

# Armed robbers fall

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TWO GUN-wielding men were arrested by the police shortly after they reportedly robbed a store in Kannat Tabla Monday night.

Police identified the suspects as Long Zhen Nan, 29, and Gung Zhi Hang, 23, both garment factory workers.

Nan was charged with robbery,

## Gun-wielding suspects waylaid after store hit

illegal possession of altered firearm, and two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon before the Superior Court.

The Attorney General's Office charged Hang with robbery and complicity to assault with a dangerous weapon.

Public Safety Information Officer

Cathy Sheu said the armed robbery was reported to DPS at 11:24 p.m.

Sheu said initial investigations showed that two men, armed with firearms, entered the Clara Market and started demanding money from the victim.

It was not indicated in the report how much money the suspects got

from the store.

When the robbers fled on foot, the victim immediately sought police's assistance.

Responding police officers spotted the suspects in a boonie area behind Niños Pizzain Lower Dandan.

According to a complaint filed by Assistant Atty. Gen. Gabriel Acosta, Nan and Hang took the property from the immediate control of Eun Chang by threatening the victim with the weapons.

Acosta said Nan, who was found in

possession of an altered .22 Ruger rifle, threatened to cause bodily injury to Byung Kim and David Quitagua.

On the other hand, the complaint stated that Hang aided co-defendant Nan in unlawfully threatening to cause bodily injury to Kim with a firearm.

Acosta said he received information that the defendants wanted to raise money to buy an airplane ticket.

Associate Judge Timothy Bellas set a \$10,000 cash bail for each defendant.



Schoolkids from San Antonio Elementary School perform the "Macarena" dance number during a recent celebration of Cultural Heritage Day. The presentations focused on a diversity of cultures in the NMI.

## CNMI 'cautiously optimistic' US Congress won't federalize wages

By Rafael H. Arroyo  
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THE TENORIO Administration is "cautiously optimistic" that US Congress will not see it fit to accede to the Clinton Administration's proposal to federalize the CNMI minimum wage. According to Gov. Froilan C.

Tenorio, he would oppose the idea of a federal statute imposing minimum wage levels in the CNMI and that his Administration will be prepared to keep that from happening.

"I don't like what the US is trying to do. I'm sure that when we testify, we'll prove to them that there is no reason nor justification for them to be alarmed over what we're doing over here," said the governor in an interview yesterday.

The chief executive said he is sending acting Attorney General Sebastian Aloot to Washington D.C. to argue the CNMI's position when the US Senate Committee on Energy and Resources conducts an oversight hearing on CNMI issues later this month.

Expected to be the focus of that hearing, called by Committee Chairman Frank Murkowski, is the report turned in by a federal inter-agency working group formed years ago to follow up on



Froilan C. Tenorio,

a reform initiative jointly pursued by the federal and Commonwealth governments.

The report, submitted to US Congress last week by Insular Affairs Director Allen Stayman, has recommended the inclusion of the current CNMI minimum wage law, Public Law 8-21, into federal statute.

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## Senate panel to waive rules for cable project

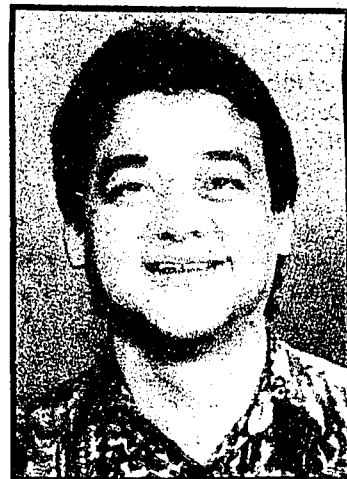
By Rafael H. Arroyo  
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THE SENATE subcommittee entertaining the submerged land lease for the proposed fiber optic cable project has tentatively agreed on a draft substitute bill aimed at speeding up the much-awaited endeavor.

According to Sen. Thomas P. Villagomez, chairman of the Resources and Development Subcommittee on the Fiber Optic Cable Issue, members have decided to forego the need for a submerged land lease for such an activity.

He said the draft proposal, reached during a subcommittee meeting yesterday, is to be presented to the Senate leadership by today.

"What we did was we amended the Submerged Lands



Thomas P. Villagomez

Act. For the purpose of a fiber optic cable, one must just go through a process similar to a right-of-way transaction," said Villagomez in an interview yes-

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## Chuuk governor quits prior to impeachment

AGANA, Guam (AP) - On the eve of his impeachment trial, Chuuk Gov. Sasao Goulard quit his job - a move that put an end to his chances of being prosecuted on allegations that he mismanaged the financially-strapped state. The impeachment attempt was just one of two in the last six months.

The latest, which was brought against Goulard in March, came after Chuuk's largest electricity generator stopped working due to lack of maintenance.

Goulard survived another impeachment attempt in December by state lawmakers who accused him of causing \$16.5 million in state debt.

The governor could not be reached for comment Monday.

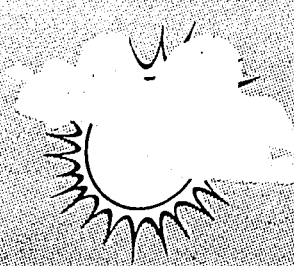
But a Saipan attorney, Charles Robart, who was hired to prosecute the case, said Goulard's resignation would be best for Chuuk, one of four states in the Federated States of Micronesia.

Goulard resigned under an agreement that he could not be prosecuted with civil actions or criminal charges in connection with the allegations.

In turn, he agreed to drop several lawsuits against the state. He

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## Weather Outlook



Mostly sunny  
with isolated showers

# S. Korea to give North food aid

By PAUL SHIN  
SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - South Korea, easing its hard-line stand, announced Tuesday that it will give \$3 million in aid to help ease food shortages in North Korea.

Deputy Prime Minister Kwon O-ki told a news conference that South Korea will also allow civilian food aid to North Korea, which reportedly faces a famine following mas-

sive floods last year.

Kwon, who heads the Unification Ministry, said Seoul will continue to hold back large-scale government aid until the North's communist government agrees to new peace negotiations on the peninsula.

"The aid will remain at a symbolic level, and any large-scale assistance can be discussed on the basis of new

confidence-building measures after North Korea accepts four-way peace talks," the minister said.

South Korea had previously banned all food aid to the North, official or private, saying that the Pyongyang government has exaggerated its food shortage to get more outside aid.

North Korea has yet to officially respond to the peace initiative unveiled by Seoul and Washington in April. It calls for the two Koreas to negotiate a new peace treaty, with the United States and China taking part as mediators.

The Korean Peninsula is technically in a state of war, since no peace treaty was signed at the end of the 1950-53 Korean War. North Korea insists that a peace treaty be signed only between it and the United States, excluding South Korea.

If North Korea accepts the new peace proposal, it would mark a major change in

Pyongyang's policy toward South Korea, which it regards as a U.S. puppet.

Tuesday's South Korean decision to provide limited food aid to North Korea was in response to a U.N. appeal for members to contribute \$43 million in emergency aid for the impoverished country.

In some parts of the country, people have been forced to eat grass and roots to survive, U.N. officials said.

South Korean officials said their contribution to the U.N. will consist of \$2 million in cash and \$1 million in kind, including powdered milk and other food.

The United States and Japan also reportedly plan to contribute \$6 million each to the latest U.N. appeal.

In Tokyo, Kyodo News said Tuesday the Japanese Cabinet will officially decide in its meeting Friday on \$6 million in aid.

A spokesman for Japan's Foreign Ministry, however, said no official decision has

yet been made regarding the aid to North Korea.

An earlier U.N. appeal generated \$26 million worth of food for the North.

U.N. officials said the latest contributions will be used for relief efforts from July 1996 to March 1997.

The U.N. appeal seeks \$26.8 million for emergency food supplies, \$10 million for the recovery of farm land buried under sand or gravel or eroded as a result of the flooding, and \$6 million for emergency health services.

South Korean officials say that the North's food shortage is chronic rather than temporary. The North reportedly is short of up to 2 million tons of grain a year to feed its 24 million people.

More than 100 North Koreans have defected to South Korea in the past two years, all complaining about widespread hunger.

The Korean Peninsula was partitioned at the end of World War II in 1945.

## Woman chops off head of her abusive husband

By NIRESH ELIATAMBY  
COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) - A woman who said she was beaten daily by her alcoholic husband chopped off his head as he lunged at her with an axe after a drinking bout, police said Tuesday.

The 26-year-old woman, Don Pavulu Arachchige Violet, told police that her husband fell as he lost his balance in their house in the western Sri Lankan village of Maikkulam on Monday night.

And in one clean swoop, she cut off the head of Warnakulasuriyage Nelson Anthony, 32, said the officer who asked that he not be identified.

The couple's three children, aged eight, six and four, were in another room when the incident occurred. The couple worked as laborers

and had no steady jobs.

A neighbor summoned police when the woman walked up with the bloodstained axe and narrated the bizarre story. She did not resist when police took her into custody.

Police planned to produce her before a magistrate later.

Under Sri Lankan law, the woman could be sentenced to death for murder, but she is more likely to receive a suspended jail term if convicted of the lesser offense of "culpable homicide not amounting to murder."

The woman told police that her husband, an alcoholic, had beaten her almost daily since their marriage more than eight years ago.

She had fled to a friend's house Monday when her husband threatened her with a knife. When she returned home that night, the man attacked her with an axe used to chop firewood.



Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. John Shalikashvili talks to Gen. Shigeru Sugiyama, chairman, Joint Staff Council of Japan, at the Pentagon Thursday after Shalikashvili hosted a Joint Services Full Honors ceremony for Gen. Sugiyama. Women at left is an unidentified interpreter. AP Photo

## Dole winds up last hours in Senate

By CAROLYN SKORNECK  
WASHINGTON (AP) - Soon to become just plain "Citizen Dole," Senate majority leader Bob Dole revealed he has misgivings about leaving the Senate, his workplace for 27 years, to press his presidential campaign full time.

"I must say as I closed down the Senate for the last time, I didn't know whether to close it down or keep it open all night," Dole told 4,000 of the party faithful whose Washington Convention Center dinner raised more than \$8 million for Republican House and Senate candidates.

"If I'd have kept it open, I'd have had to stay there," he said. "But it is a place that I have loved."

The Republican nominee-in-waiting predicted, however, that he'll be nearby - in the White House. Dole steps down from the Senate Tuesday afternoon to devote all of

his time to his presidential campaign.

During his whirlwind final 24 hours on the job, Dole mixed nostalgia, campaigning and business as usual, managing to cut a deal on a health insurance bill that had seemed improbable just days ago.

"He hung in there," House Speaker Newt Gingrich, told the dinner crowd of the negotiations. "In terms of patriotism, honesty, integrity, paying attention to his job, I don't think I have ever served with anyone who has done a finer job than Senator Dole."

The health insurance deal was rejected as a "travesty," by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, who co-sponsored the bill that would make insurance portable. But Clinton administration spokesman Chris Jennings said it contained some good elements.

Before reaching that agree-



Bob Dole

ment, Dole's spirits were boosted by a cheering throng of House Republican lawmakers and hundreds of congressional staffers who gathered to salute him on his departure from Capitol Hill. He energized them in turn by striding through the crowd, shaking hands the whole way.

## Taiwan expects economic slowdown

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - The government warned business people Tuesday to invest more at home, or else Taiwan's economic growth could fall to a six-year low.

An Economics Ministry report said the 1996 rate could fall below 6 percent, against 6.4 percent previously forecast.

The report said private investment grew only 4.3 percent and public investment 2.2 percent between January and March this year.

This compared with a 12 percent growth in Taiwanese investment in mainland China between January and May this

year and a 109 percent surge in investment in all other foreign countries, according to another government report released Monday.

Many Taiwanese industries have moved overseas, complaining of soaring wages, property prices and environmental disputes at home.

Last month, Formosa Plastic's Group, Taiwan's largest business group, signed a contract with China to build U.S. \$3.8 billion worth of power plants there.

It sidestepped the Taiwan government ban on large-scale investment in China, its archival, by making the in-

vestment through its U.S. subsidiary.

The government has lowered interest rates to spur private investment and exports, and has stopped intervening in foreign exchange trading, allowing Taiwan's currency to fall against the U.S. dollar.

The Economics Ministry said the economy also has been hurt by a prolonged slump in the property market, whose price index fell 6.77 percent in the first three months this year.

It urged Taiwanese to diversify their markets, saying exports to China have reached a peak from which further growth will be difficult.

# 4 years for 'ice' possession

By Rick Alberto  
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A JAPANESE charged with drug possession was sentenced yesterday to four years in federal prison.

Akira Miyazawa, 35, was the eighth person in drug-related charges to be sentenced by District Judge Alex R. Munson in the last 20 days.

Munson's sentencing binge, whether done on purpose or not, seemed to serve warning on island guests that they can't get away with engaging in the drug trade.

Five of the eight defendants sentenced were foreigners—two Koreans, two Filipinos, and a Japanese.

Two of Miyazawa's co-defendants, also both Japanese, are awaiting the resolution of their cases in the District and Superior Courts.

Miyazawa had pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute

200 grams of crystal methamphetamine, commonly known as ice.

Miyazawa also agreed to forfeit a 1989 blue Jaguar, in which the ice was found.

The charges of distributing ice and using or carrying firearm (a 9-mm caliber handgun) in relation to drug trafficking were dismissed under a plea agreement.

In return for leniency and dismissal of the two other counts, Miyazawa agreed to cooperate with law-enforcement agencies.

Miyazawa had to forfeit his vehicle in favor of the US government because, as Assistant US Atty. Frederick J. Kerley explained, "there is a law that provides if you use a car or conveyance to transport drugs, the car can be forfeited."

"We, as part of the indictment, asked for forfeiture of the car. As part

of the plea agreement, he agreed to it," Kerley said.

Kerley said Miyazawa's vehicle was publicly auctioned, getting the highest bid of \$10,001.

The proceeds will be put in the account of the United States, but Kerley said they would recommend that a part of the money be shared with local law-enforcement authorities.

"This arrest at Capitol Hill (in October last year) of Miyazawa, (co-defendants) Isamu Udagawa and Keiichi Koriyawa was a result of CNMI Department of Public Safety police officer work," Kerley explained.

Miyazawa, 35, had faced a sentence of from 10 years' to a maximum life imprisonment, but Kerley asked the court to go below the statutory minimum sentence on account of Miyazawa's substantial assistance to federal law-enforcement authorities.

Miyazawa had also been tagged as an unindicted co-conspirator in the drug conspiracy indictment naming Kim Pan Soo as the ringleader.

Miyazawa, according to the indictment, helped Kim by smuggling in from Japan 200 grams of ice.

Kim was sentenced to six years in federal prison the other day.

Kim's co-indictees Ignacio and Vicente Aldan Leon Guerrero, who are brother, and wife Yoon Soo Jung were sentenced ranging from 18 to 36

months in prison last May 23, and another co-indictee, Steven Villagomez Pangelinan, to two years and nine months' imprisonment.

Last week Judge Munson also sentenced two Filipinos, who had both pleaded guilty to ice possession with intent to distribute, to two years in prison and four years on supervised release.

According to Kerley, Munson had a special message for Miyazawa and other who had been sentenced for the matter that "despite the temptations of easy money made in dealing drugs, if you get caught, you're going to suffer harsh penalties and have to serve substantial prison time."

## Cing takes on issue of dilapidated jail facilities

By Rafael H. Arroyo  
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TINIAN Sen. David M. Cing is calling on both the legislative and executive branches of CNMI government to focus attention on the state of the CNMI's detention facilities in the aftermath of federal criticism on the matter.

In an interview yesterday, Cing took issue with a recommendation made by Insular Affairs Director Allen Stayman that the CNMI use Covenant funds to upgrade prison facilities in the CNMI.

He said such an issue should have been taken care of long ago and that the CNMI should not have waited for federal criticism before it acted.

"We should have taken care of this a long time ago. We don't need Al Stayman to tell us that we need to take care of the dilapidated conditions of our jails," said the Tinian senator.

Stayman blew the whistle on the condition of prison facilities after learning that they fall below acceptable federal standards.

In a recent letter to Diego Tenorio and House Speaker Gov. T. Benavente, Stayman said an upgrade of the facilities should be a top priority

for the CNMI government.

