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Senate OKs ban on alien hiring

THE SENATE yesterday approved a five-year moratorium on hiring of alien workers.

Senate Bill 8-149, authored by Sen. David M. Cing, also grants amnesty to certain illegal aliens and ease rules regarding transfers from one employer to another.

"Stricter controls on the importation of labor bring benefits to our people," Cing said. "However, the resident population is insufficient to satisfy the current labor demand. So the answer is to stop bringing in more workers and allow transfers to meet the demand."

Cing noted that in 1990, non-residents comprised 54 percent of the CNMI's total population.

Cing said that under present law, inactive alien workers here on island are not allowed to transfer to other employers.

According to Cing, the prospects of an alien population potentially exceeding the resident population is unacceptable because:

•It will be socially and politi-

cally disruptive for the community to have a majority that is disenfranchised;

•It will further burden the underdeveloped infrastructure and tax the scarce resources of the CNMI;

•It will continue to depress the standard of living and private sector wages of both resident and alien workers; and

•It will impede involvement of resident workers in the private sector.

Under the bill, the Department of Commerce and Labor will not accept applications for new non-resident worker certificates until after five years or after a proposed study on the alien labor situation is completed by the Department of Interior.

The restriction, however, may be waived upon the approval of two-thirds of the membership of any legislative delegation from each senatorial district.

The amnesty provision, on the other hand, frees certain deport-

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GODWIN Brel (right) emerges from courtroom to a brief and teary moment with relative before going back to jail after sentencing yesterday.



Bouncer sentenced to 10 years

SUPERIOR Court Judge Marty Taylor yesterday sentenced Godwin Brel, a bouncer at Marianas Inn, to 10 years in jail for aggravated assault and battery.

Brel, who was convicted earlier by a jury, was also ordered to pay an unspecified amount of restitution to his victim, Leston Rekemesik, within a 10-year period.

During yesterday's sentencing, Public Defender Daniel DeRienzo asked Taylor to place

Brel on probation, no jail, and pay restitution. He said Brel had shown remorse.

"He's lucky he was not charged with attempted murder," Taylor said. "He was only convicted of aggravated assault and battery."

"I don't find him remorseful at all," he said.

Taylor said he agreed with Assistant Attorney General Cheryl M. Gill's recommendation that Brel be jailed for 10 years. The judge, however, suspended two years of the sentence.

He also prohibited Brel from consuming alcohol.

Brel hit Rekemesik with a baseball bat on the head on Aug. 8, 1992, because the victim allegedly threatened Brel with a rock. Gill said no rock was found in the bar and testimony presented during the trial did not mention anybody seeing Rekemesik with a rock in his hands.

Rekemesik had to be taken to Guam for treatment of his injuries. He was unconscious for four days. (NL)



CAR TAKES DIP: Police officer prepares to pull car, driver unknown, out of water along Beach Road where it ended after rolling from Char's Store in Chalan Laulau Tuesday.

Second look at tax reform bill sought

TAXPAYERS urged the House special committee on tax reform Tuesday to take a cautionary look at the proposal before making any recommendation to the Legislature.

The private sector also urged Representative Pete P. Reyes' committee to look into other alternatives of raising additional revenues for the government.

During the hearing on the proposal at the CNMI Convention Center attorney Jay Sorensen said the Department of Finance's proposal is not only complex but will also be an additional burden to the taxpayers.

House Bill 8-248 proposes to increase excise, user, hotel occupancy, liquid fuel, container and

"sin" taxes. It also proposes an earnings tax and a reduction of the current 95 percent tax rebate.

"The proposal to add an earnings tax will be too much to ask from the taxpayers," Sorensen said.

He said the government should also look into reducing the rebate in efforts to keep the \$20 million dollars generated from the imposition of the wage and salary tax.

The establishment of a sales tax is another proposal made to raise government revenues. The proposed sales tax is expected to earn immediate revenues to the government without the Internal Revenue Code getting in the way.

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Tinian center of military exercise

ABOUT 5,000 officers and troops are participating in Tandem Thrust 93, a joint exercise of the armed services emphasizing response to regional crises, including evacuation of civilians.

About 50 aircraft, including fighters, bombers, tankers, airlifters and helicopters will participate in the exercise. USS Blue Ridge, the flagship of the 7th Fleet, will be the command headquarter-

Other ships and units from Andersen's 13th Air Force, the 6th Infantry Division (Light) in Alaska and the 1st Marine Airlift Wing in Okinawa, Japan will also be included in the exercise, the second in a series of a joint task force exercises in the Pacific region and one of the largest military exercises in the area.

Steve Burnett, public affairs director for Tandem Thrust 93,

said the armed services would practice what the US had been doing at present: going into a crisis situation on short notice and completing the task as quickly as possible.

Center of activity is Tinian, based on a scenario of a country with a destabilizing situation which requires evacuation of people.

Actually, Tinian and its people

will derive immediate benefits from the exercise, particularly the landing of troops on the island.

Burnett said the armed services would spend \$50,000 on Tinian School alone. Of the total amount, \$10,000 will be paid for the use of the Tinian School. Two units of commercial refrigerators were purchased for the use of troops in the school and two showers were installed. All of these will left to

the school.

In addition, troops have been making repairs in the school facilities, such as repair of toilets, doorknobs, lighting fixtures and the parking lot.

The military has hired five Tinian residents to prepare food for the troops under an \$8,000 contract. About \$100,000 may be spent for fuel and other supplies.

Resolution to speed up construction grant

THE SENATE yesterday passed a resolution that will help speed up the government's application for an annual construction grant worth \$886,000 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

House Joint Resolution 8-23 was unanimously adopted yesterday to enable the CNMI government to transmit its application for the annual community development block grants.

The application and the approved resolution, are expected to be received by HUD's regional office in Honolulu today, the deadline set for the filing of applications.

"The resolution essentially addressed the need to get going with the application process for the grant which is to be used for the renovation of existing section 8 housing units on Saipan, Rota and Tinian," according to Mariana Islands Housing Authority Executive Director Juan M. Sablan, who watched the Senate proceedings yesterday.

The House approved the same measure during a special session Friday.

HJR 8-23 seeks to satisfy a requirement that the governor be authorized by the Legislature to submit the CNMI's application for money under fiscal year 1993s community development block grants from the federal government.

The resolution also authorizes the governor to receive the funds and assume all responsibilities that may be imposed by HUD with respect to the receipt and administration of the CDBG assistance.

The CDBG grant is pursuant to the US Housing and Development Act of 1974. The program supports housing and community

development activities for the improvement of the social, economic and general well-being of community residents, particularly those in the low and moderate income bracket.

"The Commonwealth's critical need for the CDBG assistance is underscored by statistics which reveal that well over four-fifths of Commonwealth residents qualify as persons of low and moderate income under HUD standards," the resolution read.

Under the CDBG, the HUD has allocated a total of \$886,000 for program year 1993 for the CNMI's community development activities.

Originally, the CDBG grant was intended for the rehabilitation of a total of 177 section 8 housing units on all three major islands of the Commonwealth, as well as the construction of a children's park on Tinian.

According to Sablan, MIHA has initially proposed the complete renovation of the housing units, including the installation of typhoon shutters.

"The thrust then was for improvements that would make the houses brand new again. But now we have to do away with the ideas we had, because of the additional projects in the list. Even then, I doubt if the money will be enough," he said.

Meanwhile, Sablan's deputy, Felix Ayuyu, said approval of the grant request may be expected about 75 days after the receipt of the application by HUD Honolulu. After that it would take another 75 days for its release to MIHA.

"As soon as we get the money, we would start bidding the projects out so we can commence them as soon as possible," he said.

Man arrested on murder for insurance

MANILA (AP) - A Hong Kong man has been arrested for killing a woman in Manila to collect part of her insurance, police said Wednesday.

Yip Way Ming, 25, was arrested Tuesday at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport before he was to board a flight back to Hong Kong, homicide department chief Capt. Manolo Martinez said.

Ming, a used car salesman, will be charged with murder, Martinez said.

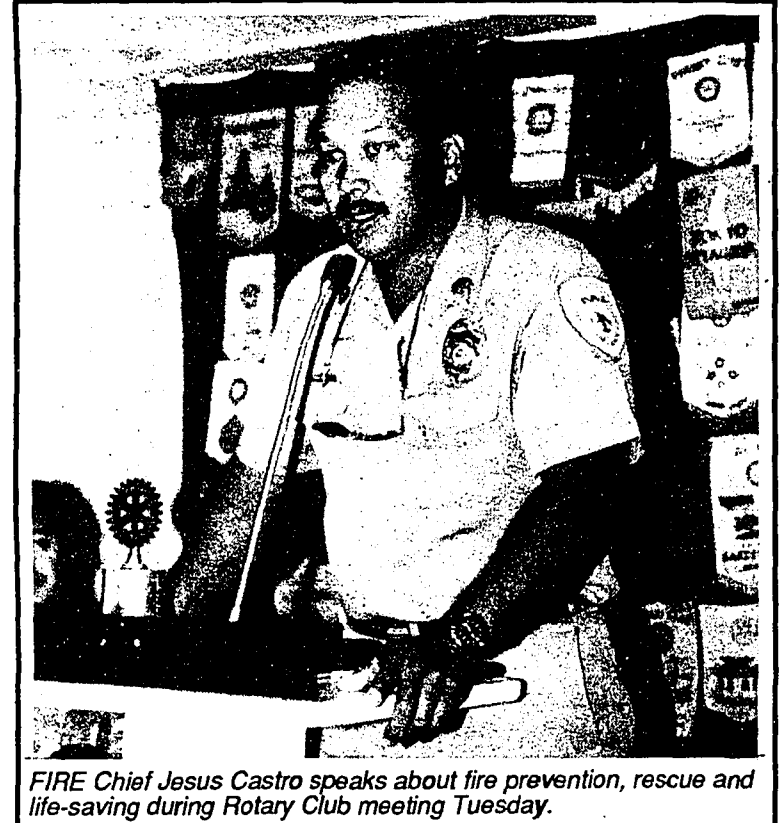
Martinez said investigations showed Ming killed his girlfriend, Lam Po Chun, 24, at the Park Hotel, located a block from police headquarters, last Sunday a day after the two arrived from Hong Kong as tourists.

On Sunday, Ming returned to the hotel around 10 p.m. (1400 GMT) from a tour of the city and told authorities he found his girlfriend dead inside their room.

After routine questioning, investigators released Ming.

An autopsy revealed the girl, who was insured for \$490,000, was strangled.

Investigators later became suspicious after hotel employees told them Ming said his girlfriend was sick, leaving instructions not to disturb her, not even to clean their room.



FIRE Chief Jesus Castro speaks about fire prevention, rescue and life-saving during Rotary Club meeting Tuesday.

10,000 illegal aliens coming to Hong Kong

HONG KONG (AP) - Illegal Chinese immigrants detained in Hong Kong say as many as 10,000 people could be following from China aboard junks and fishing vessels, police said Tuesday.

Security Branch spokesman Peter Randall said illegal immigration from China has surged since June, with police intercepting 428 people who claim to come from

Beihai in south China's Guangxi region.

The most recent arrivals were 45 immigrants picked up Monday aboard a fishing boat.

Some immigrants told police that between 7,000 and 10,000 people from Beihai were preparing to sail to the British colony, Randall said.

Many said they left because

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primarily on the government's annual travel expenses.

He said the government would fail in its goal of raising additional funds if it raised taxes at a time when the CNMI's economy was at a standstill.

"We cannot continue to push the public to pay more taxes. Our economy is down and the tax base is not there anymore. The passage of a tax measure at this time will not help the gov-

ernment generate more money," Sablan said.

A majority of Saipan businessmen also opposed the government's move to increase taxes.

Duty Free Shoppers has proposed a temporary 10 percent surcharge tax instead of higher taxes.

DFS' proposal is projected to generate \$14 million yearly.

A \$40 million-dollar annual rev-

enue is expected to be generated by the proposed tax reform measure.

Tuesday night's public hearing is one among a series of meetings Reyes' committee conducted over the past three months.

The house special committee on tax reform was given a July 14 deadline to submit a report on the proposed tax measure introduced by Speaker Thomas Villagomez. (TMF)

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able aliens from civil or criminal liability, deportation or any other action by the government under provisions contained in 3 CMC Division 4, provided such aliens apply for amnesty with Commerce and Labor.

Persons given amnesty may secure employment upon the issuance of temporary work permit.

With regards to transfers, the bill adds a new subsection to the existing law that reads in part: "an alien worker may transfer to a different employer with the writ-

ten consent of his current employer and written approval of the chief of Labor."

Such transfer does not require the worker to exit or to obtain a new alien work permit.

Upon approval of a change of employer, the new employer will assume all duties and responsibilities of the previous employer.

"The idea behind the bill is to let the illegal aliens come forward, evaluate their skills and capabilities and see if we can harness them to be productive participants in the economy, instead

of bringing in new ones," Cing said.

Senator Joseph S. Inos, on the other hand, urged a cooling-off period prior to its enactment.

"This bill will have a major impact on the economy. It will invite further abuse of employers on their employees and vice versa. It may be too drastic if we are to impose such regulations at once," Inos said.

Nevertheless, the bill was passed on first and final reading yesterday, and would now go to the House of Representatives.

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Manglona, Maratita deny Olopai claims

SENATORS Edward U. Maratita and Paul A. Manglona yesterday refuted claims by Carolinian leader Lino Olopai that a Senate committee has already made up its mind on a bill to provide guidelines on article 12 cases.

In separate interviews, Maratita and Manglona, chairman and member of the Senate Committee on Resources and Development, respectively, said they have yet to finalize their findings on the Senate Bill 8-124.

Olopai earlier expressed apprehension that discussion on the bill during today's public hearing would again be dominated by "those who favor the measure."

He said the issue might have become moot, because the committee was determined to get the

bill approved by the Senate.

According to Maratita, there is no way for anyone to conclude that such will indeed be the action of the committee.

"Mr. Olopai is jumping to conclusion just because we see merit in the bill. There are a lot of pros and cons on the measure and we would hear them all prior to making a recommendation. But as it is, the bill just aims to bring fairness to Article 12," he said.

