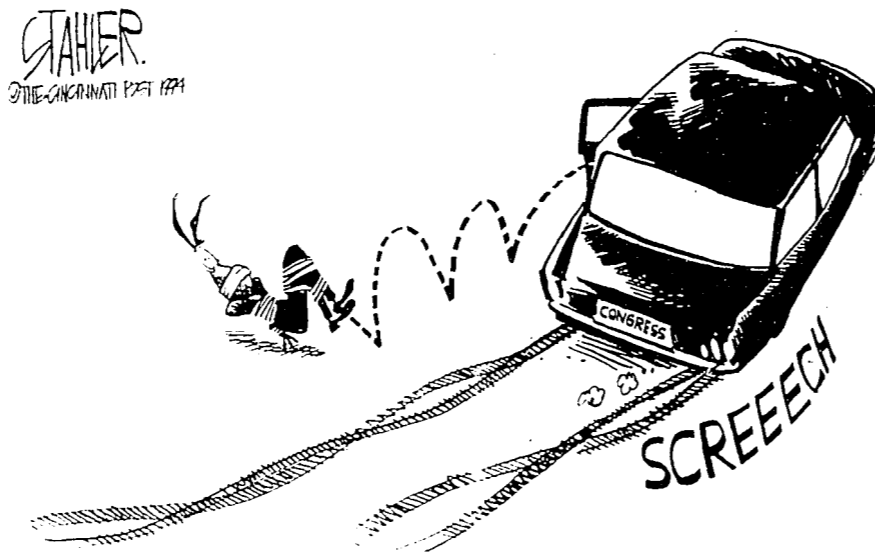
Dispues, i asunto pot tax, budget yan sueldo. Ti si Señor Mafnas i problema. I mangachonña problema sa' dispues de ha kayun un chalan 'nai siña guaha benefisio para i publiko, muña ha' siha talo. Pot fabot sa' esta lastima i hamyo mañasonao direktamente gi huegon kompromisu. Yangin chaot miyo na usaonao i dos señores, kao guaha mas mauleg chachalanña este siha na asunto ginen hamyo? Kao infan responsable ni linala' publiko ni infiniñot esta pago pot betgansa?

Esta pago taya' offisiat apprubao na pottamunedan Marianas. Lainegai na depattamento man masasapet pot paosa mamos i ininan paketin budget ni gaige gi Komiten Señor Pedro P. Reyes. Gi mapos ha' na semana 'nai mamamaisen i depattamenton edukasion na uma konsidera salape'ña. Didog siha na problema para ufan huyonñ kontra estudianten eskuelan publiko mientras tataya' ha' budget. Mauleg ta faisen i kabesanten Komiten Ways and Means as Señor Reyes para añaian na uguaha budget para pago na fiskat sakan?

Namanman sa' 'nai si Señor Jess T. Attao kabesanten este na komite, malofan i paketin budget sin hafa na ditension sa' pareho atmos banda makubre nesidadña. Antao gi disposionña ya siña gumando huegon kompromisu sin hu isague i administrasion yan i tres islas gi gi sankatan yan sanlichen na Marianas. Gi todo kinalamtenña, gaige i publiko primera besis gi konsensiaña. Lastima sa' ti guiya pago kabesanten este na komite.

Lokue', ancho experiensiaña si Señor Mafnas pot disposision tax. Yangin kulan guinesgues abubon Señor Reyes sa' hasoda' si Señor Mafnas chalan kompromisu yan administrasion, maulegña yangin sumaonao mañapotta gi konsiderasion budget, tax yan otro siha na asunto. Debi si Reyes hu eyag umakseptar na ti opinionña ha' dinanche osino para umatatiye. Guaha bente siete na membron lehislatura ya kada uno diferensiao hinasoña. Eyag umekufing komo lahe gi halom man lalahe. Si Yuus Maase.

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WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Obsolete program is a GOP sacred cow

WASHINGTON—House Republicans, who are aiming to reform the spoils system Democrats enjoyed during their 40-year reign, may be shooting blanks when it comes to tackling special interests and spending priorities.

Earlier this month, amid enraged protests from Democrats, the new House leadership vowed to eliminate funding for 28 legislative service organizations, more commonly known as caucuses. Included among those are the Congressional Black Caucus and the Women's Issues Caucus, which in recent years have given a valuable voice to groups that have rarely enjoyed one before. The move, which was designed to curb the power of these "special interest" groups, will "save" taxpayers about \$4 million per year.

Last summer, however, many of the same reformers failed to support an attempt by Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., to cut \$2.5 million from the Pentagon's budget for a program it neither wants nor needs, the Civilian Marksmanship Program. The fate of this small-change program next year will speak volumes about whether the reforms that are sweeping through Congress are genuine, or simply a partisan power play.

When she first arrived in Congress in 1992, Maloney looked for the "most wasteful" program in the government as a means of learning the budget process. That's how she found the marksmanship program, a piece of "petrified pork," as she calls it, that's been included in the federal budget since 1903.

The marksmanship program was conceived in the wake of the Spanish-American War, after the armed forces complained that too many recruits didn't know how to shoot properly. Nearly a century later, the military has moved from rifles to rocket launchers, yet the program still survives. These days, it's used to provide 40 million rounds of free ammunition to gun clubs and boy scout troops, and to fund an annual rifle competition in Ohio.

"It's time to declare victory," Maloney told our associate Jan Moller. "We won the Spanish-American War."

Even the Pentagon, which doesn't make a habit of declining defense dollars, admits the time has come to eliminate the program. In a letter to Rep. Ron Dellums, D-Calif., then-chair of the House Armed Services Committee, an attorney for the Department of Defense admitted the program is a "sacred cow" and that it is "not in the interest of the nation to continue to fund a program that is obsolete and wasteful."

"no formally recognized link to the combat readiness of military units" from the marksmanship program.

But Maloney was in for a huge surprise when she tried to trim the program in 1993. After first being blocked by the House Rules Committee from bringing it up as an amendment to the defense authorization bill, Maloney took her fight to the House floor, where she proposed an amendment to the defense appropriations bill that would have stripped all the funding. Following a brief but heated debate in which pro-gun forces from both parties rose up in opposition, her amendment was voted down. Maloney tried again last summer, but was stopped by parliamentary tactics.

Although the program lacks a military constituency, it does have a vocal champion in the National Rifle Association, which has a well-earned reputation for trampling on those who buck its wishes. In the wake of the November elections, it appears the marksmanship program will be secure for the foreseeable future, as 12 of the 13 incoming chairmen of the appropriations subcommittees—and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga.,—voted to preserve it.

The NRA has frequently been at odds with members of the Congressional Black Caucus, who tend to believe that government should be providing hot lunches for schoolchildren before giving away free bullets to adolescent sharpshooters. Last summer, for example, the CBC nearly throttled the crime bill when members complained that it didn't include enough funding for crime prevention programs. The NRA, meanwhile, fought desperately to derail the measure because it contained an assault-weapons ban.

Neither the marksmanship program nor the caucuses have much impact on the \$1.5 trillion federal budget. Eliminating funds for the black caucus will do almost nothing to save the government money, as the funds will simply return to members' personal office accounts. Nor will it prevent its members from meeting to discuss issues and strategy. Rather, it's a symbolic act designed to prove that the new Congress is serious about curbing the influence of special interests.

The marksmanship program is a similar metaphor. Should the Republican Congress fail to trim this from the budget next year, it would suggest that all this talk of change is simply a smokescreen for replacing one set of special interests with another.

JiReena, friend plead innocent

By Rafael I. Santos
Variety News Staff

FORMER Northern Marianas Beauty Pageant Association president JiReena Blas and friend Patrick Trusso yesterday entered pleas of not guilty at an arraignment in Superior Court.

The two defendants pleaded innocent to theft and forgery charges which were levelled

against them the other week by the government. They are currently enjoying temporary liberty.

Blas has been released on a \$25,000 unsecured bond while Patrick Trusso has been placed under the supervision of a third party custodian.

Presiding Judge Alex Castro set a February 1 status hearing after yesterday's arraignment.

The defendants have been accused of forging a check and using the same to purchase grocery items at Payless store in Chalan Kanoa. The check was said to be issued by the Red Cross to certain Juan Ogumoro.

About \$999.99 worth of items were purchased from the store on November 11, 1994, the government alleged.

They were arrested on January 6.

Blas is prohibited from getting near the headquarters of the NMI chapter of the American Red Cross and from the witnesses that include a Payless store supervisor and a cashier.



JiReena Blas in a file photo.

Office of Drug Abuse created by Governor

By Rafael H. Arroyo
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio yesterday issued a directive establishing an Office of Drugs and Substance Abuse under the Governor's Office.

To be headed by a special assistant for Drugs and Substance Abuse (SADSA), the new office shall be tasked to coordinate all activities of the CNMI government relating to drugs and substance abuse, including education, prevention, interdiction, enforcement, treatment and rehabilitation.

The new special assistant, who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the governor, will also coordinate with private and voluntary organizations, religious groups, businesses, health care practitioners (including practitioners of traditional medicine), and other persons or groups in the CNMI expressing an interest in controlling drugs and combating substance abuse.

The creation of the new office, which takes effective immedi-

ately, is pursuant to Section 215 of Executive Order 94-3, the Governor's Reorganization Plan No. 2.