Surveys conducted by federal agencies found that current correctional establishments in the CNMI have serious problems such as lack of security, inadequate toilet facilities, flawed designs, and a lack of a classification system.

The surveys also found that inmates for most part are "idle" because local corrections don't have education, recreational or other productive activities for inmates.

Public Defender Daniel DeRienzo has lately been spearheading moves to have an upgrade of CNMI prison facilities on the observation that they have become uninhabitable.

Most recently, DeRienzo even filed a motion before Superior Court to have a Saipan jail closed, comparing it to a "medieval dungeon."

During yesterday's interview, Cing said he pressed the issue two years ago but that the government did not heed his calls for an upgrade of the jail system.

"The Legislature should now look at the problem and push more funding for that critical area," said Cing. The senator said he will lead a move in the Senate to address the issue.



David M. Cing

Meanwhile, Gov. Tenorio yesterday acknowledged that something has to be done with correction facilities in the CNMI.

Asked how he feels about Stayman's recommendation, Tenorio said: "They can tell us how we are going to spend the money. Fortunately, we have other ideas on how we're going to do it. The money we're getting from the federal government is not enough so we're going to finance it ourselves without their assistance."

## Dandan house ransacked of appliances, jewelry

AN UNIDENTIFIED person/s broke into a residential house in Dandan and ransacked the rooms of appliances and jewelry Monday.

Police said taken were two TV sets, a VCR, binoculars, jewelry, and other appliances.

It was not indicated in the report how the suspect/s entered the house.

Police placed the case under further investigation.

In other police report, a 36-year-old man sought police assistance after a man allegedly threw a napkin holder at him at the Saipan Bowling Center in Susupe Monday afternoon.

No arrest was made yet.

In Susupe, a 24-year-old man was arrested for allegedly stealing six cans

of beer from Joeten Shoppers Center over the weekend.

Arrested was Dwayne M. Sibatang of Capitol Hill.

The Department of Public Safety received seven cases of burglary and theft in separate incidents over the past two days.

DPS also got 10 reports of vehicular accidents.

Meanwhile, the management of Nagoya club clarified to the Variety that an incident involving a man who was arrested last week for not paying bills did not occur at Nagoya as stated in the police report.

The management emphasized that the incident happened in another club near Nagoya. (FDT)



REMEMBER HIM? Long time US Senator and CNMI friend in US Congress J. Bennett Johnston (R-La.) nation's capital. Johnston retired after serving in the Senate for many years, notably as chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.



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**R's Marianas**  
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## Personat na Responsabilidad

Guaha un propositon lai 'nai para umabasiha responsabilidad apas mediko para todo muchacha ni manmapotge' gi kanaimo. Un proposito na debi uguaha rinipara sa' inipos ke man inalulula pot guaha ligat na opinon ginen un abugao lehislatura na siempre ma'esague direchon muchacha mamapotge' naihon.

Seguroyo' na kada empleo ni mañgone muchacha ha ekspepekta na ennao na empleo homlu antes de u fatto machochu'. Uno na kondision hinemlo' i ti mapotge' antes yan duranten i tetminon i kontrata kosake siña ha chogue checho' fia sin hafa na impedimento. Kontodo guiya mismo i prohima responsabilidadfia umadahen maisegue' ginen este na chetnot.

Lao i mapropopone na lai gage na todo gaston hospitiat pot mapotge' muchacha hago para un mana' responsable. Kulan mohon hago ni empleo man esague gi checho' konkabido na para un 'mana' inkatgao nu i gaston mediko yan hospitiat. Seguroyo' na ti un konfotme nu este na responsabilidad komo empleo sa' i asunto mampos petsonat ya ginagagao lokue' na i muchacha mismo debi u eksasisa sensian responsabilidad giya guiya mismo.

Yangin i lehislatura ha sede este na lai sin u guaha inadaha, pues kumeke ilegña na siha (lehislatura) ha kondona ti responsabilidadao na checho' kasamiento. Yangin ha appruaba este na ginagao, ha kondona lokue' man kasao na muchachan niha na u fababa asaguan niha taimano an siha man huyoñg para i salon. Afañielos, buenta intiño na mañgilisiano lokue' este siha na taotague. Ha mirese na hita mismo ta apagat siha gi hilo sueno na konbetsasion na u adahe i inaighon asaguan niha.

Baiho faisen i lehislatura pot fabot chatmiyo sumesede i para inna' responsable un' taotao ni isao dañgkulo gi muchacha. Dañosu este gi minasapet un empleo i para unna katga un' checho konkabido osino adutteria ginen un gai idat esta na fafachochu'. Hombre hita mismo gi pidasosta guaha 'nai sumen makat ta akseptá i patgonta palaoan yangin chetnudan pot diskuido.

Taya bisnesña i lehislatura man appruaba lai pot para u abiba checho' adutteria gi esta man asagua na muchacha. Lao responsabilidad miyo señores yan señoras umabiba satton na proteksion gi este siha na famalaoan gi dinaña familiar niha mismo. Estague' checho kilisiano ya seguroyo' na ni hamyo mismo ti insede famaguan miyo na u aputao pot i amon niha para u responsable nu i linachiña.

Maila' tana' dinanche hafa ta petsisige sa' dañgkulo na isao i para un transfere un responsabilidad osino isao guato gi otro taotao piot asuntion petsonat na morat. Atan i mismo asunto ya infaisen maisa hamyo kao yan miyo ya asaguan miyo manmachogue taiguine? I asunto pot petsonat na responsabilidad ya dalai na kontod isaña mismo para guaho ni empleo para bai' responsable. Fan manhaso dididi' ya muña i lache na sensian minase' manasete gi ti kombene na manera.

Komprende pot fabot na sumen lache un proposito 'nai para un regalo un' muchacha gi manera' nai un transfere linachiña guato gi amuña. Ultimoña, man a'adulag famaguan muchacha yan amo gi mismo halom guma' lao ti linilesia. Pot fabot, maila tapan satton gi hafa propio i dinanche. Si Yuus-Maase!

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'Nai pago mafabrika este i makinan fax gi entalo' sasalaguan yan i lañget, humanao si San Pedro para u famahan uno kosake siña ha fax si Lusifet nu i listan para papa'. 'Nai humalom, ha soda' si Lusifet na ha rikonoñose lokue' i mismo makina.

Sineyo' si Lusifet para u famahan makinaña kosake siña u a'atuño i dos kuantu taotaoña si pindeho. Ilegña si Lusifet na tai' keblegue' ya ti siña hafahan haf' finaisen San Pedro. Man oppe si San Pedro na guiya i pinaga papa' i primet apas lao solu man hula' si Lusifet na para u inapapase dispues. Man oppe si Lusifet huñgan.

Dispues de primet mes, sige si San Pedro ha fax si Lusifet na u inapase ni kuentaña gi makina. Ti man o'oppe si Lusifet. Hu manao papa' sasalaguan ya ha soda si pindeho chinigagalo. Ilegña: "Diberas, bai' kehaye hao gi kotte". Man oppe si Lusifet: "Ai aguan Duñg? Ya mano 'nai para unfañgone' abugaomo?" Magpo i kontrata sa man gage todos i abugao lusenfetnos.



JACK ANDERSON and MICHAEL BINSTEIN

## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

## Alaska's Young chooses

WASHINGTON—"When I use a word," Humpty Dumpty said in a rather scornful tone, "it means just what I choose it to mean—neither more nor less."

Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, often exemplifies Humpty's attitude on Capitol Hill these days. He recently won House passage of his National Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act, which sounds ecofriendly enough but actually could destroy wildlife sanctuaries.

Now consider how he defines "emergency." As chairman of the House Resources Committee, Young billed an Air Force account earmarked for "emergency and extraordinary expenses" \$85,000 for a junket to Alaska by colleagues and staffers. Young was not able to accompany them due to last-minute health problems.

With this background it's questionable whether Young should serve as an arbiter of acceptable travel practices by the Clinton administration, a role he's pursuing with relish.

Young recently requested a General Accounting Office review of Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt's political trips, claiming Interior failed to seek reimbursement for travel costs for at least 35 political events Babbitt at his words carefully tended over the last three years. An Interior Department spokesman says the amount billed late to Democratic campaigns involved \$5,000 over 14 months.

During the eight-day excursion to Alaska last August, the only "emergency" that arose was a staffer who got bloodied in a bar fight. But that's not to say the five House members, two wives and 10 congressional staffers who made the journey were not on a hectic schedule.

There reportedly were lunches at five-star resorts, fishing expeditions and meetings with native villagers. The Air Force forked over \$750 to charter a bus so the imperial guests could see a popular tourist stop. Some of the entertaining itinerary was interrupted by tours of the trans-Alaska pipeline and mining sites. But the delegation was doted on by a three-person flight crew, five technical sergeants serving as flight attendants, four officers transformed into escorts and a physician.

Young's Resources Committee also used military aircraft to attend three hearings last year on the Endangered Species Act, which Young wants to gut. When the committee was under Democratic control, the only time military aircraft were used was in 1989 to view the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

The GAO, which Young now wants to

unleash on Babbitt, has released blistering assessments in the past on the lack of information and oversight governing congressional use of military aircraft.

It's fair to say Republicans put the issue on the map. Senior officials in the Interior Department during the Bush administration improperly charged taxpayers for more than \$115,000 in unauthorized or dubious travel.

Not included in these trips was one made by former Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan for a Young fund-raiser back in 1990—for which the department ultimately billed the Republican National Committee a paltry \$33.27.

Interior Department memos from 1990 claimed that because Lujan's involvement in the fund-raiser amounted to 90 minutes—out of a total trip working time of 1,425 minutes—"the percentage of costs chargeable to political sponsor" (in this case, the RNC) equals six percent—or \$33.27. The RNC arrived at a slightly higher figure of \$121.84.

DOG-EAT-DOG — It might be said that everything Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, knows about politics he learned as a paper boy.

Gramm is telling colleagues how facing down ferocious dogs is a lot like forcing Democrats to heel. Just as mean dogs once tested him on his paper route, making eye contact to see if he was scared, Republicans face a similar challenge from Democrats.

"If you start backing up, or if you turn your back to run, you're going to get bit," Gramm said. "What you've got to do is make eye contact and show the dog you aren't afraid of him. If you do that, nine times out of 10 he'll back off."

Gramm thinks this kind of cowering caused the Republican fiasco on the minimum wage. He says the problem was that Republicans failed to muster the cohesion to say to wavering Republicans that if the party unites, the Democrats will back off—or at worst it would be a one-day story.

Gramm and other conservative pit-bulls are also looking to bait a trap for Democrats on welfare reform by passing a bill that's sure to provoke a filibuster. At that point, Gramm told colleagues "You'd have to hold them (Democrats) in session. You'd have to have the sergeant-at-arms go out and arrest them. All I'd have to do is move that the sergeant-at-arms arrest absent members. I guarantee you it would run on the networks."

# 23 awarded US scholarships

A TOTAL of 23 student leaders from Saipan high schools have been accepted and invited to attend courses at some of the best universities in the United States as part of the Junior Statesman Summer School program.

The program, which challenges students with a number of academic subjects designed to help develop leadership skills, enables its participants to study at Stanford University, the University of Texas, Northwestern University, Yale University, or Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Out of the 23 Saipan students accepted into the program, six were awarded Junior Statesman Summer School scholarships from the U.S. Interior Department.

Three of the Interior Department scholarship winners will have all of their transportation and living expenses paid for by the scholarship. These three students are Mt. Carmel High School sophomore Richard Borja, Grace Christian Academy junior Christine Cunanan and Marianas High School sophomore Jacoby Winkfield.

The other three scholarship winners were awarded \$500 toward the expense of the summer school program, which costs \$2,375 per student. These three students are Marianas Baptist Academy sophomore Clinton Cody,

Grace Christian sophomore Christy Ann Lizama and Mt. Carmel High sophomore Cindy Palacios Pangelinan.

The students who received partial or no scholarships are responsible for raising the funds needed to attend their chosen universities for the one-month summer school program.

The students who were accepted into the program and who chose Stanford are Richard Borja, Jacoby Winkfield, Emi Lizama, Northern Marianas College freshman Steven Lee, Marianas High sophomores Agnes Ablog, Han Hae-won, Proserpina Magofna and Yu Mi-ok, and Marianas Baptist sophomores Shannette Sablan, Tasha Villagomez and Michael Wong.

The students who were accepted into the program and who chose Georgetown are Christine Cunanan, Christy Ann Lizama, Marianas High sophomore Fleurette Inos, Marianas Baptist sophomore Beth Demapan, Marianas Baptist junior Francis Tomokane, Grace Christian junior Ng Tse Nga and Grace Christian sophomore Clarissa Tudela.

The students who chose Yale are Clinton Cody and Grace Christian sophomore Christi Aughenbaugh.

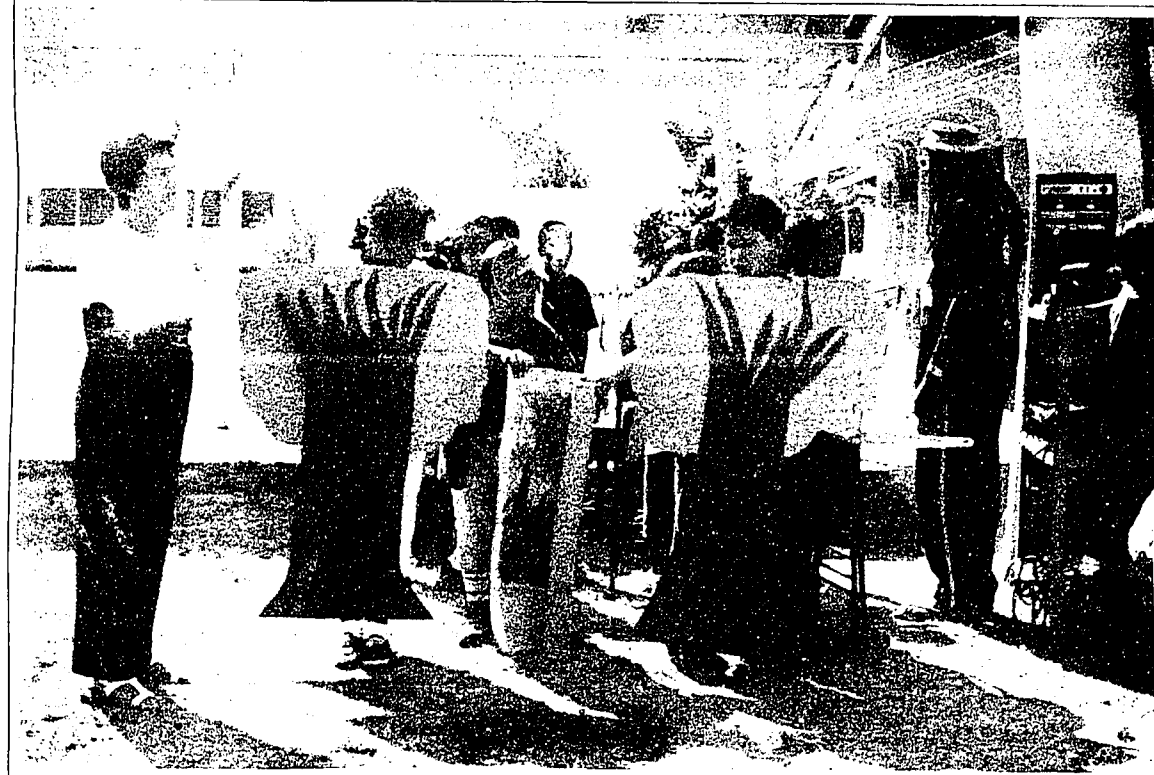
The students who chose Northwestern are Cindy Pangelinan and Mt. Carmel freshman Christina Sablan.

Jeff Schorr, the field representative in the Commonwealth

for the U.S. Interior Department's Office of Insular Affairs, said that the students were selected by Karen Prosser of the Junior Statesman Foundation office in San Francisco. He said the students were selected on the basis of certain criteria of academic and leadership excellence.