Article 12 of the Constitution restricts land ownership to persons of Northern Marianas descent.

Meanwhile, some former landowners, with the help of lawyers, started to question the legality of their land transactions.

According to Maratita, recent

controversies involving Article 12 painted a bad image for the people of the CNMI and that it is about time something is done to bring back fairness and honesty in the system.

"Article 12 is a touchy issue, but it really is up to the full Senate to decide on what we should do. Although we find merit on the bill, we do not know how the other senators are going to vote on the measure, so nothing is predetermined," he said Maratita.

SB 8-124 sets a cap on attorney's fees paid by land claimants, allows restitution to losing developers and a shorter period to file claims.

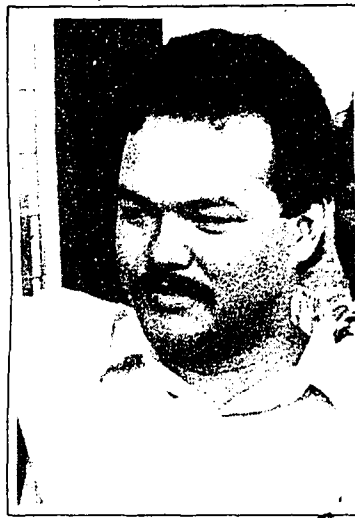
Asked to comment on Olopai's observation that the witness list consisted of persons in support of



Edward U. Maratita

the measure, Manglona said the list was drawn taking into consideration an earlier request made by noted Article 12 lawyer Ted Mitchell, to subpoena certain personalities into the hearings.

"We have tried to come up with a fair list of witnesses. We have also invited the general public with the understanding that any private individual who may not be in favor of the bill will be welcome," Manglona said.



Paul A. Manglona

According to Manglona, he still sees merit in the bill and thus, the committee is inclined to support the measure.

"I do not see anything wrong with that. We are calling a public hearing because we want to give people the chance to convince us to change our minds on the measure. Besides, if I do not believe this will help solve current problems on Article 12, I would not have introduced it," he said. (RHA)

FAO reports global loss of arable land

By Nick Ludington

WASHINGTON (AP) - As floods causes erosion and water damage along the Mississippi River, the United Nations reported Tuesday potentially more disastrous losses of arable land around the world.

The UN Food and Agriculture Organization estimated that 10 per cent of the earth's farmland - source of food, fuel and fiber - will lose much of its agricultural value in the next 20 years.

"It is terrifying to consider what

is at stake," said Edouard Saouma, Lebanese director-general of the FAO in a statement accompanying the report.

The report said that in the next 20 years, 245 million acres (140 million hectares), an area the size of Alaska, is expected to lose most of its agricultural productivity through overgrazing, deforestation and poor land management leading to erosion and decreased fertility.

"Analysis of man-made land degradation raises a fundamental question," Saouma said. "Are we going to have enough good land to

feed the extra 2.6 billion people who will be on this planet by the year 2025?"

Arable land, the FAO report says, is the world's single most valuable resource but undervalued. Gold, oil and precious stones "command prices which have led us to treat soil as mere dirt," Saouma said.

Robert Brinkman, FAO's chief of soil resources, said in an interview that the report is the first "wall-to-wall" estimate of soil degradation around the world.

He said there is no single technical fix for the problem but that a

variety of proven measures suitable for specific regions could arrest the land loss.

As an example he cited the Machakos area near Kenya's capital of Nairobi. The land had been abandoned by farmers and herders because overgrazing had destroyed it. Now, 20 years later, it is a rich agricultural area growing fruit and vegetables and stall-fed cattle to supply food to the capital.

Left to itself the land had its nutrients restored by decomposition of wild legumes and phosphates and nitrates borne in the

atmosphere. Farmers returned and grew sturdy hedges around their plots which blocked grazing and curbed erosion. They added fertilizer, much of it natural manure from cattle in stalls eating feed grown on the land.

A nearby road to Nairobi allowed them to get their produce to market and a cash return to invest in the improvements to the land.

Because of the growth of the world's population, most of it in the poorest regions, the Machakos experience must be multiplied rapidly, Brinkman said.

Licensing board sets meeting

THE BOARD of Professional Licensing will hold their meeting on Aug. 3, starting at 9 a.m.

The meeting will be held at the board's office at the Island Commercial Center building, second floor, Gualo Rai.

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Beihai officials bulldozed their homes for a land redevelopment project, Randall added. They said they had been promised resettlement elsewhere, but feared that the new sites would be unsuitable for farming.

Randall stressed that Hong Kong authorities had no evidence to bear out their claims.

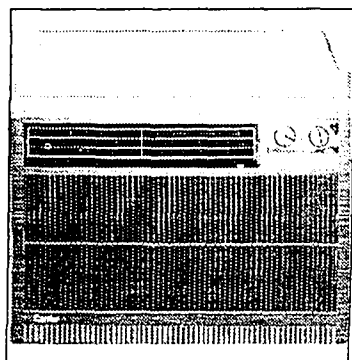
Most are believed to be Vietnamese who resettled in China during the two countries' brief border war in 1979. They will be repatriated to China as soon as possible, Randall said.

"The sooner we get the first batch back, the sooner we give the message to others that they are wasting their time coming here," he said.

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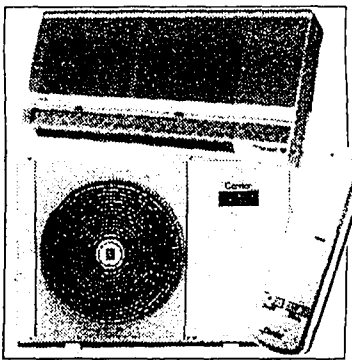
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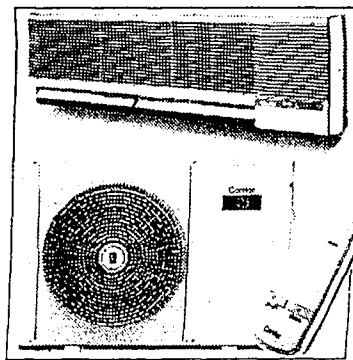
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Puerto Rico: Don't block choice

By Doug Richards

WASHINGTON (AP) - Puerto Rico's congressional representative urged his US colleagues Tuesday not to block the wishes of the Caribbean island to either become America's 51st state, become inde-

Plebiscite on status set Nov. 14

pendent or remain a US commonwealth.

"There are many in the United States, some here in this body, who will fight to deny them the option

they have chosen," Carlos Romero Barcelo told a US House of Representatives subcommittee hearing on Puerto Rico's status.

The hearing took place during campaigning for a plebiscite Nov. 14 to determine the future status of the island of 3.7 million people, which was taken by the United States from Spain in 1898.

Romero Barcelo was among proponents of statehood who spoke before the subcommittee on international and insular affairs. Advocates of commonwealth and independence status - as well as three US congressmen originally from

Puerto Rico - also spoke.

US Rep. Nydia Velazquez told her colleagues that "the people of Puerto Rico deserve no less" than for President Clinton and Congress "to respect their wishes." Her colleague from New York, Rep. Jose Serrano, has asked Congress to honor the results of the November plebiscite, Puerto Ricans' first vote on status since 1967.

Velazquez, a New York Democrat who was born in Puerto Rico, said US congressmen, often with little knowledge of Puerto Rico's history, have repeatedly frustrated attempts to resolve the island's sta-

tus.

The United States "must adopt an entirely different attitude" toward Puerto Rico, she said. Velazquez also expressed the hope that the 2.5 million Puerto Ricans living on the US mainland could have a say in the island's fate, although they are excluded under current plebiscite voting rules.

Both Democratic and Republican parties have pledged to honor self-determination for Puerto Rico's status, but an informal survey by Romero Barcelo's office has found some congressional resistance to, for example, admitting Puerto Rico to the union. His office would not give the results of the survey, saying they are incomplete.



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US urged to pay more attention to East Asia

By David Briscoe

WASHINGTON (AP) - A presidential advisory panel said Tuesday that East Asia has not received enough attention from the US government although no other part of the world is more important to future US prosperity.

In a report issued two days after President Clinton completed a trip to Japan and Korea, the Advisory Committee on Public Diplomacy proposed that more US Information Agency funding be shifted to programs aimed at East Asia and the Pacific.

The report echoes the conclusion of many analysts familiar with the region that the 21st century will be the "Pacific century" for America, pointing to the region's fast-growing economies, its large trade surpluses with the United States and the increasing strength of China's economy.

"In recent years, East Asia has not received sufficient high-level attention from the US government," the report said, adding that US concerns in the region extend far beyond the trade disputes that grab the most attention.

"The shape of the post-Cold War world will depend as much on US relationships with Asia as it does on peaceful and democratic reforms in Europe and the former Soviet Union," the report said.

The committee is a bipartisan presidential panel of citizens established by Congress 45 years ago to make recommendations to the president on US propaganda and information efforts abroad.

It has no power to implement its recommendations. President Clinton will receive its report but also has appointed his own policy advisers in fields related to the committee's work.

Among recommendations in its latest report are:

-Increased US government use of television to carry the American message to Asian nations, where it is becoming the dominant medium for news, information and entertainment.

Club 200 winners

THE AMERICAN Red Cross Northern Mariana Islands Chapter is proud to announce the winners of the 6th annual Club 200 raffle/dinner held last Saturday, July 3rd. Prizes will be awarded at the American Red Cross Office (near the airport) on Wednesday, July 14, 1993 at 4:30 p.m. All prize winners are reminded to bring a completed W2G Form. Call the Red Cross Office if you have any questions.)

The raffle was monitored by Deloitte and Touche in accordance with certain agreed-upon procedures which ensured the adequacy of control over the raffle drawing.

The American Red Cross wishes to thank all of their sponsors and supporters in the community for a successful fund raising event.

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4th	573	Conrad S. Holschneider	Jean Sablan
5th	466	Denise Dailey	Rudolphos
6th	186	Tony Chong	Bibine Forrester
7th	1090	Paul Redeker/Amy Heathman	Heidi Dennis
8th	104	Fred Lord	Josie Martos
9th	544	Nelida B. Atalig	Bernie Dela Cruz
10th	483	James Noe	Jean Sablan
11th	126	Bill Bezzant	Heidi Dennis
12th	1081	Victor & Eloise Borja	Bobbie Camacho
13th	515	Carmen Kelly	Jerry Hall
14th	889	Tony R. Marlik	Bibine Forrester
15th	178	Linda Kitchingham	Bibine Forrester
16th	415	Frank S. Rosario	Asomau Swett
17th	262	Vincent A. Manglona	Connie Camacho
18th	1139	Dave Lynch	Office
19th	1107	Rhonda Alexander/Joe Taitano	Al Gate
20th	800	CDJ & Asso.	J. Facey
21st	736	Frances Yumul/Yco Corp.	Jean Sablan
22nd	585	Vicente Mettao	Lynn Lemieux
23rd	813	Rhonda Nogis	Mario Taitano
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29th	282	Virgilio & Alicia Abueme	Juan Pan
30th	081	Benigno M. Sablan	F. Bocago
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32nd	1022	Kuo, Cheng-Sheh	Bibine Forrester
33rd	342	Juan Moteisou	Alice Romolor
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41st	386	Saipan Stevedore Company Inc.	Herman R. Guerrero
42nd	251	Lydia C. DL. Guerrero	Connie S. Camacho
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Humanities Council now accepting grant applications

THE CNMI Council for the Humanities is now accepting grant applications for the current funding period.

Deadline for submission of applications is December 3, 1993 for projects that begin in February 1994. Mini grants and planning grants (\$1,500 or less) are available now and applications may be submitted any time.

The council is seeking applications for projects on the subject of the "Mariana Islands in World War II" to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the end of the war in the Marianas. The council is particularly interested in projects that feature photo exhibits of the people and the place before, during and after the devastation of war.

Photographs and brief biographies of those who served and died in the US armed forces in this and any other war are especially encouraged. Other formats may include speakers, audio-visual materials, discussion groups, oral histories or a combination of these to reach the public.

The Jefferson Foundation, founded in honor of Thomas Jefferson, will grant up to \$500 in cash and will provide \$200 in-kind assistance to groups such as historical societies, women's groups, libraries, bar associations, civic groups, school and college organizations to hold a "Jefferson Meeting on the US Constitution."

The purpose of these meetings is to educate the participants through debate and discussion of the adequacy of the Constitution and its provisions for government in contemporary America.

Jefferson declared that every generation of Americans has a obligation to review the Constitution to ensure that it remains useful to the times. The relationship between the CNMI Constitution, the Covenant and the US Constitution is an

excellent focus for a Jefferson meeting.

The National Endowment for the Humanities, Division of Public Programs, is accepting applications for grants through September 17, 1993 for projects beginning after April 1, 1994.

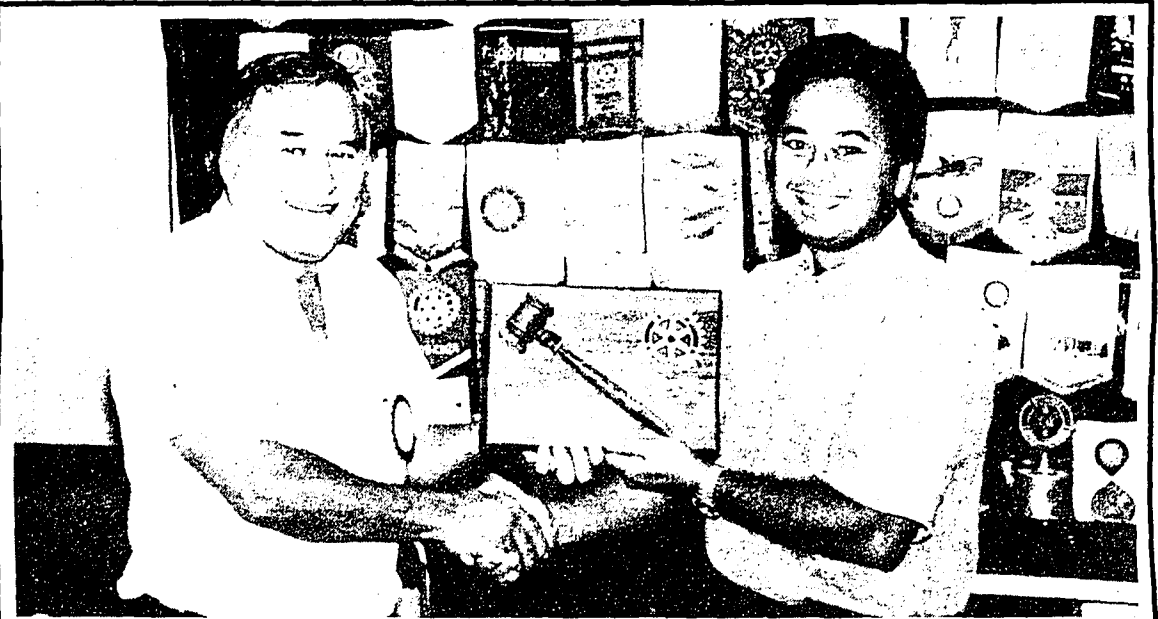
The Division of Public Programs funds public projects that may have national significance such as programs on World War II, the Bill of Rights, and the Columbian Quincentenary. The division is especially interested in supporting humanities scholars and has in the past placed scholars in residence at cultural centers, libraries and colleges.

