



KIDS enjoy shade from adult crowd as they watch Liberation Day parade on Beach Road Sunday.

Senators' help on \$120M sought

BUSINESSMAN Vincent N. Rivera has asked US Senators Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer to help convince the House Committee on Natural Resources, particularly its chairman, George Miller, to ease its stance on the \$120 million multi-year federal financial package for the Northern Marianas.

In similar letters to the two Democratic senators, Rivera said "the people of the Commonwealth will truly be grateful and in your debt should you undertake to prevail upon... Miller to soften his position on the CNMI and allow us the time to solve our problems while still letting us eat and pay our bills."

Miller's committee earlier rejected the multi-year financial agreement between the executive branches of the US and CNMI. Of the \$22 million requested for fiscal year 1994, only \$3 million was approved, on condition that it be used only for the American Memorial Park.

The remaining \$19 million will be placed in a trust fund and will

be released to American Samoa, Guam, Palau and the CNMI for capital improvement projects.

The \$98 million requested for fiscal years 1995 to 2000 would be made available to the Northern Marianas, subject to further congressional authorization and monitoring of CNMI efforts to reduce dependence on alien labor and improve tax collection.

The Senate, on the other hand, has adopted a more favorable position. The committees of the two houses are now in conference to seek a compromise under the budget reconciliation bill.

In his letters, Rivera said the CNMI needed a "persuasive voice" to convince Miller that the US would hardly benefit from destroying the Commonwealth, "which will result if the harsh measures now in place are allowed to remain."

"Needless to say, the situation has brought on a real crisis in the Commonwealth at a time when its economic development is slowing down" due worldwide recession, Rivera said. (NL)

NMC still waiting for fund aid

A RESOLUTION authorizing the governor to reprogram funds from the previous fiscal year budget into the Northern Marianas College student financial assistance program is awaiting action by the Legislature.

Senate Joint Resolution 8-13, introduced by Sen. Edward U. Maratita, will allow the chief executive reprogramming authority to solve NMC's financial problems, particularly funding needs of its scholars.

"The summer semester is rapidly approaching and the fiscal year 1993 budget may not be ready in time and many students are in dire need of this financial assistance," Maratita said in his resolution.

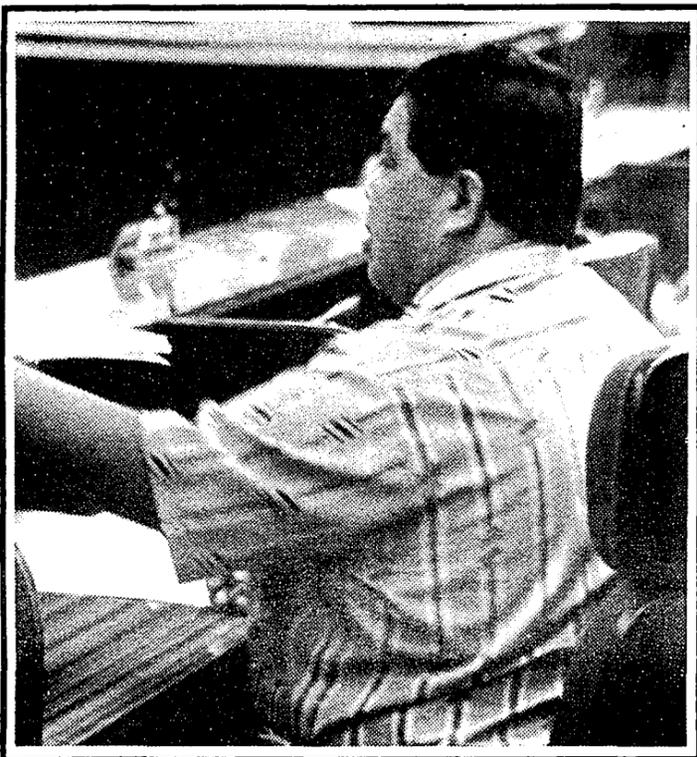
Under Maratita's measure, the governor will be authorized to reprogram \$100,000 from any funds appropriated under Public Law 8-2, other than that for the NMI Retirement Fund and available for the executive branch.

This is to meet the current financial needs of NMC scholars for the next semester, which could not be funded due to the non-passage of the fiscal year 1993 budget.

The budget for the current fiscal year, which is outlined under House Bill 8-226, was recently passed by the Senate in an amended version.

Under HB 8-226, NMC is to receive \$6.53 million. About \$1.9 million of this amount is for its student entitlement programs.

Under the law, government agencies are to operate under con-



Edward U. Maratita

tinuing resolution, that is, under the previous fiscal year's budget, during the pendency of the current fiscal year's budget.

Such a situation has impeded NMC's scholarship programs because the continuing resolution level has already been reached.

Without the infusion of cash, NMC scholars abroad may have no money to timely pay for their tuition and other expenses.

The continuing resolution level allows NMC to spend only about \$1.4 million for student financial assistance.

Recent figures from the college

indicate NMC has already spent \$1.39 million under continuing resolution, leaving only about \$10,000 for the upcoming semester.

The remedy is for the governor to use his reprogramming power to alleviate the situation.

But under 1CMC §7402 (a), no funds may be reprogrammed other than for the purposes for which the funds were appropriated, unless the governor requests the Legislature for such authority.

Such a request, under the law, is subject to approval only by joint resolution.

Panel endorses bill to restrict alcohol sale

A STANDING committee of the Senate has endorsed a bill to provide stiffer penalties for the sale of alcoholic beverages to persons under 21 years of age.

Senate Bill 8-42, authored by Sen. Edward U. Maratita, was recommended for passage by the Committee on Judiciary, Government and Law to also increase the inspection powers of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Board.

"The current penalties for the sale of alcoholic drinks to minors and for its consumption by minors have been too lenient. Furthermore, we recognize that current anti-drug laws failed to address the threat of teenage alcoholism, so in order to stem the use of alcohol by minors, we agree that it is necessary that stronger penalties be enacted and greater enforcement efforts be exerted," the committee said in a report to Senate President Juan S. Demapan.

Under the law, any person, store or establishment who sells or permits the selling of alcoholic beverages to minors is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Under the proposed measure, the penalty to be imposed will depend on whether any violation was a first, second or third offense.

The first conviction calls for a fine of up to \$250 and/or imprisonment of up to 90 days, and suspension of ABC license for 30 days if

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MRS. PAZ Younis (center) shows certificate of completion for those who completed the High Scope workshop for Head Start and elementary school teachers. With her are: Debbie Handler, trainer, and Mr. Ionas, a Public School System official.



SALLY Whitworth (right) recalls her experience during High Scope workshop as Debbie Handler listens.

Need for change grows as scandals rock Japan

EDITOR'S NOTE - As Japan prepares to host a summit of the world's richest nations, its post-war economic miracle is fading, its people are tiring of sacrifice and the political establishment is in disarray. Here is a report.

By Elaine Kurtenbach

TOKYO (AP) - After World War II, the Japanese gave up believing their emperor was a god and transferred their faith to the economy, a benevolent deity that offered security and a better life as rewards for devotion.

Now, with Japan's industrial competitiveness dulled and the political leadership in shambles, faith in the economic miracle and the institutions that fashioned it appears to be waning.

The defeat of Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa's administration by reformers, culminating years of scandal and disillusion, is seen as a turning point that may equal the end of the shogun rule in the late 18th century.

Polls indicate many Japanese believe their country has been moving in the wrong direction. The political turmoil has reinforced the conviction that change is needed, and not just in corrupt political institutions.

"The reason Japan was so successful is that each Japanese sacrificed his own personal life for the sake of big corporations," said Masao Miyamoto of the Health and Welfare Ministry, who has

publicly criticized fellow bureaucrats' conformist attitudes. "That was OK up to now, but now we have to change."

Scandal upon scandal has revealed mismanagement that gnawed at the economy's financial foundations and helped push Japan into its worst recession in two decades.