A group of 11 students selected for the Junior Statesman program have gotten together to raise the funding that they need. The students are willing to work for or otherwise assist businesses or other donors who help the stu-

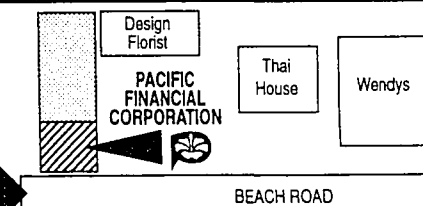
dents, and the students may also return from their summer school experiences with individual reports on what they learned and did. To help these 11 students, contact Schorr at 234-8861/8862, or Brigid Aughenbaugh at 233-9248.



SAVE THE EARTH. Students of Oleai Elementary School prepare for a song number during the celebration last week of the Second Annual Academic Fair. The event provided venue for talented students to showcase their skills.

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## SAES celebrates '96 cultural heritage day

SAIPAN'S rich variety of cultures and nationalities was on full display at San Antonio Elementary School's Cultural Heritage Day, held at the school on Friday, May 31.

Dances and other presentations done by the school's students reflected the history and culture of many nations, including the Northern Marianas, the Philippines, Hawaii and the United States. There was even a Dutch dance and a student rendition of the popular "Makarena" dance.

Although most of the event featured dances and songs, one unique presentation was offered by students from the classes of teachers Merly Yamazaki and Gideon Williams.

## Managaha water report

THE DIVISION of Environmental Quality (DEQ) analyzed water samples collected from Managaha island recreational beaches this month. None of the samples collected contained excessive concentration of fecal coliform bacteria, which exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality

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The Division of Environmental Quality analyzes samples of Managaha Island recreational beaches (11). DEQ welcomes all inquiries as to the quality of the beach water. The public is encouraged to contact DEQ at 234-6114 with any questions concerning this matter.



# 'Where are your juveniles tonight?'

(First of a series)

(The following essay on the alarming increase of juvenile crimes in our community is being published in a two-part series courtesy of Mr. Anthony Pellegrino, Education Committee Chairman of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, businessman and concerned parent. -Ed.)

Anthony Pellegrino  
For the Variety

"ASSAULT tops juvenile crimes" read the blaring headline in an article in the Marianas Variety Newspaper on March 29, 1996. The headline bothered me so much that I stopped reading to clip out the article. According to the Criminal Justice Planning Agency juvenile offenders had committed a total of 1,600 crimes in the CNMI over the past six years. This number is only the recorded ones. Who knows how many more were not reported.

As I thought about the amount of crimes committed by juveniles in the CNMI, I was disturbed by two points. One was that assault, burglary and larceny/theft dominate the overall juvenile crimes. However "assault" accounted for 39.6% of the total serious offenses committed by juveniles.

Desiring a clearer meaning of the word, I looked it up in the dictionary and learned that "assault" means "a violent onset or attack; literally, as by means of blows, weapons. An apparent violent attempt, or a willful offer with force or violence, to do hurt to another, without the actual doing of the hurt threatened, as by lifting the fist or a cane in a threatening manner, as, guilty of assault and battery." Simply put, assault is the act of hurting or the willful desire to hurt another person.

The other point that disturbed me was that juveniles were the ones striking out at one another and at adults. Again I checked the word and found that "juvenile" means "young; youthful; immature or undeveloped." I understand by this definition to mean young people in their teens or younger still dependent upon parents.

Something must be happening to these juveniles to cause so many of them to strike out at their peers, adults and visitors to the CNMI. What makes them want to hurt other people? What anger do they possess? What causes this anger in them? Who is responsible for what is happening to these juveniles? Who is to be held accountable?

To help answer these questions I did some research hoping to find some answers to this pestilence affecting the youth of our community. I learned that the United States is experiencing the same crime problems as we are. I noticed some similarities and some differences. But the pattern is inevitably the same. Juveniles are rebelling more and more against their society. I also discovered that the cause of this dramatic increase of violence by juveniles is the same in the United States as in the CNMI. It can be stated in one sentence:

**The real root cause of violent crime: The breakdown of the family.**

Let us further explore this alleged cause and see if you too do not agree. If this cause is the real reason then we must act to reverse the trend. But first let us dispense two commonly believed myths about the increase in crime. We will see that these myths play a minor role in the surge of crime among juveniles.

Orthodox thinking assumes that crime is caused by material conditions, such as poor employment opportunities and a shortage of adequately funded state and federal social programs. Many people especially in government and social work think that if we spend more money on the underprivileged, all the evils of society will be washed away by a sea of green. The United States has spent and continues to spend billions of dollars to curb crime but to no avail. If poverty were the primary cause of crime there would have been more crime in the past when people were poorer. As Senator Phil Gramm once remarked, "If social spending stopped crime, America would be the safest country in the world."

Another myth that needs to be exploded away is that crime is more prevalent in certain races than others. However a major study in 1988 of 11,000 individuals found that "the percentage of singleparent households with children between the age of 12 and 20 is significantly associated with rates of violent crime and burglary." The same study



Anthony Pellegrino

found that illegitimacy, not race, is the key factor. It is the absence of marriage and the failure to form and maintain intact families that explains the incidence of crime among whites as well as blacks.

I am presenting facts that I found dealing mainly with crime in the United States. But I see a similar pattern happening here though on a lesser scale. If we were to examine the reasons behind the reported 1,600 cases of assault, I feel we would come to the same conclusion: The real root cause of violent crime is the breakdown of the family. Where were the parents of these "youths still dependent upon parents"? Do they feel any responsibility for what their juvenile did? Shouldn't they be held accountable?

Patrick F. Fagan, who is the William H. G. Fitzgerald Fellow for Family and Cultural Studies at the Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C., has made a study of the pattern of the life of the future violent criminal. As you read about the five stages that the violent juvenile progresses through on his road to a life of violence, consider whether similar stages do not manifest themselves in delinquent juveniles in the CNMI.

We must not delude ourselves into believing that this could never happen here. One only has to read about the brutal crimes that are periodically committed here. I am sadly reminded about one of my employees who was brutally killed several years ago for no apparent reason by several juveniles including a sixteen year old who finally turned state evidence and helped to put the murders away for a long time in prison.

Mr. Fagan presented his five stage progression towards becoming a violent juvenile at a seminar presented by the Hillsdale College. It is with their permission that I quote from the *Imprimis*, the monthly journal of Hillsdale college.

Mr. Fagan presents the following pattern:

**Stage One:** Parental neglect and abandonment of the child in early home life. Parents constantly fighting, or divorced. Does not feel close to his mother. May suffer one or more forms of abuse, including sexual abuse. Shows early signs of hostility. Becomes difficult to manage at age three and is frequently labeled as a behavior problem. Much harshness in his home and he is deprived of affection. Lacking his father's presence and attention, he becomes increasingly aggressive.

**Stage Two:** The embryonic gang becomes a place for him to belong. His behavior continues to deteriorate at a rapid rate. He satisfies his needs by exploiting others. At age five or six, he hits his mother. His school life becomes a troubled one. He searches and finds acceptance among similarly aggressive and hostile children. His verbal skills and reading scores trail behind the rest of his class. By now, he and his friends have low educational and life expectations for themselves. These low expectations are reinforced

by teachers and family members. Poor supervision at home continues. His life is now primarily characterized by his own aggressive behavior, his aggressive peers and his hostile home life.

**Stage Three:** He joins a delinquent gang. At age 11, his bad habits and attitudes are well established. By age 15 or sooner, he engages in criminal behavior. His companions are the main source of his personal identity and his sense of belonging. Life with his delinquent friends is hidden from adults. The number of delinquent acts increases in the years before he and his friends drop out of school. His delinquent girlfriends have similar poor relationships with their mothers and with "normal" girls in school. Many of his peers and he use drugs.

**Stage Four:** He commits violent crime and the full-fledged criminal gang emerges. High violence grows in his community with the increase of single-parent families. He purchases a gun, at first mainly for self defense. He and his friends begin to use violence for exploitation. Many times they are not caught for the crimes they commit. Gradually, different friends specialize in different types of crime: violence or theft. The girls become involved in prostitution while he and the other boys are members of criminal gangs.

**Stage Five:** A new child - and a new generation of criminals is born. He has a child with his young delinquent girlfriend but has no intention of marrying her. They stay together for awhile until the shouting and hitting start. He leaves her and does not see the baby anymore. Only a few members of the group to which he now belongs - career criminals - are caught. They commit hundreds of crime per year.

Most of the crimes he and his friends commit are in their own neighborhood.

Mr. Fagan continues: "For the future violent criminal, each of these five stages is characterized by the absence of love, affection, and dedication of his parents." In other words in his formative years the young person is deprived of his needs to be loved and is deprived of a feeling of belonging. He feels helpless and frustrated.

He is likely to have witnessed numerous conflicts between his parents. He may have been physically or sexually abused. His family also may be a problem maker in the community. Thus while his stomach may be fed his emotions are starved. Compare this

juvenile to one who experiences all the love and dedication that is given by two compassionate and competent adults.

Unfortunately the end result is predictable: violence begets violence. Violent families produce violent youths, and violent youths are producing violent communities.

To be continued

The views expressed in this piece are solely the writer's and does not reflect in any way the views of the Variety.

## 30 trained on crane safety



**SAFETY SEMINAR.** Instructor John Chamberlain of the Crane Institute of America conducts a morning session of the crane safety training yesterday, while Saipan Stevedore assistant general manager John S. Dela Cruz (standing, left) listens.

SOME 30 employees from the Saipan Stevedore Co. yesterday completed a crane safety training, the first ever conducted by an expert from the US mainland, according to SSC's assistant general manager, John S. Dela Cruz.

The instructor, John Chamberlain, of the Crane Institute of America in Orlando, Florida, said the two-day training basically involved operator and rigging safety.

"It (training) is essential because the Occupational Safety and Health Agency requires that employers train their boys, and Saipan Stevedore has taken that initial step, and they're doing their part to ensure employee safety in the port facility," Chamberlain said.

The Crane Institute had been in the business of training crane operators for the past nine years.

"We do lift-equipment safety training for mobile cranes, overhead cranes, area lifts, fork lifts, and also scaffolding, both suspended and fixed scaffolding," Chamberlain said. "In addition we do safety training and rigging, and crane inspection."

Chamberlain, who has been with the Crane Institute for three and one-half years has a bachelor's degree in transportation and a master's degree in business administration.

He said he had also worked in the docks just like the trainees, loading and unloading cargoes.

According to Dela Cruz, there was a need for his company to train its employees in view of the expansion of the Saipan dock.

"I hope that they (trainees) will accomplish things from this training so they can use it on the job while loading and discharging cargo on the vessel at Saipan port," Dela Cruz said.

Dela Cruz said the training program was custom-developed to "meet specific needs, requirements and applications for Saipan Stevedore Company" such as causes and results of crane accidents, inspection procedures and checklist, operator and rigger responsibilities, preparing for critical lift, and lifts involving two or more cranes. - Rick Alberto

## 3 Rota High grads get Manglona grants

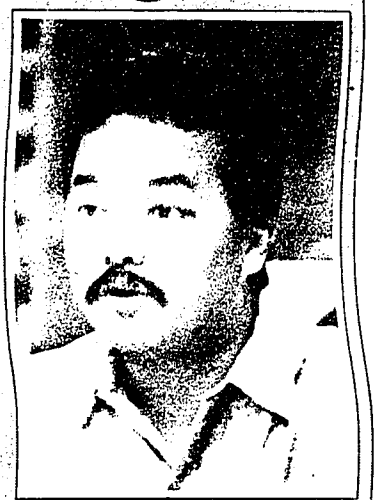
FOR the eighth straight year, the top three graduates from Rota High School will be awarded special scholarships by Senator Paul A. Manglona, a news release from his office disclosed.

The winning students for the 1996 year are Robin V. Scott, Valedictorian, and Anginette S. Mendiola, Salutatorian. Winning the third place honors is Elvira M. Manglona. The first place student receives \$1,000, second place \$700, and the third place student \$300.

The scholarships will be awarded at commencement ceremonies scheduled to be held tonight on Rota.

Manglona, who serves as the Vice President of the Senate, has made similar scholarship awards from his personal funds for the past eight years to top students from Rota High School.

He said the awards are based on academic achievement in addition to scholastic achievement tests (SAT) results and acceptance at an accredited institution of higher learning. "These scholarships provide assistance to these future college students who show great potential, and also promotes competition at the high school level," Senator Manglona said. "It's my way of investing in the future of our island."



Paul A. Manglona

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# Pacific economies to grow faster

SINGAPORE (AP) - After a soft landing in 1995, the economies of the Pacific region will grow faster in 1996 and 1997 even as inflation keeps falling, a respected business group says in a report released Tuesday.

The average economic growth of 20 countries surveyed will be 3.9 percent in 1996 and 4.2 percent in 1997 compared with 3.5 percent in 1995, said the report by the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council.

This shows that comprehensive market oriented reforms, "while difficult to accomplish ... do promote growth," it said.

Average inflation is expected to

fall sharply from 8.6 percent in 1995 to 4.8 percent in 1996, primarily due to expected improvements in Mexico and Russia, said the report titled Pacific Economic Outlook.

It is the eighth such report released by the PECC. Previous forecasts have come within a half-percentage point of actual growth.

The PECC is an independent organization of high-level business, research and government representatives from 22 Asia-Pacific economies. Its aim is to foster economic development by providing a forum for discussion.

The report also forecast that due to

growing Japanese investments, Burma, India and Vietnam could become integral parts of the Southeast Asian economy.

Japanese investments, a "major force leading to economic integration in the region," have increasingly been diverted in recent years from China to these three countries, the report said.

"If this trend continues, then it could well be that these three countries will become integral parts of the region as well," it said.

On the U.S. economy, the report said doubts remain about its underlying strength. It could fall into a recession if the Federal Reserve doesn't

take action on monetary policies for fear it would be unpopular during an election year.

The report forecast U.S. real gross domestic product growth of 1.7 percent in 1996 and 2.3 percent in 1997 with inflation of 2.6 percent in 1996 and 2.1 percent in 1997.

China, the region's "newest engine," will grow by 9.0 percent in 1996 and 8.5 percent in 1997, it said. Inflation will ease to 12.6 percent in 1996 and 9.2 percent in 1997,

the report forecast, adding that speeding up reforms of state-owned enterprises is the key to China's economic management.

China has been the recipient of massive inflows of foreign investment in recent years, but the increase is likely to taper off.

Chinese policy is entering a stage in which it is now giving more attention to attracting high-quality foreign direct investment, and is no longer interested in just labor-intensive production, the report said.

## South Pacific Forum secretary condemns latest nuclear test

THE secretary general of the South Pacific Forum, Ieremia Tabai, has expressed disappointment and condemned the latest nuclear test by China.

Tabai was reacting to reports over the weekend that China had detonated a middle-range nuclear blast at its Lop Nor test site, its first since August.

The secretary general recalled that the South Pacific Forum had strongly condemned China, as well as France, for their nuclear testing in the statement issued after its meeting in Madang in 1995.

He said in a statement that now that France has ceased testing, China is alone among the nuclear powers in continuing to test.

Tabai said it was particularly unfortunate that the test came at a crucial stage in the negotiations, which was hoped to conclude by the end of the month, for a global Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT).

He noted that reports from Beijing indicate that China would detonate one more test before the implementation of a moratorium on tests.

## Marshalls officials hit UNICEF children's report as inaccurate

By Giff Johnson  
For the Variety

MAJURO—Ministry of Health officials expressed surprise and distress at a UNICEF report on the status of Pacific children that paints what they say is an inaccurate picture of health conditions in the Marshall Islands.

Assistant Secretary for Preventive Services Justina Langidrik said she had no idea where UNICEF got the figures that it included in its 1995 State of Pacific Children report.

Both she and vital statistics staff said that the statistics listed in the UNICEF report did not match the data issued either by the Ministry or by the Office of Planning and Statistics, or was seriously outdated.

"We're concerned because they are giving out the wrong information," Langidrik said. The Ministry tries hard to upgrade services and bring up the percentages (of immunizations, etc.) and "then we see (inaccurate) statistics like this that we don't know where they came from."

The UNICEF statistics give an outdated perspective on health status in the Marshall Islands and only in immunizations were the figures close to correct. The Ministry of Health provided statistics for 1994 to rebut the UNICEF data, some which date to 1988.

The Ministry was concerned about the fact that the statistics in the report put the Marshalls

near or at the bottom in virtually every category, when improvements had been made in many areas.

