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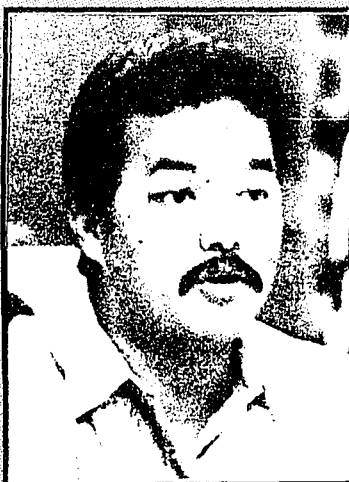
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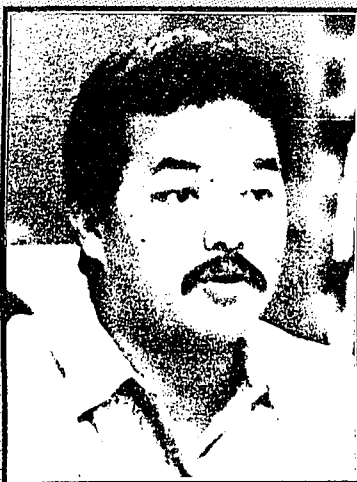
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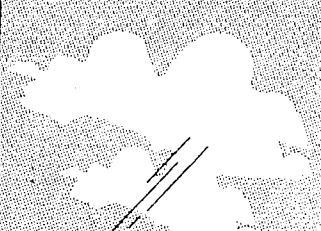
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# Clinton, Peres sign accord

By BARRY SCHWEID

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton extended U.S. help to Israel in countering terrorism and moved toward a defense alliance "to meet common threats in the years to come."

Prime Minister Shimon Peres said the anti-terrorism accord strengthened Israel's hand in pursuing peace with Syria and Lebanon. The peace process would perish if terrorists succeeded, he said, because "terror would win the day."

## Anti-terror pact done, defense alliance next

After the signing Tuesday, Clinton and Peres had lunch and announced later an agreement to explore putting the two countries' longtime military relationship on a more formal basis.

"U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation will grow in importance" in view of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East and other threats to regional peace, the White House said.

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Israeli Foreign Minister Ehud Barak will head steering committees to carry out the agreement and also to deal with ways to make the \$3 billion annual U.S. aid program to Israel more effective.

In their talk, Clinton and Peres discussed the threat Iran's nuclear program poses to the Middle East, said a senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Throughout his visit, which be-



Bill Clinton



Shimon Peres

gan Sunday in a meeting with Defense Secretary William Perry, Peres has identified terrorism generally and Iran specifically as Israel's major concerns. By contrast, he has praised PLO chief Yasser Arafat as a fighter against terrorism and said Israel wants to pursue peace accords with Leba-

non and Syria.

Clinton said terrorists "aim to kill the growing hope for peace itself."

"With every new step along the path to peace, its enemies grow more and more desperate," the president said. "They know a new day is dawning in the Middle East."

## Hashimoto becomes first LDP PM to address May Day rally

TOKYO (AP) - In the latest sign that ideological barriers are eroding in Japan, Ryutaro Hashimoto on Wednesday became the first prime minister from the conservative Liberal Democratic Party to address a May Day gathering.

Hashimoto spoke at a rally in a Tokyo park sponsored by the Japanese Trade Union Confederation, or Rengo, which had been critical of previous LDP governments. Police said about 43,800 people attended the

event.

Rengo is Japan's largest federation of labor unions.

The Liberal Democrats ruled Japan for nearly four decades against a largely impotent opposition led by the Socialist Party, which received backing from organized labor.

The LDP was ousted from power in 1993 following a voter revolt and splintering of its party that cost it its majority in Parliament. It later joined forces with its longtime foes, the Socialists, to form an odd-couple coalition that has blurred its ideological differences.

Hashimoto told the crowd that although Japan's economy is recovering, the employment situation remains severe. His remarks reflected official concern over the nation's

jobless rate, which remains at historically high levels despite some recent improvement.

The government had some good news for the nation's workers Tuesday - Japan's unemployment rate dropped to 3.1 percent in March from the previous month's 3.3 percent.

From November through January the nation's jobless rate had stood at a record-high 3.4 percent.

Japan's economy this year has shown signs of perking up after years of sluggishness, with major companies reported ready to increase hiring. In recent years Japan's corporations have tried to reduce their workforces.

The National Police Agency estimated that about 275,000 people had attended May Day events at 409 locations nationwide.

## HK leader raps plans for an appointed Legislature

By LAWRENCE L. KNUSTON

WASHINGTON (AP) - China will kill "the goose that lays the golden eggs" if it insists on replacing Hong Kong's democratically elected parliament with a legislature appointed by Beijing, the leader of one of the colony's political parties said.

Martin C. M. Lee, chairman of Hong Kong's Democratic Party, commented Tuesday after a White House meeting with Vice President Al Gore.

During the session, Gore expressed support for the 1984 joint declaration in which China pledged to treat Hong Kong as a separate entity when it passes to Chinese sovereignty next year after 156 years as a British crown colony.

Lee said the declaration provides for the people of Hong Kong to govern themselves after 1997, with their own locally elected parliament, even while

China takes charge of defense and foreign affairs.

The Hong Kong parliamentarian also said he told Gore that Hong Kong supports the Clinton administration's support for most-favored economic status for Hong Kong's economy.

But Lee said China will harm its own interests if it insists on an appointed rather than an elected legislature.

Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen was quoted in Hong Kong newspapers this week as saying that the matter is closed, or in his words, "the rice is cooked."

Because if China destroys democracy in Hong Kong despite its promises not to do so, he said, "Hong Kong will not be the financial center of the world that it is today; it will not be the vibrant heart of the Pacific rim that it is today."

# Tenorio lobbies for casino leases

By Rafael H. Arroyo

Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio made a surprise appearance yesterday on Tinian to testify in support of the proposed public land lease sought by Hong Kong Overseas Entertainment for its casino hotel project.

The chief executive arrived early morning yesterday from Wisconsin and went straight to Tinian where a joint legislative committee on Resources and Development was holding a hearing on the casino project.

According to Public Information Officer, Mark Broadhurst, Tenorio submitted a written testimony calling on the Legislature to approve a 15-year extension

for the proposed lease that comes with the project.

Tenorio also gave an oral testimony, mostly in the vernacular, said Broadhurst.

Hong Kong Overseas was given by Tenorio a 25-year lease on Tinian covering about 4.6 hectares of public land.

Although the 25-year lease does not require legislative approval in as much as it is below five hectares, such approval is needed for a 15-year extension the company is asking on its lease.

"I support this lease because I know the people of Tinian and the CNMI deserve this project," the chief executive said in his testi-

mony.

"The developers of the resort have assured the government that they are very serious about the success of their project and we should support them before they decide to take their investment somewhere else," said Tenorio.

According to the governor, the people of Tinian have spoken loud and clear in support of the budding casino industry in the island.

He said approving the lease, along with another casino project lease, means prosperity and growth not only for Tinian, but for the entire Commonwealth.

"I am in full support of this land lease as it will allow Hong Kong

Overseas to develop a project that will provide employment opportunities for Tinian residents and help spur economic growth," Tenorio said.

Hong Kong Overseas, which was given a casino license by the Tinian Casino Gaming Commission last March 12, is seeking to build a 300-room casino hotel at the cost of at least \$100 million.

The planned casino hotel's intended market is the upscale Chinese tourist groups, proponents of the project said.

The developer has since requested a 40-year lease of public land on the island.

The Hong Kong Overseas project has earlier been endorsed by the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission as one worthy of support.

In an earlier hearing, Commission Executive Director Paul Palmer attested to the project's suitability and the capability and sincerity of the developers.

"With an investment base of approximately \$100 million, they clearly can meet the goals and objectives of the people of Tinian," said Palmer. "Long has everyone waiting for a project such as this to take place. Now it is upon them and it would be unfortunate that after such a long and patient period, the people of Tinian could not offer an investor security with his investment because

Yesterday's public hearing

came weeks after the joint committee heard another proposed public land lease agreement for Tinian Marine Resort Inc. which proposes to build a \$500 million casino and golf resort complex on Tinian.

During yesterday's hearing

Tenorio also lobbied the Legislature to also approve the TMR casino resort lease.

"I want to go on the record that I am also in support of that group. I have approved and submitted to the Legislature the leases for these two projects," he said.

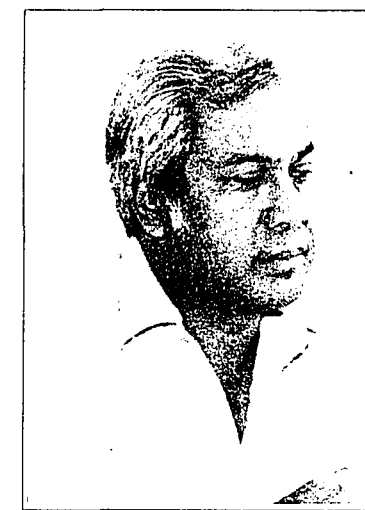
After testifying on Tinian, Tenorio spent a few hours on Saipan before departing last night for Japan.

Broadhurst said he is not so sure about the purpose of the governor's trip to Japan but said it may be investment-related.



Froilan C. Tenorio

## Former Democratic senator says he's aspiring to run for governor



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By Rafael H. Arroyo

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WITH GOV. Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja still undecided on who among them will seek the governorship in 1997, another prominent Democrat is waiting in the sidelines watching what will happen.

Former Sen. Herman R. Guerrero told the Variety he has aspirations for the CNMI's top post. He, however, remained non-committal in his statements saying he may not go against either Tenorio or Borja.

"Let's just say that I am watching what happens," said Guerrero.

Pressed if he might opt to join the race, Guerrero told this reporter: "I will just leave it at that for now. You and I will talk later."

Guerrero's name has been coming up within political circles as a possible contender even as Borja remains the most likely Democratic gubernatorial candidate.

Should Guerrero consider running, the party may be facing a "complicated situation," an observation Guerrero himself shares. He was quick saying he will not go against either Tenorio or Borja.

Democratic Party Chairman Benigno M. Sablan was contacted by the Variety several times yesterday for comment but was not available.

Borja has declared his intention to be Tenorio's successor after the latter announced late last year he would not be seeking a second term.

But lately, certain Democratic Party members are urging Tenorio to reconsider another term with Borja as running mate, supposedly because they think the partnership should continue the tasks it has begun.

A petition was earlier drafted to convince Tenorio to run but it was pulled back.

Meanwhile, Tenorio reiterated his support for Borja but did not rule out the possibility he may yet change his mind. Borja on the other hand had said he may have to reassess his options if that happens.

Guerrero, who served as senator in almost all of the CNMI's Legislatures, said he believes the Tenorio-Borja tandem is still the best combination, and one that may quell his gubernatorial ambitions.

"Back then when Froilan was running, I told him I will support him and I did. But I said my aspiration to run for governor one day may occur in the future if he is not running at all," said Guerrero.

"I have many friends and supporters especially with elections coming close, urging me to consider running for governor. But I continue to say that if Froilan does not run, then the possibility exists," the former senator said.

Lately, however, Guerrero said he must now look also at the possibility of Borja running. If Borja runs and Froilan doesn't, then "the best thing to do may be to throw in my support for Jessie," he said.

"Although my ambition is to challenge that seat, I know it will just bring party disunity and it will just be bad for everybody," Guerrero concedes.

"So if the party decides that Jessie is the candidate then I think it's only fitting and proper that we fall behind the candidate that the party selected for the sake of unity," he said.

According to Guerrero, he has seen a lot of times in the past during his long years as a politician, where bickering, infighting and mistrust resulted to party disunity.

Nevertheless, he said the party will be better off if Tenorio and Borja runs again as a team.

"I can see that the Democratic Party can have a chance if we fall behind and support the same team again. I'd like to see the same team again run. I only wish they go together."

"I think that is the position the Party should take. Really, they should support them together again. But if it so happens that Froilan steps down and Jessie runs, then at this time, I'd like to throw my support behind Jessie also," he added.

If for instance, neither of them is running, then he said he would like to "challenge the seat."



PUT OUT ON TIME. Police officers take the statement of driver Emeterio Adlawan of Sablan Construction after the truck he was operating yesterday morning caught fire in San Jose because of grounded wires in the alternator. Adlawan managed to jump out before the fire caught him. Fortunately a police mobile was nearby and policemen easily put the fire out with an extinguisher.

- Photo by Rick Alberto

## RP sends Labor Day message to workers

By Mar-Vic C. Munar

Variety News Staff

PHILIPPINE Labor Secretary Leonardo Quisumbing assures support for all Filipino workers abroad, as the Philippines celebrated Labor Day yesterday.

There are over four million Fili-

pino contract workers all over the globe. The population of Filipino contract workers in the CNMI registered at 15,000, according to the Philippine Consulate.

"To the Filipino workers in other countries, Quisumbing said in Labor Day message faxed to local news agencies, "I also want to let you know of the support of the department in your endeavor to improve your condition and to uplift the level of your skill."

Quisumbing gives recognition to the overseas workers who, he said, make a "big sacrifice" while working away from home.

"It is not longer unknown to us that to live in another country is a big sacrifice," he said. "On the part of the workers, who besides being far away from their families and loved ones, it is also necessary for them to adopt to the new culture of the country which they are working in."

The workers quest for better life, Quisumbing said, becomes more imperative in nation-building on the onset of the 21st century.

"We have to keep our fields and our industries with the world if we are to assure the progress of our people," Quisumbing said. "Surely, hard work and devotion to duty as well as Filipino values of industry and love of country will prevail."

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Ilugat silensio ya ti seso mabesita nu i taotao siha. Hasosoda' konsueluña gi tinayuyotña para i dos saina ni hagas man diniño. Lokue', dispues de manayuyot ya monhayan ha desimula gi dos amko hafa chinatsagaña, kulan marinueba sinenteña ya hasoda' tatte i pas gi halom korasonña.

