

Chamber says 'no' to labor cap

THE IMPORTATION of foreign contract workers is crucial to the future of the CNMI and should not be limited through any policy or edict from government, according to a report from the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

It added market forces and the current system of regulating employment of foreign workers are sufficient means to govern the flow of foreign workers into the Commonwealth.

These were some of the recom-

mendations made by the labor subcommittee of the chamber's economic development committee in its report on how to address current labor issues facing the Commonwealth today.

"This is a follow-on to the Chamber's economic symposium held earlier this year. The recommendations are meant to help facilitate and guide the recovery, improvement and growth of the economy of Saipan and the Commonwealth," Chamber President

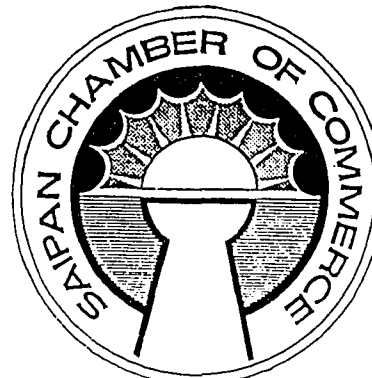
Roy Morioka said as he presented three reports to the media yesterday.

The reports and recommendations were adopted by the Chamber's board of directors and will represent the Chamber's position on the three critical issues.

"The ongoing debate on the minimum wage, alien worker stay limitation, Article 12 and tax reform legislation will significantly affect our economy and requires the Chamber's active analysis and participation in the formation of solutions," added Morioka.

"In these reports we have achieved the objective of heightening the awareness of, and identified the real and perceived economic issues facing the CNMI," he added.

Sam McPhetres, chairman of



the economic development committee, said the reports have been in the making since two years ago following the CNMI 2001 symposium.

The work has been completed and ready for dissemination to the people of the Commonwealth and their leaders.

Present yesterday to accept the reports were House Speaker Tho-

mas P. Villagomez, Public Health Deputy Director Ned Arriola, Governor's special legal counsel Tim Bruce, Commerce and Labor representative Ellie Friedman, Office of the Saipan Mayor's representative James Ada, Karidat director Tony Cabrera, among others.

The reports not only seek to define elements critical to economic recovery but also to serve as catalyst in bringing government, business and the community together in understanding and resolving obstacles to the economic recovery.

In the area of labor, subcommittee chairman G. Anthony Long yesterday said labor in the CNMI, like land is a scarce resource that is a crucial element for continu-

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Forum co-moderators Roy Morioka and Carlotta D.L. Guerrero wait responses from the candidates during Tuesday's forum at the Diamond Hotel.

Transfer of NMI inmates from federal prison urged

By Rafael H. Arroyo

SENATOR David M. Cing is exploring the possibility of transferring six CNMI residents currently serving sentence at the Oregon state penitentiary, including former CNMI legislators Ponciano and Oscar Rasa, to the Guam federal prison for the rest of their prison terms, this was learned yesterday.

In a letter to Governor Larry I. Guerrero, Cing asked that avenues be explored so that the detainees be closer to home, instead of being incarcerated in mainland federal prisons.

"I was wondering if you could possibly contact Governor Ada in order to acquire specific information regarding any relative agreement between Guam and the Federal Bureau of Prisons. As you know, these people are far from their homes and their families, and to arrange something like this would certainly facilitate the difficult rehabilitation process they face," said Cing.

Cing attended the Western Legislative Conference held in Las Vegas, Nevada last month. From there he flew by Oregon where he visited four Tinian residents detained at the Sheridan Federal Prison and the Rasa brothers.

During his stay, he was briefed by Camp Administrator Darrell R. Johnson that there may be opportunities for the CNMI detainees to serve portion of their sentence on Guam.

According to Cing, the six CNMI detainees are being treated well and that the food and facilities there were good.

He, however, lamented that the six could not take advantage of the 36 hours monthly furlough being given to other detainees because of the distance between Oregon and the CNMI.

"Prisoners from the mainland staying there are more privileged because they enjoy their furloughs. Since our detainees there are very far away, they can't be privileged to go home to their

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Governor seeks stay on tax rebate list disclosure

By Rafael H. Arroyo

GOVERNOR Larry I. Guerrero's lawyers have filed a motion petitioning the US District Court to defer its order on the disclosure of tax rebate information until an appeal to the US Ninth Circuit Court is decided on.

In the alternative, if the court denies the motion, Assistant Attorney General Douglas H. Strand asked for an extension of time within which to comply with the disclosure order from October 8 to October 15, to allow sufficient time to petition for stay in Ninth Circuit Court.

"We assert that the issues here involve serious and difficult questions relating to fundamental rights and duties under the Con-

stitution of both the US and the CNMI," said Strand.

On the other hand, lawyers for Lino Olopai and Plasio Tagabuel, plaintiffs in the case, vowed to oppose the stay motion in an upcoming stay hearing scheduled for October 15 at the US District Court.

Olopai and Tagabuel sought access to a list detailing the names of those receiving tax rebates under the CNMI tax system but after this was denied, they filed the lawsuit seeking an injunction to force the governor to comply with the mandate of US Public Law 98-213.

Under section 3(b) of that law, the CNMI shall maintain, as a matter of public record, the name

and address of each person receiving a rebate of income taxes, together with the amount of the rebate and the year for which such a rebate was made.

A memorandum opinion and order was penned September 24th by District Court Judge Alex Munson in favor of plaintiffs Olopai and Tagabuel, ordering that the governor make public such a list before October 8.

But according to a memorandum in support of the stay motion submitted by Strand, his client will be placed in a difficult position which the court may allay by allowing him to pursue an appeal without risking violation of Commonwealth law and thus his oath of public office.

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Republican Party platform committee chairman Pete A. Tenorio (second from right) in the presence of candidates (left to right) Jesus T. Aldan, Joe S. Demapan, Ramon D.L.G. Diaz, Martin M. Taisacan, Manuel A. Tenorio, Ana S. Teregeyo, Diego T. Benavente, and Gov. Larry I. Guerrero.

Tiny but wealthy Pacific island has big environmental problem

By GEOFF SPENCER

NAURU (AP) - Birds helped make this tiny Pacific island one of the world's richest republics. Now, the birds are gone and Nauru struggles to clean up one of the world's worst cases of environmental devastation.

When Nauru was discovered in 1798, a lush tropical forest covered the oval outcrop of coral. European explorers named it Pleasant Island.