Tenorio, it could be recalled, has long planned to come up with the Drugs and Substance Abuse portfolio due his concern about the drug menace that has already taken root in the CNMI.

Lately, the governor expressed apprehension over how drugs and alcohol has become readily available to the young people of the Commonwealth, most especially the students.

"Quite frankly, our children the Commonwealth, including every one of you, face an adult problem when you go to school every day—the easy availability of drugs," the chief executive said in one of his recent speeches about the perils of drug abuse.

Tenorio has pointed out that his administration is working to solve the substance abuse/alcohol crisis that has plagued Saipan.

The appointment of a special assistant on substance abuse is said to be forthcoming.

Water drilling in Yap gets president's help

PRESIDENT Bailey Olter has offered to assist the State of Yap in its Waterwell Drilling Program by sharing the costs associated with travel and per diem of Professor Keyan Zheng to provide technical assistance to Yap state.

This was resulted from a visit to Yap by Water Resource expert Robert Goodwin. Zheng is an expert hydrologist who has had extensive experience in hydrological assessment and well drilling including China, Tibet and New Zealand.

It is recommended that Professor Zheng work with Yap State's Department of Public Utilities and Contracts (DPU&C) and the Office of Planning and Budget. The UNFSM Water Resources Assessment and Development Project technical expert, Robert Goodwin, said that Yap main island's geology is extremely complex and any well drilling must be preceded by a detailed hydrological assessment to identify suitable location for drilling.



Bailey Olter

President Olter asked the Governor of Yap State to indicate whether his recommended arrangement is acceptable to the State and to inform him at its earliest convenience. Professor Zheng's services will become available by mid-January, 1995, the President's letter concluded.

Sablan on Cable Forum



Jesus R. Sablan

SAIPAN'S Senator Jesus R. Sablan will be host's Jeff Evans guest tonight on Cable Forum. Topics of discussion will include the CNMI's minimum wage and tax reform.

As of January 1, 1995 the minimum wage was raised from \$2.45 per hour to \$2.75 and hour. Legislation is now pending in the Senate to roll back the minimum wage to \$2.45. As well as local and alien workers being affected

by the rollback, many people are concerned that this would just give the U.S. Federal Government another reason to be concerned about the CNMI.

Another major concern of the U.S. Federal Government is the issue of tax reform which will also be discussed with Senator Sablan. Cable Forum can be seen tonight from 7:00pm-8:00pm on Saipan Cable TV, Channel 12.

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More to good CNMI-RP ties

(The following is the full text of a speech by Philippine Consul Renato Villapando on how he views the CNMI situation, delivered during installation rites for the new Saipan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors last Saturday.)

Saipan Chamber of Commerce
January 14, 1995
1995 Installation of Officers
Speech by Consul Renato L. Villapando

Miss Kimberly L. Class, The Board of Directors of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, Good evening.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak before the Chamber



Renato L. Villapando

tonight in your installation of officers. It is for me a deep pleasure and privilege to talk before the business decision makers and movers of CNMI economy.

The presence of the Consulate and a lot of our citizens here illuminates the vast potential for economic and business cooperations and interests between our two people. Economic health of CNMI like Philippines is anchored on their ties to other countries and the global economy. And we appreciate your group's intention to reach out and consider the Philippine community as part of your goal's achievement.

Many years have been spent cultivating friendship and busi-

ness relations between our people done through private sector level and we have always believed that these achievements should be highly valued.

As Governor Tenorio said, there is registered of more than 200 business enterprises of Filipino-American origin excluding share holding ownership in other companies. No matter how big or small the financial investment attached to it, they do contribute to the economy.

It is our intention therefore, to continue such exchanges and we are always open to constructive ideas on this can be improved.

It is quite comforting to hear from the Lt. Governor Jesus Borja, that the Commonwealth would continue to use the Manila Office among other, business, tourism promotion of the CNMI. Many countries have similar offices in the Philippines basically as business information centers not only for Filipinos but for foreign visitors alike.

In the Philippines, there is a healthy international Community and we take much pride in welcoming more flags to add to the already colorful foreign community. With the right to more business opportunities for both the foreign country and the Philippines.

Saipan today through businesses has become a vivid example of economic dynamism. In its own way the Philippines too is now in the move after years of stand still. I am sure you have heard of the economic performance of the Philippines too is now in the move after years of stand still. I am sure you have heard of the economic performance of the Philippines recently.

Many knowledgeable economic analysts around the world have described the Philippines as "among the best economic performer in Asia in 1994". The growth rate of 5.5 percent from a near zero level attest to this.

Investment commitments in 1994 reached P400 billion, and the export level reached \$13.6 billion (not a mis-print - it's billion dollars). The Philippine economic outlook for 1995 according to analysts, is even more rosy. Tremendous testimony of our recovery, the stock market has grown spectacularly, and foreign equity investment grew by over 100 percent.

It has not been easy, and the Philippines continues to strive for that goal of being a Newly-Industrialized Country. This is only the beginning of the turn around and although much has been accomplished, much remains to be done.

Our economic performance was made possible by underlying achievements in the political and social environment which every businessman and investors would care to see happen. Congress leaders and executives agreed not to allow themselves to be sidetracked by political differences if they are to quest for sustained and enduring progress to carry out economic legislative agenda.

Many are familiar with the Philippines experience in dealing with corruption, and an inhospitable environment. We learned the hard way that the lack of stable government and institutions as well as sound business policies are counter-productive. Under the leadership of President Ramos, the Philippine government improved the energy situation, thereby enabling foreign investors to set up clusters of industries in what we call Export Processing Zones or Industrial Estate Parks. These were set up to develop various regions, and to spread development around the Philippines. We have granted long-term (75-year) leases for private lands to foreign investors.

Old time monopolies in various key industries were removed such as in the telecommunications, shipping and banking sectors. The Philippines removed restrictions of foreign invest-

ments, establishing satellite trade and investment centers around the globe manned by seasoned diplomats, and streamlining the investment documentation process, trademarks, copyrights regulations and effective enforcement of intellectual property rights. For foreign investors there is in place of one stop shop processing and other tax incentives. From being itself an obstacle to growth, the environment has shifted form a regulatory attitude to a promotional vein to attract more foreign investor, the goal being to make the climate investor-friendly.

The most visible improvement especially for common folk and tourists alike is the peace and order situation. The threat of rebellious groups both right wing and left wing were neutralized by effective negotiations and offering of alternative livelihood programs. We have a perception problem because some press sensationalize crime reports that sell and these scare away investors and tourists. We are doing everything we can. The death penalty was reinstated for heinous crimes, including drug trafficking. Although criminality has not been eradicated, it has been greatly reduced.

The Philippines, along with the private sector, and foreign companies improved the state of communications, transportation, and infrastructure. As the Philippines is made of 7,101 islands, these elements are vital to the economy. Regional roads and new shipping ports enable efficient transfer of produce.

There was an improved morale and discipline in the nation. As Mr. Camacho noted, Filipino businessmen are being lured to invest in their own country, and scientists are given incentives to go back or at least help develop the nation.

There is also the Philippines participation in Asian regional development. This is due to the realization that the Philippines is not alone in the region or the world, and that is economically beneficial for our country to enter into cooperation with other nations. This forced us to think of creative ways to promote our economy.

Australian challenges his deportation orders

AN AUSTRALIAN economic advisor, employed for the past two years by the Niue government, has legally challenged a deportation order issued against him, RNZI reported Monday.

John Rex-Woods sought a stay of proceedings in the high court of Niue. His wife is the owner and editor of the weekly Niue Star newspaper which has been under attack

from Premier Frank Lui fro biased political reporting.

Rex-Woods says he's unable to explain why he's been issued with a deportation notice. High Court Chief Justice Dillon has reserved his decision on the appeal and says he want written evidence of Rex-Woods visa, working contract and the reasons for deportation.

Just Say "NO" To Drugs

Group seeks King holiday here

By Rafael H. Arroyo
Variety News Staff

CIVIL RIGHTS advocates yesterday staged a demonstration in front of the Legislature calling for the reinstatement of the Martin Luther King holiday in the list of CNMI legal holidays.

The group led by lawyers Joe Hill, Mike White and Theodore Mitchell and private citizen John Joyner took turns in paying trib-

ute to the late civil rights activist whose efforts at achieving equal rights for people regardless of color or race are being recognized with a federal holiday every year.

King day used to be celebrated in the CNMI starting in 1986 when then President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation declaring the third Monday of January every year a federal legal holiday.

Such an observance, however, was stopped when the CNMI Leg-

islature in 1988 passed a law taking King Day out of the Commonwealth's list of legal holidays apparently for austerity purposes.

Since then, the same group has lobbied CNMI lawmakers into getting back the King Day holiday and has done similar demonstrations every year during King Day. This year, they called on lawmakers to pass a pending legislation sponsored by Senator

David M. Cing seeking to make King Day a holiday again.

"The best way for our young people to know about Dr. King is through the perpetuation of this holiday," said Hill, in expressing adherence to King's ideals of equal protection for all human beings.

"We need to abhor segregation by celebrating the end of a system that discriminates by color of skin, the concept of 'separate but equal'," said Hill. "We should not take civil rights for granted. It has to be fought for."

