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Gag order sought on extortion cases



Daniel J. DeRienzo

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

PUBLIC Defender Daniel J. DeRienzo has requested the Superior Court to stop government from disclosing "non-

public" information to the media in connection with one of several cases involving the so-called Fujian Group.

DeRienzo, who is representing defendant Sheng Long Chen, asked the court to order the Department of Public Safety and the Attorney General's Office to refrain from disseminating such kind of information to ensure that his client receives a fair trial.

Citing two articles written by this reporter about the arrest of suspected members of the so-called Fujian Group, DeRienzo said the information already disseminated is false and highly prejudicial.

Chen was among four Chinese nationals arrested last May

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Approval looms for probate bill

By Rafael H. Arroyo
Variety News Staff

THE BILL passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate seeking to change inheritance laws in the Commonwealth has a strong chance of becoming law.

In an interview yesterday, Tenorio said he is inclined on signing House Bill 10-147 when it gets to his desk for approval, apparently convinced that something needs to be done with the CNMI's present probate code.

"I have some reactions already from some of my advisers, however, I'd like to say that I would sign it, unless if the probate bill is really bad," said Tenorio.

House Bill 10-147 passed the

Senate during a session Monday in the same version that was approved by the House in March. Since the bill left the upper house without any amendments, it is now headed to the governor for his signature.

The bill has had its share of controversy after being labeled a "special interest legislation" designed to have a bearing on the ongoing court dispute over the multi-million dollar estate left by the late Larry L. Hillblom.

If enacted into law, it would virtually shut out the chances of at least two persons claiming to be the rightful heir to the late Saipan tycoon.

Junior Larry Hillbloom and

Jellian Cuartero, through their mothers, filed claims in Superior Court that they were fathered by Hillblom. Thus, lawyers for the two parties said, they should stand to inherit millions of dollars from the late businessman's estate.

But the measure disinherits illegitimate children in the Marianas, unless they have been held by their fathers "openly and notoriously as their own," or unless they sue for paternity and win.

Hillblom died in a plane crash last May 21, 1995. His body was never recovered.

Under Hillblom's will, much of his wealth would go to Univer-

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Gov. Tenorio (left) pulls out one of several cherry blossom trees brought by members of the visiting Tokushima Memorial Group (in red baseball caps) as a goodwill gift for planting at the Governor's Residence in Capitol Hill. Lending the governor a hand is Administration employee Steve Mendiola.

Historic museum to break ground today

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

GOVERNMENT officials break ground today to start the construction of the CNMI's first historic and cultural museum.

The museum will be built at the old Japanese hospital site in front of the Garapan Central Park.

Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Tom Tebuteb said the groundbreaking ceremonies, which start at 10:30 a.m., is one of the highlights of the Historic Preservation Week celebration.

The CNMI Museum of History and Culture will be "the first full-scale and first class museum in the CNMI," Tebuteb said.

He said the only existing historic museum on Saipan is the one

at the American Memorial Park, which contain only relics from World War II, and nothing identifiable with the Northern Marianas culture.

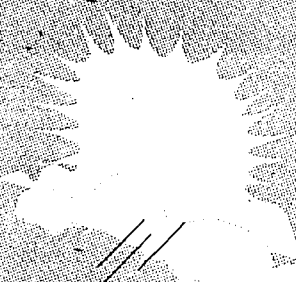
"The new museum will help us promote our local history and culture," Tebuteb said.

The museum will house historic, archeological cultural artifacts of the Northern Marianas, including collections from the Nuestra Senora Concepcion, a sunken galleon found off the coast of Aguigan last year.

Funding for the construction of the museum project, Tebuteb said, comes mostly from proceeds of some of the galleon collections that had been sold. The collections yielded over \$1 million.

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Weather Outlook



Mostly sunny in the afternoon and partly cloudy with isolated showers in the evening

Tenorio may seek other runningmate

No choice, he says, if Borja decides not to run with him

By Rafael H. Arroyo
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio yesterday said he would still want Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja to be his runningmate if ever he decides to seek reelection in 1997.

But he added that if Borja would not want to run in tandem with him, he may be left with no choice but to find another runningmate.

"Of course, I would like him to be my runningmate. But I can

understand if he may not want to run with me again. He wants to run for governor and I can appreciate it if he does not want to accept the number two position again," said the governor in an interview with the Variety.

"But then of course, I don't have any choice but to find another runningmate, if ever," the chief executive said.

Tenorio said although he is still undecided on whether he would run for another term, he is leaning more towards that option.

The governor late last year said he is no longer seeking the governorship in next year's elections citing "personal problems" as reasons.

Yesterday, he said he may opt to run even if the same reasons exist.

"Maybe resolution of those personal problems would just have to wait. If the party wants me to run, I feel that I have an obligation to listen to what they want me to do," said Tenorio.

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Jesus C. Borja

Tough road for Dole ahead

By MIKE GLOVER

CLIVE, Iowa (AP) - The sagging political fortunes of presumptive Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole eventually will improve - but may get worse before they get better, says former Vice President Dan Quayle.

Quayle said Monday that Dole was forced to endure "perhaps the most vicious, personal Republican presidential primary that I certainly can remember" and is continuing to pay a price for it.

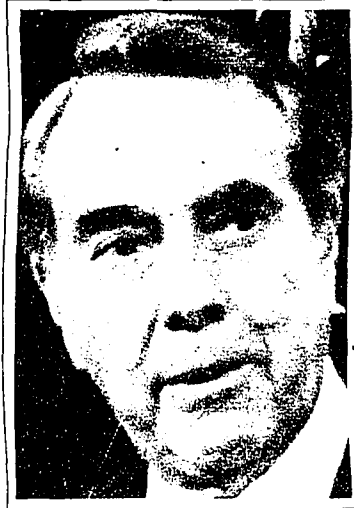
"Democrats used to do this to each other," Quayle said. "Unfortunately the Republicans did it a little bit this time."

While echoing the party line that Dole can recover from a commanding lead President Clinton currently holds, Quayle conceded there are tough times ahead before the Republican convention this summer.

"We still have a long way to go until San Diego," Quayle said. "Bob Dole's campaign does not have any money. Things may, in fact, even get a little bit worse before it gets better."

Quayle was in Des Moines for a book-signing appearance but also met with reporters to discuss the condition of the presidential race he chose not to enter.

Dole has come under fire from some in the Republican Party for not offering a clear vision. Quayle counseled patience.



Bob Dole

"Bob Dole will begin soon, I'm convinced, to lay out his vision," Quayle said.

"I will be fully energized and excited" when that happens, the former vice president said.

Quayle also said Republicans are compounding the bruises left from the primary campaign when they criticize Dole. "It's not helpful to take shots at fellow Republicans. The opponent is Bill Clinton," he said.

While Quayle opted out of the race this year, he's made it clear he would be interested in running later, and his appearance in the state is only one of several scheduled by big-name Republicans this spring and summer.

Quayle is a favorite of religious

conservatives who are an increasingly important force in Iowa Republican politics. His relative reluctance to criticize Dole could help the presumptive nominee mend fences with those forces.

Quayle also dismissed worries voiced by some conservatives that Dole would pick retired Gen. Colin Powell as a running mate, a move which would outrage social conservatives leery of Powell's more moderate views.

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"I think that Bob Dole will obviously consider Colin Powell," Quayle said. "Once he gets beyond that, I presume it will be a Republican governor."

Hopes for nuke test ban rise as China signals flexibility

By CAROLYN HENSON

GENEVA (AP) - Flagging talks on a nuclear test ban treaty were given fresh hope Tuesday after China signaled new flexibility in its negotiating position.

The chief Chinese negotiator Ambassador Sha Zukang told reporters late Monday that Beijing was now prepared to make concessions on its long-standing demand to retain the right to conduct peaceful nuclear explosions.

"We are prepared to show a reasonable degree of flexibility on peaceful nuclear explosions," Sha said.

China's insistence on the issue, meant to allow it to carry out large construction projects, had been one of the major sticking points threatening to derail the negotiations.

Delegations from 93 countries are trying to conclude a comprehensive test ban treaty by the end of

June. The treaty would mean a major breakthrough in ending the nuclear arms race and preventing the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

In return for making concessions, China would expect similar flexibility from others, Sha said, without elaborating.

He indicated that a new series of Chinese nuclear tests was possible before the test ban came into existence. "Ironically, this would be active preparation for China's participation in the treaty," he said.

Whereas China had been holding out for a later deadline for reaching agreement, Sha said his delegation now had "no difficulties" with the June time frame.

The Chinese move was likely to be warmly welcomed by other delegations as the disarmament conference gets down to its first day of real business on Tuesday.

If a suitable compromise can be

found on peaceful explosions, delegations would be looking to India, too, to soften its negotiating position.

India, along with Pakistan and Israel, is considered a likely, but undeclared, nuclear power and has not signed the nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

Delhi is demanding the test ban treaty lock in a deadline for total nuclear disarmament by the nuclear powers.

Otherwise, argues Indian Ambassador Arundhati Ghose, "some countries would have the ability to threaten the very existence of others with nuclear weapons for eternity."

But this position is rejected absolutely by the major nuclear powers.

"Those who seek such linkage run the risk of derailing the negotiations," chief U.S. negotiator Ambassador Stephen Ledogar has warned.

S. Korea, Japan, US huddle on how to get N. Korea into talks

By SANG-HUN CHOE

CHEJU ISLAND, South Korea (AP) - Amid signs of a rift between Washington and Seoul, the United States, Japan and South Korea tried to reach consensus Tuesday on how to lure North Korea into peace talks. The United States has signaled its willingness to give North Korea more emergency food now, while South Korea believes any additional aid should await the North's arrival at the bargaining table.

The issue is the main topic in this first get-together of the three allies since Seoul and Washington proposed in April that the two Koreas meet with the United States and China to work out a new Korean peace accord.

North Korea has said it is studying the proposal.

North Korea is suffering from a severe food shortage, aggravated by massive flooding last summer. U.N. personnel say many people have been reduced to eating grass, leaves and roots.

On Monday, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said Washington is reviewing the possibility of easing economic sanctions against the North. Washington would also consider additional requests from Pyongyang for more food aid, he said.

Burns added that there is no link between food assistance for Pyongyang and the Korea peace initiative unveiled last month by President Clinton and South Korean President Kim Young-sam.

"This is a humanitarian issue; it is not a political issue," Burns said.

That flew in the face of South Korea's repeated position that no food aid should be provided until the North agrees to the peace proposal. Seoul has said quick aid would send the message that it can get concessions without a full commitment to peace dialogue.

On Tuesday, South Korean officials entering three-way negotiations with U.S. and Japanese officials refused to comment on the Burns' statement.

A South Korean negotiator, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Seoul is sticking to its position that rice aid should come only after the North comes to the negotiating table.

After Monday's talks, South Korean officials stressed that the North's food shortages are chronic and the Western allies should deal with it on a long-term basis, rather than emboldening the communist regime with quick aid.

The United States lifted part of its economic sanctions against the North after it agreed in 1994 to freeze its

nuclear program, suspected of making weapons. Additional steps have been suspended.

But Washington is reportedly encouraged by progress in talks with North Korea on safeguarding the North's 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods and other issues.

Burns' remarks came after renewed U.N. warnings Monday that food shortages in the North Korea are worsening.

"The situation is likely to become considerably worse in the lean months between May and September," the Rome-based World Food Program said in a statement.

If North Korea accepts the new peace proposal, it would mark a major departure from its longstanding policy of discussing a permanent peace in Korea only with the United States, by-passing rival South Korea.

The 1950-53 Korean War ended in an armistice and no peace treaty has ever been signed. Washington says the two Koreas must be principal negotiators.

US to import nuke waste

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. Energy Department says it will import about 20 tons of nuclear waste from research reactors in 41 countries to prevent the weapons-grade material from being used for bombs.

Much of the material comes from Europe, with lesser amounts from Australia, Asia and South America. It includes about five tons of highly enriched uranium that could be extracted from spent

nuclear fuel and used to produce nuclear weapons.

Over the last 40 years the fuel was sent overseas by the United States for medical and research purposes. Now the used fuel is building up and foreign countries want the United States to take it back for disposal.

The Energy Department said Monday it will take 13 years to import all the waste.

Workers stage 2nd walkout

By Ferdie de la Torre

Variety News Staff

THE WOOSUNG Construction Co. Ltd. has threatened to terminate the contracts of the manpower agencies as some construction workers at the Judicial Complex in Susupe staged another walkout yesterday to protest the alleged delay of their salaries.

A total of 83 workers mostly "U-drives" from different manpower companies abandoned the construction site at 8:30 a.m. after learning that they would not receive their salaries.

The walkout disrupted the construction of the complex as 52 Woosung laborers and 12 "U-drives" were left behind at the site.

Nam Kook Heo, Woosung general manager, said if the workers would not report to work today the company has no choice but to terminate the contracts of the agencies.

Heo said Woosung cannot afford to delay the project that's why they hired the services of 11 manpower companies to augment their working force.

The general manager pointed out that the walkout has only a minimal effect because they still have their own people.

"The target date is November. We can make it even ahead of it. Everything is in order," said Heo as he hinted of getting the services from other agencies.

He claimed that some workers are thinking that Woosung is not paying them on time.

Heo even showed to this reporter the receipts indicating that Woosung paid the 11 manpower suppliers last April 29 after submitting their previous billings on April 22-25.

The general manager explained that he learned during Monday's meeting with the manpower suppliers that one

of them has failed to give the previous salaries of their workers.

He explained that the suppliers submitted the billings for the workers' April 22 to May 5 salaries only between May 7 to 9.

Heo pointed out that it's normal for Woosung to take time to review the billings before giving the payments.

Stressing that Woosung has been paying the suppliers on time, Heo added that the workers walked out Monday when the company was still in the

processing period.

Just the same, Heo said to minimize the complaints he asked the suppliers to cooperate with them by submitting their billings in two to three days in order to process the whole thing in five days.

Engr. Ted Concepcion, Woosung supervisor, said during the meeting they explained to their "sources" (manpower suppliers) that there was no delay in the payments but only a matter of normal processing.

A check with some of the suppliers proved that they don't have problems with Woosung on payments.

The Variety learned late yesterday afternoon that 17 laborers who left went back to work.