After decades of lucrative strip-mining for phosphates left by bird droppings, Nauru is no longer a tropical paradise.

Bulldozers have stripped away the vegetation and topsoil, clearing the way for cranes to scoop up phosphate. Almost four-fifths of the island is a hot, uninhabitable landscape of craters and coral pinacles blackened from exposure.

As the trees disappeared, so did the birds, including Nauru's national symbol - the frigate bird with its long wings and hooked beak.

The government, which has a vast overseas investment portfolio financed by the mining, once seriously considered buying an island off the Australian coast and relocating the population.

For economic, political and cultural reasons, the government abandoned that idea. And with phosphate deposits expected to be exhausted by decade's end, the government is developing ambitious plans to clean up the island's eight square miles (21 square kilometers).

Part of the tab will be picked up by Australia, the former colonial ruler, which agreed in August to pay \$73 million to Nauru for environmental damage.

"It's a mess here. I've never seen (the island) the way it was before mining started, so I guess I'm used to it," said Helmut Olsson, a 22-year-old grocery store worker. "I hope the government can use the money from Australia to fix it up, but it's going to be a very big job."

President Bernard Dowiyogo estimates it will take 10 to 20 years.

"There is no doubt the island can be rehabilitated," said Dowiyogo. "It won't be done overnight. It will take a generation."

The island's 9,000 residents - about 5,000 are indigenous Nauruans who share in the mining income - live on a fertile green coastal strip 100 to 300 yards wide.

The government-owned Nauru Phosphate Corp. runs the mines, which rely on cheap labor from other Pacific islands and some managers from Australia and New Zealand.

Last year, Nauru exported \$29 million worth of phosphate for use as fertilizer, mostly to Australia, New Zealand and Japan. Annual revenues vary depending on demand and market prices, but have been declining as the deposits are depleted.

Per capita income peaked at \$17,000 a year in the mid-1970s, making Nauru one of the world's richest republics. It has since declined to under \$10,000.

The island's wealth has humble origins.

Although Nauru is a tiny speck in the vast Pacific - just below the equator some 2,600 miles (4,184 kilometers) southwest of Hawaii - migratory birds found it a convenient stop, leaving immense deposits of droppings.

Over time, the droppings turned

into high-grade phosphatic rock. A series of colonizers - German, Japanese, British, New Zealander and Australian - exploited the deposits from 1906 until independence in 1968.

Since then, the wealth has gone to Nauruans themselves. But the mining riches have been both a blessing and a curse to the islanders, who have lost many of their traditional ways.

They own hundreds of cars, but there's nowhere to drive except along the 12-mile (19-kilometer) perimeter road. There's only one set of traffic lights, and a drive around the island takes 15 minutes.

Islanders pay no income tax, and enjoy free health care and education. Government subsidies keep down the cost of imported goods.

But water is scarce. Drinking water sometimes has to be shipped in by tanker during droughts.

An unhealthy diet of Western-style food has produced widespread obesity. Nauru has some of the world's highest rates for diabetes and heart disease.

The government has put a portion of mining earnings into overseas investments for the day mining ends. These include a shipping line, a skyscraper in Australia, a Honolulu residential-commercial development, and real estate in other Pacific nations.

In the mid-1980s, some estimates said Nauru's overseas holdings might reach \$3 billion by this year. But there have been setbacks, mostly because of the international real estate slump but also including the loss this year of \$5 million in a flop London musical based on the life of Leonardo da Vinci.

FORUM



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Gi duranten i 1980 na sakan siha, untat Roger Gridley (Amerikano) ha fahan tano defunto Tun Anselmon Iglesias (Si Yuus hu binendisi antiña). Ha bira gue

si Señor Gridley ya ha fotma un kompania (Bonita Vista Properties Realty Trust. Estague' na kompania 'nai hana' atog i titulon tano ni ha fahan ginen i defunto. Rason na hana' atog ennao na titulo sa' ha tuño kabales na tisiñague' komo ti Chamorro yan Carolinas man guot titulon tano guine.

Dispués, ha bendi si Chuck Jordan nu ennao na tano. Si Señor Jordan lokue' ha birague' ya ha fotma un kompania (Bonita Vista Properties Ltd.) ya hana' atog lokue et mismo titulon tano. Ni guiya mismo si Señor Jordan ti siña man guot titulon tano Marianas sa' prinihibe nu i Konstitusion yan Covenant iya Marianas. Ha adelanta este na lugat ya i seblante ha bendi guato gi anos kuantos taotaota ni man asagua yan taotao hiyoñg.

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Ta kontinua dumiskute ayo na asunto i megai gi entre hita komo mañaina sesu teña ta malefaye. Guiya este afañelos i areglamenton halom guma ni esta megai besis de tinahgue nu ayo i mafananaan kustumbren' konsentidot'. Taimano ha' husañgan, megai kompitensia gi kontra i oramo diaramente piot ya achacha macho' chu' hao yan i asaguamo.

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Sumen presiso na tafana' gue i famaguonta respeto. Ha tutuhongue' este na respeto giya guiya mismo. Debede hu tuño rumespetan maisague'. Gi et mas kadada na manera, tisiña na hu atotga bumatbaruye uson amot ni bineno osino hana' tailayen maisague'. Yake i mañainaña kana ha pupuno siha pot para umana' dankulo kosake siña homlogue' gi kinahulo' ña, debi hu tuño umagradesi ennao na minasapet.

Yangin i patgon ha tuño rumespetan maisague', siempre ha tuño lokue' man respa gi otro tat komo sainaña, mañeluña, man aluñgoña, man amkoña, bisinuña, etc. Este na ineyag sumen presiso gi maseha amano na halom guma sa ginen halom gumata 'nai mafañago i tutuhon edukasion. An mauleg kreansata nu i famaguonta, esta na' magof an man huyoñg gi publiko sa' man gai respeto gi maseha haye na kilisiano.

Maila ya ta atetuye afañelos sa hafa ta masapite pago pot areglamenton famaguonta siempre hu denitetmina i futuro i komunidatta lokue para i man mamamaila siha na tiempo. Chat miyo fan inahalañg sa' dipotsihe un kiluos na hita ha' solu siña kumatga. Si Yuus Maase.

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Forum for other candidates slated

AFTER successfully co-sponsoring last night's gubernatorial candidates forum at the Diamond Hotel, the NMI chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists is scheduling separate fora for other candidates in the November general elections.

