

# 'Ban not necessary'

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VISITING Philippine Senator Ramon Revilla on Sunday said he is seeking an audience with RP President Fidel V. Ramos later this week to seek possible reconsideration of the recently imposed ban on Filipino workers to the CNMI.

In an interview with the Variety, Revilla said he believes there is no sufficient reason for the RP Government to suspend the deployment of workers here as he believes the labor situation here has not yet reached a level of hopelessness to merit such a drastic action.

"Frankly, I don't find it necessary to ban the deployment of RP workers. I saw the situation here to be generally okay except for a few instances that require our attention," said Revilla, a member of the Philippine Senate's Committee on Labor.

According to Revilla, his rounds of Saipan, Rota and Tinian interviewing hundreds of workers, led him to believe Filipinos are generally content with their jobs. He

## Revilla to report to President Ramos

said he saw no signs of widespread abuse as what has been reported by the media.

"I think everything has been bloated out of proportion here.

But of course there are legitimate causes for concern, like the Korean karaoke owner who reportedly locks his women employees after work and the Tinian em-

ployer who reportedly does not follow her workers' contracts. I can assure you we will look into these," said Revilla. "But nevertheless, they should not be enough reason to ban workers."

The Philippine senator arrived Saipan Thursday evening for a personal fact-finding mission on the plight of Filipino workers here.

Only last month, a team of officials from the Philippine Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) were in the CNMI also on a fact-finding mission.

The DOLE mission ended with a recommendation of a ban on the deployment of three categories of workers viewed to be vulnerable to abuse by employers here.

Last Friday, DOLE issued an order adopting the recommendation of the fact-finding team and suspending the deployment of new hires belonging to the categories of domestic helpers, farmers and nightclub workers.

But even before the ban was imposed, Revilla already has made up his mind to go on his own fact-finding mission to see for himself whether the ban was

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RP Senator Ramon Revilla: Things just got bloated out of proportion.

# Autopsy confirms man was shot, wife strangled

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AN AUTOPSY on the two Chinese nationals who were found murdered in Kagman III last week, indicated that the man was indeed shot several times while the woman was strangled.

This developed as Department of Public Safety Commissioner Jose M. Castro and DPS Information Officer Cathy Sheu officially identified the victims as Ming Zhao Hou, 41, and Hua Yu Huang, 33.

Castro admitted that both own

the Ming Hua Market located in Dandan Homestead but did not confirm whether the victims were husband and wife.

In yesterday's press briefing, Sheu said based on the autopsy conducted over the weekend by a forensic pathologist from Guam, the man suffered gunshot wounds while the woman died as a result of strangulation.

Sheu did not elaborate.

Castro however, explained that the man suffered less than 14 gunshot wounds. He said the victim was shot on the head and in the different parts of the body.

The commissioner did not disclose the exact number of bullet wounds.

Castro also claimed they are still investigating the motive of the twin killings.

DPS investigators are still gathering background information about the victims considering that until now no nearest of kin have come up to claim the bodies at the Commonwealth Health Center morgue.

Variety gathered that the victim's store in Dandan was ransacked the night Ming was found dead along a road leading to Tank Beach Wednesday.

After Ming's body was discovered, investigators immediately conducted an island-wide search for the missing vehicle belonging to the victim.

The search led investigators to

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## Pre-Concon panel to convene tomorrow

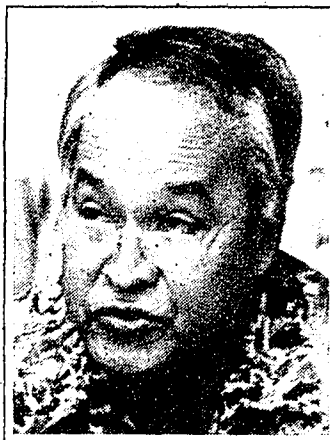
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GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio would be convening the Preconvention Committee of the Third Constitutional Convention on Wednesday.

In a letter to Rota Concon Delegate Victor B. Hocog yesterday, Tenorio said the committee's initial meeting will take place at the Governor's conference room April 5 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting will be to elect a chairperson and other officers for the preconvention committee that will be tasked to lay the groundwork for the Third Concon.

"The statute requires me to

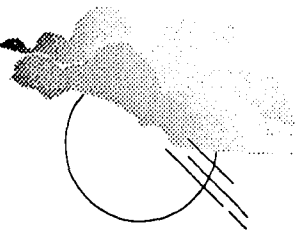


Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio

call the meeting to order which means that I must preside until the Committee has elected a chairperson," said the governor.

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## Weather Outlook



Partly cloudy with isolated light showers



Miguel Valenciano of Interface Network in Oregon, discusses before the parents about the importance of quality village schools during yesterday's parental involvement workshop sponsored by William S. Reyes Elementary School at the PIC. (See story on page 5)

# S. Korea flexes military muscles

By JU-YEON KIM  
SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - South Korea began massive military training exercises Monday amid escalating worries over the fate of a deal to freeze rival North Korea's nuclear program, suspected of developing weapons.

The combined tactical exercises, the largest South Korea has staged on its own in recent years, will continue until Saturday near the eastern front line, with 80,000 troops from the army, navy and air force participating, Defense Ministry officials said.

They said the exercises also will involve reservists, but did not disclose the number.

Similar exercises will be held later this year along the western front line, the officials said. Seoul, the capital, is only 56 kilometers (35 miles) from the North Korean border.

Ministry officials said the first-day exercises included airdrops of food for ground troops moving to positions in rugged mountains. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Kim Hong-rae joined in, flying an F-5F jet fighter.

"I flew a sortie to check for myself the readiness of our air force against North Korea, which keeps increasing tension," Kim told local reporters.

The exercises will reach their

peak Thursday with an amphibious assault landing under air cover on the east coast.

South Korea long had held spring exercises jointly with the United States, but those maneuvers have been skipped in the past two years to encourage cooperation by North Korea on nuclear issues. The North had contended the exercises spoiled the atmosphere for cooperation.

Last October, the United States and North Korea signed an agreement requiring North Korea to freeze and eventually dismantle its feared nuclear program by 2003 in exchange for two modern reactors and economic and diplomatic benefits.

But a deadlock has developed over North Korea's refusal to receive those

replacement reactors from its southern capitalist rival. The North cites safety but is believed to be acting out of national pride.

U.S. and South Korean officials have warned that they would seek U.N. sanctions if North Korea continued to reject South Korean reactors, thus blocking the deal.

The Defense Ministry officials said the spring exercises had been planned before the nuclear dispute began to worsen in March, and stressed the need for South Korea to maintain a constant vigil against the hard-line communist North.

North Korea invaded its capitalist rival in 1950, starting a three-year war. Their border is the world's most heavily armed, with nearly 2 million troops

deployed on both sides.

Because the spring exercises are the first since Seoul regained peacetime operational control over its military from the United States last year, they have been expanded to include more offensive maneuvers and greater cooperation between the different branches of the armed forces, the officials said.

Simulations of amphibious landings under air cover and air assault training have been enlarged in scale, and training against chemical warfare, air raids and attack by sea will be included, they said.

Seoul gave up control over its 650,000-member military during the 1950-53 Korean War, when the United States led U.N. forces in the battle against the North.

## Thousands pass Selena's coffin

By MICHELLE KOIDIN

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) - Thousands of grieving fans filed slowly past the closed coffin of Tejano music queen Selena, two days after she was shot to death.

Mourners began lining up before dawn Sunday, waiting for the visitation to begin. By the afternoon, well over 10,000 had passed by the coffin, which rested on a stage amid two dozen arrangements of white roses at the city's Bayfront Plaza Convention Center.

Some fans crossed themselves, others shook their heads. Many wept. Two women sobbed so hysterically they had to be taken out in wheelchairs.

"She never turned anyone away. She always had time for everyone," fan Sylvia Rodriguez said of Selena. Selena Quintanilla Perez was killed Friday at a motel where she had gone to fire the founder of her fan club, who also ran a San Antonio boutique for her, police said.

The suspect, Yolanda Saldivar, was being held in lieu of \$100,000 bail on a murder charge.

The 23-year-old Grammy-winner was an idol to young Hispanic women, a Mexican-American version of Ma-

donna. But the bereaved passing her coffin Sunday ranged from young children to the elderly.

"I hope that this generation will follow her steps," said 66-year-old Efrain Guerrero, who lives near the middle-class Molina neighborhood where Selena grew up and lived.

"She did a lot of work for this community. She would talk about the necessity of education. She talked against drugs," he said. "She was a lady all the way."

Fans said they admired Selena because she broke ground in Tejano music: a mix of Mexican ranchera and German polka with pop, country and Caribbean influences.

Her followers praised her for serving as a role model for children. One neighbor said Selena invited neighborhood kids into her home and fed them.

"She was a great inspiration to young children, and that's who I feel most sad for," Lilia Pinon-Ortiz said. "She did a lot for the Hispanic community. She did a lot for our culture."

While many fans waited in line, others posed for group photos in front of the sign at the Days Inn motel where Selena was killed.

The motel sign read: "We'll miss you Selena."

## Gingrich for president? Happy April Fool's Day

MARIETTA, Georgia (AP) - Read all about it: "Newt Gingrich and Rush Limbaugh on the 1996 presidential ballot!"

April Fool's. The joke greeted readers of Saturday's Marietta Daily Journal, a suburban Atlanta newspaper in the Republican House of Representatives speaker's congressional district.

The front-page April Fool's Day prank said Gingrich decided to run after

meeting with futurist Alvin Toffler, whose work Gingrich often refers to in political speeches.

Talk show host Limbaugh was named the vice presidential candidate.

The prank article quoted an anonymous network pollster saying "we only poll Democrats. That's why Gingrich's numbers stay down."

"Wow!" the newspaper had Republican presidential hopeful Sen. Phil Gramm saying. "I'm shocked. Well,

my momma always said, 'If you're a pig, you've got to wallow in the mud.' I guess Newt decided it's time for him to get dirty."

Gingrich held up a copy of the edition for cameras after a speech Saturday and complimented the editors.

Not every Newt fan enjoyed the stunt.

"My mother was pretty bummed out," Gingrich said.

## Surveyed Asian immigrants find Australians to be lazy

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - One in two Asian immigrants surveyed in a new study regard Australians as lazy, too easygoing and unwilling to work.

The Australian newspaper said Monday the study sought the views of 200 Asian newcomers now living in Brisbane, the third largest city.

Identical surveys will be conducted in other cities before the end of the year, it said.

The Brisbane poll found that 78 percent of Asian immigrants

regard Australia's social welfare system, which includes payments for the unemployed, as too generous and a burden for the economy.

Two-thirds think labor costs are too high. Seventy-eight percent complain that taxes are too steep.

While 88 percent rank Australia as a safe country, 69 percent feel its legal system is too lenient on criminals.

Seventy-eight percent regard Australia as a free and open society but only 64 percent regard its standard of living as high.

About 66,500 Asians immigrated to Australia during the fiscal year 1993-1994, according to government statistics.

About 755,000 Asian-born people live in Australia which has a total population of 17.8 million.

## Former dissident defeated in HK poll

HONG KONG (AP) - Hong Kong's pro-democracy camp has won a bitter-sweet election victory.

Sunday's District Board election in the Kwai Tsing constituency was won by the Democrats, Hong Kong's strongest party, which champions Western-style freedoms and regularly outpolls the pro-China opposition.

But the loser, Lau San-ching, has an even greater claim to democratic credentials, having spent 10 years in a Chinese prison for promoting democracy there.

Lau became a cause celebre when he was barred from standing in colony-wide District Board elections last September, on the grounds that he failed the residency qualification because of his long absence from Hong Kong while in prison. Claiming he was being unfairly penalized for his pro-democracy campaigning, Lau won a court battle that forced a rerun of the Kwai Tsing election.