Over 60 workers walked out Monday at noon to protest their alleged one-week delay of salaries.

The construction of the \$10.3 million complex started April 1995 and expected to end this November.

Audit bares money problems at CNMI liaison officer on Guam

By Mar-Vic C. Munar

Variety News Staff

SEVERAL checks issued by the CNMI liaison office on Guam had bounced because its bank accounts for imprest funds were depleted, all because of the liaison officer's failure to submit on time replenishment reports to the Department of Finance, an audit report says.

The checks issued between March 1995 and January 1996 amounted to a total of \$2,202.

The funds had since been replenished by the CNMI's Treasurer's Office, but Public Auditor Leo LaMotte nudged the government to the liaison office's noncompliance to the rules and regulations on imprest funds.

The CNMI liaison office on Guam operate on two imprest fund accounts: \$5,000 for authorized expenditures, and \$10,000 for medical referral program.

Under the CNMI imprest fund regulations, government agencies that operate through imprest are required to submit replenishment vouchers to the Department of Finance every 15 days, and maintain a reasonable accounting of the imprest fund balance.

But audit of the liaison office

showed that replenishment vouchers for medical referrals were submitted to the finance department several months late.

"During the first four-and-a-half months of fiscal year 1996, the (liaison office) did not submit imprest fund replenishment vouchers for operations and medical referral accounts thereby precluding DOF from processing any replenishment checks," the report said. "The operations account became overdrawn, prompting the bank (with which the funds were deposited) to repeatedly make request for bank transfers."

It was also learned that the office's transactions "were not accounted for, and supporting documents for several expenses paid out of the fund cannot be located."

"During our February 14 on-site visit," the report stated, "we could not account for the \$5,000 operations imprest funds because the disbursing officer did not maintain a record to monitor cash in the bank balance of the imprest fund account."

As a result of cash depletion, the \$2,202 checks issued by the liaison office to Mobil Oil-Guam and GTE for fuel consumption and telephone services, respectively, were



Leo LaMotte

returned, and the CNMI was charged \$60 by the bank.

This prompted the finance department to replenish the fund "without first reviewing the supporting replenishment vouchers."

The public auditor's office recommended that the liaison office on Guam be made to comply with pertinent regulations.

The public auditor's office is also currently making a detailed review of the liaison office's financial operations, and a separate report will be released later.

Parents to be asked on best teaching tool



Margarita Taitano (left) confers with Tom Pangelinan at the Multipurpose Complex Monday.

PARENTS will be consulted about the teaching tools schools could adopt to address the special needs of students with disabilities.

Officers of the Special Parents Organization, in a meeting Monday with education board chairman Tom Pangelinan, agreed to launch a survey among parents of special students.

"The first thing that we have to ask parents to do is to identify problematic areas that we need to address," Pangelinan said.

One of the potential problems raised by Margarita Taitano, the organization's president, was the current implementation of the multi-track system by semi public school.

Taitano wants education officials to assess the correlation between the system and the student's ability to learn.

The more critical problem, Taitano said, is the lack of special education teachers.

She said her group favors the retention of the special education teachers who are already in the CNMI, rather than waiting for applicants from the mainland.

"At least these alien teachers, regardless of their nationalities are here," Taitano said. Members of the organization also agreed to find ways to help parents become familiar with the technical aspects of the Individualized Education Program for special students.

Under this program, specific lesson plans are prepared based on the individual needs of special students.

Pangelinan said the program has proven to be effective in dealing with special students.

"What we want to do now is to help train the parents with the technical aspect of this program" he said. (MCM)



HONORED. Frank Tudela receives his citation as one of Marianas Visitors Bureau's two model employees for 1995 from MVB board promotions committee chair Jose C. Ayuyu during the recognition dinner at Diamond Hotel Friday. Looking on is MVB Marketing Director Norman Berg. Photo by Rick Alberto

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Coastal Resources Management Program (CRMP) will be holding a public hearing regarding Coastal Permit Application No. SMS-96-X-192 submitted by ESB Consulting Engineers on behalf of EUROTAX GARMENT for the addition/extension of 5,000 square feet of pre-fabricated metal structure to the existing garment factory located in San Vicente Village, Saipan.

The public is invited to attend and to submit written comments and/or to make oral comments regarding this project. All written and oral comments received will be made a part of the permit application record; and will be considered in any decision made concerning the proposed project.

The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, June 04, 1996 at 6:30 pm at the San Vicente Elementary School. A second and final notice of this public hearing will appear at a later date.

Please contact the Coastal Resources Management Office at 234-6623/7320 or 3907 if you have any questions or require further information regarding this project.

Manuel C. Sablan

Director

Coastal Resources Management

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Looking ahead to economic diversification

AS fragile an economy as the NMI, we will always be scurrying for quick fixes to avoid the pain of the more lasting decisions which involves a process. This attitudinal inadequacy, coupled with the short electoral cycle, spells disaster for an archipelago that must learn to pull itself out of its penchant for instant gratification.

Imagine for a moment that Japan is hit by a major temblor around the Tokyo area leveling off high rise buildings crushing millions of people in less than thirty seconds. That we have put nearly all our eggs in one basket would mean a quick drop in the number of Japanese tourists destined for the islands. In fact, no one even dreams of vacationing in the midst of a major disaster.

That the tourism industry is the only industry being subsidized by the NMI Government through its promotional efforts makes it mandatory that we diversify our market source to countries in Southeast Asia. We should also be wary that tourism development would soon reach its saturation point. Therefore, we must put our heads together and begin discussing economic diversification.

One area that we've somehow left in the back burner is the NMI's 200 mile exclusive economic zone. It is an issue that involves a lengthy process—about a dozen negotiations or an interminable lobbying efforts with our national government—to allow effective control of both seabed and other marine resources for purposes of establishing fisheries development as a strong sector of the local economy.

It is a tedious process that will require frequent visits to appropriate members of Congress to ascertain that our view points are understood with respect to establishing solid economic foundation through sea resources in our waters. We must, however, define what we want with these resources: Shoreside development or similar deals with the freely associated states of Micronesia? Would the exclusion of the NMI from the Magnuson Act permit the latter where we negotiate with distant fishing nations in the region?

There are a dozen reasons why our national Congress should make it a point to understand and accommodate our desire for effective local control of the NMI's EEZ. Foremost is the relevancy of what is being sought and aspired by a minuscule island economy. It could lure Japanese fish manufacturing companies to join the NMI in an economic venture that benefits both her fish eating community and islanders on this side of the Northwestern Pacific. Furthermore, it is only three hours away by jet between the islands and Japan.

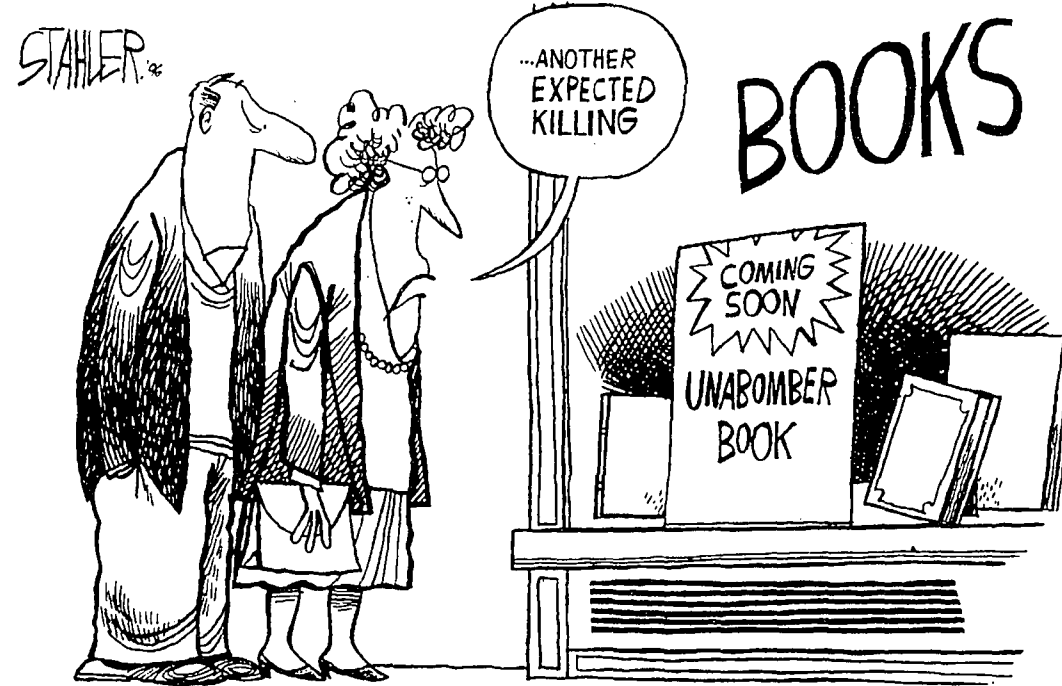
If policymakers have questions about the feasibility of engaging in shoreside fisheries development, the State of Alaska is the venue to visit and research how its fisheries program evolved into a successful venture. Certainly, we can't compare resources given that Alaska has the world's most prized salmon in one of her lakes in addition to other sea and lake resources that meet the palate of consumers everywhere. But the goal is equally the same—feed the global village protein that they can't get through regular livestock farming. It involves a process and the only way to get through it is to overcome our penchant for quick fixes.

If we do not define what we want and plan for them on a long-term basis, we will continue scurrying for quick fixes just to avoid the initial hardship of planning a better tomorrow. There aren't that many quickies available up ahead. Either we do right this time around or partake in the misery of our own inability to see the forest for the trees. I liken our situation to that of a swimmer who finds himself in the middle of the channel right outside Fishing Base trying to determine which way to go. If he decides to swim inland against the powerful undercurrent that goes the other way—a short cut—he's dead. But if he patiently follows the current until its strength dissipates then head inland towards the reef—the longer though safer route—he'd be spared of both injury and death.

I keep revisiting the term "definition" because we certainly haven't been able to define what we want by way of taxes, wages, education, health, economic growth, third wave information age, development of our human resources, over reliance on migrant workers, working couples where we compromise our children's needs, etc. Perhaps we should begin by asking ourselves what kind of a future do we want for our children and how do we take the first step together to build a better tomorrow.

To illustrate a point, we all look towards the Medical Referral Program as the cure all pill for catastrophic and long-term illnesses. It is in fact a misdirected though comfortable view point. Comfortable in the sense that we can rely on this program for catastrophic illnesses however limited its budget ceiling. We lose sight of the fact that the most costly aspect of health is in long-term care, i.e., cancer patients, old age when our parents become immobile and require the attention of their siblings; young people afflicted with urinary disorder, hemophiliacs, etc.

I am sure most will disagree that preventative health care is the appropriate approach to promoting a healthier community over the long haul. Reason for this attitude is the fact that we view use of funds for this program as cost rather than as an investment. And until we view cost as an investment in the health of our people, we will continue to scramble for funds to meet catastrophic and long-term illnesses, a health expense far more expensive than we can afford. Paradigms have changed and with it, we also need to shift attitudinal inadequacies in order to realistically resolve health and other equally substantive issues.



Letters to the Editor

Irked that leaders stood children up

Dear Editor:

I would like to comment on the Banquet held for the National Honor Society students of Hopwood Jr. High on Saturday, May 4, 1996.

Every evening for a week I picked my daughter up from practice for this event. The students were working hard to make the ceremony memorable. They had outfits made and programs printed. Lt. Governor Jesus Borja, Chairman of the Board of PSS, Tom Pangelinan, and Commissioner of Education, William S. Torres were the dignitaries to attend.

This event was to start at 5:30 p.m. poolside of the Aqua Resort. Guess what? The parents and children waited until 6:30 p.m. at that time the announcement was made that special guests were not going to show up. Not only did they not show up but didn't even have the courtesy to let the

school know they would not be available to attend. Commissioner Torres did send the Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Instruction, Anna Larson in his stead.

I was disappointed for the children. They had worked hard, not only to make the grades to be in the Honor Society, but the work that went into making the program special.

We have three individuals who are pillars of the community, that are looked up to by the children, who did not come to their program. These children are future leaders of our community and they deserve better treatment than what they received from these dignitaries.

Not to end on a sour note, the food was good, the entertainment even better. Making the evening a success for the parents, the Honor Students and the hard working faculty of Hopwood Jr. High.

Fran Crenshaw

Excellent teachers should be retained

Dear Editor:

The purpose of this letter is to voice my support of two certain nonresident teachers who will be terminated by PSS. These teachers are Mr. Sekeran "Sir" as he is affectionately known by his MHS students, and Ms. Ofelia Castro of Tinian High School.

Mr. Sekeran was my high school chemistry teacher. He not only taught me about burners and chemicals, but he also thought me that learning can indeed be fun. We need teachers like him in our schools.

Ms. Castro is the most senior of all faculty and staff at Tinian High. She also gives more of her time to the students than most give her credit for. From chaperoning dances and preparing for graduation to teaching students how to manage a business, she has given of herself

unselfishly. It was their example in large part that inspired me to become a teacher as well.

I recall a student of mine once saying she wished more teachers would listen to the students and give more of themselves. This, she believes, would make it easier on her as a student. Mr. Sekeran and Ms. Castro are those kind of teachers.

Regardless of what the future holds for these two excellent educators, many current and former students need them and more like them. Furthermore, I believe PSS desperately needs to retain its many excellent foreign teachers they aren't the only ones who can be replaced.

Thank you for letting me share my thoughts.
Sincerely,
Joey P. San Nicolas

Nick Sablan launches legal fund drive

Dear Editor:

The recent Taxpayer's lawsuit is another blow and a set-back for the CNMI people. I hope the people will realize that my intervention on Willy Tan's lawsuit was simply to prevent Stanley Torres and Rayphand from killing the project.

I get to wonder what is everyone's motive in the suit and I conclude that probably one or two has special interest and the rest are just anti-development or just hated the Governor.

Frankly, the only good thing about this suit is that should they succeed, the attorney will eventually get paid from our tax dollars. And so, this is a no-win situation. The developer might walk-away and we ended up footing the bill. Is this right?

Actually, the main intention of this letter is to seek those individuals or corporations who feel that I am in-line to donate a few dollars so I could hire an attorney to stop these individuals from hurting us.