For the infant mortality rate, one of the most important indicators of the health of a population, UNICEF relied on 1988 data to show that the Marshall Islands had a high infant death rate of 63 per 1,000 births, the second highest in the region next to Kiribati.

But the Ministry said that in eight years this had dropped by more than 50 percent, to between 23 and 30 deaths per 1,000 babies born, a figure that would be among the best in the region instead of the worst, as portrayed in the report.

While UNICEF said that the Marshalls has the highest number of children per family (7.2) and the highest number of babies per teenager (.81), Ministry officials provided data that showed these were outdated figures from the 1988 census and were much higher than the actual situation which had changed because of active family planning promotion.

Average household size has dropped to about 5.7 children though still high, Ministry statistics show based on a 1994 survey that the U.N. Population Fund assisted.

Moreover, the number of babies per teenager has declined from close to one baby per mother, to between .38 and .67, the Ministry said.

## The Philippines

# Bandits cut off electricity

ILIGAN, Philippines (AP) - Bandits have destroyed a power line and cut off electricity for a key town in the southern Philippines, the state-run National Power Corp. said Tuesday.

Perfecto Chung, a customer relations officer of the power firm, said the commercial town of Malabang in Lanao del Sur has been without power since Friday when the power line was toppled.

Authorities said operations of two factories producing high-grade chocolates and cassava flour for export have been disrupted.

Chung said the bandits, using a chainsaw, toppled a wooden electric pole in nearby Marantao town. It was the ninth such incident in the province since April.

Malabang, located on the island of Mindanao, is 840 kilometers (520 miles) southeast of Manila, or 70 kilometers (43 miles) south of Iligan.

Officials of the power firm suspect that the bandits were acting on behalf of disgruntled road-right-of-way claimants along the path of the power line.

Power line sabotage is com-

mon in Lanao del Sur either by bandits trying to extort money from the power company or by residents displaced by construction of power pylons.

As a result, more than half of the 37 towns in Lanao del Sur do not have

electricity, ironic for a province which hosts six hydroelectric plants.

In June last year, disgruntled consumers also cut down nine electric posts to retaliate for the cutting off of electricity to a cooperative that was unable to pay

its debts to the state power company.

Bandits and extortionists have kidnapped several power firm employees and a few years ago killed at least nine people, including three children of power firm employees.

## Ramos non-committal on issue of Burma

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - President Fidel Ramos was noncommittal to Washington's request for a common stand among Southeast Asian governments against Burma's military rulers, a presidential palace official said Tuesday.

U.S. envoys William Brown and Stanley Roth met with Ramos Tuesday and delivered a letter from President Clinton. "My government has been deeply concerned by recent events in Burma and in particular the potential for violence and loss of life that might accompany a renewed government crackdown against its citizens," Clinton said. Speaking to reporters on condition of anonymity, the palace official said Brown and Stanley also briefed Ramos on events in Burma, including the ruling junta's new offensive against political dissenters led by pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

But Ramos, like other leaders of the seven-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations, told them he still viewed the developments as an internal affair of Burma.

The U.S. envoys "indicated their concerns about the danger of going back to old practices but ... we cannot really take particular action on it because it is their internal affair," the Filipino official said.

The Philippines' partners in ASEAN are Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

In Tokyo Monday, the American envoys and Japanese officials agreed that they don't want the situation in Burma to worsen and that Japan, the United States and Southeast Asian nations should use their influence to promote democratization in Burma, a Japanese Foreign Ministry official said.

The Philippine official said Ramos noted that Burma's rulers have not taken any harsh action yet against Suu Kyi.

"Our action will be to watch



Fidel V. Ramos

and see what will happen there and assess what action to take," the official added. Brown, however, described the meeting as "very positive" and said they were not wrong in choosing Manila as the first stop of their regional visit.

"We deliberately came to the Philippines first because (it) has such a tremendous record over the past decade," he said. "We are looking for ASEAN solutions and Asian models and certainly the Philippines provides an outstanding model for internal reconciliation."

Brown and Roth, both veterans in Asia-Pacific affairs, later flew to Singapore on the second leg of their campaign, which will also take them to Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand.

Like the Philippines, these other neighbors of Burma have voiced little disapproval of the junta's actions.

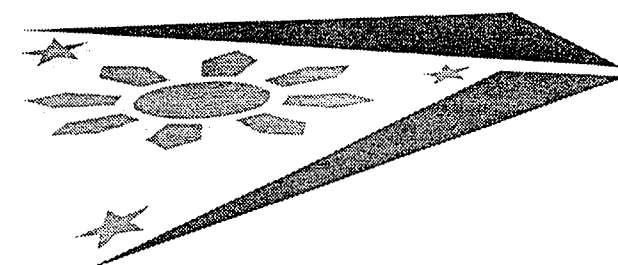
Last month, the junta launched mass arrests in efforts to stop democracy advocates from holding a congress on the sixth anniversary of parliamentary elections won by the opposition. The military, which has ruled since 1962, refused to honor the election result.

The Ramos government has ignored calls to condemn the arrests, but has urged the junta and opposition to "exercise restraint" and step up reconciliation efforts.

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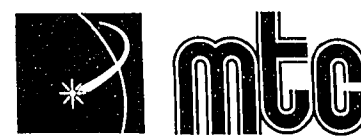
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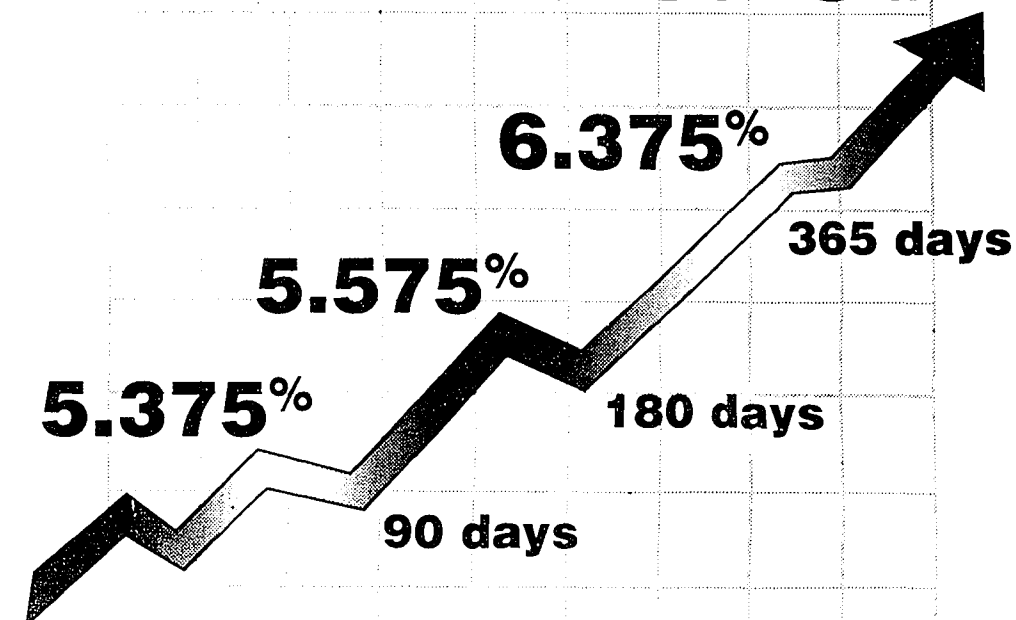
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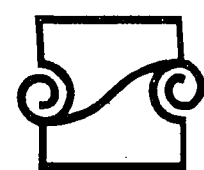


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# Singapore to rejoin Malaysia?

By KENNETH L. WHITING

**SINGAPORE (AP)** - It won't happen anytime soon, but the idea of independent Singapore reentering the Malaysian Federation has stirred speculation in both countries.

Former Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew raised the issue in replying to questions after a talk to the Foreign Correspondents' Association and the Singapore Press Club.

"It will be difficult to achieve for a very long time, but I hope it will happen," Lee said Friday.

He also spelled out the conditions under which this island

## Lee Kuan Yew sets several conditions

republic might rejoin Malaysia after 31 years of going it alone.

Neighboring Malaysia, which is linked to Singapore by a causeway across Johore Strait, would have to adopt the same policy of meritocracy as Singapore, with no ethnic group enjoying a privileged role.

Malaysia would also have to pursue as successfully the same goals as Singapore to bring maximum economic benefit to its people.

"Assuming that whatever we do, the Malaysians do as well, which I would prefer, because

that means we are in the same kind of race, which will reduce racial tension, which will bring people together, Lee said.

"If they go the whole road with us ... then I say we rejoin them, because this is what we fought for."

Singapore gained internal self-government in 1959 with Lee as prime minister. Malaysia was formed in 1963 by grouping the Federation of Malaya, Singapore and the then British territories of Sarawak and North Borneo, now called Sabah.

Singapore was ousted from the federation in 1965 after political wrangling between Lee and the late Malaysian Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman. Racial tensions between the mostly Muslim Malay majority and the economically powerful Chinese minority contributed to the split.

Lee lamented at the time that his country was "the smallest of shrimps in a sea of hungry fish."

Against heavy odds, he turned an unpromising relic of the British Empire into a glittering commercial success and test tube for social change.

Malaysia also enjoyed an economic boom, moving away from dependence on rubber and tin to develop a manufacturing sector.

Each adopted different policies on language, religion and economic opportunity, possible snags to a merger.

Malay is the national language and Islam the official religion in Malaysia. An affirmative action program favors only Malays.

Singapore is a secular state that offers success to the skilled and ambitious. English, Mandarin, Tamil and Malay are official languages.

"You win or lose on your merit. We have formed our own rules," Lee told Parliament recently.

His merger remarks made

big news in Malaysia where leaders reacted cautiously.

Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said the time was not yet ripe but might come some day.

Ling Lion Sik, president of the Malaysian Chinese Association, said he did not think Singapore had any intention of rejoining Malaysia now, and the process might take 300 years.

Education Minister Najib Tun Razak said the two countries took very different paths since 1965.

"We have upheld Malay as the national language and Islam as the official religion ... This will not be easily acceptable to the people of Singapore," Najib said.

Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong, who succeeded Lee in 1990, said reunification was not on his agenda.

"My political agenda with regard to Malaysia is to look for ways where we can work together to mutually help each other achieve developed economy status," Goh told reporters.

## South Korea ready to sign off in missile export control agreement

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)** - South Korea soon will sign on to an international agreement not to export long-range missiles and missile technology, government officials said Tuesday.

The United States, hoping to prevent proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, is trying to persuade both North and South Korea to join the Missile Technology Control Regime, the officials said.

South Korea agreed to join the agreement during the two-day talks with U.S. officials

that ended Tuesday, a government official said on the condition of anonymity. He refused to give further details.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Robert Einhorn led the U.S. delegation to the missile talks.

He also negotiated in April with North Koreans in Berlin in the first round of talks aimed at freezing North Korean missile exports and production. U.S. officials say they have evidence of North Korean missile sales to Iran and Syria.

Under the MTCR, South Korea would be banned from export-

ing long-range missile technology and materials to countries that are not members of the agreement, officials said.

South Korea hopes to develop its own missile industry to counter threats from the North. Officials say Pyongyang has tested a Scud-type missile with a 500 kilometer (310-mile) range and is developing missiles with ranges of 1,000 kilometers (621 miles) and over.

But an agreement with Washington prevents South Korea from developing missiles with a range of over 180 kilometers (112 miles).

## Study: Nuclear accident may have caused hydrogen blast

By KELLY OLSEN

**TOKYO (AP)** - A lab reenactment of last December's nuclear power plant accident showed a coolant leak escalating into a possible explosion, a semi-governmental utility said Tuesday.

A spokesman for the Nuclear Reactor and Power Development Corp., which runs the reactor and conducted the test, said researchers can not yet explain why the duplication ended in the possible explosion and the actual accident did not.

A sodium coolant, believed to have corroded the pipes it was traveling through, leaked from reactor of the Monju nuclear reactor in Tsuruga, 350 kilometers (220 miles) west of Tokyo last Dec. 8.

There were no injuries, though the reactor was shut down and has not been reactivated since.

In laboratory reenactments

of the accident last week, split sodium ate through steel plates similar to those used on the reactor's floor, according to Kazushige Kikuchi of the Nuclear Reactor and Power Development Corp.

If they had created the holes and flowed down to the concrete lying below during the accident, an explosion would have theoretically followed, Kikuchi said.

"We need to find why the holes opened during the experiment but not during the accident," Kikuchi said.

Activists said it's impossible to determine how large the explosion could have been, but the surrounding area was in considerable danger.

The explosion's force would have depended on the size of the holes and how much sodium reached the concrete, according to Baku Nishio, a researcher at the Citizens' Nuclear Informa-

tion Center in Tokyo.

The power plant at Tsuruga, called Monju for a Buddhist deity of wisdom, is a controversial fast-breeder reactor that uses plutonium, one of the deadliest substances known to man in its core and cools it down with the extremely volatile sodium.

The by-product can be used to create nuclear weapons.

Last week an official with Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry said the country's plan to promote a fast-breeder reactor will be reviewed as a result of the accident.

Japan's Nuclear Safety Commission says an investigation is still under way to determine the exact cause of the accident at the reactor.

Other industrialized nations, including the United States, the United Kingdom and Germany, have given up plans for such reactors because of costs and danger.

# Canada deports Russian spies

**TORONTO (AP)** - Two Russian spies have left the country without a single belonging - but all their secrets apparently intact.

The Toronto Sun, citing unnamed intelligence sources, reported that Ian and Laurie Lambert were flown to Montreal's Mirabel airport aboard a Royal Canadian Mounted Police jet early Monday morning.

The Lamberts, whose real names are Dmitry Olshevsky and Elena Olshevskaya, left the Toronto jail where they had been held since their May 22 arrests in handcuffs and with nothing but the clothes on their backs.

The pair were turned over to Russian officials and escorted aboard an Aeroflot flight for Mos-

cow early Monday evening, the Sun reported.

Olshevsky, 32, and Olshevskaya, 32, were trained for years in Russia before sneaking into Canada in 1988 or 1990.

According to the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, the couple spent six years immersing themselves in Canadian society.

Authorities said the couple took names from the tombstones of dead children, found good jobs and drew unsuspecting Canadians into passionate love affairs.

But a heavily censored summary of evidence used in their expulsion provides no clues as to what exactly the couple were expected to do.

Their spy mission ended dramatically three weeks ago, when RCMP and immigration investigators swooped down on the pair in simultaneous raids.

The two decided not to face the pointed questions and lengthy hearings necessary to fight their deportation, acknowledging only that were Russians.

## Mafia boss' son nabbed

**PALERMO, Sicily (AP)** - The 20-year-old son of imprisoned Mafia boss Salvatore "Totò" Riina has been arrested on charges of criminal association.

Giovanni Riina was picked up at his home Monday, but authorities only reported the arrest Tuesday.

Mafia informers have identified Giovanni Riina as a member of the Mafia and he is a suspect in a murder, the Italian news agency ANSA said.

His father, known as the "boss of bosses," was Italy's most wanted fugitive until his arrest in January 1993. He is now serving nine life sentences.

## Underground weapons cache found in Russia FE

**VLADIVOSTOK, Russia (AP)** - Police have unearthed a huge underground weapons depot in a deserted house in the Russian Far East, a news report said Tuesday.

The cache contained two aircraft guns that are used for large-scale combat operations and am-

munition to go with them, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

It was one of the biggest hauls of illegal weapons in the Russian by police in the Russian Far East. Most of the weapons seized until now have been submachine guns and grenade launchers.

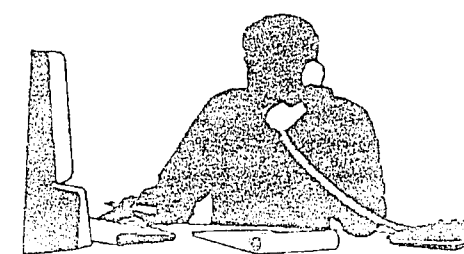
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### CPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### NOTICE OF MEETING

Pursuant to Section 11 of Public Law 8-41, The Open Government Act of 1992, the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Ports Authority hereby serves notice that it will hold its regular Board Meeting on Friday, June 14, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. at the CPA Seaport Office Conference Room, Charlie Dock, Puerto Rico, Saipan.