SPJ President Carlotta DL. Guerrero last week disclosed that the Society is planning a lieutenant candidates forum on October 12, a Washington representative candidates forum on October 19th and a senatorial candidates forum

for Saipan on October 26th.

"We'd like to do as much as we possibly can to educate the electorate on each candidate running in the November 93 general elections. Our interest is in discovering the positions of the candidates on key issues, ranging from the gubernatorial candidates to those seeking positions on the Board of Education or on the municipal council.

The fora for the lieutenant governor, the Washington representative and the senatorial candi-

dates will be aired live on both television and radio at from sites to be determined later.

For the rest of the candidates, SPJ has a list of questions to be given out. Their answers and photos, along with a brief bio, will then be collected and will be given to each of the island's newspapers for publication.

The questions will be coursed through the party chairmen and will begin with congressional candidates.

After that, questions will then

be prepared for Rota and Tinian senators, mayoral, municipal council, and education board candidates.

Answers must be typewritten and should come along with the bio and facial photos, all eight copies each.

Answers must be returned to the Pacific Daily News Building by 5:00 on October 8th.

Questions:

•How do you suggest that government spending be slashed to eliminate a deficit situation?

•In your opinion, what's the best

and fastest way to solve the Article 12 controversy?

•It is clear that ice dealing and use is a growing problem in the CNMI, yet it receives little or no attention from elected leaders. What can be done to eliminate ice use in the CNMI?

•What would you do to help the garment industry become successful and respected?

•If elected, what will you do to help your precinct? To help the Commonwealth? Please be specific.

Balajadia named head of licensing board

THE BOARD of Professional Licensing yesterday announced a new set of officers for the agency.

Named as to head the Board as chairwoman was Public Works Director Elizabeth Salas-Balajadia, while Assistant Chief of Labor Juan Q. Inos was named as Vice Chairman.

CNMI Building Safety Officer Francisco Q. DL. Guerrero is the Board's new secretary/treasurer.

Members of the Board are Joaquin Norita (public member), Alfred Pangelinan (land surveyor) and Manuel Pangelinan (appraiser).

In the administration side, the Board has Assistant Attorney General Ron Oestreich as its legal counsel, Juan Diaz as investigator and Jerilyn T. Teregeyo, secretary.

The Board of Professional Licensing also has a new office location at the Island Commercial Center above Advance Marketing along Middle Road in Gualo Rai.



Elizabeth Salas-Balajadia

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Strand said if a stay is not granted and defendants have complied with the order, there exists no way in which the already promulgated information may be recalled.

"If the appellate court should then decide in favor of the defendant, there will exist no adequate remedy or corrective relief," said Strand.

It is also relevant that those members of the rebated public whose names, addresses and financial status will then have been revealed, will have suffered irreparable harm, he added.

The memorandum also noted that the stay when granted would not subject plaintiffs to any injury except that such would limit their right as members of the voting public to oversee governmental operations.

In a telephone interview yesterday, lawyer Theodore Mitchell of the law firm that represents plaintiffs in the case, said the disclosure of the tax rebate lists is crucial to discussions of current economic issues.

"There is a need to know how much money is available from this source. Why the need to conceal this from the public," said Mitchell.

Mitchell in an earlier statement argued that by having access to the tax rebate list, majority of CNMI residents would be aware how much tax money is left in the CNMI government's coffers and how much in tax rebates went back to taxpayers.

He was also said to have contended that the plaintiffs have an interest in being fully informed on the activities and conduct of government and elected officers thereof and the handling of public money.

When the suit was filed before the federal court, Governor Guerrero contended that the tax rebate list should be kept confidential, as doing otherwise may be violative of the CNMI's right to self government under the Covenant, as well as of the right of the individual to privacy.

Strand in his latest memorandum argued that this right in the US and in the Commonwealth may be generally intruded only upon where governmental interest outweighs the interest of the individual and such is determined according to law.

"Here, the government interest is slight. Instead, it is a private interest, though couched in public terms, that is being supported," said Strand in his memorandum.

He maintained that the interest of the vast majority of taxpayers in the CNMI lies in the preservation of individual privacy to the largest extent possible given such governmental interests as may necessitate invasion therein for the public good.

"It will be illegal and against constitutional protected principles of democracy and freedom to accomplish such a goal absent probable cause and in a way that would not be allowed by our criminal courts on an individual basis," the memorandum indicated.

Mitchell on the other hand countered there is no such thing as a constitutional right to confidentiality unless the government sees a compelling purpose.

"There is no such thing. It is for government to withdraw confidentiality as it sees fit," said Mitchell.

In addition, it is up to US Congress to decide if confidentiality remains owing to Article 6 of the Covenant which provides that the

federal tax system will be applied in the CNMI subject to agreement of the Commonwealth.

"It is beyond my comprehension that the governor persist to keep the information secret when it is vitally important for people to see how much money is supposed to be there. There's just no sense," said Mitchell.

US District Court Judge Alex Munson in his order of September 24 said the statute (P.L. 98-213) does not violate the CNMI's Constitution, nor its right to self government.

"Public Law 98-213 is a law of the US applicable to the NMI and thus is the supreme law of the NMI....In light of the CNMI's practice of rebating 95% of the taxes it collects, the US has a substantial federal interest 'in determining the efficacy of the CNMI's revenue collection to assess future amounts of assistance,'" he said in his order.

The federal judge pointed out that Congress enacted P.L. 98-213 to require disclosure of the rebate information rather than authorizing an audit of the rebate information, as it did in the Inspector General case.

"Because the CNMI rebates most of the taxes it receives while relying so heavily on federal financial assistance, it cannot be said that requiring public disclosure of information related to those rebates impermissibly intrudes on the internal affairs of the CNMI," said Munson.

Mitchell, however, said the District Court should next determine whether the Commonwealth will be hurt if his order is implemented or if the plaintiffs will be injured if the order is not followed.

"The balance of hardship would ultimately be established," he said.

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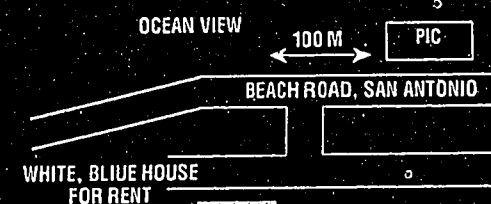
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Clinton orders preparations for nuclear testing

By ROBERT BURNS

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton ordered the Energy Department on Tuesday to prepare for a possible resumption of nuclear testing, acting just hours after China detonated a nuclear bomb and shattered hopes for a global test moratorium.