He lost by 732 votes to 1,231 for the Democratic Party incumbent, Wong Yiu-chung.

# \$19M needed for water pipes

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio was advised yesterday about the extent of Saipan's water emergency, especially the need for new water pipelines in over half of the villages.

The news came during the first meeting of the newly formed Water Emergency Task Force, created by the Governor pursuant to the State of Emergency declared for the island of Saipan last month.

Chaired by Timothy Villagomez, executive director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), the task force showed Governor Tenorio a detailed map that indicated at least 50 percent of the island's water pipes are asbestos cement or steel which has cracked and is wasting precious water that should be getting into the homes of island residents.

"Most of our water system is over 30 years old. It was allowed to deteriorate. Too much emphasis was placed on drilling salty wells instead of properly managing this precious resource. Now, thanks to the Governor, someone cares about helping our customers, and we see a lot of agencies



Timothy Villagomez

working together to solve the water problems," explained Chairman Villagomez.

The utility estimates that it will cost at least \$19 million to replace the pipelines.

Under the State of Emergency, Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding is made available. However, Governor Tenorio cautioned the group about that source of money saying, "As much as possible, I don't want to attach these projects to funds normally reserved for the islands of Rota or Tinian."

The Governor noted that alternate financing should be eval-

ated. The Governor also directed the Task Force to prepare information and reports for both the legislature and the public about the State of Emergency.

Although the community utility pumps 8 million gallons of water everyday, customers are not receiving the water due primarily to leaks within the distribution system and within the homes. Wasteful habits also contribute to millions of gallons of water loss everyday.

To combat these problems, the Task Force will address two goals: (1) improving the immediate supply of water; and (2) improving the long term quality of water.

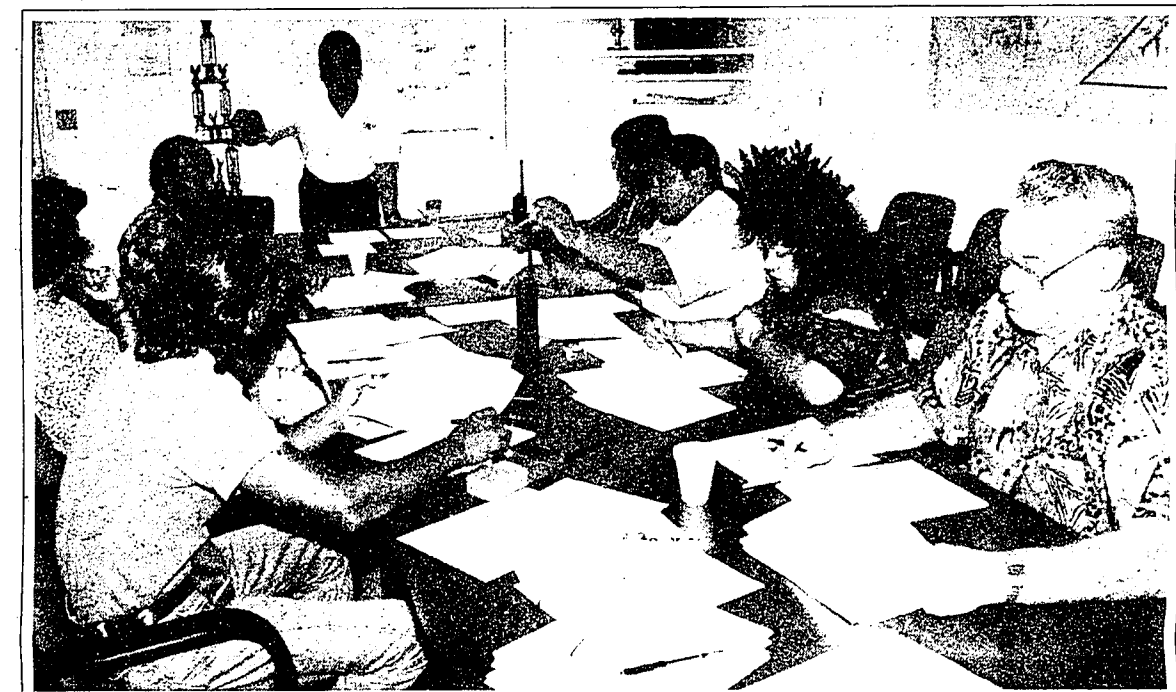
Immediate plans include:

- Advertise for and complete a Saipan Water Master Plan
- While the Master Plan will address pipeline replacement and long term quality water supplies for most of the island, the utility is now prepared to start construction on six (6) pipeline projects that were previously designed. The Task Force wants to pre-qualify reputable vendors through procurement procedures for these six projects.
- Allow the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to drill exploratory water wells on public land where their studies have shown that quality water may be available.
- Once acceptable water resources are secured, the utility

will take its saltier wells off production.

Water Conservation Programs will be increased. The Task Force is represented by CUC's Villagomez, the Acting Secretary of Public Works Ed Guerrero; Secretary of Finance Maria Cabrera; Commonwealth Development Authority Board Chairman Juan Tenorio; Special Assistant for Management and Budgeting Eli Cabrera; Special Assistant for Planning Evelyn Tenorio and the Governor's Legal Counsel, Ron Oestreich.

The Task Force will meet again as soon as members complete various assignments. A date has not yet been confirmed.



Fire Response Training CPA Fire Chief Stanley C. Torres Jr., goes over the details of the airport emergency plan with the various department heads at the Saipan International Airport Tuesday morning. Chief Torres recently update the emergency plan manual together with Executive Director Carlo A. Shoda. (CPA Photo)

## Court allows cameras in Inos' case hearing



Alexandra C. Castro

THE SUPERIOR Court will allow cameras and recording devices in the courtroom during the April 21 hearing of Rota Mayor Inos case against Governor Froilan Tenorio and other government officials at the Rota Roundhouse in Songsong Village.

Presiding Judge Alexandra C. Castro said yesterday the resolution of the hearing will affect the residents of Rota as well as the people of the Commonwealth as a whole.

Castro pointed out that the hearing will concern the relationship between the Commonwealth's local and central governments.

"In the court's view, these constitutional issues have created ex-

ceptional circumstances which merit the suspension of the general ban on "photographing, recording, and broadcasting" in the courtroom," according to the judge.

Inos sued the Tenorio last December on allegations that the governor usurped the mayor's powers to administer public services and government programs in Rota.

He asked the court to prevent Tenorio from carrying out his plans to decentralize control over his executive departments.

The mayor also asked the court to stop the further implementation of the directives and return the local government of Rota to the status quo.

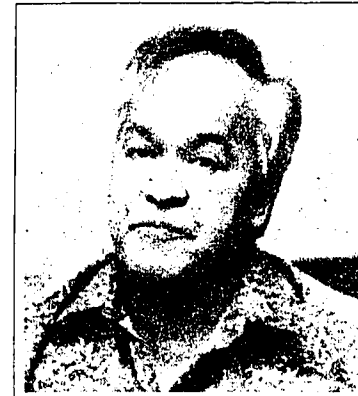
The court however ruled that Inos' petition did not "meet the stringent tests...for the granting of this kind of extraordinary, equitable relief and is therefore denied."

Recently, the court refused to stop Tenorio from implementing his directives which stripped the mayors of Rota and Tinian some constitutional authority.

Castro said the court did not find any showing that the Governor's actions concerning the two islands present a threat of irreparable harm. (FDT)



Mayor Joseph Inos



Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio

## Tinian airport lighting system gets energized

THE COMPLETION of the West Tinian Airport Lighting System is expected to have a dramatic impact on the economy of Tinian as the island is now on the cutting edge of major commercial projects.

It will also facilitate flight connections, encourage tourism growth, and accommodate medical needs, Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) Board Chairman Victor B. Hocog said in a news release.

"This new lighting system will bring a new dimension to the economic development potential for the Commonwealth in general, and for the municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan in particular," Tinian Mayor Herman M. Manglona said during dedication ceremony held last week Friday (Mar. 31).

He said the people of Tinian will greatly benefit from the new lighting system. "Now medical referrals take place in greater safety," he added.

Lieutenant Governor Jesus C. Borja praised the CPA Board of Directors, for the project.

"Thank you for turning on the lights," Borja said. "It should not go without being said that the Commonwealth, is once again, on the move."

Chairman Victor B. Hocog said

the completion of the Tinian airport lights is but one example where cooperation among government agencies works.

"The completion of this project shows that partnership approach works," Hocog pointed out. "The CPA, the FAA, the Tinian Legislative Delegation, the Mayor and Tinian Municipal Council, the Administration, and the contractor all joined efforts to make this project possible."

The CPA Board Chairman said the project was conceived more than 20 years ago when the Board first approached the FAA which was reluctant to give its approval due to the low number of air traffic to and from Tinian.

He said the Board and CPA management made the project a top priority and continued pleading with the FAA, until two years ago when the project was finally approved.

"We are very hopeful that with this vital and most needed facility having been installed, the people of Tinian can now expect different business opportunities that will be coming in as flight schedules are expected to increase," Chairman Hocog said.

Mayor Manglona thanked the pilots who have been flying the night-

time medivacs for years with nothing more than the headlights of a couple of pickup trucks to guide them into Tinian Airport. They are Emmett Kay, Captain Brandenburg, Lee Mick, Glen Seglem, Irving Borden, John Patterson, Thor Knutsen and Kevin McQuiston, to name a few.

The West Tinian Airfield is currently being utilized by commuter airline companies, Freedom Air and Pacific Island Aviation.

Continental Air Micronesia used to land at the same airfield, utilizing a Boeing 727-100 aircraft before pulling out in the early 1970s.

The project include lights on the runway, taxiway, apron, and flood lights for the apron. It is an automatic system allowing pilots approaching the runway to energize the lights from the cockpit.

The project was designed by Efrain F. Camacho Consulting Engineers, and built by AIC Marianas Inc., of Guam. The construction management contract was given to Henry K. Pangelinan and Associates of Saipan.

The total cost of the project, which was funded jointly by the FAA and CPA, was \$579,000.

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## Debate on weak or strong central government

AFTER twenty years of self-government, the question of whether we should have a strong central government has been tossed intermittently into the calm waters of political harmony or thrown into the whirlwind of a vicious power struggle as in the case of the ongoing feud between the Administration and the Rota Mayor's Office.

At issue is the question of who has authority over resident department heads on Rota. Is it the Office of the Governor or the Office of the Mayors?

Article III, Section 15 of the NMI Constitution, provided for an enabling legislation for the establishment of executive departments. These departments fall under the Office of the Governor. Logically, this constitutional provision favors a strong central government.

Constitutional Amendment 25, however, attempts to decentralize government but failed to clearly delineate who controls resident department heads. It only adds to an already confused situation, fueled by greed at the lower level of government to cling to a suspect legal authority rightly the purview of the central government.

Logic dictates that the fact that the chief executive appoints his department heads, who in turn appoint their resident department heads, naturally leaves the authority in question under the Office of the Governor. Obviously, resident department heads are mindful of who appointed them to their posts who serve at their pleasure. The question of who do they answer to is academic. How can any reasonable person work in an office where he must faithfully answer to the whims of two masters?

I would surmise that the intrusion of the Mayor's Office in the affairs of resident departments boils down to one of unwarranted interference and disruption in the diligent delivery of public services to the community. The feud, therefore, is a senseless and pointless wrangling over an authority that really rests with a strong central government.

Historically, authority over resident department heads has been granted on a political basis when the Governor and Mayors are on the same party banner or are in harmony. Other than that this authority rests with the Office of the Governor. Thus, it is an issue that has suffered clarity in that it is highly political, its delegation or withdrawal, contingent upon the political mood of the season.

The establishment of the Governor's Representative on both islands should be a clear indication to the mayors that the chief executive wishes to retain control over his resident department heads. They should have gracefully yielded this authority without resorting to costly and time consuming litigations. A step in this direction would have cleared the air for resident department heads who have suffered the indignities of having to wear two hats everyday. It's too trivial an issue to turn into a mountain. Mind you, the losers in this protracted legal feud are the people of the two islands.