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

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
  1. Call to Order
  2. Roll Call
  3. Adoption of Agenda
  4. Adoption of Minutes (May 24, 1996)
- II. CORRESPONDENCE
- III. COMMITTEES REPORT
  1. Adoption of Financial Statements
  2. Other Committees report
- IV. EXECUTIVE REPORT
- V. OLD BUSINESS
  1. FY 1997 Budget
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
  1. Election of Vice-Chairman
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT(S)
- VIII. (Executive Session) LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

/s/Victor B. Hocog  
Chairman, Board of Directors  
6/3/96

### Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Department of Lands & Natural Resources Coastal Resources Management

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Coastal Resources Management Program (CRMP) will be holding a public hearing regarding Coastal Permit Application No. SMS-96-X-63 submitted by H.K. Pangelinan and Associates on behalf of Mr. Jung-Han Kim for the construction of Utopia Hotel.

The proposed project calls for the construction of a seven (7) storey hotel with twenty-seven (27) suites and fifty-four (54) standard hotel rooms for a total of eighty-one (81) rooms on 1,801 square meters of combined public and private land in Garapan, 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 Thursday, June 30, 1996 at 6:30 pm at the Garapan Elementary School. This is the second and final notice of this public hearing.

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

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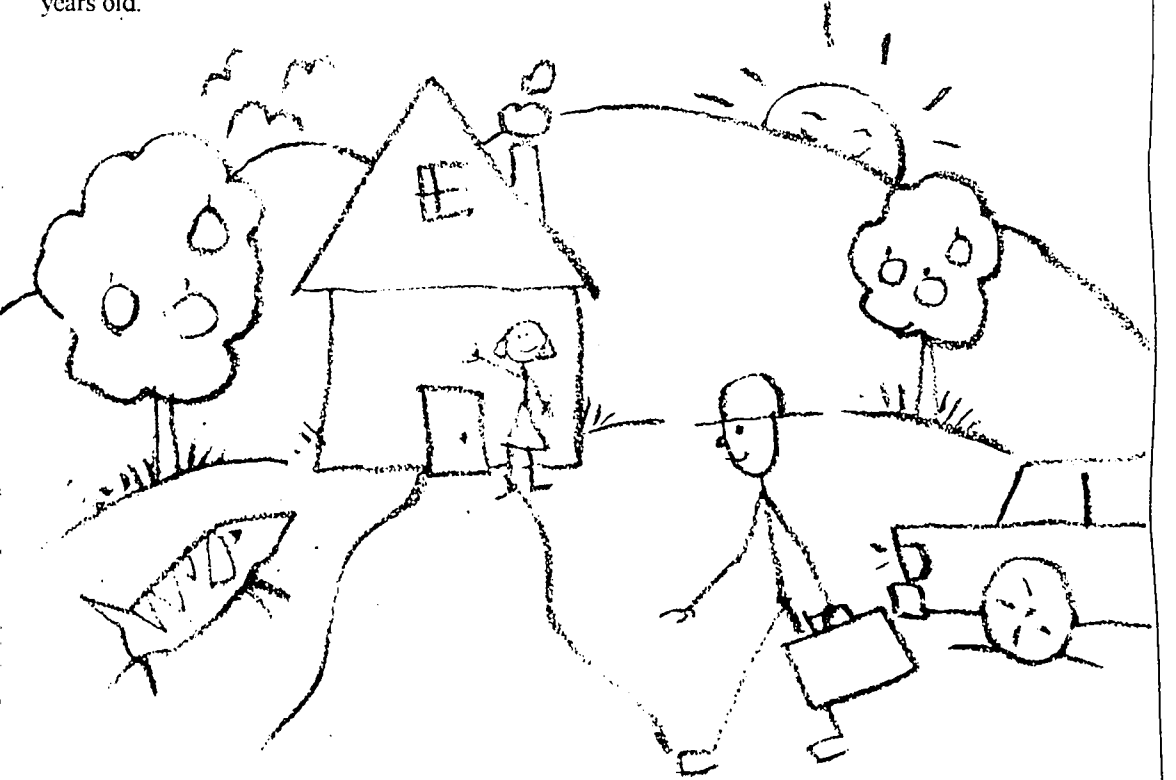
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Giovanni's Sunday Brunch opens from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Advance reservations are recommended.



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## Official: Capitalism to be HK backbone

By VIJAY JOSHI

SINGAPORE (AP) - Hoping to calm investors, a senior Chinese official said Tuesday that capitalism will remain the life blood of Hong Kong after 1997 and dismissed fears of corruption in China seeping into the territory.

"Everything will remain the same," Lu Ping, the official in charge of Hong Kong affairs, repeatedly said in a speech to Singapore businessmen and academics.

Lu is leading Beijing's high-profile exercise to allay fears that Hong Kong's economy and free press will suffer when the British territory reverts to China on July 1, 1997.

He has given unprecedented interviews to American television networks CNN and ABC. Last week, he visited Japan.

After a four-day visit to Singapore, Lu left for Malaysia Tuesday. He also is to travel to Thailand. All these countries have major Chinese populations.

In his talks with Singapore leaders, Lu sought visa-free travel privileges for Hong Kong citizens, but there was no immediate response.

Lu said that except for the defense of Hong Kong transferring to Beijing, there will be no change in the territory's laws, free market policies, widely respected civil service, police, customs, currency or lifestyle.

Present judges, many of them foreigners, will be allowed to serve even after 1997. Lu said a new "court of final appeal" will be set up, saving litigants a trip to Beijing.

"It will be the Hong Kong people who will be ruling Hong Kong after 1997," said Lu.

Among other examples of continuity, Lu said:

Financial markets will operate as before.

There will be no foreign exchange controls.

The police and customs will be independent of China.

He avoided specifics, however, of how Beijing would ensure continuity.

Answering questions after the speech, he dismissed suggestions by a businessman that the rampant corruption in China will spread to Hong Kong under the new rule.

"I don't see why there will be more corruption because everything will be as usual. The laws will be the same. The organization will be the same. The anti-corruption office will still be a very powerful organization," he said.

Lu said Hong Kong will have more democracy under Chinese rule, rejecting fears that China will roll back some of Hong Kong's civil liberties when it disbands the present legislature and holds new elections under different rules in 1998.

In the meantime, Hong Kong will be run by a chief executive to be elected by a 400-member electoral college chosen by a panel of 150 China appointees.

Critics also fear that China will restrict press freedom in Hong Kong.

Lu said the press would be free to criticize the governments in Hong Kong and Beijing, but would not be allowed to advocate the independence of Hong Kong or Taiwan, which China considers a renegade province.

"Advocacy constitutes an action," Lu said. "It has nothing to do with press freedom."



Thousands of National League for Democracy supporters cheer during pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi's weekly speech in Rangoon, Burma. The Burmese military regime will prohibit Suu Kyi's weekend meetings with the crowds outside her home, stepping up a crackdown which began two weeks ago, opposition sources reported Thursday. AP Photo

## ASEAN denies plans to talk with Burma about Suu Kyi

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - The Association of Southeast Asian Nations has no plans to express concerns over the Burmese military regime's recent crackdown on pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi, Indonesia said Tuesday.

Contrary to news reports in Thailand, ASEAN does not intend to send Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas to meet Burmese leaders or Suu Kyi, Foreign Office spokesman Ghaffar Fadyil said.

"There is definitely no such plan on

our side and what's more it is an internal affair of Burma," Fadyil said. "We hope that they could solve the problem in a peaceful manner soon."

The stated policy of ASEAN's seven member nations is that "constructive engagement" rather than trade boycotts advocated by the West will help improve the human rights situation in Burma, a future ASEAN member.

ASEAN comprises Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Philippines and Vietnam. Besides Burma, it plans to bring in Laos and Cambodia.

A report Monday in the Bangkok newspaper The Nation quoted a senior Thai Foreign Ministry official as saying that Alatas, as a representative of ASEAN chairman Indonesia, would "express the regional association's concern over the recent tensions to both the leaders of the Burmese junta and to Suu Kyi."

Burmese authorities have arrested 262 supporters of Suu Kyi, who in recent weeks has mounted her biggest



Aung San Suu Kyi

challenge to the regime since she was released from six years of house arrest last July.

The Burmese regime says Suu Kyi's democracy movement is being orchestrated by the United States in a bid to colonize the country. Suu Kyi won the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize for her non-violent promotion of democracy.

## Asylum-seekers fail in breakout attempt

HONG KONG (AP) - Up to 200 Vietnamese tried to knock down the gate of their detention camp in a failed escape attempt early Tuesday, Hong Kong radio said.

The latest trouble, at Hong Kong's High Island refugee camp, came as the government was speeding up the deportation of Vietnamese boat people who have failed to win political asylum in the West.

The radio said police and prison officers used tear gas to quell the crowd, who also set fire to trash and blankets in the camp.

Leonel Rodrigues, a prisons spokesman, said he had no reports of casualties, and the camp was quiet several hours after the 2 a.m. (1800GMT Monday) incident. He

said all the would-be escapees were men.

Last July, 90 Vietnamese escaped from the camp in the Sai Kung area of Hong Kong's New Territories. All were recaptured.

On May 10, up to 120 Vietnamese escaped from another camp, Whitehead. Ninety-three have been recaptured.

About 16,000 Vietnamese remain in camps in Hong Kong, left over from the waves of boat people who fled when U.S.-backed South Vietnam fell to the Communist North in 1975.

China wants the camps emptied before it recovers sovereignty over the British colony on July 1, 1997.

## Peres wants strike vs Hezbollah

*In retaliation for guerrilla ambush in Lebanon*



Shimon Peres

By KARIN LAUB

JERUSALEM (AP) - Prime Minister Shimon Peres has vowed retaliation against Hezbollah guerrillas for the ambush killing of five Israeli soldiers, but it may have to wait for Israel's new government to take office.

The attack - the worst clash in the area since a U.S.-brokered cease-fire stopped a virtual war two months ago - comes at a delicate time of transition following the May 29 election.

Peres was not expected to order a major military strike in his last days in office, while his successor, hard-line opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu, will not assume power until later this month.

The Cabinet has authorized Peres to use the army in retaliation, Israel radio reported Monday. But the report said several Cabinet ministers argued that it would be improper for the outgoing government to order military action.

The Hezbollah ambush, near the villages of Dabbs and Ali Tahr in a border enclave occupied by Israel, also wounded eight soldiers, three of them seriously.

The 20-minute exchange of fire marked the deadliest violence since Israel's air and artillery barrage against southern Lebanon in April, a response to Hezbollah rocketing of northern Israel. At least 165 people, mostly Lebanese civilians, died in the 16-day operation.

Israeli military sources said Monday that Hezbollah guerrillas mounted the ambush from a civilian area and fled back to it, violating the April agreement, which bars Hezbollah from launching attacks from populated areas.

But Deputy Defense Minister Ori Orr said Hezbollah did not break its earlier promises when it killed the soldiers Monday. Regardless, Orr said, Israel should act against the guerrillas.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said it was too early to say if the attack represented a cease-fire violation. He also called on Hezbollah to "cease and desist" its attacks on Israeli soldiers.

Peres met Monday with army commanders in south Lebanon, then in-

ited Netanyahu to his office. After the meeting, Netanyahu said that Israel will fight the Lebanese guerrillas "with firmness, determination and reason."

In a separate statement, Peres said "Israel will respond in the manner and at the time and place which they will determine is fit."

Israeli forces initially responded by

shelling Shiite Muslim villages and guerrilla infiltration trails near the market town of Nabatiyeh, which faces the occupied area that Israel calls a "security zone."

A Lebanese army sergeant was killed and a civilian man was wounded in the shell fire, according to police in Nabatiyeh.

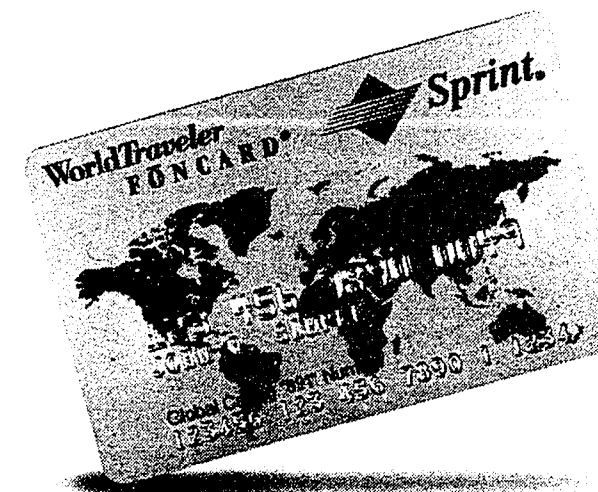
The April truce focused primarily on sparing civilian lives. It did not provide a solution to the armed conflict between Israeli troops and Hezbollah, and fighting has continued.

On Sunday, at least two soldiers were injured when a pair of roadside bombs ripped through military patrols belonging to Israel and the South Lebanon

Army, an Israeli-backed militia. On May 30, a day after Israel's election, four Israelis - three army officers and a soldier - were killed in a guerrilla ambush.

Hezbollah guerrillas are leading a war of attrition to dislodge Israel from the enclave it has occupied since 1985 to protect its northern towns from cross-border guerrilla raids.

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## COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority, on the 14th day of June 1996, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to 4 CMC § 2206(a) of the Commonwealth Code, with respect to the proposed grant of a successive Master Concession to DFS Saipan Ltd. The proposed successive Master Concession take effect upon the expiration of the existing Master Concession and terminating ten (10) years thereafter.

The Meeting will commence at 5:30 p.m. and will be held in the Commonwealth Ports Authority Conference Room at the Commercial Port of Saipan, Saipan, Mariana Islands. Interested persons wishing to express their views on the grant of such concession will be given an opportunity to do so at the public hearing or may, prior to the time of the hearing, submit written comments to Carlos A. Shoda, Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Saipan International Airport, or via mail to P.O. Box 1055, Saipan, MP 96950. DATE: May 28, 1996.

/s/ VICTOR B. HOCOG

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# US 'spars' with Germany, Japan

By GEORGE JAHN  
VIENNA, Austria (AP) - Washington, which usually fights with Iraq and North Korea at meetings of the International Atomic Energy Agency, is sparing now with allies Germany and Japan.

Iraq and North Korea figure too, but only peripherally.

Seeking to clamp tighter controls on the clandestine nuclear activities of those two countries and to keep a closer eye on Iran and Libya, the United States is pushing to expand the inspection rights of the U.N. agency, which opened a top-level meeting Monday.

The agency now can only conduct inspections of those nuclear facilities that any one of its 135 member coun-

## On issue of giving UN agency more clout

tries declares to be open for inspection. Over the past five years, that has kept IAEA inspectors out of "undeclared" Iraqi and North Korean facilities thought to be used for developing nuclear weapons.

Washington began lobbying for commitments from member states to give the agency the right to collect more detailed information - both from declared and undeclared facilities - more than two years ago.

But Germany and Japan, who sit on the agency's board of governors along with the United States, have been reluctant, because they fear unwarranted

and intrusive interference in their lucrative nuclear industries. "Countries which have big nuclear industries would find this rather burdensome," said David Kyd, spokesman for the Vienna-based nuclear agency.

Most member nations support the United States. But the 35-member board of governors can only make decisions by consensus, which means that Germany and Japan must be won over before agency powers can be expanded.

"The countries that are most favorable are numerically in the majority," said Kyd. "But some others who are heavy hitters remain reluctant, and their

considerations also have to be taken into account."

Agency director general Hans Blix said in opening remarks to the board Monday that agency experts have drawn up proposals that are close to meeting wishes both for greater agency clout and non-interference in nuclear industries.

Blix, of Sweden, urged board members to go on to the next step - direct negotiations among themselves to agree on a draft protocol. Kyd said that board members were studying a formal paper for the first time, but

suggested that any agreement remained relatively far off.

Agency officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said developed countries wanted assurances that if they agreed to more inspections, suspect Mideast nations would do too. With the agency having no enforcing powers, that could be difficult to guarantee in any agreement.

Germany and Japan are also seeking guarantees that agency inspectors stumbling across any confidential information that could be exploited by competitors in other countries keep such information secret.

## US ship leaves Norfolk to relieve Marines in Liberia

NORFOLK, Virginia (AP) - The USS Ponce has sailed for the coast of Liberia to relieve troops off the shore of the troubled African nation and to deploy Marines to the capital city of Monrovia.