U.S. analysts and some members of Congress said they interpreted Clinton's response as a diplomatic jab at China and a cautious way of keeping a U.S. test-resumption option alive rather than reflecting an intent to order a test anytime soon.

"This is a positive approach he is taking," said Rep. Mike Kopetski, D-Ore., an architect of the 1992 U.S. test moratorium which Clinton reaffirmed last July. "I think the president is showing restraint because he knows that just because China is acting like a rogue nation doesn't mean we should, too."

Hours after its underground nuclear blast, China issued a statement saying its nuclear weapons are for self-defense and reiterating that it would join in negotiations starting in January to ban all

nuclear weapons tests by the end of 1996.

A White House statement said Clinton had ordered the Energy Department to "take such actions as are needed to put the U.S. in a position to be able to conduct nuclear tests next year."

It said Clinton had not decided to actually resume testing.

Current law says the government can conduct tests only to ensure the safety and reliability of existing weapons, not to test new ones. Any tests must be certified to Congress as necessary, and Congress can disapprove a proposed test.

That provision in the law makes a resumption of U.S. testing unlikely in the near term, since Clinton declared just three months ago that "my administration has determined that the nuclear weapons in the United States arsenal are safe and reliable."

The last known nuclear weapons tests were conducted in September 1992 by the United States and China. Russia has not tested since 1990, and the other two declared nuclear weapons countries - France and Britain - last tested in 1991.

State Department spokesman Mike McCurry said the administration specifically rejected the option of responding in kind to China's test. He said it hoped France and the other nuclear powers would show restraint and that China - whose nuclear arsenal is relatively small - would not test again.

"We have put in place the planning that would be necessary if there is not an adherence to the moratorium or if widespread testing resumes," McCurry said.

In Moscow, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Russia regretted China's decision to test and said President Boris Yeltsin would review Russia's position on testing. Britain condemned the test;

France had no immediate public response.

Clinton's action Tuesday reopened a charged debate over whether the United States should observe a self-imposed ban on nuclear tests before multinational agreement is reached on comprehensive test ban treaty outlawing all tests. Clinton has repeatedly said he is committed to completing such a treaty by 1996.

Jack Mendelsohn, deputy director of the Arms Control Association, said China's test could prompt France to resume testing, but that the surest way of dashing hopes for continued international restraint would be to resume U.S. testing.

"If we test, it totally unravels,"

Mendelsohn said.

Others, however, argue that more U.S. tests are needed now to enable the Defense Department to adequately maintain its nuclear stockpile in the decades ahead.

Clinton announced last July that he was suspending U.S. nuclear weapons testing for at least 15 months and called on the other nuclear powers to do the same.

He said then, however, that if his proposed moratorium were broken by another nation he would direct the Energy Department to prepare to conduct additional tests.

Shortly after the July announcement, the Pentagon quietly dropped plans for a nuclear test, code-named Mighty Uncle, that had been scheduled for 1995.

Governor faces credibility test in China confrontation

By MARCUS ELIASON

HONG KONG (AP) - When Chris Patten arrived 15 months ago as Hong Kong's new gover-

nor, he came as a man of the people who would sweep out the relics of empire, face down Communist China and give the colony a dose of democracy.

On Wednesday, his credibility faces its toughest test when he goes before the people to say what, if anything, he has achieved.

Those imperial relics have been vanishing fast, starting with the ostrich-plumed hat of office that Patten was quick to mothball.

But where democracy is concerned, the governor has met a Chinese wall, and the conflict bodes ill for Hong Kong's 1997 transfer to Chinese sovereignty.

As a politician schooled in the British House of Commons, a gregarious flesh-presser with a sly sense of humor, the 49-year-old Patten is very different from his predecessors, who were mostly drawn from Britain's diplomatic ranks.

Clearly, Patten was aggrieved to discover how all-powerful he is in Hong Kong, and how little democracy the 5.9 million people under his rule enjoy.

As the governor likely to preside after Hong Kong's last pre-China election in 1995, Patten wanted to bequeath to the colony a semblance of British democracy. So he quickly set about devising a package to give Hong Kong a more broadly elected legislature.

China has guaranteed to leave Hong Kong autonomous and capitalist for 50 years, but it was furious at Patten's proposals.

It accused him of violating Britain's undertakings to China. This belated concern for democracy, it said, was like a prostitute seeking to restore her virtue in her old age. It claimed he was trying to keep a British foot in Hong Kong's door after 1997.

After a six-month freeze, China bowed slightly in April by agreeing at least to talk about the proposals. But the negotiations made no visible progress. Ominous hints were exchanged - Patten that he would implement the package regardless, Beijing that whatever

was implemented, China would void.

The warning was repeated Monday in the Beijing-funded newspaper Ta Kung Pao of Hong Kong. It quoted Wang Qiren, a Chinese official, as saying that if the 1995 election were held without an agreement with China, China would dissolve the legislature on July 1, 1997, the day it takes over.

Thus a baleful atmosphere hangs over Hong Kong as Patten goes before the legislature Wednesday.

His first policy address a year ago "was awaited with great expectation. One year later, the mood is one of trepidation," wrote Neville de Silva in The Sunday Standard.

A year ago, Patten was overwhelmingly popular. But China's anger has unnerved many Hong Kong people. They will have to live with China long after the Union Jack has come down and Patten is gone.

Thus opinion polls consistently find, alongside strong support for democracy, a desire for continued talks and compromise.

Critics in the business community argue that China's takeover is a certainty, and that last-ditch democratic gestures cause instability and jeopardize the colony's huge trade with its Communist neighbor.

At the other end of the scale, pro-democracy campaigners who initially hailed Patten's reforms now feel let down, claiming Britain is about to capitulate to Beijing.

Patten may choose to lay the whole story before the legislature, blaming China for the impasse. Or he may abide by Britain's and China's agreement to keep their talks secret, hoping for a last-minute compromise.

Patten has prepared a massive propaganda blitz.

Minutes after he finishes his speech, summaries will be available at subway stations. In the evening, he is to undergo a grilling on television, followed by a radio phone-in the next morning, then three townhall meetings to answer the public's questions.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated \$171,000 of HOME PROGRAM funds to the CNMI for FY 93. The funds will be used for residential housing rehabilitation activities, primarily benefiting very low-income homeowners.

