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Senate VP's car yields guns, ammo

By Gaynor Dumat-ol

NINE guns, including high-powered ones, were found by police Tuesday during a search in a Garapan house and in a government vehicle issued to the office of Senate Vice President Francisco M. Borja.

A team of police officers armed with a search warrant also found an undetermined quantity of crystal methamphetamine or "ice," marijuana, bullets and drug paraphernalia in the house and in a second vehicle parked in the vicinity of the residence.

This newspaper tried getting the side of Borja but his staff said the Senate vice president was in Tinian.

As of yesterday afternoon, his staff said Borja had not responded to their message to call the Senate vice president's office at the Legislature.

Assistant Police Chief Ray B. Camacho said the owner of the house, Henry I. Iguel, 30 and his nephew, Sylvestre Iguel, 21, were arrested shortly after the search at 7:10 a.m..

The two face charges of illegal possession of firearms, ammunition

and controlled substance.

A \$500,000 cash or property bail was imposed on Henry I. Iguel, an employee of the John T. Sablan group of companies.

The younger Iguel, whose father is the brother of Henry, was released and placed under the custody of an aunt.

Found in the house of Henry Iguel in central Garapan were two guns—a .44-caliber Magnum revolver and a .22-caliber Magnum rifle.

Police also found crystal methamphetamine, ice paraphernalia, marijuana, .22-caliber Magnum bullets and .223-caliber ammunition and magazine in the house of the older Iguel.

The government car, a 1992 model Nissan Maxima, yielded a total of seven guns—six carbine (short-barreled) rifles and a Luger nine-millimeter assault weapon.

Bullets for .45-caliber revolver, magazine and ammunition for a mini Ruger and bullets for a .410-gauge shotgun were also found in the government vehicle.

Ice residue, bullets for 9-mm pistol and marijuana were seized from the second vehicle, a four-

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ASSISTANT Interior Secretary Stella Guerra is flanked by Senate President Juan S. Demapan (left) and acting Governor Benjamin T. Manglona during yesterday's press conference.

CNMI, OTIA dispute on bond money settled

By Raffael H. Arroyo

AN IMPENDING court battle between the Department of the Interior and the Commonwealth Development Authority CDA over some \$25 million in bond earnings has been averted, acting Governor Benjamin T. Manglona said yesterday.

A top level meeting between Assistant Interior Secretary Stella Guerra and CNMI officials led by Manglona ended with both sides agreeing to initiate corrective measures to avoid a possible litigation over the money withheld by the Bank of New York.

"Resolution of this problem will be forthcoming and in the end, we may not have to go to court just to have what we think is our money," Manglona said in a news conference immediately after the meeting.

Guerra, who arrived for a final visit prior to leaving office in January 20 next year, assured that she would communicate with Bank of New York to resolve the problem.

"We do not intend to withhold

anything and we're not saying that the money could not be used. It's just that there are some requirements that need to be followed under the last agreement we had. This is just a fair request," she said.

She was referring to the condition in the grant pledge agreement that the CUC should achieve full-cost recovery in its operations and become a self-sustaining corporation.

CUC Board member David M. Sablan, who was present at the meeting, said CUC was slowly moving into compliance to the condition of full cost recovery.

"The differences to be resolved here are basically between CDA and OTIA and we just happen to be in the middle of this. But the spirit of cooperation has pervaded the board and we're optimistic we can meet all the provisions of the agreement," he said.

The conflict arose after Bank of New York, the trustee for a \$140 million bond flotation made by CDA in 1986, refused to transfer an estimated \$25 million remaining in CDA's account, suppos-

edly upon the advice of the Interior.

The bank's refusal followed repeated statements made by Guerra that she would not approve the release of the money unless the CUC came up with a plan to achieve full-cost recovery under the agreement.

CDA in response, told the bank to release the money by Nov. 1 or face a lawsuit.

CDA has always asserted that it is entitled to the money and that Interior has no authority to interfere in its transfer.

That amount represents interest earned out of the 1986 transaction, some \$14 million in debt service collateral and about \$4.7 million in remaining project funds.

Meanwhile, Guerra thanked officials of the CNMI government for "helping make her three and a half years at the helm of the Office of Territorial and International Affairs a wonderful experience."

She said she would officially turn over the office to her successor by January 20, when the new administration under President-elect Bill Clinton starts its term.

40 construction workers win suit

THE DISTRICT Court has decided in favor of about 40 construction workers who sued H.S. Lee Construction Co., one of Saipan's oldest construction companies, for underpayment of wages and illegal deductions.

Judge Alex Munson, in a decision handed down Nov. 16, be-

lieved in most of the testimonies of the construction workers that they were promised \$2.15 hourly wage when recruited by an agency designated by H.S. Lee, but that they actually received only \$1.75.

The Philippine government requires \$2.15 minimum hourly pay,

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Typhoon dumps rain on Saipan

TYPHOON Hunt passed between the northern tip of Guam and the southern part of Rota at about 2 p.m. yesterday at 14 miles per hour, prompting the government to upgrade the island to Condition 1.

Civil Defense coordinator Elias Okamura said Rota resi-

dents could expect winds of 50 to 80 mph last night.

Except for rain showers, Saipan was not affected by the typhoon. Okamura said the amount of rainfall was expected to diminish by noon today.

In Guam, the Associated Press reported that officials shut down

most offices and establishments yesterday in preparation for the fourth typhoon to threaten the island in three months.

Typhoon Hunt was expected to move just south of the US territory starting at noon yesterday with winds of 75 mph (120 kph) and gusts to 90 mph (145 kph), the

military's Joint Typhoon Warning Center said.

As of 10 a.m. the storm was 85 miles (137 kilometers) southeast of Guam, traveling west-northwest at 17 mph (27 kph), forecasters said. The storm is expected to pass close to or just over the southern tip of the island, the center said.

All schools and businesses and the international airport on Guam were ordered closed as the typhoon approached. The airport closing stranded more than 200 top legislators from 13 western states who were on the island to attend the three-day Western Legislative Conference.

US mounts international search for Iranian-backed terrorists

By Ruth Sinai

WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States is mounting an international search, including "Wanted" ads and \$2 million rewards, for Iranian-backed suspects secretly indicted for kidnapping and murdering Americans, officials said Tuesday. The Justice Department has issued sealed indictments against several alleged terrorists identified by US intelligence this year as responsible for killing American hostages in Lebanon and blowing up at least one airliner, said a US official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Justice Department declined to comment on the story, first reported Monday by CNN. The Associated Press reported previously that some of the Lebanese kidnapping group, including its leader, Imad Mughniyeh, took refuge in Iran. They reportedly left Lebanon around the time of the release of the last US hostage, former Associated Press corre-

spondent Terry Anderson, last December.