This feud brings into focus an even more vital question in the conduct of self-government: Are we ready to handle decentralization of the central government? Hidden in the rash of semi-autonomous agencies—constitutional or statutory creatures—is the lack of confidence and clear collective definition of what we want insofar as the authority of the central government is concerned. We've vacillated in the use of both terms. In other words, we employ one or the other to meet a specific convenience. Not only do we want our cake, but we want to eat it too!

Decentralization is a good concept in the depoliticization of certain government functions. However, it must be accompanied by political maturity. It must also be accompanied by a cadre of good political leaders capable of sailing the rough seas of tough and difficult times. Although we have a few good political leaders, we have yet to attain collective political maturity. We have yet to clearly understand and distinguish between "doing the right things" and "doing things right". Most of our policy deliberations have been premised on the latter. It is a tale of our political incipency and the obvious need to grow up. And grow up we must do so we can put our house in order.

I do understand that political maturity involves a process. It is a lengthy and arduous process and there's no short cuts to it. We must earn our cuts and bruises in strengthening self-government. This is no easy task though nothing can stop us from exerting reasonable efforts to refining policies that are conducive to making paradise nothing less than just that—paradise.



JACK ANDERSON and MICHAEL BINSTEIN

## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Quayle cautiously supports Lugar

WASHINGTON—After weeks of trying to contact former Vice President Dan Quayle, Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., thinks he finally got the message he was seeking: Quayle endorsed his candidacy last week for the 1996 Republican presidential nomination. "I've always supported Dick Lugar," Quayle told the News-Dispatch of Michigan City, Ind. "I think he'll do better than people think. He'll beat the so-called Washington expectations." Lugar told us that Quayle's endorsement wasn't on his short-term list of expectations: "I've left messages for him on his voice recorder at home. Just this morning these news reports came across my desk.... In truthfulness I have not really had a definitive conversation about this (with Quayle) in the last three weeks." As of Friday, friction was developing between the two Hoosiers over whether there had even been a "formal endorsement." "Maybe the senator should try to call the vice president," a Quayle spokeswoman said. Until recently, Quayle privately appeared to be favoring Lugar's main rival, Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole, R-Kan.

Quayle told intimates admires Dole, values his experience and places a premium on keeping peace in the GOP. He talked about settling the nomination with little bloodshed and before the first primary. According to sources, Quayle marvels at the ability of former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander to Position himself as an "outsider" in contrast with Dole's insider persona. Quayle also told a source that Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, the high-octane conservative in the race, is vastly overestimating his ability to raise a \$25 million war chest. Notwithstanding these jibes, Quayle views himself as a "unifying force in the party," and was "very intrigued with the fact that it might be possible for the (GOP) to get behind a candidate before the Democrats get behind theirs," said one source with whom Quayle has consulted. "Dole has an insurmountable lead and it's his year. As opposed to having a nasty fight, let's get on with it." When he announced he would not seek the presidential nomination, Quayle indicated that the decision was influenced by family values and the grind of fund raising. Privately, Quayle revealed that his wife, Marilyn—who has been depicted as being more politically driven than her husband—favored the race. His two grown

sons were strongly opposed. "For all I preach family values, I've made them subservient to national elections," Quayle has remarked. He has made clear during recent meetings that he regards a presidential run as a matter of timing only, noting that he won't be Dole's age for another five more presidential elections. An early test of his political strength might be whether Quayle has any coattails with the cultural conservatives for whom he has become a champion. Political sage Charles Cook doesn't believe a Quayle endorsement rates among the top 15 that a presidential candidate should covet. After Quayle withdrew from the race, Christian Coalition leader Ralph Reed described the situation as "the political equivalent of a jump ball at the buzzer. Whoever jumps the highest and reaches the farthest for the pro-family vote likely will be standing behind the podium (at the Republican National Convention) in San Diego, accepting the presidential nomination of the Republican Party." Since foreign policy and farm subsidies have been Lugar's focal point in the Senate, it's likely Reed will not be playing ball with Lugar.

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DOG DAYS—Former Kansas Rep. Dan Glickman's dog was almost sworn in at the Agriculture Department before his master. Glickman's nomination to be the next agriculture secretary had been on hold for months because the FBI spent an unusually long time sniffing into his background. But Glickman's beagle Reuben, was on track to become an honorary member of USDA's "Beagle Brigade" at a ceremony on Wednesday. The brigade detects prohibited fruits, plants and meats—which can carry foreign pests and diseases—at U.S. International airports. But Reuben's nomination ran into some problems of its own last week when the senior Glickman was apparently found to be cleaner than a hound's tooth. A USDA official told us Glickman's schedule had to be cleared of ceremonial events—including the event celebrating the brigade's 10th anniversary—in order to prepare for his upcoming confirmation hearings. Now that his master will be the top dog at USDA, however Reuben will eventually have his day. Meanwhile, Glickman and Reuben have avoided a bone of contention.

By Rafael H. Arroyo  
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THE US State Department has exhorted the CNMI Government to maintain direct contacts with the Philippine Government to address issues of mutual concerns.

This was learned in a March 30 letter to Governor Froilan C. Tenorio from Assistant Secretary of State Winston Lord who also stated the Department's support to efforts to address labor and immigration problems in the CNMI.

"The Department is eager to see a resolution of allegations of abuse of foreign workers in the Commonwealth. To that end, we have been working with the US Departments of Interior, Justice, and Labor in an effort to assist your government to improve the enforcement of immigration and labor laws. You may be assured that the Department of State will continue to contribute to that effort," Lord assured the governor.

Lord's letter came in response to a

## WSR holds staff development day

WILLIAM S. Reyes Elementary School held its 2nd Annual Staff Professional Development Day along with a parental involvement workshop at the Pacific Islands Club yesterday.

A total of 58 WSR teachers learned more about the better ways of teaching techniques from Jackie Quitugua, Public School System Science/Health/Drug-Free coordinator, and Dominique Buckley, PSS assessment coordinator.

On the other hand, close to 40 parents gathered at PIC's Magellan room and listened to presenter Miguel Valenciano from Interface Network in Oregon.

Valenciano discussed the importance of quality village schools.

According to Dino Taitano, WSR vice principal for Instruction, the program is an annual school affair but yesterday was the first time when they included the parents.

WSR Principal Cynthia T. San

Nicolas and the school administration staff invited the parents in order for them to know more about Year Round Education concept.

"This is a good way to let our parents come in and learn more about Year Round Education...when it's turn for us to implement YRE they will not get surprised," Taitano said.

He underscored the importance of Valenciano's presentation about building quality village schools considering that PSS has adopted School Community Based Management.

"It's a way of getting parents involved in school activities," Taitano said referring to the SCBM.

He added that the annual staff professional development program is needed because in the next school year teachers are asked to be self-sustained.

By saying self-contained, Taitano added, 4th, 5th and 6th grade mentors should teach all subjects instead of a certain area only. (FDT)

PARENTS of Marianas High School Students are advised that evaluation for all incoming students are being conducted at the MHS Cafeteria on the following dates:  
April 3-5, Incoming Seniors (regular classes)  
April 10-12, Intercession Dates (no regular classes)  
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April 11 Ms. Mangum  
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April 17-18, Incoming Juniors/April 19-21, Incoming Sophomores

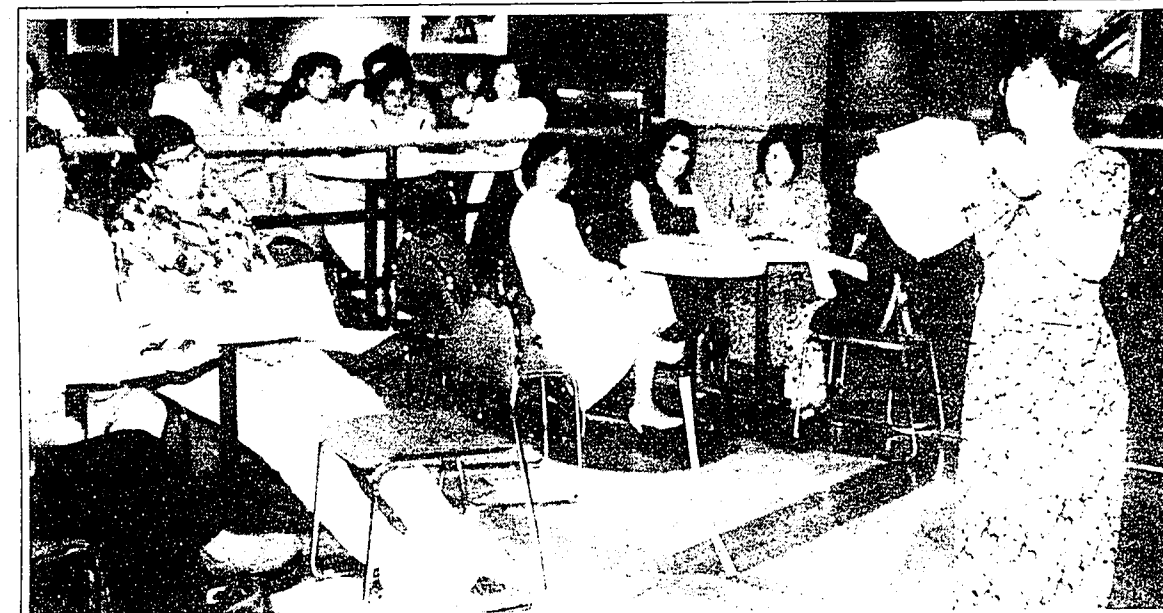
circular diplomatic note, foreign governments are required to provide advance notice to the Department of State of visits by foreign officials to secure testimony.

Nevertheless, Lord said the State Department is of the belief that direct

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According to the release, April 10-12 will be used for remediation and/or enrichment classes for specific students.  
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contacts between the CNMI and Philippine Governments could be a useful means of addressing issues of common concern.

"We stand ready to facilitate those contacts to the extent possible," said Lord.



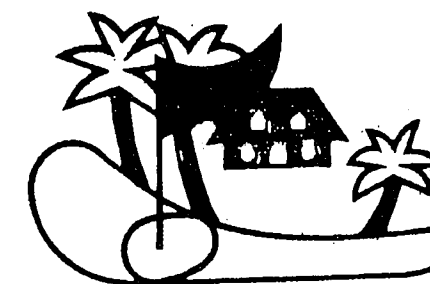
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# Marshalls biggest firm forced out

**By Giff Johnson**  
MAJURO - The largest private business in the Marshall Islands shut down several of its stores valued at a more than \$6 million after a group of landowners forcibly closed one store and ignored a court order to halt their protest.

Robert Reimers Enterprises (RRE) let go of half its Ebeye Island workforce of 130 employ-

ees this week, and expects to move out of Ebeye completely within 90 days, according to company officials. Ebeye is the second largest urban community in the Marshalls; Reimers' home base is in the capital, Majuro, where it still maintains retail, wholesale, shipping, hotel, car dealership, and other business interests.

The blockade of the Remiers'

Ace Hardware store by Ebeye landowners, and the refusal of landowners to comply with a High Court order let RRE to make the decision to pull out of Ebeye altogether, chief executive officer Ramsey Reimers said.

RRE officials this week started a "liquidation sale" at their Ebeye store, with many items on sale at greatly reduced prices. "They

(landowners) want us to move out, so we're leaving," Reimers said. "With this kind of interference, it will cost too much to stay."

Reimers said that on the property in question, the company has a lease good for 60 years. Even the landowners acknowledged the lease, but said they wanted their land back.

In response to a request by Reimers either to buy out RRE's inventory or give the company time to sell it off, paramount chief and Senator Imata Kabua - who is leading the action against RRE - said that he was prepared to negotiate an agreement with RRE to allow the company to phase out of its operations at Ebeye.