Painful belt-tightening by corporations has shaken faith in the Japanese way of doing business, leading even its most successful proponents to demand changes.

"The formula for Japan's economic success, effective and appropriate in the 1950s, 60s and 70s, can no longer be accepted or defended," said Akio Morita, chairman of Sony Corp. Other business leaders have made similar comments.

Despite cozy ties with establishment politicians, many executives have welcomed the possibility that the upheaval in the governing Liberal Democratic Party will result in new policies.

Miyazawa lost a confidence vote in Parliament on June 18, leaving Japan with a lame duck government as it prepared to welcome this week's economic summit of the Group of Seven industrial nations.

Since then, 56 lawmakers have defected from the scandal-tainted Liberal Democrats, raising the possibility that the party will be forced out of power for the first time since it was founded 38 years ago.

Whether that will happen depends on how willing the deeply conservative Japanese are to accept changes they have put off for years. The Liberal Democrats still are given credit for presiding over the seemingly miraculous progress from defeat and destitution to the world's second largest economy.

By some measures, Japan is the most affluent of nations. It has the highest per capita income (\$23,801 in 1990) and savings (\$45,118); the world's richest businessman: railroad magnate Yoshiaki Tsutsumi, at \$9 billion; the most expensive real estate, and many of the wealthiest corporations.

To that can be added some matters of national pride: an extremely low rate of violent crime, high public health standards and low unemployment.

But the wealth amassed by business and funneled to the political elite also exposes a sharp contrast with the confined living and working conditions of average Japanese.

When investigators found huge stashes of gold and other illicit wealth in the home of Shin Kanemaru, the former godfather of Japanese politics, popular disgust with political corruption reached its peak.

At the same time, economic confidence has faded. Unprecedented bankruptcies and layoffs, although small in number by

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Teachers complete High Scope workshop

ABOUT 20 Head Start teachers from Saipan, Rota and Tinian and elementary school teachers from G.T. Camacho, San Vicente and William S. Reyes completed the High Scope workshop last week.

Debbie Handler, High Scope trainer, said the workshop's purpose was to help pre-school children, as well as those in

kindergarten and grades 1 to 3 to follow and extend their ability to learn.

Sally Whitworth, education coordinator, said teachers were trained on the "plan, do, review" process under which children will plan what they want to do on a given day, implement their plan, then review what they have done.

Duty Free prepares video on Article 12

DUTY FREE Shoppers is producing a documentary video on how the man on the street is affected by problems related to Article 12, this was learned Friday.

DFS President Playford Ramsey said in an interview post-production work on the video would be finished next week and might be scheduled for airing on both Saipan Cable TV and Marianas CableVision later this month.

"It is important for everyone to know that we're all individual victims with the adverse interpretations of Article 12. It has been a misconception that these problems only affect business, developers and corporations. What we will be trying to show is how the common man is affected so that everyone is made aware of the intricacies of the problems," he said.

According to Ramsey, a previous survey sponsored by DFS indicated that many people did not understand the facts behind the current Article 12 cases.

He said little had been heard of

the many small people who were sued and who stood to lose their homes, their dreams and their family's future "because some former owners of the land want their land back now that its value has risen."

"This video is part of our commitment to continue informing the community about these problems because we believe that if the bad publicity continues, it would be very hard for the CNMI to recover," Ramsey said.

The video, which is tentatively entitled "The Victims of Article 12," was prepared by Bruce Lloyd Media Services. It attempts to present stories of people and their experiences with regards to the controversial land alienation provision of the Constitution.

Article 12 of the Constitution restricts land ownership to persons of Northern Marianas descent.

"By this video, we seek to encourage solutions. We need to close the issue the sooner the better for everyone's benefit," Ramsey said. (RHA)

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the offense occurred at a licensed establishment.

For a second conviction, a fine of up to \$500 and/or imprisonment of up to 180 days will be imposed and suspension of ABC license for 90 days, if involving a licensed establishment.

For subsequent convictions, the fine and imprisonment may increase up to \$1,000 and one year jail term. It may also result to a 90-day suspension of the ABC license for the third conviction and one year for every subsequent convictions.

On the other hand, the new measure proposes a \$50 fine and/or

imprisonment of up to 90 days for minors found consuming alcoholic beverages, including a 30-day suspension of drivers license if committed in a motor vehicle.

For a second conviction, a fine of up to \$1000 and/or imprisonment of up to 120 days and suspension of drivers license for 30 days.

A third and subsequent conviction will be meted a \$500 fine and/or imprisonment of up to one year, and a 120 day suspension of drivers license.

Current law imposes a maximum of \$100 fine and/or a maximum of 90-day imprisonment both for the

sale of alcoholic beverages to minors and for minors consuming alcoholic drinks.

Lastly, the bill requires the ABC Board to conduct regular unannounced visits to licensees' premises to detect any violations to laws governing alcoholic drinks to minors.

Such access may be without legal process and at all times.

In addition to current laws, ABC inspectors would have the authority to directly issue citations for violations of the law and that these inspections may be done undercover.

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Americans reject US intervention in other countries

By Howard Goldberg

NEW YORK (AP) - Most Americans think the United States has no right to determine who holds power in another country even with problems as grave as those in Bosnia and Somalia, according to an Associated Press poll.

But 61 percent of those polled say the United Nations has the right to apportion power in Bosnia, to 31 percent opposed. Support for a UN kingmaker role in Somalia is an even higher 69 percent, to 25 percent opposed, with the rest unsure.

"Clearly the public sees the UN as having global legitimacy and authority to intervene where the US lacks a legal basis to do so," said Ed Luck of the United Nations Association of the USA, a private support group.

"While many people are still critical of the UN, a rapidly increasing majority feels that the UN has a right to intervene in places where the US may not," Luck said.

As the United States celebrates the 217th anniversary of its declaration of independence, the poll finds Americans split in evaluating the way their country is responding to world problems as the dominant superpower in a post-Cold War world.

Overall, 45 percent are satisfied, 46 percent dissatisfied, the rest not sure. Other responses in the poll show that the dissatisfied tend to doubt US ability to play "world policeman" and discount a US responsibility in the former Yugoslavia.

Fifty-two percent of men are satisfied but 52 percent of women are dissatisfied with current US responses to world problems, according to the poll.

Women traditionally are more reluctant than men to see the country resort to force. And when the poll was taken June 25-29, reports of US military action in Somalia and Iraq were fresh in people's minds.

The random sample of 1,008 adults was polled by telephone by ICR Survey Research Group of Media, Pa., part of AUS Consultants. Results have a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points - or 4 points for com-

parisons of half-samples such as men and women.

Most of those polled, 59 percent, said the United States has no responsibility to do something about the fighting between Serbs and Bosnian Muslims, which has left 138,000 people dead or missing.

An even higher 76 percent said the United States has no right to determine who holds power in another country even if that country has problems as grave as those in Bosnia.

Only 17 percent said the United States, which has called the Serb leaders of the former Yugoslavia war criminals, has a right to intervene in that country's ethnic, religious and nationalistic power struggles.