One of the sealed indictments is against the suspected killer of either the CIA's Beirut station chief William Buckley, or Marine Lt.-Col. William Higgins, said another source who also spoke on condition of anonymity.

In addition to Buckley, who died in captivity in Lebanon in 1985, and Higgins, killed by his Shiite Muslim captors in 1988 or 1989, one other kidnapped American - Peter Kilburn - was killed in 1986. It was unclear whether his alleged killer was among those secretly indicted.

The sources did not disclose whether Mughniyeh was among those indicted. "To bring these murderers to justice, the US government offers rewards of up to \$2 million," said one of the ads being placed in US and international newspapers in the coming days. It shows pictures of all three murdered Americans, and urges anyone with information about their killing to contact the nearest

US embassy.

Also among the terrorists identified by the United States in the past year are those responsible for placing a bomb that exploded aboard a TWA plane over Greece in 1986, sucking out four passengers to their death, said the second source.

The ads are also seeking information about that attack.

One ad shows a pair of baby shoes under a caption that says: "52 million won't bring baby Demetra back. But it may bring her murderers to justice."

The infant and her mother were among the four killed in the TWA bombing.

Rewards can reach up to \$4 million under an arrangement of matching funds from US airlines for information that prevents terrorism against US carriers or leads to the arrest and conviction of perpetrators.

In the past two years, the US government has paid over \$1 million for information about terrorists and has relocated some of

the informants to safe hiding places to protect them from retribution, said a State Department official, who asked not to be named.

Although the reward program was instituted in 1984, its posters and ads in past years have sought general information about terrorism - until now. The new batch of ads is the first to seek information on specific cases, reflecting what US officials believe are improved prospects for apprehending suspects. The enhanced opportunities are partly the result of stepped up cooperation with Russia, which has access to information about the Middle Eastern guerrilla groups supported by the former Soviet Union.

"I'm very pleased at the new life being breathed into the rewards program," said Robin Higgins, whose husband was kidnapped in February 1988 while serving as a UN peacekeeper in south Lebanon. Higgins was murdered by his captors in late 1988 or early 1989.

Italy launches massive drive against Mafia

By Frances D'Emilio

ROME (AP) - The biggest organized crime sweep in nearly a decade put scores of Mafia suspects in jails from Sicily to Milan on Tuesday as the state pushed its drive against mob activity throughout Italy.

The arrests coincided with the testimony of the Mafia's most celebrated turncoat, Tommaso Buscetta. He was flown from the United States, where he lives secretly under a witness protection program, to testify about alleged ties between organized crime figures and high political circles in Rome.

Police in Caltanissetta, Sicily, where "Operation Leopard" began, said 206 arrest warrants had been issued on the island and the mainland, and that 75 of the suspects were in custody late Tuesday. Eighty more warrants were served on suspects already jailed on other charges, and 51 suspects were being sought.

There were Italian news reports that two parliamentary deputies were among about 100 people formally notified they were under investigation. Caltanissetta's chief prosecutor, Giovanni Tinebra, said he would not comment on reports that politicians were implicated.

Among those hustled to jail in handcuffs was Giuseppe Greco, 38-year-old son of imprisoned mob chieftain Michele Greco, who was convicted in 1987 in the so-called "maxi" trial of hundreds of mobsters.

Tuesday's raids, apparently codenamed to reflect the leopard "spots" of Mafia presence staining the Italian peninsula, began with squads of police cars roaring before dawn into city streets and country roads in the rugged interior of Sicily.

Arrests came in 13 cities, including Caltanissetta and Enna, as well as Palermo, Sicily, and in Naples, Milan, the northern regions of Piedmont and Lombardy and central Lazio, where Rome is located, as well as in Calabria, another southern region steeped in organized crime violence.

The last Mafia sweep to create such a sensation was in 1984, when 366 warrants were issued for suspects tried in the 1986-87 "maxi" trial in Palermo. That trial ended with life imprisonment and other stiff sentences for top crime bosses.

Since then, the state has taken some severe blows in battling the mob, including the assassinations in two separate bombings this year of two prosecutors in the "maxi" trial - Judges Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino.

But the public outcry set off by the slayings in Sicily of the two national heroes seems to have invigorated the state's sometimes sagging campaign to wipe out organized crime as it infiltrates the north from its southern Italian base.

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particularly for construction workers hired overseas.

"At the very least, defendant corporation was a knowing participant in a scheme to misrepresent to the Philippine government the true wages defendant's employees were to be paid," the decision says.

The court also found out that the company made illegal deductions, such as the cost of tools and safety shoes.

Under the CNMI law, only taxes and social security contributions can be deducted from an employee's paycheck.

The amount due each of the workers who filed the suit has yet to be computed by their counsel Jay Sorensen.

According to the judge, each plaintiff testified that the \$2.15 per hour wage was important in deciding to accept employment with H.S. Lee in Saipan.

The workers told the court they would not have left the Philippines if they were told that they would receive \$1.75 per hour from their employer.

Most of the workers, according to the findings of the court, were left with no choice but to borrow from lenders under a usurious loan scheme commonly known in the Philippines as "5:6."

Under the "5:6" arrangement, borrowers pay 20 percent interest monthly, or 240 percent annually.

"Plaintiffs were so desperate for work that they were willing to incur crushing debts in exchange for the opportunity to work for long and hard hours overseas, separated from family and friends, for \$2.15 an hour," the decision states.

All the plaintiffs' testimonies had to be translated into English so the facial expressions and emotional responses of the workers, the decision says, "were of great importance to the court in its decision."

The plaintiffs, the decision says, showed themselves to be "unsophisticated in commerce, poorly educated and domicile."

"The very sameness of plaintiffs' stories reinforced their version of events and revealed a systematic, cynical and well-trenched charade whereby their employer and its employment recruiting agencies commonly ignored the laws of the Philippines and the Commonwealth, routinely lied to the plaintiffs about jobs and pay, and callously and fraudulently lured prospective employees into accepting overseas jobs from which they could not resign, having incurred debts which spiraled upward at an astonishingly usurious rate," the decision states.

comment on the seizure of guns from a car issued to the Senate vice president.

Demapan declined to comment but disclosed that two government cars were issued to Borja.

Asked if senators were responsible for government cars issued to them, Demapan said "sure," then excused himself.

Senate President Juan S. Demapan was at the Superior Court yesterday and was asked to

Smith says contempt case to drain AG funds

THE CONTEMPT charge against Ramon Guerrero, executive director of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., will drain the Attorney General's yearly budget for personnel services, Deputy Attorney General Eric Smith said yesterday.