Kauba said that he asked his attorney, David Lowe, to come to Ebeye "as soon as possible" for this purpose and added: "I am prepared to participate in the negotiations of such an agreement."

RRE's forced pullout is sending shockwaves through the Ebeye community, where about 10,000 people live. The company estimated its annual payroll at about \$500,000 and local and national government taxes, licenses and related fees contributed more than \$1.5 million to the govern-

ment.

The move isn't going to be smooth for RRE, Reimers said. In the short term, the company will lose money but in the long term it can invest its money where it can do business without interference, he said.

After receiving an initial temporary restraining order from the High Court, which the landowners ignored, RRE did not pursue more court orders because "we didn't want to increase the hostility at Ebeye," Reimers said. However, Reimers wrote to attorney general Gerald Zackios this week stating that "we have not abandoned our claim to either the lease or building, and believe this (Ace) building should remain unoccupied until the entire matter is settled."

Reimers said that on Saturday, RRE staff locked the Ace building. At about 3 p.m. that same day, "certain individuals on Ebeye broke the lock off the door and entered the building. Such individuals were then observed cleaning the inside of the building, presumably to make it ready for habitation."

Reimers said he believes these actions were illegal because RRE has a valid lease on the property.

## Solomons welcomes plutonium shipment

THE SOLOMON Islands government has decided that the British ship carrying nuclear waste from France to Japan can pass through its territorial waters, Radio Australia reported Sunday.

The Pacific Pintail, with a cargo of 14 tons of plutonium, is crossing the Pacific Ocean by a secret route, sparking protests from a number of island nations.

The Solomons' government has issued a statement saying it doesn't mind if the ship passes through its waters because the plutonium will be used for peace-

ful purposes.

But the environmental organization, Greenpeace has responded angrily to the stand taken by the Solomon Islands government.

The Honiara-based Greenpeace campaigner, Philip Pupuka, says the Solomon Islands government must be urged to retract its decision.

Pupuka says he can't understand why the government is prepared to expose Solomon Islands to a potential accident which could affect its environment for many years to come....Pacnews

## Britain mulls funds cut to South Pacific

BRITAIN is considering further cutbacks in its aid programme to the South Pacific, the Fiji Times reported Monday.

A government review team currently in Fiji will soon make recommendations to British ministers on whether to cut regional aid programme and reduce direct bilateral assistance to the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Kiribati.

The Fiji Times quoted sources as saying economic pressures at home meant Britain felt it had no option but to make worldwide cuts to bilateral aid.

Britain is also facing mounting demands to channel its aid through the European Union (EU), and growing questions about the relevance of its aid to the Pacific.

The review follows Britain's 1990 decision to phase out its membership of the South Pacific Commission (SPC), although it continues to fund SPC aid projects.

Ironically, the review to cut aid comes just as the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Kenneth Clarke announced that Britain had its best trading performance in nine years.

In the 12 months to December 1994, it virtually wiped out its balance payments deficit of 18-point-8-billion US dollars, cutting it down to just 269-million US dollars. For the last three months of 1994 the figure was 990-million US dollars in the black....Pacnews

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# Woman pleads guilty in INO case

**By Ferdie de la Torre**  
Variety News Staff

A WOMAN who is facing the first immigration fraud case in the CNMI, has been ordered deported from the Commonwealth as part of her sentence for voluntarily pleading guilty to the charges.

Teresita Villena Torio was sentenced yesterday morning to two and a half years in prison, but the jail term was suspended by the Superior Court as stipulated in a plea agreement reached between the Attorney General's Office and the Public Defender's Office.

Presiding Judge Alex Castro handed down the sentence after accepting the terms of the plea agreement. The judge instructed the defendant of her constitutional rights.

After asking a number of questions, Castro found that the change of plea was made voluntarily and without coercion.

Torio, a citizen of the Republic of the Philippines, has been charged with two counts of immigration fraud stemming from her actions last year which allegedly violated the new immigration law.

Prosecutor Russell E. Marsh and Assistant Public Defender Ted Christopher negotiated for a settlement in the case. Part of the agreement was the dismissal of one of two counts of fraud.

Torio admitted the charges, saying she received wrong information from a friend based on Saipan that she could use a false name in entering the CNMI in order to find work as a tourist.

She likewise admitted using a fictitious name when she applied for an extension of her tourist visa with the labor department.

"On or about October 9, 1994, Torio upon entry and when applying for an entry permit to enter the Commonwealth, did falsely state, use or give an assumed or fictitious name without disclosing her true identity and did knowingly present upon entry an application or other documents containing such false information," the government said in a complaint.

The defendant used the name Susan Camba Mejia in entering the Commonwealth and in applying for an extension of her tourist permit.

Castro handed a suspended sentence on certain conditions that Torio must comply with.

The defendant must obey all laws of the Commonwealth and the United States. She was asked to provide a copy of her plane ticket to the AG prior to her departure in three weeks.

The court will not allow her to come back to CNMI during the period of the suspended sentence.

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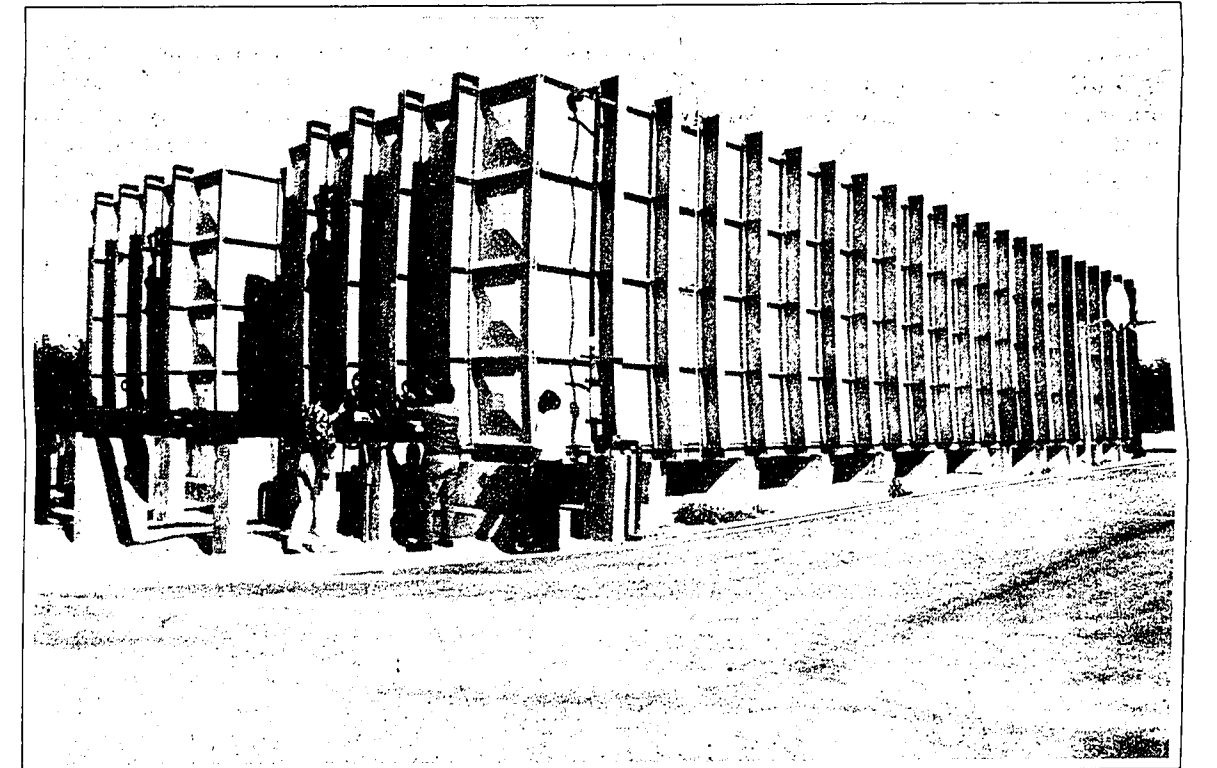
The defendant was ordered to do 40 hours community work service to be completed on or before April 19, 1995.

Torio was the first person to be charged under Public Law 9-5 which gives the Immigration and Naturalization Office greater enforcement powers.

The new statute makes it a crime to use false statements or use fictitious names in obtaining any documents such as entry and work permits from the Department of Labor and Immigration.

The statute also penalizes individuals who hire illegal aliens as well as foreign nationals who work without permits.

Three other persons, Cao Qing, Li Quon Yu and Tang De Fend, were convicted recently for pleading guilty to immigration fraud, a much tougher measure which took effect last year amidst concerns on fraudulent business practices and an increasing number of illegal aliens in the CNMI.



CPA employees inspect the two new 100,000 gallon water tanks near the fire station building at the Saipan International Airport. The building and water tanks were recently completed and turned over by Black Micro to CPA.

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justified.  
Then came the request from Saipan Congressman Benjamin A. Sablan for his help on how to iron out the situation.

"My mission here is to talk with Filipino workers here and find out if employers here are really that bad. I just want to do what I can to bring out the truth on this matter as a ban is indeed a very serious and drastic move," said Revilla.

"I want to correct any error or misconception committed in our assessment of the labor situation. I want to know first hand," he added.

According to the Philippine senator, a ban on workers does not benefit anyone in as much as the Philippines

needs more employment destinations for its workers. On the other hand, he said the CNMI is also in need of a big labor pool to sustain its burgeoning economy.

"If ever there would be an exodus of workers, everything here would be on a standstill. This will be a very big problem not only for the CNMI but also for the RP government. I do not know what alternative the President will have, as that would double the problem we already had with Singapore," said Revilla, apparently referring to the repatriation of more than 25,000 workers from the Asian nation as a result of the Contemplation case.

According to Revilla, the furor created by the hanging of Filipina maid Flor Contemplacion in Singapore may have spurred the need for the Philip-

pine Government to take action against the CNMI.

"Right now, attention of our people is focused on the Contemplacion case and the welfare of our OCWs. The issue still being fresh in the people's minds may have had a bearing on the CNMI ban," said the RP senator.

Asked what he would do to help resolve the issue of a worker ban and labor abuse, Revilla said he plans on going directly to President Ramos for a possible reconsideration of such an action, the Senate being in recess.

"I am going to submit my report to the President, talk to him in person and explain my view of the situation here," he added.

The senator said he also plans to call on Labor Secretary Nieves Confesor to discuss the matter along with CNMI officials.

## Pre-Concon...

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nor.  
"Unless the members desire otherwise, I will place the election of a chairperson first on the order of business. Once you elect a chairperson, I will relinquish the gavel to him or her and step down," said the chief executive.

Under Public Law 9-18, the law that established the Third Concon, the governor is tasked to convene the committee by early April.

The committee, to be composed of five Saipan delegates and two each from Rota and Tinian, has to be convened by the governor by April 4,

1995. The Convention itself has to be convened between May 6 and June 5, according to the law.

Under Public Law 9-18, the pre-convention committee has the following tasks:

- determine the date for convening the Convention;
- draft proposed rules of procedure for the Convention;
- ensure that the Convention has the necessary accommodations, facilities, equipment, and staff support and has everything arranged and in proper order; and
- do such other things as are necessary and appropriate to prepare for and facilitate the work of the Convention.

## Autopsy...

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the vicinity of Forbidden Island in Kagman III Thursday afternoon where the vehicle, a sedan, was found abandoned by the road.

Hua's body was later found in the vicinity, police said.

Last February 13, three male juveniles created disturbance at Ming Hua Market by throwing rocks at a sign board of the store.

One of the three was arrested for also showing his sex organ to a woman. Police report showed that when the juveniles entered the store, the arrestee exposed his sex organ to a woman and shouted profanity words.

The third boy then grabbed a butane gas from the store and left without paying it.