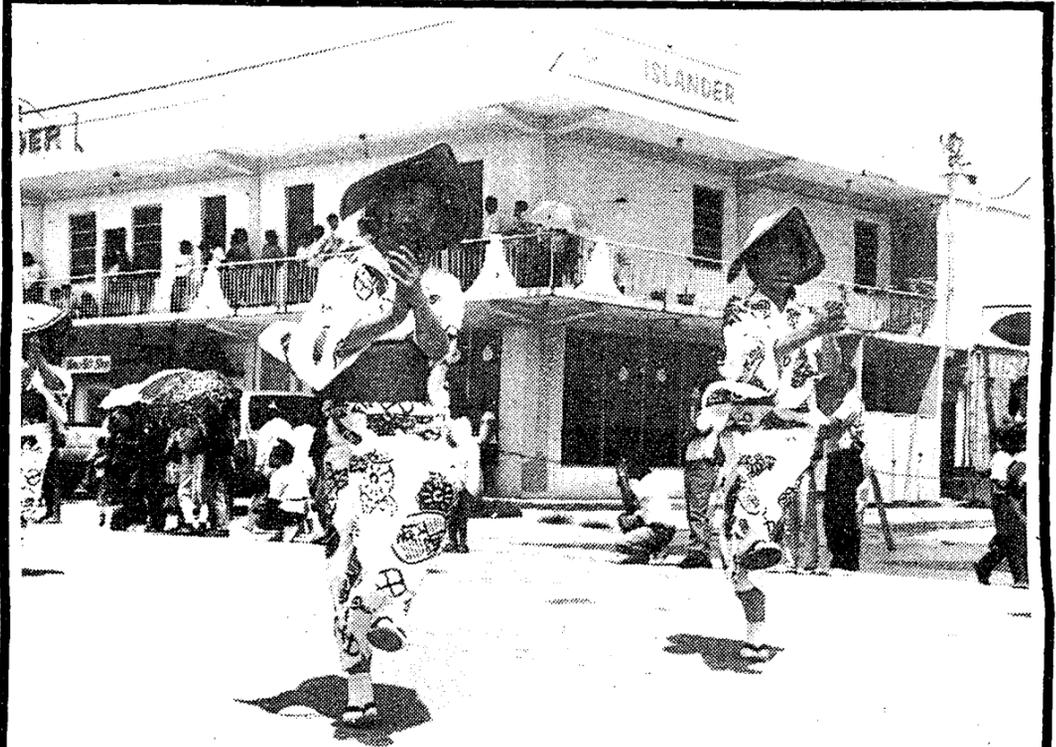
As an experiment, the name Somalia was substituted for Bosnia in half the poll interviews. In that African country where anarchy wrought a cruel famine eased only by a US-led multinational intervention, a majority said the United States has no right to determine who holds power, by 69 percent to 24 percent.

While the intervention in Somalia is under the insignia of UN peacekeeping forces, there is no mistaking its reliance on US fire-power. That and the slaughter in Bosnia have revived an old debate about whether the United States should serve as "world policeman" or even has the ability to.

Half those polled - a majority of the men but not of the women - said the United States can fight violations of international law and aggression wherever they occur. But a substantial 46 percent said the United States does not have that ability.

That split has been found in polls before. But it highlights a tension in Washington that became apparent recently when a senior State Department official suggested that the nation's limited resources could diminish the US role abroad. Secretary of State Warren Christopher quickly disavowed the comment.

President Clinton, elected on his promise to focus on domestic issues, has tried to avoid sending a message to adversaries abroad that they have free rein.



THE JAPANESE community in Saipan presents traditional dance during Liberation Day celebration Sunday.

Storm leaves 2 dead, 1 hurt in Japan

TOKYO (AP) - Two are dead one injured after heavy rains pounding Western Japan destroyed four houses and damaged 176 others, police said Monday.

Masumi Miyagawa, a 59-year-old innkeeper, died after she was trapped under the debris of her house that collapsed in a landslide near the city of Iwakuni, Yamaguchi prefecture (state), about 780 kilometers (480 miles) southwest of Tokyo, local police said.

Weathermen said more than 30 centimeters (12 inches) of rain has fallen in southern and western Japan since Sunday, and more rain was expected.

In Onomichi, Hiroshima prefecture, 450 kilometers (280 miles) west of Tokyo, Tokuro Hamada, 33, died of suffocation late Sunday after he was buried under a stone wall that collapsed on top of him in the back yard of his house, the Hiroshima Prefectural Police said.

According to the National Police Agency, another person was injured in Kagawa Prefecture, 530 kilometers (330 miles) southwest of Tokyo.

The agency said the flood so far has also destroyed four houses, damaged seven, and flooded 169 others, while damaging roads in 49 places, causing landslides in 203 places and damaging train tracks in 14 prefectures in the western half of the Japanese archipelago.

About 47,000 passengers were affected Monday morning by delays and cancellation of trains in western Japan.

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Western standards, have led to worry that the Japanese economy may be as subject to stagnation as those of the West.

"Japanese businessmen used to pride themselves on having a first-rate economy even though their political system was third-rate, but they have subsequently seen how fragile even the economy really is," said Ryuzo Sato, a commentator for the newspaper Yomiuri.

Some economists believe the orgy of investment and consumer spending in the boom 1980s was

an aberration that may never recur.

Others, such as Kenneth S. Curtis, a senior economist of Deutsche Bank, believe the current slowdown is just a breather.

He argues that Japan will emerge "leaner and meaner," having pared down the fat of the 1980s, when asset prices inflated beyond all reason and companies and individuals overextended themselves on easy credit.

Even if Japan remains immune to the "Igrisu byo," or English disease, of economic stagnation,

rising unemployment and falling productivity, many commentators feel it is becoming hostage to its postwar success.

Haruo Shimada, an economics professor at Keio University, cites the "big business syndrome," a growing tendency to conformity and conservatism that renders decision-makers incapable of independent thought or radical action.

Shimada says the Japanese need new national goals: more equal distribution of wealth and greater emphasis on individual happiness.

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Japanese candidates promise clean politics

By Tom Minehart

TOKYO (AP) - White-gloved candidates vowed to clean up Japan's politics and enrich their constituents as campaigning began Sunday for an election that could break the Liberal Democratic Party's 38-year grip on power.

"If elected, I will contribute to making the prefecture more affluent so everyone who lives in Yamanashi will be glad to live here," independent candidate Shomei Yokouchi promised 2,000 fan-waving supporters in the western city of Kofu. He added, "I'll press for further reforms and bring about clean and bright politics."

Around Japan, 955 candidates launched their campaigns for the July 18 parliamentary election. Many spoke in ceremonies in town squares or rode through their home districts in trucks, waving customary white-gloved hands and blasting slogans through loudspeakers.

They are vying for the 511 seats in the powerful lower house of Parliament, dissolved last month after Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa lost a no-confidence vote because he failed to enact measures to clean up Japan's corruption-ridden politics.

About 50 lawmakers have defected from the ruling party since then, making it likely the Liberal Democrats will lose their 275-seat majority in the lower house, and thus the right to pick the prime minister, for the first time since the conservative party was founded in 1955.

But it remains to be seen whether this is a major upheaval of the political system or merely a tremor, like the earthquakes that frequently shake Tokyo but cause little damage.

Many observers doubt this is

the "big one," since many of the candidates, including the rebel reformers, are products of the Liberal Democrats' money-politics system. Little change is expected in domestic or foreign policies, which are largely crafted by Japan's powerful bureaucracy.

Still, it's significant that candidates are heeding the disgust among Japan's 94.8 million eligible voters over scandals and an essentially feudal system in which politicians exchange money and influence for votes. And it could be the first crack in the LDP-bureaucracy-business power structure, which is credited with engineering Japan's economic growth but blamed for ignoring ordinary consumers.

The political turmoil has caused Tokyo great embarrassment before the economic summit this week of the Group of Seven leading industrial nations. Because of Miyazawa's lame-duck status, Washington has put off talks on a new bilateral economic framework until after his successor takes office.

Miyazawa appeared before 1,000 people near the flashing neon billboards at Shibuya in Tokyo and asked for a second chance to push reform.

He warned that if the LDP defectors and the anti-military Social Democrats form a governing coalition, Japan's security would be jeopardized.

"Could they be able to compile Japan's defense budget if the coalition took power?" he asked.

Sadao Yamahana, leader of the largest opposition group, the Social Democratic Party, told 500 people in Hakodate on the northernmost main island of Hokkaido that the election was a chance to "stop corruption-ridden LDP politics and establish a new government to realize political re-

form."

Tsutomu Hata, leader of Shinseito (Japan Renewal Party), which broke away from the LDP to field 69 candidates, started his campaign in Kitakyushu in western Japan. He told 1,200 people his party would lead a movement to replace the Liberal Democrats.