'Nai ha sañgañaneyo' este na amiguho ni pasuña gi kada mes, hana hasoyo' lokue' nu i pas yan solemne na sinente gi kada Nobiembre dia uno 'nai todo familia man matto pot para u ma' assiste i santo lisayo, responso yan misa gi simenteyo.

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Guaha 'nai ha gacha' hit indukto gi linala'ta 'nai todo koyentura ni ta bira taya' remedio pot para ta kesatba problemata. Estague' siha na momento 'nai mafato didog na trinite gi korasona ya megai besis 'nai manñgaha' hit hulo gi Saina para maseha dididi' na ayudo.

Buente gi kada uno sañhe na manera 'nai hasosoda' pas yangin hafagchae' chubaskon linala'. Guaha finamamauleg sinenteña yangin manbesita gi seputura. Guaha malag i Gima Yuus ya mangagao ayudo ginen tinayuyotña. Lokue', guaha mama' promesa gi mañonggen dañes kada Dameñgo.

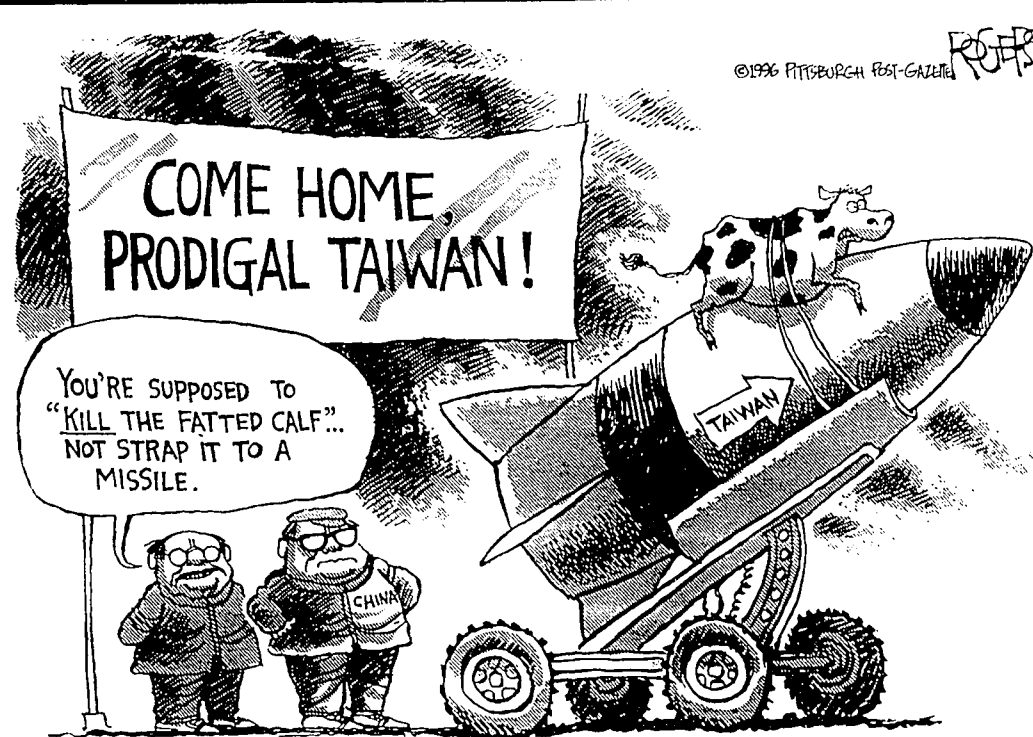
Gi maseha hafa na eskalera 'nai mangagagao hao ayudo ginen i Saina piot gi oran chinatsagamo, guaho mismo baiho admite na man hoñgeyo' nu i fuetsan tinayuyot. Para todo i matiro 'nai ma'opera i lahiho pot tres besis, taya' mas konsueluho gi ultimo ora fuerake tinayuyot gi patronho as St. Jude yan i Saina. Malofano' guennao na eksipriensia ya taya' mas namagof i para un' pega fehman yan fiet inañogkomo gi kanai i Saina. I Saina esta monhayan planuña pot kada uno giya hita. Pot este na rason na maseha tiempom abundansia osino eskases, ti mamagtos tinayuyotho maseha pot para satbasionho yan familiagho.

Mañe na sinente i hihot hao yan i Nanalibreta. Ti siña ta akompara ayo na sinente sa' esta nina' humide korasonmo diaramente. Un' aksepta hafa manaimo ya un' suhon gi un' banda sentimenton imbidio yan linayo' gi grasian otro. Huñgan, megai besis 'nai layo'yo'. Lao gaige metgot na konfiansa gi halom korasonho na todo i manmasusesede guaha rason na malalagnos gi menan i gai haga' na atadogho. Konfotmelo' nu i manaiho maseha megai 'nai chatsaga linala'ho, lao hu aksepta na patte gi planon i Saina para guaho.

Afañelos, abiba i linala' espiñatut gi kada membron familia. Este solu un' katso gi linalamo na tai achagua. Solu yabe gi haanimo ni siña pumula' todos ginaddon yan chinatsaga ni un'fafana' diaramente. Solu katso ni siña ninæ' hao konsuelo antes de minachom atdao osino antes ha' de oran diskansamo. Fannæ' mit grasias nu todo i suetemo ya un'kontinua manayuyot para un'mafanue' manana gi halom homhom. Ni uno u soplu pot chinatsaga ayo mina' prepara hao espiñatutmente deste pago mona.

Hu tuño' lokue' un' amigaho na yangen kulan mañiente na binisitague' as defunto tataña, ha fahane setbesan Japones yan dididi' sashimi' ya ha pega gi naftan. Todo klasen eksisio guaha pot gueko sinenteta pas gi didog halom korasona. Mauleg na fina' dibosion sa' ha bibira hit tatte para ta haso pot un' momento na i tafafana' na naftan siempre ultimo sagata guine gi hilo' tano'. Ya ni uno u soplu sa' gi fino' man amko, taya baston San Jose. Dispues, todo taotao tres eskalera ha' para u hanague: U mafañago, u lala' yan u matai.

Ayo na amiguho i hu mente gi tutuhon, pas linalaña na taotao ya memegaiña na ha attende hafa bisnesña gi maseha amano na inetnon taotao. Magof man ayuda gi checho yan fuñgsion linahyan. Konteto gi hafa manaiña yan attendido gi kada membron familiña. Para guaho, un' modelo este na amiguho sa' fuera ha' de ha onra i mañainaña ha petsisige i kabales na obligasion padre de familia. Baiho tayuyute hao lokue' amigo puede ke todo felis lokue' kareramo yan i familiamo. Unna' banidosuyo' sa' manhoñge hao gi fuetsan tinayuyot. Si Yuus Maase!



JACK ANDERSON and MICHAEL BINSTEIN

## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Moving embassy to Jerusalem would be trically

WASHINGTON—One of the most contentious campaign issues between President Clinton and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole will be the battle over whether to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

But neither candidate is aware of a fact that could render their arguments moot: The land in Jerusalem may not belong to Israel in the first place.

Clinton and Dole are both trying hard to court the Jewish-American community, a crucial source of electoral votes and campaign cash. Clinton traveled to Israel last week to kneel at the grave of slain Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and to pledge \$100 million in antiterrorism aid.

Dole, meanwhile, has taken a hard-line in favor of uprooting the U.S. embassy which has been a nettlesome issue with the Israelis since they took Jerusalem by force in 1967. Israelis and the influential Jewish-American community want America to recognize their capital. But the United States and most other countries refuse to solidify Israel's claim to Jerusalem because the city is also regarded as sacred to Muslims.

Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., sponsored legislation in 1989 to find a suitable property in Jerusalem for an eventual move from Tel Aviv. So the State Department scouted and secured a future embassy site. But State has carefully designated this property on their Jerusalem maps as the site of diplomatic quarters, since calling it an embassy site at the moment would be against department policy and would offend Muslims.

Last fall, Dole shocked the Arab-American community by sponsoring a bill to require construction of an American embassy on that site. Clinton vehemently opposed the legislation and was able to water down the provisions requiring the start of construction. Dole can't wait to remind Jewish American voters that Clinton stalled the move.

But we've learned of information that could kill the construction anyway. It turns out that the land may be "Waql" property.

In the Islamic world, Waql is property that belongs to God. It is essentially an Islamic trust administered by Islamic officials. The property can be leased or rented, but never sold without the consent of the owner, which is God.

Waql land can also be designated for the benefit of the original owner's descendants. Several Palestinian families, including eight

Americans, believe they are beneficiaries of Waql property that includes the site designated for the U.S. embassy.

If the land is Waql, and the United States moves onto it, "this will not be merely a slap in the face, but an absolute sacrilege to the entire Muslim world," explained Dr. John Espizido of Georgetown University's Center for Muslim and Christian Understanding. If we ignore the (Palestinian) claims, we put (Palestinian President Yasser) Arafat in an unbelievably bad position, even amon- moderates."

Dr. Rashid Khalidi of the University of Chicago said the move would hinder the Mideast peace process. He added it would also make an embassy in Jerusalem a prime target of terrorism for Islamic extremist groups. Whereas the Tel Aviv embassy has been left alone.

Copies of notarized Waql documents provided to our associates Dale Van Atta and Matt MacLean by a representative of one of the Palestinian families show the transfer of a property which seems to match the embassy site, to the Waql over 200 years ago.

Old lease agreements between their Palestinian ancestors and the British Mandate government of Palestine are more revealing. They show a lease of part of the land for use as a British military camp, later to be known as Allenby Barracks." The State Department recognizes Allenby Barracks" as a former name of the embassy property.

These agreements match deeds written by the U.N. Conciliation Commission for Palestine at the time of the Israeli possession of West Jerusalem, which identify the Khalili family as the owner, through the Waql.

The documents suggest the property was legally recognized as belonging to the Waql—or its Palestinian beneficiaries—right up until the declaration of the State of Israel in the late 1940s. The British would not have paid rent on the land if they didn't believe it was owned by the Waql.

A State Department official told us they "conducted a thorough title search with respect to the property, and... Located no record of or support for a Waql claim."

But State is balking on our Freedom of Information Act request for a document known as "Annex A" that could settle the question. A copy of the lease agreement between the United States and Israel notes the property IS an "approximate area of 31,250 square meters" and is "more particularly described in Annex A."

# Managaha to be cleared of wrecks

By Rick Alberto

Variety News Staff

THE waters off Managaha Island will be cleared of unwanted World War II wrecks that pose more of a danger than an attraction to tourists who frequent the place.

It was learned that the clearing activity will be undertaken by the Commonwealth Ports Authority, the Commonwealth Resources Management, and Samsung, a private contrac-

tor.

CRM Director Manuel C. Sablan said yesterday Samsung would be donating its services, while the CRM would coordinate and monitor the removal activities.

The CRM has issued a CRM permit waiver for the removal activity.

In a letter to CPA Executive Director Carlos A. Shoda, Sablan said the CRM "will be continuously monitoring the

removal activities on Managaha from start of the project until completed."

"Our office will oversee the project to ensure that all environmental concerns related to the removal project are complied with," Sablan added.

The Army Corps of Engineers has also issued a provisional permit and the Division of Environmental Quality a certification waiver.

No date has been set yet for the removal operation.

The wrecks to be removed have been identified by the Historic Preservation Office as those of an uplifted bollard with pedestal, two

vessel frames, a steel jetty frame, steel debris, and a steel pipe.

Those wrecks have "little historical value" and "pose a physical threat to those who visit the island," Historic Preservation Officer Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero said in a memorandum to Sablan.

Three wrecks, however, won't be removed since they "are judged to possess historical value."

Guerrero said they can be viewed by snorkelers and divers.

Those wrecks with historical value were identified as an engine vessel, an old machine gun, and a sunken tug-

boat.

According to one of the preconditions of the project, Samsung shall be free from any environmental liability in connection with wreck removal.

Also, expenses incurred by anyone from an injury that may be caused by the removal operation shall be waived for Samsung.

The CPA will compensate all losses incurred in any accident "in line with ammunition/ordnance," the preconditions said.

It was, however, assumed that no ammunition or ordnance exist within the Managaha vicinity.

## 'Gov't must be role model for anti-drug abuse drive'

By Mar-Vic C. Munar

Variety News Staff

THE GOVERNMENT'S Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace Program kicked off yesterday with the formation of a task team, and a preliminary meeting with the president of the US-based company that will help formulate related policies.

Acting Gov. Jesus Borja opened the two-day session at the Governor's Office.

The CNMI government has contracted MBG management Services, Inc. to hold design and implement anti-drug and alcohol program and policies that will be adopted by all government agencies.

"The beauty of this program is that we can show our employees that we care for them," Borja said in his brief opening remark.

The program, the acting governor added, is not aimed at segregating drug and alcohol dependents in the government. "We're out to help them," he said.

Ronald Kuest, MGB president, said the CNMI government is on the right track when it chose to start the campaign with government entities.

In Washington, he said, government agencies would be the last to get involved in such campaign.

"Here it's the reverse," he said.

Kuest said the company adopts "the preventive" rather than "the reactionary" approach.

"Our goal is to help identify (drug and alcohol dependent) employees; help them get back to work. We have to do that before they meet accident or before their health deteriorate rather than wait until tragedy happens."

MBG will also be involved in training supervisors in the implementation of the program.

Once the design and policy are established, Kuest said, private sector involvement would be sought.

"Drug and alcohol problems are not unique in the private sector," Kuest said, "and we think it is necessary to address the issue."

According to Kuest, his company has been involved in formulating anti-drug and alcohol program design and policies for 16 years, catering to company-clients in the US particularly the Pacific Northwest part.

MBG, Kuest said, is using a universal approach in formulating designs.

The drug and alcohol problem in the CNMI, he said, "is not unlike in other areas. The problem of drug abuse doesn't stop with any kind of artificial line."

## Car-riding snatcher in Garapan strikes

By Ferdie de la Torre

Variety News Staff

THE GARAPAN'S car-riding snatcher struck anew, grabbing a bag from a female tourist who was walking along a road Tuesday morning.