In an interview, Smith said the cost of hiring Dennis O'Shea to prosecute Guerrero would amount to more than two quarterly allotments budgeted for the office in that class item.

O'Shea's contract worth about \$23,000 was signed yesterday.

"Although we are still of the belief that spending all that money will not result in anything that would be of benefit to the CNMI, we have been trying our best to get the case going as soon as possible," Smith said.

Murder suspect files appeal with high court

A SUSPECT in the murder of carpenter Eladio O. Laude has filed an appeal with the Supreme Court on his motion to have him released from jail.

Joseph Anthony Bowie, through his attorney G. Anthony Long, filed the appeal less than a week after Special Judge Timothy Bellas denied the motion asking the Superior Court to order the release of the suspect from detention.

Long contended in the motion that the arrest of Bowie was illegal because the affidavit accompanying the government's request for an arrest warrant was neither notarized nor made under the declaration of perjury that the information was true and correct.

The law, Long argued earlier, requires that a warrant be supported by an affidavit under oath. Bellas, however, said that while there were "technical deficiencies" in the affidavit, the court has the discretion to issue an arrest warrant on its own.

Long maintained that Bowie was being illegally detained because the arrest warrant was not supported by a proper affidavit.

Proceedings in the lower court on the case against Bowie will be suspended pending resolution of the appeal before the high court.

Bowie was arrested a day after the mangled body of Laude was found in the Dandan homestead area.

He and three other suspects were charged with first degree murder, kidnapping, robbery and assault and battery.

Miller, Guerrero meet in D.C.

SAN FRANCISCO - Governor Lorenzo I. Guerrero has met personally with Congressman George Miller in San Francisco.

The governor and the chairman of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee met for over two hours on Nov. 17. The two leaders discussed matters of mutual concern to the Commonwealth.

Miller and Guerrero last faced one another when the governor testified before Congress in July. At the time Miller sat with the House Insular and International Affairs Subcommittee.

During their meeting, Miller and Guerrero exchanged views on labor and minimum wage reforms.

"We took major steps to balance the information reaching Congress on CNMI labor and economic affairs," Guerrero said. "San Francisco presented a fine opportunity for us to present personal views to Chairman Miller. In turn, he was very frank with us that the CNMI must demonstrate positive action on labor issues of concern to the Congress."

Also discussed during the meeting were American Memorial Park funding and support for congressional approval of the 702 infrastructure funding agreement.

Ramos woos Singapore investments

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - President Fidel Ramos asked former Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew on Tuesday to encourage Singapore investors to help revive the Philippine economy.

Presidential spokeswoman Annabelle Abaya said Ramos made the request in a 30-minute meeting with Lee, who was invited by Filipino businessmen to address the annual Philippine Business Conference on Wednesday.

Lee has been credited with leading Singapore's rapid growth from a poor former British outpost to a newly industrialized country and one of the richest nations in Southeast Asia.

Mrs. Abaya said in a statement that Ramos "solicited the support of the former prime minister in convincing Singaporean investors to consider the Philippines and identify joint venture opportunities."

She did not say what Lee's response was.

Singapore companies have ex-



Ramos

pressed interest in investing at the former US naval station at Subic Bay, west of Manila, after the Americans leave the base on Nov. 24.

The revival of the nearly stagnant Philippine economy is hindered by rising crime, poor infrastructure and a critical power shortage, all of which discourage foreign investors.

Ramos also told Lee the Philippines was willing to conclude an investment guarantee agreement with Singapore, Mrs. Abaya said.

He also expressed confidence in narrowing the gap in bilateral trade, which currently favors Singapore. The Philippines was prepared to export semiconductors, micro-circuits, agricultural and food products to Singapore, she said.

Arafat-AbuNidal blood feud worsens

By Mohammed Salam

EIN EL-HILWEH, Lebanon (AP) - At night, the alleyways of this usually raucous Palestinian refugee camp are deserted, the inhabitants cowering in their homes while gunmen loyal to Yasser Arafat and Abu Nidal stalk each other in an escalating blood feud.

Before the killings began in June, the teeming shantytown thrived with life at night despite the frequent gunplay by rival guerrilla factions.

Men in their checkered kaffiyeh headress crowded cafes to play cards and drink coffee. Fast food joints were open selling sandwiches, drinks and cigarettes. No more.

Khaled Zaatar, a 45-year-old baker and Arafat supporter who usually goes to work after midnight, stays home after dark because "I feel someone's waiting at every corner with a pistol to kill me. It's just not safe."

At least 19 people have been killed over the last five months in tit-for-tat gun and bomb attacks apparently touched off by Abu Nidal's opposition to the US-sponsored Arab-Israeli peace talks in Washington.

Two months ago, 75 people were killed and 200 wounded in Ein el-Hilweh, Lebanon's largest refugee camp with an estimated 60,000 population, in three days of fighting when Arafat's Fatah movement cracked down on Abu Nidal's Fatah-Revolutionary Council.

The bloodletting is adding to the pressure on Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, to pull the Palestinian delegation out of the talks

because Israel refuses to discuss an independent Palestinian state.

So far, President Elias Hrawi's Syrian-backed government has made no move to send in troops to halt the violence, which undermines Beirut's efforts to restore control over Lebanon following the end of the 1975-90 civil war.

Until recently, most of the slayings were inside the camps and the Lebanese, who would dearly like to get rid of the bothersome 400,000-plus Palestinians in their country, were not overly concerned.

But lately the bloodletting has spilled out into the streets of Sidon, south Lebanon's provincial capital, and other areas supposedly under government control.

Palestinian factions who have tried in vain to mediate an end to the feud believe the Syrians and other Arab powers are "using this conflict to settle old scores with Arafat."

Arafat claims Iran and Saudi Arabia are funding Abu Nidal and other radical factions opposed to the peace talks.

Col. Munir Makdah, Fatah's militia commander in Lebanon, claimed Abu Nidal receives "at least \$40 million from Iran and about \$200 million from Saudi Arabia annually to paralyze the PLO."

Iran opposes the peace talks and its Lebanese surrogate, the Shiite Muslim Hezbollah, or Party of God, has intensified its attacks on Israel's so-called "security zone" in south Lebanon.

This has triggered Israeli air raids and artillery bombardments that have killed or

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ASEAN urged to keep up economic dynamism

Officials and economists at the session expressed worries that foreign investors might turn more to Mexico following the North American Free Trade Agreement.

"We are too small a market to stand alone even though our population totals 315 million and our combined gross national

Andrew Elek of the Australian National University said the United States has resorted increasingly to trade policies that are not consistent with rules of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the international trade body.

"Against this background, it is important for ASEAN countries to engage the United States in discussions aimed at improving trade and other economic links across the Pacific," Elek added.