My first move will be to seek the court's help to release the developers as defendant on the taxpayer's suit so they could continue on with their project. Believe me, the benefits will out-weight the concerns of this so called, Tax-Payer's Suit. Please, Let's not move backwards—let's move on.

To donate on this good cause, please direct your contribution to Nick Sablan at P.O. Box 121, Saipan MP 96950. You will not regret it. Thank You.

Sincerely yours,
Nick C. Sablan

Reading for the mind but food for the body

By Anthony Pellegrino, Chairman
Education Committee, Saipan Chamber of Commerce

THOSE of you who read only the bare minimum that you have to do to work or read the daily newspaper in a cursory manner, I want to encourage you to explore the world of wider reading. Perhaps like me you disliked reading in school and want little to do with reading even up to now. But let's see what a renewed interest in reading can do for us.

Reading is both a skill and an art. It involves the process of thinking. We must regard reading as a complicated activity, involving many different steps in each of which requires more and more skill through practice as in the case of any other art that we want to master. Mistakenly we tend to think that reading is as simple and natural to do as looking and standing.

Playing any sport, such as tennis, basketball, or playing a musical instrument, such as the piano, all require learning basic techniques. They also require practice and more practice or we will never become good at that activity. All human endeavor to learn anything requires a mastery of techniques. Therefore knowing how to read well is like any other art or skill. There are rules to learn and to follow and only through practice can good habits be formed. Willingness to learn and patience in the process are required. But the end results—the mastery of proficient reading will bring success and rewards as few other activities do.

Reading is an activity involving thinking, one's senses and imagination. We must observe, remember, and construct imaginatively what cannot be observed. To think involves activity and stimulation. And reading is an active function. We do not read passively. Reading requires concentration and attention just like listening. Reading is the process of interpreting or understanding what presents itself to the senses in the form of words or other sensible marks. Reading is the receiving of communication from one to another in written or printed rather than spoken form.

Catching a ball is as much an activity as pitching or hitting it. The pitcher is the giver and the catcher or fielder is the receiver. Both are equally active. A good catcher is the one who stops the ball which has been hit or pitched. The art of catching is the skill of knowing how to do this well as possible in every situation. The art of reading is the skill of catching every sort of communication as well as possible.

What an exhilarating feeling when we sit in front of a printed page and begin to translate the symbols thereon into visions and ideas in our head. They could be marks made on a piece of paper perhaps hundreds of years ago or only yesterday by someone dear to us. It could be a love letter, a narrative, a collection of thoughts, historical recordings—the list is almost endless. Reading allows us to pass from a state of understanding less to a state of understanding more. We feel and communicate with another person who may be a total stranger separated by space and time. Information enters our brain to elevate us. Emotions are conveyed in words and arouse emotions in us. We become united with one another in an almost mystical communion.

What a miracle man possesses! By accepting a common understanding of those symbols we can communicate across time and space. We can almost hear the heartbeat of the person who wrote the words. We share in his knowledge, his joys, frustrations, loves and all the other wonderful feelings and ideas of humans. We need to communicate with our fellow men. We must read each other's thoughts if we are to progress and to survive in an increasingly complex world.

To be an active citizen in a democratic society reading becomes even more imperative. If we are to elect good leaders, we must not only listen about the issues and the candidates but read about them also. We require our leaders to be enlightened. They too must read widely. It is their duty that they read widely and deeply. They are the ones who make decisions that affect our lives. How can we accept decisions from men who act on their emotions only neglecting facts and historical references. It is every man's responsibility and duty if he seeks public office to be a wide reader. Otherwise how can he decide wisely and justly.

Because we never learned to read well in school is not the school's fault. That matter is past history. Now it is our responsibility. If we are not satisfied with the education and especially with the reading skills we acquired, it is up to us to do something about it. Yet going back to school is not necessarily the best remedy. We must seek our own remedy somewhere else.

Here a few helpful hints on how to begin improving your reading skills:

1. Understand why you want to read better.
2. Evaluate your reading level. That is the beginning of

Continued tomorrow

CUC employees successfully go through drug rehabilitation

SEVERAL employees of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. had tested positive for drugs and undergone rehabilitation, CUC Executive Director Timothy Villagomez disclosed yesterday.

"I am very pleased to be able to report that several employees have successfully completed a rehabilitation program," Villagomez told the board during its regular meeting.

The CUC drug policy is now almost one year old.

Villagomez said almost all employees on hazardous duty, including the linemen, power plant operators, and sewage personnel, had been tested for drug.

"There have been a number of positive test results, and most of the employees who tested positive have begun treatment," he said.

Villagomez did not give any fig-

ures, but the CUC has 405 employees, roughly one-half of whom are on hazardous duty.

Bruce Napell, CUC legal counsel and acting public information officer, said that 22-24 employees selected at random were being tested monthly.

Napell explained that it was employees on hazardous duty, rather than the office personnel, that are being tested since the danger level of their jobs as they affect the people is higher.

Napell also said that the CUC tests new employees before they're hired. CUC managers, meanwhile will attend a drug policy seminar conducted by addiction specialist Joseph Villagomez next Monday.

"This meeting is for Joe to go over the drug policy in detail with the employees most responsible for implementing it at the division level



Timothy Villagomez

after one year's experience implementing it," Villagomez explained. "They can focus on questions, problems, and ways to make the policy work even better."—Rick Alberto

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NMI asked to submit NANP plan

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

THE NORTH American Numbering Plan Administration has asked the CNMI government to submit implementation plans for its entry into the NANP.

NANPA Director Ronald Connors wrote Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio on May 10, informing the latter that area code 670 has been officially assigned to the CNMI. The code will be implemented beginning July 1.

This means that telecommunications traffic between the CNMI and North America, using the prefix 1 plus area code, would be considered domestic calls. This will entail the deactivation of 670 as CNMI's country code.

"The implementation plan and schedule for the new 670 NPA are the responsibility of CNMI," Connors told Tenorio.

Connors said the North American telecommunications industry wants to be notified of the implementation plans at least 12 months before the introduction of the new NPA, to give them enough time to adequately plan for the new area code.

The telecommunications industry, according to Connors, needs such



Juan Babauta

details as "map of the area affected; the exact date and time of the 670 NPA activation and the worldwide deactivation of country code 670; and a trouble reporting number that may be called in the event that calls cannot be completed to the new NPA."

Connors said NANP also need to send a notice to the Int'l Telecommunications Union on the details of the CNMI's inclusion in the numbering plan.

"This will assist in informing the international telecommunications

community of the change, and the ITU of the date the Country Code 670 will be available for reassignment," Connors said.

However, he said, it is the job of international carriers operating in the CNMI to inform carriers worldwide of the changes in the CNMI's telecommunications code.

The CNMI got its bid for inclusion in the NANP following Canada Telelobe's withdrawal of its objection to the CNMI's request.

Meanwhile, Washington Resident Rep. Juan Babauta said he will continue working for further reduction of long distance rates in the CNMI.

"I'm glad that the work we did to have the US insular areas covered by the Telecommunications Act so quickly made the difference," Babauta said in a press statement. "With our success in the area code, I'm confident we will also get rates lowered," Babauta said,

Joint session set on Tinian to approve 2 casino leases

By Rafael H. Arroyo
Variety News Staff

THE LEGISLATURE is planning to hold a joint session this week on Tinian to push for the approval of public land leases for two casino hotel development projects.

This was learned from House Speaker Diego T. Benavente who said the approval of the 25-year lease being sought by Tinian Marine Resort and the 15-year lease extension requested by Hong Kong Entertainment Overseas Investment Inc. may be imminent based on the support from House and Senate members.

The speaker said a Tinian venue for the important session was agreed upon by both him and Senate President Jesus R. Sablan based on a request made by Tinian Mayor Herman M. Manglona and the concurrence of the joint Committee on Natural Resources. "It was a recommendation of the joint committee to approve the two leases of public land on Tinian so we are hoping to have the joint session either Thursday or Friday," said Benavente.

According to Benavente, the prime consideration in the planned approval of both lease agreements is the overwhelming support they have garnered

from the Tinian constituency. "As a lawmaker considering land leases, whether they are for Tinian or Rota, I look at what the leaders and the people from the two islands want."

Tinian Marine Resort plans to put up a 1,000-room casino hotel, golf resort complex worth \$500 million and requires the use of public land in addition to private lands it plans to lease.

The public land lease for TMR, covering 25-years, exceeds five hectares so it requires approval of legislature in a joint session pursuant to the Constitution.

On the other hand, Hong Kong Overseas is putting up a \$100 million, 300-room casino hotel to be situated in some 4.9 hectares of public land in addition to a private land lease.

In as much as the public land lease is under five hectares, the 25-year lease period has already been deemed approved by mere signature of the governor on the agreement.

However, the 15-year lease extension requires subsequent approval from the Legislature.

Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio has been strongly lobbying for the two casino projects due to the ripple effects they may have on Tinian's economy.

Tinian's casino industry has been waiting to take off since the island's residents ratified a casino gaming initiative in the eighties.

So far only one casino operator, Lone Star, has commenced business on Tinian but closed down less than a year after it opened its doors.

Tenorio was in Hong Kong recently, meeting with officials of Hong Kong Overseas apparently to give as-



Diego T. Benavente

surances that their casino project will be entertained.

"My meetings were with the investors for Tinian. I just wanted to give them assurance that their request for a 15-year extension will be approved so that's why I went to Hong Kong," said Tenorio in an interview yesterday.

"Frankly, I thought that the Legislature was going to approve the extension last week. I just found out this morning that it was scheduled for Thursday on Tinian," said the governor.

The chief executive said he doesn't understand why the Legislature "is taking its time in approving the Hong Kong Overseas project."

"I mean, the more they delay it, the longer that project will be completed. That means we could be losing two months or maybe three months worth of revenue," said Tenorio.

Asked if Hong Kong Overseas paid for his trip, Tenorio said no.

US live fire exercises

VARIOUS military units from the United States Naval, Air Force and Japanese Navy will be conducting Live Fire exercise on the island of Farallon De Mendenilla on Monday May 20, 1996 through and including Wednesday May 23, 1996 from 12:00 midnight to 11:59 p.m.

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Tenorio sees truth in IG audit

By Rafael H. Arroyo
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio yesterday admitted that a lot has to be done to improve the CNMI's public land management program.

Reacting to findings made by the Interior Department's Inspector General in its audit report on the former Marianas Public Land Corp., Tenorio recognized there are indeed problems in the way public land has been disposed of.

"That is one, if not the main reason why I abolished and reorganized MPLC. It wasn't working during their time, especially during the previous administration," the governor admits.

"I fully support the findings of the audit that MPLC was not doing its job and that's why I wanted to change the system," he said.

The management and disposal of public lands, used to be the domain of MPLC, was been transferred to the executive branch when Tenorio reorganized government under Executive Order 94-3.

Since then, public land functions has been with the Division of Public Lands. All leases, land exchange and homesteads now require the

Chinese 'gang' topic of Jon Anderson Live

IN recent weeks, newspapers, TV and radio reports have been teeming with news of alleged Chinese gang activity.

Report of violence, extortion and racketeering have prompted local and federal law officials to join forces to try and combat the escalating problem.

What are the true causes behind this rash of crime in the CNMI?

How long has this activity been going on? Are gangs really behind this crime?

And what are authorities doing about it?

Chinese gang violence here at home is the subject for tonight's Jon Anderson Live.

Join Jon and guest Ron Derwish, senior resident agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

They will discuss the FBI's stand on the issue and what steps are being taken by the various departments to resolve the problem.

Your phone calls and questions are encouraged for this edition of Jon Anderson Live.

Jon Anderson Live is a Live talk show where viewers can call in with their comments and questions on the issues that matter in the CNMI.

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governor's approval instead of from the former MPLC board of directors.

The audit report, which came out March 20, told of how the CNMI government has been losing millions of dollars from public land transactions, i.e. land exchanges, commercial land leases and homesteads, mostly due to discrepancies in land valuations.

The losses, according to the IG, is attributed to the CNMI government's alleged failure to develop management policies and procedures to ensure equitable disposition of public lands.

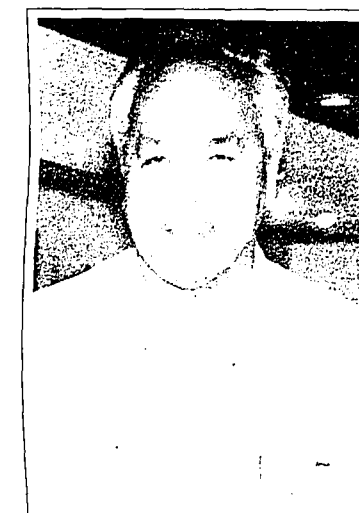
The governor, however, explained that despite the displeasure of critics, he feels that what he is doing now is consistent with his obligations as governor.

"I am protecting the interest of the people of the CNMI, those of NMI descent. But I won't be surprised if some of my own actions are questionable. I am willing to stand up and defend them," he said.

Tenorio has recently been named in three taxpayer lawsuits for allegedly giving away of public land leases at unreasonably low rates.

The lawsuits, filed by former Gov. Carlos S. Camacho, Rep. Stanley T. Torres and lawyer Jeanne Rayphand, said the governor breached his fiduciary duty over public lands.

The chief executive pointed out that in some cases, it is very hard to determine really what the value of land is whenever government arranges for land exchanges, land leases and homesteads.



Froilan C. Tenorio

"For example, one piece of property is appraised at over \$700 a square meter. At the same time, there were a lot of other properties appraised at only \$12 per square meter.

Now there is something wrong here," said the governor.

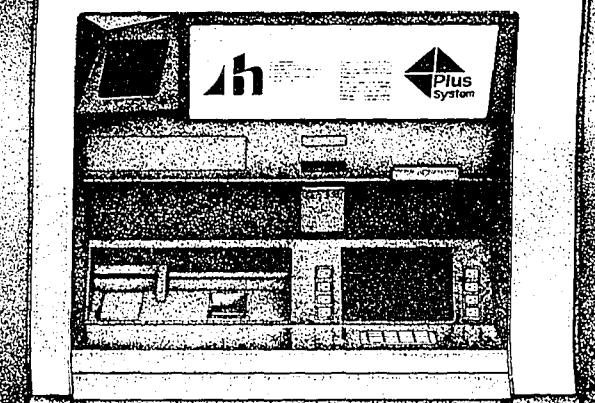
But the point is, he added, it is very hard to determine what the true value of the land is so he has to use his own judgment in determining what is a fair deal.