Police said the victim, a 48-year-old Japanese woman, lost her bag containing 20,000 yen, \$60 cash, a wristwatch, a calculator and other items.

Initial investigations showed that while the woman was walking with a companion on a road leading to West-em Garapan, a car passed by.

The snatcher, who was in the car, pulled the woman's bag. The car then sped off, police said.

The Garapan snatchers had victimized several persons, mostly women tourists, over the past few months in the tourist belt.

Last Feb. 21, a car-riding man

snatched a bag containing \$2,800 cash from a female tourist who was walking along western Garapan.

The following day, the car-riding snatcher struck again, taking a handbag from a woman tourist near Country House restaurant.

Last April 6, a snatcher also grabbed a pouch containing 12,000 Korean won, \$450 cash, and other items, from a woman tourist near Phoenix Market.

In other police report, a 36-year-old man complained that a woman fired a gun at him several times but missed along a road in Kagman Tuesday afternoon.

The reason behind the shooting was not indicated in the report and no arrest was made yet, according to Public Safety Information Officer Cathy Sheu.



On Friday April 26, 14 new trees were planted just east of American Memorial Park's World War II Museum, in honor of National Park Week. Thanks to the hard work of volunteer Bob Kenney, Cub Scout leaders Robert Almand and Alkantra Sarapio, and Cub Scout Troop 910 of Tanapag, the trees will provide valuable windbreaks and shade along the walking path in the years to come. The attractive assortment of saplings were donated from Kenney's personal garden.

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We leave home to other islands and countries in search of education and a better standard of living. We hope to return home once we have completed our education or have earned a comfortable income to invest it back home.

However, while we are away some of our elected leaders, in collaboration with the Office of the President, are dividing Palau's wealth and resources amongst themselves. Let us ask ourselves this question: Do you see President Clinton or members of his Cabinet travelling to other countries to solicit business to benefit themselves or their friends? And what justifications do our elected leaders use to get public funds to pay for their tickets and per diem?

While we are here enjoying the American dream and life in the fast lane, our country is being seduced with Taiwanese money, our future mortgaged to pay for big government, and our natural resources destroyed and depleted all in the name of irresponsible development. Taiwanese money is buying the weak souls of our leaders, and our leaders in return cheat on the common people by depriving them of their rights to remain supreme over these islands. If this continues in the long run, the wealth and resources of Palau will be in the hands of a few people, mainly Taiwanese.

Let us ask ourselves. What is going to become of us and our children? Are we going to end up like Guam where our children will serve another master? We have just ended colonialism in Palau, why are we starting another - economic colonialism. Who's fault is this? Who's doing this to us?

The root of our problems lies within us - the Palauans. Let us not blame foreigner for our problems. It is our greediness and weaknesses that will destroy us if we do not remember who we are.

We can no longer rely on our leaders to save us. We need to make an amendment to our Constitution to empower the chiefs to exercise some of their traditional rights in order to save our culture and traditions. The exercise of our culture and traditions will offset some of the provisions of the Western Democracy which is now working to dismantle our sovereignty.

We Palauans also must return home to work collectively to save Palau and give it a new direction that is good for all Palauans. We need to exercise our right to vote in September and November of this year. If we take it for granted that other people will vote on our behalf, we know for sure that this Administration will remain in power. Our moral silence will not win us victory over this Administration's practice of buying votes. And now that our country and our way of life is threatened, it is time for us, the children of Belau, to come and make a stand!



# Power outages plague Guam

AGANA, Guam (AP) - Island residents went through another day with intermittent electrical service Wednesday as the government-owned utility rationed power for the sixth day in a row.

A massive system fault Friday knocked out electricity in most places around the island. Residents faced power rationing

throughout the weekend, and the island was hit with an eight-hour blackout early Monday. Rationing has continued while crews repair generators.

Cars crowded at intersections where rationing had knocked out traffic signals. With the high temperature hovering around 89 degrees (32

deg. Celsius) over the past few days, residents sweated in homes and offices that had no fans or air conditioning.

Martha Castro said her family would stay outside until the power came on, or until the mosquitoes forced them back into the house.

The family even shaved

some of the fur from their cocker spaniel to keep the dog cool during the outages.

"It's almost like typhoon. But during typhoon season ... it's a lot cooler," Castro said.

## Woman removed as custodian for suspect

THE SUPERIOR Court has removed a woman as third party custodian for a man accused of shooting and wounding a Chinese man in Koblerville last week.

The court decided to replace Zheng Qiao as custodian for the defendant Xiao Lin after her credibility was questioned by the Attorney General's Office.

Assistant Atty. Gen. James Norcross said investigators found out that Zheng was married to a different man in 1994 and not to Lin as stated in the court. Investigators discovered that the document submitted to the court stating that Zheng was Lin's wife was altered.

However, the court agreed Tuesday to release Lin to Glenn H. Rochester of Chalan Lau Lau, as third party custodian on \$50,000 property bond or \$5,000 cash.

The defendant was required to observe a 12 a.m. to 5 a.m. curfew. Court information showed that Lin entered into a house and demanded money from Zhong Wen Yang.

During an argument, Lin pulled a .380-cal. handgun and shot Yang. Yang suffered gunshot wounds in the arm and stomach.

The shooting was said to be related to extortion activities by a group of people victimizing fellow Chinese businessmen.

Meanwhile, the court convicted a man of illegal possession of a handgun and ammunition.

The court sentenced Michael S. Pangelinan to one year in jail, all suspended. Pangelinan, however, was ordered, among other things, to perform 400 hours of community work service within one year.

Information showed that last Dec. 11, police found inside Pangelinan's vehicle a .22-cal. revolver and 14 rounds of .22-cal. revolver ammunition and 14 rounds of .38-cal. ammunition.

The defendant, through counsel Gregory Baka, entered a plea agreement with the government (FDI)

## GST...

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make sure that Rota and Tinian gets the same level of communications service with Saipan on a timely basis," said the Rota senator.

He said he does not want Rota and Tinian residents to lag behind Saipan in terms of telecommunications services.

Manglona cited as an example, cable TV services, which he said Rota and Tinian only enjoyed years after Saipan had such services.

He also mentioned efficient telephone services which he said came only to Rota and Tinian long after such services have become standard on Saipan. There are no cellular phone facilities on Rota and Tinian, he said.

"Basically, my point here is that we should have the assurance that the services will be available also for our people on Rota and Tinian in as much as the cable also passes through the two islands," said the Rota senator.

According to Manglona, he has been hearing word about a plan to use microwave technology for the two islands, which he said may not amount to better services than what fiber optic technology can offer.

"I hope that we can also join in this '21st century excitement' and that the two islands would not be left out," said the senator.

GST has entered into an agreement with Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio to do the installation of the cable

that would link Saipan, Tinian and Rota to Guam and the rest of the world via submarine connections.

The project is expected to bring about state-of-the-art, typhoon-proof telecommunications services for the CNMI.

Since the project entails the installation of the cable underneath the ocean floor, it has been dubbed as a submerged lands activity that requires the approval of the Legislature.

Currently, the lease agreement for GST faces possible revisions in the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communication whose members are critical of an exclusivity clause put in by GST.

There are plans to amend GST's lease to allow MTC's participation in the cable landing project. Manglona said there should be a provision that obligates GST to promptly provide Rota and Tinian with use of the new technology.

"It is very easy to just approve a lease and not worry about the details but then years down the road, we will realize we should have put in a very simple provision that would have addressed this problem."

"That is why I wrote a letter to GST and MTC to make sure that we maintain also the state-of-the-art service in all of the islands. We're one commonwealth so we also deserve the same level of service, also in view of the Telecommunications Act which would have given us services equal to that of the US," he said.

## Just Say "NO" To Drugs

# BOE member wins Presidential award



Jovita Kisa Masiwemai

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
Variety News Staff

EDUCATION board member Jovita Kisa Masiwemai won the 1995 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching.

Masiwemai, a teacher representative to the board, teaches elementary Mathematics at Koblerville Elementary School.

Masiwemai says the award came as a surprise to her.

"I filled up the nomination form when I found it in my mailbox, sent it to Washington, then I forgot all about it," she says. "I didn't expect anything so I was excited when, last February, I was told I was among the awardees."

Another nominee from Saipan was Ramir Trinidad of Marianas Baptist Academy.

Masiwemai says she hopes her winning the award would inspire other teachers in the CNMI to excel in their respective fields.

"There is a lot of excellent teachers in the CNMI and I know many of them also deserve awards," says Masiwemai.

She will be off to Washington next week to join 215 other awardees from the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Department of Defense Dependents Schools and other US territories.

The presidential award, according to a news release from Washington D.C., said each of the awardees will receive a National Science Founda-

tion classroom grant in the amount of \$7,500 plus instructional tools and other gifts from private business groups, associations and publishers.

"Announced last fall, these awards are the highest honor an elementary, junior or senior high school teacher of mathematics, science can receive," the new release said. "The (presidential

awards) recognize excellent teachers and encourage highly-qualified people to enter and remain in the field."

A panel of scientists, mathematicians and science and mathematics educators judged the nominees. Nominations were made by colleagues, administrators, students and parents.

Awards ceremony will be held

May 10 at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington D.C.

While in Washington, the new release said, the awardees and their guests will be honored at Department of State dinners and reception at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum.

## Kinney objects to \$11.5M request from Webster

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

KAELANI Kinney has objected to a request by Larry Hillblom's estate Special Administrator William I. Webster seeking court's authority to advance up to \$11.5 million from the estate for the completion of projects in Vietnam.

Kinney recommended the appointment of Rexford Kosack as Special Master to immediately investigate Danao International Holdings, Ltd., a Hong Kong-based holding company in Vietnam which is 90% owned by Hillblom.

The mother of Hillblom's alleged son Junior Larry explained that her position in objecting to the petition is because "it is unreasonable to rely on the opinions of the directors and management of Danao."

David J. Lujan, counsel for Kinney, pointed out that the figures given by Webster and Danao president Jim Dennis do not match.

Lujan said in an April 11 letter, Dennis told Joe Waechter, company director, that the alleged need of \$11.5 million is inclusive of the \$750,000 received last March.

The lawyer also questioned the escalating figure required to finish the Danao projects.

He said initially all that was needed was \$15 million which was the justification used to enter into the DHL loans.

Instead of sending the \$15 million, Lujan said the suspended estate executor delivered only \$7 million on July 24, 1995.

He claimed that only after being caught by Kinney, the executor transmitted the remaining \$3 million to Danao.

During the Special Master's proceeding, Lujan said Waechter testified that after the infusion of \$10 million that all the projects require only \$5 to \$6 million are needed to complete.



David J. Lujan

Lujan underscored the need to investigate Danao saying this is one of the estate's biggest assets where over \$73 million has been invested and has the potential to exceed Hillblom's DHL interests.

Kinney's counsel said the fact that the amount needed to complete the projects increases by the millions each time a request is made shows something stinks in Vietnam.

"It is high time to have a thorough investigation conducted in order that the court and the parties can gain information which is trustworthy. The events of the past months surrounding Danao cry out for such an investigation," said Lujan.

Lujan said Kinney has suggested that the estate call a shareholder's meeting and vote in Kosack, a former Attorney General and a special judge, as the director representing the estate.

Lujan said Kosack has a firm grasp of the legal issues and a thorough knowledge of the facts pertaining to Danao.

In his request, Webster, through counsel Richard W. Pierce, said the use of \$11.5 million as capital will be delivered over time in accordance with the cash flow projections of Danao.

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# Fil-Americans can now buy land in RP

HONOLULU (AP) - Hawaii residents are hailing the passage of a Philippine law that lets naturalized U.S. citizens of Filipino ancestry purchase land in their native country.

"Most people haven't heard about it yet, but those who have are very excited," said Andy Mosquera, legal officer for the Philippine Consulate in Hawaii.

Until three weeks ago, the Foreign Investment Act limited Filipino-American property ownership to small condominium units. Land could

only be acquired through inheritance.

The amended act allows former Philippine citizens to purchase up to 5,000 square meters of urban land or three hectares (two-plus acres) of rural land in the Philippines for business or other purposes, Mosquera said.

Hawaii's Filipino population numbers about 180,000 residents and represents the third largest ethnic group in the state.

Lito Alcantra, president of Group Builders in Hawaii, said

the new law creates business opportunities for Hawaii residents because U.S. dollars can go a long way in the Philippines, where laborers earn far less.

"I dream of going back to live and start a business in the

## Hard to bear

PAPUA New Guinea's prime minister, Sir Julius Chan, says the necessity for better communication is of paramount importance for Papua New Guinea.

He says the problem of isolation from health and other essential services is a heavy burden Papua New Guinea had to bear, NBC reports.

Speaking at his Peoples Progressive Party convention on Samarai Island in Milne Bay and his home province of New Ireland, modern telecommunications and effective transport system are a necessity.

Here affirmed his government was committed to ensuring these vital services reach the people, despite the current financial restraints being experienced...Pacnews

Philippines even though we are doing well here," Alcantra said. "Owning land makes it possible."

Roger Tacdol, head of the Maui division of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, said displaced sugar workers unable to afford property in Hawaii may have enough saved up to buy land in the Philippines.

Tacdol, 56, said he would like to retire in four years and move back to Tarlac Province, about 110 miles (180 kms) from Manila.

"This is good news for me," he said. "I've worked for 38 years but my retirement and social security checks may not be enough to live on when I retire. But you can live comfortably on that in the Philippines."

## Budget strategy, economic priorities outlined by Rabuka

FIJI'S Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka Tuesday night presented a working strategy for next year's budget and outlined government's economic priorities for the remaining three years of this decade and the 21st century. The Fiji Times reports Rabuka believes the action plan will provide a guideline for government to speed up its policy implementation through the budget and focus on those areas that will generate the highest level of benefits for the people.

Rabuka hopes the action plan will be the year 2000, improve the wellbeing of rural communities with incomes averaging to at least 135 US dollars per week, generate a three percent economic

growth per annum to create employment for at least 95 percent of the labour force, increase life expectancy of the country's population to 75 years and reduce the size of government.