With regards to the abolishment of the King holiday, Hill said such an action by the Legislature without explanation raised the question in the minds of people from other parts of the world as to what is our true commitment to civil rights in the CNMI. If our leadership does not have a day designated for the celebration of civil rights, they have a right to



A caricature of Martin Luther King, Jr. (Courtesy of The Associated Publishers, Inc. Washington, DC)

He added that enactment of the Cing bill will go a long way, at least a first step indicating CNMI commitment to human rights at a time when the Commonwealth is getting bad publicity on labor abuses.



Some of the participants who showed up in support of the ideals of equal civil rights listen intently to speakers in yesterday's Martin Luther King rally. From left are Candice Lofton, Colette Waters, Marilyn Waters and Dominique Waters.

CUC to open Sadog Tasi plant

AFTER conducting daily testing in Saipan's lagoon since last week, the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, in conjunction with the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) reports that Saipan's beaches and Managaha have been consistently free from harmful bacteria.

This, after the utility assumed an aggressive role in protecting the environment since last Monday, when the Sadog Tasi Wastewater Treatment center was temporarily closed due to a sudden malfunction.

In order to fix the plant, the wastewater had to be drained from the tank. Crews had to lift heavy mechanical devices out of the bottom of the tank to make repairs. During that process, the plant was closed, and the

untreated wastewater was released into ocean.

The community utility worked day and night to complete the repairs and finished the project more than a week ahead of schedule. The wastewater center is being filled with water

today as crews test the system. The plant is scheduled to reopen late Monday.

The utility's Wastewater Division continues to take an assertive approach when it comes to treating sewage and protecting our environment.

CUC meeting

PURSUANT to Public Law 8-41, Section 12, the Chairman of the Board of Directors hereby calls a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors for Tuesday, January 17, 1995. The meeting will commence at 11:00am, in the CUC Conference Room No. 1, CUC Administration Building, Lower Base, Saipan.

The following will be discussed and/or acted upon:

1. Ratification of Partnership Agreement

Pursuant to Section 13, subsections (4), (5), (6) and (7), some parts of the discussion of item 1 may be in Executive Session.

Women for ConCon delegates sought

THE WOMEN'S Affairs Office, is soliciting names of interested women to run for the up coming Third Constitutional Convention, on March 4, 1995. All interested women candidates are invited to attend a meeting on Thursday, January 19, 1995, at the Garapan Elementary School Cafeteria, at 6:30 p.m.

The Women's Affairs Office would like to encourage our women to partake in this very important delegation for the development and strengthen of the CNMI Constitutional.

Women populations contribution will make a difference on any of the agenda for the people, land, sea, and air, the office said.

We look forward to seeing you at this very important meeting. For more information, please call the Women's Affairs Office at telephone numbers 322-5090 or 322-4102

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Price... *Continued from page 1*

1995;
 •Fuel costs keep rising;
 •Vendors both locally and abroad have announced price increases for supplies; and
 •Acquisition of new equipment such as an automatic bottle washer and filler, state-of-the-art reverse osmosis system water purifier, a modern water treatment equipment called the Ozone System, new trucks to replace old ones, and other improvements as they become necessary.

Aside from the reasons he stated, Pellegrino noted that up-to-date reforms on certain policy areas in the CNMI local government may also have a hand in the decision to hike prices.

"Both you and I are holding our breath for an inevitable tax increase and a cut in our rebate system. It is not a case of when but how much," said Pellegrino.

"Therefore, I must reluctantly raise my prices. I hope you will understand that it is not an easy decision and certainly not one



Anthony Pellegrino made hastily, but I have no other choice," said Pellegrino.

After learning about Pellegrino's plan, JG Sablan Ice and Water was contacted and asked if they will follow suit with a similar hike in prices.

A man who claimed being the manager said he has been thinking about it (a price hike) but is yet to bring the matter up with higher ups.

Reyes... *Continued from page 1*

be included in such a probe.

"The resolution requests the director of FBI to include in the probe of any extortion or bribery members of both houses of Legislature and the governor plus maybe business enterprises concerned," Reyes said. "We don't want the people to have a perception that all politicians are corrupt so we want both the legislative and executive leaders be given a clean bill of health if they are not involved," he added.

Reyes in an interview yesterday praised a proposal made by Senator Paul A. Manglona to get the FBI involved in resolving the controversy surrounding the rollback measure.

House Bill 9-322, which passed the House last month, seeks to hold off the implementation of a \$2.75 minimum wage for six months until a wage review board is established and a recommendation on a wage level is obtained from it.

Although some members of the Senate immediately came out opposing the bill, there have been word going around that the measure is getting support. This has fueled rumors about the possibility of lawmakers getting influenced in their decisions on the bill.

According to Manglona, he himself has been rumored as having demanded a certain amount of money in exchange for his support for the bill. He vehemently denied such allegation and has called for a higher level investigation of such rumors.

Although such allegations of possible payoffs, deals and extortion are nothing but rumors as of the present, Manglona found it appropriate to ask FBI get into the bottom of the controversy.

Upon hearing of Manglona's action as reported by the *Variety* yesterday, Reyes immediately drafted a House joint resolution seeking to make Manglona's request Legislature-wide.

He, however, made specific mention that the governor should be included.

"There's a tremendous change of heart on this issue. There seem to be no principle involved anymore so I am requesting that the FBI include all members and him. The whole idea is to ensure that if lawmakers and the governor are clean, let them be given a clean bill of health," said Reyes.

According to Reyes, the sudden and unexplained about-face on this issue by leading legislators and the governor raises doubts on the public's minds.

"The governor and other leading legislators who formerly and for a long time, have publicly advocated a swift adoption of the higher federal minimum wage standard have now expressed a reversal of their positions to the media. There is a growing public outcry regarding this policy shift fueled by rumors of payoffs, deal-making and extortion among the Commonwealth's elected officials," said Reyes in his resolution.

The lawmaker said such rumors do grave injury to the good name and effectiveness of the elected governing officials of the Commonwealth and further subjects otherwise honorable public ser-

vants to enormous financial and personal pressures to go along or look the other way.

Asked if he thinks there may be truth to the rumors about extortion and bribery, Reyes was quick to note that House members may not be involved. He, however said everyone must be probed to erase any clouds of suspicion.

"It is in the public interest that the House take appropriate action to restore public confidence in elected officials, to clear the name of those legislators who have acted in good faith with a clear conscience and to relieve those legislators and executives who have been subjected to unseen financial or personal duress," said Reyes in his resolution.

"It is therefore resolved that the House calls upon the FBI to conduct a thorough probe of the Commonwealth's executive and legislative branches in regards to their official's involvement in activities surrounding the reversal of their public policy on the raising of the minimum wage as it relates to the passage of H.B. 9-322," read the resolution.

When contacted to comment about Reyes' statement, acting Public Information Officer Kurt Burkhardt said the allegations are "very serious."

"Whenever you got allegations where public trust has been put up for sale, that's a serious concern. The governor has gone on record many times about clean and honest government. I believe he would be among those saying that if there are allegations about unscrupulous behavior, then certainly no one should be above any examination from authorities that may be called in," said Burkhardt.

"At this point this sounds pretty much a legislative thing. It appears to be a review and investigation of the legislative body. But again, I can tell you the governor certainly feels he's not above the law and if anyone will start engaging in finger pointing, I'm sure he'll say keep your house in order first," said Burkhardt.

Filipina... *Continued from page 1*

In another auto-pedestrian accident, a 43-year-old woman was hospitalized after she was hit by a vehicle in Chalan Kanoa Sunday.

Manalili said the woman, who was not also identified, was crossing Beach Road by Payless store when she was struck by a two-door Nissan Sentra.

Police reports did not indicate the extent of the injuries sustained by the victim. Manalili only said that the woman was brought to CHC for treatment.

No one was arrested in connection with the incident.

Japanese... *Continued from page 1*

victim, another employee discovered the supervisor in a comfort room, he said.

No arrests have been made in connection with the incident and police have no suspects in both crimes.

Daiwa, which is located close to the Mariana Island Housing Authority, sells fishing tackle and operates boats.

Continental to cut 4,000 jobs

HOUSTON (AP) -Continental Airlines plans to reduce its work force by as much as 10 percent nationwide as part of an effort to weed out money-losing routes and return to profitability.

The reductions as many as 4,000 jobs will come through

early retirements, leaves of absence and normal attrition, the airline said. Some layoffs also will take place. Continental spokesman Ned Walker said Sunday. He did not have an exact figure.

Continental said the cuts, first

reported in Saturday's Houston Chronicle, stem from a plan announced last year to eliminate the Airbus A-300 from its fleet and the rerouting of its low-passenger routes to the East Coast.

The removal of the Airbus fleet means a capacity reduction of 8

percent. "Naturally, there will be some positions (eliminated) along with that," Walker said.

Continental chief executive Gordon Bethune told the Chronicle it's not fair to say the job cuts will result in major layoffs, but said the airline's work force will shrink as capacity is reduced.

"It has to," he said. "Let's think about it. If we have less airplanes to fly, wouldn't we have less pilots? Wouldn't we have less flight attendants?"

On Tuesday, in the first step of what Bethune is calling Continental's Go Forward plan,

the airline trimmed 7 percent of its flights and grounded eight of its Airbus A-300 jets, large planes that each require three flight officers and seat 250 passengers.

Continental plans to ground the rest of its 13 Airbuses, plus three Boeing 747s and four Boeing 727s, in the coming months to trim capacity by about 10 percent in 1995.