Eligible applicants include colleges, professional organizations, cultural and community organizations, state agencies, and various community and ad-hoc groups.

Fellowships of up to \$56,000 are now available from the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars for those scholars interested in pursuing postdoctoral work. Deadline for applications is October 1, 1993. For information and application forms write to: the Fellowship Office, Woodrow Wilson Center, 1000 Jefferson Drive S.W., Washington, D.C. 20560. Or call 202-357-2841; Fax 202-357-4439.

All CNMI non-profit boards, private or government, interested in attending workshops for non-profit boards to be held September 13-14, 1993 must pay a \$50 registration fee per person, per workshop by July 21, 1993.

Depending on the number of registrants, the workshop should run approximately \$120 each. For more details on the workshops and the council's programs, please call the CNMI Council for the Humanities at 235-4785 or drop by our office in As Terlaje, adjacent to the El Toro road.



NEWLY installed Rotary Club President Mike Sablan (right) receives plaque from predecessor Karl Reyes during club luncheon meeting Tuesday.

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ARTS hosts exhibit

THE LARGEST local association of artists in the CNMI, namely, ARTS Inc. (artists of Rota, Tinian and Saipan), will hold an exhibit of member and non-member work.

The exhibit entitled, Midsummer ARTS, will include two and three dimensional work and work will be for sale. The exhibit will be held at the Convention Center on Capitol Hill on July 16-30 and will be opened to the public at 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Anyone interested in submitting work for display may contact Robert Hunter at 322-9982/9983 or Jack Hardy at 322-1013.

Deadline for registration is July 15.

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The Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission is soliciting proposals from qualified Health Insurance firms to provide quality Health Insurance to TCGCC members, Employees and Staff.

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CUC hires 30 summer interns



MAGDALENE Pangelinan, assigned to accounting section, is still able to smile working through statistics.

IN ANOTHER move to improve services and help the youth of the community, the commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) has hired 30 summer interns.

According to the corporation's executive director, Ramon S. Guerrero, the company wants both to educate the youth about technical careers and entice them to attend college and return as high level utility employees.

The students hail from Marianas High School, Baptist Academy and Mount Carmel School. Each student was allowed to choose which division he or she wanted to work in:

For Jojo Villagomez the decision to get his hands wet in the Water Quality Laboratory was simple. He says, "With environmental Science

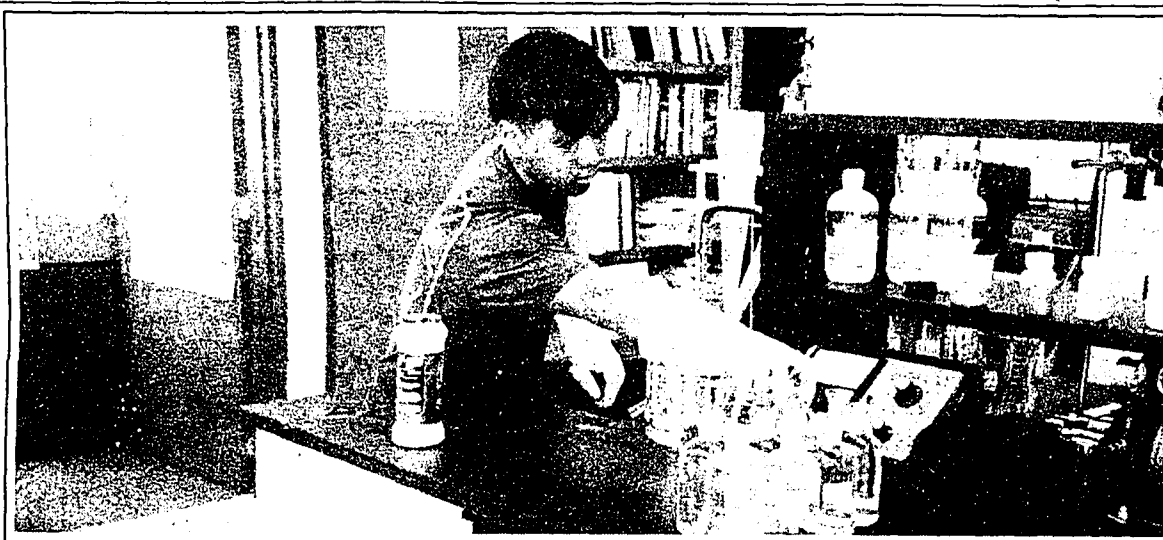
as my intended major in college, I am really enjoying myself."

In the Engineering Division, Vincent Aguon has been busy drawing architectural designs on a special computer and conducting inventory of Cable TV lines hooked to CUC poles.

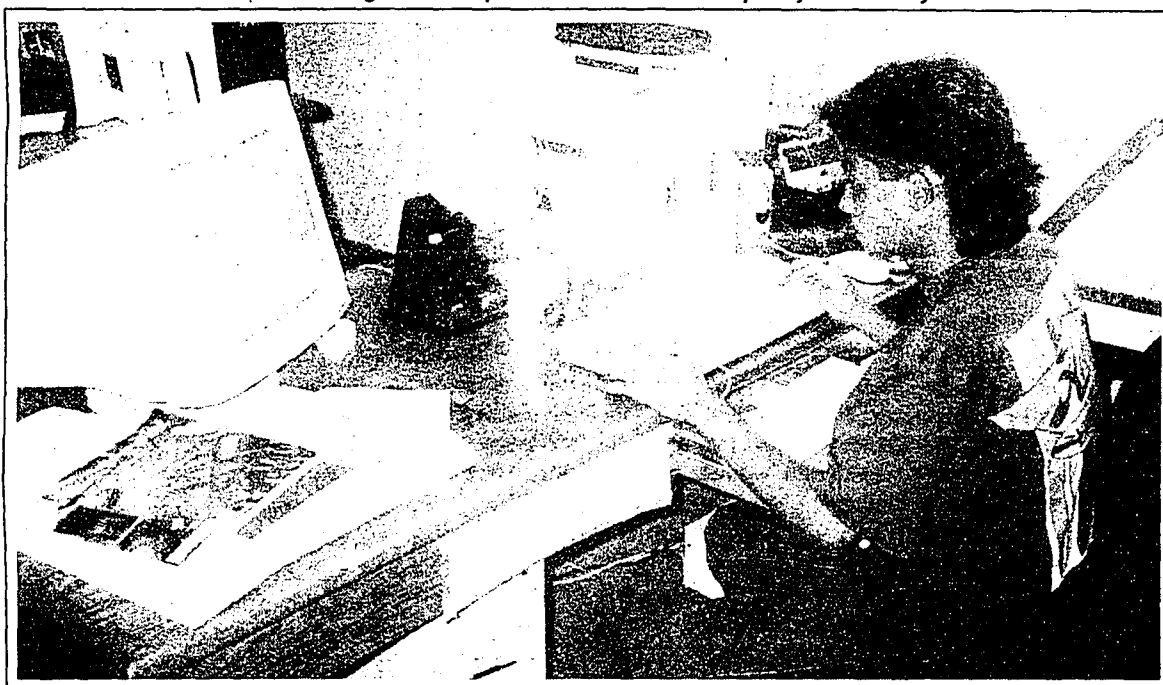
Trisha Q. Richards works in Procurement & Supply. She says, "This job really gives me the opportunity to learn. I enjoy logging data, typing and filing. I think the other students are taking the job seriously and learning a lot."

At the CUC warehouse, John Taitano says, "It takes a lot of work but for all the fatigue, it's worth it."

According to the public information office intern, Regina Andres, the interns are engaged in hands on work



JOJO Villagomez empties bottles at water quality laboratory.



PATRICK Perez at engineering logs data on pole inventory into computer.

and fully involved in their divisions. She said, "After five weeks on the job, we have had nothing but positive reports from the student trainees."

Several students have made suggestions to help improve services.

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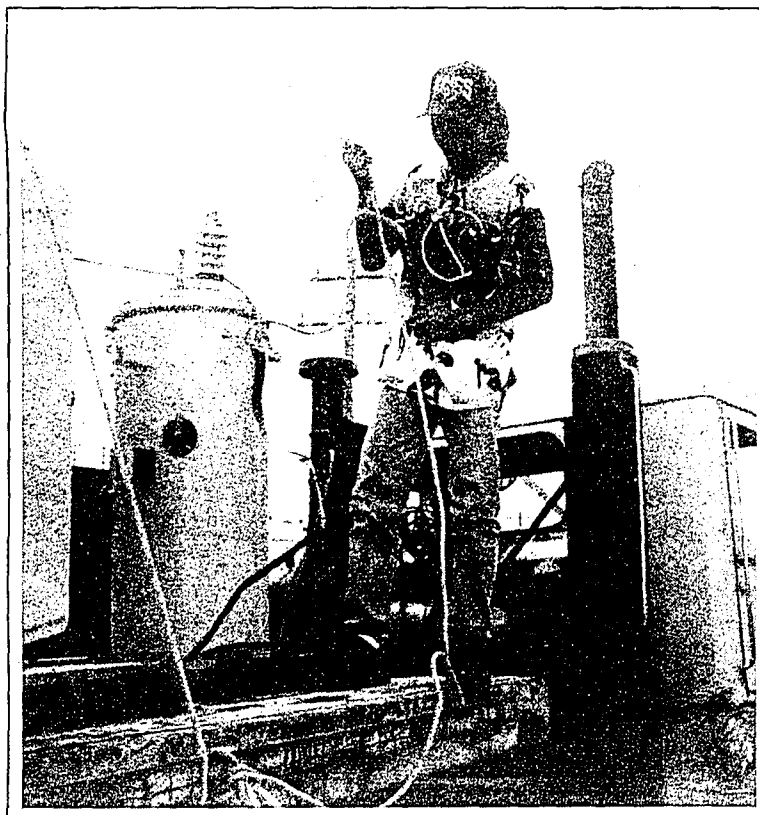
In the Matter of
ERLINDA MARIE C. DABU,
Petitioner.

NOTICE

Erlinda Marie Cabrera Dabu petitioned the Court for an order changing her legal name to Erlinda Marie Muña Cabrera. Please take notice that a hearing in this matter will be held on the 29 day of July, 1993 at 1:30 p.m. o'clock before the Commonwealth Superior Court in Saipan, CNMI Courtroom B for the purpose of changing the name of petitioner to Erlinda Marie Muña Cabrera.

/s/Margarita C. Tenorio
Deputy Clerk of Court

Police Assistance
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JOHN Taitano unstraps load of transformers at warehouse division.

Karaoke Live makes debut on Saipan Cable

SUNDAY, July 4, marked the debut of what promises to be one of the most popular shows on television, Saipan Cable TV's "Karaoke Live", hosted by the energetic "Kip", every Sunday evening at 8 p.m. on channel 25.

According to Saipan Cable TV general manager Fred Lord, "The phones were absolutely packed with requests. In fact, there were so many calls we're reviewing the phone system to see if we can add some lines for the future."

"Karaoke Live" gives Saipan Cable TV subscribers an opportunity to request their favorite karaoke hits to be played on channel 25. Viewers can serenade themselves or their friends 24 hours a day with the Karaoke Channel on channel 25 and then call in and request their favorite songs on Sunday evenings at 8 p.m.

For more information regarding "Karaoke Live", contact Fred Lord, general manager.

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All Alumnis are encouraged to attend and have a BLAST.

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More children in US born out of wedlock

By James Rowley

WASHINGTON (AP) - More and more unmarried American women are bearing children, a trend that cuts across racial, social and economic divisions in American society, according to a census report.

Demographers said the survey results, released by the Census Bureau on Tuesday, suggest that unwed mothers do not face the same social stigmas they once did.

"Society is not frowning on them any more," said Amara Bachu, the report's author, said in a telephone interview. "Families have changed their attitudes" toward pregnant daughters, she said.

Overall, the proportion of mothers among never-married women increased from 15.1 percent in 1982 to 23.7 percent last year.

The report said that the trend involved all significant racial groups in American society.

The proportion of black women giving birth outside marriage increased from 49 percent in 1982 to 67 percent last year.

The proportion of white women who had children outside marriage increased from 10 percent to 17

percent between 1982 and 1992. Out-of-wedlock births occurred among 16 percent of Hispanic women in 1982 and 27 percent last year.

Carl Haub, a demographer at the Population Reference Bureau, a non-profit research organization here, said, "It is going to be seen in all areas and all levels of society."

In this respect, American society is following social trends in other western, industrialized nations, Haub said.

The numbers showed that out-of-wedlock births are no longer confined primarily to uneducated women living in poverty.

In 1982, single mothers accounted for just 5.5 percent of unmarried women who had attended at least a year of college. By last year, the proportion of single mothers in that category had doubled to 11.3 percent, said the report.

Additionally, mothers accounted for 17.2 percent of the never-married women who had attained a high-school education in 1982. By 1992, that proportion had increased to 32.5 percent, said the study, entitled "Fertility of American Women: June 1992."