The Daily Post reports Rabuka hopes his cabinet will play a greater role in setting the priorities and directions for government's annual budget in closure consultation with all members of parliament, the private sector, non-government organizations and the rural community. Rabuka believes the last two years has seen significant progress towards building a strong policy platform to address social, political and economic challenges facing the country...Pacnews

## Opposition accused of killing unity talks with government

THE ruling Soqosoqo ni Vakavulewa ni Taukei Party in Fiji has accused the opposition Fijian Association Party of killing the unity talks with government.

The Fiji Times reports the S-V-T had rallied behind its leader, Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka, after the F-A-P leader Josevata Kamikamica withdrew from coalition talks.

S-V-T general secretary Doctor Filimoni Wainiqolo claims a memorandum of understanding which Kamikamica was pushing through was solely his own

creation and reflected the preconditions the F-A-P leader wished to impose on government as the price for a coalition.

Wainiqolo says Rabuka has been sincere when talking on unity with the other leaders.

He adds the prime minister still enjoys the support of the S-V-T caucus, its management board and the indigenous Fijian community generally.

Meanwhile F-A-P secretary Josaia Gucake says Wainiqolo's statement ignores the fact that it was Rabuka who initiated the talks with Kamikamica.

## Solomons premier calls for deportation of PNG diplomat

THE premier of Solomon Islands Choiseul province, Simmy Vazarbatu, has called on the national government to deport Papua New Guinea's high commissioner to Solomon Islands, Joseph Assaigo. Vazarbatu alleges that the PNG diplomat has been involved in activities beyond his normal protocol and bilateral interest, SIBC reports.

He says Assaigo has been involved in the spill-over effect of the Bougainville crisis to the extent that some of his involvement are becoming illegal.

Assaigo has rejected the ac-

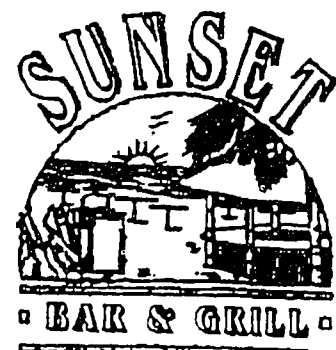
cusations saying that he did not know what the premier is referring to. He says as Papua New Guinea's representative in Solomon Islands, he has been trying his best to address the problems caused by the spill-over effects of the Bougainville conflict. He says one of the ways in which he had tried to address the problem was the convening of the border talks between PNG and Solomon Islands officials in Honiara last week.

The PNG diplomat says he also had talks with Solomons foreign minister, Danny Philip, on the matter Monday...Pacnews

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## Kaczynski paper rejected just before first Unabomber attack

NEW YORK (AP) - Two universities rebuffed Ted Kaczynski's efforts to publish an anti-technology manuscript just before the first Unabomber explosion went off - in the parking lot of one of the universities, ABC News reported.

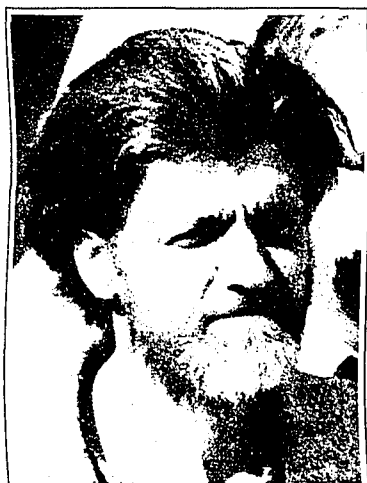
"He was going to get even is what he said," Northwestern University math professor Don Saari told ABC Tuesday.

Authorities believe Kaczynski is the so-called Unabomber, an anti-technology militant who carried out a string of bombings on university and airline targets.

Saari said he just recently remembered that Kaczynski had approached him in 1978 about publishing the paper on the evils of modern technology.

Saari said he referred Kaczynski to engineering professors at both Northwestern and the Chicago campus of the University of Illinois.

Later, "he came in very angry and he told me that they were rude. And he was bitter about it. They were rude and they dismissed him. And he was furious and he was shaking,



Ted Kaczynski

such anger," Saari said. "His body was actually shaking."

Five weeks later, the Unabomber struck for the first time. A package was found in the parking lot of the engineering campus at University of Illinois at Chicago and brought to Northwestern University in Evanston because of the return address. It exploded when it was opened on May 26, injuring one person.

Saari said he had "a fleeting

thought" the explosion might be tied to Kaczynski, then dismissed it.

It wasn't until September of 1994 that he tried to contact the FBI about his experience, after the Unabomber had struck 14 times. But he said he hung up after FBI officials were rude to him.

In April 1995, he wrote the FBI a detailed three-page letter, but never received a response. He tried again in June 1995, and began working with a new agent in the Chicago office, the report said.

Saari said the FBI showed him high school yearbooks and even tried hypnosis in an attempt to help him remember the name of his long ago visitor. But he could only recall that the name contained the letters s, s, and z.

ABC said the FBI had no comment on the report.

Kaczynski, 53, was arrested April 3 at his Montana cabin. He is jailed in Helena, charged only with possession of a bomb components and not with any of the Unabomber attacks, which killed three people and injured 23 in nine states.

## Freemen forum promised but only after surrender

By BOB ANEZ  
HELENA, Montana (AP) - Leaders of the Montana Legislature say they would consider giving an anti-government group a public forum for their views - but only after the members surrender to federal authorities.

However, the group, which calls itself the Freemen, appeared to be under the impression it had won a total victory, and were preparing to make their next move known at dawn on Wednesday, according to James "Bo" Gritz, a former Green Beret colonel who met with them Tuesday afternoon.

There was no indication from any official source Tuesday that any concessions had been made to the fugitives inside the Freemen compound, who face state and federal charges ranging from writing bad checks to threatening to kidnap and kill a U.S. district judge.

"We won't negotiate beforehand or guarantee them anything until they submit to the law like every other citizen," House Minority Leader Ray Peck, a Demo-

crat, said earlier. "I don't think you cut a deal about enforcing the law. You follow the law."

Similar views were expressed by leaders of both parties. They also said the Legislature would agree only if the forum was endorsed by the FBI and state Justice Department.

"If they think that after the Freemen surrender, it would be useful to convene some panel of legislators to hear their viewpoints and grievances, we would consider working something like that out," said Senate President Bob Brown, a Republican.

The idea of such a forum was raised Monday by Gritz, a leader of the self-proclaimed "patriot movement" who has met several times with the people inside the ranch, which has been surrounded by the FBI for 37 days.

The standoff began after two of the group's leaders were arrested.

State Rep. Karl Ohs, a Republican, and Assistant Attorney General John Connor Jr. have met four times toward a US \$ 790 million (1 trillion Australian dollars) free-trade agreement with South America.

Gritz later told a news conference that the session left the Freemen "euphoric."

He said they apparently believe the Montana criminal charges against them have been dismissed, and that charges against some in Utah and North Carolina, as well as some federal charges, will be dismissed if they accept an offer of surrender within 24 hours.

"Whatever happened up there with Connor, it caused these people to speak as if it was a party," said Gritz.

Gritz said the Freemen told him they would give their decision about dawn on Wednesday, and that he would return to the farm complex at that time.

## Du Pont is denied bail

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - John E. du Pont can't leave prison for a psychiatric hospital, a judge has ruled, citing the millionaire's gun proficiency, request for a passport and questionable mental state.

Security measures at the hospital fall short of those at the Delaware County Prison, which has housed du Pont for more than three months, Common Pleas Judge Patricia H. Jenkins found Tuesday.

"No combination of bail conditions, especially those which rely upon the institute's security conditions, can assure the defendant's appearance at trial," Jenkins wrote.

Du Pont's lawyers appealed to the state Superior Court.

Du Pont, a 57-year-old marksman who kept a loaded arsenal at his suburban estate, is charged with gunning down wrestler Dave Schultz on Jan. 26. He then barricaded himself in his mansion for two days, until a SWAT team tricked him into coming outside and captured him.

# Howard wants tougher gun laws

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) - After laying flowers at the site of the Port Arthur massacre, Prime Minister John Howard declared Wednesday he will push for tougher gun laws throughout the country.

Howard said he wants a national register of gun ownership and a total ban on both automatic and semiautomatic weapons.

Howard was addressing fellow legislators in Parliament in Canberra just hours after he had visited Port Arthur, where 35 people were killed near Australia's most notorious colonial prison, in southeast Tasmania.

Howard said he had called an urgent meeting of state police ministers on May 10 to discuss ways to tighten Australia's gun

laws, and would put his own ideas to the group.

"Those proposals will, at a minimum, include a proposal for an effective national registration of gun ownership in this country."

"And they will also include a total ban throughout Australia on all automatic and semiautomatic weapons," he said.

There are already tens of thousands of these weapons in private hands in Australia.

There has been a fierce public outcry for tighter gun laws in Australia since Sunday's massacre.

But Howard still faces an uphill battle.

The federal government's powers over guns in Australia are severely limited by the country's constitution.

## New Zealand, Australia seek links to S. American markets

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) - Australia and New Zealand have taken the first steps toward a US \$ 790 million (1 trillion Australian dollars) free-trade agreement with South America.

Senior officials from Australia, New Zealand, Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay met in Auckland earlier this week for the first official talks on closer trade links.

The four South American nations form the Southern Common Market, known from its Spanish acronym as Mercosur, while the trans-Tasman neighbors form the formal Closer Economic Relations (CER) free trade area.

"The meeting was the first at senior official level and sends an important signal to business communities on both sides of the Pacific that their governments are committed to building links between Australia and East Asia and Latin America," Trade Minister Tim Fischer said Wednesday.

"Australia already has a substantial economic presence in the Latin American mining industry, and there is considerable potential for expansion in economic flows between the two regions."

A statement issued by the officials' meeting said the six countries had agreed to further talks, possibly at the ministerial level.

"To that end they launched a program of initial activities to be completed within a year: creation of a Customs Compendium for Mercosur and the CER countries; an exchange of information on the recognition of professional and educational qualifications and standards infrastructure," it said.

The six nations would also examine "appropriate instruments for promoting trade, investment and

tourism between the two groupings and the need for further encouraging two-way transport links."

Fischer said in a statement that CER had already established a program of cooperation with Latin America on important trade policy issues.

Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay are also members of the Australian-chaired Cairns Group of agricultural free-trading nations.

Other South American nations, Chile and Colombia, are also Cairns Group members, and Fischer will chair the next ministerial meeting in Cartagena, Colombia, next month.

Chile is also a member of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum of Pacific rim countries, and is therefore already linked with CER in a free-trade pact.

A national government can do little more than prohibit the import of weapons. Most other gun controls are applied by the nation's eight state and territory governments, which have widely varying laws.

There have been determined but unsuccessful attempts in recent years to establish a national register of gun ownership.

Some state premiers still do not accept that there is a need to tighten their state's gun laws. They could either exercise an

effective veto over federal gun control, or force Canberra to adopt a lowest-common-denominator compromise that would allow them to retain lax gun laws.

Queensland Premier Rob Borbidge - a member of the rural-based National Party - is reluctant to tighten gun laws.

His Police minister, Russell Cooper, told state legislators Wednesday that he is still not convinced uniform national gun laws would prevent tragedies such as the Port Arthur bloodbath.

Cooper said he would support a common, practical and workable approach to national legislation.

But he could not see any sense in handing over all authority for gun laws to the national government.

"The key is that it must be workable and enforceable," Cooper said.

"If anyone can tell me how national registration of all firearms would have prevented what happened last Sunday, I would be pleased to listen," Cooper said.

## Australia 'shaken to the core' over massacre, says Howard

By PETER O'LOUGHLIN  
PORT ARTHUR, Australia (AP) - A church bell tolled as Prime Minister John Howard laid flowers Wednesday at the cafe where the Port Arthur massacre that took 35 lives began, saying all of Australia had been shaken to its core.

Howard, grim faced, stood with his head bowed for a minute outside the Broad Arrow Cafe, in which Martin Bryant gunned down 20 tourists seated for lunch before continuing his rampage in the parking lot and other sites around the ruins of Australia's most notorious colonial prison.

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On this perfect, cool sunny autumn morning, Howard said the words he had spoken to the local people were inadequate and could never express his true feelings.

"We wanted to demonstrate the depth to which the whole nation is shocked by what occurred in a way no other event

has done in my lifetime," he told reporters later.

"I hope (the visit) is a gesture that gives some comfort and encouragement to those that are so badly affected."

"This is an event that has shaken the core of this country in a way that no individual crime has done in my lifetime," Howard said.

He was accompanied by opposition leader Kim Beazley and Democrats leader Cheryl Kernot.

"The very least the three of us can do is in a direct and sincere manner identify ourselves with the difficulty and the pain and the anguish that the people of Tasmania and the people of Port Arthur... and the people of Australia are feeling at this time," Howard said.

Staff at the Port Arthur historic site are unanimous that the Broad Arrow cafe should be demolished, site spokeswoman Sue Hobbs said.

Reporters and others leaving the ceremony saw the yellow-

painted outlines of bodies along the road and pathways where victims fell, and yellow X's showing where bullets and other evidence had been found.

Port Arthur residents had placed flowers at each death site.

Howard and his entourage returned to Hobart to join hundreds of Tasmanians at a memorial service at St. David's Cathedral.

As the nationally televised service began at 10:30 a.m., a minute of silence was observed across Australia.

The Australian Stock Exchange and the Sydney Futures Exchange shut down for one minute in tribute.

Flags flew at half-mast throughout the nation, and churches opened their doors at 10:30 a.m. to welcome in grieving and distraught people seeking solace.

The New South Wales Parliament rose for 35 minutes at 10:30 out of respect for the 35 slain.