"The government has a lot of obligations to acquire and exchange lands for public uses, like for the expansion of roads. Sometimes, we just don't have the luxury of time to do this so we just have to sit down, negotiate between the two parties and if we agree on a price, then we go on with that," said Tenorio.

"I agree that the final price might be questionable, but there are times, when we have to take a position and move on because we can't wait," added the chief executive.

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'Fiji until now pays price of coup'

Fiji Labour Party leader Mahendra Chaudhry says the country continues to pay a heavy price for the political upheaval of 1987, nine years after the execution of the first military coup on May 14th, 1987.

The Daily Post reports according to Chaudhry the aspirations of the

indigenous Fijians have still not been met, adding that recent statistics show more Fijians are living in poverty than nine years ago.

He says nationally, there is little investor confidence and the economy is stagnant due to the uncertainty surrounding the review of the 1990

constitution and the expiring land leases.

Chaudhry points out the forecast of a bleak future in Fiji has resulted in the migration of thousands of skilled workers from all sectors and left a vacuum that will take years to fill.

He says "the lawlessness perpet-

rated by the executors of the coup have matted the entire fabric of the society and is manifesting itself today not only in the high crime rate but in scandal after scandal that has tainted our public institutions.

From ministers of state to senior officials of government, those in authority have shown a tendency to rip-

off the system or gain maximum benefit while the going is good".

Chaudhry was the finance minister in the Bavadra government which was overthrown exactly nine years ago by the then Lieutenant-Colonel of Fiji's army and currently the nation's prime minister, Sitiveni Rabuka....Pacnews

Fiji opposition leader willing to serve under Rabuka if...

THE opposition Fijian Association Party leader Josevata Kamikamica has reportedly stated he is willing to serve under Fiji's Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka if informal unity talks result in a coalition between his party and the ruling Soqosoqo ni Vakavulewa ni Taukei.

The Daily Post quotes Kamikamica as making the statement while responding to the outcome of the second round of informal talks between Rabuka, his regional development minister Ratu Inoke Kubuabola, F-A-P vice president Apisai Tora and General Electors Association parliamentary David Pickering at Suva Sunday.

The F-A-P delegation has reportedly told Rabuka that Kamikamica is now willing to work with him for the sake of the country. Kamikamica told the Daily Post Monday night that if there is a coalition then he is willing to serve under any leader including Rabuka.

According to the Daily Post, the S-V-T caucus has given Rabuka the mandate to pursue the coalition through the informal talks. Meanwhile, Sunday's meeting also discussed the possibility of the S-V-T and the F-A-P fielding a joint candidate for the forthcoming Tailevu provincial constituency byelection.

But the S-V-T maintains that since

the party won the last two byelections, it should nominate the candidate for the polls to be held between June 20-22.

However, Kamikamica has emphasized the F-A-P will only agree to a compromise candidate if he or she is nominated by the Tailevu provincial council.

THE opposition Fijian Association Party, meanwhile, says Fiji's prime minister Sitiveni Rabuka will have to initiate the next round of unity talks between the F-A-P and his ruling Soqosoqo ni Vakavulewa ni Taukei Party.

The Fiji Times reports the future of the proposed coalition talks are now up to Rabuka....Pacnews

Solomons media group says radio censorship uncalled for

THE Solomon Islands Media Association has reacted strongly against the censorship imposed on the national radio system's news program.

Association president Julian Maka's says the decision to have the Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation's general manager or board secretary screen all news items and current affairs programs before

going to air is uncalled for, RNZI reports. He says what is needed is a strong reminder for more vigilance, and not a complete take over of the news editor's responsibilities.

But the SIBC's deputy chairman, and government information officer, Johnson Honimae, says the integrity of news programs has gone down dramati-

cally in recent weeks, and the board had to step in and do something.

He says the idea is not to edit the news, but merely to skim through it to ensure the stories are factual.

Honimae says freedom of the media also carries a lot of responsibility with it, but this does not seem to be the case at the SIBC....Pacnews

Squatters warned to move out of property

THE Fiji Electricity Authority has warned squatters on its land at Cunningham outside the capital, Suva to move out or be removed forcibly.

The Daily Post quotes F-E-A regional manager Joe Ligaitamana as saying the land is earmarked for development.

He says the authority has been warning the tenants to vacate the

land since 1979 as they want to lay underground cables.

Ligaitamana claims the tenants have even defied requests by the Native Land Trust Board and this has left F-E-A no alternative but to forcibly remove them.

He has also ruled out the possibility of the authority compensating the tenants saying "this is not our job"....Pacnews

Time not on his side, says Chan on conflict

PAPUA New Guinea's prime minister, Sir Julius Chan, has confirmed that while the government has done everything possible to bring about a permanent solution to the Bougainville conflict, time is not on his side.

Chan says the harassment of North Solomon leaders, Sam Tulo and James Togel last week, was illegal, Post-Courier reports.

Tulo, a former provincial secretary, and Togel were detained and questioned overnight.

A defense force officer, Major Jef-

frey Wiri was reported to have detained Tulo and pointed a pistol at him. Prime Minister Chan says he considers the allegations serious, but they are subject to being checked.

He says the government is also prepared to talk to the Bougainville interim government and its military arm.

He stressed that the killings of several security forces members in recent months has forced some politicians to take a more confrontational stance....Pacnews

Nauru phosphate trust settles case with firm

THE Nauru Phosphate Royalties Trust says it has reached an "amicable" out-of-court settlement with a Sydney legal firm over a fraud case involving 60 million US dollars. The chairman of the trust, Theodore Moses, says in a statement released in Melbourne that settlement has saved a long and expensive court battle, Radio Austra-

lia reports.

The phosphate royalties trust had commenced legal action in London over the conduct of a former partner of Allen, Allan and Hensley. In October last year the Nauru government says most of the 60 million dollars involved in the fraud had been recovered....Pacnews

CUC accedes to CDA position

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

A WALKOUT.

And then the Commonwealth Development Authority had the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. agree to what the CDA wants: recognition of the \$10-million Mitsubishi loan not as a grant from the CDA, but just that, a loan convertible to equity.

In yesterday's board meeting of the CUC, chairman Carlos A. Shoda wanted to shelve the issue until after Gov. Froilan Tenorio is informed about it.

It was through the Governor's Office that the CDA counseled the \$10-million paid to Mitsubishi International in August 1994 and February 1995. The CUC had earlier been in default of its loan to Mitsubishi.

In yesterday's board meeting, CDA board chair Juan S. Tenorio and CDA

Argument over \$10M loan sparks walkout

Executive Director James H. Ripple were in attendance. They presented a joint letter to Shoda, pointing out that the CUC resolution accepting the conversion of CUC's defaulted debt to the CDA "does not address the \$10.0 million CDA paid out to Mitsubishi International to avoid an embarrassing trial and to settle CUC's debt."

"CUC/CNMI Government expended \$10.0 million in favor of CUC. There is no way that CUC can justify the exclusion of this amount from the equity conversion," Tenorio and Ripple said.

Tenorio had said the CUC wanted to remove the \$10 million from the debts that would be converted to equity. This means that the amount would be written off as a grant, he had explained.

The CDA had a supporter yesterday in CUC board member Benjamin A. Sablan who said that CDA went to the rescue of CUC at a time when it needed money to pay Mitsubishi. The money, he said, could have been used for housing and other loans.

"We should salute these people from CDA," he said.

Shoda wanted to set aside the issue of whether the \$10 million should be treated as a loan convertible to equity or a grant until after the governor takes a

position.

In the meantime, he said, "let's proceed with the business of managing the CUC."

But Sablan insisted that "we have to make a decision now," adding that without the \$10 million there would have been no power plant.

"All we're asking is legitimize it (loan)," he said.

At this point, Tenorio and Ripple, sitting at the back of the board room, stood up and walked out of the room.

Shoda then introduced a motion to accept the \$10 million as a loan and to add it to the \$74,736,680 total debt of CUC to CDA (as of Jan. 31), including principal and interest.

The motion also directed CUC legal counsel Bruce Napell to prepare a loan agreement.

The motion was carried, with five, including Shoda, voting yes and one, Antonio Cabrera, abstaining.

"Majority of the board said let's resolve it, so I go for it. This is a democracy," Shoda told the Variety, explaining his motion.

PSS staff honored

LAST week's government-wide Public Service Recognition Week celebration gave the Public School System a second opportunity to recognize its top teachers, teacher aides and support staff employees from 1995.

In a brief ceremony held on Thursday at the Nauru Building, the top PSS employees from 1995, who were originally honored at last year's Education Day activity, were again recognized.

Among those on hand for the occasion were Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja, Commissioner of Education William S. Torres, Deputy Commissioner for Administration Margaret C. Dela Cruz, and Deputy Commissioner for Instruction Ana Larson.

After some brief speeches, the 1995 top PSS employees who came for the occasion were recognized.

Among them was PSS Teacher of the Year Alan Taylor of San Vicente Elementary School. After that, the top employees and honored guests enjoyed some refreshments, courtesy of the PSS.

The list of 1995 PSS teachers of the year, teacher aides of the year and support staff employees of the year is attached to this news release.

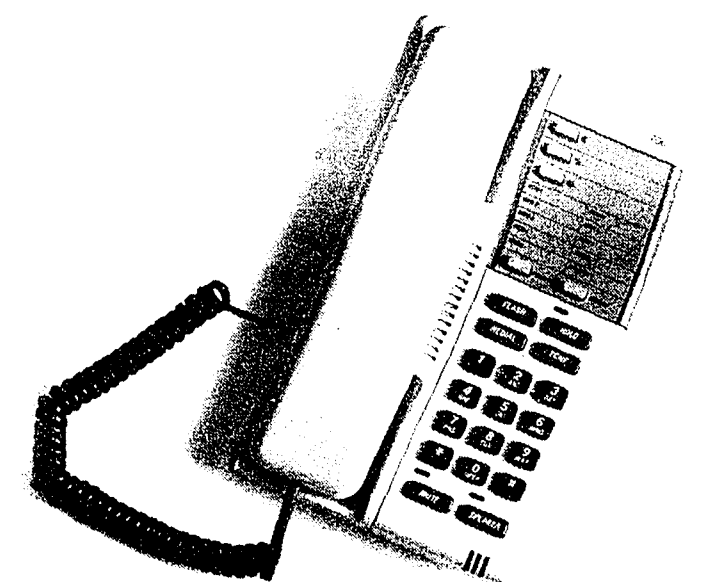


First Lady Grace Tenorio (right) and Joseph Guerrero, Director of the Aging Program, join Man Amkos at a Mothers Day breakfast following Mass at Mount Carmel Church Sunday. The First Lady hosted the breakfast and presented each Manamko with a corsage.

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Parents asked whether teachers can hit students

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) - To flog or not to flog? That is the question for Malaysian parents after the government proposed lifting a ban on corporal punishment to let teachers hit misbehaving students with a rattan cane.

Education Minister Najib Abdul Razak complained Monday that sparing the rod has spoiled students, leading to a breakdown in school discipline and even occasional assaults on teachers.

School principals are allowed to punish students by striking them on the buttocks or the backs of the legs with a 1-meter-long (3-foot-long) rattan cane. But under rules imposed in 1983 after complaints of mistreatment, teachers can't hit students, and slapping and punching are forbidden.

"Students used to be afraid of teachers, but today they are not," Najib said. "They are not even afraid of their parents."

He called for public discussion of the proposal. The Straits Times newspaper set up a phone line for public comment, and said Tuesday it was ringing "non-stop" with votes both for and against.

Malaysia has about 300,000 teachers and 6 million students.

The National Union of Teachers said teachers should be allowed to use corporal punishment.

"Teachers are ridiculed by students because they cannot take action, and if they did, they get assaulted, humiliated and have their cars scratched or tires punctured," said N. Siva Subramaniam, the union's secretary general.

Tornado kills 50, injures over 2,500 in Bangladesh

By HASAN SAEED

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) - A tornado ripped through hundreds of villages in northern districts, killing at least 50 people and injuring more than 2,500, officials and news report said Tuesday.

The twister, with a wind speed of more than 200 kilometers (125 miles) per hour, lasted only 20 minutes but left a trail of destruction late Monday afternoon.

Thousands of mud-and-straw houses were blown away and a large number of electricity poles and trees were uprooted in Tangail and Sirajganj districts, the Ittefaq newspaper said.

Most of the victims were in Tangail, while five deaths were reported from northwestern district of Sirajganj.

Badshah Mia, an attendant

at a local hospital who was reached by telephone, said his hospital was overwhelmed with patients, and hundreds of victims have been rushed to nearby facilities.

Mia said an acute shortage of blood and bandages was hampering medical treatment of the injured.

The tornado snapped telephone lines between Tangail and Dhaka, the Bangladesh capital, for several hours on Monday.

The death toll is expected to rise as rescue workers began searching for survivors.

Over the weekend, rainstorms killed at least 10 people in northern Bangladesh.

Tornadoes often strike in April, May and June, the months when the temperature skyrockets in Bangladesh. The monsoon season, when flooding is common, usually begins in early July.



A 72-foot limousine rolls off the manufacturer's lot in Riverside, Calif. The car, built by Ultra Kustom Coach and costing \$1.8 million, seats 38 people and bends in the middle for cornering. The limo was ordered by Sheikh Hamad Bin Hamdan Al-Nahyan of the United Arab Emirates for use in the United States. It will be available for rent in Carlsbad, Calif., when not in use by the sheik. AP Photo

Japanese like American cars but not enough to buy them

By YURI KAGEYAMA

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP) - The new Cavalier was nothing that the Arakawa family expected from an American car - instead of big, slow and noisy, it was small, quick and quiet. But that doesn't mean they'll go out and buy one.

"It felt perfectly normal," Tomoko Arakawa said after a weekend test driving a bright red coupe 2.4Z. "There was nothing particularly wrong; but there was nothing fantastic either."

Her husband Kazuhiko agreed: "So why bother buying an American car?"

That question is one U.S. automakers will have to answer as they begin a campaign to grab a bigger share of the Japanese market following last summer's U.S.-Japan auto trade accord.