"People should realize they can change politics with a single vote," said Hata, a former finance minister.

Rumblings of political change began earlier this year when Shin Kanemaru, the main power figure in the Liberal Democratic Party, resigned amid allegations that he accepted huge illicit donations, mainly from construction firms. His trial on tax evasion charges opens July 22.

The mayor of the northern city of Sendai and top executives from four construction companies were arrested last week in connection with a reported 100 million yen (almost \$1 million) bribery case. The case may be one of many stemming from evidence linked to Kanemaru.

Yokouchi, who like many candidates promised both reform and prosperity, is one of the main contenders for Kanemaru's parliamentary seat in Kofu. He is a former Construction Ministry bureaucrat, and his apparently well-funded campaign is being backed by construction interests.

His supporters at the opening ceremony waved paper fans embossed with the Japanese characters for "victory" and pictures of grapes, for which the region is famous.

Before pulling on white gloves and boarding his sound truck for a tour through the prefecture, he painted in one eye of a large "daruma" doll and received 1,000 folded paper cranes - two traditional symbols of good luck.

Probe of mail-order brides' deaths urged

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) - Former Philippines president Corazon Aquino has called for an investigation into reports of violent deaths and disappearances of Filipino women who have come to Australia as mail-order brides.

Aquino, speaking Sunday before a church service with the Filipino community in Melbourne, said the Australian and Philippines governments should cooperate in an investigation of the industry.

"I think it is a matter that the Australian government should jointly examine and look at further," she said. "They should make submissions to both governments."

Aquino, on a seven-day visit to Australia, was commenting on a report in the Sunday Age of Melbourne which said the deaths and disappearance of 18 Filipino women in Australia over the past six years could become central to a national inquiry.

Asian news briefs

Explosion at Hyatt in Seoul

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Three people were injured Monday in a gas explosion at a hotel in central Seoul where President Clinton is scheduled to stay on the weekend, police said.

The explosion happened at a Japanese restaurant in the basement of Hyatt Regency Hotel at about 6:40 a.m. when workers turned on a gas cooker, they said.

Investigation was under way to determine the cause of the accident, police said.

Clinton is scheduled to visit South Korea Saturday and Sunday after a three-day meeting of the seven Western industrialized nations in Tokyo starting on Wednesday.

Heavy rains leave 6 dead

BEIJING (AP) - Days of heavy rains in coastal Zhejiang province have left six people dead, destroyed more than 1,000 homes and flooded more than 33,000 hectares (80,000 acres) of farmland, an official report said Sunday.

Thunderstorms and heavy rains have hit Zhejiang province since last Tuesday, the Wen Hui Bao reported. In some places, more than 170 millimeters (nearly 7 inches) of rain had fallen by Friday.

Central and southern Zhejiang was hardest hit, and rains were still falling in many parts of the province, the report said.

Oil well fire kills 4

BEIJING (AP) - Four people were killed in an oil well fire that raged for five days and was set by thieves trying to steal oil, an official newspaper reported Sunday.

Several people were welding a pipe to divert oil from the No. 33 well of the Huabei Oil Fields, which serve Beijing, and accidentally started the fire on June 22, the Legal Daily said.

The fire killed four people, and three were missing, it said. It said it took firefighters and rescue teams five days and six nights to battle the blaze using more than one hundred fire trucks, tractors and other equipment.

The report said repeated attempts to cap the well had so far failed. The newspaper did not say what happened to those who started the fire, or give any details about the victims.

Bhutto seeks talks with Sharif

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - Opposition leader Benazir Bhutto sought talks with Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif Sunday in a bid to break a political deadlock that has left many people fearing army intervention.

Despite an army statement Saturday distancing itself from the political fray, most people are wary of military intervention in a country where the army has ruled for 25 of its 47-year history.

The army top brass held an extraordinary meeting on Thursday, after Sharif declared emergency rule in Punjab province, where 60 percent of Pakistan's 120 million people live.

The meeting was followed by a late night parley between Sharif and Army Chief-of-Staff Gen. Abdul Waheed.

Several sources, who asked not to be identified, said the army chief urged new elections and called for a quick end to the political confrontation.

"If the anarchy continues, then even a reluctant army chief would be left with no other option but to declare martial law," Ms. Bhutto told The Associated Press.

"To prevent that one has to find a political solution to the problem," she said.

In a letter seeking talks with Sharif, Ms. Bhutto is demanding a three-point formula of constitutional reforms, dates for fresh elections and the formation of a national government, said Salman Taseer, a spokesman for her centrist Pakistan People's Party.

Several government sources, who refused to be identified, said Sharif would be ready to call elections if the president, with whom he has been feuding, resigns.

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Food, fireworks fill July 4 weekend

By The Associated Press
 Food, festivities and fireworks filled the July Fourth weekend, along with a few parades and rodeos for those who didn't head to the beach or the campground to celebrate the day the United States declared its independence.

People trying to escape summer heat got more than they bargained for in the Colorado Rockies - snow!

"We're sitting here in shorts,

and there's a guy in his camper with Kansas plates. He has three kids in shorts and his wife is taking pictures because it's the Fourth of July and it's snowing," said Dave Long, a writer with the Dayton Daily News in Ohio, who found himself in the middle of a snowstorm as he drove over 10,600-foot (3,233-meter) Vail Pass.

President Clinton was in Philadelphia where he and two youngsters gently rapped their

knuckles 13 times against the Liberty Bell in a simulated ringing of the historic landmark.

Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, made an impassioned visit to a North Philadelphia church Sunday and enlisted its congregants as comrades against injustice.

"What is happening in South Africa is your fight," Mandela told more than 2,000 people at Bright Hope Baptist Church. "You

are directly involved." Mandela and South Africa President F.W. de Klerk were in Philadelphia to receive the Liberty Medal for their contributions to reform South Africa's political system.

Clinton attended the ceremony outside Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776 and the Constitution in 1787.

"At this very moment, we in South Africa are giving birth to a

new democracy and a new nation," de Klerk said. "They are wrestling with the same issues your founding fathers wrestled with."

In Boston, John Williams took the podium for his last Independence Day as Boston Pops conductor. Williams, the Pops conductor since 1980, plans to step down when the season ends in December. The evening was capped with a fireworks extravaganza.



TRIBONG Laguna, a group from a province in the Philippines, performs traditional marching dance during Liberation Day celebration Sunday.

Blimp crashes in New York

By Dana Kennedy

NEW YORK (AP) - A blimp named Bigfoot crash-landed on the roof of a seven-story apartment house Sunday, ending up deflated and draped over the side of the building like an empty balloon tossed away by King Kong.

The pilot and co-pilot survived with minor injuries.

"It just deflated like a big pancake," said police Officer Mike Greene, who was on patrol when he saw the airship. "It was amazing. It was just this humongous blimp, just going down."

The 160-foot-long (48-meter-long) craft, a large hole visible in its outer skin, hit the apartment building's roof, scattering a handful of astonished sunbathers.

One of the crewmen told police they intentionally landed on the roof of the Midtown building after deciding against trying to crash-land in the Hudson River.

Witnesses said the blimp approached the roof and suddenly nosed down, its gondola and engines catching on the roof's parapet.

Witness Joseph Nadreau said the blimp had a large hole in the left front of its outer surface. "I got out of my chair and I was standing maybe 20 feet away and it hit the chair I'd been sitting in," he said.

Nadreau helped the crewmen extricate themselves from the wreck. He said both seemed disoriented and complained of back pains. No one else was hurt, contrary to

initial reports.

Pilot Lee Cermak was hospitalized in fair condition. The co-pilot, Pat Russell, had no apparent injuries and could be released by Sunday night, said Sandra Salisbury, a spokeswoman at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital.

The airship Bigfoot, owned by US-LTA of Tillamook, Ore., was arriving from Boston when it crashed, according to Pizza Hut Vice President Rob Doughty.