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	all day Arts and Craft as presented by the CCAC members
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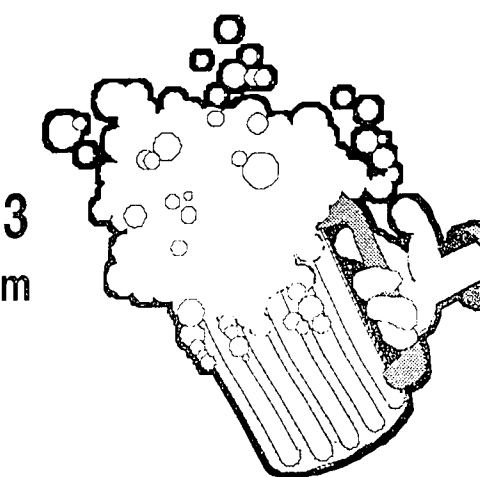
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# US: Iran is top terrorist nation

By GEORGE GEDDA

WASHINGTON (AP) - Iran is the "premier state sponsor of international terrorism," the U.S. State Department said, citing as proof Iran's alleged support for radical groups from North Africa to Central Asia.

The department said Tuesday in its annual report on international terrorism that seven Iranian murders of dissidents were confirmed last year, up from four in 1994.

The report, covering terrorist activities around the world in 1995, follows a recent upsurge in Iranian weapons shipments through Syria to Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon.

The rebels used the weaponry to attack targets in Northern Israel that prompted counterattacks by Israeli forces and 16 days of cross-border mortar and rocket exchanges.

The study lists Iran, Syria and five other countries - Cuba, Iraq, Libya, North Korea and Sudan - as sponsors of international terrorism. The list is unchanged from the report issued a year ago.

On a positive note, the study said the number of fatalities from international terror around the world declined from 314 in 1994 to 165 in 1995.

Philip Wilcox, who heads the State Department's counterterrorism office, said overall trends in terrorism are encouraging, at least compared to a decade earlier.

He said 200 attacks were launched against U.S. government and military personnel in 1986, compared with 39 last year.

Attacks against all American targets rose to 99 last year from 66 the year before.

But Wilcox noted that the 1987 total was almost twice as high, 187 incidents.

He pointed to a "tremendous decline" in incidents of airplane hijacking resulting from intensified measures to protect civil aviation.

Except for Iran, the report said international pressure and sanctions largely contained terrorism by other state sponsors such as Libya and Iraq.

"In most countries, the level of international terrorism in 1995 continued the downward trend of recent years, and there were fewer terrorist acts that caused deaths last year than in the previous year," it said.

But it said the number of international terrorist acts rose in 1995 from 322 to 440.

That was blamed largely on a major increase in nonlethal attacks against property in Germany and in Turkey by the Kurdistan Workers Party, known by its Turkish-language initials PKK.

The PKK is a rebel group that has been fighting the Turkish government for years.

The report said the decline in lethal international terrorism was

not matched by a reduction in domestic terror or other forms of political violence.

Of the seven countries on the terrorism list, only Syria has normal diplomatic relations with the United States.

That relationship warmed with Syria's entry into the U.S.-led anti-Iraq coalition that won the 1991

Persian Gulf war and has grown closer primarily because of Syria's participation in the Middle East peace process.

The report said the State Department found no evidence that Syrian officials have been directly involved in planning or executing terrorist attacks since 1986.

It said Syria continues to negotiate seriously to achieve a peace accord with Israel and has taken steps to restrain terrorist groups over which it wields influence.

The report also noted that Syria provides a haven and support for several groups that attempt to sabotage the Middle East peace process.

## Pakistan linked to Kashmiri terrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States says it has "credible reports" that Pakistan officially supported terrorist attackers in Indian-ruled Kashmir last year. Pakistani authorities maintain that such backing was only moral, political and diplomatic.

"Bombings claimed by Kashmiri groups occurred throughout the year," targeting mainly "Indian government officials, military offices and infrastructure facilities, but most of those killed and wounded were civilians," according to the U.S. State Department's annual report on terrorism around the world.

"One Pakistani-backed group ... is believed to be linked to Al-Faran, the group that claimed responsibility for the kidnapping in July of two U.S. citizens, two Britons, a German and a Norwegian" on a Himalayan trekking holiday in Kashmir, it said, while others "claimed responsibility for numerous bombings in Kashmir, including one against foreign journalists."

Of the six kidnapped, one American escaped while "the Norwegian was later beheaded, and at year's end the (four) other hostages were still being held," the report added.

Pakistan's government "acknowledges that it continues to give moral, political and diplomatic support to Kashmiri militants, but denies allegations of other assistance," it said.

"There continued to be credible reports in 1995, however, of official Pakistani support to militants fighting in Kashmir, including Pakistani, Afghan and Arab nationals, some of whom engage in terrorism," the report continued, not elaborating on the reports.

"Pakistan continues to experience terrorist-related violence as a result of domestic conflicts and instability" in neighboring Afghanistan, the State Department said.

It credited Pakistani authorities with measures in 1995 to curb activities of Afghan mujahedin and of Arab

and Pakistani nationals sympathetic to the Afghan militants in regions bordering Afghanistan.

In February that year, Pakistan arrested and extradited to the United States Ramzi Ahmed Yousef, suspected of masterminding the 1993 New York World Trade Center bombing and a 1995 plot against U.S. airlines in East Asia.

"Pakistan's discovery through subsequent investigations that Yousef had plotted to assassinate its prime minister, Benazir Bhutto, led to arrests of alleged collaborators throughout the country, the report said.

Under a 1994 extradition treaty, Pakistan returned to Egypt several suspected terrorists before the Nov. 19 car bombing that destroyed the Egyptian Embassy in Islamabad.

Three Egyptian militant opposition groups claimed responsibility and after the bombing more suspected terrorists were rounded up in Pakistan cities, some in an Afghan refugee camp.

# New breed of Mafia women emerges

By FRANCES D'EMILIO

PALERMO, Sicily (AP) - The Mafia kept her back in the shadows and away from its secrets. If she knew, she didn't tell. She washed clothes bloodied by killings and bore the next generation of killers.

For centuries, the "Mafia Woman" - wife, mother, sister - knew her place.

But the Mafia's world is changing, and so are its women.

Often it is the Mafiosi's women who are giving their men the courage to break with the mob and confess crimes to investigators. The swelling numbers of turncoats - a development unthinkable barely a decade ago - have proved a key weapon in the state's uphill war against organized crime.

Still, while some women repudiate the Mafia way of violence and vendetta, others are using their autonomy to carve out new roles for themselves inside Cosa Nostra.

By tradition, only men could take the blood oath that seals entrance into the Honored Society, as the Mafia calls itself.

But turncoats say that ceremony is held no more, and evidence is building that many women are now as much a part of the Mafia as their men.

A Palermo criminologist, Giorgio Chinnici, said the changes are most obvious in eastern Sicily, especially in the Catania area, where the Mafia's reach across the island was last to take hold and thus is less tied to tradition.

"We're discovering that some women have taken the place of their arrested husbands, taking over businesses, directing rackets," Chinnici said.

Police listening in on tapped phones have heard women "acting like bosses, ordering killings."

While traditional Mafia wives stayed home when their husbands went underground, turncoats told police that if they ever captured Cosa Nostra's reputed No. 2 man, they would surely find his wife at his side because she was so bound up in the life of crime.

They were right. When dozens of police burst into a farmhouse hideout outside Catania one night in 1993 to capture Nitto Santapaola, sleeping next to him was his wife, Carmela Minniti.

Investigators say she started her life of crime early, accompanying Santapaola as he cased jewelry stores to rob by pretending to shop for wedding bands.

Two years after her husband's capture, killers posing as policemen rang her bell, pushed past her daughter and fatally shot her in the chest.

"She ran his affairs," said Liliana Madeo, author of a book on the Mafia's new women.

"If she was just the little

woman, she wouldn't have been killed."

Increasingly, women are lending their "clean" names to money-laundering businesses, said Palermo prosecutor Guido Lo Forte.

It is the same technique used by Colombia drug cartel bosses to protect their riches.

Cosa Nostra is using its women more and more to slip messages in and out of high-security prisons, Lo Forte said.

Under a state crackdown, top bosses now do time on tiny islands or other out of the way places, and wives, mothers and daughters are sometimes the only ones allowed to see them.

"No longer can we go on saying women are not part of the Mafia," said Lo Forte.

In 1983, Palermo police sought court orders to send five women, suspected of helping their Mafiosi hus-

bands, into "internal" exile in northern towns.

The judge refused, arguing that Sicilian women weren't liberated enough to work for the Mafia.

Partly for pride, partly for practicality, Mafiosi perpetuated the myth that their women knew nothing.

But Piera Aiello, who married into a Mafia family, told the Italian weekly *Venerdì*: "If you ask your Mafia husband something, he won't respond."

But if you're good and quiet, those fools - like all men are - will confide in you, because that makes them feel important."

Her husband was gunned down in a pizzeria after a failed attempt to avenge his father's murder at the hands of the Mafia.

She is one of a growing number of women who are defying

their families to collaborate with the law.

Many are young. Ms. Aiello began talking to police when she was in her 20s.

Others try to persuade their men to turn "pentito," or turncoat.

"Sometimes the women come to us and say,

"Help us make this decision," said Liliana Ferraro, a former justice ministry official and close aide to Giovanni Falcone, the Palermo prosecutor who pioneered the "pentiti" protection program and was killed by a Mafia car bomb in 1992.

But Mafia women's new independence can mean deciding to stay behind when husbands and brothers go over to the side of the law.

These women have gone to TV stations and newspapers to repudiate their men's deci-

sions. Some show up in court, when their husbands testify, to shout out their allegiance to Cosa Nostra.

"They speak out so the Mafia will protect them, so they can stay where they live, their kids can continue to go to school," said Ms. Madeo.

Mafia women can also send clear messages without saying a word.

Three years ago, police captured the man investigators say is Cosa Nostra's Numero Uno, Salvatore "Toto" Riina, after 23 years as a fugitive. Two days later, his wife, Antonietta, and their four children came out of hiding and returned to the family's hometown in Corleone in the hills outside Palermo.

Investigators said Mrs. Riina's return was a clear signal to the Mafia that her husband wasn't about to squeal.

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# US embassy guards kill 3 Liberians

By JOHN DIAMOND  
WASHINGTON (AP) - The Marines who killed at least three Liberian faction members in an exchange of fire were not there to look for a fight.

Despite calls Tuesday from some Africa advocates for a more active U.S. military mission, the 276 U.S. Marines are under orders to stay put on the embassy compound and return fire only when they can see who is shooting.

"If you are being fired upon and you can see who is firing at you, you return fire," said Army Maj. Nancy Burt, a Pentagon spokeswoman familiar with the rules of engagement being used by the Marines.

In four separate incidents beginning late Tuesday afternoon in Monrovia, the Liberian capital, warring factions fired at or near the Marines guarding the waterfront embassy compound, which includes both the ambassador's residence and the embassy office building.

The trouble began when embassy staffers and guards heard

an intense firefight in the vicinity of the embassy between warlord Charles Taylor and Ecomog, a West African peacekeeping organization. The Marines held their fire in the first incident. But in three subsequent shootings, each about an hour apart, the guard posts on the southeast side of the embassy, near the residence, came under fire.

In two of those incidents, Marines fired back with M-16 automatic rifles and M-60 machine guns. According to initial reports, two faction members were killed and one wounded in one incident and a third was believed to have been killed in a later exchange.

Clinton administration officials were anxious to avoid giving the impression that U.S. troops are now considered targets in the Liberian civil war.

"This is the first exchange of fire involving the Marines," Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said. "We don't know what (the attackers) were aiming at. Fire came in and it was returned."

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns called the

shootings "a very grave incident. We call upon all parties, all factions, all militia members in Monrovia not only to cease and desist fighting in general but to be very careful not to attack Americans."

At the White House, a statement issued by press secretary Mike McCurry strongly condemned the outbreak of fighting in Monrovia. Without mentioning the embassy shooting, the statement urged all factions to withdraw their fighters and weapons.

"The Liberian people desperately want peace," the statement said. "It is the faction leaders who have chosen to pursue their political objectives through violent means, regardless of the suffering they are inflicting on the Liberian people."

It reiterated the administration's warning that any leader who comes to power by force will be politically and economically isolated.

The Marines are patrolling a walled compound and manning eight guard posts, using

sandbags and plywood covers for protection. None of the Marines was wounded by any of the incoming fire.

In a somewhat lopsided arrangement, the 276 Marines are guarding an embassy staff of about 18. There were no plans for any of those staffers, including the ambassador, to leave, nor for Marine reinforcements off the Liberian coast to come ashore.

"There are at least 1,500 Marines that could move in very quickly by helicopter or by surface if they chose to," a senior official said.

In all its peacekeeping operations since the ill-fated 1993 peace operation in Somalia, the Clinton administration has strained to avoid being pulled into local fighting and has tried to keep the military mission limited. In the case of Liberia, a country founded by former American slaves, some have argued for a greater commitment.

"The Marines should go beyond the embassy compound itself and into Monrovia and take over the policing," said James

Bishop, U.S. ambassador to Liberia from 1987 to 1990.

Noting Liberia's efforts on behalf of the United States, for example providing badly needed rubber during World War II, Bishop said, "We have some moral responsibility as a nation."

In addition, a group "Friends of Liberia," made up of former Peace Corps volunteers to that country, has advocated a short-term U.S. humanitarian relief operation, which would take the military beyond its limited mission of evacuating American citizens and protecting embassy staffers.

## Teenager mutilated victim, but did video of crime

By ED WHITE  
SPARTA, Michigan (AP) - A high school dropout with a criminal history was arrested for decapitating a young man and making a video of himself mutilating the head in his bedroom.

Federico Cruz, 16, was charged as an adult with murder Tuesday. The father of one of Cruz's friends found out about the video and turned it over to the sheriff's department.

"It was bizarre to say the least," Sheriff James Dougan said. "The tape is pretty explicit."

Cruz confessed to bludgeoning the man to death last Thursday after following him on a railroad track, then dumping the body in a swamp a few hundred yards from his house, investigators said. Cruz said he cut off the victim's head the next day and made the video.