Rehabilitation activities include: Providing safe and adequate water storage facilities; construction of septic and/or leaching field; repair or replacement of refrigerator and/or range; provide special features and equipment for handicapped and/or disabled family members; provide typhoon shutters; payment assistance for connection of necessary utilities; repair hazardous electrical system; repair deteriorating plumbing system; construct additional room(s) to alleviate overcrowding; repair roofs damaged by storms or typhoons; provide additional windows to ensure adequate ventilation; payment for termite and pest control; and cooling systems such as standing and/or ceiling fans.

The Mariana Islands Housing authority (MIHA) "Program Description" for the HOME PROGRAM is available for review by interested persons upon request at the MIHA Central Office on Saipan and MIHA's Field Offices on Rota and Tinian.

MIHA, on behalf of the CNMI government, will provide financial assistance under the HOME PROGRAM primarily through interest bearing loans set at 3% fixed interest rate with a repayment term of 15 years. Direct grants will be also be made available, but only in situations where the applicant(s) demonstrates a critical need for financial assistance and proven lack of financial resources for loan repayment.

The following eligibility requirements must be met, as a minimum, to qualify for financial assistance:

1. Combined gross income of all persons over the age of 18 living in the home to be assisted, must be less than or equal to, 60% of the median area income (FY 93 Median Family Income: \$34,200);
2. Must have fee simple or at least a 40-year leasehold on the property; and
3. Property to be assisted must be principle residence of applicant(s).

Due to the limited amount of funds available, the time period for acceptance of applications will begin on September 15, 1993 and end on October 15, 1993, or for a period of time to allow for the receipt of 30 applications, whichever comes first.

Following closing date or acceptance of the 30 applications, all applicants will be processed for eligibility and a listing of eligible applicants will be prepared. Recipients will then be randomly selected among the eligible applicants by drawing of lots.

Those interested in obtaining an application should contact the MIHA Central Office on Saipan at telephone nos. 234-6866/9447/7670 and 7689; Tinian residents call 433-9213; and Rota residents call 532-9410. Applications will be available on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

It is MIHA's policy and commitment that "Minority and Women-Owned Businesses" be given equal opportunity to obtain and compete for contracts for work on all properties to be assisted with HOME funds.

/s/JOHN M. SABLON
Executive Director

"MIHA is an equal employment and fair housing public agency"

Island leaders head for U.S. for trade talk

HONOLULU (AP) - Representatives of 13 Pacific island nations headed for Washington Tuesday for negotiations on expanding trade and investment opportunities with the United States.

During meetings here Monday, the island leaders reached agreement on a proposed agenda for the Friday meeting, and on priorities for meaningful involvement of the private sector in the Joint Commercial Commission, according to Sitiveni Halapua, director of the

East-West Center's Pacific Islands Development Program.

The island leaders easily reached agreement on the two issues, and were able to conclude a scheduled two-day preliminary meeting in just one day, he said.

The early conclusion of the session allowed the Pacific leaders to leave early for Washington and have a day to rest before beginning informal meetings on Thursday prior to the formal talks on Friday, Halapua said.

Since the Washington meeting is only one-day, it was important for the Pacific nations to come to a common ground before reaching the U.S. capital, he said.

"They will want to define the role of the private sector because the essence of the JCC is the private sector," Halapua said.

The Pacific nation will be looking for potential U.S. markets for the few commodities they have, he said.

The emphasis will be on more

foreign trade and less foreign aid, he said.

The JCC was established in a memorandum of agreement signed by the Pacific nations and the United States last January. Former President Bush proposed the commission at a Pacific islands summit at the East-West Center in 1990.

The Pacific island nations participating in the trade talks with the U.S. are the Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Western Samoa.

Right turn okay when traffic lights on

THE Department of Public Safety (DPS) has determined that motorists on island are now sufficiently familiar with the proper use of traffic signal lights. For this reason, DPS has lifted the prohibition against making right turns on a red light, said in a news release from DPS.

However, for everyone's safety, DPS advises all motorists to follow the law with regards to making right turns on Red.

Drivers must first make a complete stop behind the white line when the traffic light is red.

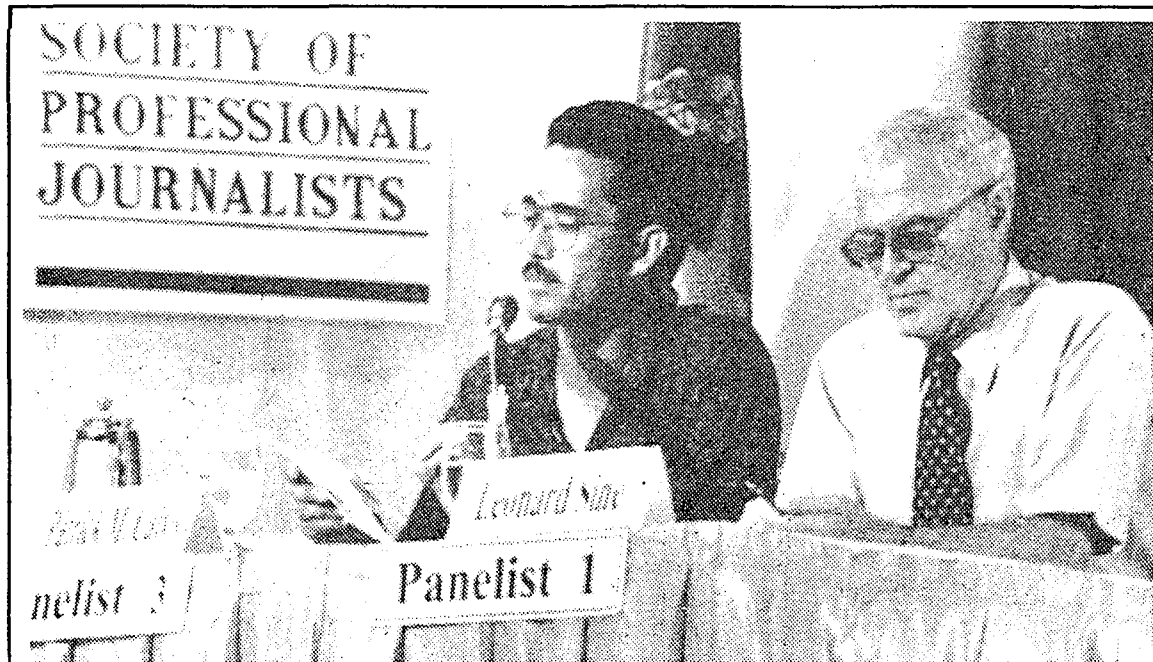
Motorists making a right turn on red must yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.