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technical barriers. The dollar closed at 1.5920 German marks in late New York trading, up from 1.5915 late Monday.

In Tokyo, the dollar rose to a closing 124.56 Japanese yen from 124.25 yen at Monday's close. Later, in London, it fell to 124.50 yen. At closing in New York, the dollar was quoted at 124.35 yen, down from 124.70 yen on Mon-

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Tuesday, up 0.02 points or 0.02 percent from Monday's 90. year ago the index was 87.41.

The company said it sees no reason to expect a substantial recovery in Japan and abroad in the second half of fiscal 1992, ending next March 31.

GMI), against 173.51 million in the previous session.

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A MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Dear Readers:

Please allow us to give this message to the people of the Commonwealth. We are afraid that accurate information has not been provided to the people in connection with our project and we have found that we share the opinion of the public that the public park and elderly center are required for the benefit of the people's life in Saipan.

1. MPLC entered into a lease agreement with Nakamoto Enterprises, Ltd. covering an area commonly known as the Samoan Housing Area in Garapan, Saipan. In doing so, MPLC performed its fiduciary duty to persons of Northern Marianas descent in compliance with Article XI, § 4 (a) and (c) of the CNMI Constitution. This lease agreement was brought into question in a lawsuit filed in the Superior Court alleging a breach of these duties by MPLC. The Superior Court dismissed the case in February 1992. The court found no breach of the MPLC's fiduciary duties. This case is pending at the Supreme Court. We believe that justice and fairness has been realized through the court in modern society and that we have to comply with the court order in order to keep the order of society.

2. We have fully respected and shared the opinion of the public and the legislators' recommendation that public park is required for persons of CNMI descent. Thus, we have agreed to construct a beachside park in the Samoan Housing Area for the children and the people of the CNMI, as well as an access road, parking lot and playing facilities for children on the island. The area of the beachside park incorporated into our offer is approximately 7,600 sq. m.

3. The Garapan area, where many commercial facilities and residences did and do exist is deemed by the CNMI government as a commercial and resort zone, and is an important place for supporting the CNMI economy.

We have fully explored the feasibility studies for the Samoan Housing Area. We have also engaged consultant companies to make not only the feasibility study for the same site but also the environmental assessment on the construction of the hotel in the same site.

As a result of such studies, we came to the conclusion that the Samoan Housing Area is the most suitable location, providing enough space for our hotel project together with a beachside park in Saipan.

The American Memorial Park, the largest park on the island, and the sugar King Park, Carolinian Utt, as well as others are located in this area. Studies have shown that the area has far more park area than is generally required.

Under such circumstances, we strongly believe the most efficient way of using the Samoan Housing Area for the benefit of the people of CNMI descent is to construct a resort hotel together with a beachside park (7,600 sq. m.), consideration being given to both the development and the conservation of the natural environment.

4. On Saipan there are currently parks whose total area equals more than three times the reasonable park and recreation facilities level per person established by the United States National Park Service. In the Garapan area alone there are over 500,000 square meters of parks. In fact, Saipan's largest park, American Memorial Park (with almost 400,000 square meters of land) is within walking distance of the Samoan Housing Area.

The area extending 150 feet from the coast around the entire island is also maintained as a recreational area. As of November, 1990 there were over 75 prioritized park projects and 11 unprioritized projects that were in need of over \$14 million in funds for upgrades to everything from restroom facilities to access roads.

5. (1) When we made the feasibility study on the Samoan Housing Area as our hotel project site, we fully studied and compared such Area with almost all sites from the Nikko Saipan Hotel Area in the North to the Pacific Island Club Area in the South. As a result of such study, we came to the conclusion that the Samoan Housing Area is the most suitable place for our hotel project in Saipan.

As well known by the people, under the economic slowdown not only of Japan but also of the world, almost all multi-million dollar developments in Saipan have been suspended or stopped. This will have adverse effects on not only economic activities but also revenues for the government. We believe this situation will become much worse next year.

Under such circumstances, the first reason why we only can start our project within this year is that there is no other property of comparable location within Saipan than the Samoan Housing Area that is available for our planned development.

(2) We believe there is justice and fairness in CNMI, and our hotel project in the Samoan Housing Area will not only give the CNMI government an opportunity to appropriate the tax revenues for its infrastructures and its educational, medical and other essential facilities to be further strengthened in the interest of the people of CNMI descent at present and in the future but also the Man Anko Center in the Sugar King Park and the infrastructure development in the Garapan area at no cost to the government, both of which we have agreed with MPLC to construct under the lease agreement.

(3) We are confident that, together with the people in Saipan, who wish prosperity and growth of CNMI for people of the CNMI descent, we can assist CNMI by paving the way for co-prosperity and co-existence with the conservation of the natural environment, the fundamentals of human life and the act of development which are necessary to social and economic prosperity.

Masaji Nakamoto
President
Nakamoto Enterprises, Ltd.

Arafat...

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or wounded scores of people in recent weeks.

Saudi Arabia supports the peace negotiations, but turned against Arafat in 1990 when he supported Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait and cut off funds to the PLO.

The Syrians, undisputed masters of Lebanon, are key players in the talks - but, as is their way, are not loathe to applying pressure on Israel while negotiations drag on.

Syrian President Hafez Assad and Arafat have been at odds since 1983, when Assad sponsored a PLO mutiny against Arafat in a bid to grab control of the Palestinian cause to bolster his regional status.

There has been a rapprochement in recent months, but neither side trusts the other and Assad has never been averse to undercutting Arafat whenever he gets the chance.

Arafat and Abu Nidal, whose real name is Sabri al-Banna, have been at each other's throats since 1973, when Abu Nidal was expelled from Arafat's Fatah movement and sentenced to death in absentia.

Dollar...

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day.

In London, the British pound rose to \$1.5225 from \$1.5185 late Monday.

In New York it cost \$1.5220 to buy one pound, less expensive than Monday's \$1.5245.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Monday's rates included: 1.5920 German marks, up from 1.5915; 1.4470 Swiss francs, up from 1.4365; 5.3625 French francs, down from 5.3645; 1.358.00 Italian lire, up from 1.357.00, and 1.27385 Canadian dollars, up from 1.27125.

Other late dollar rates in Europe, compared with late rates Monday, included: 1.5955 German marks, up from 1.5920; 1.4508 Swiss francs, up from 1.4380; 5.3825 French francs, up from 5.3615; 1.7950 Dutch guilders, up from 1.7891; 1.361.00 Italian lire, up from 1.357.00, and 1.2747 Canadian dollars, up from 1.2698.

Gold fell in London to a late bid of \$333.95 a troy ounce from \$335.75 bid late Monday. In Zurich, gold fell to a closing bid of \$333.90 from \$335.25 bid late Monday.