Police found the head, wrapped in plastic, sitting outside Cruz' house here, about 15 miles (24 kilometers) north of Grand Rapids. He led police to the body in the swamp.

Cruz referred to the victim as "Eddie" in the tape, but the body couldn't be identified through fingerprints and remained unknown late Tuesday, police said.

In the video, Cruz - wearing a black sweatshirt, a blue bandana over his face, black sunglasses, a black ski hat and black leather gloves - slashes at the head with a butcher knife and removes the brain. During the video, Cruz takes off the bandana and sunglasses.

Elias Vasquez Jr., the father of one of Cruz' friends, gave the video to police on Monday after learning that his daughter had seen it and his son had it in his possession, sheriff's Detective Edward Rusticus said.

Cruz was ordered held without bond. His father, Jose Cruz, 48, declined to talk to reporters.

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# Cop convicted of street kids' murder

By TODD LEWAN  
RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) - In a decision hailed by human rights defenders, a judge sentenced a Rio de Janeiro state trooper to 309 years in prison for the murder of six street youths.

A gasp rose in the courtroom Tuesday as Judge Jose Geraldo Antonio read the sentence to

Marcos Vinicius Emmanuel, one of eight men indicted for the murder of eight street boys on July 23, 1993.

Antonio cited the "cruel form" of the killings and the "defenseless victims" to justify the severe sentence.

After an unusual overnight trial, the jury of four men and three women took three hours

to find Emmanuel guilty on six counts of homicide, five counts of attempted homicide, one count of assault and two of assault followed by death.

The burly, 29-year-old Emmanuel, who had faced eight counts of murder, listened impassively as the sentence was read.

But the result was hailed by

human rights activists, who had made the trial a virtual referendum on Brazil's commitment to protecting its poor and punishing police brutality.

"Clearly it's a big step in the right direction," said James Cavallaro, director of Human Rights Watch/Brazil. "The sentence certainly complies with the gravity of the crime."

Elizabeth Sutton of Amnesty International called the decision "a small wedge in the wall of impunity."

The 309-year term is largely symbolic; the maximum prison time allowable is 30 years. Defense lawyer Sandra Bossio said she had requested a retrial and would appeal some of the charges.

In any case, Emmanuel won't be going to jail any time soon. He was to return to the state police barracks to await the retrial, which Bossio said was routinely granted for sentences of 20 years and up.

He further benefits as a first offender. In two years he could be eligible for a sort of house

arrest, and in seven he could be allowed out during daylight hours.

"It's absurd, but it's the law," said Humberto Espinola of the Justice Ministry's Human Rights Council.

The killings shocked and divided the country. Six of the youths were gunned down as they slept on a sidewalk in the shadow of Candelaria Cathedral in downtown Rio. Two were taken to the waterfront and executed. Many Brazilians, fed up with rising urban crime, were openly sympathetic to the "elimination" of street kids suspected of stealing. An estimated 2,000 to 3,000 children live on Rio's streets.

Prosecutors claimed Emmanuel's confession was a ploy to reduce the charges against himself and to protect other defendants.

"I fired, and then I fired again," Emmanuel said coolly. "I don't know who I shot."

The prosecution's star witness was Wagner dos Santos, who was left for dead but survived.

## New variety of cheap, tasty, anti-disease banana found

By LLOYD WILLIAMS  
KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) - A Jamaican researcher has cultivated a new variety of banana that he says is cheap to grow, tasty and resistant to disease.

Ren Gonsalves, 67, said in a recent interview that he developed the new variety during more than 35 years of research. He is managing director of Jamaica's banana board, which regulates the country's industry and handles breeding and research.

Gonsalves said he hasn't been able to test his new banana for resistance to a major banana disease, sigatoka, because one of its two main variants wasn't observed here until October 1995.

Sigatoka is a wind-borne leaf ailment that originated in southeast Asia.

He sent samples of the new variety to the International Improvement of Bananas and Plantains Laboratory in Belgium for testing, Gonsalves said.

The new strain is 40 percent cheaper to grow than other varieties because it doesn't need chemical sprays to resist diseases and pests, he said.

"It tastes fairly well," he added.

If the new, as-yet-unnamed type of banana is accepted in the export market, "it could mean that we could grow bananas cheaper ... cheapest as a matter of fact, and really compete in the world market," the researcher said.

Last year, Jamaica exported 85,223 metric tons (93,745 short tons) of bananas valued at \$48 million to Britain.

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# Death toll in Brazil mudslide: 49

**RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP)** - The death toll rose to 49 in the northeastern capital of Recife, where torrential rains and mudslides earlier this week covered hillside shantytowns with tons of debris.

Distraught relatives alongside civil defense workers continued to search for bodies on

Tuesday in the coastal capital some 1,500 miles (2,360 kms) northeast of Rio.

"I'll keep digging until I find a body," said teenager Joao Luis de Souza, looking for his mother, father and two brothers.

"I just won't give up until I find them."

Psychologists joined more

than 500 firemen and civil defense workers who tried to evacuate slum dwellers in high-risk areas, fearing that rain forecast for the region could cause even more deaths.

Middle-class homes were heavily damaged by falling trees during the downpour Monday, but all of the deaths took place in slums on city

outskirts.

"Shacks precariously built on the hillsides were buried underneath tons of mud, killing entire families as they slept," said Fernanda Santos, a press spokeswoman for the city's fire department.

Santos said authorities had

not yet determined how many people were injured and left homeless.

This was the second tragedy in the region in as many weeks; mudslides and rains killed at least 26 people in Salvador, 500 miles (833 kms) south of Recife.

## Volcano in Mexico City spews ash, emits smoke

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** - The volcano Popocatepetl on Tuesday spewed ash and smoke high above the capital and shook nearby towns, but there did not seem to be any immediate danger.

The official Notimex agency quoted civil protection authorities in Puebla state, which borders the volcano, as saying that experts

were studying Popocatepetl's latest movements.

The 17,991-foot (5,452-meter) volcano has been more active in recent months, sometimes spewing ash and smoke and sending a long plume over the nearby provincial capital of Puebla.

Popocatepetl is about 45 miles (75 kms) southeast of downtown Mexico City.

## Shark liver substance could slow growth of brain tumors

**BALTIMORE (AP)** - Results of animal studies at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions show that a natural shark liver substance may stop the growth of new blood vessels that nourish solid brain tumors.

Johns Hopkins made the announcement Tuesday at the American Association of Neurological Surgeons' annual meeting in Minneapolis.

The results of the study suggest that the substance, squalamine, may play a role in chemotherapy, radiation and surgery in treating brain cancers and other solid tu-

mors, say researchers from Hopkins and Magainin Pharmaceuticals, which processes squalamine and funded the studies.

The researchers cautioned, however, that the findings, while promising, are still preliminary.

In the study, Hopkins researchers found the substance, which is a chemical concentrated in the liver of the dogfish shark, reduced the rate of blood vessel cell growth by up to 83 percent after two days.

Uncontrolled growth of blood vessels fuels the runaway cell growth of malignant tumors.

## Fan impersonates Elvis Presley even in death

**BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)** - Even in death, Sakarin Bunyarit followed the lead of his idol, Elvis Presley.

The singer, known as Thailand's Elvis Presley for his impersonation of the American rock and roll legend, died of a heart attack Monday evening at age 58,

local papers reported Wednesday.

Unlike the original Elvis, who succumbed to heart failure in a bathroom of his estate Graceland in August 1977, Sakarin expired while watching television in the living room of his Bangkok home following a round of golf.

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# Koalas few but not endangered

**CANBERRA, Australia (AP)** - The koala population may be diminishing throughout Australia as civilization plows under their habitat, but the cuddle marsupials aren't endangered — officially.

A move to secure federal protection for koalas as an "endangered species" has failed, but conservationists plan another attempt.

The Humane Society International's Australia branch and the Australia Koala Foundation last year urged that the koala be protected under federal endangered species law.

This would require the government to prepare a recovery plan, and allocate re-

sources to implement it.

Humane Society Australian director Michael Kennedy said the groups learned Tuesday that the nomination, which is referred to a scientific panel and the federal Environment Minister, had been rejected.

The groups had nominated the koala last year because the picture for the populations in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria collectively was fairly grim.

Kennedy prepared a report on marsupials in 1992 for the former government and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature in which he described the koala population as potentially vulnerable.

Habitat clearance, in particular in urban areas, had continued apace since then, he said.

Kennedy said the groups would seek to have the koala population of New South Wales protected under the federal laws, using a special pro-

vision for specific populations.

Koalas numbered in the

millions until early in this century, when widespread hunting and trapping for their fur

decimated them. Australia's total koala population is now below 80,000.

## Patients warned not to combine AIDS drugs pending dose study

By LINDA A. JOHNSON  
**TRENTON, New Jersey (AP)** -

Warning AIDS patients not to combine two newly approved drugs, two pharmaceutical companies announced Tuesday they are beginning tests to determine the safest dose of the combination.

Saquinavir is made by Hoffmann-La Roche Inc. of Nutley, New Jersey, which sells it under the brand name Invirase. The Food and Drug Administration approved its sale in December.

Ritonavir is made by Abbott Laboratories of North Chicago, Illinois and sold under the brand name Norvir. It was approved in March.

Both medicines are protease

inhibitors, a new class of drugs that target an enzyme called protease needed in the reproduction of the AIDS virus.

"People are experimenting with the full dose of both drugs, not knowing the danger or what the optimal dosage is," said AIDS activist Jules Levin, founder of the National AIDS Treatment

Advocacy Project in New York. "There have been some very negative experiences with this combination," he said, including a couple of Philadelphia patients who were hospitalized after bad reactions to the full dose of both drugs.

Hoffmann-La Roche spokesman Daniel Berman said his company and Abbott have notified

dozens of AIDS specialists who worked on human tests of the medicines against combining them until the new tests determine the safe dosage. Preliminary results are to be reported at the 11th International Conference on AIDS in Vancouver, July 7-12.

Two weeks after ritonavir was approved, FDA cleared a third protease inhibitor made by Merck and Co. of Whitehouse Station, New Jersey. Indinavir, selling under the brand name Crixivan, appears to obliterate most of the HIV virus in a patient's blood, although the deadly virus lurks elsewhere in the body.

All three drugs cost several thousand dollars per year.

## Protein level may foretell the risk of heart attack

**DALLAS (AP)** - A blood protein that signals heart muscle damage could provide doctors with an easy and inexpensive way to predict heart attack risk in patients with recurring chest pain, according to a Swedish study.

Recurrent chest pain, even at rest, is known as unstable angina. It often is the result of reduced blood flow to the arteries narrowed by atherosclerosis and leads to more than 500,000 hospitalizations a year.

In a report to be released in Wednesday's edition of the American Heart Association journal "Circulation," Swedish researchers found that 4.3 percent of the patients studied who had the lowest levels of the protein "troponin T" were at risk of heart attack or death within five months.

That compared to 16.1 percent of those with the highest levels of the protein.

The study included 975 men and women.

The lowest level was defined as the bottom one-fifth. The highest level was defined as the top one-fifth.

When patients come to the hospital with chest pain, doctors could use the protein as part of their early risk assessment, the study said.

That, in turn, can allow for more informed decisions on the "optimal use of medical treatment" and invasive procedures such as angioplasty, the study said.

The research team was led by Dr. Bertil Lindahl, of University Hospital in Uppsala, Sweden.

University of Michigan cardiologist Dr. Bertram Pitt, said the results of the study are "encouraging" and that the test "will likely find important application," but he cautioned that further study is needed.

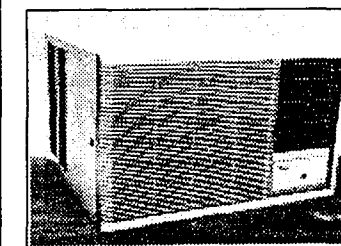
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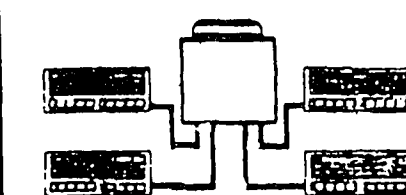
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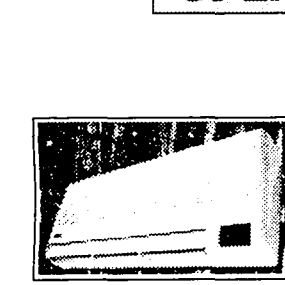
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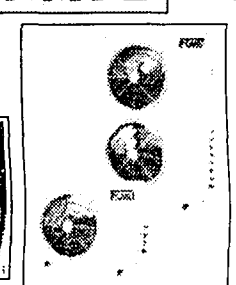
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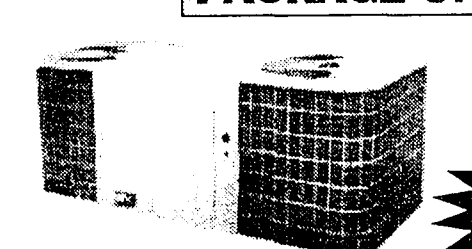
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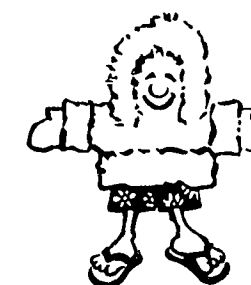
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## Elections update in India

## Hindu party leads in exit polls

By ARTHUR MAX  
NEW DELHI, India (AP) - The governing Congress Party trailed far behind a Hindu nationalist party in the first published survey since voting began last week in India's month-long general election.

In its Thursday edition, Outlook magazine reported that Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao's Congress Party will win a larger share of the popular vote, but will come second behind the Bharatiya Janata Party in the number of seats

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presence of Hair is part of the implementation of a plan under a \$7-million federal grant initiative which is aimed at addressing labor, immigration and law enforcement problems in the CNMI. The two-year grant program is on its second year now, Schorr said.

"The federal government and the CNMI will coordinate their efforts to address these labor and immigration concerns," the interior official said.

The grant plan, according to Schorr, also involves such agencies as the US Department of Labor's wage and hour office, and additional support for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, US Attorney's Office and US Marshalls.