U.S. automakers' sales in Japan from January through March this year climbed 38 percent from the same period last year to 29,613 vehicles. But that's only 1.6 percent of Japan's market.

Much of the challenge is winning over Japanese customers who have tended to dismiss American cars as lacking the glamour of European imports and the reliability of domestic brands.

As a test to see if the new crop of products from Detroit would change any minds, The Associated Press asked three families in the Tokyo suburb of Yokohama to spend a day or two driving General Motors Corp.'s Cavalier, Ford

Motor Co.'s Taurus and Chrysler Corp.'s Jeep Grand Cherokee.

Drivers' reactions underscored the challenges facing American car dealers in Japan: While the U.S.-made cars were judged as well-made and comfortable, customers said nothing was striking enough about them to break their loyalty to Japanese models.

General Motors developed the right-hand drive Cavalier to be sold by Toyota dealers in Japan as Toyotas (the Cavalier is sold in the United States under the Chevrolet nameplate). They come with Toyota markings on the hood, hoping to overcome the Japanese fear that U.S. dealers provide shoddy repairs.

Kazuhiko Arakawa, 41, a manager at a camera manufacturer, took the coupe fitted with a sunroof for a weekend drive with his family to the nearby mountains of Hakone - with good results.

Arakawa has always leaned toward European cars, and he now drives an Audi. But he said the new Cavalier didn't feel "American."

"In size, the ride, acceleration and noise level, it was practically no different from a regular Japanese car," Arakawa said. "It's a pretty nice car."

Despite the praise, the Cavalier apparently doesn't offer what the Arakawas were looking for - something they can't get from Japanese makers. European cars, for example, give a safer and more solid ride, compared with Japanese cars, they said.

Test drivers had another problem with some of the American cars: high prices.

Tsuguhiko Iida, 39, a marketing manager who drives a Toyota, tried out Ford's new Taurus station wagon. He and his wife Mariko appreciated the car's stylish look and simple interior - a pop-out cupholder, the elliptical panel for the radio and air conditioner, an unobtrusive ashtray beneath the dashboard.

Ford slashed its prices this year to become more competitive. But even for the new price, starting at 2.49 million yen, or \$24,000, Iida said Japanese automakers offered more attractive alternatives.

"If I'm going to pay that much, the (Toyota) minivan is better for a

family of four," he said.

The Toyota Estima Lucida minivan, sold as Previas in the United States, starts at 2.05 million yen, or \$19,000. More than 7,400 Lucidas are sold each month in Japan.

The sales of the new Taurus totaled 1,328 in March - double the 654 for the same month last year for the older model that was available only in left-hand drive. Ford could easily double sales if it further lowers prices, said Shiro Tanigawa of Nomura Research Institute.

"Japanese people tend to be unfamiliar with Fords. But once they try them out, they give them high marks," he said.

The Grand Cherokee Limited, the larger and more luxurious version of Chrysler's popular Jeep Cherokee, illustrated another problem of American cars in Japan: It's too big.

The trademark Jeeps are a fad in Japan, a die-hard all-American symbol like Levi's jeans or Mickey Mouse. Sales quadrupled to 4,000 when it came out in right-hand drive in 1993, and have been climbing ever since: 11,400 in 1994, and 12,400 last year.

The Grand Cherokee Limited is clearly aimed at people who wouldn't normally drive a Jeep.

"This isn't like the others you can't drive in a dress," said Tamami Aiko, a 35-year-old housewife who tested out the Cherokee for a day. "You can carry a lot of things. And you can go anywhere."

But for Aiko, there are limits to winning the Cherokee acceptance as a regular car. It's too large for some indoor parking in Tokyo and doesn't fit into some Japanese car washes.

Sales figures for the right-hand drive Grand Cherokee have not yet been released. But it's unlikely to be as successful as Toyota's smaller sport-utility vehicle, the RAV-4, which is being bought at a rate of 8,000 a month.

Still, Aiko, who drives a Nissan, approved of the Cherokee's wood paneling and the power-adjustable seats. Like other test drivers, she had expected worse from an American vehicle.

"I can easily grow to like it," she said.

Body parts picked from crash site

By LISA HOLEWA

MIAMI (AP) - With a sharp-shooter scouting for alligators and poisonous snakes, recovery workers recovered the flight data recorder from ValuJet Flight 592, along with disintegrated plane parts and human remains no bigger than a knee.

Workers on Monday brought in heavy equipment as teams of divers searched the murky swamp and U.S. Navy salvage specialists used sonar to look for the plane's black box recorders.

The data recorder, which could yield clues to the cause of the crash, was being taken to National Transportation Safety Board headquarters in Washington for analysis. NTSB spokesman Mike Benson said he did not know the condition of the recorder.

Benson said he was not sure whether the cockpit voice recorder had been recovered.

By midday on Monday seven body bags of remains had been removed.

"I don't hold any hope we'll find any recoverable large parts of people," said retired Dade County Medical Examiner Joseph Davis, who is taking part in the investigation.

The Atlanta-bound DC-9 crashed Saturday shortly after takeoff from Miami's airport with 104 passengers and five crew members. The crew radioed urgently about smoke in the cockpit and cabin before the tower lost contact.

Investigators said the recovery of the wreckage would be slow because of the difficult conditions: rising heat, swarms of mosquitoes and horseflies, razor-sharp sawgrass, and water 6 inches (15 cms) to 5 feet (1.5 meters) deep over mud that some locals estimate is 30 to 40 feet (9 to 12 meters) deep.

CBS News reported that the Federal Aviation Administration was to be investigated as part of an overall probe being conducted in the wake of the crash by the Department of Transportation.

CBS said the Department of Transportation was looking into the possibility the FAA knew ValuJet was headed for trouble before the crash. The network said the FAA declined to comment on the probe.

ValuJet Airlines stock dropped sharply Monday, the first day of trading since the crash and also the first day of intensified federal scrutiny of the Atlanta-based carrier. It closed on the Nasdaq Stock Market down \$4.18 3/4 a share at \$13.68 3/4.

At the scene Monday, about 30 divers in rubberized suits to protect them from skin-irritating jet fuel walked through the water in shifts that

Report: FAA to be probed over Miami crash

lasted only 15 to 20 minutes because of the grueling conditions. A marksman accompanied them to watch for alligators and water moccasins.

The searchers filled bags with aircraft parts and human remains that Metro-Dade police Cmdr. Al Harper said were no bigger than a knee.

"They're actually recovering fingers and hands and feet," Harper said. "It would be traumatic for even the most seasoned homicide detective."

Davis cautioned that it could take up to a week to identify victims and that some might never be identified. A forensic anthropologist and a forensic dentist will help the medical examiner's office.

Davis said it was possible some of the passengers were

conscious when the plane nose-dived into the Everglades about 15 miles (24 kilometers) from the airport. But the husband of pilot Candelyn Kubeck said he thought the crew was unconscious.

"They passed out from the smoke, based on that eyewitness report that the angle never varied. If that's correct, they were obviously incapacitated," said Roger Kubeck, a pilot at America West Airlines.

Mrs. Kubeck, 35, was believed to be the first female captain of a commercial jet to be killed in a U.S. crash.

Also Monday, the Federal Aviation Administration began an intensive review of ValuJet. FAA inspectors were to ride in ValuJet cockpits and

review the company's maintenance facilities for the next month.

The discount airline has

had at least three accidents since it began operations in 1993. The most serious before the Florida crash was a runway fire last year that destroyed a plane and burned a flight attendant.

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US to Liberians: Don't count on us

By GEORGE GEDDA
WASHINGTON (AP) - As the situation in Liberia descends further into chaos, the recent U.S. decision to withdraw Navy vessels from coastal waters is sending a clear signal to Liberians about the country's desperate plight: "It's not America's problem."

No African country has been more special to the United States over the years than Liberia, and some old Africa hands are distressed to see the Clinton administration playing little more than a token role there despite five weeks of wanton killing and looting.

In an age where concrete national interest is the determining factor in deciding whether to intervene abroad, Liberia falls short.

There are no strategic military or economic interests in that region, only sentimental ones.

The administration dispatched five vessels with more than 2,500 Marines to Liberia

last month to assist in evacuating Americans and other foreigners and to protect the American Embassy if needed. Four of the vessels are expected to be withdrawn soon. The 300 Marines who will remain behind will continue to keep an eye on the embassy.

Administration officials contend it is wrong to portray U.S. policy as one of disengagement.

The embassy remains open despite the turmoil, and the United States is prepared to provide, if certain conditions are met, \$30 million in equipment and training to West African peacekeepers who have been trying without success to restore order since 1990.

Still, the U.S. role in Liberia seems minimalist, considering the breadth of the former ties with Liberia, a country founded by freed American slaves in 1847. It was the first republic in black Africa.

For more than 130 years, the United States enjoyed a

special status in Liberia and vice versa. Liberia entered both world wars against the Germans. For the allies, it was the major source of natural rubber following the fall of Malaya in World War II.

It is the only African state to conclude a defense pact with the United States. It was a staging area for U.S. supplies sent to anti-communist rebels in Angola during the 1980s.

Liberia was a favored African destination for Protestant missionaries.

For much of this century, Liberia outpaced all other African states on a per capita basis in sending students to the United States. Police uniforms were a replica of those worn by New York City cops.

The Liberian flag was patterned after America's, replete with alternating red and white stripes. The dollar was the official currency until a few years ago.

But Liberia was never an outright colony. And Africa

expert David Lamb says in his book, "The Africans" that Liberia might have been better off had it gone through a colonial experience, which usually meant schools, roads, hospitals and a trained bureaucracy.

"The very independence that made Liberia unique also cost its people dearly," Lamb asserts.

The French have a deeper sense of kinship towards its former colonies than the United States does towards its quasi ex-colony in West Africa. Over the years, when disorder erupted in Chad or Gabon or the Central African Republic, France sent troops.

There is little clamor among Americans to send troops to Liberia. Americans are more wary about intervening nowadays than they were in 1992 when U.S. troops were sent to Somalia.

"I sense that humanitarian-military interventions are here to stay because of this (Soma-

lia) precedent" Ambassador Madeleine Albright said in March 1993. Seven months later, that concept was dealt what may have been a fatal setback when 18 Americans were killed and 78 wounded in a fire fight in Somalia.

Now the criteria for intervention is more strict, and the administration is saying, in effect: Let Africans take care of African problems.

2nd suspect arrested in murder of 4

MORIARTY, New Mexico (AP) - A second reputed gang member was arrested in the slayings of two adults who were shot and two little boys who were left to starve in a remote cabin.

Roy Buckner, 18, was arrested Monday at his job. He was scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday morning, Capt. David Osuna said.

Hours earlier, his alleged accomplice pleaded innocent to the slayings.

"I didn't kill no one," Shaun Wilkins said Monday before he was led out of the Torrance County magistrate's court in leg irons and handcuffs.

Wilkins, 19, arrested Saturday, was arraigned on four counts of murder, one count of tampering with evidence and one count of conspiracy.

Wilkins and Buckner were being held in the Bernalillo County Detention Center in Albuquerque. Wilkins was being held on \$1 million bail pending a May 21 hearing.

The bodies of Ben Anaya Jr., 17, Cassandra Sedillo, 23, and her two sons, Johnny Ray Garcia, 4, and Matthew Gene Garcia, 3, were found April 14 in the Torrance County cabin near Torreon.

Police said their bodies might have been in the cabin since December.

Autopsies found that Anaya and Sedillo died of gunshot wounds. Medical investigators said the children died of starvation and dehydration, likely within seven days of the two adults.

Darren White, state Department of Public Safety secretary, said investigators believe whoever shot Anaya and Sedillo knowingly left the boys to die.

Anaya, Wilkins and Buckner were all members of Albuquerque's 18th Street gang, Osuna said. According to a police report, Anaya and Wilkins were allegedly involved in an Aug. 12 carjacking.

Wilkins was paroled last year as authorities tried to ease overcrowding in the youth center where he was serving a two-year sentence for aggravated assault. But, at the time of the killings, he was wanted on charges including burglary and assault.

Apple increases focus on Internet

By CATALINA ORTIZ
SAN JOSE, California (AP) - Apple Computer Inc. will cut its product line in half and increase its Internet focus in a recovery strategy that its chief predicts will leave the current troubles a distant memory a year from now.

"Hey, this is Apple. Expect the impossible," Gil Amelio said Monday.

Amelio, three months after becoming CEO at what many consider Apple's lowest point, promised a new, more focused company eager to complete its mission of producing innovative, easy-to-use computers "for the rest of us."

Apple, based in Cupertino, California, is America's No. 3 personal computer maker. It pioneered the commercial personal computer in the 1970s and made it easy to use in the 1980s.

But it has been struggling in the 1990s as rival PCs using Intel Corp. chips and Microsoft Corp. software have eroded the Macintosh's technological edge.

The company has had to slash prices to compete. It also has had trouble carrying out its plans, has misjudged demand and, critics say, confused customers and develop-

ers with a swollen product line and lack of focus.

Speaking to 4,000 developers of software for the Apple Macintosh, Amelio announced a company reorganization, a slimmer product line, and new commitments to such "megatrends" as the Internet.

Apple will cut costs and ease buyers' confusion by reducing its product line, slashing the number of models by 50 percent in the next 12 months, Amelio said, drawing applause from developers.

He later told reporters that this program will form the bulk of Apple's cost-cutting, reducing expenses 15 percent.

But on Wall Street, as technology stocks rallied, Apple idled, dipping 18 3/4 cents to \$27.0675 Monday on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

Amelio, who became chairman and CEO in early February, has given hints of the company's new strategy in the past but asked for 100 days to study Apple's problems before outlining his plan.

Amelio was serious in discussing Apple's problems, many of its own making, which have sent the company's market share, profits and stock price tumbling. Apple is now trading at al-

most half of the \$50.125 a share it commanded in June 1995.

He said the company will increase its focus on the Internet, the global mesh of computer networks, which is changing the way people use computers to communicate. Apple will build Internet accessibility into the Macintosh operating system, even before the release of Copland, the new version of the system that is not to be released until next year.

Amelio also outlined a reorganization that features several new divisions, including one to focus on such "information appliances" as the Newton hand-held computer and the Pippin, a simplified computer that connects to television sets and can play games and surf the Internet.