Forces from the Ponce will continue the Marine Corps' mission to protect the U.S. Embassy in Monrovia and evacuate American citizens seeking refuge from rebel fighting.

The Ponce left Monday on short notice. Sailors said they learned of the deployment after a short at-sea training exercise, which ended May 30.

"We had to kick into high gear," said Petty Officer 1st Class Don Marler, a boiler technician. "It's what they pay us for. It's a job hazard."

Marines have been at the embassy in Monrovia since mid-April. On April 30, they were caught in a four-hour fire fight between rebel groups that left three Liberians dead and two Marines slightly wounded.

The new Marines, being picked up by the Ponce this week at Morehead City, North Carolina, will inherit a situation described by a State Department spokesman as relatively quiet. A standoff exists between rebel groups at the Barclay Training Center, about a mile (1.6 kms) from the embassy.

U.S. Defense Secretary William J. Perry announced May 9 that the U.S. "will keep a force offshore for some time to come."

In addition to the Marine presence, 20 U.S. officials remain at the embassy in Monrovia, the State Department spokesman said. Fewer than 30 private American citizens, mostly missionaries and assistance workers, also remain in Liberia.

The Navy hopes to have the Ponce back by early August to prepare for a six-month mission in the Mediterranean late this fall with the USS Theodore Roosevelt.

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# Experts argue on quake predictability

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID  
WASHINGTON (AP) - The world's earthquake experts are fighting it out over whether earthquakes can be accurately predicted and especially whether three Greek scientists have figured out how to do it.

The scientific debate, which normally moves at a glacial pace, was compacted into a freewheeling showdown in the latest edition of Geophysical Research Letters.

Contending that materials under stress emit characteristic electrical signals, the Greek scientists say it is possible to predict quakes by measuring unusual electrical activity in the ground.

The method is called VAN, the initials of the three researchers - Panayotis Varotsos and Kessar Alexopoulos of the University of Athens and Kostas Nomicos of the Technical Educational Institute of Chania, Crete.

Of 14 earthquakes of magnitude 5.8 or higher in Greece between 1987 and 1995, the group correctly predicted 10, Varotsos said in a telephone interview. Three were missed and the prediction was "unsuccessful" on the fourth, he said. Overall, Varotsos said, the VAN method has been right between 70 percent and 80 percent of the time.

"VAN and their supporters have been making fantastic claims for their results as earthquake predictors for a long time," Robert Geller, editor of Geophysical Re-

search Letters, said via computer message. Many of these claims were made in the mass media, others in recognized scientific journals, he said.

Critics have responded in articles published in scientific journals. In one journal, opponents accused the Greeks of waiting for a quake and then issuing a prediction on the basis that further quakes were more likely than usual, Geller said. Only a brief reply from the VAN group defending its work was provided on a small card added to that journal, he said.

Geller, who is critical of earthquake prediction claims, said he met Varotsos when the Greek scientist was in Japan to speak in 1993. Geller teaches at the University of Tokyo.

Months later Geller was named an editor of Geophysical Research Letters and discovered a paper by Varotsos was awaiting publication.

Geller said he proposed a written debate, which led to the current edition - exchanging papers and comments by electronic mail, fax and expedited mail.

"In general I'm very happy with how the debate turned out. I think it did just what it was supposed to do. Both sides of the issue - the criticisms and VAN's replies - are clearly stated and in cold print. Anyone who's interested in this controversy can read through the whole GRL special issue and de-

cide for him or herself who's right," Geller said.

The "debate" fills all 127 pages in the May 27 edition of Geophysical Research Letters with 44 scientific papers examining in complex detail the prediction claims and challenges to

them. Many papers are followed by replies and some of those by replies to the replies.

Noting that editor Geller has been a critic of the VAN method, Varotsos said the process of compiling the journal debate "was not objective."

However, he added, "In spite of this fact I think the scientific com-

munity can create an objective opinion" from the volume.

He contends that the criteria used by critics of his method are so strict that they would reject a perfect prediction method if one existed.

The VAN group drew sharp criticism from Max Wyss of the Geophysical Institute at the University of Alaska.

Wyss charged that he has "watched VAN for 15 years tell half truths, not use logic and publish mistakes. So for us it is clear that VAN's work is useless, and that money to support it and time

spent on evaluating it is wasted."

That doesn't mean Wyss discounts all forms of earthquake prediction.

He sees possibilities in predicting earthquakes by using changes in the chemistry of underground water, water levels in wells, levels of radon gas in underground water, areas where there is an unusual lack of ground movement and even animal studies.

While the journal offers a variety of opinions it does not attempt to state any final conclusion.

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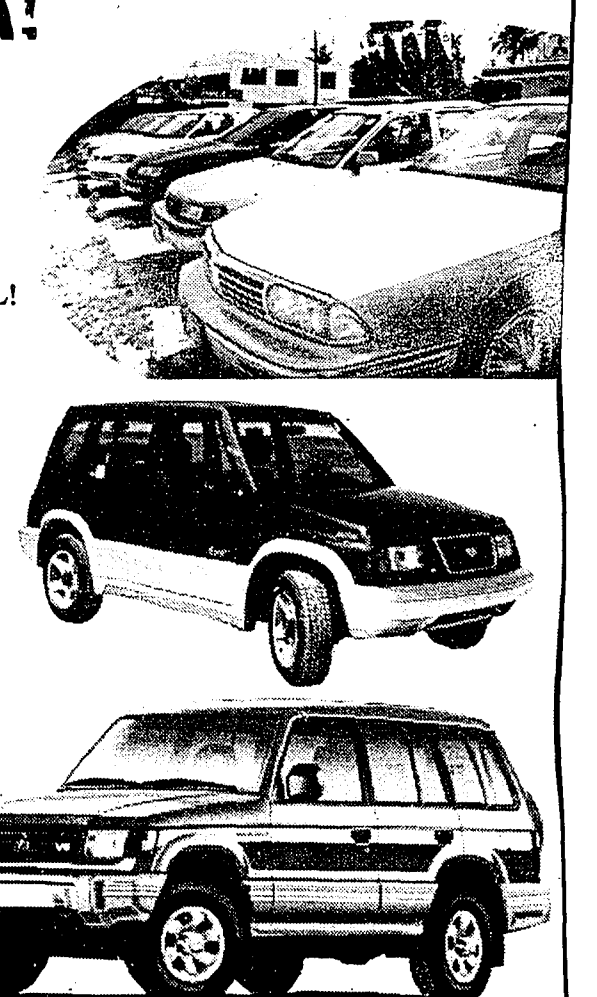
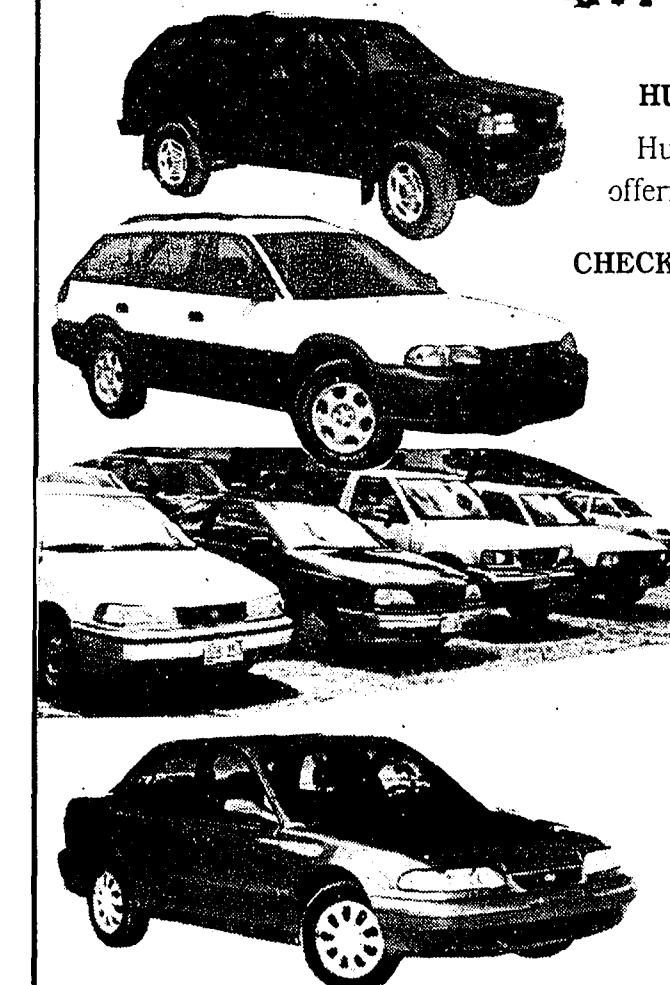
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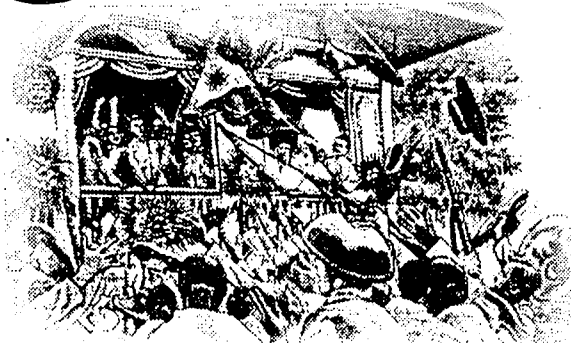
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# Privatization splits a nation

By NICK ANDERSON  
MEXICO CITY (AP) - Seeking to rejuvenate run-down industries, the Mexican government has unloaded dozens of state enterprises in the past decade virtually unhindered by political protest.

If anything, the public seemed eager to let private managers clean up such inefficient companies as the national telephone monopoly.

But many Mexicans have drawn the line at a proposal to sell an aging petrochemical subsidiary of the state-owned Petroleos Mexicanos, or Pemex, valued at as much as \$3 billion.

As a result, President Ernesto Zedillo is squeezed between international lenders who are encouraging privatization and domestic political groups - many from within the ruling party - who say the plan will compromise national sovereignty.

Plans to auction off a complex that is the world's second-largest producer of ammonia have been stalled since mid-April.

The government insists its 61 secondary petrochemical plants will be sold but has not said when.

The petrochemical revolt has nothing to do with a local love for compounds used for fertilizers and plastics. It has everything to do with the peculiar

politics of oil in Mexico.

Pemex owns oil wells, refineries and other hydrocarbon operations - including a so-called basic petrochemical unit, producing ethane and other gases, that is not for sale.

The secondary petrochemical subsidiary produces ethylene, ammonia, propylene and other important industrial chemicals.

But Pemex is best known for oil, a symbol of nationhood since President Lazaro Cardenas ordered the seizure of foreign-held petroleum assets in 1938.

For many Mexicans, to propose selling even a slice of Pemex is tantamount to auctioning the flag.

Zedillo, who has repeatedly asserted that Pemex's basic operations will remain in government hands, can ill-afford attacks on his patriotism as his Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, faces pivotal congressional elections in 1997.

"People in the PRI are concerned about their political skin next year," said George Grayson, a Mexico specialist at the College of William and Mary in the United States who has written two books on Pemex.

"To them, privatizing the petroleum industry is the political equivalent of gargling thumbtacks."

The petrochemical selloff

was first proposed in 1992 by then-President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, who championed privatization while negotiating a free-trade union with the United States and Canada. That attempt was quietly shelved, the government said, because of a slump in the international market.

In February 1995, three months after his inauguration, Zedillo tried again.

He pitched it as a simple business proposition. The government would sell underperforming petrochemical plants by mid-1996, bolstering them with desperately needed private capital and freeing Pemex to focus on extracting and selling oil.

Officials reasoned that the secondary petrochemical business represented 8 percent of total Pemex assets but only 1 percent of profits.

They said the government couldn't afford hundreds of millions of dollars needed to make the plants competitive.

In November, the government put the first plants on the auction block. Groups from the United States, Mexico and Norway lined up to bid on plants within the complex Cosoleacaque in the Gulf state Veracruz.

But in April, just as the auction was to proceed, the pro-

cess ground to a halt amid mounting criticism from opposition groups and influential blocs within the PRI.

Organized labor, normally a reflexive government supporter, mobilized against the sale. So did members of Congress. The critics weren't satisfied by a government promise to limit foreign ownership in many of the plants.

"The winds are blowing against the government," said Francisco Curi Perez Fernandez, chairman of the energy committee of the Chamber of Deputies in the Mexican Congress and an opposition party member.

"The subject of petroleum is very politicized in Mexico. It doesn't have anything to do with cold economic analysis."

Pemex and Energy Ministry officials declined repeated requests for interviews. In a May 22 statement, the ministry denied that there has been a decision to halt the sales.

The Zedillo administration

had hoped to avoid a full-throttle debate on the privatization of Pemex. But that is exactly what has happened.

This month, a governor from the conservative National Action Party, Vicente Fox, spoke out in favor of selling Pemex. Then leftist leader Cuauhtemoc Cardenas, the son of Lazaro Cardenas, called Fox "a traitor to the country." Amid such rhetoric, prospective bidders are waiting for the government go-ahead. They warn that delays could reduce the value of the plants.

"Mexico could make a case for having a competitive petrochemical industry," said Joaquin Moreno Uribe, president of Shell Mexico, which is interested in ethylene and polyethylene plants. "But in order to become world-class, you have to invest. We believe that the option of doing nothing is not in the best interest of the economy here."

## Mild quake felt in Tokyo

TOKYO (AP) - A mild earthquake jolted the northeastern area of Honshu, Japan's main island, Tuesday afternoon but there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries, the Central Meteorological Agency said.

The tremor, which was felt in Tokyo, had a preliminary magnitude of 4.2, the agency said.

It was centered at a depth of about 80 kilometers (50 miles) in southern Ibaraki Prefecture (state), some 100 kilometers (63 miles), northeast of Tokyo.

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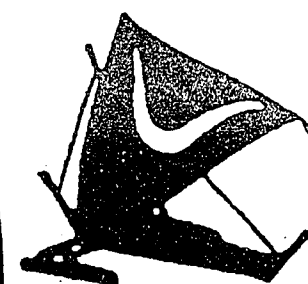
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# Wet weather helps in stopping fire in Alaska

By JIM CLARKE  
NINILCHIK, Alaska (AP) - Cool, drizzly weather helped more than 2,000 firefighters battle five separate wildfires across Alaska.

A blaze that swept across the communities of Big Lake and Houston last week, burning nearly 350 buildings and forcing the evacuations of 1,800 people, was expected to be fully contained by late Monday.

Residents in the 37,000-acre (14,800-hectare) burn zone, about 30 miles (48 kilometers) north of Anchorage, were being kept from their homes until hot spots were extinguished, which could take until late Tuesday, officials said. About 1,300 firefighters were working on the fire Monday.

On the Kenai Peninsula, 85 miles (136 kilometers) south of Anchorage, a wildfire in a forest was stalled at 23,000 acres (9,200 hectares).

Crews had lines around 35 percent of the blaze, but Gary Anderson, of the U.S. Forest Service, warned that the fire could flare up again once warmer, drier weather returns.

"We still have a sleeping giant out here," Anderson said. About 400 firefighters were working on the blaze.

A fire that began at Fort Greely, a U.S. Army base in Alaska's Interior, had burned 64,000 acres (25,600 hectares) and a hundred firefighters were at the scene, while 200 firefighters battled a 12,000-acre (4,800-hectare) blaze near the Interior town of Central. That fire was nearly under control.

A 5,000-acre (2,000-hectare) blaze near Tok, on the Alaska Highway, continued to burn, with 100 firefighters at the scene.

Officials say all the blazes were man-made, but no specific causes have been pinpointed.

In New Mexico, a wildfire along an eight-mile (13-kilometer) stretch of the Rio Grande grew to 5,000 acres (2,000 hectares) on Monday.

The blaze torched at least 3,000 acres (1,200 hectares) of the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, where thousands of birds, including some endangered whooping cranes, winter. The birds had already flown back north, said refuge manager Phil Norton, but the fire scorched their habitat and a research area.