Of the \$7 million, Schorr said, \$4 million went to these federal offices and \$3 million to the CNMI government.

Schorr is meeting with Hair tomorrow to brief the INS representative on the profile of the CNMI.

Late last year, Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio asked the US government to send an INS representative to the CNMI to help monitor and deal with immigration problems and developments in the Commonwealth.

However, an official who refused to be identified, said the deployment of Hair to the island "is a federal initiative and not in response to the governor's request."

One of the concerns earlier raised by Washington officials is the continued influx of aliens to the CNMI in the absence of any immigration caps.

Interior officials have noted that the CNMI has surpassed the 1992 immigration levels.

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in the Lok Sabha, the 545-seat lower house of Parliament.

The survey incorporated an exit poll of 3,000 voters who cast ballots in seven states on Saturday, when one-third of the country went to the polls. Another 18,918 people were questioned earlier by Dun and Bradstreet Market Research Pvt. Ltd. No margin of error was reported.

The second phase of the staggered balloting is Thursday for another one-third of India's 590 million eligible voters. The rest of India, except for the rebellion-troubled state of Jammu-Kashmir, votes next Tuesday, and counting begins the next day.

Although previous surveys in Indian elections have a mixed record of reliability, pre-election polls from at least four organizations agreed that no party will win a majority and that India will face a period of coalition politics.

The centrist Congress Party has

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ceded its authority by fashioning a remedy not sanctioned by the election contest statute.

The effect of adopting this unauthorized remedy, Lawlor said is that the court has precluded other deprived voters from participating in the election "because they did not, nor could they, challenge their improper denial of their right to vote on the Nov. 4 polls because their candidate had prevailed in that election."

Furthermore, Lawlor argued that a review of the chronology of events reveals that the court exceeded its authority by issuing an

governed India for all but four years since India gained independence in 1947.

The BJP, led by Atal Behari Vajpayee, emerged from the Hindu right wing 17 years ago. Its platform is Hindu cultural nationalism and an aggressive defense policy toward neighboring Pakistan, including the threat of developing a nuclear arsenal.

The poll predicted the BJP will win 192 parliament seats, Congress will take 142 seats, and a left-wing alliance called the Left Front-National Front will win 139 seats. The rest will go to small parties and independents.

A government needs the support of 273 legislators to command a majority.

Like the other polls, the latest survey showed the BJP gaining ground from earlier opinion polls. Most of its strength is concentrated in the heavily populated but underdeveloped states of the

order after the three-day period provided by statute.

Mundo won by a margin of three votes during the Nov. 4 polls, but the defeated candidate Marja Lee Taitano filed an election contest citing that five voters had been improperly deprived of their opportunity to vote.

Associate Judge Timothy Bellas issued an order calling for a special election as the court found out that the elections board flawed in disqualifying the four voters.

All four Rota voters cast their ballots last April 20 in favor of Taitano.

BOE executive director Juan M. Diaz said the board is set to certify the special election result on May 10.

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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Congress, campaigning on a plank of "stability" and the need to complete its economic liberalization program, has been plagued by internal strife, defections and scandal.

The surveys show that Prime Minister Rao remains the most popular candidate to lead the country, but a movement reportedly is gaining ground within the Congress to oust the 74-year-old leader if it loses the election.

If the BJP emerges as the largest party, it still may have trouble finding coalition partners for a government. The BJP is perceived as a party of the elite upper castes,

which is anathema to low-caste Hindus and Muslims.

That would give Congress a chance to draw allies from the leftist parties anxious to block the BJP from power.

But Congress defectors and the leftists have said they would join a Congress government only if Rao steps down.

"He's on the way out," said Outlook editor Vinod Mehta.

BJP leaders have said they expect Congress' defeat would split that party and open the way for it to form a "consensus government" with some regional groups.

## US Senate asks DOJ to extradite terrorist

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. Senate asked the U.S. Justice Department to attempt to extradite to the United States terrorist Abul Abbas, the mastermind behind the hijacking of the cruise ship Achille Lauro and the murder of Leon Klinghoffer.

Abbas, who has been on the run since the October 1985 incident, surfaced several weeks ago in the Gaza Strip to apologize for killing the elderly New Yorker and say the entire episode was a mistake.

Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, saying an apology was not enough, sponsored a resolution directing the Justice Department to capture the terrorist leader and bring him to the United States for trial. The Senate approved the measure, 99-0.

The attorney general has the duty and the obligation to see to

it that we look to extradite Abul Abbas," D'Amato said Tuesday. "It was his men who killed Leon Klinghoffer and threw his body overboard."

A Justice Department spokesman, John Russell, said no charges were filed against Abbas in the United States and therefore federal law enforcers have no grounds to seek his extradition.

The cruise ship was seized off Port Said, Egypt, by Palestinian terrorists who held the more than 300 passengers hostage for two days until the commandos surrendered to Egyptian authorities.

Klinghoffer was shot and killed during the standoff and his body and wheelchair tossed into the Mediterranean Sea by the hijackers. An Italian court tried and sentenced Abbas and two other Palestinians in absentia to life in prison in 1986.

## Wary of China, Taiwan signs investment pact with Thailand

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - Taiwan signed an investment pact with Thailand but delayed the announcement until Wednesday to head off possible protests from China, a newspaper said.

The Foreign Ministry said the agreement, which sets up a framework for government-to-government contacts on investment issues, was signed Tuesday by the unofficial representatives of Thailand and Taiwan in each other's capitals.

The announcement was held up until after the signing to forestall protests from Beijing, the United Daily News quoted Foreign Ministry officials as saying.

Particular care was taken to avoid leaking the news during a recent visit to Thailand by China's vice chairman of the Central Military Commission, the official was quoted as saying.

China regards Taiwan as a rebel province, and suppresses attempts by its government to broaden its ties with other countries.

The agreement with Thailand is the first since China launched menacing military exercises following President Lee Teng-hui's visit to the United States last June. China regarded that trip as part of a covert bid for formal independence.

The Foreign Ministry said the agreement would reinforce rights to legal compensation, repatriation of profits, convenience of taxation, and treatment of investors.

Taiwanese investment in Thailand stood at U.S. \$ 250 million last December, and 1995 trade totaled U.S. \$ 165 million.

Thailand is the sixth of the seven members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to sign an investment promotion and protection agreement with Taiwan.

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## AGENDA FOR BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

- Date: May 7, 1996, Tuesday  
Time: 9:00 AM  
Place: BPL Conference Room
1. Call to Order
  2. Determination of Attendance & Quorum
  3. Review and Adoption of Agenda
  4. Review and Adoption of Minutes-April 2, 1996 Meeting Minutes
  5. Communications from Governor's Office & Legislature
  6. Chairman's Report
  7. Board Administrator's Report
  8. Investigator's Report
  9. Committee Reports
  10. Old Business
  11. Applications for Board's Review
  12. Miscellaneous Business
  13. Adjournment of Meeting

PUBLIC NOTICE  
4/30/96

The Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Development Authority [CDA] will reconvene its meeting of March 28, 1996 on Tuesday, May 7, 1996 following the meeting of the DCD Board of Directors at the CDA Conference Room, Wakin's Building in Gualo Rai, Saipan.

General matters will be discussed.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
**CIVIL ACTION NO. 96-497**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:  
ANTONIO INDALECIO,  
Deceased.

NOTICE OF  
HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on June 4, 1996 at 1:30 PM in the courthouse of the Superior Court in Susupe, the petitioner, Jose M. Quichocho, will petition the court to be appointed administrator of the estate of Antonio Indalecio.

Any person, who has any objection to said petition, may appear in said court on said date and time to make such objection.

Dated this 30th day of April, 1996.

/s/ REYNALDO O. YANA  
Attorney for Petitioner



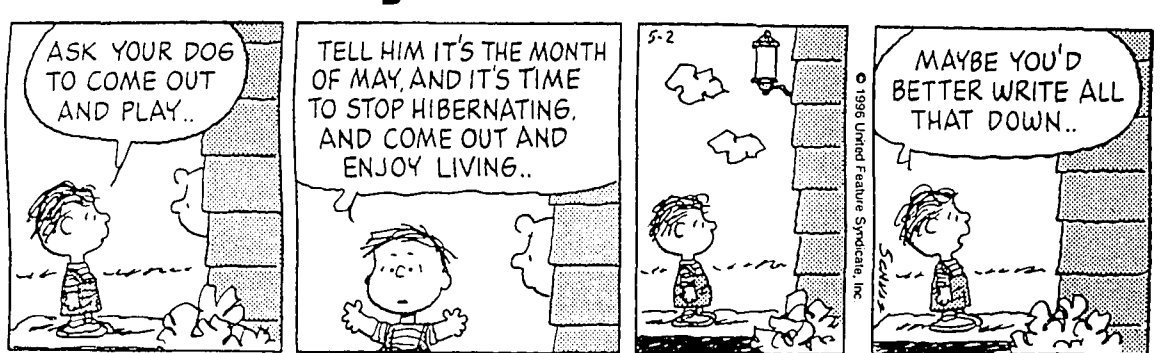
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By Stella Wilder

Born today, you know how to get others to listen to you, and this talent will bring you the success for which you were destined. Some may claim that you have a kind of sixth sense when communicating with others. Indeed, you have a way of imparting information which makes other people think that they are more on top of the situation than they might be. You must take care not to fill people with a false sense of security. This kind of behavior can be dangerous, and realistically acknowledging one's limitations is usually best for everyone.

Your personality is difficult to define, but there are certain constants that those around you cling to when they interact with you in both personal and professional areas. In this way, everyone can keep up with you when you throw them a curve or behave unexpectedly.

Also born on this date are: Larry Gatlin, singer; Bianca Jagger, actress; Benjamin Spock, M.D., pediatrician and author.

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.

**FRIDAY, MAY 3**

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — You can make a dynamic and highly productive combination with a Cancer native today, but you must be willing to treat him or her with kid gloves.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Your confidence will rise after you conciliate a central figure in your life. Get back to work as soon as you can!

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — Someone might challenge you constantly all day long. You must combat this person with your intellect as well with your instincts.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Concentrate on hearth and home today, and try to make changes in your environment or routine that will please a family member or loved one.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — You will become more sensitive and you may be offended by any kind of criticism. Take heart and remember that no one is perfect!

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — You will not have to go on and on today in your attempt to get through to someone else. Keep it simple and trust that he will understand.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Domestic bliss may seem elusive today, but in fact, you will have all the right ingredients within reach.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today you may find yourself involved in a clash with a superior over basic ideas that affect productivity and profit.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Your organizational skills may leave something to be desired today, but you can trust a Virgo or Taurus native to set things straight for you.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Personal skills will improve at this time, and today you will have a chance to test your new-found social graces.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — You will continue to pick up speed, and it will be important to concentrate on accuracy as you head toward a new level of accomplishment.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Are you sure that your boss is happy with the new you? It may be that he or she thinks that you've overdone it. You may want to cut back.

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CLOSERS

The most efficient way to burn off calories is that good old staple, running. An eight-minute mile uses up an average 14.1 calories per minute in a 150-pound person. The next best exercises are cross-country skiing (10.8 calories per minute), squash (10.2 calories per minute) and mountain climbing (10 calories per minute).

The U.S. record for the heaviest rainfall in a 24-hour period is held by Alvin, Texas, which, on July 25-26, 1979, was drenched with an estimated 43 inches.

It's reassuring to know that the grain-storage capacity at Kansas City, Mo., is fully 95.2 million bushels, the nation's largest.

Sure, you know Catholics claim St. Peter as the first pope. But who was the second one? St. Linus, who was primate from 67 to 76.

The earliest European explorers of today's Arizona were Marcos de Niza, a Franciscan, and Estevan, a black slave. They looked things over in the Grand Canyon State in 1539.

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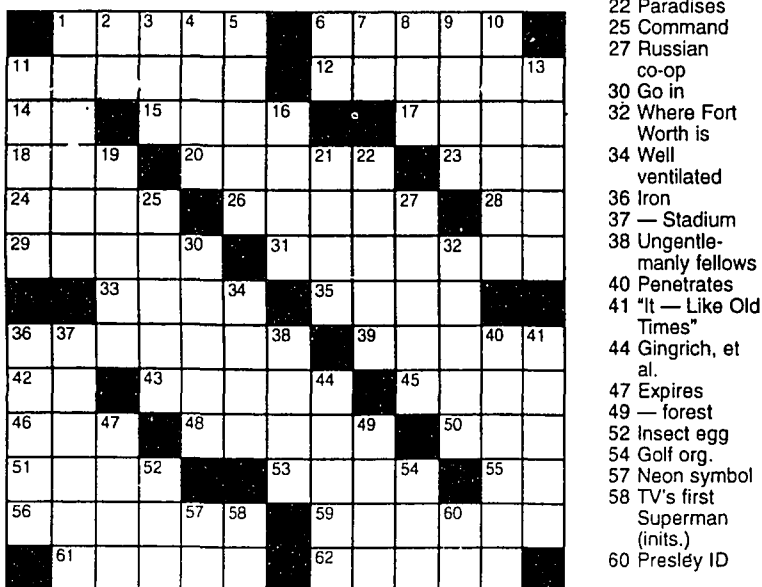
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**SHOWTIME 234-FILM**

Mourning to prove mettle to Bulls

By STEVEN WINE

**MIAMI (AP)** — As the Miami Heat's best player, facing basketball's best team, Alonzo Mourning knows he needs to play better.

In the first two games of the opening-round playoff series between Miami and the Chicago Bulls, Mourning has more turnovers than rebounds — 13 to 10. And with just 24 points, he is scoring at half his regular-season pace.

Chicago won both games easily and goes for a sweep Wednesday night at Miami Arena.

"This is a learning experience for me," Mourning said. "I don't think I've done enough to convince anybody I'm a franchise player."

Mourning embraces that label. He becomes a free agent this summer and likely will seek more than \$10 million a year in a new contract, so he's not inclined to complain that the Heat are relying heavily on him.