Happy 18th Birthday
Vannicia N. Arriola
From: Auntie Beck & Family

December is anti-DUI month

ACTING Governor Benjamin T. Manglona yesterday proclaimed December as "CNMI Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month."

In simple signing ceremonies at his Capitol Hill Office, Manglona exhorted the community to be more aware of the dangers of driving intoxicated with drugs or alcohol.

He lauded the efforts of the Department of Public Safety in the prevention of drunk driving.

"With the signing of this proclamation, let us take even greater strides against alcohol and drug abuse through better education and enlightenment about their harmful effects," Manglona said.

The proclamation was prompted by the growing concern among officials about the dangers that driving under the influence of liquor or drugs poses on general public.

Statistics show that drivers and pedestrians impaired by alcohol and drugs account for nearly 20,000 highway deaths annually.

It was also said that motor vehicle crashes are the number one



ACTING Governor Benjamin T. Manglona signs proclamation for CNMI Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month while Public Safety Director Gregorio M. Camacho and other DPS officials look on.

cause of death for children, adolescents and young adults in the US, with alcohol, involved in nearly half of all traffic fatalities.

Besides, injury and property damage resulting from impaired driving are said to have caused physical, emotional and economic hardship for hundreds of thousands of adults and young people. "Experience have shown that

efforts to combat the spread of alcohol and substance abuse in our islands must be intensified," Manglona said.

He added that the government's limited resources must be consolidated to develop programs that would end the devastating impact that drugs and alcohol is having on the community, especially on the young.

DPS Director Gregorio M. Camacho, said public awareness about the hazards of drunk and drugged driving is important during the holiday season.

"We'll be seeing a lot of parties and activities and so we have to ask the media's help in reminding the people to refrain from drinking and driving," Camacho said.

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Death and Funeral Announcement

ISABEL ASENCION S. CABRERA

of Koblerville was called to her eternal rest on Thursday, November 12, 1992 at the age of 12.



Last respect may be paid on Friday, November 20, 1992 from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. at San Antonio Church.

Mass of Christian burial will be offered on the same day 4:00 p.m. and burial will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Chalan Kanoa.

Isabel Asencion S. Cabrera is survived by her parents Mr. & Mrs. Isidro and Bernadita Cabrera. Additionally survived by brothers Jeffrey, Christopher, Cameron and sister Annette Cabrera.

Also survived by godparents Alex P. Sablan and Bernadita M. Sablan.

Also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and classmates. Nightly rosary is being said at 8:00 p.m. at her parent's residence in Kobler across from Kobler Elementary School.

Your presence and prayers is greatly appreciated.

The family.

POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mariana Islands Housing Authority (MIHA) is soliciting applications for the position of Accountant I or II. The position is located at the office of the Mariana Islands Housing Authority on Saipan.

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Factionalism threat to Philippines' future

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - President Fidel Ramos said Wednesday "something was terribly wrong" with the Philippine political system and that factionalism was threatening the nation's future.

Ramos told the National Security Council that Filipinos had been overtaken by the rest of Asia because of their provincial attitudes and internal bickering.

He said the nation's industry had grown inefficient behind protectionist walls at a time when the rest of the world was dismantling such controls. "Something was terribly wrong about the way the government was being run," Ramos said. "One reason, I think, is that over the past 45 years, Filipinos have been turned too much inward ... While we contemplated our navels, our neighbors one-by-one passed us by."

Ramos said that the country would fall farther behind its Southeast Asian nations unless the government became more effective.

He said Thailand overtook the Philippines economically more than a decade ago and that Indonesia had "surpassed us in most economic aspects."

"The time has come that we must put a new purpose and a new direction to our common life," he said.

Ramos' remarks were similar to those made by the World Bank in a confidential study prepared in October. A summary was released Tuesday. In the report, the World Bank said the Philippines faced its best chance for economic growth in 20 years but needed strong leadership to achieve its goals.

"A consensus is needed between government and business, the executive branch and legislature to allow for consistency in policy implementation," the report added. "Excellent opportunity for sustainable growth presents itself now if political will can be mobilized at all levels to take advantage of favorable conditions."

The Philippine economy stagnated last year because of natural disasters, lagging investments and infrastructure decay. A critical electricity shortage on the two main islands - Luzon and Mindanao - is expected to remain until at least 1995.

Critics have also cited structural weaknesses in the Philippine political system, which divides power among the executive, legislative and judicial branch.

But the country lacks strong, well-organized political parties necessary for smooth working between Congress and the executive branch. Politicians frequently change parties, and temporary alliances form and dissolve on an issue-by-issue basis.

The National Security Council includes representatives from the executive, legislative, armed forces and the private sector. It meets irregularly at the discretion of the president to advise on national issues.

Gov't may lose seized money

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - The government stands to lose 17 million pesos (\$69,000) seized by US customs in Hawaii from the late President Ferdinand Marcos because the bills will soon be demonetized, officials said Wednesday.

The money was seized when Marcos and his family arrived there after his ouster in the "people power revolution" that installed Corazon Aquino as president.

Officials of the Philippine Central Bank said the bills contained the phrase "Bagong Lipunan," or "New Society," the slogan of the Marcos Administration.

Bills with the slogan lose their value next February, the Central Bank said. Central Bank President Jose Cuisia said the bills could be burned or shredded in Hawaii to save the expense of sending them back to the Philippines.

Several parties, including the government, have made claims against the money. But the government decided last year to demonetize all "New Society" bills to remove references to the Marcos Administration.

Marcos died in exile in Honolulu in September 1989. His widow, Imelda, returned to the Philippines in November 1991 and ran unsuccessfully for president last May.

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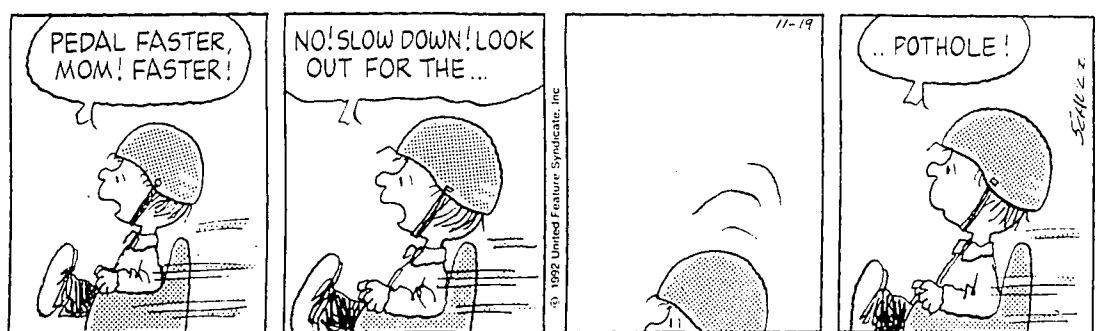
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You are remarkably adaptable, particularly in your private life, and you have been known to save the day in complicated situations merely by making a minor sacrifice and supporting others in their endeavors. Yet, despite your own quest for success, you can be quite generous where friends and family are concerned.