Other new divisions will focus on the Mac, products that will work on different computer platforms, software, the Internet and customer service, particularly helping first-time buyers.

Amelio, the former chief at National Semiconductor Corp., was hired in February to replace ousted Apple CEO Michael Spindler.

Last month, Apple reported

its biggest quarterly loss, \$740 million for the January-March period. Most of the red ink went to pay for the dropping value of un-

sold computers and severance for employees laid off in a restructuring intended to restore profitability in a year.

DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Ignacio Torres Sablan aka Ignacion Manila

of As-Teo, Saipan was called to his eternal rest on May 09, 1996 at the age of 69.

He is predeceased by his:

Father: Francisco P. Sablan

Mother: Maria Dela Torre Sablan

Brother: Pedro T. Sablan

In-Laws: Luis M. & Antonia C. Pangelinan

Brother & Sister In-laws: Juan S. Blas, Vicente C. Pangelinan, Rosa C. Pangelinan, Juan C. Pangelinan, Ramon & Tomas Pangelinan, Jesus & Dolores Pangelinan

He is survived by his:

Wife: Aguida P. Sablan

Children & Spouses: Francisco P. & Marivic T. Sablan (kids)-Maria April Luv, Frances Monique, Marie Antonette, Christopher/ Luis P. Sablan & Luz R. Morales, Vicente P. Sablan; Gregorio P. Sablan

Reared Brother, Sister & Spouses: Leonardo T. & Eula Sablan; Lourdes & Luis

Brother & Sisters-in-law: Joaquin Dela Cruz, Jose & Carmen Agulto, Ana Blas and Consolacion Pangelinan, Elena Q. Sablan

He is additionally survived by numerous aunts, uncles nephews and nieces. Nightly rosary is being said at the residence of Mrs. Aguida P. Sablan in As-Teo. Last respects may be paid on Friday May 17, 1996 starting at 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the family residence in As-Teo.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral. Burial will follow immediately at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Si yuus Maase ginen as:

Aguida P. Sablan, children, grandchildren & Family

DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

JONAS ADRIAN SABLAN (IBA)

(Better known as NENG or ANGEL) Born on January 15, 1962 was called to his eternal rest on Wednesday, May 8, 1996 at the age of 34 yrs.

PREDECEASED BY:

(Great-Grandparents)

Benigno San Nicolas Sablan and Consuelo Campos Salas/Jesus Ngeskebei & Emiliana Risong/Eter Nogis & Juliana Seman

(Grandfathers)

David Salas Sablan & Conrad Iba

(Grand-Uncles)

Antonio S. Sablan/Jose S. Sablan/Juan Cepeda/Jose Aguon/Felix Borja/Felipe Nogis/Benito Aguon/Mariano Reyes

(Uncles)

David E. Castro/Antonio & Francisco S. Iba/Benzi Ngeskebei

(Grand-Aunties)

Maria S. Sablan/Soledad S. Aguon/Maria M. Sablan

(Aunties)

Victorina Seman/Rosa Nogis

(Cousins)

Victorina I. Castro/Vincent A. Ngeskebei

(Sister)

Maria Sablan Iba

SURVIVED BY

PARENTS: Jose (Bong) Seman & Angelica (Angie) Sablan Iba

SISTER/BROTHERS SPOUSES: Rosabel S. Iba/Victor S. Muna/Jason S. Iba & Frances Lizama (Angie Mae, Carmen, Jasonna, Maria)/Javier S. Iba (Ebong) & Joseph S. Iba (Jojo)

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Nancy S. & Ismael Iginoef/Children
Rosita S. & Bradley C. Waldron/Children
Maria I. Castro/Children
Margarita B. Iba/Children
Juan Seman & Lolita/Children
Nicanor Cabrera & Chong Roligat/Children
Jesus Cabrera & Romana Maratita/Children
Casimiro Cabrera & Nida/Children
Rosa C. Lastimoza & David/Children
Valentine Cabrera & Tina
Nicolas Cabrera & Wilma/Children
Ramon Seman & Juanita/Children
Alicia Seman

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Francesca S. Celis/Children
Beatrice S. Reyes/Children
Tomas S. Borja
Fustino Ngeskebei & Tamiko/Children
Marino Ngeskebei/Children
Johanna Ngeskebei/Family
Gabriel Ngeskebei
Nina Antonio Moses

Last respect may be paid at the residence of his parents (Jose/Angie Iba) in San Antonio from Thursday (May 16) from 3:00 p.m. to Friday (May 17) up till 3:30 p.m.
Mass of the Christian Burial will be offered at 4:00 p.m. at San Antonio Church on Friday (May 17).
Interment services will follow at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Dankulo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase Pot Todo I Tinayuyot Miyu Ginen I Familia Siha.

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MARIA ADA TORRES FLORES

August 09, 1926 - May 14, 1996
(MARIKITA ANKIE/MAMA FLORES)

Went to meet her Creator on Tuesday, May 14, 1996 at the age of 69.

In death she now joins her:

Husband: Francisco Duenas Flores (Cabeza) Son: Felix Torres Flores Parents: Dr. Jose Diaz Torres & Ascension, Martinez Ada Brother: Felix Ada Torres Sisters: Trinidad Flores & Ana Dela Cruz Grandson: Francisco T. Flores, Mother & Father-in-law: Manuel Taitano & Remedio Duenas Flores (Guam)
Brothers-in-law: Enrique D. & Chong Cabrera Flores (Guam); Manuel Santos (Guam)

Loving memories of "MAMA" will always be remembered by her:

Children/Spouses/Grandchildren/Great Grandchildren: Frank (Sonny) and Annie Deleon Guerrero Flores, Ariann, Adrienne, Audreyann and Franco Vince; Evelyn and George Untalan Diaz, Geolyn, Joseph, Jeremiah, Geraldine and Jude; Catherine and Crispin Iglecias Deleon Guerrero, Francine (Kathleen Renaysha), Crispin Jr., Mariena and Jack, John and Ladorina Reyes Flores, Vanessa, John Jr., Joseph and Valencia; Joseph Torres Flores, Jeannae and Joseph Jesus; Margaret and Edward Mendiola Fleming, James and Shawn, Donald and Shirline Deleon Guerrero Flores, Ankie Joe, Shevonnie, Zachery and Sherraine; Rosie Torres Flores, Tyrone, Jess Anthony, Franklin, Britney and Blas Jr.

In-laws: Antonia V. Reyes and Blas T. Mafnas

Brothers, Sisters and Spouses: Aldalbert Semens and Rosa Tanin Castro; Pedro and Sylvia Anderson Torres; Francisco ana Josepha S. Torres; Lorenza Ada Torres and Asuncion Ada Torres

In-laws: Step Mother: Remedios T. Flores (Guam)

Brother/Sisters and Spouses: Elena Flores Pangelinan (San Jose, California); Annie and George Rosenberger (Guam); Willie and Priscilla Flores (Guam); Joaquin Dela Cruz (Saipan); Soledad Aguon Castro (Saipan)

She is additionally survived by numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews and nieces.

Daily Masses will be offered at 6:00 am at Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Rosary will be said at 8:00 pm at the residence of her daughter and son-in-law, Catherine and Congressman Crispin Deleon Guerrero, Chinatown, Saipan.

Last respect may be paid on Saturday May 18, 1996 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at Kristo Rai Church. Funeral mass at 4:00 pm, followed by interment service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Please remember her in your prayers.

Thank you.

THE FAMILY



Former President Bush and Midshipman Shaun Stephenson prepare to plant a tree at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., part of the "America the Beautiful Memorial Grove" in honor of Persian Gulf War Veterans. Stephenson's brother Don was killed in the war in which they both served.

AP Photo

GAO questions Pentagon need for more weapons

By JOHN DIAMOND

WASHINGTON (AP) - A congressional report questions the need for billions in Pentagon spending on ground attack weapons for a military already well armed to repel an attack.

The report Monday by the General Accounting Office said the military already has formidable and sometimes redundant "interdiction" capability, meaning the ability to destroy, disrupt or delay attacking armies.

"Modernizing or buying capability that adds little or unknown value to the interdiction mission and costs more than \$213 billion may not be a sound investment," the GAO concluded.

The Pentagon disputed the report's conclusions.

Issued to the chairmen and ranking Democrats on the four Senate and House defense committees, the report came on the eve of Tuesday House debate on the Republican \$267 billion defense bill, a measure that adds \$13 billion to President

Clinton's request.

On Monday, the White House said Clinton would veto the bill because it makes unnecessary additions to military spending, particularly with regard to a national missile defense system.

"It's got many things wrong with it, not the least of which is that it commits ourselves to spending tens of billions of dollars for a national ballistic missile defense that may be unnecessary," presidential spokesman Mike McCurry said.

Even without the Republican-sponsored increases, the military plans to spend some \$213 billion over the next 10 to 15 years on new or modified ground-attack weapons. That total does not include the tens of billions the government will spend developing the F-22 fighter and the multi-service Joint Strike Fighter.

The GAO report specifically questions the need for upgrades to the B-1 bomber and development of the new Navy F-18 E and F model fighter.

In the case of one type of ground target - its identity is classified - the

report compiled 21 different combinations of aircraft-or-ground-launched missiles that could be used.

The Pentagon responded that redundancy is a necessary part of effective combat. Not all of the assets listed by the GAO may be in a battle area at the time of an attack. And some may work better than others in varying weather conditions.

"These multiple responses offer the war fighting commander operational flexibility, though on the surface they appear redundant and unnecessary," the Pentagon said in a response prepared by George Schneider, director of the Pentagon's strategic and tactical systems office.

"Interdiction," the focus of the report, refers to military operations against an invading ground assault, most likely in Korea and the Persian Gulf region. To reduce U.S. casualties, Pentagon strategy leans heavily on the ability to attack and destroy advancing a

more columns by air using fighter planes, missiles, or a combination of the two. In addition, military war plans include Army ground-launched missiles as well as attack helicopters with precision weapons.

The GAO conceded that some interdiction weapons have other combat uses, such as close support for ground troops, suppression of enemy air defenses, and air-to-air combat.

Retiring the fleet of B-1 bombers "as soon as possible," instead of modifying them for conventional warfare, would save \$4 billion in modernization costs and \$1 billion per year in operations costs, according to the report. It noted that the B-1 would be effective against a relatively small percentage of the likely interdiction targets and that existing Navy and Air Force planes can do the same job.

The Navy F-18 E and F offers only a marginal improvement in capability over older models, the GAO stated. The Navy sharply disputes that assertion.

Child taking rabies shot to save bear

SILVER CITY, New Mexico (AP) - A 7-year-old girl bitten on the finger by a black bear cub is getting seven rabies shots - each with a five-inch (12 cms) needle - to save the animal's life.

"I just didn't want that cute baby bear to die," said Juliette Harris. "He's so small."

Juliette came across the cub she's named "Stubby" on May 5 while walking in the woods. She was lugging the 8-pound (3.6 kilos) cub home for a pet when it bit her finger. She bled but did not need stitches.

Juliette led state health officials to the cub, and they said it would have to be killed and examined for rabies.

That's when Juliette - a lifelong animal lover - began to bargain. She agreed to take the rabies shots so the bear could be saved.



NZ restricts entry of cattle feed

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) - The government said Tuesday it will help protect New Zealand against mad cow disease with a ban on cattle feed containing any animal protein.

The move was similar to steps taken by the United States to protect U.S. consumers and farmers.

Agriculture Minister Lockwood Smith has instructed officials to report by June 30 with a detailed proposal on how to implement the ban, including administration and enforcement measures.

The cattle feed protein ban was recommended by an ex-

pert scientific panel set up by the government to look into mad cow disease.

New Zealand has no recorded cases of the disease, also known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE).

There are fears in Britain that mad cow disease could be linked to human cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, or CJD, an incurable degenerative nervous disorder.

Smith said the experts' report was based on the assumption there might be a link between the two diseases, but made it clear that link could not be confirmed and that the evidence was largely circum-

stantial.

"The government and the panel both accept that there is no proof of any link between BSE and CJD."

"We both accept that New Zealand beef is safe."

"Nevertheless, we both believe there is a need to be prudent," Smith said.

He said he wanted the stock feed manufacturing industry to introduce a voluntary ban immediately and label feed accordingly.

The government currently had no legal mechanism to enforce such a ban. That issue was part of the urgent report expected within six weeks, Smith said.

Smith said the government had accepted a panel recommendation that it continue the existing ban on the import of bovine genetic material, although it had no evidence that BSE could be transmitted through such material.

The government also accepted the panel's recommendation that

the importation of sheep genetic material be allowed only under stringent quarantine procedures.

Other recommendations were that the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries review all current measures for BSE prevention and surveillance and review New Zealand processes for rendering down animal carcasses.

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Forest wall loses its mystery

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) - Scientists agree that a mysterious stone wall deep in an uninhabited forest was not built by an ancient civilization - it wasn't built at all, but is an old lava flow outcropping. "Archaeologists and geologists who have visited the site agree that the formation, while interesting in its structure, is not manmade," the Department of Conservation said Tuesday.

The "Kairanawa Stone Wall" in the central North Island is more than two yards (meters) high, 10 yards (meters) long. It appears to have foundations below the surface,

and has the appearance of a manmade structure of huge blocks.

David Hatcher-Childress, an American archaeologist and author of books on manmade mysteries who visited the site last week, said the wall could be at least 2,000 years old.

He suggested it was a megalithic remnant from an early civilization linked to Easter Island and South America, a theory supported by Christchurch geologist Barry Brailsford.

But after weekend excavation at the base of the "wall," about 30 miles (50 km) east of Taupo, Conservation department archaeologist Dr. Neville Ritchie said the formation was natural.

Conservation department conservator Ralph Turner said the weekend digging to expose the wall's base.

"The original formation does not continue (under the surface) and in fact breaks up into fragmented rock. So we are quite convinced at this stage" that it's natural.

Dr. Peter Wood, a volcanic rock specialist from New Zealand's Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences, agreed.

The Conservation department said it would discuss the findings with local Maori, who claim the site as sacred and wanted it left undisturbed.

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In the matter of Sheila N. Lynch

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5 for allegedly entering the Sweetheart Karaoke Club at the Cabrera Center and demanding "protection fee" from the owner.

The suspects allegedly struck the victim with a metal pipe before taking \$350 cash, court information showed.