Those making a right turn on red must also yield to oncoming traffic before proceeding.

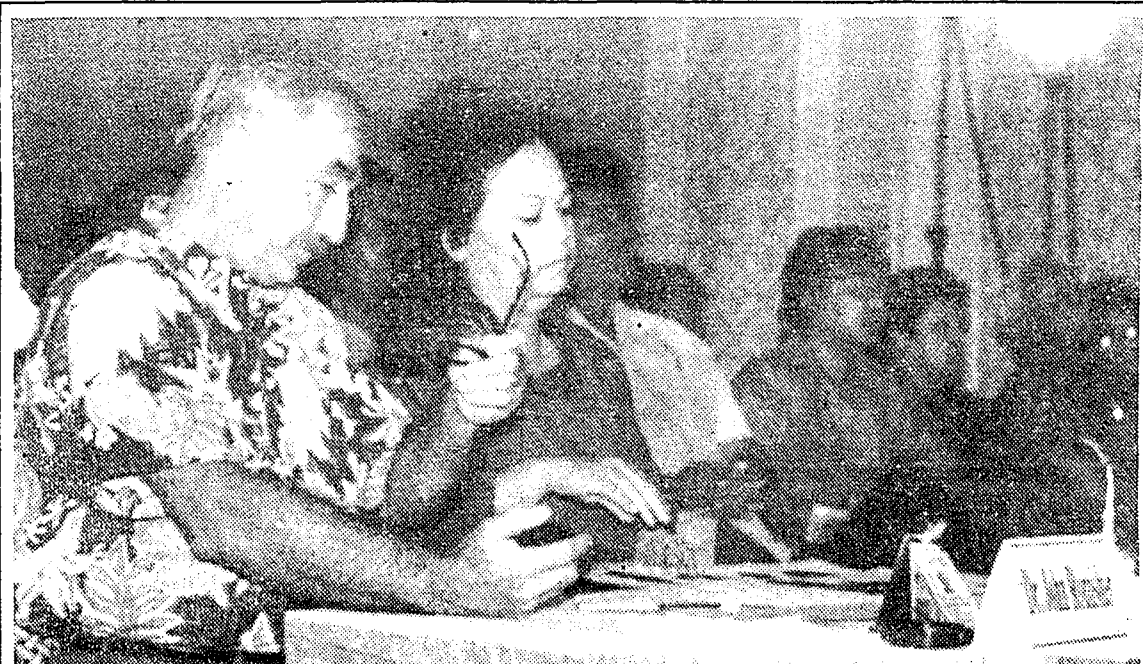
Failure to comply with this law may result in the issuance of traffic citations.



Washington Representative Juan N. Babauta listens intently to discussion during the gubernatorial forum Tuesday.



Panelists Patrick Calvo and Leonard Sine prepare for their cue during Tuesday night's forum at the Diamond Hotel.



Timekeepers during the forum, John Romisher and Francis Borja signal end of discussion during one of the segments.

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PUBLIC NOTICEIn the Superior Court of the
Commonwealth of the
Northern Mariana Islands**CIVIL ACTION NO. 93-209****BANK OF SAIPAN,**
Plaintiff,
vs.
SAIPAN CREDIT UNION,
Defendant.**AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE OF
REAL PROPERTY**

Under and by virtue of a Summary Judgment and Foreclosure Order entered on May 5, 1993, I am commanded and empowered to sell at public auction, for cash, the following described real property:

Lot 007 D 21, and containing an area of 733 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 007-3-00, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document No. 653, on the 27th day of November, 1970.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, November 30, 1993 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the Police Station, in Susupe, Saipan, CNMI, I will pursuant to the said Order, sell the above-described real property to satisfy said Summary Judgment and Foreclosure Order, costs and expenses of sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States. As per Article 12 of the CNMI Constitution, all sales shall be limited to those of Northern Marianas descent.

DATED, this 19th day of July, 1993.

/s/SIDRO SABLAN
Dept. of Public Safety**PUBLIC NOTICE**In the Superior Court of the
Commonwealth of the
Northern Mariana Islands**CIVIL ACTION NO. 92-859****BANK OF SAIPAN,**
Plaintiff,
vs.
**JOSEPH W. MUNA & BARBARA I.
MUNA**
Defendants.**NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY**

Under and by virtue of a Default Judgment and Foreclosure Order entered on March 22, 1993, I am commanded and empowered to sell at public auction, for cash, the following described real property:

Lot 010 K 291, containing an area of 898 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 010 K 01, the original of which was recorded on 19 AUG 87 as Document No. 87-2910 and 09 SEP 87 as Document No. 87-3103 at Commonwealth Recorder's SAIPAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, November 30, 1993 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the Police Station, in Susupe, Saipan, CNMI, I will pursuant to the said Order, sell the above-described real property to satisfy said Default Judgment and Foreclosure Order, costs and expenses of sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States. As per Article 12 of the CNMI Constitution, all sales shall be limited to those of Northern Marianas descent.

DATED, this 19th day of July, 1993.

/s/SIDRO SABLAN
Dept. of Public Safety**PUBLIC NOTICE**In the Superior Court of the
Commonwealth of the Northern
Mariana Islands**CIVIL ACTION NO.
93-918****YANG JIAN HONG,**
Petitioner,
vs.**LAI JIAN HUA,**
Respondent.**SUMMONS**To the above-named respondent:
You are hereby summoned and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Petition for Divorce of which is given you herewith, within thirty (30) days after service of this Summons upon you.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of Court, at Saipan CM 96950 and served upon petitioner's counsel, Atty. V.K. Sawhney, P.O. Box 917, Susupe, Saipan, CM. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Divorce.

by order of the above Court.
Dated this 10th day of August, 1993.
/s/Deputy Clerk of Court
Superior Court
Commonwealth of the Northern
Mariana Islands

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Business/Finance**Asian stock markets
close mostly higher****HONG KONG (AP)** - Asian stock markets closed mostly higher Tuesday, with share prices surging to a third consecutive record high in Hong Kong on the eve of Gov. Chris Patten's annual policy address to the legislature.**For Sale****Rolex****GMT - Master
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Please Call 288-6568****PUBLIC NOTICE**In the Superior Court of the Common-
wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**CIVIL ACTION NO.
91-1055****COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY,**
Plaintiff,
-v-
ESTEFANIA C. CHONG,
Defendant.**FIRST NOTICE OF SALE**

Whereas, on April 2, 1993, the Commonwealth Trial Court entered a Default Judgment in favor of plaintiff and against defendant for the sum owed, that sum being, as of August 5, 1993: \$15,170.87, plus accrued interest of \$596.09, plus late charges of \$265.54, plus interest from August 5, 1993 at the rate of nine percent (9%) per annum, and for attorney's fees and costs of suit.