Also born on this date are: James A. Garfield, U.S. president; Dick Cavett, interviewer; Jodie Foster, actress.

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, NOV. 20
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Your day may be sluggish to start, but unexpected events are likely to pick up the pace before you know it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Domestic issues must not be overlooked today, especially since they tie into professional concerns as well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — No single aspect of your life can be effectively separated from any other today. Look at the whole package.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You may not have a great deal of time today to accomplish what you've planned so carefully. Get a fast start.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — If you're expecting everyone to get out of your way and let you at it today, you're bound to be disappointed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You mustn't leave anything to chance today. Think through every process, and try to anticipate the unexpected.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — The more information you supply today, the more others will be able to assist you when required.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You may be heading directly toward a personal disaster of sorts at this time.

Change course by adjusting your attitude.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It's not over 'til it's over today, as always — but you mustn't just sit and wait for the final curtain. Do something!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You may be in for a surprise which, ultimately, will affect others around you as well. You're not in it alone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You must try to be more actively involved in your own family affairs at this time. It's time for a little give and take.

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Today is the 324th day of 1992 and the 59th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1863, Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: James A. Gar-

field (1831-1881), U.S. president; Allen Tate (1899-1979), critic-poet-novelist; Tommy Dorsey (1905-1956), musician; Indira Gandhi (1917-1984), Indian politician; Dick Cavett (1936-), entertainer; is 56; Ted Turner (1938-), broadcasting executive-sportsman, is 54; Calvin Klein (1942-), fashion designer, is 50; Jodie Foster (1962-), actress-director, is 30.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1961, quarterback George Blanda threw 7 touchdown passes as the Houston Oilers defeated the New York Titans, 48-21.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "... that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." — Abraham Lincoln

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1881, part of the newly inflated fabric

dome of the Hubert Humphrey Metrodome in downtown Minneapolis, Minn., collapsed and ripped when a storm dumped 12 inches of wet, heavy snow on it.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Nov. 17) and new moon (Nov. 24).

TODAY'S BARB - BY PHIL PASTORET

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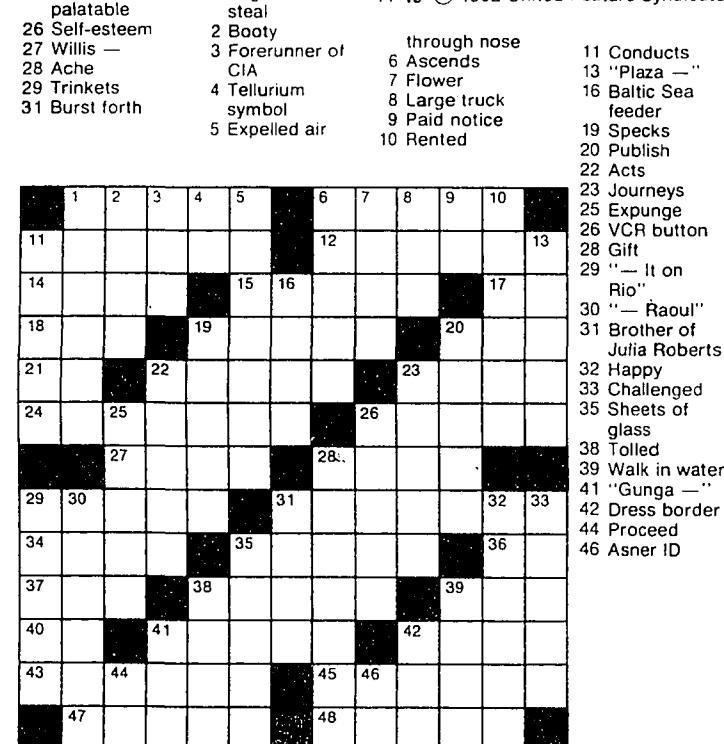
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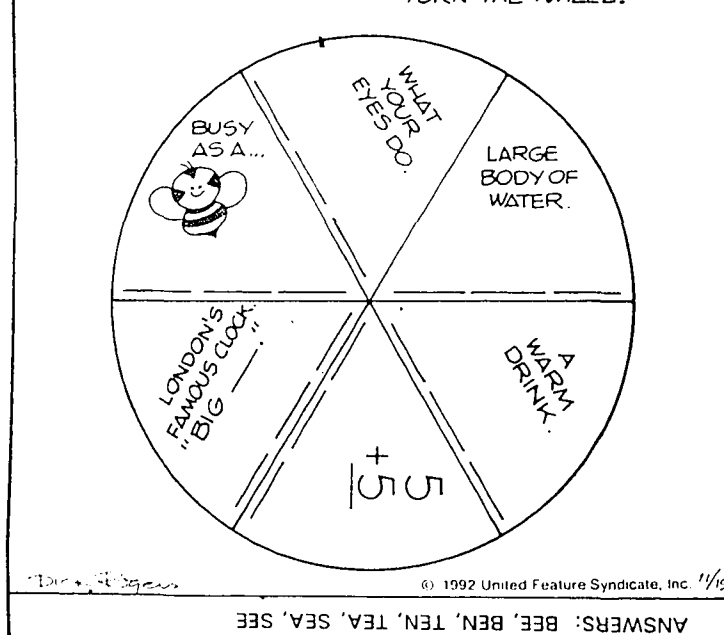
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Study cites most dangerous roads

By Clare Nulls

GENEVA (AP) — Roads in Latvia and Turkey are among the most dangerous in the world, although India has the highest accident death toll, according to statistics published Tuesday.

The report by the private International Road Federation says Hong Kong has the most crowded roads and Kuwaitis own the most cars per family.

Mexico and Spain fare best in the construction category, with Mexico adding 1,200 miles (1,930 kilometers) to its superhighway system and Spain 600 miles (965 kilometers) between 1989-1990. Investment in the United States and Canada, by contrast, has gone through a period of stagnation,

the report says.

The International Road Federation represents road-building and maintenance firms and associations that lobby governments to improve roads. Its 193-page report is based on 1991 figures from its members and governments.

The report is based on data from 124 countries, although not all statistics were available for all countries. For instance, death rates for determining the most dangerous roads were available for less than half of the countries.

Federation director-general Wim Westerhuis told a news conference that road traffic in Europe was expected to rise by 40 percent over the next decade. He said the increase was expected to

be slightly less in North America, but higher in rapidly industrializing Asian countries like Thailand.