Thai workers protest layoffs, safety hazards

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - More than 1,000 workers jammed a street outside the prime minister's office Tuesday to protest factory layoffs, anti-union violence and safety conditions in Thai plants.

Carrying signs and banners, the workers sang protest songs, danced and listened to speeches as Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai's Cabinet met nearby at Government House.

Many of the protesters were women from the Thai Durable Goods Co. and Thai Maruni Co. Ltd., textile plants outside Bangkok where hundreds have been laid off in recent weeks because of automation.

Almost 3,000 workers at the Thai Durable Goods plant in suburban Samut Prakarn are striking to protest the layoffs.

The factories are installing machinery to reduce labor costs and increase efficiency. Several speakers Tuesday said the government should provide training and other

benefits for displaced workers.

Government spokesman Abhisit Vejajiva said Chuan's administration was sympathetic to companies that want to improve competitiveness, but said the workers' welfare also has to be taken into account.

"It is not an easy problem to solve and we are trying to find a way out," he told The Nation news radio.

The demonstrators also called for laws to protect labor organizers. They displayed a large portrait of Thanong Pho-arn, the former head of the Labor Council of Thailand, who disappeared in June 1991.

Many in the labor movement believe Thanong was murdered for his criticism of the military junta that toppled the government of Chatichai Choonhavan in February 1991.

Some workers complained about safety on the job. A Bangkok doll factory fire in May killed at least 188 workers. Since then, more than a dozen have died in factory fires in Bangkok.

Teen gets life in jail for drugs

By Farid Hossain

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) - A Texas teen-ager was sentenced Tuesday to life in prison for smuggling heroin, becoming the first American convicted of drug dealing in Bangladesh.

Eliadah McCord, 19, of Houston, said she would appeal the verdict to a higher court after Judge Ansaruddin Sikdar of the Sessions Court found her guilty of "carrying, transporting and possessing" 3.27 kilograms (7 pounds) of heroin last year.

Under Bangladesh law, people given life sentences serve a maximum of 15 years in prison and can be let out in 10 years if their conduct is considered good. The judge said he didn't order her to be executed because she wasn't a professional drug dealer.

In Houston, Richard McCord, the girl's father, said family members greeted the news with "tears."

Asked if the sentence wasn't far better than the death penalty, McCord replied, "An acquittal would have been nice."

"We're all just kind of stumbling around like zombies here," he said, pointing out that his daughter will be 35 when she gets out if she has to serve the entire 15-year sentence.

In his verdict, Judge Sikdar said Ms. McCord was caught with packets of heroin strapped to her body as she was about to leave Dhaka airport in February 1992. Ms. McCord, who has been in jail since then, went on trial on Nov. 24, 1992.

CDC acts to stop youth violence

By Lauran Neergaard

ATLANTA (AP) - Most doctors only treat victims of the violence that has become epidemic among America's youth. Mark Rosenberg is trying to prevent the bloodshed.

He's leading a new public health battle by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - a radical effort to control youth violence that's drawing criticism from other scientists and the gun lobby.

"Kids are killing kids and we think it's a fact of life in this country," said Rosenberg, the CDC's top expert on violence. "But people thought smallpox was a fact of life, too, and it's been eradicated from the face of the Earth."

But how do doctors stop a teenage shootout that killed a 13-year-old passerby as she walked home from an Atlanta library? Or keep a Kentucky 17-year-old from taking his class hostage and killing a teacher and janitor? Or prevent a 13-year-old boy in Pennsylvania from shooting himself because an official spotted the gun he brought to class?

That's what the CDC - which is known for its efforts to fight the spread of such diseases as AIDS - is spending more than \$6 million to learn - what puts children at risk and how to lessen the chance they'll grab a weapon at the first sign of conflict.

"There are things people can do to stop violence," Rosenberg said. "We're going to discover them, on the basis of science and not politics."

The toll from youth violence is staggering:

About 10,000 Americans ages 10 to 24 are murdered or kill themselves every year.

More than half the people arrested for murder in 1991 were under 25. One in 20 youths has taken a weapon to school.

It's not just an urban problem. The homicide rate for children ages 10 to 14 in New Mexico is the nation's highest.

Some scientists say that while the CDC successfully fights disease, it isn't equipped to attack a social problem.

"If by the disease model you try to isolate the violence and treat the violence, like they isolate a germ and treat a germ, they will fail," said Dr. Ronald Walters of Howard University.

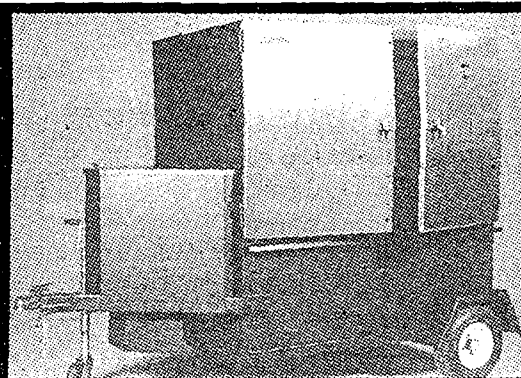
"Violence is a byproduct of the social conditions. ... They have to treat the cause."

The National Rifle Association says the CDC is just trying to push a handgun ban.

"These little monsters are murderous," said the NRA's Paul Blackmun. "The CDC is ignoring that because they want to blame guns."

Much of CDC's focus is on guns, because its studies have found that simple access to one can make a disagreement end in death.

Rosenberg acknowledges he can't fight such problems as poverty. But he wants to know if teaching children nonviolent social skills from age 3 could make a difference when they're grown. Or if mentors can counter daily images of violence. Or if mothers' support groups lessen the chance of child abuse that in turn leads to violent children.



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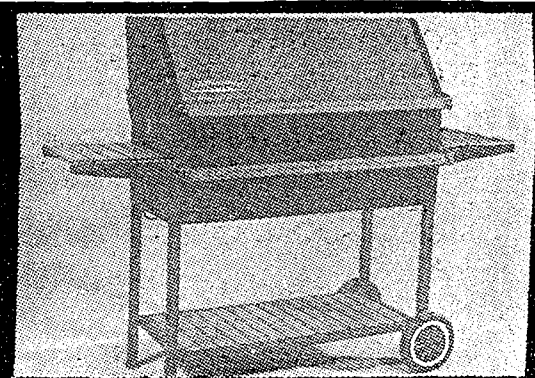
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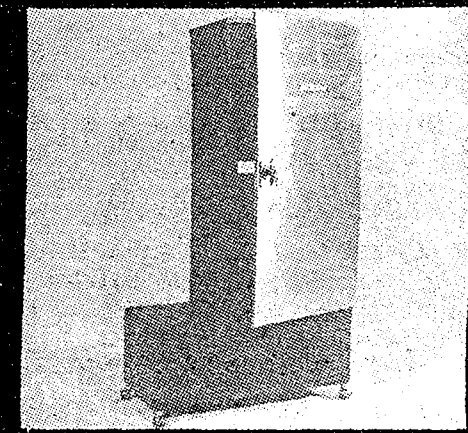
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Business/Finance



Taiwan supports \$500M venture

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - The government has decided to support a plan by Taiwan's Aerospace Corp. to set up a US \$500 million joint venture with British Aerospace Plc, a senior official said Tuesday.

Yin Chi-ming, deputy director of the government Industrial Development Bureau, said a feasibility study prepared by scholars and business consultants concluded that Taiwan could benefit from the joint venture, which would build the new RJ model passenger jets.

"It will be a worthwhile project deserving our full support," Yin said at a news conference.

He said the study showed there is a market for the passenger jets and that the technology acquired from the joint venture could help Taiwan develop its budding aerospace industry.

The study will be presented to a parliamentary committee Friday and the Cabinet later this month

for approval, he said.

Taiwan Aerospace, owned 29 percent by the government, signed a contract with British Aerospace in January that requires each partner to invest US \$250 million in the venture.

The joint venture, which needs the Taiwan government's approval, has been stalled for months because its partners and other financiers had questioned its feasibility.

Under the contract, the joint venture, known as International Aerospace Ltd., would turn out 35 new RJ model jetliners a year.

The four-engine jetliners, with a seating capacity of between 75 and 115 passengers, would be assembled in both Taiwan and at British Aerospace's Woodford plant.

The new company also would be involved in a US \$150 million program for the development and certification of the new jets being undertaken in Woodford.

Producers' prices post 0.3% decline

By Dave Skidmore

WASHINGTON (AP) - The most favorable wholesale price report in more than two years dispelled lingering worries that inflation might be starting to accelerate.

Prices paid by wholesalers and others to producers such as farms and factories fell 0.3 percent in June, pulled down by a record drop in vegetable prices, the Labor Department said Tuesday. It was the best showing since March 1991. In May, the index was unchanged.

"I wouldn't say inflation is dead, but you can't find much out there," said economist Sung Won Sohn of Norwest Corp. in Minneapolis.

The decline was propelled in part by a 37.9 percent plunge in vegetable prices, breaking the old record of 35.2 percent set in August 1965. But the cost of many other items, from gasoline to tobacco to girl's clothing to pasta, also fell.

The news is expected to be almost as good Wednesday when the department releases its Consumer Price Index for June, which measures the price of goods and services at the retail level.

In advance, economists were looking for a second consecutive increase of just 0.1 percent.

Taken together, the May and June inflation reports should lay to rest worries that flared in financial markets after both producer and consumer prices rose faster than expected during the first four months of the year.

The earlier reports had nudged long-term interest rates higher and raised speculation that the Federal

Reserve soon would raise short-term rates. But now analysts say the Fed likely will hold rates steady for the foreseeable future.

"I can't see them tightening anytime this year," said economist Mark Zandi of Regional Financial Associates in West Chester, Pa.

For the first half of 1993, producer prices rose at an annual rate of 2.4 percent, compared with a 1.6 percent rise for all of last year. Analysts say economic growth is too weak both in the United States and abroad to generate faster inflation.

"The key thing is there just doesn't seem to be the demand that would permit firms to be aggressive price setters," said economist Robert G. Dederick of Northern Trust Co. in Chicago.

The plummet in vegetable prices last month followed a 6.5 percent drop in May. Together they reversed a 44.7 increase in April.

"Sometimes what goes up comes down," said economist Donald Ratajczak of Georgia State University. "Vegetable prices got out of whack earlier in the year because of that cool, wet weather we had. It took us a long time to get the Eastern vegetable crops in so it took prices a while to get back to normal. Don't expect another big drop."

In June, the price of beets fell 72.7 percent; tomatoes, 67.8 percent; green peppers, 65.5 percent, and onions, 64.6 percent. Meanwhile, fruit prices dropped 11.4 percent, the biggest in 11 months. Peaches fell 61.5 percent; blueberries, 60.7 percent; nectarines, 58.2 percent.

Dollar loses in light trade; gold prices fall

NEW YORK (AP) - The dollar moved lower against most major currencies Tuesday in relatively light trading.

Gold prices fell. On New York's Commodity Exchange, gold bullion for current delivery closed at \$394.00 a troy ounce, down 30 cents from Monday's close. Republic National Bank said gold fetched \$393.50 an ounce as of 4 p.m. EDT, down 50 cents from a day earlier.

Traders said the release of the Producer Price Index, which measures inflation at the wholesale level, had little effect on the dollar because they were consistent with expectations.

Kevin Logan, chief US economist at Swiss Bank Corp. in New York, summed up the dollar's activity as "just a little profit taking after the run-up over the past few days."

"And you didn't have any further momentum from pressure on the French franc," he added.

The French franc came under selling pressure last week on concern about its position within Europe's Exchange Rate Mechanism. Weakness in the French currency, traders had speculated, might prompt Germany to lower interest rates.

That also would be bullish for the dollar, as lower interest rates in a country make its currency less attractive to investors, who will seek higher yields elsewhere.

Speculation over lower German rates drove the dollar higher against the German mark late last week and Monday. On Tuesday, however, traders began to wonder if the French franc's crisis was as great as had been believed.

"Now, maybe people are having second thoughts on that," Logan said.

In New York, the dollar was trading late at 108.13 yen, down from 109.45 late Monday. In Tokyo, where the trading day begins, the dollar closed at 108.85 Japanese yen, down 1.08 yen from Monday. It was quoted at a rate of 108.30 yen in London.

In New York the British pound was trading late at dlr 1.4970, up from \$1.4774 late Monday. The pound was quoted at \$1.4970 in London, up from \$1.4785 late Monday.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Monday: 1.7185 marks, down from 1.7290; 1.5190 Swiss francs, down from 1.5290; 5.8695 French francs, down from 5.9030; 1,583.00 Italian lire, down from 1,586.00, and 1.2813 Canadian dollars, up from 1.2780.

In Europe, other late dollar rates, compared with late Monday: 1.7170 marks, down from 1.7290; 1.5170 Swiss francs, down from 1.5290; 5.8624 French francs, down from 5.9070; 1.9323 Dutch guilders, down from 1.9445; 1,580.00 Italian lire, down from 1,589.00; 1.2780 Canadian dollars, down from 1.2786.

Exchange rates

NEW YORK (AP) - Foreign Exchange, New York prices. Rates for trades of \$1 million minimum.