Continental, which employs about 40,000, lost \$90 million during the first nine months of 1994, and analysts expect the airline to announce another big loss in the fourth quarter.

US businessmen: India must speed up economic reforms

By THOMAS WAGNER

NEW DELHI, India (AP) -Top American companies doing business in India told U.S. Commerce Secretary Ronald Brown on Monday they still face many obstacles, despite the nation's economic reforms.

The companies urged Brown to encourage India to speed up the reforms by lowering tariffs, simplifying regulations, and reducing corruption in the process they must use to bid for deals.

India launched its free-market reforms in 1991, and they are opening its economy and allowing this Third World nation's industries, exports and foreign investment to grow rapidly.

The government also admits the reform process has a long way to go and still faces opposition from some sectors of India.

Brown began a week-long visit to the India on Sunday to praise the economic reforms, to urge top government officials to speed them up, and to promote U.S.-Indo business deals.

During the visit, the two countries reportedly plan to set up a joint group to promote Indo-U.S.

trade in areas such as oil, power, mining, telecommunications and transport.

But Pranab Mukherjee, India's commerce minister, told Monday's Economic Times newspaper that India and the United States will fail to reach deals on increasing India's protection of intellectual property rights and opening its service sector.

On Monday morning, Brown met with executives of the local divisions of U.S. companies such as Citibank, AT&T, PepsiCo, Hewlett-Packard and General Electric to discuss India's economic reforms. Many of them urged Brown to ask the government to advance the reforms so it is easier for them to do business here.

"We need reductions on tariffs and duties on products we want to manufacture and import to India," Scott R. Bayman, the president of GE India, told Brown during the breakfast meeting.

Bayman said U.S. companies also need major improvements in India's antiquated roads, telephone service and power systems "to reach our global customers in

a timely manner."

Sunil Mehta, a Citibank vice president, said India has barely begun to deregulate the complex and out-of-date regulations that still control how and where banks can invest and lend money.

Suresh C. Rajpaul, president of Hewlett-Packard India Ltd., complained that India, like many other Third World countries, doesn't adequately protect intellectual property rights.

And several of the executives asked Brown to urge Rao to reduce the corruption they face in the complex, closed and lengthy bidding procedure they must face to do business in India.

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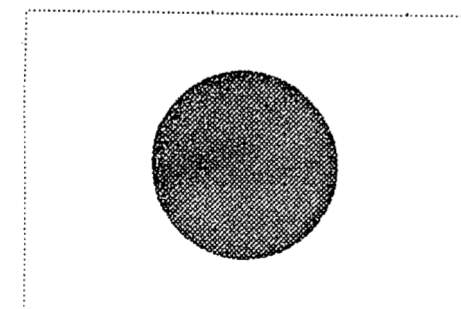
Six past presidents of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce gathered for a photo session Saturday night after the installation of the 1995 chamber officers. Left to right: David Sablan, Joe Ayuyu, Maggie George, Justice Ramon Villagomez, Antonio Guerrero and Marianas Variety publisher Abed Yunis.



An angry Iranian waves a pillow as he shouts at reporters who surprised them inside a Philippine Immigration Exclusion Room after they were refused entry into the country Jan. 5 in Manila. The men were being held on suspicion they might disrupt the visit of Pope John Paul II. Eight Iranians were barred entry into the Philippines after their passport were found to have been tampered with. Philippine officials said Iranians also gave conflicting information about their purpose in coming to the country. (AP photo).

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GARAPAN

Pope resumes tour after mammoth crowd

By VICTOR L. SIMPSON

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Buoyed by the biggest crowd of his papacy, Pope John Paul II left Monday for Papua New Guinea after predicting a "new springtime" for Christianity in Asia.

John Paul departed at 10:16 a.m. (0216 GMT) for a 5-hour flight to Port Moresby, capital of the island nation, the second stop on his four-nation, 11-day pilgrimage through Asia.

In his farewell remarks, the pope said the Church's task in the next century will be to spread the faith through "the immense human geography of Asia," where only 3 percent of the population is Christian.

"Christ is working ... for a new springtime of Christianity in this continent," he said.

John Paul then climbed the stairs to the Philippine Airlines jet, unescorted and without his cane.

During his two-day visit to Papua New Guinea, the pontiff will beatify the country's first saint: Peter Forot, son of a chief and a religious teacher executed by the Japanese in World War II.

Security has been heightened

at airports across East Asia because of fears that Muslim extremists will sabotage a U.S. plane to protest the pope's four-nation Asian tour.

New measures even applied to the Pope's traveling party. Reporters and others in the papal entourage had to surrender hand-carried luggage to security hours before Monday's departure, and were told they would get them back only as they board the plane.

Since arriving last Thursday, John Paul received enthusiastic welcomes at every public appearance during his stay in the Philippines, Asia's only predominately Catholic country.

The highpoint came Sunday during a Mass at the close of the Church's 10th World Youth Day. Vatican officials said the crowd was the largest since John Paul assumed the papacy in October 1978.

Vatican and police officials estimated Sunday's crowd between 2 million and 5 million, but its sheer size defied any accurate measure.

People filled the huge Rizal Park, where the Mass was held, and spread for kilometers (miles)



Youth delegates from different countries wave their respective flags during the opening ceremony of the 10th World Youth Day celebration last Tuesday at Manila's park. The highlight of the celebration is an address from Pope John Paul II last Thursday. The pontiff left the country yesterday. (AP photo).

along wide boulevards in all directions.

The crowd clearly was larger than the 2 million people who attended the pope's final Mass in Krakow, his Polish hometown, in 1979 during his first visit to his homeland as pope.

Later, the pope told Asian bishops that the Church's future lies in Asia.

"Just as in the first millennium, the cross was planted on the soil of Europe, and in the second, on that of the Americas and Africa, we can pray that in the third Christian millennium, a great harvest of faith will be reaped in this vast and vital continent," the pope said.

The pope warned that Asia

was at a "spiritual crossroads" because secularization was undermining traditional values, a sentiment shared by non-Christian Asian leaders.

"Even more striking than Asia's recent material progress has been the transformation of the spiritual landscape of the continent," the pope said.

It is also unlikely that the pope can transfer the Catholic fervor of the Philippines, with a 400-year Christian heritage, to Asian lands with ancient, rival religions.

"If Filipinos in the millions go 'ga-ga' over movie stars and beauty queens, there can be no limits to the hysteria and frenzy a pope can generate," commentator Nelson Navarro wrote Monday in The Manila Standard newspaper.

"Only in the Philippines and five or six other minor countries does the Vatican have such a stranglehold on social policy."

U.S. airlines operating in the Pacific were alerted to a bomb threat from Muslim extremists, who U.S. and Philippine authorities said were planning to attack an American aircraft to protest the pope's Asian tour. Sunday's Mass marked the first time that delegates from China, including the state-sponsored Patriotic Association, had joined with the pope in prayer. China refuses to allow Catholics to accept papal supremacy.

But Japan's Kyodo News Service said all but six of the 24 Patriotic Association delegates walked out of the Mass to protest Taiwanese flags in the crowd.

Kyodo quoted delegation co-leader Shi Hong Xi as saying Filipino churchmen had promised to limit national flags to those of the Vatican and the host Philippines.

During Sunday's homily, the pope told young people not to abuse drugs, alcohol and "the beautiful gift of sexuality." He also warned against following "the pervasive influence of trends and fashions publicized by the media."

"Millions of people the world over all are falling into subtle but real forms of moral slavery," the pope said.

At the end of the Mass, he gave special farewell messages in 13 languages: French, Spanish, Italian, German, English, Serbo-Croatian, Polish, Russian, Korean, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Japanese and Tagalog, the language of the Philippines.

The pope will also visit Australia and predominantly Buddhist Sri Lanka during his Asian tour.

What you need to know on Coastal hazards

The Following are the different types of coastal hazard which threaten CNMI's coastlines and their potential and historical impacts.

Tropical Storms

Typhoons and Typical storms are the highest ranking coastal hazard for immigration planning in the CNMI. This is because of their potential occurrence during any time of the year and the possible severity of damage due to the storms power. Typhoons and tropical storms pose a serious threat to both life and property in the CNMI. The effects of typhoon winds, storm surge and wave action have caused great destruction on the western shoreline of Saipan and inland and have caused a great deal of destruction to development and agricultural areas on the islands of Saipan, Tinian, Rota and the Northern Islands. The CNMI is located in one of the most prolific typhoon and tropical storm breeding zones in the world, the "North Pacific Ocean Tropical Depression Zone" (NPOTDZ) as designated by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC) based in Guam. People

on the populated islands have learned to deal with the impact of storms and typhoons and have developed methods to reduce destruction. These methods range from the simple boarding of windows and safe mooring of vessels to evacuation to safety shelters. Much of the success of such actions depends on the timeliness of typhoon warnings. The Emergency Management Office has an emergency operations plan which includes: public notification, tracking the storm, issuing bulletins, coordination of the response team and damage assessment. The CNMI Coastal Resources Management Program is part of the reaction team and key staff members are on call 24 hours during typhoon Condition II declaration.

Storm Surge:

Storm surge is a particularly important coastal hazard. Most of the major towns and villages of the CNMI are along the coast and generally located in areas of low elevation. This presents a great risk for the major population centers and a tremendous potential for the loss of life, structural damage and the destruction of infrastructure.