The survey showed that impoverished Albanians were the least likely to have cars, with only one for every 50 families. By contrast, there were an average 2.1 cars per household in affluent Kuwait, 1.9 per household in Iceland and 1.8 in the United States.

Turkey had the largest percentage increase in the number of cars, jumping 54 percent between 1987 and 1991. In Poland, the transition to capitalism boosted private car ownership 43 percent.

Many Turks, however, paid for their new possessions with their lives. The report said Turkey had one of the highest accident rates

with 24 deaths per 60 million miles driven in 1991. The toll in the Baltic republic of Latvia was slightly higher at 25, nearly double the 1987 rate.

The death rate in the United States, by comparison, was only 1.3 per 60 million miles.

This means, however, that 44,500 people were killed on US roads in 1990 and 3.6 million were injured.

In India, 56,500 people died in road accidents and 254,000 were hurt, the report said.

The International Road Federation said in many instances inexperienced drivers and poor quality roads were more to blame than speed — particularly in Eastern Europe.

Westerhuis said different na-

tional road signs also contributed to accidents.

"At the moment if you cross a border you are faced with a completely different set of circumstances — signs which have a vague resemblance to what you are used to in your own country but they turn out to mean something completely different," he said.

For instance, superhighway signs in France and many other Western European nations are blue. But in Switzerland and Italy — which border France — blue signs are used for slower speed roads, and green is used for superhighways.

Westerhuis said if road signs and markings were the same throughout Europe.

Thousands may have died from toxic medicine

By Hasan Saeed

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — A common medicine for fever has damaged the kidneys of hundreds of children in Bangladesh and may have caused thousands of deaths nationwide, a doctor said Tuesday.

The medicine, liquid paracetamol, contains a toxic chemical that causes acute renal failure in children with high fever, said the doctor, Mohammad Hanif. The disorder is a serious complication of the kidneys that can result in death if untreated.

The chemical, diethylene glycol, is used to dilute and sweeten paracetamol to make it palatable for children. Paracetamol is available freely in drug stores throughout the country.

In a two-year study done on 309 children with acute renal failure, Hanif and two associates found that 239 had taken liquid paracetamol. Of the 233, nearly 98 percent, or 233 children later died, Hanif said.

Hanif presented the findings of the study in a seminar in Dhaka last Saturday.

The study was conducted from mid-1990 to October 1992 in Shishu Hospital in Dhaka, Bangladesh's only child hospital. Hanif works as a pediatrician and nephrologist in the 30-bed facility.

Hanif and two associates first discovered the problem in 1990 when they noticed that all the 30 children admitted in the hospital with high fever developed acute kidney failure after being given liquid paracetamol.

Baffled by spread of the disease, the doctors sent samples of the drug to local laboratories, studied the patients' life histories and tested the hospital's water supply but failed to come up with any clues, Hanif said.

Diana asks media to help fight drugs

LONDON (AP) — Princess Diana on Tuesday asked the media who have been targeting her to use their power constructively and help in the war against drugs.

"Like it or not, I have been quite a provider for the media and now I am asking for your help to reduce the suffering caused by drugs," she told a drugs media seminar in London.

"You in the media are all part of a powerful industry. That power can be used destructively or constructively," said the princess, whose 11-year marriage to Prince Charles has been in the spotlight for months.

She said the media can help those "already caught in the drugs trap" and those who are not yet caught. It can also shape the views of young people and teach them to work for the good of society rather than just for themselves, she said.

"Direct help may include exposing the pushers," she said.

"However, if we can kill the demand for drugs they will move on anyway."

The princess, who is patron of the Institute for the Study of Drug Dependence and the drug and alcohol charity Turning Point, said making children feel wanted could stop the spread of drug addiction. "Children are sometimes portrayed as problems to solve and not as souls to love and cherish. Children are not chores, they are part of us. If we give them the love they deserve they would not try so hard to attract our attention," she said.

"Hugging has no harmful side effects. If we all play our part in making our children feel valued the result will be tremendous. There are potential huggers in every household," she said.

However, she warned, "If this empty cavern waiting for affection remains unfilled it will be filled in some other way."

Japan-Korea ferry to stop

TOKYO (AP) — Japan Korea Jet Liner Co. said Tuesday it will halt its high-speed ferry service between Japan and South Korea on Dec. 1 because of financial difficulties.

Takashi Kurose of JKJL said the company had run up debts of about 1.4 billion yen (\$11 million) after opening the service in July 1991 between Shimonoseki in southwestern Japan and Korea's southern port of Pusan.

He said the company's 162-ton boat, made by Boeing Co., could carry up to 196 passengers between the two cities in three hours and 10 minutes at an average speed of 42 knots (48 miles, or 77 kilometers an hour), while a vehicle-carrying ferry takes eight hours. Kurose said, however, that the high-speed service could not operate in rough seas, and was canceled about once every four days.

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Lawmakers call for strict boxing rules

By Bill Kole

LANSING, Mich. (AP) - The death this month of a two-time Detroit Golden Glove amateur champ has prompted Michigan lawmakers to call for stricter boxing regulations.

State Rep. Charlie Harrison said he'll introduce legislation in January to outlaw bouts like the one that apparently led to the death of 20-year-old Kevin Smith.

Smith died in his sleep Nov. 7 after a fight the night before.

Despite bruises on his face and chest from a sparring session earlier that week, no one stopped him from stepping into the ring.

A medical examiner said Smith died from a "blunt impact head injury."

"There have been many shocking reports of matches involving unfit fighters, mismatched opponents, and even deaths of people who continued to fight after they had been injured in previous matches," Harrison said Tuesday.

Researchers say boxing injuries may lead to serious chronic health

problems including Alzheimer's disease, an ailment that afflicted the late Sugar Ray Robinson, and Parkinson's disease, from which former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali suffers.

Harrison, whose district includes the Pontiac Silverdome and The Palace of Auburn Hills, said he'll fight that problem when the Legislature reconvenes next year.

Boxing has gone unregulated in Michigan since Gov. John Engler's administration disbanded the state Department of Licensing and Regulation,

Harrison said.

The proposed bill would require the state to license and sanction all boxing and wrestling events, including the fighters, their managers, promoters, clubs, ringside doctors, referees, judges and timekeepers. All would have to carry adequate health and life insurance.

A physician would supervise all matches and have the authority to stop a fight if a contestant were in danger of serious injury. The state athletic commission could temporarily or permanently

suspend the license of a fighter injured in the ring.

A fighter who suffered a technical knockout wouldn't be allowed to box again for at least 30 days. And a fighter who is knocked unconscious or is rendered defenseless would have to pass neurological examinations before his next bout.