	FOREIGN CURRENCY IN DOLLARS		DOLLAR IN FOREIGN CURRENCY	
	TUE	MON	TUE	MON
fArgent Peso	1.0100	1.0100	0.9901	0.9901
Australia Doll	.6797	.6795	1.4712	1.4717
Austria Schill	.0826	.0821	12.110	12.173
cBelgium Franc	.0281	.0280	35.57	35.73
Brazil Cruzeir	.00002	.00002	56742	56706
Britain Pound	1.4955	1.4770	.6687	.6770
30day fwd	1.4916	1.4731	.6704	.6788
60day fwd	1.4881	1.4698	.6720	.6804
90day fwd	1.4851	1.4667	.6734	.6818
Canada Dollar	.7813	.7819	1.2799	1.2790
30day fwd	.7805	.7811	1.2813	1.2803
60day fwd	.7797	.7803	1.2825	1.2816
90day fwd	.7791	.7797	1.2835	1.2826
yChile Peso	.002548	.002546	392.42	392.82
China Yuan	.1740	.1740	5.7468	5.7468
Colombia Peso	.001486	.001488	672.97	671.99
cCzech Koruna	.0337	.0340	29.64	29.38
Denmark Krone	.1491	.1488	6.7055	6.7215
zEcuadr Sucre	.000539	.000539	1855.01	1856.01
ECU	1.12900	1.14740	.8857	.8715
d Egypt Pound	.2994	.2994	3.3405	3.3405
Finland Mark	.1733	.1729	5.7720	5.7850
France Franc	.1703	.1694	5.8710	5.9035
Germany Mark	.5815	.5780	1.7196	1.7300
30day fwd	.5793	.5758	1.7262	1.7368
60day fwd	.5774	.5740	1.7319	1.7423
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Greece Drachma	.004259	.004237	234.80	236.00
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Hungary Forint	.0106	.0107	94.08	93.60
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30day fwd	.009250	.009112	108.11	109.75
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Jordan Dinar	1.4620	1.4661	.68399	.68208
Lebanon Pound	.000578	.000578	1730.50	1730.00
Malaysia Ringg	.3893	.3883	2.5690	2.5750
zMexico N. Pes	.319642	.320513	3.1285	3.1200
NethrInds Guild	.5157	.5136	1.9390	1.9470
N. Zealand Dol	.5485	.5493	1.8232	1.8205
Norway Krone	.1365	.1356	7.3260	7.3740
Pakistan Rupee	.0369	.0370	27.08	27.05
yPeru New Sol	.4975	.5000	2.010	2.000
zPhilips Peso	.0364	.0364	27.50	27.46
Poland Zloty	.000058	.000058	17285	17187
Portugal Escud	.006061	.006040	165.00	165.55
aRussia Ruble	.000965	.000945	1036.00	1058.00
Saudi Arab Riy	.2667	.2666	3.7495	3.7503
Singapore Doll	.6180	.6144	1.6180	1.6275
cSo. Africa Ran	.2985	.2980	3.3500	3.3555
fSo. Africa Ran	.2169	.2165	4.6100	4.6200
So. Korea Won	.001241	.001240	805.60	806.50
Spain Peseta	.007533	.007524	132.75	132.90
Sweden Krona	.1263	.1249	7.9205	8.0075
Switzerlnd Fra	.6583	.6536	1.5190	1.5300
30day fwd	.6574	.6527	1.5212	1.5322
60day fwd	.6566	.6519	1.5230	1.5339
90day fwd	.6566	.6513	1.5247	1.5355
Taiwan NT	.0377	.0376	26.56	26.58
Thailand Baht	.03939	.03945	25.39	25.35
Turkey Lira	.000091	.000091	11016.00	10940.00
U.A.E. Dirham	.2723	.2723	3.6727	3.6727
fUruguay N. Pes	.2451	.2488	4.0800	4.0200
zVenezuel Boliv	.0110	.0110	90.8500	90.7000

ECU: European Currency Unit, a basket of European currencies. The Federal Reserve Board's index of the value of the dollar against 10 other currencies weighted on the basis of trade was 94.71 Tuesday, off 0.67 points or 0.71 percent from Monday's 95.38. A year ago the index was 82.00. a-auction result, Moscow Foreign Currency Exchange, c-commercial rate, d-free market rate, f-financial rate, y-official rate, z-floating rate. Prices as of 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time from Telerate Systems and other sources.

Spot metal prices

NEW YORK (AP) - Spot nonferrous metal prices Tuesday.

Aluminum - 52.8 cents per lb London Metal Exch. Tue.

Copper - .9750 dollars per pound.

Lead - 32 cents a pound.

Zinc - 46.668-50.23 per pound, delivered.

Tin - 3,4206 dollars per pound.

Gold - 392.45 dollars per troy oz.

Silver - 4.980 dollars per troy oz.

Mercury - 191.00 dollars per 76 lb flask.

Platinum - 405.05-410.00 dollars troy oz., N.Y. (contract).

New York closing prices

NEW YORK (AP) - New York Stock Exchange closing prices Tuesday:

AMR 61 1-4	Chevm 84 1-2	Hmstke 19 7-8	PionrEl 22 5-8
ASALtd 48 1-2	Chiquita 10 1-4	Honda 24 3-8	Polaroid 36 5-8
AtlLab 25 7-8	Chryslr 46 7-8	Honywls 38	Primcas 52 3-8
AetnLf 56 3-4	Citicorp 31 1-4	Housint 75	ProctGm 51 5-8
Aican 19 5-8	Cocastl 27	ITT Cp 85 1-4	QuakrO 73 5-8
Alldsgnl 66 5-8	CocaCl 43 7-8	ITW s 36 1-4	Quantm 20 1-4
Alcoa 70 5-8	ColgPal 51 1-2	Imcera 30 1-4	RalsPu 46 1-2
Amx 24	vjColGs 24	INCO 22 3-8	Raythn 60 3-8
AmHes 47 7-8	CmwE 28	IBM 47 1-2	ReyMtl 48 5-8
A Brand 34 1-8	Comsat's 30 1-8	IntFlav 114 1-2	Rockwl 31 1-8
AlPw 37 3-4	ConEd 35 7-8	IntPap 63 1-8	Royld 91
AmExp 31 3-4	ConsNG 50 3-8	IntPap 63 1-8	Salomn 39
AGenCs 30 1-2	Comingln 32 3-4	JohnJn 40 5-8	SaraLee 24 1-4
A Home 64 5-8	CurtWr 37 3-8	K mart 20 1-4	SchrPI 68 1-4
AmStrs 44	Deere 65 1-8	Kellogg 52 1-8	Schlmb 64 1-4
AT and T 62	DeltaAir 47 1-4	KerrMc 50 1-2	ScotTP 32 1-4
Amoco 54 1-8	DialCp 40 1-8	Korea 15 1-4	Sears s 42 5-8
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Amco 7	DowCh 56 7-8	Lilly 48	SonyCp 41 3-4
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Avon 58 1-2	Eaton s 43 1-4	McDerrl 29 1-4	Supal 35 7-8
BakrHu 26 1-2	Entergy 37 3-8	McDonld 48 5-8	TRW 61 1-8
BankAm 44 1-2	Exxon 64 3-4	McDnD 70 5-8	Tandy 29 1-8
BankTr 76	FMC 47	McKes 42	Teldyn 22
Bauschl 48 3-4	FedNM 83 1-2	Mesrx 18 3-8	TenncO 51 1-4
BengIB 11 1-4	FstChic 42 1-4	Merck 34 3-8	Texaco 62 7-8
BethStl 17 7-8	FIntste 64 5-8	MerLyn 84 5-8	TexInst 73 5-8
BlackD 22	Flemng 32 7-8	MMM 106 3-4	TexUtil 47 3-8
Boring 37 1-2	Fluor 42 3-8	Mobil 70 7-8	Textron 52
BoiseC 22 5-8	FordM 50 5-8	Monsan 58 3-8	TimeWs 37 3-4
Borden 18 1-2	Fuqua 9 1-8	MorgSt 69 7-8	Tinova 30 3-4
BmMySq 59 3-8	GTE 36 5-8	Morgan 71 3-8	UAL Cp 126 1-4
Bmwk 12 3-4	Gndyn 88 5-8	Motorla 89 1-4	USXMar 17
BurlNth 51 1-4	GenEl 98	N L Ind 5	USXUSS 38 5-8
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CIGNA 58 1-4	GaPac 59 3-4	OcciPet 20 5-8	Unisys 11 3-4
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NY stocks end mixed

NEW YORK (AP) - The stock market was mixed Tuesday as investors paid little attention to a wholesale inflation report that showed prices declining, as economists had expected.

The Labor Department's Producer Price Index fell 0.3 percent last month. Although it was the best performance in more than two years, the lack of a surprise kept the market from moving, analysts said.

Since investors are expecting Wednesday's consumer price figures also to show low inflation, they are waiting to hear second-quarter earnings reports before buying or selling stock, the analysts said.

Many blue chip stocks fell during the afternoon while broader market indexes were mostly flat.

"We had the best inflation news since March 1991 and the markets, bond and stock, did not react to it positively. Usually in this business when markets don't go up on good news they find a way to go down, which is what happened later in the day," said Robert Stovall, president of Stovall-Twenty-First Advisers in New York.

David Shulman, chief market strategist at Salomon Brothers, said he had hoped for a stronger market given the good inflation numbers.

"They're not going to get better than this. If the market is trading flatish in very good news I would hate to see how it trades on bad news," he said.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 8.94 points to 3,515.44.

Advancing issues slightly outnumbered decliners on the New York Stock Exchange, with 974 up, 958 down and 649 unchanged.

Volume at the stock exchange totaled 236.73 million shares as of 4 p.m., against 202.30 million in the previous session.

Tokyo shares rise; other markets drop

HONG KONG (AP) - Asian stock markets closed mostly lower Tuesday, but share prices rose on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, whose key index closed above 20,000 points for the first time in four weeks.

Tokyo's 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average rose 200.42 points, or 1.00 percent, closing at 20,180.42. On Monday, the benchmark index had gained 102.61 points, or 0.52 percent to 19,980.00.

Traders said the market's mood has improved following Saturday's US-Japan trade agreement. It was the first time that the Nikkei index had closed above 20,000 points since its 20,045.88 finish on June 15.

The Tokyo Stock Price Index of all issues listed on the first section gained 21.63 points, or 1.34 percent, to 1,635.31. It had added 5.06 points, or 0.31 percent, to 1,613.68 on Monday.

Australian share prices also rose, pushing the All-Ordinaries

Index to close at a new six-year high.

Brokers said profit-taking in gold stocks pulled the Australian market back at one stage but trading in share futures contracts bolstered stocks across the board.

The Sydney's All-Ordinaries Index rose 2.4 points to 1,804.2, its highest close since before the global stock market crash in October 1987.

Hong Kong: Share prices closed mixed. The Hang Seng Index, the market's key indicator of blue chips, rose 3.51 points, or 0.05 percent, closing at 6,956.10, following Tuesday's 118-point drop.

Seoul: Share prices closed lower in sluggish trading in the absence of any market-stimulating news. The Korea Composite Stock Price Index fell 6.13 points to 762.94.

Taipei: Share prices ended lower in modest trading. The market's weighted index fell 65.53 points, closing at 4,013.18.

Wellington: New Zealand share

prices finished slightly easier in busy trading. The NZSE-40 capital index fell 3.12 points to 1,723.73.

Manila: Share prices closed lower in active trading because of profit-taking. The Manila composite index of 30 selected issues fell 5.10 points to 1,624.68.

Singapore: Share prices closed largely unchanged in thin trading. The Straits Times Industrials Index rose 0.36 point to 1,777.52 points.

Bangkok: Thai share prices closed lower in decreased trading. The Stock Exchange of Thailand index fell 4.52 points to 900.66.

Kuala Lumpur: Malaysian share prices closed lower in light trading. The Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange Composite Index fell 3.96 points to 718.86.

Jakarta: The stock exchange's Composite Index fell 2.668 points, closing at 356.755.

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INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB93-0010

The Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the procurement and installation of air conditions at G.T. Camacho Elementary School.

Bid specifications may be picked up at Public School System's Procurement & Supply Office located at Lower Base, Saipan, MP. All bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope clearly facemarked, "IFB 93-0010 and submitted in duplicate to Ms. Louise Concepcion, PSS Procurement & Supply Officer, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 20, 1993. Any bid received later than the dateline stated above shall not be considered. All bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at the place and time noted above.

A non refundable fee of \$25.00 U.S. dollars must accompany the bid. The twenty five dollars fee may be a certified check, cashier's check, or other forms acceptable to the Public School system made payable to the CNMI Public School System Treasurer. The bidder is requested to submit with his bid, a copy of his business permit. The Public School System reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reasons if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of the Public School System.

Inquiries to this bid may be directed to Ms. Louise Concepcion during regular working hours at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office at telephone number 322-6407.

/s/William S. Torres
Commissioner of Education

Louise C. Concepcion, Officer
PSS Procurement & Supply

07/1, 7, 8, 15 AC 05241

INVITATION FOR BID PSS-IFB93-0011

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting sealed bids for the construction and installation of the following Lab furnitures and equipments at Rota High School, Rota MP:

QTY.	DESCRIPTION:
1	Instructor's Table
2	Laboratory Counter with sink on each end and with service fixtures
3	Display Cabinets (wall mounted and Floor cabinets)
24	Students' stools
1	Teacher's stools

Bids in duplicate will be accepted at the PSS CIP in Lower Base, Saipan MP no later than 2:00 p.m., local time, Friday, July 23, 1993, at which time and place all the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A bond of 15% of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be a certified check, cashier's check, bid bond or other form acceptable to the Public School System made payable to the Treasurer, Public School System, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The bidder is requested to submit with his bid, a copy of his business permit as a compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Plans and Specifications are available on or after July 08, 1993 at the PSS CIP Office in Lower Base, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of \$50.00 is required for each set.

Attention is called to the Labor Standards provisions for wage rate determination of the CNMI classification and salary structure plans, and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the documents received. All documents received shall be the sole property of the Public School System, Government of the Northern Mariana Islands with the exception of bid bonds, certified checks or cashier's check which will be returned to the bidders in accordance with the specifications "Instruction to Bidders" Page 1-2, Paragraph No. 05, Bid Guarantee.

The Public School System reserves the right to reject any or all bids if its in its sole opinion to do so is to be the best interest of the Public School System, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/William S. Torres
Commissioner of Education

/s/Louise C. Concepcion
Procurement & Supply Officer

07/8, 15, 22 AC 05298

Fundamentalists blamed for terrorism in Mindanao

By Oliver Teves

MANILA (AP) - Roman Catholic bishops on Tuesday blamed foreign-trained Muslim fundamentalists, corrupt politicians and military officers for terrorism and accused them of masking the violence as a Christian-Muslim conflict.

"The real crux of the problem is political. There is no quarrel about religion," said Bishop Federico Escaler, who also spoke on behalf of three other bishops in the southern Philippines.

The charges follow an increase in bombings, kidnappings and other violence in the southern Philippines, home of the nation's estimated 6 million-strong Muslim minority.