Whereas, on August 13, 1993, the Commonwealth Superior Court issued a Writ of Execution, ordering the Director of Public Safety, Saipan, Mariana Islands, or his designee, to sell, in accordance with law, all of the right, title, and interest of defendant herein and to that certain real property, described as follows:

Lot No. 003 D 07, containing an area of 1,022 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat Number 003 d 00, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document No. 689, on the 1st day of March, 1971, including all permanent improvements on said real property.

NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that on Friday, the 15th day of October, 1993, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Director, or his designee, Civic Center, Saipan, Mariana Islands, the Director, or his designee, will sell, at public auction, all of the right, title, and interest of Estefania C. Chong in and to the aforementioned real property.

Further notice is hereby given that the terms and conditions of the sale will be as follows:

The right is reserved to establish minimum bids for the above-described real property, which may or may not be disclosed at the sale and to reject any or all bids, for any reason.

It will be required that a deposit of 10% of the purchase price be paid on the day of the auction. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in the aforementioned property will revert to the Commonwealth Development Authority.

Dated this 1st day of October, 1993.

/s/Department of Public Safety

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The Hang Seng Index, the Hong Kong market's key indicator of blue chips, rose 125.16 points, or 1.6 percent, closing at 7,869.48.

Brokers said the continued surge in share prices was driven by overseas buying because foreign investors were confident in Hong Kong's economy.

They said that in his policy speech, they don't expect Patten to announce a deadline for deciding on his proposals to broaden democracy in the territory before its reverts to Chinese rule in 1997.

China has attacked Patten's proposals as a breach of the Basic Law, or constitution, under which Beijing will govern Hong Kong after 1997.

In Tokyo, share prices closed slightly higher in thin trading.

The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average gained 57.50 points, or 0.28 percent, closing at 20,321.93. The average had shed 18.70 points, or 0.09 percent, to 20,264.43 on Monday.

The Tokyo Stock Price Index of all issues listed on the first section climbed 0.90 points, or 0.06 percent, to 1,634.93. It had fallen 0.06 points to 1,634.03 the previous day.

Traders said the gains were due to investors' relief at the overnight restoration of order in Moscow, which appeared to have eased the political crisis in Russia.

SYDNEY: Australian share prices closed higher, led by gains in industrial stocks. The All-Ordinaries index of rose 21.5 points to 1,998.5, its highest level since before the global stock market crash in October 1987.**WELLINGTON:** New Zealand share prices ended higher in busy trading due to solid gains by a few leading issues. The NZSE-40 Capital Index rose 9.25 points to 1,955.61.**MANILA:** Share prices closed higher in active trading, boosted by bargain-hunting after Monday's steep falls. The Manila composite index of 30 selected issues rose 46.52 points to 1,951.06 following Monday's 55-point plunge.**TAIPEI:** Share prices closed slightly higher in moderate trading. The exchange's Weighted Index rose 5.02 points to 3,813.26.**SEOUL:** Share prices closed higher in reaction to the easing of political tensions in Russia. The Korea Composite Stock Price Index rose 2.66 points to 717.71.**SINGAPORE:** Share prices closed higher following fresh overseas buying.

The 30-stock Straits Times Industrials Index rose 10.44 points to 2,033.51.

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian share prices closed higher in heavy trading on bargain-hunting after Monday's declines.

The exchange's Composite Index rose 5.72 points to 857.98.