In a motion for a gag order filed yesterday, DeRienzo said the Variety's May 7 article describing the alleged incident at the Sweetheart and the arrest of Chen, was based upon statements made by Cathy Sheu, DPS public information officer.

DeRienzo claimed that Sheu's statements are not public information and much of the contents of the article was not mentioned in open court.

"The effects of this 'newspaper trial' are extremely prejudicial to the defendant," said de Rienzo. "It will be very difficult for the defendant to have a fair trial when the government releases false information about the defendant and attempts to associate him with a Chinese gang."

In Variety's May 9 article, the Public Defender said, there is nothing in the police reports nor any public records which support the article that states: "Sources from the police...disclosed that the alleged armed members of the Fujian Group who have been sowing terror in the Chinese business community are themselves victims of an illegal recruitment racket."

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DeRienzo said statements made in open court show the defendants to be legitimate business people.

He said the DPS source links two separate incidents and attempts to mislead the public into believing that because the alleged defendants are Chinese, they must be members of a Chinese gang who are 'sowing terror' in the community.

DeRienzo said the government has not filed any other charges against the defendants and there is no evidence that the defendant in this matter was involved in any terrorizing.

"This type of media hype is designed to strike fear in the public in order to develop a paranoia about legitimate business people who, by the way, are presumed innocent until proven guilty," said the Public Defender.

He claimed that any reasonable person would expect that reading excerpts from a non-public police report to a reporter would be disseminated by means of public communication.

"Most of the information disseminated by Sheu went beyond the public record in this matter," DeRienzo said.

He said the Attorney General's Office is aware that Sheu has a practice of disseminating non-public information and should make every effort to prevent prejudice to the administration of justice.

"Miss Sheu disseminated the information about this defendant (Chen) together with another completely unrelated case. This is sim-

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ply an attempt of guilt by association," DeRienzo added. "The fact that the government chose to allege two separate incidents on the same day does not mean that the defendant is a part of a gang."

Since last March 21, eight Chinese nationals have been injured, including one who was shot, and four were also "marked for death" in separate reported extortion-related incidents on Saipan.

Tenorio . . .

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The urgings of some members of the Democratic Party had Tenorio entertaining second thoughts about his planned exit from politics after 1997.

As of last week, Borja said it is possible he may just "bow out" and not run even for it. Governor if Tenorio changes his mind about not seeking reelection.

He, however, said such a decision will depend largely on the outcome of a planned meeting between him, the governor and the Democratic Party's central executive committee.

Asked yesterday what he would feel if Borja ultimately decides not to run with him again, Tenorio indicated some dismay but otherwise

In less than two months, police arrested 13 persons allegedly involved in an extortion racket victimizing the Chinese community.

The latest incident occurred Friday night when three men claiming to be members of the so-called Fujian Group were arrested for allegedly beating a Chinese businessman who refused to give them "protection money."

said it would be fine with him.

"It's not going to be a problem if that's his decision. I want to make it clear that I haven't decided yet as I need to talk with party officials," said Tenorio.

"I would repeat that as long as the Lt. governor is running, I am not a candidate. So from there you can conclude that he has to step down before I become a candidate," he added.

Asked whether he wants Borja to step down, Tenorio said no, stressing he still wants Borja if ever he runs again.

"What I am trying to say here is that I can't just disregard the people, the party members and the general public about the idea of running again. I have to take all these factors into consideration," the governor said.

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million, Tebuteb said.

The museum project was created by Public Law 10-5 signed by Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio last March.

The museum will be managed by a Board of Governors, whose members have yet to be appointed.

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sity of California, his alma mater and beneficiary.

House Bill 10-147 has previously been dubbed as unconstitutional by the Attorney General, allegedly because some of its provisions may deny certain persons of the right to due process.

Condiment pioneer seeks to become 'French' again

By WILL PLATT
DIJON, France (AP) - Today the town that put mustard on the map is confronted with a foreign invasion - nearly all the seeds that go into the famous spread are imported from Canada.

As a result, France's top three condiment producers and the Agriculture Ministry have taken to the barricades to resist this assault on culinary patrimony.

It is more than faith in the mustard seed that drives these companies. At stake is the prospect of a regional label or "appellation" for "Dijon mustard from Burgundy," an official French name recognition that brings with it a range of trade protections.

One of the biggest obstacles to reintroducing the spice's cultivation in the region comes down to francs, since farmers can now make more money growing something else.

Colza, a less spicy cousin used for cooking oil, replaced mustard in agricultural production more than 20 years ago, encouraged by French and European Union subsidies.

Since 1991 the condiment consortium, the French gov-

ernment, and regional collectives have contributed more than 9 million francs (nearly \$ 2 million), for research into high-yield mustard plants that will once again make mustard a viable crop in Burgundy.

And privately Amora, Maille, and European-the "Big Three" of condiments-are financing mustard test projects with farmers in the southeastern region of France also legendary for its wine.

Help would also come with an "appellation controllee" designation giving them exclusive use of the label in France, if producers can persuade authorities that they qualify.

According to Alain Berger, director of the National Institute of Appellations of Origin, it ensures that regions producing France's traditional gourmet products will be able to survive in a marketplace that tends to favor price over savor.

"By seeking to enhance the value of the regional product, too often sacrificed to a logic of competition regardless of their unique potential, the controlled appellation of origin is a strong tool for developing a region," Berger said.

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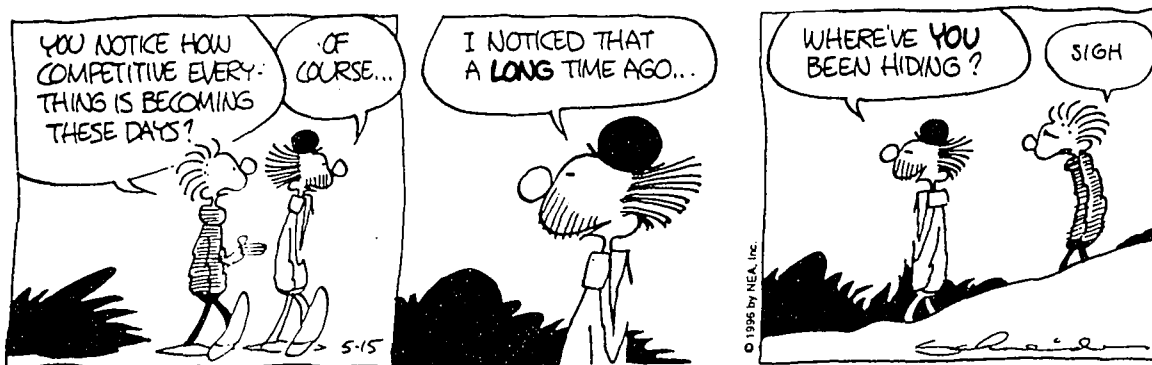
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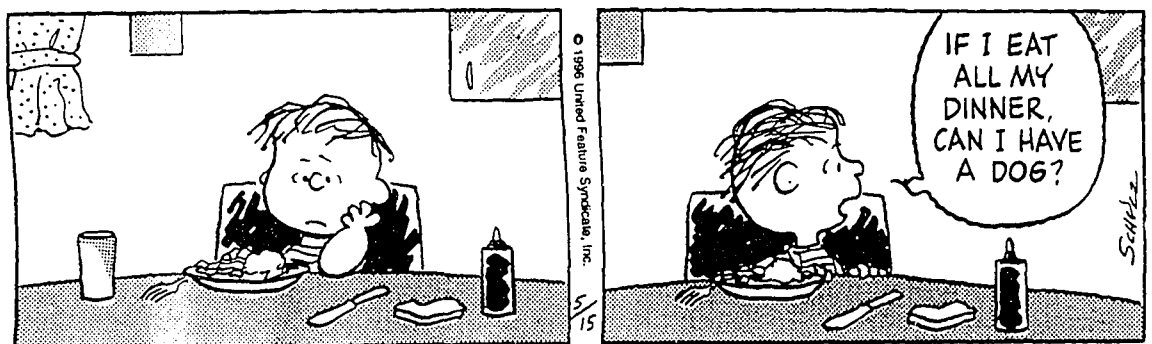
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YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

Born today, you have a highly active and unusually vivid imagination, but it is not always appropriate for you to show off this side of your character to those around you. It may take some time, but you will discover the proper outlet for your imaginative and creative energy. Only then will you find personal contentment, and that is the name of the game as far as you are concerned. You seem to enjoy the things that most people try to avoid, and your interests range from the mundane to the highly unusual and controversial.

The sheer force of your character will be enough to endow you with a great deal of authority wherever you go, and your physical presence will be enough to win you a loyal audience, even before you open your mouth! You know how to take and maintain control in almost every situation, despite any difficulties you may encounter.

Also born on this date are: L. Frank Baum, author of the "Wizard of Oz"; Queen Victoria of England; George Brett, baseball player.

To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding para-

graph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, MAY 16

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — This will be a good time to start getting back to something you've missed for a long time. This task will bring you a great deal of enjoyment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Do not tell secrets today. You will want to open up and share your ideas and your fears with someone who will be on your side soon.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You may wander into some trouble today, but you can get out of it if you are honest and stand by the truth at all times.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Someone you've known for a long time will surprise you with behavior that is not inappropriate per se, but it will certainly raise questions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may attract the wrong kind of attention today, despite your efforts to stay under cover. You must try to avoid trouble at this time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You may have to refuse someone's request for a favor today in the interest of promoting your affairs and protecting yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You will be in an adventurous mood, and it will be important to protect yourself when engaging in activities that seem dangerous to others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Take care not to dig yourself deeper and deeper into a hole, even as you try to work things out. Try a different strategy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Do not make assumptions today. If you need information, you must be willing to wait for it. Make sure to find trustworthy sources.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Concentrate on basic values. You will have an opportunity to compare your principles and ideals to someone else's today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Do not make excuses for your self today. Stick to the facts and try to recognize where you may have gone wrong. Only then can you turn things around.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Do you have the ability to accomplish a certain task? Knowing the correct answer to this question will be more important today than ever before.

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BARBS

BARBS BY PHIL PASTORET

Our neighbor complains that after his wife has finished shopping for Easter he doesn't have enough money left for a hard-boiled-egg sandwich.

They call the season "springtime," because that's what the old jalopy needs to have replaced after bouncing through winter's potholes.

It's been one of those days when turning over a new leaf brings you nothing more than a tomato worm.

Our minister never preaches an Easter sunrise service. He asks us to listen with our hearts as a new dawn confirms the existence of a supreme being.

Symphony concerts are grand — but why don't they play at least one piece you can hum on the way home?

Have you ever noticed that the people calling for teamwork are the ones up on the wagon, and we're the ones in the harness pulling them along?

Optimists see light at the end of the tunnel as a good omen. Pessimists view it as a sign that the roof has fallen in.

Why do sports reporters at golf

matches murmur reverently — as if they were reporting during services at a cathedral?

One disillusioned buyer says the difference between a second-hand car and a pre-owned auto is they dust off the latter and up the price — way up.

Our minister chuckles as he tells us to regard him as a spiritual shoemaker; he repairs souls.

The word "malaria" means "bad air."

The word "quarantine" comes from "quarant," the Italian word for 40, which was how many days ships coming into plague-wary 14th-century Venice had to wait before landing.

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

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- 8 Health resort
- 11 "Island"
- 13 "To — is human"
- 14 — Wells
- 15 Yes (Fr.)
- 16 Lethargy
- 18 The sell
- 20 NY time
- 22 Damp
- 23 Bread
- 24 varieties
- 25 "O Sole —"
- 27 TV's Ward
- 30 Soak, as flax
- 32 "— Miniver"
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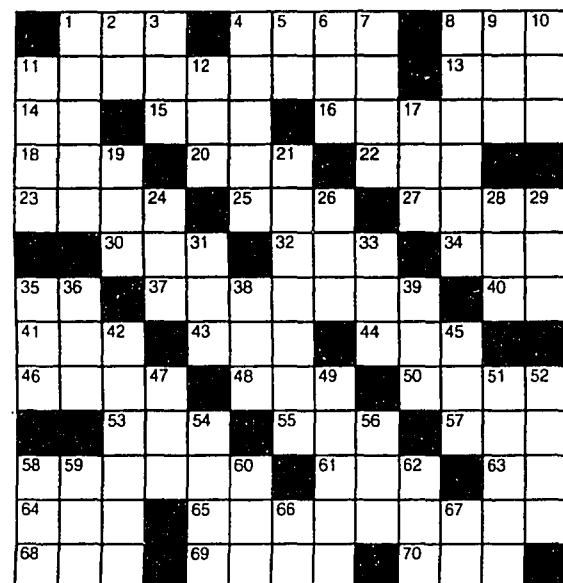
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- 11 "Mask" star
- 12 Color
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- 24 Diocese
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- 29 Question
- 31 Another 34
- 33 Fast-lying jet (abbr.)
- 35 Honest
- 36 Follows Sun.
- 38 Mr. Flather
- 39 Building wing
- 42 With agility
- 45 Tooth crown
- 47 Fennel deer
- 49 "Go"
- 51 Oliver
- 52 "Pretty Woman" star
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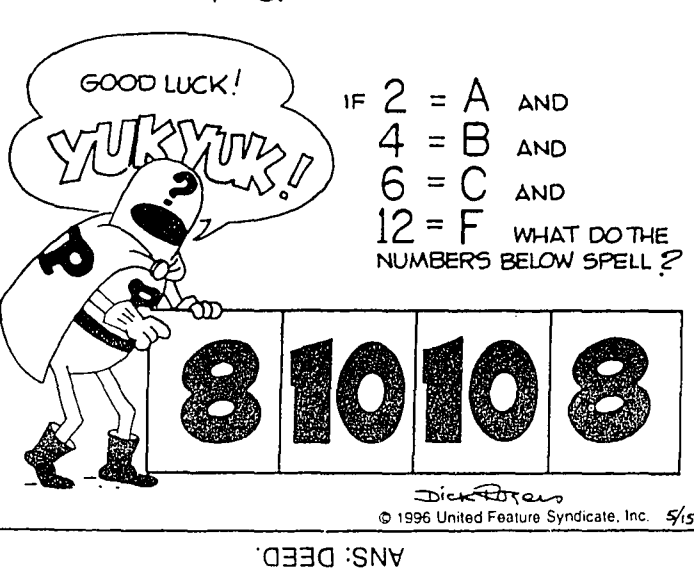
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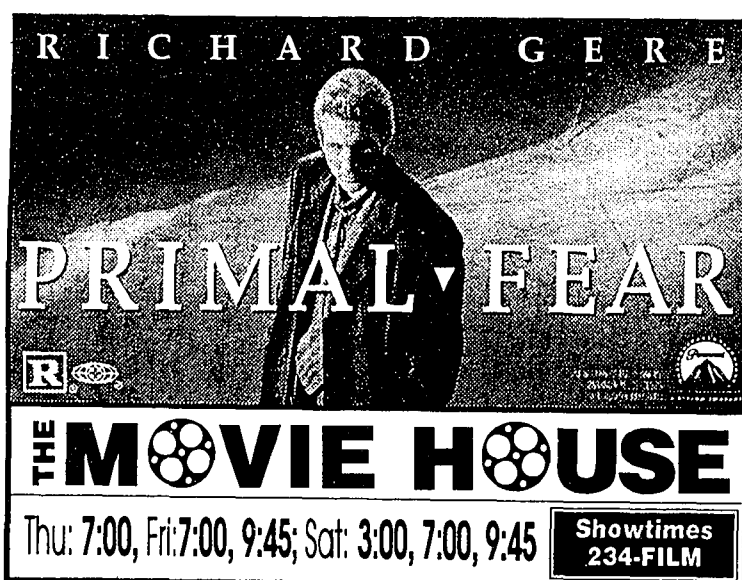
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Rockets: The heart of ex-champs

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets still have heart. They just don't have a third straight National Basketball Association crown.