Leased by Pizza Hut to promote a new, large pizza named Bigfoot, the \$4 million airship was on a nationwide maiden voyage, Doughty said. It was to have been airborne above New York City during Sunday night's fireworks display, and fly over the city again Monday.

Port Authority police Officer Paul Laszczyński, one of the first policemen on the scene, said the pilots were unsure what went wrong with the blimp. "They said something tore in the rear," Laszczyński said. "They said they lost all control. All of the mechanisms of the blimp went out."

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Duncan Pardue said the crash was caused by structural problems in the airship's tail section.

Other witnesses also described the large hole in the blimp's side before it nosed down onto the rooftop.

"We looked up and saw this thing. We saw this big opening, this big

hole in the side, like it had been hit by something," said Jimmy Ceballo, who was visiting the Intrepid, an aircraft carrier museum on the Hudson.

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School counselors receive training

THE THIRD party in our school-site management team is getting some long deserved attention drawn to their role and duties in the public schools and their professional development, according to Public School system counselor coordinator Julie Mason.

Mason said that in April more than 20 counselors and classroom teachers of Commonwealth schools began the first in a series of five University of Guam courses designed for Public School System counselor professionalization and certification.

"The first course, ED 401G Introduction to Guidance, is almost completed for Saipan and will be repeated for Rota and Tinian during the summer break. Two more of the five courses are being offered this summer and the final two held during the Fall semester," she said.

Mason said the program was a part of Public School Commissioner William S. Torres' Five-Year plan for the professional development of key education support personnel to make PSS' schools more effective.

"The counselor development program complements the Commissioner's program for school administrator internship underway now through the Hawaii School Leadership Academy (HSLA)," she said.

"But it's more than just course work for certification," the coordinator pointed out. She said the school guidance counseling pro-

gram developed by PSS has 'hands-on' components planned as part of the development that will start in the months ahead. This approach has been developed in conjunction with CHC Public Health Service personnel and is going to focus on the training for human relations skills crucial to the counselor position.

The plan encompasses the PSS emphasis to move counselors from the quasi-administrator role the position seems to have evolved into a primarily student support and services role. The shift is from the disciplinarian and records keeping roles to those of long range student character, social and career development as well as remediation or even intervention when necessary.

Mason said Torres has emphasized plans and planning at all levels. For the first time, she said, PSS counselors will develop practical plans and implement programs for student services at their schools, and these will link to our overall district program and its five year plan.

Mason felt that funding to support the program could come from many on-going programs. "We counselors provide essential human services daily to our children and these needs are highlighted in any number of ongoing academic and community programs. It is our intent to identify them and demonstrate how we can maximize these resources," she said.

Information about the PSS school guidance counseling program can be obtained by calling Julie Mason at the PSS central office, tel. 322-4052 ext. 247.



Hyatt gives break to local artist

NOT ALL brilliant flowers are in gardens these days. Recently hung in the lobby of the Hyatt Regency Saipan are a pair of hibiscus, about ten times larger than life, in a painting, that is.

The painting is a large watercolor by local artist, Connie J. Adams. The work was commissioned by the owner of the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

A graduate of the California College of Arts and Drafts, Ms. Adams came to Saipan two years ago to further explore her painting of tropical botanical images. "My paintings explore the watercolor media and formal art problems first, but also they are about creating environments. For the Hyatt I wanted to paint a painting that was lush, tropical and vibrant, but also restful. I wanted it to remind the visitors at the Hyatt just what they came to a tropical island like Saipan for."

For this painting Adams chose the double hibiscus, as it is commonly

found on Saipan and is an "incredibly complex flower full of opportunities to paint patterns, color, lights and darks."

In the painting the two hibiscus are squeezed together as if they are being embraced by the jungle that surrounds them, embraced by complex network of kinship - symbolic of island life. Beyond it all is a hint of the ocean and the steaming sky of Saipan.

Framing a watercolor of this size (4 feet by 6 feet), was almost as much of a challenge as the actual execution of the work. Pacific Galleries and Frame Shop of Saipan had to construct a special frame and support system. The piece could not be conventionally matted like most works on paper, as there is no mate made this size. Adams had to special order paper, as well as, oversize brushes. "I received much good advice as how to meet these challenges," said Ms. Adams. "It was great to see all the

enthusiasm to ensure that a project is completed locally with such commitment to excellence."

The most exciting part of this new acquisition of the Hyatt is what it may mean to the local artists. Saipan does not have a 1 percent for the Arts Law and local hotels and businesses are not compelled by any legislation to purchase any local art. Some artwork for hotels and businesses are purchased before any local artists even get a chance to submit examples of their work.

Saipan has a wide variety of local talent from painters to sculptors to potters and mixed media artists and fiber artists. "I am incredibly lucky and honored, that Hyatt has given me this opportunity to provide a painting for their hotel. Hopefully, this will encourage other hotels and businesses to take a look at local talent first, before crossing the oceans to purchase art for Saipan," she said.

Bible school successful

PETER ROCK, a study of the apostle Peter and his relationship to Jesus and to the early Christian church, was the theme of Vacation Bible School at Immanuel Methodist Church in Koblerville.

Fifty-two children attended the one week session, to learn about Peter through stories, songs, crafts, snacks and a play. Nancy Nielsen, former children's librarian at Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, was the director for the week, assisted by Rev. Barbara Grace Ripple, pastor of the English-speaking congregation of the church.

Assisting them were: Aurora Ranola, Yvonne Schumacher, Mei Yu Tuan, Janis Hayes-Strom, Soomi Sohn, Mi Ae Yu and Shin Ae Yu.

Children made "Peter puppets" and banners that expressed the commandment to "Love One Another" in both English and Korean. Nineteen of the children were able to share some of the songs they had learned with the English-speaking congregation Sunday morning.

Immanuel Methodist Church has plans to offer Vacation Bible School again next summer.

Farmers worry over trade pact

By Tom Minehart
TOKYO (AP) - US, Japanese and European farmers say world leaders meeting in Tokyo this week should not be so eager for a full agreement on opening trade that they remove protection for family farms.

Delegates to the Family Farmers' Tokyo Summit meeting Sunday and Monday say they want the leaders of the Group of Seven

industrialized nations to conclude the Uruguay Round of trade talks this year based on agreements near or already reached.

But they want discussions over agricultural tariffs and market access, now a major impasse in the talks, delayed until another round, said Leland Swenson, president of the National Farmers Union of the United States.

"Tariffication and market access have been at an impasse for six years," said Swenson, a delegate to the farmers' meeting. If these measures are pushed through by summit leaders eager for an accord, he said, "the losses we see occurring today (among family farms) would escalate dramatically."

The Uruguay Round of talks

under the 111-nation General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade was begun in 1986 and has been stalled since 1990 over opening agricultural markets, as well as markets for manufactured goods such as electronics and textiles.

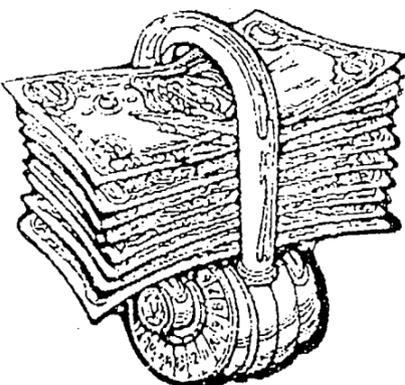
Last year, negotiators reached agreement on cutting agricultural subsidies and internal price supports, but could not agree on raising quotas for imports of farm products or on tariffication - the replacement of quotas or import bans with a series of declining tariffs.

Swenson said farmers can live with the changes in subsidies and price supports but reducing tariffs and raising import limits could be devastating.

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The hearing will be held at the following:

When: July 07, 1993

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Place: Division of Vocational Rehab. Office
Northern Marianas College Campus, Bldg. D

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED

Christopher, Clinton: N. Korea scariest place

WASHINGTON (AP) - US Secretary of State Warren Christopher said Sunday that he and President Clinton agree that North Korea now is the "scariest place" on earth.