Addiction Specialist Joseph Kevin Villagomez earlier, has expressed alarm over the alleged increasing inhalant abuse through butane gas among kids on Saipan, which he described as "deadly serious."

It was not indicated in the police report that the kids involved in the February Ming Hua store incident were inhalant abusers.

# Chelsea Clinton plays role as junior diplomat

By NANCY BENAC  
DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—Spring break is turning into an international coming-out party for 15-year-old Chelsea Clinton.

The only child of Bill and Hillary Clinton, protectively shielded from the spotlight at home, is emerging as a poised junior diplomat on her mother's tour of the Indian subcontinent.

Photos beamed home from the other side of the world show her side by side with her mother in every setting from the top of an elephant to opulent official dinners, clearly fascinated at all she is seeing.

Her wonderment comes through in the questions she asks and the careful eye with which she studies her surroundings.

Visiting Mother Teresa's orphanage in New Delhi, India, Chelsea quietly questioned the nuns about adoption procedures before expertly cuddling a baby in front of the cameras.

Touring the splendor of the pearl-white Taj Mahal, she described the building as "the embodiment of the fairy-tale palace" of her younger days.

"I would see pictures of it and I would dream I was a princess or whatever," she recalled, "and now that I am here it's spectacular."

Visiting the sprawling Faisal Mosque in Islamabad, Pakistan, it was Chelsea who asked the most detailed questions.

Having studied Islam in history class at school, she engaged one of the scholars one-on-one while her mother conversed with another guide. And when White House aides working on a speech needed to double-check a reference in the Koran, it was Chelsea who readily produced one she had brought from home.

The first daughter sometimes breaks off on her own - security guards in tow - to explore these exotic Asian settings at her own pace. She headed off on an elephant Sunday morning

while her mother went hiking. More often than not, though, she has elected to accompany her mother from one official event to the next, to the delight of their hosts.

At the Self-Employed Women's Association in Ahmadabad, India, organizers of the trade group introduced Chelsea to great applause as a potential future member of SEWA.

At the Islamabad College for Girls, adoring teen-age girls gathered around her in their outdoor cantina while the first lady chatted with school officials elsewhere.

The worldwide exposure is an abrupt change of pace for a ninth-grader who attends private school and has been surprisingly protected from the spotlight during the first two

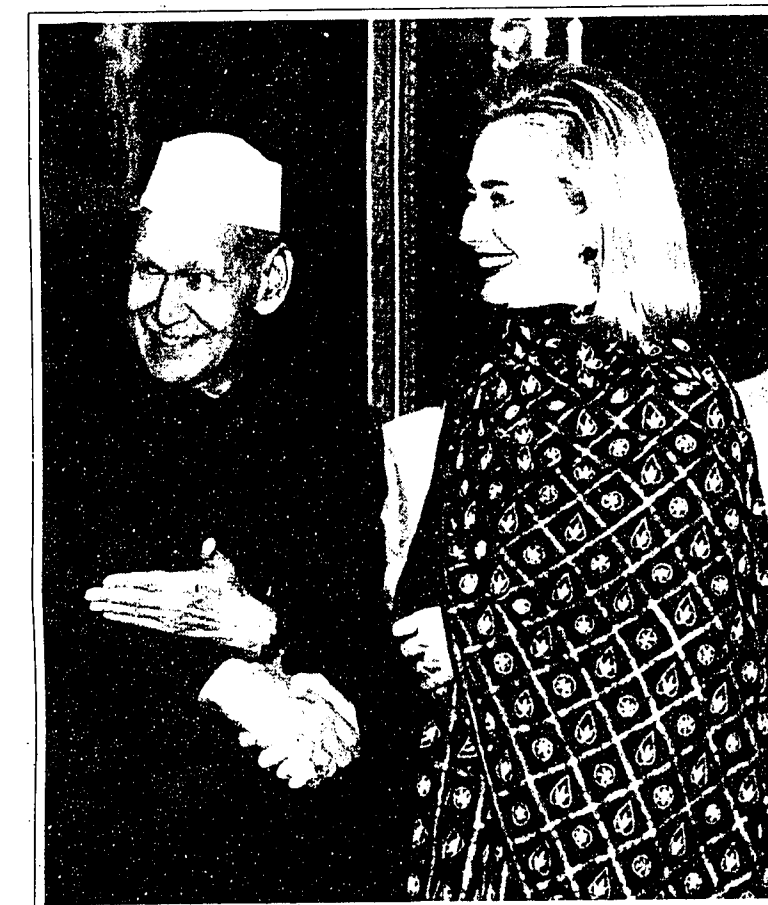
years of her father's presidency.

The Clintons made it clear even before the inauguration that they were anxious to give Chelsea a "normal" teen-age upbringing, and they rarely involve her in public appearances.

Such sensitivities are clearly evident, even as mother and daughter make this very high-profile march across South Asia.

Reporters had to dicker with White House aides over whether Chelsea's remarks about the Taj Mahal could be quoted - the aides finally relented.

And when TV correspondents asked if Chelsea could repeat her observations about the Taj Mahal on camera, Mrs. Clinton abruptly steered her daughter elsewhere and insisted, "No, no."



First Lady Hillary Clinton meets with the President of India, Shankar Dayal Sharma, at the Presidential Palace in New Delhi, Tuesday, March 28, 1995 (AP Photo)

# 43 passengers hurt as jet catches fire

NEW YORK (AP)—The tail engine of an American Airlines jet bound for Santo Domingo caught fire before takeoff at Kennedy Airport, forcing the evacuation of 108 passengers and crew members. Forty-three people were injured sliding down emergency chutes, authorities said.

The cause of the Sunday morning fire on the MD-11 wasn't immediately known.

Thirty of the injured were taken to hospitals, said Port Authority spokesman Tom Middlemiss. The most serious injury was a broken leg.

"There was some panic," Sgt. Joseph Juliano of the Port Authority police, who caught evacuees under the left forward door, told The New York Times. "People started to freeze in front of the chute. A lot of them were screaming and crying, mothers clinging to young children. We were shouting, 'Slow down, calm down,'

and catching all the people we could."

The fire broke out shortly before 9:20 a.m. in one of three engines on the plane, Flight 719. It was extinguished quickly and smoke never got into the cabin, said Officer Steven Pambello.

The fire started as the plane headed

toward a runway to take off.

"The plane taxied out and the crew had an engine fire warning light," American Airlines spokesman Don Bedwell said. "There was at least some smoke in the engine." He said there was no indication of damage to the rest of the plane.

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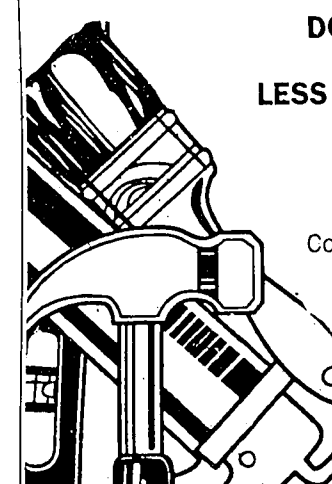
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# Police seek Doomsday Cult chemist

By ERIC TALMADGE

TOKYO (AP) - A leading member of a doomsday cult suspected of making the nerve gas sarin ended two weeks of silence Monday, saying his group had nothing to do with the toxic gas that spread death and terror on Tokyo's subways.

Hideo Murai, who was in charge of the tons of potentially deadly

chemicals that have been seized from the Aum Shinri Kyo's main commune at the foot of Mount Fuji, said the cult had neither the ingredients nor the equipment to make the gas.

"I assure you that it could not have been produced with the chemicals available at the Aum facility, which I designed and built," Murai, a trained astrophys-

cist, said in a televised interview. Murai was referring to a maze-like building at the commune where police found what appeared to be a chemistry laboratory hidden behind a giant relief of Shiva, the Hindu god of creation and destruction.

News reports say police have found sarin residue inside a ventilation duct at the facility.

Murai's interview came as police investigating the March 20 gas attack were reportedly seeking the cult's founder, Shoko Asahara, and some 30 members of its "Science Ministry" for questioning.

NHK, the public television network that broadcast the interview, refused to say where or when it took place. It was unclear whether police know where Murai is.

Japan's Parliament, meanwhile, opened a special session aimed at easing fears that have gripped Japan since the attack on the subways and the near-fatal shooting last week of Japan's top police official.

"We were proud of the fact that wherever in the world one went there was no country as safe (as Japan)," Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama told the lawmakers.

"In order to restore our honor we must bring the criminals in these cases to justice and absolutely prevent a recurrence."

Police believe both attacks were carefully planned, and have called them a brazen challenge to the government's authority. Anonymous threats warning of more violence have been made to Japanese media.

Although no arrests have been made in either crime and no one has claimed responsibility, police have mobilized thousands of officers in their investigation of Aum Shinri Kyo, which means Supreme Truth. The cult has denied involvement in either attack.

On Sunday night, however, an anonymous caller claiming to be an Aum Shinri Kyo member threatened a farmer who lives near the cult's main commune at the foot of Mount Fuji, a town official said Monday.

Farmer Seichi Takeuchi, who

is vice chairman of a local group opposing the cult, was told, "Watch out. We'll kill you."

The cult has disavowed responsibility for similar previous calls.

Police, meanwhile, appeared to have finished the bulk of their searches at the cult's commune. After nearly two weeks, they have uncovered tons of chemicals and sophisticated equipment that they claim could be used to produce sarin.

Police have also reported finding evidence linking the cult to production of biological weapons, and on Sunday a Japanese newspaper said documents about uranium enrichment were found in the car of one cult member.

Police were interrogating the follower, who was arrested after a car chase three days after the subway attack.

Most of the top members of Aum Shinri Kyo, including Asahara, have not been seen in public since the subway attack. Asahara has, however, denied involvement in two taped messages.

Murai, who appeared in television in the cult's trademark pyjama-like garb, is head of Aum's Science Ministry, part of a mini-government the cult created as part of its preparations for a world war it expects to erupt in 1997.

According to the cult's lawyer, Yoshinobu Aoyama, the Science Ministry has as many 200 members.

But Aoyama said the ministry's main function was to find scientific evidence supporting the beneficial effects of meditation and explaining other religious phenomena.

He and other cult members have said the chemicals were used mainly to make insecticides and ceramics.

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# US wants Russia-Iran nuclear deal off

By ROBERT BURNS

MOSCOW (AP) - U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry is making a renewed effort to persuade Russia not to go ahead with a planned sale of nuclear reactors to Iran.

Perry was meeting Monday with Gen. Pavel Grachev, the Russian defense minister, and other government officials to discuss a range of security issues, including the sensitive subject of U.S. objections to the Iran nuclear deal.

"I don't think I'm seeing a bogeyman there. I think it's a real threat," Perry said in an interview Sunday

with reporters traveling with him.

The United States contends Iran is clandestinely pursuing a nuclear weapons program, although the Iranian government insists its nuclear program is strictly civilian.

Russia stands to earn more than \$1 billion in hard currency from the sale. There is a strong feeling in Moscow that Washington's objections are rooted in a desire to stop Russia from regaining a foothold in the Middle Eastern marketplace.

The Russians also point to the U.S.-brokered deal to sell modern nuclear reactors to North Korea. They see no

reason to trust North Korea more than Iran.

The Clinton administration has taken the unusual step of providing Russian officials with American intelligence on Iran in the hope of persuading them to drop the sale. The New York Times reported in Monday's editions.

American officials said the written intelligence report shows that Iran has a crash program to build nuclear weapons that would be accelerated by its deal with Russia. The report also shows that Iran is importing equipment needed to build nuclear weapons, has sought to buy enriched uranium from former Soviet republics and is using the same smuggling techniques that Iraq and Pakistan used in their efforts to build a nuclear bomb, the newspaper said.