Escaler said relations were very good between Christians and most Filipino Muslims. The Catholic church's social projects did not discriminate against Muslims, he said.

Escaler said the series of bombings and ransom kidnappings of priests, nuns and businessmen in the area was the work of Pakistan-

trained "fanatical, exaggerated, fundamentalist groups" and their political allies.

He said the terrorist activities were aimed at nullifying the results of a referendum in which only four provinces, all Muslim-dominated, voted for autonomy in the southern Philippines.

Escaler said some Muslim politicians could not accept the results of the referendum and want to revive the 1976 Tripoli Agreement, which granted autonomy to as many as 13 southern provinces. That agreement was superseded by the referendum.

He said the Muslim secessionist rebels, who negotiated the agreement, have been fragmented. Nur Misuari, leader of the main Muslim rebel faction, cannot control the other factions, he added.

Escaler, who was kidnapped by renegade rebels in 1985, also criticized the government for its inability to stop the terrorists and for not developing the poor southern region.

"The people are getting sick and tired of getting promises without substance," he said. He said the

area has very poor roads and medical services, and no water system.

He said President Fidel Ramos was surrounded by local politicians who paint a different picture of the situation in the south.

"Unfortunately, the truth is very far from what has been said," Escaler said. "I'm a little bleak and pessimistic because the situation has gotten worse."

He said foreign missionaries have been evacuated because the local church could not protect them. Catholic-run schools and other establishments have either been targets of bombings or received threats of violence.

He said some Christian businessmen were seeking the church's support to arm themselves in the face of threats from the fundamentalists, but the bishops rejected them.

"We have seen the futility of force as the implementer of peace," Escaler said.

Instead, he and the three other bishops have issued a pastoral letter to be read in southern churches on Sunday calling for dialogue with all Muslim groups.

Criminal charges proposed against festival organizers

MANILA (AP) - Investigators on Tuesday recommended filing criminal charges against organizers of a religious festival at which a floating shrine sank, killing hundreds of worshippers.

Epimaco Velasco, director of the National Bureau of Investigation, recommended that seven members of the festival organizing committee be charged with multiple negligent homicide in the July 2 deaths in the town of Bocaue in Bulacan province.

Figures for the death toll vary. Velasco said at least 267 people, mostly children and women, died, but Bocaue police put the death toll at 315. The higher figure included those declared missing on other lists.

Velasco said his committee found substandard materials had been used in building the floating shrine, which capsized in the Bocaue River with an estimated 500 people aboard.

The bureau also recommended administrative charges be filed against Bocaue Mayor Serafin de la Cruz, Velasco said.

President Fidel Ramos ordered the investigation, and it would be up to his office to refer the recommendations to a prosecutor, who in turn would ask a judge to issue arrest warrants in criminal cases.

RP gov't 'terrorizing' Westinghouse witnesses

By Jeffrey Gold

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - A federal judge said public threats made by Philippine government officials have "terrorized" witnesses for Westinghouse Electric Corp. in a bribery trial and are "intolerable."

But US District Court Judge Dickinson R. Debevoise on Monday reserved decision on a request by the Pittsburgh-based company, which was cleared by a jury of charges it bribed late Philippines dictator Ferdinand Marcos, to take action to end the harassment.

Debevoise said he would wait to see if the government of President Fidel Ramos takes "affirmative action to show that no Filipino citizen need fear to come into court to testify about whatever he knows about a case truthfully, whether it's harmful or not to the government of the Philippines."

Earlier this year, the judge presided over a trial in which a jury rejected the Pacific island nation's claims that Westinghouse and a New Jersey engineering firm funneled bribes to the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos to win a contract to build a 675-megawatt nuclear reactor on the Bataan peninsula.

Also Monday, Debevoise rejected a request by the Philippines to begin their appeal of the May verdict.

The verdict didn't end the dispute because the Philippines is engaged in arbitration with Westinghouse and Burns and Roe of Oradell, N.J. The Philippines is seeking a judgment that the two companies violated their 1975 contract, alleging that the nuclear reactor was not built to contract specifications.

At Monday's hearing, Westinghouse lawyer Richard Clary cited instances where two Ramos appointees, deputy ombudsman Francisco Villa and presiden-

tial press secretary Jesus Sison, said three witnesses in the trial would be investigated.

The ombudsman office has "extraordinary powers," Clary said, and can be reviewed only by the Philippine Supreme Court.

Villa has called the witnesses "economic enemies and traitors to the republic" in statements to Philippine newspapers since the verdict.

The witnesses are Perfecto Fernandez, a professor at the University of Philippines' College of Law; and Pedro Padre and Gerry Orlina, employees of the Herdis Group, Westinghouse's representative in the Philippines.

The Philippines alleged Westinghouse, and Burns and Roe, bribed Marcos through a crony, Herdis' head Herminio Disini, so they could avoid competing for the lucrative contract with another American company, General Electric Co.

Padre and Orlina testified in US District Court; Fernandez submitted expert affidavits. Villa has said that Padre and Orlina may face tax charges, and that Fernandez "would be charged with violation of the ethical standards."

Fernandez has accused Villa of libel, but the two have made joint appearances on Philippine television shows.

Mark Augenblick, Washington-based lawyer for the Philippines, told Debevoise that Fernandez and Villa "have carried on a road show and they sit there and they vilify each other."

In answer to the judge's demand to know what the Philippine government is doing about Westinghouse's charges, Augenblick said, "They are hopefully reminding one public official that the gratuitous use of the word 'traitor' is something he should not do."

Augenblick described Villa as an "independent prosecutor, who is separate" from the executive branch.



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Villagers look for quake victims

By Eric Talmadge
OKUSHIRI, Japan (AP) - Weeping villagers searched for missing relatives in wreckage strewn with rice bowls and family photos Tuesday, a day after a major earthquake crumpled buildings and set off fires and huge tidal waves in northern Japan.

At least 65 people died in the quake, the deadliest in Japan since at least 1983.

"I never had much, but what I had, I lost it all," said Fujiharu Hatsuzuka, walking around a pile of smoking ashes that used to be his wooden house in Aonae village on the Sea of Japan island of Okushiri.

The 63-year-old squid fisherman also lost his life savings of about \$2,700 in the firestorm that raged after Monday night's quake, which measured 7.8 on the Richter scale.

But Hatsuzuka was more fortunate than some - at least he knew that his wife and two sons were alive and sheltered at a local school. Villagers who did not have that comfort wandered amid the ruins, yelling at buses in search of 72 people missing after the quake.

Police said 72 people were injured in the quake and resulting fires and tidal waves that hit as far away as South Korea and Russia. Kyodo News Service reported 80 dead and 167 missing.

On nearby Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost main island, huge tidal waves smashed villages, buckled roads and sucked cars out to sea with some occupants thought to be still inside.

But Okushiri took the brunt of the quake, which matched a 7.8 quake in January that was the

strongest to hit Japan in 15 years. That quake killed two people.

Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa left campaigning for Sunday's parliamentary elections to survey the damage. He promised to do his best for the victims.

Forty-four people were killed on Okushiri, located off the west coast of Hokkaido and just 30 miles south of the epicenter. Twenty were killed on Hokkaido and one on the main island of Honshu.

It was the deadliest quake in Japan since at least 1983, when 104 people were killed after tidal waves hit the north.

The earthquake was centered 30 miles (48 kilometers) under the Sea of Japan and about 50 miles (80 kilometers) west of Hokkaido.

Japan's Meteorological Agency broadcast tsunami warnings within five minutes after the quake hit at 10:17 p.m. Monday, but many victims did not have time to reach higher ground.

Death and destruction came from landslides and collapsing buildings as well as 16-foot (5-meter-high) tidal waves and fires.

An entire hillside collapsed on Okushiri Island's two-story wooden Yoyoso Hotel in the village of Inaho at the island's northern tip, killing at least five people. About 20 others were missing.

Gas stoves apparently started the firestorm, which leveled an area the size of six football fields in Aonae at the opposite end of the island of 4,600 people.

"After the tsunami, the whole area here just caught on fire in about 20 minutes," said Hatsuzuka. "People just got out. When you know there's a

tsunami coming, you don't worry about whether your gas stove is on or not."

Fires destroyed about half the 680 homes in Aonae, and 200 other houses were destroyed or damaged by tidal waves, Kyodo said.

Residents sobbed as they wandered around the wreckage, which was strewn with metal roofs, twisted buses, overturned cars, bedding, rice bowls and family photographs.

Villagers carrying sticks and blankets formed shore patrols to look for bodies.

"This is beyond belief," said Okushiri Mayor Yukio Koshimori.

The island was without running water or electricity Tuesday, and its small airport was closed because of damaged runways.

On the west coast of Hokkaido, 12 people were missing in tidal waves in one village and 10 people were injured by collapsing houses in another, the

public television network NHK said.

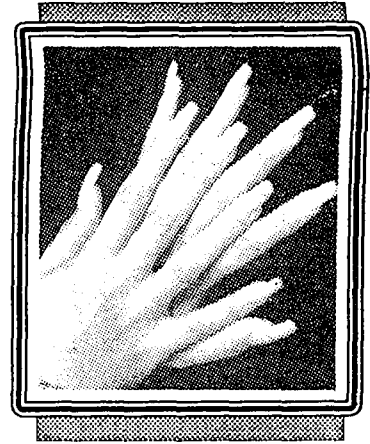
One 46-year-old man yelled to two people on the beach to evacuate and was running away when a

tidal wave swept him out to sea, the newspaper Asahi reported. He drifted on a wooden beam for 90 minutes before the waves receded and he returned to shore.

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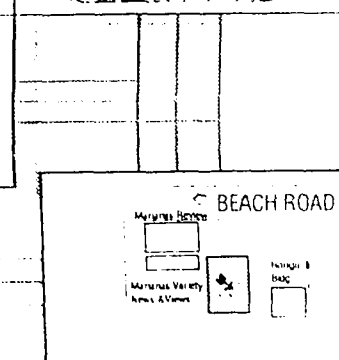
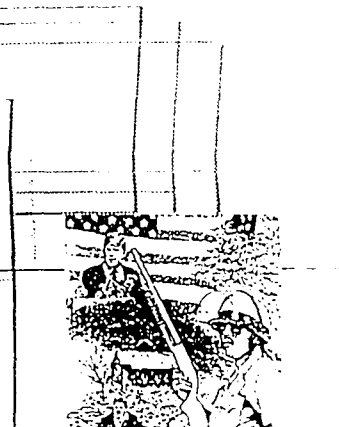
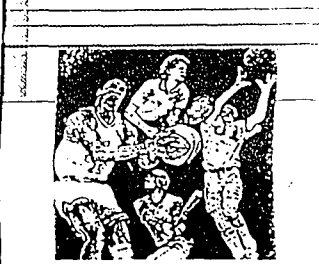
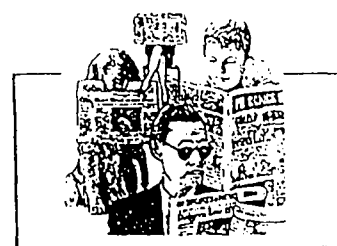
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Indonesia, Malaysia discuss island claim

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - President Suharto and Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad will discuss the disputed islands of Sipadan and Ligitan when they meet this weekend on Malaysia's tourist island of Langkawai, an official said Tuesday.

The two leaders also will discuss the "Northern Growth Triangle," where three nations plan to cooperate in developing southern Thailand, northern states of Malaysia and northern Sumatra in Indonesia, said Murdiono, minister in the State Secretariat.

Murdiono is among officials who are to accompany Suharto when he leaves Friday for a three-

day visit to Langkawai, off Kedah, Malaysia. Also going are Labor Minister Abdul Latief and Hartarto, coordinator minister for trade and industry.

Indonesia protested in 1991 when Malaysia issued a school map with border lines not yet agreed upon by the two countries and allowed the setting up of tourist facilities on Ligitan and Sipadan, which are off Malaysia's Sabah state.

Indonesia said the two countries had agreed earlier on maintaining the status quo for the islands, claimed by both sides.

Murdiono said the Indonesian government wanted comprehensive studies on the status of the two islands, using historical data from both sides.

Japan denies nuke arm plan

By David Thurber

TOKYO (AP) - Japan denied Tuesday that it plans to develop nuclear weapons, despite its refusal last week to endorse a clear-cut call for an indefinite extension of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Japan's surprise decision to object to the proposal at last week's summit of industrialized nations left many here wondering whether the government was leaving options open for developing nuclear arms.

"There are a group of people in the ruling Liberal Democratic Party who feel Japan should have a free hand in foreign policy," said Takehiko Yamamoto, a professor of international politics at Waseda University.

Public opposition to nuclear weapons is deep in Japan, the only nation ever attacked by nuclear bombs. The country long has followed a policy of not producing or possessing nuclear arms.

But worries have risen about continued on page 15

Vietnam receives \$123M aid

By Bruce Stanley

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) - Vietnamese Premier Vo Van Kiet has come home from a two-week visit to four West European nations with a much-needed package of grants, loans and debt forgiveness worth at least \$123 million.

Kiet returned Monday from France, Germany, Britain and Belgium, after a stopover in Cuba, like Vietnam one of the very few nations still espousing communism.

Kiet made the journey primarily to strengthen ties with the wealthy, capitalist nations of Europe - a major plank of Vietnam's foreign policy.

"I think it was an important step in the reintegration of Vietnam into the world community," a German diplomat in Hanoi said last week.

The benefits of closer relations would not be one-sided, said Paul De Vos, the Belgian consul in Hanoi.

"We agree in Europe that we don't want to lose Vietnam to the others - Japan, the 'Tigers' on the Pacific rim, and the United States," he said, pointing to untapped commercial opportunities.

The "Tigers" are the newly industrialized countries of Taiwan, South Korea, Hong Kong and Singapore, all of which are actively seeking commercial ties with Vietnam.

Since 1986, Vietnam has struggled to change from a socialist to a free-market economy. Foreign aid and investment have

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Asian news briefs

3 Chinese dissidents detained

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - Three Chinese dissidents who participated in China's 1989 democracy movement have been detained for 10 months while seeking political asylum in Taiwan, a local human rights group said today.