Dan Govoni uses a shovel in an effort to save his home in the path of the flames in Houston, Alaska, Tuesday, June 4, 1996. The Houston wildfire, north of Anchorage, spread threatening homes and animals in the area. AP Photo

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*Joaquin I. Taitano*  
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Medical Referral Director

# Wave of the future ATMs that look you in the eye

By LINDA A. JOHNSON  
PRINCETON, New Jersey (AP) - Imagine stepping up to an automatic teller machine (ATM) that knows who you are just by looking at you.

In just a few blinks of your eye, a computer system verifies your identity with a hidden camera that scans the 400-some identifying features of your iris and matches them to a huge database. No match, no transaction.

Sounds like science fiction? Sensar Inc. is hoping its patented IrisIdent system will soon become a very real part of people's lives, making personal identification numbers and ATM cards obsolete.

"It has a lot of promise for the

future," says George Schneider, senior consulting engineer at Dayton, Ohio-based NCR Corp., the world's biggest ATM maker. He said NCR has been talking with Sensar for more than a year on a possible deal.

Japan's biggest ATM maker, Oki Electric Industry, already has signed a \$28 million agreement giving it exclusive rights to the system there. The money will help Sensar, a four-year-old subsidiary of the David Sarnoff Research Center in Princeton, further perfect IrisIdent.

Sensar also is pursuing deals with several U.S. banks and ATM makers, Italian and German companies, and government agencies such as the FBI

and CIA, said Kevin B. McQuade, the company's vice president for strategic business development.

Huntington Bancshares Inc. of Columbus, Ohio, plans to be an early test site, trying IrisIdent at a handful of ATMs in Ohio late this year.

"I suspect that there will be a significant number of institutions that will find this attractive," says Huntington's chief technology officer, John Voss. "I don't know that there will be a wholesale move to it."

Sensar has plenty of competition in the market for futuristic identification technology: voice prints, fingerprint and signature verification, hand prints, facial recognition, even retina scans.

They're all part of the growing field of biometric identification, which uses unique physical characteristics rather than ID cards or memorized codes to confirm someone's identity.

Already, banks in Arizona, Nevada and Texas require customers cashing checks to provide a fingerprint, according to the American Bankers Association, which has a task force working on ways to stay ahead of criminals.

"The PIN (personal identification number) system does work, but we're always looking for new ways to create more secure systems," says ABA spokesman John Hall.

Sensar's McQuade said the IrisIdent has an advantage over other biometric identification systems because the iris, the colored part of the eye, has more unique physical characteristics than even fingerprints. The iris also does not change with age, unlike other body parts.

The latest IrisIdent prototype, tested recently on 512 Sarnoff employees, correctly identified all those enrolled in its database - which takes just min-

utes - and rejected all others.

McQuade said IrisIdent's error rate is 1 in 131,578, which he said is significantly lower than other biometric systems.

IrisIdent uses military targeting technology developed at Sarnoff, adapted so the hidden camera can spot a person approaching it and zoom in on the right iris immediately.

It is combined with iris-scanning identification technology developed by partner IrisScan of Mount Laurel, New Jersey. IrisScan recently began selling its system, which requires people to put an eye several inches (centimeters) from its camera, for security access control.

An early version of that system impressed Frank Bouchier of the Security Systems and Technology Center at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In his

tests, it had no false identifications and less than 5 percent false rejections, with many of those failures linked to people wearing dirty or extremely thick eyeglasses.

"It's a very secure system," he said. The system is designed to work through most glasses, contact lenses and even many sunglasses, but Bouchier said it may have difficulty scanning very dark eyes.

Bouchier and the ABA's Hall noted that IrisIdent is less intrusive than systems requiring people to give their finger or hand print. But they said IrisIdent's potential for everyday use will depend on consumer acceptance and price.

The initial price, estimated at \$5,000, may be high for ATMs, which sell for \$25,000 to \$30,000, but McQuade predicted it eventually will drop to several hundred dollars.



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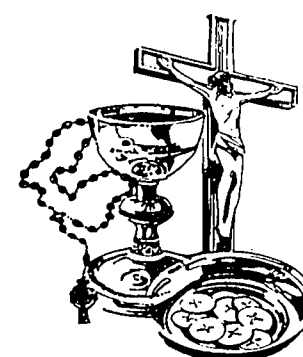
# First Anniversary Nightly Rosary

**KENNETH  
N. BABAUTA**

The family of the late Kenneth N. Babauta "KEN" invites all relatives and friends to join us in our prayers for Kenneth's first anniversary rosary.

Nightly rosary is being said at 8:00 p.m. at their residence located in Marpi, behind Camille's Gardenia Apartment. FINAL rosary will be said at 12:00 noon at their residence on June 12, 1996. Mass of intention will be offered at 5:00 p.m. at San Roque Church.

Please join us for dinner at the family's residence in Marpi following the mass.



Thank You So Much  
Yan Dangkulo Na Si Yuus Maase,

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## Mets . . .

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Brian McRae, who had singled, moved to second on a sacrifice and to third on a wild pitch by Terry Mulholland (5-5). Shumpert previously played in Kansas City and Boston.

Navarro (4-6) pitched his third complete game of the season. The only run he allowed was a solo homer

by Benito Santiago in the seventh. Glanville got his first major-league RBI in the third with a two-out single. **Marlins 5, Expos 2**  
In Montreal, Devon White singled in the tiebreaking run in the ninth inning and Greg Colbrunn homered and drove in three runs, lifting Florida over Montreal.

With the game tied 1-1, Ralph Millard drew a leadoff walk from Mike Dyer (3-2) in the ninth and moved to third on a single by Alex Arias. After Mel Rojas relieved, White

singled to right to make it 2-1. Rookie Edgar Renteria followed with his career-high fourth hit, an RBI single to left, giving the Marlins a 3-1 lead.

After Gary Sheffield walked to load the bases and chase Rojas, Colbrunn greeted reliever Barry Manuel with a two-run single for a 5-1 lead. Colbrunn also homered in the sixth for a 1-0 Florida lead.

The Expos tied the game 1-1 against reliever Robb Nen (3-0) in the eighth on Moises Alou's RBI single.

sometimes forget about Luc," Kemp said.

Said Seattle coach George Karl: "(Defending) Longley was my biggest disappointment. We were being pushed around a lot in the paint. We've been too soft on him."

Longley had 14 points in the series opener but followed with only two in Game 2.

"I wanted to prove to myself that I could come back and play with a great degree of intensity," Longley said of his Game 3 performance. "But the offensive stuff is gravy. Why this team likes having me around is that I've been focused defensively and done a good job sealing the lane."

Even Longley wondered at times if an NBA team would like having him around. By his senior year at New Mexico, he proved he could play well against decent college competition. Pro ball, however, was another story.

"My little post-up game wasn't going to cut it, mate," he said. "I had to develop other things, like my little hook shot. I've still got a lot more room for improvement. You'll see my best in a couple of years."

Drawbacks: Camera may have difficulty reading very dark inks; very dark or reflective sunglasses must be removed; dirty eyeglasses can cause false rejection.

FACE RECOGNITION. Part of the face is photographed, then the three-dimensional image is converted to digital code.

Drawbacks: Face shapes change with aging and weight fluctuation; some scanners can be fooled by people

who look alike; a photo can pass as a person on two-dimensional scanners, while three-dimensional ones require huge digital codes.

FINGERPRINTS. Optical scanning of a fingertip pressed against a glass plate has replaced inkpads.

Drawbacks: Dirt and other substances on skin can smear the plate; injury can scar prints and heavy labor can wear them smooth; database searches are too slow for instant verification.

HANDPRINTS. An optical reader scans the geometry of the whole hand, or the index and middle fingers.

Drawbacks: Injury and major weight fluctuations can alter the hand; hand and finger shapes are not as unique as fingerprints.

VOICE PRINTS. The unique frequencies of a person's voice are recorded and converted to digital code.

Drawbacks: Illness and allergies can alter voices; the subject must perform by responding to the system's prompt, although that prevents tricking it with a tape recording.

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Drawbacks: Devices have fairly high error rates and are susceptible to forgery; signatures deviate significantly over life, and sometimes when the subject is ill or impaired.

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## Longley . . .

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ability figured to overwhelm Chicago's plodding center in the NBA Finals.

Yet there the 7-foot-2 (2.2-meter) redhead was Sunday, putting in baby hooks, sinking soft jumpers, going up strong with offensive rebounds.

Longley's 19 points - 10 more than his regular-season average - placed him second in the Bulls' scoring column only to Jordan's 36. His defense played a major role in bottling up Shawn Kemp. And his overall play helped Chicago win 108-86.

A victory Wednesday will give the Bulls a sweep and give Longley a title that seemed worlds away when the Timberwolves were going 15-67 his rookie season. The Bulls were 72-10 this season.

"I've thought about it, mate. That's a long way to come," Longley, the first Australian to play in the NBA, said Monday. "I'm trying not to cash in on the glee of it until we've won four. Then we can start celebrating."

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF: MELTON ALLAN LAWRENCE REYES ATALIG, A Minor Child, BY MILAGRO T. REYES and ANTONIO C. ATALIG, Petitioners. ADOPTION CASE NO. 96-39

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADOPTION**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Adoption for the above-named minor child by MILAGRO T. REYES and ANTONIO C. ATALIG, as Petitioners, have filed with the above-entitled Court and is open for review at the Office of the Clerk of the said Court, in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A HEARING of said Petition for Adoption will be held in Courtroom "B," of the above-entitled Court on July 11, 1996 at the hour of 1:30 p.m., or as soon as thereafter.

Dated this 5th day of June, 1996.

/s/ CHARLENE TEREGEYO  
Deputy Clerk of Court

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: LORENZO ILO RANGAMAR, Deceased. CIVIL ACTION NO. 96-598

**NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS**

TO: Creditors of the estate of Lorenzo Ilo Rangamar, deceased

You are hereby notified that Maria Amistoso Rangamar, of Saipan, has been appointed and qualified as administratrix of the estate of Lorenzo Ilo Rangamar. Administratrix's attorney of record is Reynaldo O. Yano of P.O. Box 52, Susupe Village, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby required to serve them duty certified on any of the said administrators or their attorney of record at the addresses specified above, and to file them with the clerk of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, together with proof of such service, within 60 days of the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be barred.

Dated this 10th day of June, 1996.

/s/ REYNALDO O. YANA  
Attorney for Administratrix

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

ADOPTION CASE NO. 96-35

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF DAVIE MICHAEL REYES DIAZ JR. minor child.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-entitled is set for hearing on the 20th day of June, 1996 at 1:30 p.m. at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Islands, Saipan.

DATED THIS 31st day of May, 1996.

/s/ Clerk of Court

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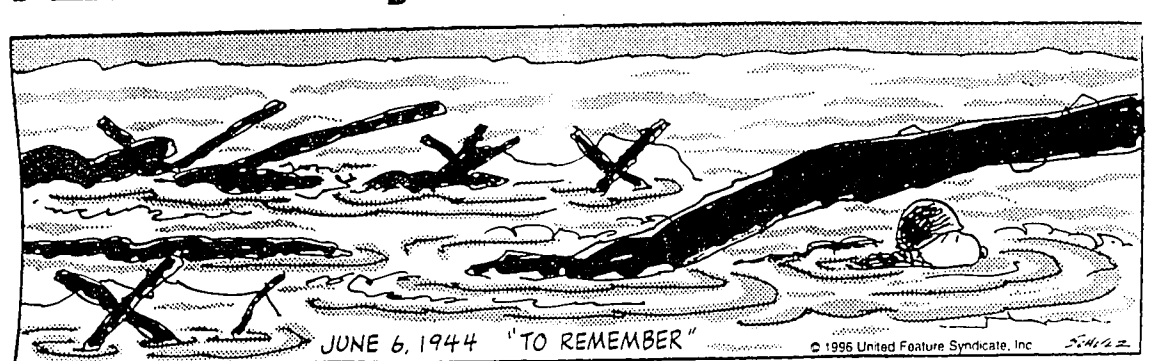
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YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

Born today, you are orderly, organized, and almost always calm and collected about everything life has to offer, even a crisis! You are usually the first person others look to in times of trouble, you have a knack for keeping things under control and you never let anything get the better of you. This is true not only in your professional endeavors, but in your private life as well. You refuse to be a slave to your emotions and this aspect of your personality may prove frustrating to someone eager to enter into a romantic relationship with you. You will not be swept off your feet.

Once you have set your sights on a goal, you will not give up until you have achieved it. You are willing to put yourself through the kinds of ordeals others try to avoid, simply to do what you said you will do. You believe that your word is as binding as a contract.

Also born on this date are: Marv Albert, sportscaster; George Bush, U.S. president; Chick Corea, musician; Jim Nabors, actor and singer; Vic Damone, singer.

To see what is in store for you

tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 13**  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — Do not try to be so organized that you are unable to adjust and improvise when circumstances change. Try to be more flexible.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — What holds true for others will hold true for you as well, although it may take some time before you come to that conclusion.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — You do not have to be cautious today, particularly when it comes to your feelings. Let others know what's going on beneath the surface.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You should try not to be aloof today. If you get more involved with the affairs of others, you will learn something about yourself.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You may become concerned today if you are unable to concentrate on a certain project for any extended length of time.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You may not know what others are thinking about you today, but this will not matter. You can still succeed if you continue to pursue

your current course.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Now will not be the time to forget names and faces. In addition, pay attention to the details which enable you to comprehend a situation completely.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Others will find your quiet manner and careful reserve attractive today. Take care not to get in over your head.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You can turn your energy on and off with relative ease today. This behavior will keep those around you on their toes and your rivals will be left in the dust!

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today you may have trouble reaching a goal that you have been anticipating for some time. Start to rev up your engines!

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — You may have to conduct a little more research today before you can consider yourself truly ready to tackle an upcoming challenge with confidence.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — Avoid anything that is too flashy today. The item will probably be just for show. You should seek the real thing.

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**King of the planets**  
Jupiter is the largest of the planets. Its equatorial distance is 88,000 miles, 11 times the diameter of Earth. Its polar diameter is about 6,000 miles shorter. This is an equilibrium condition resulting from the liquidity of the planet and its extremely rapid rate of rotation: a Jupiter day is only 10 Earth hours long.

**Civil songs**  
According to The Kids' World Almanac of Music, two of the best known songs from the long and bitter Civil War were "Dixie," written by Daniel Emmett, a Northerner, and sung by Southern soldiers, and "The Battle

Hymn of the Republic," written by Julia Ward Howe, a Southerner. It was sung to the tune of "John Brown's Body," composed by Northern soldiers.

**Education first**  
Typical American now has more high-school graduates than at any other time in U.S. history: over 78 percent. About 23 percent of these graduates have gone on to earn a bachelor's degree or higher. Educational attainment directly impacts income. The average monthly earnings without a high school diploma are \$452; with a diploma, \$921; and with a bachelor's degree, \$1,829.