The Michigan Association of Professional Boxing Officials and other boxing groups support Harrison's legislation.

5 millionaire golfers play in Shark Shootout

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) - For the first time in PGA history, five players with \$1 million in winnings for the season will compete in the \$1 million Shark Shootout.

Greg Norman is host of the three-day team event beginning Thursday at Sherwood Country Club.

Defending champions Lanny Wadkins and Tom Purtzer are partnered again, while Norman will play with two-time US Open champion Curtis Strange. Norman's lone PGA Tour victory in the last three years was the Canadian Open in September.

"I feel very confident this year," he said. "After three years of frustration, the Canadian Open was very special. I think Curtis and I will do quite well this week."

Norman said that selecting the 20-man field was an in-depth process.

"I ask the guys who they would like to team with," he said. "If there is anyone they do not want to have as a partner, I make sure that I don't put two guys together that don't like each other."

Fred Couples will team with Raymond Floyd. Couples, who won more than \$1.3 million this season, and Floyd, with \$1.09 million in combined earnings from the PGA and Senior Tours, won this tournament in 1990.

Davis Love III, another \$1 million winner, will team with reigning US Open champion Tom Kite.

John Cook, the fourth million-dollar winner, will partner Mark O'Meara.

"I really enjoy the team events," Cook said. "Mark and I have partnered before. We were in the Southern California Junior Golf Association together, so we go back a long way. And it's great to have the number one putter on my side."

Nick Price, the current PGA champion who earned \$400,000 last week in the PGA Grand Slam, is the fifth million-dollar man in the field. Price will have Tournament of Champions winner Steve Elkington as his partner. Long-hitting John Daly makes his first appearance in this event as partner to Payne Stewart. Daly won the PGA last year and Stewart captured the 1991 US Open.

Former Masters champion Ben Crenshaw and Chip Beck will team up.

Sampras beats Becker in ATP

By Nesha Starcevic

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) - Pete Sampras survived 15 aces and saved a set point to beat Boris Becker 7-6, 7-6 on the opening day of the ATP World Championship Tuesday.

Sampras, the defending champion, faced the only break point with Becker leading 5-4 in the second set. But Becker's forehand error allowed Sampras to hold his serve and save the set.

Sampras stayed cool under pressure as 9,000 fans cheered Becker. He took both tiebreaks, 7-5 and 7-3, respectively, to win the round-robin match.

The American is ranked third in the world and could claim the No. 1 spot if he wins the tournament. His ranking also depends

on how well Jim Courier and Stefan Edberg do in the year-end \$2.5 million event. Courier is ranked No. 1 and Edberg is No. 2.

Edberg, seeking to regain the No. 1 ranking for the third time this year, beat Petr Korda 6-3, 7-6 in his opening match.

In the last match of the day, Goran Ivanisevic was to play Michael Chang.

Edberg overwhelmed Korda at the start of the match, storming into a 3-0 lead.

The Swede took advantage of being one break up, although his serve began to falter late in the set.

He fought off four break points, including one that would have given Korda the ninth game. Edberg clinched the set with a service winner.

Korda, No. 6 in the world,

committed his fourth double-fault of the match to fall behind 6-5 and give Edberg the chance to wrap up the match.

But the Swede suffered his only break of the match and Korda forced the match into a tiebreak.

After a close battle, Edberg finally prevailed, 11-9, converting his third match point to win the match in one hour, 47 minutes.

Edberg now holds a 2-1 career edge over Korda.

The ATP World Championship pits the top eight players in the world. They are split into two round-robin groups, with the top two in each advancing to the semifinals.

Courier, Ivanisevic, Chang and Richard Krajicek are in the Rod Laver Group, while Edberg, Sampras, Korda and Becker are in the Ken Rosewall Group.

Colorado Rockies pick Atlanta Braves pitcher

By Ronald Blum

NEW YORK (AP) - The Colorado Rockies on Tuesday took Atlanta Braves pitcher David Nied as the top pick in baseball's first expansion draft in 16 years.

The Florida Marlins also went for youth at the start, selecting Toronto Blue Jays outfield prospect Nigel Wilson as their top pick.

Nied, 24 next month, was 3-0 with a 1.17 ERA for Atlanta last season, and was 14-9 with a 2.84 ERA for Class AAA Richmond.

"Atlanta had some tough decisions to make," Nied said. "They felt they did what they had to do. It's a great opportunity for myself."

Braves general manager John Schuerholz expected to lose Nied, Pete Smith or Kent Mercker in the first round.

"It's difficult to lose someone like that," Schuerholz said. "There are going to be some good players in the process."

Wilson, 22, hit .274 last season at Knoxville of the Southern League with 26 homers and 69 RBIs.

"We want to try to repeat, and we wanted to maintain the nucleus of our club," Blue Jays general manager Pat Gillick said. "Unfortunately, you can't protect 20."

Marlins president Carl Barger predicted Wilson would be in the major leagues next season, though perhaps not on opening day.

"He's not a household name right now," Barger said. "We feel Nigel Wilson will be a household name in a very short time."

The two expansion teams, which paid \$95 million each to join the National League next season, drafted 36 players each, and plenty of big names were available. It was possible Lee

Smith and Shawn Dunston and Jose Lind would be drafted and dealt just after the picking was scheduled to end at 9 p.m. EST (0200 GMT Wednesday). Lind was widely rumored to be heading to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Danny Tartabull, Jack Morris and catchers Mike LaValliere, Don Slaught, Greg Olson and Damon Berryhill were among the others left off 15-man protected lists. Each existing team lost just one player per round, and protected additional players after each round ended.

Tartabull was safe for at least the first round when the Rockies used their second pick for Yankees third baseman Charlie Hayes. New York obtained Hayes from Philadelphia last Jan. 8, and he hit .257 with 18 homers and 66 RBIs.

The Marlins then went for Jose Martinez, a 21-year-old right-hander from the New York Mets. Martinez was 6-5 with a 2.05 ERA for Class A Port St. Lucie and 5-2 with a 1.71 ERA for Class AA Birmingham.

Colorado then took right-hander Darren Holmes of the Milwaukee Brewers and the Marlins went for Montreal second baseman Bret Barberie. The Rockies used their fourth pick for Padres outfielder Jerald Clark and the Marlins then took right-hander Trevor Hoffman of the Cincinnati Reds.

It was an unusual event bringing together the general managers and staffs of all 28 teams. It also appears that several trades are set to occur at the conclusion of Tuesday's draft.

"We're not naive going into this," Marlins general manager Dave Dombrowski said Monday. "We know that a team might talk to us about drafting a player and then trading him, and then call the Rockies and see about the trade of a player."