Han Jue-mei, executive secretary of Taiwan's Chinese Association for Human Rights, said the dissidents were extremely frustrated and claimed they would kill themselves if they were forced to return to China.

The government is treating the three as illegal immigrants because they sneaked into Taiwan in fishing boats last September.

Malaysia, Iraq to build hotel

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) - A Malaysian company's joint venture with the Iranian government to build a luxury hotel on Iran's duty-free Qeshm Island is to open in November, an Iranian official said Tuesday.

The project, in which Malaysia's Ekran Ltd has invested \$20 million, is the first one between Malaysia's private sector and Iran, Tehran's Deputy Minister of Mines and Metals Ali Shams Arkedani told a news conference before departing.

During his weeklong stay, Shams met with government and private sector leaders, including former Finance Minister Daim Zainuddin, National Oil Corporation (Petronas) chairman Basir Ismail, and bankers.

He also said if the 108-room, four star hotel is successful, Ekran would invest in other development projects, such as shopping complexes in Tehran.

Shams also said that he had invited Malaysian companies to look into the possibility of participating in the development of Iran's second airline, a move which could further enhance tourism between the two countries.

He said that since Jeddah was only an hour by air from southern Iran, Malaysians could visit Iran after their Muslim pilgrimage.

Shams said Iran's Central Bank governor would come to Malaysia next week to discuss financial arrangement with his Malaysian counterpart.

Indonesia seizes fishing boats

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - Indonesian naval vessels have seized two Malaysian fishing boats and arrested their nine crewmen for alleged poaching in Indonesian waters, the official Antara news agency reported Tuesday.

"We just captured two of tens of fishing boats after giving them warning shots," Antara quoted Lt. Cecep, a local navy spokesman, as saying of the weekend captures in eastern Sumatran waters.

He added that the navy could not capture all the boats because there were too many, and they were close enough to international waters to escape easily.

He said the two boats, PKFA 8788 and PKFA 9662, used fishing equipment not allowed in Indonesia.

Neptune buying \$280M ships

SINGAPORE (AP) - The Singapore government-controlled Neptune Orient Lines said Tuesday it has signed an agreement to buy four 63,000-ton container ships from South Korea's Samsung Heavy Industries Co. Ltd. for a total of US \$280 million.

Building of the ships is to start in mid-1994, with delivery in 1995, under the agreement signed in Singapore Monday by Neptune Chairman an H.R. Hochstadt and Samsung chief executive officer K.H. Lee.

A Neptune statement said each ship will be 294 meters (965 feet) long and 21.4 meters (70 feet) wide, and capable of carrying 4,392 20-foot containers.

It was Neptune's first order with a South Korean shipyard in many years. It has ordered most of its ships from Japanese yards.

Neptune now operates 66 ships with a total tonnage of 2 million.

Pope to visit Philippines

MANILA (AP) - Pope John Paul II will make his second visit to the Philippines in 1995, the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines said Tuesday.

The Rev. James Reuters, spokesman for the bishops, said the pope was expected to visit in January 1995 to address the World Youth Conference and the Federation of the Asian Bishops' Conferences. The pope's first visit to Manila was in 1981.

Reuters said the pope was invited by the Bishops' Conference and President Fidel Ramos.

Ramos has discouraged the bishops from making arrangements for the pope to visit Muslim areas in the southern Philippines because of security concerns, he said.

The pope, however, has insisted on visiting Muslim communities in Zamboanga City, 880 kilometers (550 miles) south of Manila, Reuters said.

There is a growing fundamentalist movement in the southern Philippines led by Pakistan-trained Muslim youth engaged in terrorist activities.

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Death & Funeral Announcement

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Of Gualo Rai, Saipan was called to his eternal rest on July 11, 1993 at the age of 74.

Rosary is being held daily at 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m. until the day of funeral at the residence of Romino and Flavina Saimon at Gualo Rai, Saipan.

Last respects on Sunday July 18, 1993 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the residence of his daughter and son-in-law Romino & Flavy Saimon at Gualo Rai, Saipan.

MASS FOR A CHRISTIAN BURIAL will be offered on July 19, 1993 at 3:00 p.m. at the Kristo Rai Church. Burial will follow at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.



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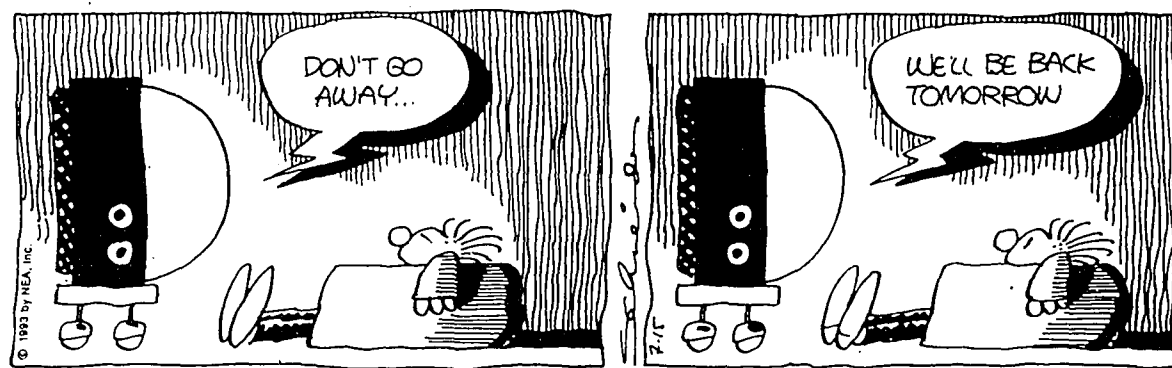
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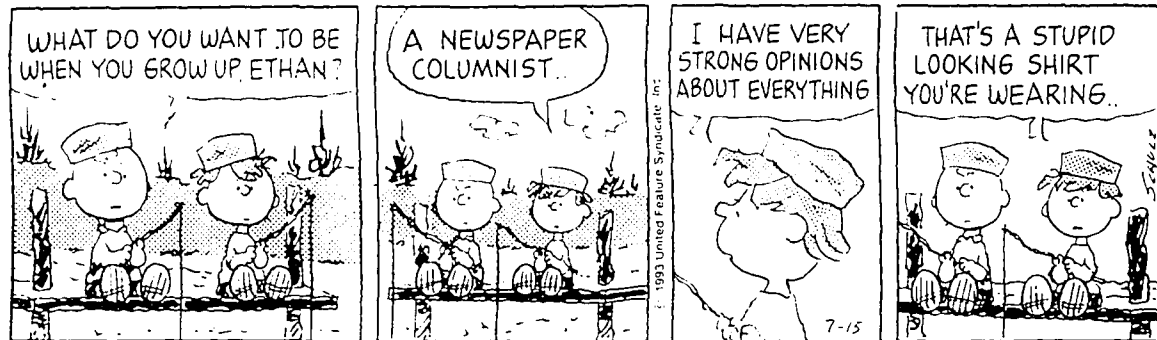
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STELLA WILDER YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

Born today, you are a highly creative individual, but you may not know until relatively late in life just how to cultivate your natural creativity in such a way that it brings you both the greatest personal satisfaction and the greatest possible profit. The first half of your life, then, is destined to be a long period of exploration and experimentation; you'll want to learn just what you are capable of, without limiting yourself, and just what does and does not make you happy.

You are highly perceptive, and very little happens around you that you cannot first anticipate and then understand fully. You have a keen insight into the workings of the human heart and the human mind — including your own. You are very seldom fooled by others, or by yourself.

Also born on this date are: Rembrandt, painter; Linda Ronstadt, singer; Alex Karras, athlete and actor.

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, JULY 16

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You may feel there is a need to pick up the pace and to increase productivity in all aspects of your life at this time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Give yourself more time to figure out just is required of you today. You'll be glad you did when you win renewed respect.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You have what it takes to be unusually easygoing, trustful, and almost entirely stress-free today. Don't blow it!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Your loyalty will win you a good deal of positive feedback today. You won't disappoint those now counting on you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Your natural skill at organizing even the most complex issues in your mind will serve you well throughout the day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You mustn't let your tendency toward intolerance of others drive a wedge between you and a potential new friend.

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DATE BOOK

July 15, 1993

Today is the 196th day of 1993 and the 25th day of summer

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1918, the Battle of the Marne, the decisive conflict of World War I, began.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-1669), Dutch painter; Clement Moore (1779-1863), writer-poet educator; Julian Bream (1933-), musician, is 60; Alex Karras (1935-), football star-actor, is 58; Linda Ronstadt (1946-), singer, is 47; Kim Alexis (1960-), model, is 33.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1876, George "Grin" Bradley pitched the first official no-hitter in National League history, a 2-0 victory by St. Louis over Hartford.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "My best score ever is 103, but I've only been playing 15 years." — Alex Karras on golf

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1983, a fire begun by lightning on Maine's Mt. Desert Island destroyed about \$1 million in boats and equipment.

TODAY'S BARB BY PHIL PASTORET

There must be a connection between smoking and illiteracy. So many smokers can't read "No Smoking" signs.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (July 11) and new moon (July 19).



But It's a Lot More in Yen
In the 12-team Japan League of professional baseball, the average salary (not including 24 foreign players) is \$310,900. This represents a raise of 5.9 percent over 1992. The average salary of a U.S. major-leaguer is \$1.12 million.

Toe to Toe

Most birds have four toes on each foot: three in front and one behind. However, members of the parrot and woodpecker families — including road runners, cuckoos and kingfishers — have two toes that point forward and two that point backward.

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

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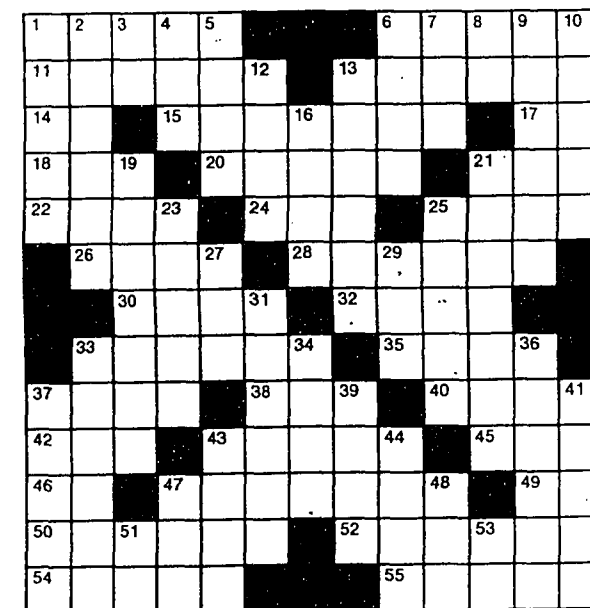
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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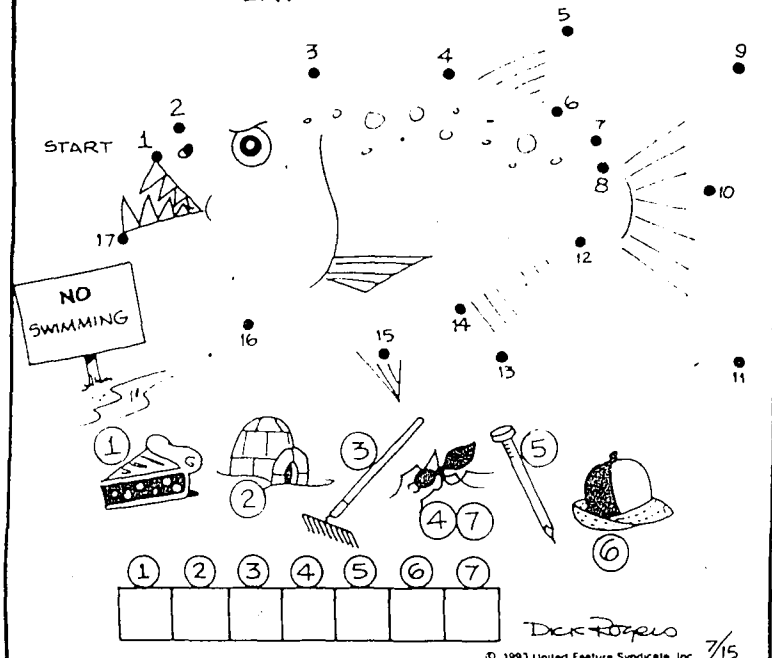
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played a growing role in the process.

In February, President Francois Mitterrand of France, Vietnam's former colonial ruler, became the first Western leader to travel here since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975.

On June 23, Kiet kicked off his trip by repaying the visit.

"Vietnam wished to begin this visit with France, to show that they have a special relationship," a French diplomat said.

In Paris, Kiet cashed in on Mitterrand's earlier promise to double the amount of official French assistance to Vietnam to 360 million French francs (\$62 million). The French diplomat, who asked not to be named, estimated that two-thirds of that sum would take the form of grants.

France, the fourth-largest investor nation in Vietnam, also vowed to support Vietnam's effort to obtain fresh loans from the International Monetary Fund.

That promise came closer to fulfillment on July 2, when the United States announced it would no longer oppose IMF funding for Vietnam once it repaid its arrears. The United States had blocked IMF loans as part of a trade embargo it imposed against Hanoi after the Communist north took over the south in 1975.

Germany has not yet specified the size of its aid offer, a German diplomat said here. But he added that it would certainly exceed 50 million German marks (\$29 million), meaning a sevenfold increase since 1990. The sum would include technical and financial aid, as well as money to help returning Vietnamese refugees pay for living expenses and job training.

Belgium agreed to forgive 100 million Belgian francs (\$3 million) worth of Vietnamese debt. Belgian consul De Vos said budgetary constraints prevented it from reducing the burden any further.

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the unpredictability of neighboring North Korea, which is widely suspected of developing nuclear capabilities, and about the reliability of the US security umbrella in a post-Cold War world.

"We have no intention of acquiring nuclear weapons," Foreign Ministry spokesman Sadaaki Numata told reporters. "We entertain no such ambitions."

He said Japan supports an extension of the treaty, but differences of opinion existed over whether the pact, which expires in 1995, should be renewed indefinitely.

"Some people are saying that on a question which could determine the future of our nation for many, many years to come, there should at least be sufficient public debate," he said.