"The reason it's the scariest place is it's the only place remaining in the world where there's a Cold War-type confrontation," Christopher said, responding to a question about a similar statement by Clinton.

Discussing the communist regime's nuclear potential on the American television network NBC, Christopher also described the North Koreans as "predict-

ably dangerous."

He said, however, that he believes North Korea would like to reach an agreement in talks with the United States that are to resume July 14 in Geneva.

The United States is hoping North Korea will remain in the International Atomic Energy Agency and allow inspections that will give assurances that it is not developing nuclear weaponry, Christopher said. A first round of talks in New York led the North Koreans to step back from a decision to pull out of the agency which attempts to control nuclear activity around the world.

Woman weighs 1,189 lbs.

FLINT, Mich. (AP) - By the time 15 firemen came to get her, Carol Yager hadn't walked in nine months. She hadn't left her bedroom in the two months before rescuers rolled her in a tent tarp, maneuvered her out the front door and slid her down the hill to an ambulance.

When she was admitted to Hurley Medical Center in January, Yager weighed 1,189 pounds (539 kilograms), said hospital spokeswoman Beth O'Grady. That's far more than the heaviest woman listed in the Guinness Book of Records - Rosie Carnemolla of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., who reached a peak of 850 pounds (385 kilograms) in March 1988.

Yager, 34, has already lost almost 500 pounds (225 kilograms). She was scheduled to be released from the hospital this week.

Before her admission, Yager was totally dependent on nurses and her 14-year-old daughter to take care of her most basic needs.

"I felt nothing mattered," Yager said in Saturday's Detroit News. "I didn't care about anything."

Yager faced many obstacles in getting adequate care, and the main one was that health insurance rarely covers obesity, said Dr. David Scheingart, director of the University of Michigan's Obesity Rehabilitation Program.

"They pay for people who abuse alcohol. They pay for people who

are addicted to drugs. But with obese people, there is an irrational bias," he said.

Julie Danielson, a nurse who treated Yager, said she made countless calls to nursing homes, hospitals and obesity specialists, all to no avail. "The minute we said she was over 1,000 pounds (450 kilograms), they would back off," she said.

By the second week in January, Yager had developed cellulitis and was running a fever. That meant she had an admitting diagnosis that Medicaid would cover. So on Jan. 14, firemen helped take Yager to the hospital.

Yager was initially put on a 1,200-calorie-a-day diet and given diuretics to reduce the tremendous amount of fluid she was retaining. The first couple of hundred pounds lost was mostly fluid.

In early June, Yager took eight steps. More recently, she walked from her bed out into the hallway. Her next goal, she said, is to walk regularly. "Then I want to get back in a house with my daughter and continue to lose weight."

The house she had been living in was condemned after Yager went to the hospital.

Tonga prepares feast for king's 75th birthday

NUKU'ALOFA, Tonga (AP) - The king of this tiny South Pacific island nation celebrated his 75th birthday Sunday with a huge Polynesian feast of an estimated 400 pigs.

About 1,600 guests, including foreign dignitaries and diplomats, sat crosslegged on woven mats during the banquet on a grass field outside the 126-year-old wooden palace of King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV, who is also celebrating the 25th anniversary of his coronation.

A highlight of the day was the cutting of a one-meter (yard)-square cake decorated with the royal coat of arms.

In the past, the Guinness Book of Records has listed the king as

the world's heaviest ruler, giving his weight as about 200 kilograms (440 pounds). However, the king has shed more than one-third of this over the past two years through exercise and dieting.

Tonga, 2,100 kilometers (1,300 miles) northeast of Sydney and just west of the International Date-line, is one of the most conservative and traditional countries in the South Pacific.

Under a constitution, drafted with the guidance of British Christian missionaries last century, the king, through a royally-appointed Cabinet, and representatives of the country's aristocracy dominate the Parliament.

Democratically-elected representatives of Tonga's 100,000

ordinary citizens, known as commoners, are allocated a minority of places in the legislature. Some regularly complain that they have little say in the running of the country and have called for political reform.

However, the king has consistently rejected demands for change saying the constitution has given Tonga a history of stability and continues to serve it well.

Since the coming of the missionaries, Tonga has been a devoutly Christian nation and its inhabitants strictly observe Sunday in line with the bible's teaching that the Sabbath should be a day of rest and prayer.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

CIVIL ACTION NO. 93-209

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vs. SAIAPAN CREDIT UNION, Defendant.

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Under and by virtue of a Summary Judgment and Foreclosure Order entered on May 5, 1993, I am commanded and empowered to sell at public auction, for cash, the following described real property:

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Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, 5th day of August, 1993, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., at the Police Station, in Saipan, CNMI, I will pursuant to the hour of 9:00 a.m., at the Police Station, in Saipan, CNMI, I will pursuant to the said Order, sell the above-described real property to satisfy said Default Judgment and Foreclosure Order, costs and expenses of sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States. As per Article 12 of the CNMI Constitution, all sales shall be limited to those of Northern Mariana descent. Dated this 21st day of June 1993.

/s/SIDRO SABLAN
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All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked ITB93-0034 submitted in duplicate to the office of the Chief, Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, before 2:00 p.m. July 8, 1993. Any bids received after the above time will not be considered.

All bid documents received shall be the sole property of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Business/Finance

Clinton heads for economic summit

By Terence Hunt

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton heads for his first economic summit in a strange position: He'll be the strongest of any of the seven leaders in Tokyo yet he's under a cloud of doubts about his global

leadership and resolve. European leaders complain about US indecision over former Yugoslavia. Asian nations are nervous about America's willingness to maintain a stabilizing military presence in the Pacific. Allies criticize Washington for

sending out confusing signals on trade policies.

Yet in some areas, Clinton and the allies have common ground. They all have sickly economies and they're all politically shaky.

"What we will have in Tokyo is a meeting of the world's strongest countries and perhaps the world's weakest leaders," said Michael Mandelbaum, a foreign policy specialist at the nonprofit Council on Foreign Relations.

Despite Clinton's problems at home, "In many ways he is in the strongest position domestically of any of the leaders whom he will be meeting," Mandelbaum said.

The murky background for Clinton's debut in economic sum-

mitry with the leaders of Britain, France, Germany, Canada, Japan and Italy leaves little room for major accomplishments. The uncertainty is complicated by the collapse of Japan's government.

Clinton's advisers see the summit largely as an opportunity for him to press his goals for world trade, set his agenda for Asia and make a commitment that the United States will remain a Pacific power.

"These countries, while they may not like certain things that we do, universally want to see the United States play a leadership role," said Robert Hormats, a former assistant secretary of state for economic and business affairs.

"The G-7 doesn't work without

it and the global political system is not going to work without it."

Despite the doubts and his inexperience in foreign affairs, Clinton has some cards up his sleeve.

Clinton can boast that he did what former presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush couldn't do: cut America's huge budget deficit. That gives him leverage to press other countries to coordinate their policies to increase trade and produce new jobs.

Also, the United States' economy is growing faster than that of any summit nation, possibly except Canada. And only Japan has a lower unemployment rate.

But those rankings have not helped Clinton much.



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Taiwan to ease rules on trade with China

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - The government plans to allow manufacturers in Taiwan's three major export processing zones to freely import and re-export semi-finished products from mainland China, local newspapers reported Sunday.

The Economic Daily News, quoting Economics Ministry officials, said the planned measures would cut production costs by 30 percent and boost the competitiveness of locally-made products.

Two of the export processing zones are located in the southern port of Kaohsiung and the other is in Taichung in central Taiwan.

The report said the Economics Ministry agreed companies in the export processing zones can enjoy tax-free imports for products, machines and raw materials for their productions.

Economics Minister Chiang Pin-kun said the new measures will

become effective after details are worked out, the report said.

Currently, local industrialists have to obtain government approval to indirectly import some 600 items of semi-finished products from mainland China.