Because of storm surge possibility, all "new" building construction including additions to existing structures must comply with the CRM Regulations for setbacks.

Coastal Erosion:

Coastal erosion, predominantly by natural processes, has been a major coastal hazard facing the CNMI since the development boom of the 1980's. Traditionally, shoreline property owners have been responsible for their beachfronts. All shoreline protection devices require a permit from the CRM Office, the Building Control Division and often, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers prior to construction. Permits are issued with conditions which ensure the structures do not interfere with coastal processes or inhibit access to the shoreline. The general management standards for the Lagoon and Reef APC's in the CRM Regulations are applied to determine the stability of the proposed shoreline protection and enhancement devices.

Flooding:

Flooding of coastal villages in the Commonwealth has been a frequent problem associated with coastal storms. The CNMI was not eligible for FEMA funds for flood disaster assistance from the federal government until November 16, 1992 when Public Law 8-7 was enacted making the CNMI a participating community in the U.S. National Flood Insurance Program. The law also amends the Building Code (Public Law 5-41, Public Law 6-45) and director of Public Works to adopt and promulgate codes and regulations to comply with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968. The CNMI FEMA application cited that 14,465 Saipan residents or more than one-third of the 43,345 population live in houses or work in buildings exposed to flooding and mud slides. The CNMI remains eligible for other types of FEMA funding associated with coastal hazards however, funds are only available contingent to the U.S. President declaring a "state of emergency".

Seismic Disturbances:

Seismic disturbances, unlike typhoons, are largely unpredictable and have a great potential to cause structural damage and may also result in the loss of life. In

1992, Scientists at Columbia University completed a study utilizing Global Positioning System (GPS) to track and monitor the movement of the Philippine Plate and to determine the relative position of several Pacific Islands. The group reported the history of frequent large earthquakes in Southern Japan, the Philippine sea plate. The group will repeat the survey in two years. The information generated may enable a more accurate forecasting of potential earthquakes on the Philippine Plate and allow the CNMI to formulate a more comprehensive strategy to mitigate for future seismic disturbances. Current measure for mitigating potential destruction from seismic disturbances include the new Building Control Unit in CNMI Department of Public Works to ensure that new buildings meet the structural standards to withstand seismic activity and high wind loads however, more planning is necessary in assessing the potential impacts of seismic activity on the coastal zone.

Watch your newspaper for a future article outlining current local programs, policies and laws which address coastal hazard in the CNMI and what steps are being taken to improve or strengthen them.

FSM seeks comments on changes to Nursing Act

FSM GOVERNMENT has issued a notice seeking public comments regarding proposed emergency regulations promulgated pursuant to FSM Public Law No. 8-45, the FSM Nursing Act.

In this connection, the Governors of Pohnpei, Chuuk, Yap and Kosrae States were asked to publicize the regulations in their states. Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed regulations may write to Dr. Eliuel K. Petrick, Secretary of Health Services, P.O. Box PS-70, Palikir, Pohnpei, FM 96941.

The Nursing Practice Act passed by the FSM Congress has the following purposes: to provide an effective system of examining credentials of people who seek to practice nursing in the FSM to ensure quality services; to establish a mechanism for certifying nursing schools and trainings; and to provide prompt investigation and disposition of complaints regarding licenses and applicants for licensure.

No person shall practice nursing or present himself or herself to the public as having bonafide nurse without a valid license issued pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act.

Applications for the Registered and LICENSED Practical Nurse must be approved by the Board. License fees for Registered Nurses are \$20, for initial license; \$10, for renewal; and \$30 reinstatement. Licensed Practical Nurse's initial license fee is \$10; renewal,

\$5; reinstatement, \$20. For Advance Practice Nurses, in addition to the Registered Nurse fees, initial fee \$10; renewal fee \$5; reinstatement \$20.

The regulation specifically limits the use of titles Registered Nurse; Licensed Practical Nurse and Advance Practice Nurse, Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Midwife or Nurse Anesthetist to persons holding valid license to practice nursing in the FSM.

The regulations set standards of practice by establishing protocols to ensure that health, safety and welfare of the citizens are

protected.

A Licensed Nurse may lose his or her license for reason of unprofessional conduct including gross negligence; repeated failure to maintain a minimum prevailing nursing practice standards; negligent causing physical and emotional injury to patient; unauthorized removal or use of drugs or equipment; falsification of records; leaving a patient under his or her care without properly advising appropriate personnel and removal of a patient's life support system without authorization, to name a few.

PNG gets tough on citizenship

THE PAPUA New Guinea government has reiterated it will be tough on foreigners who want to become PNG citizens, NBC reported Monday.

The Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Michael Nali made the comment on announcing that an Australian, William John Parascos Jr. had renounced his PNG citizenship.

Parascos is one of several per-

sons who acquired PNG citizenship since independence but for various reasons have renounced them for their former citizenship.

Nali reiterated an earlier call by the Chairman of the Citizenship Advisory Committee for thorough screening of all foreigners wanting PNG citizenship. He said the government will not tolerate further abuse of PNG citizenship and will get tough on future applications.

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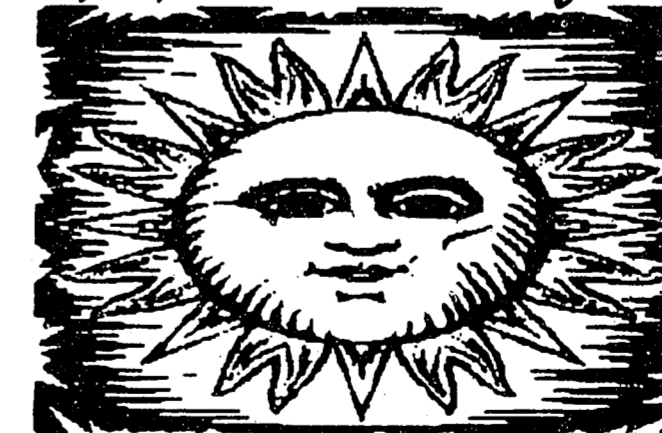
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American slain at tourist site

By SOM SATTANA
PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) - Gunmen killed an American woman and seriously injured her husband Sunday as the couple toured the Angkor Wat temple complex, Cambodia's biggest tourist attraction.

A provincial official said the gunmen were Khmer Rouge guerrillas, but that could not be confirmed.

The Americans were headed to Banteay Srey, one of several 12th-century temples in Angkor Wat. Their Cambodian interpreter also was killed when Khmer Rouge guerrillas fired on the vehicle with a grenade launcher as it traveled a dirt road to the temple site, said Uk Kim Leng, provincial police chief.

A State Department official in Washington identified the woman as Susan Ginsburg Hadden of Austin, Texas. Other government sources identified her husband as James Hadden Jr.

The official said Mrs. Hadden

was killed when gunmen opened fire on the tourists' van after it stopped at a roadblock. The official, who asked not to be identified, said robbery appeared to be the motive for the attack. A policeman who was also in the van returned fire, he said.

U.S. Embassy spokesman David Miller said the wounded American was taken to Phnom Penh, the capital. His condition was not known.

It could not be confirmed independently that the attackers were Khmer Rouge. Government officials often blame violent incidents on the guerrillas, but bandit gangs with no political allegiances also roam the countryside.

The area is hotly contested by Khmer Rouge guerrillas and government forces. The last attack on a foreign visitor there was reported more than a year ago during a Khmer Rouge assault on Siem Reap town.

The Khmer Rouge's estimated 9,000 armed forces refuse to recognize the authority of the Phnom Penh government.

Hundreds of thousands of Cambodians died under the Khmer Rouge reign in the late 1970s. In 1991, the guerrilla group agreed to end more than a decade of civil war. But the Khmer Rouge refused to participate in a 1993 U.N.-supervised general election and retained its jungle strongholds, mostly near the border with Thailand.

Foreign embassies last year issued travel warnings after Khmer Rouge guerrillas abducted foreign civilians in two separate incidents and later killed them.

The sense of alarm heightened when the clandestine Khmer Rouge radio station singled out Americans, Australians and French and British nationals because their governments provide military assistance to the government.

Angkor Wat is about 150 miles (240 kilometers) northwest of Phnom Penh.

Four people killed in train wreck after leaving funeral

By WILL LESTER RIVIERA
BEACH, Florida (AP) - Crystal Andrews mourned a high school classmate who committed suicide, then lost three family members and her boyfriend when their van was struck by a freight train on the way home from the funeral.

The Rev. Thomas Masters was called to the scene Saturday to comfort horrified funeral-goers who saw the wreck, and promised he would pray for Crystal, who was hospitalized in stable condition.

On Sunday, Masters kept his promise.

"A spirit of death is hanging over the young people of our community," he told parishioners at New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. "I have given the eulogy at six or seven funerals in the last month and most of them were people under 25. Everyone needs to pray for the youth of this community."

Masters then presided over a rollicking two-hour celebration of life, accompanied by a swaying choir, a hip-hop organ, and two sets of drums.

The tragedies began Tuesday when 15-year-old Robert Warthen Jr. shot himself on the campus of Palm Beach Gardens High School and died a day later. Friends say Warthen was upset after an argument with a former girlfriend.

On Saturday, classmates, friends and relatives attended his funeral. On the way back to Riviera Beach many saw the freight train strike the van carrying 16-year-old Crystal; her boyfriend, 19-year-old Pierre Exile Jr.; her mother, 34-year-old June Andrews; her half-sister Ilana; and her 4-year-old brother Alan.