Some Japanese pacifists say nuclear nations haven't done enough under the treaty to disarm. Some rightists, meanwhile, believe Japan might find itself dangerously unarmed and alone in the future if North Korea gains nuclear weapons and the US-Japan security relationship cools.

"Some people in Japan's power elite feel that the country's security is being endangered," Yamamoto said. "They hope for a more autonomous Japanese security policy, including the nuclear option."

US Ambassador Michael Armacost warned Monday that development of nuclear weapons by North Korea could inspire reactions from Japan and other Asian nations.

"I do believe North Korea's behavior can have ramifications for a lot of countries," he said.

North Korea is currently holding talks with the United States after reversing an earlier decision to withdraw from the Non-Proliferation Treaty over disputes about nuclear inspections.

On Monday, a North Korean Foreign Ministry official charged that Japan's objection to an indefinite treaty extension "revealed the intention of the Japanese government of arming Japan with nuclear weapons at any cost."

Several Japanese newspapers also concluded that the government is considering a change in its nuclear policy.

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they had foul problems. The constant pressure just wore them down."

Adrienne Goodson of Old Dominion had 20 points to lead the United States, which outscored Russia 24-9 from the free throw line and finished with a 39-16 rebounding advantage. The U.S. team shot just 24-for-69 from the field, including 0-for-11 from 3-point range.

The US men, meanwhile, had a 63-48 lead over Ireland (2-1) with 10:42 to play.

That may sound like a blowout, but the Americans' first two opponents never were closer than 28 points in the second half.

"Ireland had a good game plan of changing defenses to create problems and we were impatient on offense," said US coach Reggie Minton of the Air Force Academy.

Richard Scott of Kansas led the United States with 21 points on 8-for-9 shooting. Carlos Rogers of Tennessee State added 13 points and Sharone Wright of Clemson had 11.

Frank Powell, who played at Holy Cross and is one of eight American college players on the Irish roster, finished with 17 points.

"We have to be pleased with the outcome," Ireland coach Enda Bert said. "It was a decent test for the United States."

But the only passing grade will be a gold medal for both US teams.

Also expected to romp to gold at the first WUGs held in the United States is the American women's soccer team. With four members of the squad that won the 1991 World Cup, the United States beat Taiwan 3-1 Monday and is 3-0.

Cheaters in golf also cheaters in business?

NEW YORK (AP) - Executives should add the following to their golf rulebooks: anybody who cheats on the fairway is likely to commit similar treachery to get ahead in business, a new study says.

The New York Times reported in its Tuesday editions the results of the survey conducted for the

Hyatt Hotels Corporation by a New York-based research firm. The hotel chain requested the study because statistics show that nearly one quarter of the 25 million golfers in the United States are executives.

Nearly half, 47 percent, of the 401 executives questioned agreed with the statement that "the way a

person plays golf is very similar to how he or she conducts business affairs."

And more than a third of those who admitted cheating at golf - such as moving the ball to get a better lie or not counting a missed tap-in - also confessed they cheated in business.

Reneberg wins opener in US Pro

BROOKLINE, Mass. (AP) - Richey Reneberg beat Hyeong Song of South Korea 4-6, 7-5, 6-1 on Tuesday in an opening-round match in the US Pro Tennis Championships.

"He played better than I did and deserved to win," Reneberg, last year's runnerup to Ivan Lendl in the tournament, said. "Two years from now, if this match was played again, he would beat me easily."

In other first-round matches at Longwood Cricket Club, Bill Barber beat Sandon Stolle of Australia 7-5, 6-2; Peter Lundgren of Sweden eliminated South African David Nainkin 6-4, 6-3; David DiLucia downed Tobias Svantesson of Sweden 6-3, 6-2 and Amos Mansdorf of Israel downed Justin Gimelstob 6-1, 6-1.

Seeded seventh in the tournament and ranked 44th in the world, Reneberg trailed 4-2 in the second set after losing the first.

Ali waits to meet with Iraqi leader

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By Dilip Ganguly

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Muhammad Ali sat in his hotel suite Tuesday hoping to meet with Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein to speed up the release of Iranian and Iraqi prisoners of war.

The former heavyweight boxing champion arrived in Baghdad on July 7 after 15 days in Tehran, the Iranian capital, where he met with President Hashemi Rafsanjani of Iran.

"Ali's longtime dream: Islamic nations must stop quarreling among themselves. His immediate goal: Repatriation of Iran-Iraq prisoners of war," said Shahi Ahmed Raza, spokesman for the Black Muslim champion.

Iran and Iraq exchanged 37,000 prisoners after the 1988 cease-fire. But Iran still holds 20,000 Iraqis and claims Iraq holds 5,000 Iranians.

Ali, 51, who won the world's

heavyweight boxing title three times before he retired in the late 1970s, suffers from an ailment with symptoms similar to Parkinson's disease. His ailment has impaired his speech and movement, and his spokesman did the talking during an interview at the Al-Rashid hotel.

Raza said that Ali "has a green light from Iran about the POWs."

Ali was to meet with the Iraqi president, Raza said, but it was not clear when Saddam would receive him.

Ali's visit to Iraq is the second since Saddam's troops invaded Kuwait in August 1990. He stayed for two weeks in Baghdad in November 1990, and returned home with 15 US hostages whom Saddam had held as part of a "human shield" at the start of the Persian Gulf crisis.

While in Tehran, Ali put on his boxing gloves again - for a four-round exhibition match with Iranian Ashgar Kazim, the light-heavyweight Asian champion.



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AL wins All-Star baseball game

By Jim Donaghy

BALTIMORE (AP) - It turned out Toronto manager Cito Gaston was right.

Several members of his Blue Jays helped the American League take a 9-3 victory over the National League in the All-Star baseball game Tuesday night. Sloppy play by the NL also helped.

Cozy Camden Yards stadium lived up to its reputation as a hitters' haven when Gary

Sheffield of expansion Florida gave the NL the lead with a two-run homer off Mark Langston of California in the first inning. The AL extended its winning streak to six games, its longest ever, with its second straight laughter. The American won 13-6 at San Diego last season.

The AL got started on all-star MVP Kirby Puckett's homer to center off Philadelphia left-hander Terry Mulholland in the second inning and tied it when Roberto

Alomar homered against San Diego's Andy Benes in the third.

Alomar was one of seven Toronto players on the AL squad, including four in the starting lineup. Gaston said he brought the players he thought would win the game, and he was proven right.

The AL reasserted its dominance in the fifth inning with three runs off John Burkett of San Francisco. Ivan Rodriguez of Texas led off with a double - the ball sticking in the left-field wall - and

moved to third on Alomar's grounder to second.

Cleveland's Albert Belle, hitting for Toronto DH Paul Molitor, singled and took second on an error by Atlanta's David Justice in right. Two more runs scored on Ken Griffey Jr.'s RBI single and Puckett's double to make it 5-2.

The NL rallied in the sixth off New York Yankees left-hander Jimmy Key when Bonds doubled again, moved to third on Sheffield's hard single and scored

when Barry Larkin hit a sacrifice fly to center.

Bonds' two doubles tied an All-Star record, last accomplished on July 7, 1959 by Ernie Banks of the Chicago Cubs.

"We came out strong," Bonds said. "But those guys are powerhouses out there."

Another Toronto player, Deyon White, came through in the sixth with an RBI double off Steve Avery and two runs scored when right-hander John Smoltz made two wild pitches.

Soviets lead in gymnastics

By John F. Bonfatti

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. (AP) - Maybe in a few years, the countries that used to comprise the Soviet Union won't produce great gymnasts. For now, those who remain from that remarkable development program continue to excel.

Natalia Kalinina and Tatiana Lisenko, who now compete for Ukraine, combined to win three golds, while teammate Igor Korobchinski added a fourth in the individual apparatus finals at the World University Games on Tuesday.

Another member of the Unified Team at last year's Olympics, Vitaly Scherbo of Belarus, claimed his second gold of the competition by winning the vault.

He missed a third, in the parallel bars, by a narrow margin to China's Xun Wang. China got another gold from Jian Chen in

the horizontal bar.

Belgium's Benedicte Evrard took the gold in the women's floor exercise.

Korobchinski, who won a bronze medal in Barcelona, easily took the floor gold with a performance that apparently left him injured; he pulled out of the pommel horse competition that followed. There was no immediate word on his status.

Japan's Daisuke Nishikawa got the floor silver, while the bronze went to Yuri Goto of Russia.

The best American finishes were Scott Keswick's two silvers, on the rings and the high bar, and Tammy Marshall's silver in the floor exercise.

The closest event was the woman's vault, where Kalinina edged Luisa Ribiero of Brazil 9.543 to 9.518. Hope Spivey-Sheeley, at 9.493, got the bronze for the United States.

Another close competitions

came on the pommel horse, where Eric Poujade of France beat China's Bin Fan 9.612 to 9.5. Chih-Feng Chang of Taiwan took the bronze.

Kalinina was the class of the uneven bars field, winning with a score of 9.637. Silver medalist Kyoko Seo of Japan scored 9.275, while Lyudmilla Stovbchataya of Ukraine took the bronze.

Kalinina realizes the gymnastic medal run may soon be over for her and her former teammates.

"What happens is we are the last (of the Soviet developmental team)," she said. "We got used to performing abroad on good apparatus built for our younger teammates. It's hard for them prepare for competition abroad."

Stovbchataya won a silver on the balance beam, finishing behind Lisenko and ahead of Korea's Na-Jung Han.

"We don't have very good apparatus," Stovbchataya said.

US goes for gold in basketball

By Jim O'Connell

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) - The United States is expected to be in Saturday's gold medal basketball games at the World University Games. That's the way it goes when you're the dominant country in the sport and the tournament is being held on your soil.

The US women beat Russia 72-55 Monday for their fourth straight win and the American men went to 3-0 a few hours later with a 93-64 victory over Ireland. Both games were the first of the three-game qualifying round after which four of the eight teams advance to the semifinals.

"The games do get tougher once you are out of pool play, and Russia is a fine team," said US women's coach Joan Bonvicini of Arizona. "We have Cuba next and we know they're a very good team. This team knows it can't reach its goal

of a gold medal without taking care of things in the qualifying round."

The US baseball team also needs to take care of things early, but it didn't do so Monday night, falling to Japan 4-3. The Americans are 3-1 and still in good shape to qualify for the medals round.

Asked if he suspected there would be an upset somewhere along the way, US coach John Anderson said, "I think as a coach you worry about that. You try to prepare your team to play. You don't play these guys that much. It's not like you get a chance to scout them."

Cuban pitcher Edilberto Oropesa, who left the team Saturday, turned up in Miami and said he is going to seek asylum.

"For months before in training, every night I was thinking about it," Oropesa said.

A second Cuban baseball player, shortstop Reynaldo Odonez, defected Monday after he was ap-

proached by a radio reporter from Miami at the athlete's village at the University of Buffalo. Morales Quintana, chief of mission for the Cuban delegation, said Tuesday at a news conference in Buffalo.

A Cuban fencer also defected, Quintana said. He did not identify him.

"They are here on a voluntary basis to compete," Quintana said through a translator. "If someone has decided to stay, it's a personal decision."

It took a while for the US women to take care of things against Russia (2-2). The United States struggled and only led 58-53 with 3:33 to play. Pressure defense, some Russian foul trouble and extensive depth led to a 14-2 closing run.

"Their zone hurt us early and we weren't shooting as well as we had been," Bonvicini said. "Eventually our defense wore them out and

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Allison dies of injuries from helicopter crash

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By Jay Reeves

HUEYTOWN, Ala. (AP) - Davey Allison, who steered his family's car-racing legacy to stardom of his own, died Tuesday of injuries suffered a day earlier when his helicopter slammed into a track infield.

The death brought new pain to the racing world and the Allisons, one of the sport's most successful families that has also known its share of tragedy.

"When one hurts, we all hurt, and this is a hurting situation," said NASCAR driver Darrell Waltrip.

Allison, 32, the eldest son of retired racing legend Bobby Allison, never regained consciousness following the crash at Talladega Superspeedway in east Alabama. He died of head injuries.

Allison bought the chopper less than a month ago and was at the controls when it went down Monday afternoon.

"He loved to fly. It was an addiction to Davey," said H.A. "Humpty" Wheeler, president of Charlotte Motor Speedway in North Carolina and a friend of the Allison family.

Friends in Allison's hometown of Hueytown, just west of Birmingham, took news of his death hard.

Allison was the last member of his immediate family still behind the wheel. His father is now a car owner after being forced into retirement by an injury in a crash, and his younger brother Clifford died in a racing crash 11 months ago.

"It's not going to be the same without an Allison running in a race somewhere," said Charlotte Hammonds, who works at a Hueytown auto parts store where the Allisons do business.

Throughout this blue-collar town, motorists burned their headlights at midday in tribute. "We'll Miss You Davey - No. 28" and "The Winner's Circle of Peace Belongs to Davey" were among the signs displayed outside stores.

Gov. Jim Folsom directed flags to fly at half-staff.

In the world of racing, it was the second off-track tragedy this year. Less than four months ago, 1992 Winston Cup champion Alan Kulwicki died in a small plane crash near Bristol, Tenn.

Allison is survived by his father and mother, Judy Allison; wife Liz; two children, ages 3 and 1; and two sisters.

Allison was NASCAR's rookie of the year in 1987, and he had 19 victories on stock car racing's biggest circuit, including the 1992 Daytona 500. Allison won \$6.7 million - No. 10 on the all-time earnings list.

Allison's name helped him break into racing. But it was talent that kept his black Ford Thunderbirds ahead of the pack and made him a fan favorite.

Allison and racing veteran Red Farmer were the only people aboard the helicopter when it crashed near the NASCAR garage at Talladega. Farmer, who suffered broken ribs and a broken collarbone, was expected to be hospitalized several days.

Farmer told The Birmingham News the helicopter went out of control and crashed as Allison was attempting to land. The two had flown to the track from Birmingham to watch driver Neil Bonnett's son test a car.

Farmer said he yelled to Allison from the crumpled chopper: "Davey, let's get out of here, the motor's still running." But he said there was no response.

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