Meanwhile, another newspaper, the Commercial Times, quoted Chiang as saying the new policy will also apply to other export processing zones and Taiwan's first free trade zone, to be built in an offshore islet in Yunlin of western Taiwan.

The proposal is part of Taiwan's move to liberalize trade and relax financial controls as this island tries to encourage foreign industrialists to invest more here.

Business in the existing export processing zones, built in the 1950s, has fallen off because of Taiwan's soaring labor and operational costs in recent years.

Explosion destroys Sumitomo factory

TOKYO (AP) - An explosion destroyed Japan's largest epoxy resin manufacturing plant and killed one worker, a Sumitomo Chemical Co. official said Monday.

Three other workers were injured in the blast at the Sumitomo plant Sunday, which produced more than 50 percent of the world's supply of epoxy resin, officials said. The chemical is used for making semiconductors.

Tomoyuki Hirayama, a company spokesman, said, "At this point, we have no idea when the plant can resume production."

Pictures of the plant broadcast on television showed extensive damage from Sunday's explosion.

A police official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said 11 people were working at the plant in Niihama, about 680 kilometers (410 miles) southwest of Tokyo, when the explosion occurred.

The police official said the cause of the accident was under investigation. Hirayama said government authorities will inspect the plant Monday to determine the cause of the explosion.

"Our inventory should last several months, but we're afraid there may be a lack of supply depending on how fast the plant repair goes," he said.

The company may ask several of its Japanese competitors to beef up their production volumes to cover a possible shortage at Sumitomo, Hirayama said.

He said Sumitomo supplies the resin to US semiconductor parts makers, but he declined to comment on how they may be affected by the accident.

Osamu Hidate, another Sumitomo official, said the plant had a production capacity of 11,000 tons of epoxy resin a year.

China plans crackdown on tax evaders

BEIJING (AP) - China plans to raise the ceiling on tax-free income for individuals, but at the same time will crack down on tax evaders in an attempt to recover millions of yuan (dollars) in unpaid taxes, an official newspaper reported Sunday.

To reflect rising incomes, the State Taxation Administration plans to raise the ceiling on tax-free personal income from the current 400 yuan per month, the Business Weekly, the Sunday edition of the China Daily, reported.

The report did not say what the new ceiling would be or when it would go into effect. It added that new tax regulations would apply universally to Chinese as well as foreigners in China, but did not give details.

The paper said the tax administration plans to tighten up control over taxation of individual incomes, but did not say what measures it would take.

It is believed that lost revenue due to personal income tax evasion far exceeds what is collected. Last year, the revenue from individual taxpayers was 934 million yuan (\$163 million). In the first four months of this year, individual income tax generated 320 million yuan (\$56 million), up 24 percent from the same period last year, the report said.

A tax official, who was not identified, was quoted as saying, "It's hard to screen what we call 'invisible' personal income nowadays."

The bulk of what the tax administration taxes comes from people's regular salaries. But that often is much less than their real income, which might include kickbacks and pay from second jobs.

The paper said personal income tax has become an important revenue-generator for the state.

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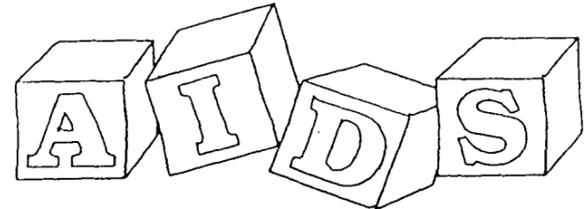
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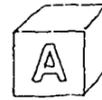
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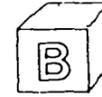
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surprised how un-nervous I was. It was a pretty routine match even though no Wimbledon final is ever routine."

Woodforde, an Australian, made note of how happy he was to team up with Navratilova.

"Regardless of whether we won or lost, I played next to a champion, a legend and one of the best players in the game," he said. "I've also played alongside (John) McEnroe. I guess I have the good sense to pick my partners well."

Woodforde won the most Wimbledon titles of any competitor in the 1993 Championships. He also won the doubles event with Todd Woodbridge.

"It's a fantastic feeling," Woodforde said of his doubles luck.

"It's pretty neat. It was a big night last night (after his doubles win) and I could barely wipe the smile off my face. Now I can do it again."

This was Navratilova and Woodforde's first foray into the mixed doubles game together. Their success has led them to commit to play at the upcoming US Open.

"We have to defend our title next year," smiled the 36-year-old Navratilova. "Of course, I hope I can play next year. If I can walk, I'll be there."

Bollegraf and Nijssen have won two Grand Slam titles in tandem - the 1991 US Open and the 1989 French Open. They also were Grand Slam semifinalists five times in the past.

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averaged 97 mph on his second serves and kept one of the best returners in the game constantly on the defensive.

"The difference was Pete served a lot bigger on his second serve," Courier said, "and I wasn't able to handle it as well as he was able to handle my second serve."

"If he starts hitting his second serve around 95 to 100 miles per hour, putting it in the corners, it's pretty unstoppable."

Neither player yielded even a break point in the first set, as they set the tone for the match - Sampras serving and volleying with elegant strokes, Courier drilling line drives from behind the baseline.

"Tennis is a perfect combination of violent action taking place in an atmosphere of total tranquility," Billie Jean King once said. In the first two sets of this match, the tranquility of the crowd bordered on sleepiness.

It was the first all-American men's final since John McEnroe beat Jimmy Connors in 1984, and the first between Americans on the Fourth of July since Connors beat McEnroe in 1982. There were lots of tiny American flags in the players' guest box, and a few dozen in the crowd, but until late in the match there was none of the wild cheering usually seen at the US Open.

Sampras lost only eight points on serve in the first set, including the tiebreaker. The second set continued in the same tedious fashion, both players holding serve throughout with brief rallies as they slugged hard on nearly every shot to produce either winners or errors.

That's not to say the level of play wasn't superb, just that it proceeded with predictability - at least until the second-set tiebreaker.

Courier cracked a service winner for a 6-5 lead and set point in the tiebreaker, Sampras to serve. Sampras had the whole court open and was standing at the net to take an easy pop-up, but he nearly blew the set right there with a tentative, floating forehand volley that drifted to the baseline for a winner. A half-inch longer and the match would have been tied.

"He hit just a choker volley, but it went in," Courier said. "It was definitely not a confident volley."

"Yes, it was a very tense mo-

ment," Sampras acknowledged. "It was a very tense volley. I admit I didn't get all of it."

"To lose the second set is a whole new ball game. Winning the second was huge. I knew Jim wasn't going to give up after that. He'd keep on fighting like he always does. But he had his chances and I had mine. And I took the opportunity a bit better."

Sampras took that opportunity to go ahead 7-6 in the tiebreaker with a service winner, then closed it out with a running forehand crosscourt that Courier got to easily but netted.

Courier finally got his first break point against Sampras in the second game of the third set, passing him with a backhand after a double fault at deuce. Sampras then suffered his first break of service with his fifth double fault of the match.

But Sampras immediately broke back, disdainfully slapping one winner off a running forehand by Courier that ticked the net cord and trickled over.

Sampras seemed to be back in control now, serving two aces in his next game and one to take it to 3-3, winning both games at love. But Courier held service and broke him again with a beautiful backhand pass to go ahead 5-3. Courier then served out the set at love, ending it with his seventh ace.

"I lost a bit of concentration in the beginning of the third set and got down on myself," Sampras said. "It was just getting a little bit fatiguing. It was a very hot day and everything just started to feel a bit heavy."

Courier lost only two points on serve in three games after he was broken in that set, and now there was the faint sense that he might come all the way against Sampras.

That notion continued even as Sampras opened and closed the first game of the fourth set with aces. Through the first five games of that set, neither player lost more than two points on serve.

Then, suddenly, Sampras jumped on a chance to take the lead for good. After Courier punched a forehand just wide across the court, Sampras moved inside the baseline to pounce on a second serve and put pressure on Courier, who then mis-hit a forehand long to make it 15-40. Courier saved one break point.