It also said the administration has offered to compensate Russia with tens of millions of dollars for nuclear cooperation projects if it drops the project before President Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin meet May 9 in Moscow.

In response to questions from reporters Sunday, Perry said he did not want the Iran controversy to interfere with Clinton administration efforts to help convert Russian defense industries to civilian use.

"We cannot put programs which

are very, very important to us as hostages every time we have a disagreement with Russia," Perry said.

Perry said that in his discussions Monday he planned to stress to the Russians the Clinton administration's concern that selling Iran modern reactors could lead to a nuclear threat not only to the Middle East but also to Russia and America.

Perry said he would attempt to "explain in some technical detail" why the administration sees a real security threat in Iran obtaining Russian nuclear technology. He hinted that he doubted his arguments would have much sway.

"It's also clear that they have strong economic pressures to sell that reactor package, he said.

Perry said his agenda Monday included the fighting in the breakaway Chechnya region, Russia's ties to NATO, the prospects for ratification of the START II arms reduction treaty and preparations for Clinton's visit here in May.

Also on Sunday, Perry visited the Istok defense plant outside Moscow to review progress on a joint U.S.-Russian project to convert part of the plant from producing electronic warfare devices to making hearing aids for commercial sale.

The Pentagon has targeted Istok as one of its highest priorities for defense conversion, because of the nature of

Istok's defense work, which included highly sophisticated radar tracking and jamming and other electronic warfare technologies meant to defeat U.S. aircraft.

The Istok conversion project began with \$5.7 million in Pentagon assistance through the Nunn-Lugar program authorized by Congress. A.U.S. company, Great Union International, hopes to work with Istok to make hearing aids. Perry was told during his plant visit that the Istok-Great Union partnership is considering expanding into other fields, including computer software development and wireless telecommunications.

"Istok shows what can be done" in making viable commercial enterprises out of formerly state-run defense industries, Perry said. "Its success shows other U.S. businesses what can be done here in Russia."

Perry brought with him to Russia 10 chief executives from U.S. corporations who are looking for potential business partnerships with Russian defense industries.

On Sunday afternoon Perry was given a guided tour of Moscow's ornate Victory Museum at Poklonnaya Hill, which is being built as a monument to the millions of Russians killed in World War II and to the allied defeat of Nazi Germany.

## Two major drug lords extradited to the US

By GREG MYRE

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - Two of Pakistan's most notorious drug lords have been extradited to the United States where they will face prosecution for heroin smuggling, U.S. officials said Monday.

Iqbal Baig and Anwar Khattak were put on a plane for the United States on Sunday evening only hours after their appeals against extradition were turned down by the High Court in Rawalpindi, the city adjacent to Islamabad, the capital.

"They're gone," Jack McCreary, a spokesman for the U.S. Information Service in Islamabad said Monday morning. McCreary said he didn't know when they would arrive or what city they were headed to.

Baig and Khattak are considered two of Pakistan's biggest drug barons. They have been convicted of drug trafficking in Pakistan and have been in custody for years. Their extradition appeared timed to precede Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's visit to the United States, which begins Wednesday.

The United States has called on Pakistan to crackdown on drug trafficking, and Ms. Bhutto has said she will be seeking U.S. help to combat the drug smuggling and terrorism that plague her country. The extraditions are likely to win her support from U.S. officials.

Baig and Khattak are two of the drug traffickers most wanted by the United States, which provided Pakistan with a list of 17 suspected drug barons in 1993. Several were extradited in 1993 and most of the others are in custody in Pakistan.

Sunday's court ruling involved nine jailed suspects trying to avoid extradition to the United States. Several more may soon follow Baig and Khattak to the United States, Pakistani officials have said.

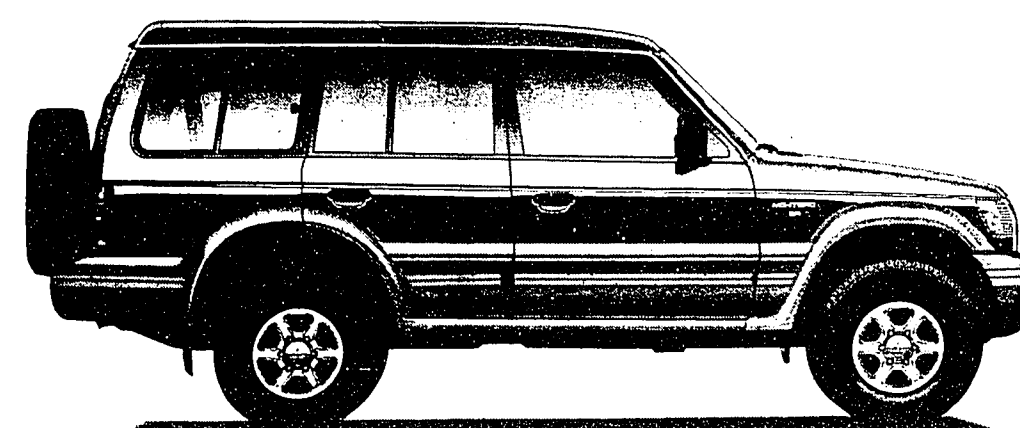
Iran join smuggling country in recent years.

Most of the opium needed to make heroin is grown in neighboring Afghanistan, where law and order has collapsed during the country's 16 years of war. The opium is transported to western Pakistan, where it is refined into heroin and shipped on to Europe and the United States.



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New Zealand's Prime Minister Jim Bolger and Secretary of State Warren Christopher hold a joint news conference prior to their meeting at the State Department in Washington Monday, March 27, 1995. Earlier, the prime minister met with President Clinton at the White House. (AP News)



# Dominican Republic's blind leader faces end of his era

By ISMAEL TORRES  
SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP)—Joaquin Balaguer shuffled slowly through the Mirador Park, leaning on aides from time to time as he laboriously navigates the freshly swept sidewalk.

Eighty-eight years old, blind from glaucoma and hobbled by phlebitis, the frail president of this Caribbean nation, wearing a gray suit and black fedora, struggles for 35 minutes to cover about 500 yards (meters).

The painful daily walk of the once-powerful Balaguer, who has been president for 19 of the past 27 years, is symbolic of the uneasy state of government in the Dominican Republic, where his tenure appears to be coming to an end with no clear successor.

Balaguer announced in late February that he would fulfill his promise to allow new elections in May 1996, only two years into his four-year term. The man who has influenced political life from the highest levels for most of his life would leave office on Aug. 16, 1996.

That leaves anxious Dominicans wondering what the future holds for this nation of nearly 8 million people. "If this were a country with strong institutions, there wouldn't be any anxiety, because it would be clear to everyone what they have to do and how to do it," said Eduardo Latorre, a political analyst. "But not being like that, it produces this sensation of uncertainty about what is going to happen."

Vice President Jacinto Peynado, one of a number of candidates seeking to succeed Balaguer, takes a slightly more positive spin. "There is no power vacuum ... but an uncertain situation," he said.

Peynado said the disputed presidential election last May was traumatic for the country, "but it turned out well." That is a matter of opinion. Balaguer was declared winner, but many Dominicans believe the true victor was the opposition leader Jose Francisco Pena Gomez.

Pena Gomez, who lost by just 21,000 votes out of 2.5 million, charged that 200,000 of his supporters were stopped from casting ballots because of altered official voter lists. International observers and the U.S. government reported widespread fraud and pushed for new elections.

Under pressure, Balaguer agreed last August to hold a presidential election after 15 months. But the Balaguer-dominated Congressional Assembly later extended that to two years. Pena Gomez reluctantly agreed.

Despite the pact, some opposition supporters fear that the constitution will be altered to keep Balaguer in office until 1998 and that not enough money has been allocated to the reorganized Election Board to assure fraud-free elections. Many business leaders want Balaguer out because they worry his continued presence could strain relations with the United States, which is a major trade partner. The Dominican Republic is heavily dependent on U.S. trade preferences and it is lobbying to receive parity treatment so it will not lose business to Mexico because of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Uncertainty over the situation has been heightened by hints from sectors of the governing Social Christian Reformist Party that an election will not be held next year as promised. Signs posted in various cities declare, "I voted for four years."

"It's my belief that Balaguer will be president as long as he is alive," said political analyst Jose Israel Cuervo. "He will be in the presidency these four years and the remaining years of his life."

Roman Catholic Cardinal Nicolas de Jesus has warned that another electoral crisis could degenerate into civil war. But the U.S.

Embassy spokesman, Christopher Scharf, said he did not think there was any "major organized effort" to stymie elections.

Even Pena Gomez says he believes Balaguer will abide by the agreement, because the Dominican people, the international community and the U.S. Congress will insist on it.

The viability of Pena Gomez's candidacy has been in doubt since he underwent surgery for pancreatic cancer last fall. Opposing parties have portrayed him as a dying

man. The 58-year-old social democrat denies it, saying a recent checkup found him free of cancer. Other potential candidates include the vice president, Foreign Minister Carlos Morales Troncoso, economist and reformist leader Angel Lockwood and conservative former President Jacobo Majluta. Hatuey de Camps, secretary-general of Pena Gomez's party, said recent revelations of rampant government corruption raise questions about the likelihood of clean elections.

## Chinese nuke plant closes after tests

By JOHN LEICESTER  
HONG KONG (AP)—China's largest nuclear power plant is to shut for at least six weeks Tuesday after control rods in a reactor failed a test, a senior technician said Monday.

The Daya Bay plant in south China became fully operational only 11 months ago after delays caused by technical problems, and one of its two 900-megawatt reactors had to shut down in August because of a coolant leakage.

Christine Loh and Emily Lau, legislators in Hong Kong, the British colony 50 kilometers (30 miles) from the plant, expressed concern about the latest problem and demanded more information. "We really should be told," said Ms. Lau. "People are sensitive about Daya Bay."

After the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster in the former Soviet Union, 1 million Hong Kong people signed a petition urging China to scrap the U.S. dlr 4 billion project.

The problem is in the rods that control one of the reactors, said Jacques Preti, senior technical adviser to Hong Kong Nuclear Investment Co., which owns 25 percent of the plant.

The rods control the speed of the nuclear reaction and are a vital safety component.

After the reactor was refueled, tests found some control rods were dropping too slowly. All 53 rods were changed in March, but tests last week again found seven rods dropping too slowly, Preti said.

"We are not within the safety requirements," he said.

Preti blamed the latest problem on changes made to the plant's design to increase its power. He said 34 similar plants in France that did not undergo such modifications have had no such problem in 12 years of operation.

Electricite de France designed the Daya Bay plant and Framatome, another French company, supplied the reactors.

"Remember Challenger," Preti said, referring to the American space shuttle that exploded in 1986. "They changed a joint, \$5 apiece, and they blew up."

But Preti said new plants often have problems. "This is normal. The first year is always debugging - we have to debug everything," he said.