The crossing gate was broken, but it remained unclear whether the van crashed through it or if it

was ripped off by strong wind. The accident was being investigated.

Masters, a leading community activist, hoped the suicide would heighten awareness of the dangers of guns in schools.

"We're trying to bring this community together to bring strength to the families," Masters said. "But we need better protection for our children in these schools."

Keesha Dillingham and her mother, Karran, remembered Warthen and said they were comforted by Masters' efforts. "This is a time everybody needs to stick together," Keesha Dillingham said. "I would never have imagined Robert would do such a thing. They need to have metal detectors at the schools."

"It hurts so deep to see the children suffering," added her mother. "We can't let these children die in vain."

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1 ELECTRICIAN 1 MASON-High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.75 per hour. Contact: PHILIPPINE GOODS INC., dba Folk Pub Disco & Rest. P.O. Box 165 Saipan MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-6485. (1/23) M/1244.1245.

3 AUTO MECHANIC 3 AUTO BODY REPAIRER-High school equiv., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour. 1 SHOP SUPERVISOR- High school equiv., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.75 per hour.

Contact: CYNTHIA S. ALLAN E. RO-DEO dba Tanapag Auto Repair Shop. P.O. Box 5533 CHRB Saipan MP 96950. Tel. No. 322-5572. (1/23) M/17891.

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Contact: TCK CORPORATION P.O. Box 2656 Saipan MP 96950. Tel. No. 322-9282. (1/23) M/17913.

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Contact: WOOSUNG CONSTRUCTION CO., LT. SPS 936 P.O. Box 10006 Saipan MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-0849. (1/23) M/17915.

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1 TRAVEL COUNSELOR- High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$500 per month. Contact: KO-WORLD CORPORATION, PPP 520 Box 10000 Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-0595. (1/23) M/17899.

1 (TOUR) COUNSELOR, TRAVEL-High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$4.00 per hour. Contact: INTERNATIONAL BOYOUNG CORPORATION dba Saipan Sun Tour, PPP 498 Box 10000 Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 233-6790. (1/23) M/17900.

1 TRAVEL COUNSELOR-High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$3.00 per hour. Contact: PENTAGON EXPRESS INCORPORATED, dba Choi Tour Saipan Jungle PPP 385, Box 10000 Saipan MP 96950. Tel. No. 288-7501. (1/23) M/17901.

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1 SALES PERSON-High school grad. 2 years experience. Salary \$2.45 per hour. Contact: ORIENTAL COMPANY, LIMITED, dba Oriental Market. PPP325 Box 10000 Saipan MP 96950 Tel. No. 234-5266. (1/23) M/17904.

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1 CARPENTER-High school equiv., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.90-3.05 per hour. Contact: JRS ENTERPRISES CORPORATION dba Electro Hauz International. P.O. Box 2673 CK, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-0692. (1/30) M/17956.

1 TOUR OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR-High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.75-3.75 per hour. Contact: TAE WOO CORPORATION, Caller Box PPP-102, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-3423. (1/30) M/17956.

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Contact: NEW BUILDERS, INC. P.O. Box 2490 C.K. Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-9636. (1/30) M/17958.

1 TOUR SUPERVISOR-High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary \$2.75-3.00 per hour. Contact: KAIKOKU CORPORATION dba Sunrise Tours. P.O. Box 5771 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 322-5141. (1/30) M/17960.

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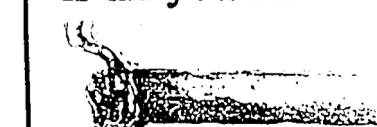
PUBLIC NOTICE

On January 4, 1995, Inter-Island Communications, Inc. filed an application with the FCC for a construction permit for a new FM station on Channel 266C to be licensed to Garapan, Saipan, broadcasting with power to 3.2 kilowatts from an antenna located on Crystal Tower. Hafa Adai Beach Hotel, Garapan (15 12 26'N, 145 42 55'E).

The officers, directors and owners of the applicant are Edward H. Pappa, Frances W. Pappa, David L. Price, Edwin K.W. Ching and Michelle Townsend.

A copy of the application, amendments and related materials are on file for public inspection at the Law Offices of James H. Grizzard, 2nd floor to the Macaracas Building, Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan.

Make sure your cigarette is all you burn.

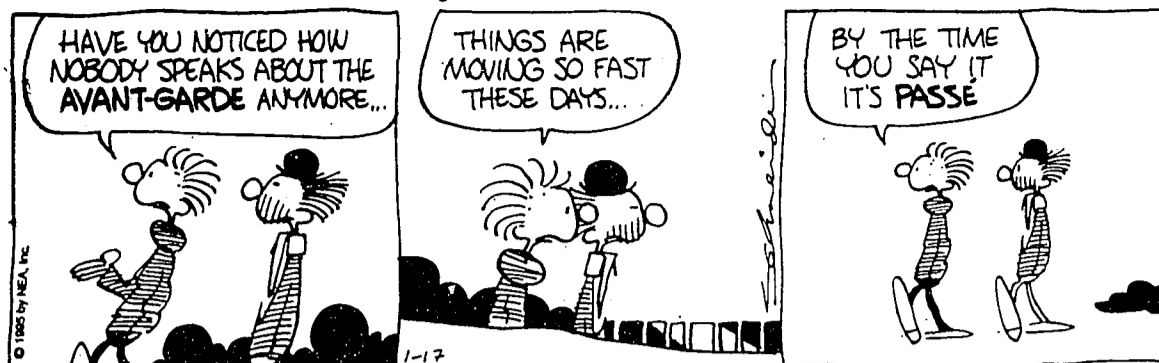


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TELEVISION cameraman, right, a Chechen soldier, center, and a couple of civilians run and duck through sniper and tank fire across a bridge from the presidential palace in the center of Grozny on Jan. (AP photo)

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By Stella Wilder

Born today, you will probably enjoy a remarkable beginning to a long and successful career of your choice. The choice of career, though, must be made with utmost care and circumspection. Your hard work and tenacity will pay off if you trust your instincts and rely on the support of those individuals who put their faith in you from the start. It may seem as if the odds are stacked against you at times, but you will take any and all challenges in stride. You seem to overcome all obstacles with inimitable flair and style. You have an irrepressible lust for drama — which many may criticize sharply.

You approach life in a grand manner. Your larger-than-life persona and style will serve you well at work and in your personal life. Despite your star quality and notoriety, you can deal with others in a down-to-earth manner.

Also born on this date are: Muhammad Ali, boxing champion; James Earl Jones, actor; Vidal Sassoon, hair stylist; Don Zimmer, baseball player and manager.

To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your birthday and

read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Take care not to use others as steppingstones today. Act in a fair and straightforward way in all of your dealings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Honest communication is possible today, but before you insist on it, make sure you're ready to hear what others may have to say.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — The time has come to forgive — but don't forget just yet. Too many lessons still need to be learned to allow the past to fade from view.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Today you may ask yourself, "Where am I?" and "What am I doing here?" You might begin to scrutinize your professional standing as a result.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Prepare to become more active in your personal sphere than you recently have been. Work on internal rhythms and stay in touch with yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Concentrate on new beginnings today — at work and at home. You can revitalize yourself and those

around you with a positive outlook.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Do not shirk your responsibilities today. It is essential for you to be willing to face the music at all times.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A special guest, whose arrival could either be expected or a complete surprise, can point you in the right direction.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You have been using yourself up at a rapid pace lately. This is a good time to slow down and save your energy rather than steadily exhausting yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You may feel deficient in some ways today, but the fact is that you have more going for you at this time than you think.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — This is no time to be inflexible, particularly with a loved one. Remember, he/she has chosen to share your life — so share!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — A change is coming, but you may not recognize the signs until something big is right around the corner.

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DATE BOOK

Jan. 17, 1995

Today is the 17th day of 1995 and the 28th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1961, Patrice Lumumba, the first president of Congo, was murdered.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790), U.S. statesman-inventor; David Lloyd George (1863-

1945), British prime minister; Mack Sennett (1884-1960), film producer; Al Capone (1899-1947), racketeer; Betty White (1924-), actress, is 71; Moira Shearer (1926-), ballerina, is 69; James Earl Jones (1931-), actor, is 64; Shari Lewis (1934-), puppeteer, is 61; Muhammad Ali (1942-), boxing great, is 53; Jim Carrey (1962-), actor, is 33.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1962, Jerry West scored a career-high 63 points as his Lakers defeated the New York Knicks before a Los Angeles crowd of only 2,766.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I wish the bald eagle had not been chosen as the representative of our country; he is a bird

of bad moral character. Like those among men who live by sharpening and robbing, he is generally poor, and often very lousy... The turkey... is a much more respectable bird, and withal a true native of America." — Benjamin Franklin

TODAY'S MOON: Day after full moon (Jan. 16).