"That's why they have me down here," he said. "That's why I'm on the cover of the media guides and magazines. That's why when we play on NBC, the

camera is always on me — because they picture me as being the franchise player.

"Therefore I have to step up to the challenge."

But so far in the series, the 6-foot-10 (2.08-meter) center has had little room to maneuver, much less step up. With a smothering defense, the Bulls may have psyched him out, Chicago coach Phil Jackson said.

"Yeah, perhaps we have," Jackson said. "We tried to constrict his area in which he can operate. We're going to physically make him have to work to get every shot."

Bulls center Luc Longley said Mourning's moves are predictable. Mourning shrugged off that assessment, but Heat coach Pat Riley bristled.

"Yeah, Alonzo's predictable at 24 points a game," Riley said. "Alonzo's season spoke for itself. I'd love to put those guys in a 1-on-1 game without four other guys to help."

Luckily for Longley, he has the assistance of Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Dennis Rodman and Ron Harper. Despite spasms in Rodman's behavior and Jordan's back, the Bulls' postseason is off to an impressive start.

Jordan suffered back spasms during Sunday's 106-75 victory in Game 2. He sat out part of the second half, but practiced Tuesday and expects to play Wednesday night.

Rodman was fined \$5,000 by the NBA for making an obscene gesture toward a referee while leaving the court Sunday after being ejected in the third quarter. Jackson said the incident was embarrassing, and it renewed the Bulls' concern that Rodman may come unraveled during the playoffs, as he did last year with San Antonio.

"He wants to be a bad boy and show everybody they can't control him," Miami guard Tim Hardaway said. "He needs to grow up, that's what he needs to do."

Jackson has urged Rodman to step back from confrontations with the officials.

"I'm afraid Dennis has got to be bigger than they are some-

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the year, but Nomo was in command after that.

"The bad point was the first pitch of the game," Nomo said through an interpreter. "I've given up too many home runs recently."

The homer was the sixth given up by Nomo this season.

"I didn't want to think about the past things, I just wanted to concentrate on the next hitters," Nomo said when asked what went through his mind when Young homered. "The good point was after that, I retired several batters (in a row)."

The Dodgers went ahead for good in the third when Piazza singled in a run and Delino DeShields hit a sacrifice fly.

DeShields hit a two-out, RBI triple in the fifth to make it 3-1. Dante Bichette hit a run-scoring double with two outs in the sixth, but the Dodgers scored four runs with two outs in the bottom half for a 7-2 lead.

Chad Fonville hit an RBI single that chased Ritz, and Steve Reed then allowed the consecutive homers to Piazza (his fifth) and Karros (his third).

Nomo settled down after Young's homer, retiring the next nine batters before Ellis Burks singled to start the fourth. Nomo struck out the side in the second, fanning Andres Galarra, Vinny Castilla and Jayhawk Owens on 11 pitches.

Worrell allowed an RBI single to Castilla before John Vander Wal struck out, Walt Weiss hit a run-scoring groundout and Jeff Reed struck out to end the game.

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to keep the Browns from moving from Cleveland to Baltimore, a "Save The Oilers" campaign failed to generate much interest. The team has played to thousands of empty seats in recent seasons and a rally earlier this year attracted less than 50 people.

"I'd hardly call that an emotional outpouring," New York Giants co-owner Robert Tisch said before the vote.

In a memo to the 30 NFL teams, commissioner Paul Tagliabue said the Oilers met all nine of the criteria that govern relocation, including such factors as stadium adequacy and fan support.

Oilers owner Bud Adams was re-buffed in his efforts to build a stadium to replace the 31-year-old Astrodome. Still, the owners were reluctant to leave one of the nation's largest television markets.

"You always have concerns about moving from a market the size of Houston to one the size of Nashville," said Pat Bowlen, owner of the Denver Broncos. "But Nashville has done a good job and deserve a team."

The move is contingent on the May 7 referendum in Nashville, where voters are to decide whether to approve \$80 million in city bonds needed to complete the package.

"We have one more issue to get over," Nashville Mayor Phil Bredesen said. "But I think this will supercharge the voters. It clears the decks. There's no more uncertainty."

A poll published Tuesday by The (Nashville) Tennessean shows the issue has overwhelming support. Fifty-six percent were in favor of the deal, 34 percent against and 10 percent undecided. The survey had a 4 percent margin of error.

The Oilers are planning to change their name if they move to Nashville and probably will use Tennessee instead of the city name in an attempt to lure a statewide following.

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despite allowing four runs and six hits in five innings, including home runs by Mark Lewis and Travis Fryman.

Jose Lima (0-1) allowed eight runs — seven earned — in four innings.

**Blue Jays 9, Brewers 8**

In Toronto, Carlos Delgado drove in the winning run with a two-out single off Marshall Boze (0-1) in the bottom of the ninth.

Delgado went 4-for-5 with three RBIs and Ed Sprague hit two home runs for the Blue Jays, who won for just the second time in six games.

Tim Lincecum (1-1) pitched two hitless innings for the win.

**Twins 16, Royals 7**

In Minneapolis, Marty Cordova's bases-loaded triple highlighted a 10-run fifth inning, and

Minnesota finished April with a winning record (13-12) for the first time since 1987.

Minnesota had 16 hits, raising its league-leading average to .301. The Twins had just five hits in the fifth, taking advantage of five walks by Julio Valera and Mike Magnante (0-1).

Cordova matched his career high with four RBIs. Denny Hocking drove in a career-high three runs, and Chuck Knoblauch was 3-for-4 with three RBIs and three runs scored.

Dan Naulty (2-0) allowed one run and two hits in 3 2-3 innings.

**Mariners 8, Rangers 0**

In Arlington, Texas, Chris Bosio (3-1) allowed four hits in six innings and Paul Sorrento homered, giving Seattle a major-league record 44 in April.

Texas starter Kevin Gross (3-3) was tagged for five runs and nine hits in 3 2-3 innings. In his last four starts, Gross has yielded 30 hits and 20 runs and has an earned run average of 10.19 in 17 2-3 innings.

**Palau League 1995-96 Season**

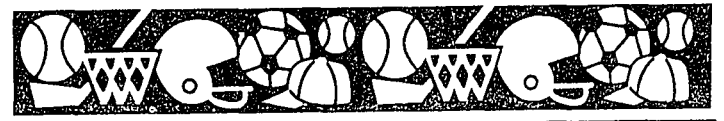
Play-Off and Championship Series

Game I SPEC 14-4	Game II Sedi Kau 10-7	Sedi Kau - 4th Seed
Turtles - 2nd Seed	Game I Ambassadors 17-13	Game II Suspended Game Turtles in the lead 9-2
Ambassadors - 3rd Seed	Quarter Final	Semi Final
Sunday April 27, 1996	May 05, 1996 - Sunday	
Game I 10:00 a.m. Koror Tigers vs LA Bombers	Game II 11:00 a.m. Pepsi SPEC vs Sedi Kau	Game VI 02:00 p.m. Ambassadors vs Turtles (If Game)
Game III 12:00 a.m. 7-Up Kabekel vs Red Torch	Game IV 01:00 noon Turtles vs Ambassadors (Completion of Suspended Game)	Game VII 03:00 p.m. Winner of Game I vs W. of Game III
Game VIII 04:00 p.m. Winner of Game II vs W. of Game IV	Game IX 01:00 noon Turtles vs Ambassadors (Completion of Suspended Game)	

Note: 1. 10-Run Mercy is in effect. 2. No Time limit. 3. Schedule for May 12, 1996 will be decided after the 7th Game



## SPORTS



# Nomo keys Dodger win

By JOHN NADEL

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Hideo Nomo of Japan allowed just five hits and two runs in eight innings Tuesday night as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat Colorado 7-4.

However, he certainly didn't impress Rockies manager Don Baylor.

"I didn't see anything exceptional," Baylor said. "We got ourselves out. He threw fastball away, fastball away, breaking ball in the

dirt, 85 miles-an-hour. He'd get strike one, then throw two balls in the dirt and get us out. That's his pattern.

"We knew that before we left the clubhouse - that you have to make him throw strikes. We haven't been able to figure out his pattern in two years. I don't think he came inside two times all night.

"We just didn't go with him and hit him the other way. We tried to pull him and just never

had any good swings."

Nomo has a 2-0 lifetime record against the Rockies. In his only other decision, last June 29, he pitched a shutout and struck out 13.

Nomo (4-2) struck out six and walked one. He threw 113 pitches before being relieved by Antonio Osuna to start the ninth.

Osuna loaded the bases on two walks and a single before Todd Worrell got his seventh save in seven chances. The Rockies scored twice in the ninth with both runs charged to Osuna.

Mike Piazza and Eric Karros hit back-to-back homers for the first time ever and Piazza drove in three runs as the Dodgers made it

17 runs in their last two games. They scored just 89 runs in their first 26 games.

Kevin Ritz (2-3) gave up five runs and five hits in 5 2-3 innings, walked six and struck out four.

Eric Young hit Nomo's first pitch of the game over the left-field fence for his first homer of

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## CNMI Government Men's Slowpitch Softball League

Standings as of 4/27/96

A-Division	Win	Loss
Team		
CUC High Voltage	6	3
Governor's Office	5	2
Retirement Fund Outlaw	5	3
DEQ	5	4
CHC	5	5
Legislature	3	6
D.O.F. (Finance)	2	5
Labor & Immigration	2	5
B-Division		
Council Enforcers/Marpac	7	2
PSS Sluggers	5	2
DCCA	5	2
Fire 47 Tamers	5	4
DPW	3	5
Mayor's Office	3	6
NMC	3	6
D.L.N.R./Quarantine	2	6

Tuesdays Game Result: 4/30/96

6:00 p.m.	NMC 9 vs Fire Division 8
7:00 p.m.	Finance 2 vs CUC 11
8:00 p.m.	Governor's Office 8 vs CHC 3
9:00 p.m.	PSS vs DCCA-Postponed
Thursday's Game: 5/02/96	
6:00 p.m.	DEQ vs Finance
7:00 p.m.	Mayor's Office vs NMC
8:00 p.m.	Council vs DPW
9:00 p.m.	CHC vs CUC

## Thome powers Indians past White Sox, 5-3

CLEVELAND (AP) - Jim Thome homered and drove in three runs Tuesday night as the Cleveland Indians beat the White Sox 5-3, ending Chicago's seven-game winning streak.

Cleveland has won eight straight at Jacobs Field, 14 of 17 overall and eight in a row at Jacobs Field.

Dennis Martinez (4-2) allowed three runs and three hits in seven innings. Jim Poole pitched a perfect eighth, and Jose Mesa worked the ninth for his ninth save in nine tries.

Julio Franco drove in the go-ahead run with a sixth-inning single that ricocheted off Brian Keyser. Kevin Tapani (2-1) gave up four runs, nine hits and four walks in 5 1-3 innings.

Red Sox 13, Tigers 4

In Boston, Reggie Jefferson hit two home runs and Mo Vaughn also

homered, sending Detroit to its 11th loss in 12 games.

Tim Wakefield (2-3) snapped Boston's three-game losing streak

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STANDING TALL. Visiting former football professional player Dr. Rockne Freitas towers over a manamko while he shakes her hand yesterday at the Garapan Central Park multipurpose hall where he gave a pep talk to Saipan's senior citizens on the importance of staying fit and leading a healthy lifestyle.

Photo by Rick Alberto

## Magic over Pistons

AUBURN HILLS, Michigan (AP) - Anfernee Hardaway scored 15 of his 24 points in the third quarter Tuesday night, leading Orlando to a 101-98 victory over Detroit and a three-game sweep of their opening-round playoff series. Shaquille O'Neal went to the bench with his fourth personal foul and the Magic leading 57-55 with 9:18 left in the third quarter. But Orlando, led by Hardaway's six points, went on a 16-6 run over the next six minutes and led by 11 at the end of the period.

Allan Houston scored 33 points for the Pistons. His 3-pointer pulled Detroit within one point with 8.3 seconds left in the game, but Nick Anderson then made two free throws for Orlando.

Detroit had a chance to tie in the closing seconds, but Houston missed a 3-pointer. The Pistons got the rebound but Joe Dumars' shot was blocked at the buzzer.

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## NFL owners OK Oilers move to Nashville

By PAUL NEWBERRY

ATLANTA (AP) - National Football League owners voted Tuesday to allow the Houston Oilers to move to Nashville, Tennessee.

"It passed," said Alex Spanos, owner of the San Diego Chargers, emerging from a 4 1/2-hour meeting. "Houston is moving to Tennessee."

Still uncertain was when the team will actually move to the Tennessee capital. The Oilers have a lease with the Astrodome through 1997.

Also, the deal is contingent on Nashville residents approving a May 7 referendum on the \$ 292 million deal. Polls suggest overwhelming support for plans to bring the state its first major league franchise.

The Oilers would be the seventh NFL team to switch cities since 1982 - and the fourth in the past year.

Unlike the impassioned effort  
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## Chang beats Sell in AT&T

ATLANTA (AP) - Top-seeded Michael Chang breezed into the second round of the AT-and-T Challenge with a 6-3, 6-4 victory Tuesday night over qualifier Michael Sell.

Mats Wilander, once ranked No. 1 in the world, wasn't as fortunate. The seventh-seeded Wilander was ousted by Australina Richard Fromberg 6-3, 6-4.

Another seeded player to be ousted was No. 8 Chris Woo-

druff, who fell to fellow American Bryan Shelton 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.

Chang, seeking his third consecutive AT-and-T title, needed just over 90 minutes to defeat Sell, a rookie on the ATP Tour. Chang has never lost to his next opponent, Michael Tebbutt, in their four career meetings.

Despite the ease with which he dispatched Sell, Chang was disappointed with his performance.

"I felt I had a lot more errors

than I would have liked," said Chang, who is ranked fourth in the world. "I was fortunate enough to break him back on a few occasions."

Chang took control in the second set, taking a 5-2 lead, before his 23-year-old opponent won the next two games to pull to 5-4. Chang then took the next two games to close out the victory.

"I just have to be patient and  
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