Faldo drops Olazabal for 3rd Irish Open title

KILKENNY, Ireland (AP) - Nick Faldo shot a course record 65 and then won a playoff with Jose Maria Olazabal at the first hole Sunday to win the \$870,000 Irish Open for the third time in a row.

"That's just what I needed and I hope that like last year it's the start of something," said Faldo, who begins the defense of his British Open title at Sandwich in 11 days time.

"I told myself it was my last

round before my Open defense at Sandwich and I wanted to do something."

Faldo becomes only the second player in Europe in the past 37 years to win an event three times in a row.

List of Wimbledon men's winners

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1879 - John Hartley
1880 - John Hartley
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1889 - William Renshaw
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1895 - Wilfred Baddeley
1896 - Harold Mahoney
1897 - Reggie F. Doherty
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1901 - Arthur Gore
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1907 - Norman Brookes
1908 - Arthur Gore
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1919 - Gerald Patterson
1920 - William Tilden
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1929 - Henri Cochet
1930 - Bill Tilden
1931 - Sidney Wood
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1934 - Fred Perry
1935 - Fred Perry
1936 - Fred Perry
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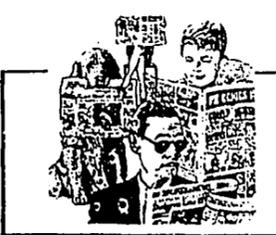
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Indonesia wins HK dragon boat race

HONG KONG (AP) - Hong Kong's picturesque harbor echoed to the beat of dragon drums Sunday as Indonesia paddlers beat seven other teams to win the international dragon boat race for the third straight year.

The Indonesian Dragon Boat Red Team finished the 640-meter race in 2 minutes, 30.82 seconds, with the Shun De team from China coming in second in 2:31.44.

Thousands of people gathered at the flag-bedecked promenade along the harbor to watch the races as part of the Dragon Boat Festival.

The festival commemorates Chinese poet-statesman Chu Yuan, who drowned himself in the Milo River in central Hunan province to protest government corruption some 2,000 years ago.

Legend says his supporters sailed out to search for his body, dropping rice dumplings into the water in the hope that fish would eat them rather than Chu's body. They also banged gongs and drums to scare away the fish.

The modern-day dragon boats are 11.5 meters (37.7 feet) long, 1.07 meters (3.5 feet) wide and weigh nearly half a ton, with the head of the mythical dragon up front and a tail at the end. The boats hold 22 people, including a drummer and a helmsman.

Coming in third was the Toronto Dragon Boat team from Canada in 2:34.26. The Canadian False Creek team finished fourth in 2:34.30, followed by China's Nam Hoi team in 2:35.77.

The New Zealand's national team paddled to sixth place in 2:41.26, followed by the Chinese Li Fung Heshan team in 2:41.96.

The Universal Candle Company team from Hong Kong finished last in 2:45.65.

In the women's event, the Canadian Tiger Balm False Creek won the race for the second straight year in 2:50.46. The Chinese Shun De team placed second in 2:52.55, followed by China's Ya Ta team in 2:59.95.

Sampras captures Wimbledon crown

By Steve Wilstein

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) - Even Princess Diana bounced on the edge of her seat, clapping wildly for Pete Sampras as he scorched the sun-baked court with aces and dived acrobatically for volleys.

"Maybe she has a crush on me," Sampras joked after capturing his first Wimbledon championship Sunday, 7-6 (7-3), 7-6 (8-6), 3-6, 6-3, against Jim Courier.

Sampras, branded Public Enemy No. 1 earlier in the tournament for an outburst at hostile fans after he beat a Brit, won not only the princess' applause but the crowd's respect with his power and quiet grace under pressure.

He also dispelled any doubts about who is No. 1 in men's tennis, winning the sport's most prestigious title, earning \$450,000, and widening the points gap in the computer rankings over No. 2 Courier.

Two weeks ago, Sampras worried he might have to pull out before his first match because of an inflamed tendon in his right shoulder. He suffered pain on and off ever since, but trainers nursed him through the tournament with pills, massage, ice and all manner of high-tech treatment.

And when it came down to the final, Sampras showed no sign of weakness.

Sampras served 22 aces, with a peak speed of 123 mph, and faced only two break points the entire match, losing both in the third set against the savage, baseline pummeling of Courier.

In seven matches, including victories over former champions Boris Becker and Andre Agassi, Sampras served 108 aces - eight more than he served when he won his only other Grand Slam title, the US Open, in 1990 at the age of 19.

Equally important, Sampras
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Navratilova wins 18th Wimbledon career title

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) - Martina Navratilova secured her 18th career Wimbledon crown Sunday when she and partner Mark Woodforde won the mixed doubles title.

The No. 3 seeds posted a 6-3, 6-4 decision over the No. 12 seeds Manon Bollegraf and Tom Nijssen of the Netherlands.

Navratilova now trails Billie Jean King's all-time Wimbledon title record by two.

"I guess I'm in striking distance," Navratilova said of the record. "It's nice to win another Wimbledon title. I was
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San Francisco beats New York

By Jim Donaghy

NEW YORK (AP) - Darren Lewis hit a two-run single in the eighth inning Sunday to snap a tie, and the San Francisco Giants went on to beat the New York Mets 10-8 in a game filled with mistakes.

San Francisco took two of three games in the series and has won 19 of 26. The Mets have lost 20 of 25 and haven't won two straight at home since the series against Colorado at the start of the season.

With the score 7-all in the eighth, second baseman Chico Walker's fielding error helped start the Giants' rally. Lewis singled with the bases loaded off Mike Maddux (0-6) and Robby Thompson capped the three-run

inning with an RBI single. The Giants had four hits in the inning and the Mets made two errors.

San Francisco led 7-4 in the seventh before the Mets scored three runs off Dave Righetti and Mike Jackson (5-2). Murray, who homered in the first, tied it with a two-run single to give him four RBIs.

Mark Carreon and Mike Benjamin homered off Mets starter Frank Tanana. Royce Clayton had four of the Giants' 17 hits.

Rod Beck got four outs for his 24th save, allowing Howard Johnson's sixth home run in the ninth inning.

San Francisco starter Bud Black, 5-0 against New York, gave up four runs and six hits in six innings.

Trailing 4-3 in the fifth, the Gi-

ants scored three runs thanks to more sloppy fielding by the Mets, including a costly error when Murray fumbled Thompson's slow-roller to first base. Will Clark added a sacrifice fly.

Tanana, pitching one day after his 40th birthday, gave up six runs and nine hits in five-plus innings.

San Francisco took a 3-1 lead in the second on a solo homer by Carreon and Benjamin's two-run shot.

Murray hit his 10th home run in the first. New York scored three runs in the third, taking a 4-3 lead on Murray's sacrifice fly and Darrin Jackson's two-run single.

Murray's homer was his 2,722nd career hit, moving him into sole possession of 40th place on the career list ahead of Lou Gehrig.

Lewis-Morrison deal nears

LONDON (AP) - The manager of World Boxing Council heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis said Sunday he is close to completing a deal for a defense in Las Vegas against Tommy Morrison.

Frank Maloney said he then expects Riddick Bowe, who holds the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation titles, to agree for a unification fight early next year with the champions splitting the purse 50-50.

Bowe's manager, Rock Newman, also is bidding for a defense against Morrison, who last month outpointed former world champion George Foreman.

But Maloney said he is in a better position to tempt Morrison into a fight in late October or early November.

"There's nowhere Bowe can go now," Maloney said. "He's been forced into a corner by the latest deal for Lennox which is close to comple-

tion.

"I've heard that he is ready to come to the table with a 50-50 offer (to fight Lewis), and that's what I'm expecting. It's always been our objective to get Bowe in the ring, but we've got nowhere."

Lewis, who gained a decision over Tony Tucker in his first defense, was expected to meet fellow-Briton Frank Bruno in September either in London or Cardiff. But Maloney said that now looks unlikely.

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