Their two-year title reign ended Sunday with a 4-0 sweep by the Seattle SuperSonics, who had more than an answer for every escape trick the Rockets tried.

Now the challenge is getting the title back. It's been a hell of a run, all the good things that come with being champion," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "We've been on a treadmill for two years."

The treadmill ground to a halt Sunday when the Sonics won 114-107 in overtime.

"It's disappointing but you also have to look at reality," Tomjanovich said. "I thought we played worse in some games last year and won. We just ran into a great team that did some phenomenal things. Three of those games went right down to the end."

The Rockets amazed their opponents to the very finish.

"I was wondering, 'Why don't you guys just die?'" Sonics guard Gary Payton said. "They really had me going. I couldn't believe it. They were like a vampire. You stab them 18 times and they won't die."

The Rockets fought the odds — and injuries — all season. Houston made the playoffs as the

No. 5 seed despite missing 157 player games with injuries. Hakeem Olajuwon was out 10 games with tendinitis in both knees. Clyde Drexler missed 30 games because of knee surgery.

Key backups Mario Elie (36 days following hand surgery) and Sam Cassell (21 days after elbow surgery) also slowed the playoff drive.

The Rockets know what they had and what they've lost.

"This is a business and we're in the business of trying to achieve championships," Chuck Brown said. "You know what? Business was good the last two years."

The Rockets expect to contend again next season with the heart of their

lineup back, although they'll be a year older.

Olajuwon, 33, is signed through 1999, although there is an option clause following next season. Drexler, 34, signed a two-year extension earlier this year and Robert Horry and Brown are signed through next season.

Cassell has two years remaining on his five-year contract signed his rookie

season but point guard Kenny Smith completed his contract this season and so did Elie.

"You always have to make changes," Tomjanovich said. "We'll do more and more to make this a more wonderful place to play. Players now on other teams come up and shake your hand and say they enjoyed playing for the Rockets."

1948 Olympic medalist dies

RICHMOND, Virginia (AP) — Marian Twining Barone, who won a bronze medal in gymnastics in the 1948 Olympics in London, has died. She was 72.

She died Thursday of cancer. Barone was also on the 1952 U.S. Olympic team and held national titles in gymnastics and track and field events from 1940 to 1952.

Barone taught high school dance from 1958 to 1963, then

became women's gymnastics and swimming coach at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia.

In 1967, she returned to her hometown of Philadelphia as gymnastics, diving and swimming instructor and coach at Temple. She retired from that job in 1984.

Barone lived in Richmond and Keysville.

Survivors include a daughter, Jenny S. Barone of Richmond.

Vietnam to field Olympic team of 5

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Vietnam will send five athletes to Atlanta for the Summer Olympics, sports authorities said Tuesday.

Only one, marksman Trinh Quoc Viet Anh, qualified through international competition, the army newspaper, Quan Doi Nhan Dan (People's Army) reported.

The others — two swimmers and two track-and-field contenders — were invited by the International Olympic Committee, which tries to ensure that athletes from all countries participate.

One of those is Vu Bich Huong, who won a gold medal in the women's 100-meter hurdles at the Southeast Asian Games in Chiang Mai last year.

Vietnam has few sports facilities and little money to spend on training athletes. Many of its best athletes come from the military, where physical training is routine, but even they suffer from inadequate coaching and lack of money to travel to international competitions.

Hawks ...

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to take more shots," he said. "I looked at the tape and saw I had been passing up shots. I came out more aggressive."

Orlando, which will try to wrap up the series at home Wednesday night, lost for the first time in the playoffs after six straight victories.

"You get a win, you get a lot of confidence in yourself," Atlanta guard Mookie Blaylock said. "We lost three but we're still here."

The Magic were led by Horace Grant and Anfernee Hardaway with 29 points apiece.

Shaquille O'Neal, meanwhile, had a miserable game. He was 7-of-17 from the field and was even worse at the foul line — 5-of-17 — to finish with 19 points.

Grant finished 14-of-17 from the field and also had 20 rebounds, carrying the load while O'Neal struggled.

The Hawks were brilliant in the first half, leading by as many as 22 points and maintaining a double-digit lead throughout the second quarter.

Atlanta, led by Smith and Blaylock, hit seven 3-pointers in the first period, one shy of the U.S. National Basketball Association playoff record, and the Hawks led 44-29 to set a fran-

chise record for playoff points in the opening quarter.

Orlando shot just 41 percent in the opening half and Grant, at 7-of-9, was the only starter to hit more than half of his shots. O'Neal, who was averaging 31 points a game in the series, made only two shots in the first half.

But the Magic weren't dead. Even with O'Neal continuing to struggle, Orlando stunned the Hawks in

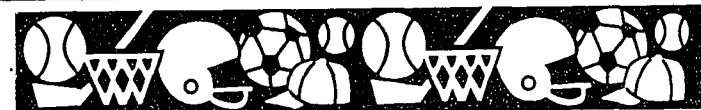
the third quarter. Scott came out with a 3-pointer to set the tone, but it was Grant and Hardaway who did the bulk of the work. Hardaway scored nine points and Grant seven as the Magic hit 11 of their first 15 shots in the quarter.

When O'Neal dunked home a shot with 3:16 left and was fouled, the Magic led for the first time since 4-2. O'Neal failed to convert the three-point play, but it was only appropriate that he missed the foul shot.

O'Neal missed all seven of his free throws in the second half.



SPORTS



Palau league finals slated

AFTER a total of eight teams advanced to the quarterfinals of the 1995-1996 Palau Men's Slowpitch League, the tournament enters into a climactic turn as semi-final games end and the finals get started.

After seven months of play that

started in October of last year, Division "A" pennant winner Pepsi advanced to the semis after going three games against a new team Sedi Kau.

Pennant runner-up, Turtles needed three games to eliminate another new team in the league,

the Ambassadors.

In division "B", LA Department Store Bombers, last year's pennant winner, eliminated the red hot, and pennant winner Koror Tigers in three games.

In the other match, runner up pennant, 7-Up Kabekel came up short and lost in three games to the Palau defending champions, Gatorade Red Torch.

In the first semi-final game of division "An" last May 3, Pepsi SPEC won the first game by a

score of 12-1 and a one game advantage. In division "B", LA Bombers held the lead for 6 of the seven innings, and let the game slip away at the bottom of the 7th inning when they allowed the tying and winning run to score and a one game lead for Gatorade Red Torch.

Pepsi SPEC and Gatorade Red Torch each needed one win to advance to an unprecedented second meeting of these two teams in the championship.

PEPSISPEC 9 TURTLES 6

Sal Hesus came through big time for SPEC when they needed it most, going 3 for 3 with a run scored and Rasco Yamada added 2 runs and 2 RBI's to lead the SPEC attack.

Turtles on the other hand stayed close and in fact tied the score at 6 apiece at the end of the fifth, but failed to capitalize on their opportunities, stranding 6 runners on base in the last two innings of

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Mauleg takes Game 1

PENNANT champion Saipan Stevedore Mauleg are just a game away from bagging it all in the Saipan Softball Men's Fast-Pitch capturing game one of the best-of-three series 20-3 over Bank-of-Saipan/Lite Beer D-9ers Monday at the Civic Center Softball Field.

The D-9ers drew first blood with two runs in the top of the first inning on Paul Camacho's two run-double.

But the next four and a half inning was a nightmare as the Mauleg blew passed the D-9ers as its name dictates plating the next eighteen runs for an 18-2 lead.

Greg F. Camacho and Dave Camacho each knocked in four runs and Mel Sakisat three, accounting for eleven of the Mauleg's runs.

The D-9ers managed to score a run in the top of the sixth on two Mauleg errors but Greg C. Camacho's two-run blast closed the book as the D-9ers failed to score in their last opportunity.

Max Pangelinan pitched six innings giving up eight hits and Ike Taitano closed out the seventh on a one hit for the Mauleg.

Game two will be tonight at the Civic Center Ballfield.

3rd Annual Silver Streak Fun Run reels off June 15

DFS Saipan Limited is pleased to announce the 3rd Annual Tom Picarro Memorial Fun Run, The Silver Streak, to be held on Saturday, June 15, 1996 at 6:00 a.m. The course is 4.2 miles long and begins at the DFS Garapan Galleria, south to Quartermaster Road, and back to the Galleria.

Race check in will be at 5:30 a.m. Tank tops or T-shirts will be given to

the first 100 finishers. Registration is free. Registration forms can be picked up at DFS Saipan Limited head office (from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday) on the second floor of the Galleria or in the boutique offices (Daily from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.).

For further information call Wolf Mojica or Riza Torres at 234-6615, ext. 400 or 401

Hawks stave-off Magic sweep

ATLANTA (AP) - Atlanta squandered a 20-point halftime lead, then rallied behind Steve Smith's 35 points to beat Orlando 104-99 Monday night and avoid a sweep in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

The Hawks, who still trail 3-1

in the best-of-7 series, led 67-47 at the break, but saw that big margin evaporate in the first 8:44 of the third quarter. The Magic began the period with a 30-9 run that put them in front, 77-76, for the first time since the opening minutes of the game.

The Magic led 83-82 heading to the final period, but Smith, who was only 1-of-6 from the field in the third quarter after scoring 23 points in the first half, regained his touch. He jammed in a rebound with 3:30 remaining to put Atlanta up 96-92, then hit a 10-foot (3-meter) jumper as the 24-second clock wound down for a 102-97 lead with 40 seconds to go.

After Nick Anderson's basket closed the gap to three, Smith found Christian Laettner open under the basket. Dennis Scott was forced to foul and Laettner made one of two free throws with 11 seconds left to seal the victory.

Smith finished 12-of-31 from the field, including 7-for-14 on 3-pointers. It was his career playoff high, eclipsing his previous mark of 27 points.

Smith had been criticized for not shooting enough in the series.

"I put more pressure on myself

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Steffi Graf sets record for top tennis rank

NEW YORK (AP) - Even Steffi Graf is impressed.

"I realized that I have been No. 1 for an extremely long time, but I never really was the kind of person who counted the weeks or the years," Graf said after setting a record for holding the No. 1 ranking the most weeks in her career. "But to hear the number, it is pretty amazing."

Graf has been atop the rankings - either alone or co-ranked with Monica Seles - for 332 weeks, snapping the mark of 331 Graf shared with Martina Navratilova. By contrast, the men's tennis record is held by Ivan Lendl, who was top-ranked for 270 weeks.

"Knowing that no one has ever achieved something like that is extremely special to me, because I know how difficult it is to stay there for such a long time," Graf said.

Graf set the record when the new weekly rankings were announced

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Rangers beat Royals

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Rusty Greer hit a two-run double in a three-run eighth inning as the Texas Rangers rallied to beat the Kansas City Royals 7-6 Monday night.

Royals starter Kevin Appier was knocked out in the first when a liner by Greer struck him in the right kneecap. Appier left with the bases loaded and was taken to a hospital for X-rays, which were negative. He is not expected to miss his next start, the Royals said.

With Kansas City leading 6-4 in the eighth, Will Clark hit an RBI single off Jeff Montgomery (0-2) and Greer doubled off the center-field wall.

Dennis Cook (2-0) allowed two hits in four innings of shutout relief. Mike Henneman pitched a hitless ninth for his 10th save, helping Texas win for the ninth time in 12 games.

In Milwaukee, Dave Nilsson hit his first homer of the season and knuckleballer Steve Sparks snapped out of a three-start slump.

Starting on nine days' rest, Sparks (2-4) gave up two earned runs and seven hits in seven innings, leaving

after Frank Thomas' leadoff homer in the eighth.

Marshall Boze pitched 1 2-3 innings for his first career save.

Nilsson, activated from the disabled on Thursday, homered in the second off rookie James Baldwin (3-1). Fernando Vina followed with an RBI double and John Jaha singled in the fourth for a 4-0 lead.

Orioles 4, Athletics 3

OAKLAND, California (AP) - Rick Krivda, a late replacement for ailing David Wells, allowed one run and four hits in six innings and the Baltimore Orioles held on to defeat the Oakland Athletics 4-3 Monday night. Krivda (1-0), promoted from the minors last week, struck out five and was helped by three double plays. The only run he allowed scored on Brent Gates' bloop single in the third.

Wells was scratched from the start because a case of gout was causing severe swelling in his right big toe.

Randy Myers gave up two singles in the ninth but got pinch hitter George Williams on a grounder to short for his ninth save.



A couple of Japanese teenagers take a look at an official cap of the Cleveland Indians at a shop which sells major league merchandise in downtown Tokyo. It's big business here and sales estimates of official caps, jerseys and the like have doubled compared with two years ago, before Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Hideo Nomo's success. (AP Photo)

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