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- Having a mean disposition
- Kind of beard
- One
- More unusual
- Editor's concern (abbr.)
- Not elsewhere specified (abbr.)
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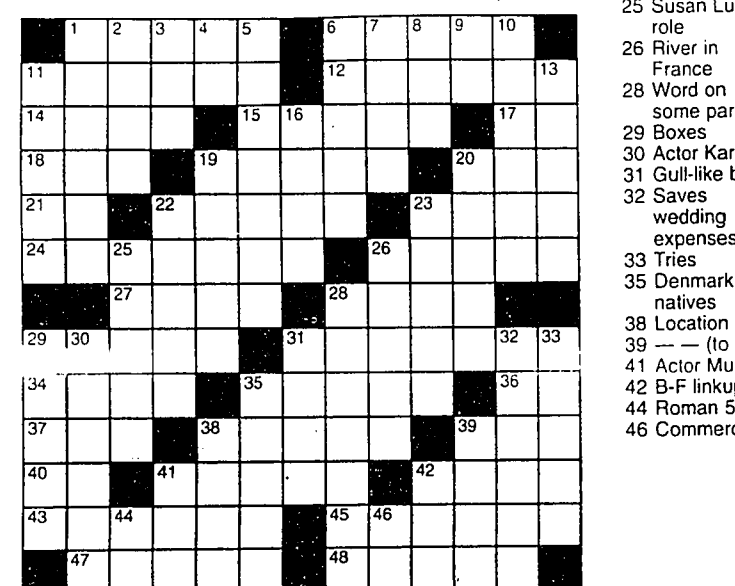
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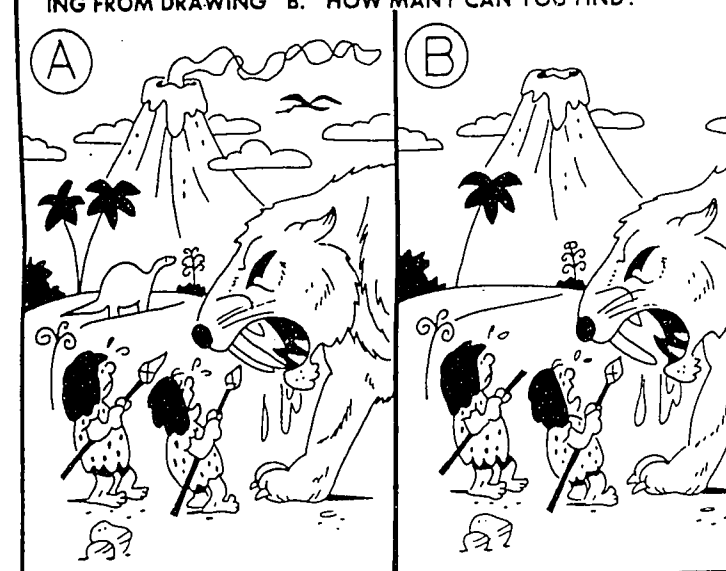
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China's Mo wins Olympic trial

**BEIJING (AP)** — Top gymnast Mo Huilan earned a place on China's Olympic team by winning the women's all-around contest at trials in central China, an official report said Tuesday.

Mo, the balance beam world

champion in 1995, scored a total 78.60 points at Monday's trials in Wuhan, despite a flawed performance on the beam which scored 9.775, the state-run Xinhua News Agency said.

"I made two errors on the beam

because it was my first apparatus and I hadn't got enough warm-up," it quoted Mo, 17, as saying.

Ji Liya, silver medalist on the floor at last year's World Championships, got the day's highest score, 9.950 points, with an excit-

ing floor routine. She finished second behind Mo with 78.175 points, also qualifying for the Olympics, Xinhua said.

Bi Wenjing, a new member of the national team from east China, took third with 77.700 points, Xinhua said.

Mo, Ji and Bi are among 14 top women gymnasts who have been training in Beijing with national coach Lu Shanzhen in the hope of

making the seven-member Olympic squad.

Mo's highest score, 9,900 points, came with a "Mo's salto" on the uneven bars, a forward tucked somersault over the bar named after her, Xinhua said.

It said 420 gymnasts from all over China are taking part in the trials, which end Tuesday after individual finals.

Mexico to send 104 athletes

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Mexico, winner of one medal in the 1992 Olympics, will send 104 athletes to compete in 17 sports in the Atlanta Games, officials announced Monday.

Mexicans are so hungry for Olympic champions that an anonymous business has prom-

ised to give gold medalists \$50,000 each and their trainers \$15,000.

The country's lone medal in the Barcelona games was a silver in the 50-kilometer walk.

The national squad, according to the daily newspaper Excelsior, includes six marathon runners,

six long-distance walkers, eight boxers, nine cyclists, five equestrians and a soccer team.

The country will also compete in judo, wrestling, swimming, diving, modern pentathlon, tennis, table tennis, rowing, sailing, shooting and beach volleyball.

Bulls . . .

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Former coach Jack Ramsay, now an ESPN analyst, is ready to rank the Bulls among the best of all-time.

"They're a very, very impressive team," he said, "and I get more impressed every time I see them. The Bulls are very deceptive. No one knows what they're going to face. The Bulls have the capability to turn up the intensity from one series to another."

Chicago general manager Jerry Krause thinks that if Jordan hadn't left the game for 1½ seasons, the Bulls would be going for their sixth straight title.

"I really believe that," he said. "That would have been interesting to see."

**PEACE MESSAGE:** @ Concerns about possible violence in the streets of Chicago if, or more appropriately when, the Bulls win the championship have led coach Phil Jackson, Michael Jordan and Dennis Rodman to videotape a public service announcement.

The announcement, which urges Chicagoans to avoid violence, will be aired on local television stations before Wednesday night's game.

Rodman said he doesn't want anyone to get hurt while celebrating.

"They can get as wild and crazy as they want," Rodman said. "But do it where people won't get hurt. You can drink and party in the streets, but when you put someone's life in danger, then we've got a problem."

Jackson said the weather might help things out.

"If it rains like it's been raining all the time, who wants to go out and get smoked in the rain?" he said.

**IRKED ERVIN:** @ Ervin Johnson, Seattle's starting center, played only the first three minutes of the Sonics' 108-86 loss to the Bulls Sunday. Johnson, who becomes a free agent at the end of the

Senate . . .

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terday.

"Once a proponent gets all the permits — CRM, environmental permits, the US Army Corps of Engineers permits, seeks approval from the secretary of Natural Resources and pay the \$60,000 annual fee. They can then hook up the cable," the subcommittee chairman said.

Under the Submerged Lands Act, water-dependent uses of

Commonwealth land requires a lease signed by the governor and approved by the Legislature.

According to Villagomez, by waiving the lease process, the project can take off to a faster start.

The subcommittee's recommendation is a much more liberal approach on the fiber optic cable issue. Earlier, the House passed a bill that would open up the project to anyone interested even without endorsement from the executive branch.

Currently, there are two com-

panies vying for the right to install the underwater cable that would link Saipan, Rota and Tinian to the international fiber optic network that terminates on Guam.

GST Telecommunications Inc. has signed a submerged land lease agreement with Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio to do the installation work.

The House okayed the GST lease but on condition that a three-year exclusivity clause is stricken out so as to allow Micronesian Telecommunications Corp.

(MTC) to participate in the undertaking.

Lately, GST has offered to do the project on a joint venture arrangement with MTC, but the latter declined.

MTC then went on to offer GST to share its proposed site for its planned cable so as not to jeopardize the investment MTC has already poured on the site.

Meanwhile, the governor's special assistant on telecommunications issues Dave Ecret yesterday assailed MTC's refusal to do the project jointly with GST

saying it manifests MTC's "true motive, which is to do the project on its own."

"The situation is MTC already controls the local phone system, the satellite transmission that go out of here, the microwave that sends the signal to Tinian and Rota and now they want to control the fiber," said Ecret in an interview yesterday.

"One person, one company, without GST. MTC's motivation is total control. When you're in business, if you can control everything, it's for your betterment," he said.

"If you recall, Chairman Murkowski and Sen. (Daniel) Akaka during their February visit to Saipan both maintained their concern is that the CNMI takes responsibility for itself," said Broadhurst.

Broadhurst said the Administration is also pinning its hopes on its recent efforts to educate members of Congress on the issues facing the Commonwealth to in a way win support on such issues.

"That is why we had congressional staffers visiting the Commonwealth. We took great time to give Sens. Murkowski and Akaka a very thorough briefing on some of the reforms in progress right now on labor and immigration," said Broadhurst.

"So as you see we are looking for more friends in Congress. Hopefully through some of the things we've done and through testimony the AG will give in Washington, we'll further educate Congress about the progress we have been making," the public information officer said.

"These are privileges under the Covenant and every strategy the governor has executed is meant to protect those important perks under the Covenant," said the governor's spokesman.

"We can't just act on emotion, nor on a whim. We can't act on special interest or on what we think is right because we don't know. That's why the Hay Group has been here for almost two weeks now talking to a broad cross-section of the community in studying the issue," Broadhurst added.

The privilege of determining the appropriate minimum wage level to suit the Commonwealth's economy is one of the perks offered by the Covenant that established the NMI as a commonwealth of the US.

There is a specific provision in the

Covenant that exempts the CNMI from the applicability of federal minimum wage laws.

Broadhurst said the Tenorio Administration will be doing everything it can to maintain local control over the wage issue.

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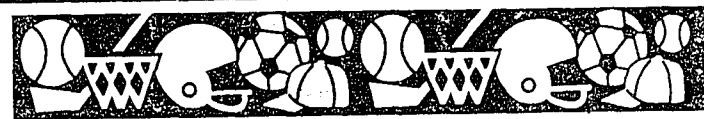
"The bottomline here is that when this study is done by the Hay Group, the recommendations will be objective such that even Al Stayman may be able to base his further recommendations on it. There just hasn't been a credible study done that is completely objective," he reasoned.

Without a credible study to base decisions on, it has been the position of the CNMI government to suspend the incremental increases until the Hay Group is finished with the job.

"There may be recommendations that our economy may support a minimum wage of \$5.00. We don't know



# SPORTS



## Flyers, Brewers beat foes

By Francisco M. Palacios  
For the Variety

ALFONSO Abraham pitched five shut-out innings and Jesse Stol went 4-for-6 with a double, A triple, and four RBI's as the Miller Brewers crush the Kiyu Elite 16-5.

But the highlight of the game was Nick Guerrero's two-run out of the park homer in the top of the seventh

that gave the Brewers a 10-0 lead. It was all Brewers in the first six innings with three runs in the first, four in the fifth, and one in the sixth for an 8-0 lead. They increased it to 12-0 with four more runs in the top of the seventh highlighted by Guerrero's two-run blast. Needing three runs to continue the ball game in their half of the seventh,

the Elite did just that led by Ted Ngowakl's two-run single.

Tom Barcinas, who reached base on a fielders choice then scored on an error making the score 12-3. After a score eighth, the Brewers then out-scored the Elite 4-2 in the ninth and final inning for their fourth win in seven outings. the lose dropped the Elite to 0-7.

Winning Pitcher: Alfonso Abraham (1-0) Losing Pitcher: Florencio Ngiraidong (0-2)

It's not over until the fat lady sings is a phrase the Airmike Flyers will not oppose as they rallied for three runs in the bottom of the ninth to defeat the San Vicente Sunrisers, 7-6.

The Young Sunrisers gambled for the third out but fail. With two outs and runners at the corners with the score tied at 6-all, the Flyers then executed a double steal and the Sunrisers opted for the failed play at second scoring the wining run

on third.

The Flyers trailed by half, 6-3, after seven innings of play but scored the last four runs of the game thanks to the five base-on-balls and a gutsy five stolen bases for the come from behind victory.

The victory improved the Flyers to 2-5 while the last dropped the Sunrisers to 1-6.

Winning Pitcher: Frances George (1-0) Losing Pitcher: Albert Lizama (1-2)

### Pepsi-PABA Basketball League

Revised Game Schedule  
June 15, 1996

Date:	Time:	Division	Playing Team
06/16/96	2:00 p.m.	Junior	Crush Gatorade vs Pepsi-FHP
	4:00 pm.	Senior	Dr. Pepper Bigis vs 7-UP Heneiken
	5:30 pm.	Senior	Lipton Team Gozum vs Pepsi SNE/FT
06/23/96	2:00 pm.	Junior	Diet Pepsi-O'Douls vs 7-UP AIC
	4:00 pm.	Senior	Mt. Dew Mafran vs Pepsi-SNE/FT
	5:30 pm.	Senior	Crush Orange GJ vs Diet Pepsi
06/30/96	2:00 pm.	Junior	Crush Gatoade vs 7-UP AIC
	4:00 pm.	Senior	Pepsi FHP vs Diet Pepsi
	5:30 pm.	Senior	Crush Orange GJ vs 7-UP Heneiken
07/07/96	3:30 pm.	Senior	Mt. Dew-Mafran vs 7-UP Heneiken
	5:30 pm.	Senior	Lipton Tea-Gozum vs Diet Pepsi

## Dandan youth makes it to Guam All-Island choice

ERIC Calvo Fejeran, 16 year old son of Ramon and Edith Fejeran of DanDan was selected by the Pacific Daily News as one of Guam's outstanding players in the Interscholastic Baseball League.

Eric was rated by the PDN "as one of the most punishing hitters in the IBL, and was a solid defensive catcher.

Eric was selected for the Catcher position. His record shows him leading all catchers in doubles and triples. He also merited recognition for his batting capability for balls he sends flying far into the outfield.

Eric plays for the Guam Community College Tradesmen Baseball and Football Leagues. In football, he is the Lead Quarterback. His powerful throws has earned him the position and has been described by his and other football coaches as the "player with the deadly throws".

He is a former player of the San

Vicente Ace, and in 1992, he was selected as an All-Star Player when he had the opportunity to join other outstanding players in representing the CNMI at the games in China. His success as a student is also earning him another travel opportunity. GCC has selected Eric to represent the school on June 24-28th at the Graphic Arts Fair Competition sponsored by the Vocational Industries Champions of America in Kansas City, Missouri.

Ramon and Edith's other son, Ryan also plays for the GCC Tradesmen and is the Offensive Tackle for the Football Team; for the the Baseball Team; he plays the Second or Third Baseman.

Both Ryan and Eric's parents are fully supportive of their activities in sports, and are active participants in the DanDan Community Project Association which goal is to make the DanDan Base-

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## Night games mulled for rocball tourney

THE Rocaball will soon have a night tournament probably sometime in July or August. The night games are meant to encourage all village teams to start practicing and start up a team for the tournament.

According to James Feger, rocball coordinator during the past there are a lot of teams competing and it takes quite a while to finish the tournament because of shortage of time. The tournament held during lunch time at the Marianas High School Campus.

Feger said he will be talking with Parks & Recreation officials for the use of the Civic Center Tennis Court right next to the Philippine Basketball Court.

He is also informing all interested players, coaches, managers there will be a meeting on today, June 12, 7:00 p.m. at the Ada Gym Weight Room.

The agenda will be election of officers.

The entry fee for the tournament will be determine after they have elected the officers.

## Bulls seek yet another record

By BOB BAUM

SEATTLE (AP) - Another sign of just how great these Chicago Bulls are is one victory away.

Not only would a win Wednesday night give the Bulls their fourth championship in six years, it also would give them the all-time best playoff winning percentage at 15-1 (.938). Philadelphia went 12-1 in 1983.

The Bulls already had the best regular-season record in National Basketball Association history at 72-10.

"Coming into the playoffs, Ronnie Harper had made up a little slogan on a T-shirt and a cap

that said '72 wins don't mean a thing without the ring,'" Chicago coach Phil Jackson said. "It kind of rang true for the players."

Winning every time but once in the playoffs would add support to the belief that this is one of the league's best teams ever.

"That's the one thing I will

say about Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen and maybe Dennis Rodman, although I haven't been with him in that many playoffs, is that these guys, once they get a grasp on a team, seem to be able to turn the screws down more and more," Jackson said.

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## Longley surprise star for Bulls

By MIKE NADEL

SEATTLE (AP) - Who possibly could have guessed that Luc Longley, the one-time Blunder from Down Under, would have such an impact upon the National Basketball Association Finals?

Who could have guessed that he would score 19 points Sunday and dominate the lane as the Chicago Bulls took a 3-0 series lead over Seattle?

Certainly not anyone who saw his early years as a pro in North America when he wasn't even good enough for the pathetic Minnesota Timberwolves, who selected him seventh overall in the 1991 draft but gave up on him 2 1/2 years later.

Certainly not most people who have seen him these last 2 1/2 seasons with the Bulls; Longley's few good moments had been overshadowed by his propensity for fouling and susceptibility to injury.

And certainly not the SuperSonics; their quickness and athletic

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## Mets over Braves

NEW YORK (AP) - Todd Hundley homered from both sides of the plate, singled twice and matched a career high with five RBIs in the New York Mets' 8-3 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Monday night.

Hundley, who hit his first homer right-handed and his second left-handed, boosted his season total to 16, tying his career high set in 1994. In his last seven games, Hundley is 14-for-

25 (.560), with four homers and 14 RBIs.

Bobby Jones (6-2), who scattered 12 hits and no runs in 7 1-3 innings, was the winner.

The game was marred by a bench-clearing incident in the top of the fifth inning. Losing pitcher Steve Avery (6-5) and Hundley exchanged words after second baseman Jose Vizcaino was hit on the right kneecap by the

Atlanta pitcher.

Cubs 2, Phillies 1

In Philadelphia, Doug Glanville and Terry Shumpert got their first National League RBIs and Jaime Navarro pitched a three-hitter Monday night, leading Chicago past Philadelphia.

Shumpert snapped a 1-1 tie in the eighth with a sacrifice fly that scored

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