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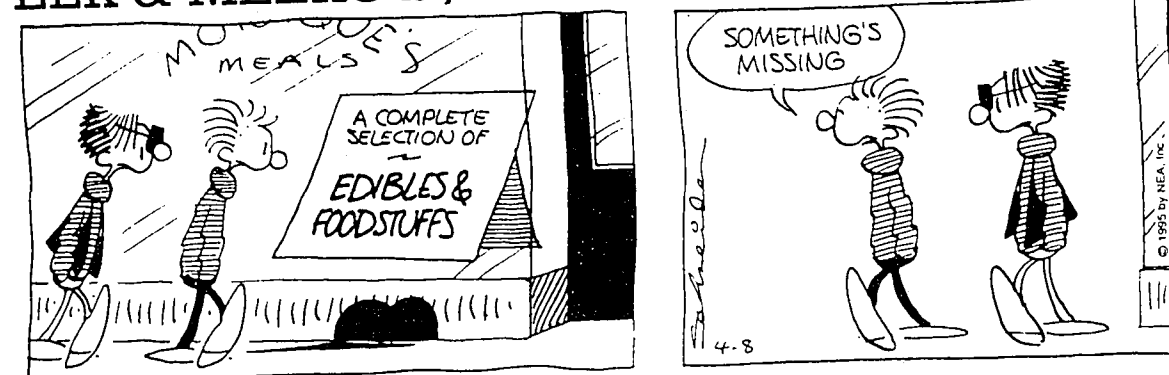
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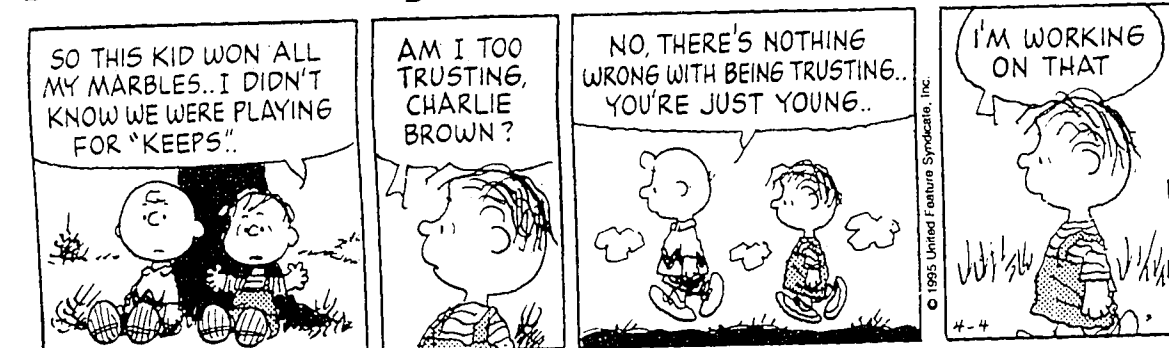
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## YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

Born today, you are a versatile individual. You aren't likely to be known for doing any one thing; you are the type to explore so many options that some might know you for one accomplishment and others for another altogether. Still, you have undoubtedly been endowed with one primary talent that will shape the course of your professional life — and your personal life as well. You are hard-working and thoughtful in all things.

You know how to play on the emotions of others to increase the impact of your actions, but you're not the kind to abuse this talent. You know your place in life, and you are never one to put others down or use other people for your own gain.

Also born on this date are: Elmer Bernstein, composer; Christine Lahti and Nancy McKee, actresses.

To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

## DATE BOOK

April 4, 1995

Today is the 94th day of 1995 and the 16th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1968, Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Dorothy Dix (1802-1887), social reformer; Tins Speaker (1888-1958), baseball great; Arthur Murray (1895-1991), dancing teacher; Robert Sherman (1896-1955), dramatist; Muddy Waters (1915-1983), blues musician; Gil Hodges (1924-1972), baseball great; Maya Angelou (1928-), writer, is 67.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1988, Kansas upset Oklahoma 83-79 to capture the NCAA Division I men's basketball title, despite having been beaten twice by the Sooners during the regular season.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over, and I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you, but I want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the promised land. So I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man." — Martin Luther King Jr., in a speech delivered the evening before his assassination

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1974, the second day of "Super Outbreak," tornadoes swept parts of 13 states. All told, the 148 tornadoes left 315 dead and 5,484 injured.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (March 30) and first quarter (April 6).

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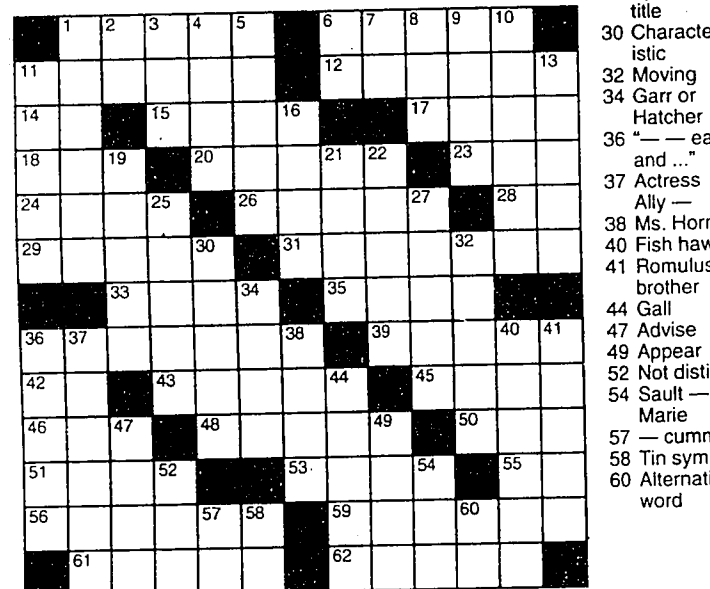
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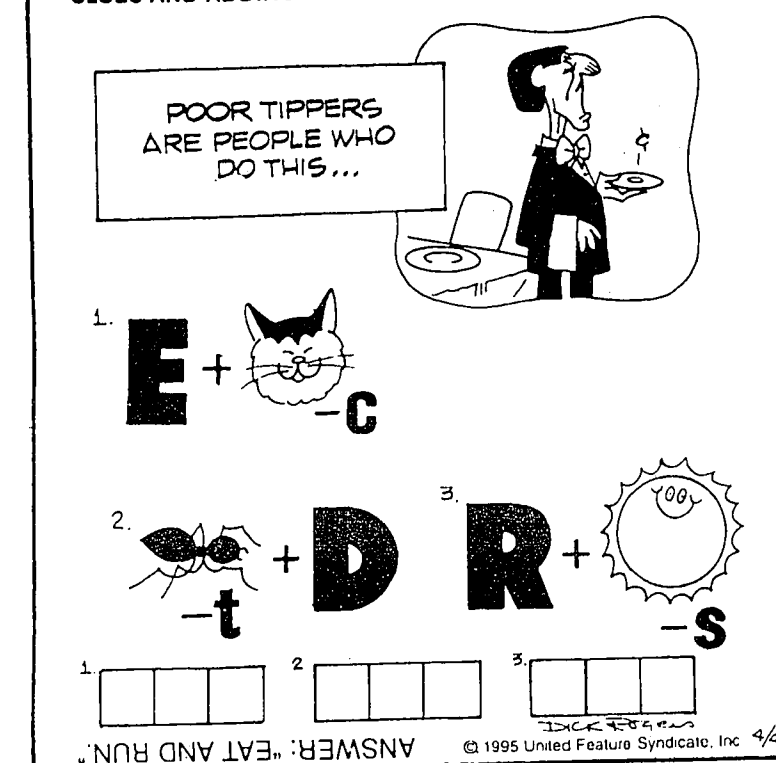
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## Players ...

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yers told teams to release the replacements by the end of the day.

Major League Baseball club owners accepted the players' back-to-work offer Sunday, never even taking a lockout vote that would have prevented regular major leaguers from reporting to spring training camps.

Among those happy that the longest labor dispute in U.S. sports history was finally over was President Clinton. He took time from a round of golf in Little Rock, Arkansas, to cheer MLB's return and urge the two sides to make a long-term settlement.

Under the tentative agreement, players could report to training camp Wednesday and would have to be there by Friday. Each team would play 144 games, 18 fewer than the original schedule. That would result in the cancellation of the season's first 252 games, raising the total wiped out by the strike to 921 since last August.

Asked when contract negotiations would resume, Fehr said he expected to be contacted by Selig after the meeting.

Players ended their strike Friday after U.S. District Judge Sonia Sotomayor slapped owners with an injunction.

Sotomayor ruled the owners bargained in bad faith and were wrong to declare an impasse in negotiations, thus allowing them to impose their own work rules. Sotomayor's ruling imposed the old work rules that the players stuck under back in August.

Teams were told to release all their replacement players by 11:59 p.m. EST Saturday night (0459 GMT Sunday), although some strikebreakers stayed on and signed minor-league contracts. Some were bitter.

"The owners got a high fastball under the chin and their knees buckled," said Billy Fautz, a replacement pitcher with the Cincinnati Reds. "That's about the way I feel about it."

## Love wins Freeport McMoran classic

NEWORLEANS (AP)—Davis Love III, who squandered his lead with bogeys on the 17th and 18th holes, beat Mike Heinen on the second play-off hole Sunday to win the Freeport

McMoran Classic and an invitation to The Masters.

"Everytime I made a move I was trying to win and trying to get into the

## Tin Kun. . .

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and 15-8. D'Kind got back and skunked No Fear in the third set, 11-0. No Fear was ahead, 1-0, in the fourth and last set when the game ended.

Six aces, four xunks, and four kees were recorded in the game. Tuala Peter, of No Fear, was the heavy hitter with one ace, two xunks, and one kee.

Mark Kukkaun scored one ace and one xunk for his team.

Remaining in the college-village division are D' Kind, No fear and Hardkore.

D' Kind will play against Hardkore on Tuesday.

The remaining teams in the girls division are the Super Blood Sisters and the Wild Locals. (AAPD)

## Bowling ... Continued from page 16

and 246 for a series of 682, breaking the February Bowler of the Month 635 pinfall scratch series set last week by Aro Marquez.

Sicat also erased the league record for high series with handicap with his 721-pin series. For his performance, he won the Budweiser PBA Bowler of the Week with his record setting 721-pin series with handicap.

RV Ent., Budweiser, 3-1 PBA president Jess Rebusada rolled a team-high series of 558 to lead RV Enterprises over Budweiser, 3-1. Rey Ferraz and Val Marcelo supported Rebusada with 531 and 515, respectively.

Lyndon Enrile and Arnold Romero scored 12 points apiece, Gordon and Edwun Acuyan had 5 points each, Macky Prado and Raymond Tolentino 4 points each, and Rene Vasquez 3 points.

PABA league champion SNE/FT slowly inched way up the ladder by

## Celis. . .

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place, won \$96, an IT & E gift certificate and Budweiser products from MarPac. Third place was two-time 8-Ball tournament champion Bino Taisacan.

Taisacan also finished third in the February tournament.

Although always a bridesmaid of the winners of 9-ball tournaments since January, Taisacan had shown that 8-ball is his turf.

He was champion in the February and March 8-ball tournament, also held at the Chemiboy Pool Hall.

Taisacan won for himself a gift certificate courtesy of Pacific Islands Club and Budweiser products.

Joe Cabrera came in fourth. He finished second in the February tournament. Cabrera won a large pizza and drinks from Bobby Cadillac and Budweiser products from MarPac. (AAPD)

Nards Gemale led Budweiser with 556, and Bert Travilla contributed 537 in a losing effort. The loss was Budweiser's third straight allowing other teams to catch up in the standings.

Fun & Games, CS Colts 3-1 Team captain Ross Zapanta rolled the night's second best series of 574 pinfalls, while three others rolled 500-series in Fun & Games' 3-1 victory over CS Colts.

Jun Lim, Ador Dimaano, and Roman Mamaug rolled 557, 551, and 518, respectively as the defending champions breezed to easy wins in the first two games, 1059-988 and

Masters," said Love, who hit into bunkers on the last two holes of regu-

lation. "Not just here but all year. Now maybe I can relax."

## PBA/Budweiser 13th Season Standings As of Week #7 - April 1, 1995

Team	Win	Loss	Pct.	GB	Pins
Taxi	17.0	11.0	.607	-	20220
Budweiser	17.0	11.0	.607	-	20076
Fun & Games	16.0	12.0	.571	1	20581
Mark Shark	16.0	12.0	.571	1	20445
RP Enterprises	16.0	12.0	.571	1	20433
R.V. Enterprises	15.0	13.0	.536	2	20070
Magnolia Ice Cream	15.0	13.0	.607	2	19951
Marpac Ice Draft	15.0	13.0	.536	2	17719
Chem/Owens	14.0	14.0	.500	3	19801
RB Electrical	9.0	19.0	.321	8	19954
CMS	8.0	20.0	.286	9	19724
C.S. Colts	8.0	20.0	.286	9	19711

\*two point were unearned

## May softball games re-scheduled

Richard Boria, of the CNMI Government Men's Slow-Pitch Softball League released, for the information of league players and team officials, the schedule of games for April.