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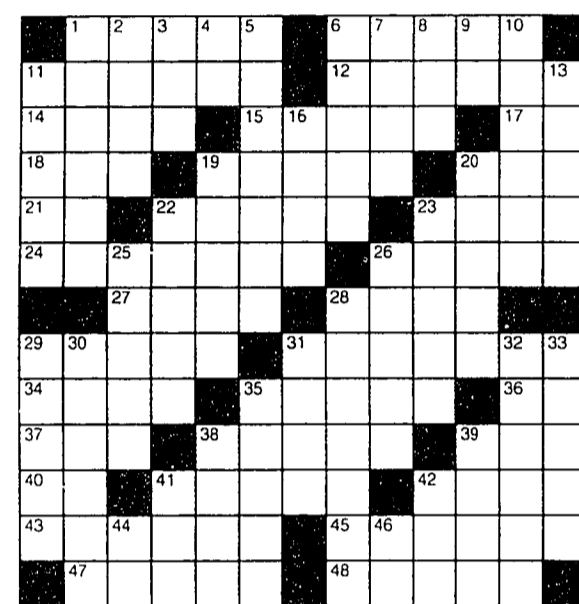
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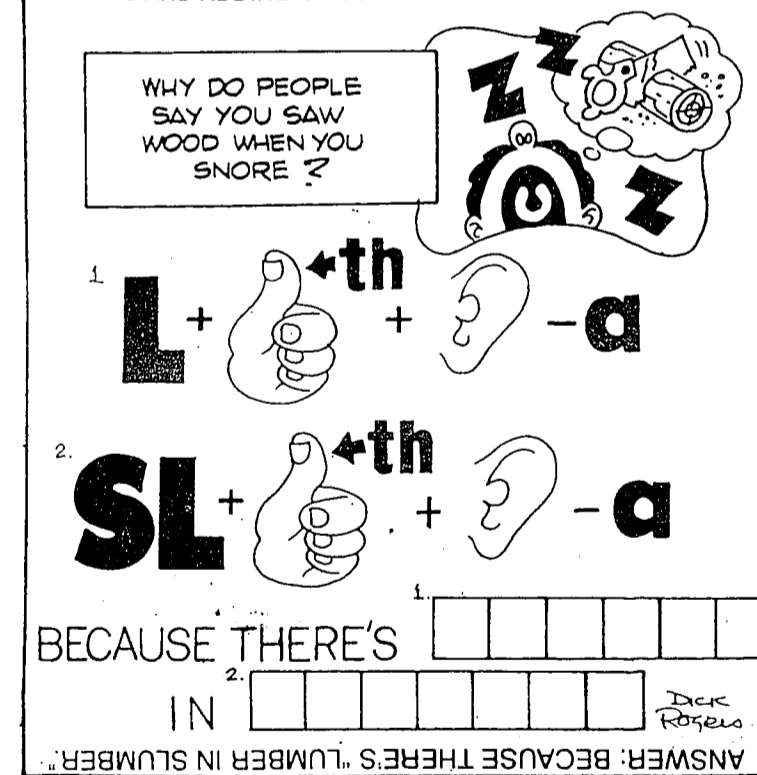
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Major Little League meets Smith...

Little League President Al Taitano wish to inform all team managers, supervisors and coaches that there will be an important meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 1995, at 6 p.m. at the Gilbert C. Ada conference room.

opening of the 1995 Major Little League season will be discussed in the meeting. Your presence and cooperation is needed for the success of the 1995 season. For more information, please call Mr. Al Taitano at 322-4033, extension 72.

SPG tennis tryouts slated

TRYOUTS for players who are interested in representing the CNMI Tennis Team in the 1995 South Pacific Games will be held at the American Memorial Park Tennis Courts on the weekend of January 21-22, 1995.

Players interested in trying out should contact Mike Walsh (coach) before Friday, January 20, 1995 at 235-7663 or sign up at the American Memorial Park Tennis Courts bulletin board.

Courier...

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the former Wimbledon champion and No. 7 seed, recorded a speedy victory. He defeated American Jeff Tarango 6-3, 6-1, 6-3 in one hour, 29 minutes.

Stich, a first-round loser last year, served 16 aces and said he was feeling the benefits of a six-week break. "It did me good. I feel better than last year," he said. "I'm more relaxed, more recharged and fresher."

Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine, the No. 13 seed, scored a 6-1, 7-5, 7-6 (7-4) win over Indian Davis Cup player Leander Paes, who was playing in only his second Grand Slam tournament.

Grand Slam Cup winner Magnus Larsson of Sweden, seeded 15th, won a serving duel with erratic American left-

hander Brian MacPhie 7-6 (8-6), 7-6 (7-1), 6-4 and was cheered on by a large contingent of noisy, flag-waving Swedish fans.

"It's very positive," said Larsson. "It's always fun to play here because there are so many Swedish fans. That really helps."

Jan Siemerink of the Netherlands was another early winner, downing American MaliVai Washington 6-4, 7-5, 6-2 but Washington's compatriot David Wheaton was more successful, defeating Germany's Joern Renzenbrink 6-3, 7-5, 7-6 (8-6).

Defending champion Pete Sampras was to begin his quest for a sixth Grand Slam title later Monday when he faced Italian baseliner Gianluca Pozzi.

The American has won two Grand Slam tournaments in each of the past two years, firmly establishing himself as the world's top-ranked player ahead of Andre Agassi and Boris Becker.

Agassi, the second seed, and third-seeded Becker were inactive Monday.

Young...

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said America3 navigator Courtney Becker-Dey.

"It was a very good call by the judges," Becker-Dey said. "We definitely fouled... and we feel that a penalty definitely cost us the race."

The America's Cup scoreboard is tied with one point each for Dennis Conner's Stars and Stripes, America3 and Young America.

On Monday, Young America is to race Stars and Stripes. On the challengers course, there were celebrations for New Zealand and Australian teams.

Team New Zealand defeated France America 95 by 2 minutes, 40 seconds. The other New Zealand syndicate, Tag Heuer Challenge, beat Japan's Nippon Challenge and won by 57 seconds. Syd Fischer's Sydney 95 defeated Spain by 3 minutes, 43 seconds.

In racing Monday, Sydney 95 will face John Bertrand's oneAustralia. The two New Zealand teams, Team New Zealand and Tag Heuer, also meet for the first time. In the third challenger contest, Japan will race France.

The challenger scoreboard: Team New Zealand, 2 points; Sydney 95, 2 points; Tag Heuer Challenge, 1 point, France America 95, 0; Nippon Challenge, 1; oneAustralia, 0; and Spain, 0.

Smith...

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and surpassed the record of Saipan's Douglas Gomez. Callutan finished the race in 36 minutes and 48 seconds. (AAPD)

FHP Fun Run Results
(Top three finishers)

| WOMEN'S | Name/Bracket | Overall | Rank |
|--------------|------------------|---------|-------|
| 16 and under | Audra Winkfield | 22:41 | |
| | Julia Coward | 42 | 26:20 |
| | Xenae Pangelinan | 48 | 26:56 |
| 30 and over | Rena Carlson | 33 | 24:18 |
| | Caroline Pierce | 35 | 24:42 |
| | Tracy Allison | 45 | 26:40 |
| 40 and under | | | |

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| Lyn Corella | 30 | 24:00 |
| Julia Newman | 38 | 25:10 |
| Cindy Camacho | 55 | 27:46 |
| 50 and over | | |
| Audrey Smith | 64 | 30:15 |
| Rafella Perry | 87 | 50:58 |
| Open (17-29) | | |
| Susan Burr | 7 | 19:38 |
| Hyacinth Ignacio | 21 | 22:41 |
| Alison Cutler | 32 | 24:09 |

MEN'S CATEGORY

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| 16 and under | Glen Aldan-Nunez | 3 | 18:38 |
| | Wayne Pua | 12 | 21:03 |
| | Josh Taitano | 15 | 21:48 |
| 30 and over | Stuart Smith | 1 | 16:50 |
| | Peter Barlas | 8 | 20:13 |
| | John Hoffman | 9 | 20:14 |
| 40 and over | Steve Sullivan | 2 | 17:32 |
| | Steve Pixley | 4 | 18:41 |
| | John U | 6 | 19:36 |

The FHP Fun Run organizers expressed their thanks to NMASA officer Bill Sakovich and his staff for their assistance in the annual event, together with the Department of Public Safety personnel who assisted in the traffic control, and all the FHP employees who helped make the event a success.

Any participants who did not receive a complimentary commemorative t-shirt may contact Josie Pangelinan or Marcia Camacho at 234-8125 or 234-6539. (AAPD)

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including a 28-yard TD pass to Jerry Rice with eight seconds left in the half that took away whatever momentum the Cowboys had regained.

In fact, the way the 49ers won negated the pre-game boasts of Dallas coach Barry Switzer, who took over this year after the falling out between Jimmy Johnson and owner Jerry Jones. He had downgraded San Francisco's 21-14 win earlier this year "because they got three interceptions and we won't let that happen again."

Well, it happened again, and they lost, despite the fact that running back Emmitt Smith, who entered with a pulled left hamstring, lasted until 10:28 was left in the game, when he pulled his right hamstring. He had 74 yards in 20 carries with two touchdowns when he left.

Young's statistics weren't great he completed only 13-of-29 passes for 155 yards. But he ran 10 times for 47 yards, and moved the 49ers when he had to.

The Cowboys had the better statistics Michael Irvin caught

12 passes for 192 yards, a Dallas playoff record. Aikman was 30-of-53 for 380 yards and was intercepted three times, two by Davis and a third by Sanders.

On the third play from scrimmage, Davis slid in front of Irvin on a slant, grabbed the ball and took it 44 yards untouched to the end zone.