April 4: Customs vs. Parts and Recreation

April 6: CHC vs. Mayor's office

April 11: Revenue and Tax vs. PSS

April 13: Legislature vs. NMC

April 18: Governor's office vs. CPA

April 20: DPS vs. CUC

April 25: C and CA vs. DEQ

The adjustment in schedule was due to the upcoming competitions in Guam and Tinian where five of the teams in the said league will participate, affecting the May 6 original schedule, Boria said.

Boria said the May 13th and 20th schedule of games will not be affected.

1006-873, and wrapped up the series point, 2904- 2790. The defending champs lost control in the third game and lost, 839-929.

Mark Shark, RP Ent., 3-1 Pablito Amog shot a 568-series as Mark Shark beat RP Enterprises, 3-1 (981-906, 865-1031, 1074-961, 2920-2898). The win moved Mark Shark to a tie with Fun & Games for second place.

Mike Macam and Ben Aizon rolled 200 games and gave RP Enterprise one point with a win in the second

game. Macam led his team with a 558-pin series.

Owens, RB Electrical, 3-1 Chem Tech/Owens defeated RB electrical, 3-1. The win kept Chem/Owens in ninth place and three games behind the leaders.

Romy Espeleta led Chem/Owens with his 496-pin series, but it was Irma Torres' consistent games and handicap that kept the team's offensive. Torres rolled 629 series with handicap to win the Budweiser PBA Female Bowler of the Week award.

Rene Sumaong scored supported 10 points while Evan Gutierrez padded 8 points to his team score.

Dong Parayno and Rey Lizama scored 6 points apiece, while Tom Alegre, Nelson Ignacio, Ed Cosino, and Yosh Gabaldon combined 20 points. Bert Generao contributed 4 points.

The win placed SNE/FT in the second spot with a 2-0 card. (AAPD)

## Latest Team Standings

Teams	W	L
Pepsi	3	0
Heineken	3	0
SNE/FT	2	0
Ol' Aces	2	1
Joeten	1	1
Budweiser	1	1
Bud Light	1	1
Panthers	0	3
Mobil	0	3
Sharks	0	3

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For further particulars, please refer to the Petition of file herein.

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## SPORTS

## Players end baseball strike

By RONALD BLUM  
CHICAGO (AP) - Baseball players and owners ended their fight with a truce rather than a peace.

After 234 days, more than \$800 million in losses, no World Series and not even a settlement, the longest and costliest work stoppage in the

history of professional sports finally ended Sunday night.

Owners accepted the union's offer to play without an agreement. The season, which had been scheduled to start Sunday night, will begin April 26 and each team will play 144 games, 18 fewer than the usual. Replacement

players were sent packing.

Players didn't make a no-strike pledge and owners didn't make a no-implementation agreement. The union could walk out again late this season if owners again threaten to impose a salary cap.

The strike wiped out the final 52

days and 669 games of the 1994 season and forced the cancellation of the World Series for the first time since 1904. It also wiped out the first 252 games of this season, raising the total of games lost to 921.

Clinton, who failed two months ago in a personal effort to end the strike, said: "Today's decision is good news for the game of baseball, its fans and the local economies of the cities

where baseball is played.

"While I am heartened to know this season will start with major league players, there are a number of underlying issues which still need to get resolved."

All but forgotten in the rush to return were the replacement players. On Saturday, a day after Sotomayor's decision, management's labor law-

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## Bud hoop league: Heineken, Pepsi leading

Microl Heineken quintet caught up with the Pepsi squad in the initial race for leadership in the First Budweiser Invitational Friendship Basketball League (BIFBL).

Heineken posted its third win in a row, during the triple header Sunday at the Ada gym in Susupe, when it defeated Team Budweiser in the second game.

In the opener, Bud Light posted its first win. It start with a defeat in the league. It defeated the Panthers Sunday with a 21-point margin in the opener, 86-65.

Bud Light stands with a 1-1 win-loss record after the game. The win placed Bud Light in a 3-way tie with Joeten and Budweiser which lost in the second game also last Sunday.

Panthers suffered its third defeat in a row since the league started. The Panthers team has yet to win a game.

The defeat placed Panthers in a 3-way tie with Mobil and the Sharks team at the bottom of the latest team standings.

In the second game, the Heineken win tied the team with Pepsi at the top of the standings. Both teams have a 3-0 record.

Ed Palma and Dado Vistal led the Heineken offensive by combining 64 points spread in the game. George De Guzman and Rodney Catala supported their offensive with 12 points apiece.

Rico Santos and Noel Remulado posted 7 points each, Elmer Pineda had 6 points, Danny Terobias 4, while Jess Pacheco and Dong Pilapil scored 2 points each.

Henry Caimol of Team Budweiser led his team's scoring offensive with 18 points.

Andrew Trampe scored 13 points,

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## Bowling: Taxi on top with Bud

Taxi defeated Construction Material Supply (CMS), 3-1, while erstwhile solo-leader Budweisers suffered its third straight loss in the 13th season of the Budweiser-sponsored Philippine Bowling Association League.

Taxi now shares the lead with Budweiser.

Taxi took advantage of its high handicap and the poor performance of CMS to post a 3-1 victory, 988-913, 994-1017, 976-907, 2958-2837.

Frue Caluya rolled the night's fourth best series with a handicap of 644 pinfalls to lead Taxi's balance offense. CMS, on the other hand, was led by Helen Caranzo with her 615-pin series with handicap.

Magnolia, Ice Draft, 2-0  
MarPac Ice Draft failed to field a legal lineup and had to forfeit its game with Magnolia Ice Cream.

Magnolia could only manage to earn two points as the team failed to bowl at least 906 pinfalls (team average of 956 less 50 pins) in two of the three games. Magnolia rolled 945, 887, and 903, for a team series of 2735.

Under league rules, the team present must bowl at least 50 pin less than the team average as though the game was contested. Points not won by the team is considered unearned points.

The forfeiting team will not receive points, and the present players may bowl, but the scores will not be included in the team's total pins. The scores are counted toward averages and qualify for league prizes.

Despite his teammates' no-show, MarPac team captain Noel Sicut focused and exploded with 222, 214,

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## Celis rules March 9-ball tourney

Ike Celis defeated Senen Pangelinan and won the fourth monthly Budweiser/Chemiboy 9-Ball Tournament held Sunday at the Chemiboy Pool Hall in Dandan.

## softball association meeting

The Saipan Softball Association will hold a general membership meeting on April 4, at 5 p.m. at the Ada gym in Susupe to discuss the upcoming slow-pitch league and the introduction of officers and board members.

Interested team managers and coaches are urged to attend this important meeting. For more information, please call Joe Torres at 234-6098 or Newman Techur at 234-5911.

Celis bested 12 players and won \$144 in cash, gift certificates from IT & E and Shell Marianas, and Budweiser products from Marianas Pacific (MarPac) Distributors.

Pangelinan, who settled for second

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## Rota international triathlon in April

The public information committee for the 1995 Rota International Triathlon is inviting triathletes to join the annual event slated for April 7th and 8th and register with Gerald Calvo at 532-AMKO.

Now in its second year, the triathlon

will include a 1.5 km swimming event, 40 km biking and 10 km running events.

On the first day, registration for non-Japanese contestants is at 8 a.m. at Paupau Hot2el. Orientation for all participants is at 4 p.m. also at the

hotel. A Carbo party will be held at 5:30 p.m.

On the second day, check in registration is at 5 a.m.. Race will start at 7 p.m. An awards banquet at 6 p.m. will follow the awards presentation at 5 p.m. at the Round House.



Six-year-old Elizabeth Buckmiller, of Salt Lake City, succumbs to boredom as she waits for her turn to compete in the first state taekwondo tournament held at the University of Utah in Salt Lake, Saturday. Competitors from several western states and Canada also competed in the tournament. (AP Photo by Deidre Eitel Slug)

## Tin Kun bows out of '95 rocball

Tin Kun bade a temporary goodbye to the 1995 World Organized Rocaball League yesterday when it was defeated in a close match by Pwipwiis.

Pwipwiis defeated Tinkun in two sets with a narrow 4-point margin, 25-21, at the Marianas High School Pugua Court in Susupe.

Tin Kun was eliminated with a 3-3 performance. Pwipwiis continued its winning streak, posting its fifth win in the bar column without a loss since the league started.

Pwipwiis took the first set with an 8-point lead, 16-8. Tinkun bounced back in the second set.

The defeated team was ahead by four points and was catching up on Pwipwiis' lead when the bell ended the game in favor of Pwipwiis.

Twelve aces, six xunks, seven kees, and three goals were posted in the game.

The game's heavy hitter, Ivan Suda of Tin Kun, scored one ace, two kees and two goals for a total of twelve points. Joe Simon of Pwipwiis scored two aces, two xunks and one kee.

The Pwipwiis victory brings down to three the teams remaining in the boys division: Pwipwiis with 5-0 record, Talofa 4-1, and the Nails with 3-2 win-loss card.

Talofa and Nails will clash today.

Late last week, No Fear posted its fourth straight win by defeating D' Kind with a 7-point lead after four sets, 26-19.

No Fear took three of the four sets.

D' Kind lost the first two sets, 10-0,

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## BIFBL Game Results (as of 4-2-95)

First Game									
Team: PEPSI	Player	No.	3P	2P	FT	F	TP		
	Tony Diaz	7	0	11	1/3	2	23		
	Ed Diaz	9	0	11	3/8	2	25		
	Ed Mendoza	12	0	22	2/3	3	24		
	Jess DL Cruz	6	0	12	3/3	3	27		
	Along Camacho	17	0	0	1/2	4	1		
	Jeff Diaz	4	0	7	1/1	2	15		
	Total		0	53	11/20	-	115		
Team: SHARKS	Player	No.	3P	2P	FT	F	TP		
	Wise Agnon	8	0	3	-	1	6		
	Tom Cruz	7	1	6	2/6	4	17		
	Tom Carr	1	0	5	0/4	1	10		
	Murphy Shiro	14	0	3	-	2	6		
	Shoul Tarkong	13	0	1	-	4	2		
	Rick Sanchez	11	0	5	0/1	3	10		
	Luis Cepeda	5	1	1	-	1	5		
	Cuci Alvarez	9	0	1	-	2	-		
	L. Camacho	3	0	1	-	1	0		
	David Altagir	12	0	0	-	1	0		
	Ian Carr	17	0	3	-	3	6		
	Total		2	29	2/11	-	66		
Second Game									
Team: OL'ACES	Player	No.	3P	2P	FT	F	TP		
	Eric Plinski	46	0	6	-	2	12		
	Junior Rengul	52	0	19	-	-	38		
	Joe Taitano	35	0	2	-	-	4		
	Tony Luzama	6	2	6	-	1	18		
	Martin Mettao	14	0	0	-	3	0		
	Wayne Pua	13	0	3	-	3	6		
	Mark Hapbei	11	0	0	-	1	0		
	Jeff Olopai	73	0	0	-	3	-		
	Tina Akiona	14	0	1	1/2	-	3		
	Total		2	37	-	-	80		
Team: MOBIL	Player	No.	3P	2P	FT	F	TP		
	Edgar Tadeo	32	0	1	-	-	2		
	Jhun Osias	00	0	4	1/2	-	9		
	Carlos Suing	23	0	2	4/4	2	8		
	Noe Igambao	16	0	2	-	4	4		
	Marlon Maniogo	5	0	1	1/4	1	3		
	Peter Lubao	6	0	0	-	1	1		
	Edwin Bubos	68	3	6	2/3	1	23		
	Renato Layon	58	0	13	-	-	26		
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