On the next series, Davis knocked the ball loose from Irvin after a reception and Tim McDonald recovered the fumble. That led to a 29-yard TD pass from Young to Ricky Watters.

Then, on the ensuing kickoff, Adam Walker knocked the ball loose from Kevin Williams and kicker Doug Brien fell on it at the 35. Six plays later, rookie William Floyd took it in from a yard away and it was 21-0 before the first quarter was half over.

But Dallas didn't quit. On the next series, on a third-and-23 from the San Francisco 44, Aikman found Irvin in stride on the goal line to cut it to 21-7.

And the Cowboys seemed set to score on their next possession when they drove to the 49ers' 10, but Chris Boniol missed his field-goal try.

Brien kicked a field goal from 34 yards to put San Francisco up 24-7 with 5:54 left in the second quarter, but Dallas came back with another quick drive, 63 yards in eight plays capped by Smith's 4-yard TD run.

That set up two crucial series.

Dallas, on its own 16 with 59 seconds to go in the half, elected to throw three times and John Jett's 23-yard punt gave San Francisco the ball at the 39 with 30 seconds left.

Three plays later, Rice simply streaked past Larry Brown and caught a perfect pass from Young for a touchdown.

Dallas got its own break at the start of the second half when Walker fumbled the kickoff and Dave Thomas recovered for the Cowboys.

Three minutes later, Smith went in from a yard out and it was 31-21.

But Young drove the Niners 70 yards on the next possession, taking it in himself from the 1.

Dallas got it back to 38-28 when Aikman hit Irvin from 10 yards out with 8:29 left. The last real Dallas hope ended when Aikman was sacked by Tim Harris with 5:42 left.

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SPORTS



Smith tops FHP fun run

Veteran runner Stuart Smith outshines other runners and broke last year's record made by John Hoffman, in the 3-mile 6th Annual FHP Fun Run for Fitness held last Saturday along Beach Road.

Smith posted 16 minutes and 50 seconds to win the overall as well as first placer in the 30 and

over bracket in the men's category.

Last year, Hoffman crossed the finish line in 16 minutes and 45 seconds.

In last Saturday's race, Hoffman's performance dipped by 3 minutes and 29 seconds. He finished the race in 20 minutes and 14 seconds.

Hoffman's performance placed him third in his age bracket and 9th in the overall.

In the women's category, Susan Burr topped the women runners.

Burr hit the stripe at the end of

the race in 19 minutes and 38 seconds to win the Women's Open.

Burr's showing also broke the record of last year's top FHP woman runner Nicole Forelli.

Last year, Forelli posted the best run in the women's category by completing the race in 22 minutes and 47 seconds.

The top nine finishers in the weekend race were Smith 16:50, Steve Sullivan 2nd (17:32), Glen Aldan Nunez 3rd (8:38), Steve Pixley 4th (18:41), Erik Gillman 5th (16:48), Burr 7th (19:38), Peter Barlas, 8th (20:13), and

Hoffman 9th (20:14).

Smith was also the winner last year in the 4th Annual Tinian Fun Run.

He finish the 10-K race in 36 minutes and 6 second, breaking the record of 1993 runner Joseph Callutan of Tinian. Callutan fin-

ished the said race in 40 minutes and 44 seconds.

Smith also excelled in the 11th Annual Rota Fun Run held also last year.

He posted a time of 35 minutes, 10 second in the 10-K race

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Young America beats America3, New Zealand

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Young America emerged from a storm-damaged compound Sunday to win its first America's Cup race by beating the all-women America3 by 37 seconds on the fourth day of the defenders trials.

Young America's yacht was damaged two weeks ago when a fierce storm devastated its boatyard.

But by Sunday, the crew was ready. Young America, in 15-knot winds, won the start but was overtaken by America3, which led for the first four legs of the course.

Because of heavy winds, Young America had to overcome a torn spinnaker, broken winches, assorted gear breakages on every section of the yacht and an electronic blackout.

"We lost all our electronic instruments," skipper Kevin Mahaney said. "All we had today was a compass, and our tactician and strategist did an outstanding job in placing the boat in the right place and that's what really brought us back."

America3 was penalized for tacking too close to its opponent and had to complete a 270-degree turn before regaining the lead.

It was the second straight loss for America3, which lost to Stars and Stripes by nearly six minutes Saturday.

The penalty was the difference,
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Courier, Chang advance at Australian Open tennis

**By WINSOR DOBBIN
MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)** - Two-time champion Jim Courier was a man in a hurry Monday when the Australian Open tennis championships started in cool, cloudy conditions at the National Tennis Center.

Courier breezed through the first two sets against David Rikl of the Czech Republic before encountering stiffer resistance in the third set. Courier won 6-4, 6-0, 7-6 (7-2) in one hour, 37 minutes to be among the first players to advance to the second round of the 128-draw men's singles.

Courier was Australian Open champion in 1992 and 1993 but did not win a title for 17 months until his victory in the Australian Hardcourt championship in Adelaide two weeks ago. The American is the No. 9 seed and has come into the tournament with longer hair and a more relaxed attitude.

"I think it's up to me to go out there every day and play my game," he said when asked if it was possible for him to regain his sizzling form of two years ago. "I can get myself into

trouble if I don't know what my strengths are.

"I forget I need to stick to serve and stick to forehand and shake hands after the match. That's the one that wins matches for me."

Courier's fifth-seeded compatriot Michael Chang was given a tougher battle by Australian wild card Paul Kilderry before winning 6-2, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2.

Chang appeared to be cruising at 5-1 in the third set but Kilderry, who is ranked 187th, saved a match point and forced a fourth set.

Michael Stich of Germany,
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Baseball owners to meet with mediator from US government

**By RONALD BLUM
NEW YORK (AP)** - In an effort to restart the U.S. Major League baseball strike talks, the owners' negotiating team will meet Thursday in Washington with special mediator W.J. Usery.

A management official, speaking on the condition he not be identified, confirmed the meeting Sunday. The official said events of no great significance were expected.

"It's just a meeting to look everyone in the eye and say, 'You've got to get this settled for the good of the country,'" the management official said.

Owners broke off talks Dec. 22 and implemented their salary cap proposal the following day. The sides haven't met since.

Boston Red Sox chief executive officer John Harrington, chairman of management's negotiating committee, has spent the past two weeks helping formulate the rules for replacement play-

ers that owners intend to hire for spring training and the regular season. Baseball's ruling executive council approved the rules Friday.

Union head Donald Fehr has spent the past 10 days conducting regional meetings with players. Fehr will hold his seventh meeting Monday at Caracas, Venezuela. The final meeting of the tour is Wednesday at Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Usery was appointed by the Clinton Administration Oct. 14 and led the sides through five rounds of bargaining in the following two months. While he did cajole owners into making two tax proposals, the players' association said both plans eventually would act like salary caps, which owners didn't deny.

"We weren't the ones who cut off talks," Fehr said Saturday. "If they have something to say to us, I'm sure we'll hear from them."

NMASA to elect officers this month

The Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association (NMASA) will soon hold its election of officers for the 1995.

Current President Atty. James Sirok said the election will most likely be held at the end of this month.

The other 1994 officers are: Ed Manibusan, Vice President; Rose Igitol, Secretary;

and Bill Sakovich is the treasurer.

Earlier, NMASA also elected into office a new set of Board members for 1995.

The 1995 Board members are Rose Igitol of the Northern Marianas College, James Sirok, Judge Ed Manibusan, Jack I. Taitano, CNMI All-Star team Coach Tony Rogolofoi and Sports and Rec-

reation Director Louie Wabol and Antonio M. Camacho.

Jack I. Taitano and Antonio who were elected in place of Bill Sakovich and Joe Ocampo.

The new Board members were elected in a secret balloting. The ballots were tallied during a general membership meeting last December. (AAPD)

49ers win over Cowboys in Super Bowl

**By DAVE GOLDBERG
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** - Steve Young and the San Francisco 49ers swaggered back to the Super Bowl on Sunday with a 38-28 victory over Dallas, ending the Cowboys' quest to become the first team to win the NFL's championship game three straight times.

Eric Davis' 44-yard interception return, one of three

early Dallas turnovers, sent the Niners on a 21-0 rampage in the first 7 1/2 minutes of the game.

And Young erased the label of a quarterback who "can't win the big one" by throwing for two touchdowns and running for another at a waterlogged Candlestick Park.

The Niners will be heavy favorites over the San Diego Chargers in the Super Bowl on Jan. 29 in Miami. San Francisco

will be seeking to become the first team ever to win five Super Bowls.

The Chargers beat Pittsburgh 17-13 in the AFC title game earlier in the day. San Francisco, ready to try to extend the NFC's 10-game winning streak in Super Bowls, routed the Chargers 38-15 in San Diego on Dec. 11.

The Niners will be led by Young, a two-time NFL Most

Valuable Player who in this game finally got out from under the shadow of Joe Montana, who led San Francisco to four Super Bowl wins, two of them while Young sat on the bench behind him.

But these are new 49ers with a defense rebuilt to beat Dallas. Many of the defensive players, led by cornerback Deion Sanders, reflect the combative attitude that was apparent an hour

before the game when the running backs from both teams engaged in a short scuffle in the north end zone.

It continued early when the defense forced three of the five turnovers they got from the Cowboys to take a three-touchdown lead. Three times Dallas got to within 10 points, but Young twice retaliated by bringing the 49ers back,

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