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 |
| f Argent Peso | 1.0100 | 1.0100 | .9901 | .9901 |
| A ustralia Doll | .6473 | .6466 | 1.5449 | 1.5466 |
| A ustralia Schill | .0875 | .0876 | 11.426 | 11.422 |
| c Belgium Franc | .0286 | .0284 | 35.02 | 35.23 |
| Brazil Cruzeir | .0079 | .0080 | 126.17 | 124.23 |
| B ritain Pound | 1.5150 | 1.5165 | .6601 | .6594 |
| 30day fwd | 1.5113 | 1.5127 | .6617 | .6611 |
| 60day fwd | 1.5079 | 1.5095 | .6632 | .6625 |
| 90day fwd | 1.5053 | 1.5066 | .6643 | .6637 |
| C anada Dollar | .7474 | .7454 | 1.3380 | 1.3415 |
| 30day fwd | .7464 | .7445 | 1.3397 | 1.3432 |
| 60day fwd | .7455 | .7434 | 1.3414 | 1.3451 |
| 90day fwd | .7447 | .7427 | 1.3428 | 1.3465 |
| y Chile Peso | .002509 | .002514 | 398.51 | 397.83 |
| C hina Yuan | .1732 | .1732 | 5.7723 | 5.7723 |
| C olombia Peso | .001450 | .001451 | 689.61 | 689.21 |
| c CzechRepKorun | .0352 | .0355 | 28.43 | 28.18 |
| D enmark Krone | .1525 | .1517 | 6.5575 | 6.5925 |
| E CU | 1.16930 | 1.16350 | .8552 | .8595 |
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| d Egypt Pound | .2994 | .2994 | 3.3405 | 3.3405 |
| F inland Mark | .1722 | .1720 | 5.8060 | 5.8155 |
| F rance Franc | .1762 | .1766 | 5.6750 | 5.6625 |
| G ermany Mark | .6158 | .6158 | 1.6238 | 1.6240 |
| 30day fwd | .6138 | .6136 | 1.6293 | 1.6297 |
| 60day fwd | .6120 | .6119 | 1.6340 | 1.6342 |
| 90day fwd | .6105 | .6104 | 1.6380 | 1.6382 |
| G reece Drachma | .004266 | .004274 | 234.40 | 234.00 |
| H ong Kong Doll | .1293 | .1293 | 7.7333 | 7.7353 |
| H ungary Forint | .0104 | .0105 | 96.18 | 95.55 |
| y India Rupee | .0319 | .0319 | 31.330 | 31.330 |
| I ndnesia Rupiah | .000475 | .000475 | 2103.93 | 2103.54 |
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| I srael Shekel | .3481 | .3583 | 2.8727 | 2.7907 |
| I taly Lira | .000629 | .000631 | 1589.50 | 1586.00 |
| J apan Yen | .009470 | .009461 | 105.60 | 105.70 |
| 30day fwd | .009464 | .009454 | 105.66 | 105.77 |
| 60day fwd | .009458 | .009449 | 105.73 | 105.83 |
| 90day fwd | .009448 | .009439 | 105.84 | 105.94 |
| J ordan Dinar | 1.4789 | 1.4745 | .67618 | .67820 |
| L ebanon Pound | .000580 | .000580 | 1723.50 | 1724.00 |
| M alaysia Ringg | .3930 | .3926 | 2.5445 | 2.5470 |
| z Mexico Peso | .321027 | .320770 | 3.1150 | 3.1175 |
| N . Zealand Dol | .5467 | .5496 | 1.8292 | 1.8195 |
| N ethrindsGuild | .5504 | .5463 | 1.8170 | 1.8306 |
| N orway Krone | .1412 | .1404 | 7.0805 | 7.1230 |
| P akistan Rupee | .0336 | .0336 | 29.78 | 29.78 |
| y Peru New Sol | .4854 | .4854 | 2.060 | 2.060 |
| z Philpino Peso | .0347 | .0348 | 28.80 | 28.70 |
| P oland Zloty | .000053 | .000053 | 19022 | 19043 |
| P ortugal Escud | .005963 | .005990 | 167.69 | 166.94 |
| a Russia Ruble | .000853 | .000856 | 1173.00 | 1168.00 |
| S audi Arab Riy | .2666 | .2666 | 3.7508 | 3.7507 |
| S ingapore Doll | .6365 | .6326 | 1.5710 | 1.5808 |
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| S o. Africa Ran | .2899 | .2917 | 3.4500 | 3.4280 |
| f So. Africa Rand | .2423 | .2401 | 4.1275 | 4.1650 |
| S o. Korea Won | .001232 | .001230 | 812.00 | 813.00 |
| S pain Peseta | .007607 | .007672 | 131.45 | 130.35 |
| S weden Krona | .1236 | .1239 | 8.0925 | 8.0685 |
| S witzerlnd Fra | .7035 | .7052 | 1.4215 | 1.4180 |
| 30day fwd | .7025 | .7042 | 1.4235 | 1.4200 |
| 60day fwd | .7018 | .7035 | 1.4250 | 1.4215 |
| 90day fwd | .7012 | .7029 | 1.4261 | 1.4226 |
| T aiwan NT | .0372 | .0373 | 26.85 | 26.84 |
| T hailand Baht | .03957 | .03962 | 25.27 | 25.24 |
| T urkey Lira | .000082 | .000083 | 12168.00 | 12114.00 |
| U .A.E. Dirham | .2723 | .2723 | 3.6720 | 3.6720 |
| f Uruguay Peso | .236967 | .232558 | 4.22 | 4.20 |
| z Venezuel Boliv | .0102 | .0102 97 | .7000 | 98.1500 |

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 92.48 Tuesday, up 0.06 points or 0.06 percent from Monday's 92.42. A year ago the index was 82.12 a-fixing, Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange c-commercial rate, d-free market rate, f-financial rate, y-official rate, z-floating rate.

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

Aluminum - 49.5 cents per lb London Metal Exch. Tue.

Copper - 0.8630 dollars per pound.

Lead - 32 cents a pound.

Zinc - 42.76-46.28 per pound, delivered.

Tin - 3.0393 dollars per pound.

Gold - 353.80 dollars per troy oz.

Silver - 4.040 dollars per troy oz.

Mercury - 185.00 dollars per 76 lb flask.

Platinum - 359.00-364.00 dollars troy oz., N.Y. (contract).

Shake-out in banking spurred by slow growth high profits

By MARY BETH SHERIDAN

NEW YORK (AP) - Like a giant PacMan game, U.S. banks are swallowing each other at a furious pace, spurred by high stock prices, lackluster loan demand and an overabundance of lenders in the first place.

About 450 bank mergers worth about \$14 billion have been announced this year, the third year of merger-mania, according to figures from Securities Data Co. That doesn't include the latest mega-

deal, announced Monday, that will fuse KeyCorp and Society Corp. into the nation's 10th-biggest banking company. That deal, if valued like the others as an acquisition, is worth about \$4 billion.

The mergers are profoundly reshaping the U.S. banking industry, characterized by extreme fragmentation due to a suspension of big banks dating back to the last century.

"What's been driving all the mergers is excess capacity," said Donald Delson, managing director

at the Alex. Brown and Sons Inc., a securities brokerage firm. "There are too many players, too many people."

Indeed, thanks to decades-old regulations limiting bank growth, the United States has far more banks than any other industrialized nation. As those laws are relaxed and bank holding companies become more aggressive, the number of U.S. commercial banks has shrunk from about 13,100 to 11,300 in the past five years, largely due to mergers and acquisitions.

Cost-cutting has been a major impetus behind such mega-mergers as the 1991 pairing of California giants BankAmerica Corp. and Security Pacific Corp., or the fusing of Manufacturers Hanover Corp. and Chemical Banking Corp. in New York.

While cost considerations are still important, the latest wave of mergers is gaining momentum from soft loan demand and rising stock prices, which give institutions more clout in acquiring banks through stock

swaps. "There aren't any loans out there. People are afraid" to borrow because of the uncertain economic recovery, said Linda L. Stromberg, director of bank equity research at Howe Barnes Investments Inc. in Chicago.

At the same time, banks have recently enjoyed record profits and rising stock prices. They are benefiting from historically huge spreads between the interest they pay on checking and savings accounts and the interest they receive on loans.

Dollar mixed, Gold little changed

NEW YORK (AP) - The U.S. dollar ended mixed against other major currencies Tuesday as traders awaited the latest employment data.

Gold prices were little changed after falling overseas.

On the New York Commodity Exchange, gold bullion for current delivery closed at \$353 a troy ounce, up 30 cents from Monday. Republic National Bank of New York quoted a late bid for gold at \$353 a troy

ounce, unchanged from Monday.

Earl L. Johnson, a vice president at Harris Trust and Savings Bank in Chicago, said dollar trading was quiet ahead of Friday's September unemployment report.

"There's still a lot of question about the underlying strength of the U.S. economy," Johnson said. He predicted the unemployment report would show an increase of around 150,000 non-farm jobs last month.

An improved employment picture would help strengthen the dollar because it means the economy is improving and interest rates are less likely to fall.

A drop in rates often depresses the dollar by making dollar-denominated securities less valuable.

In Tokyo, where the global trading day begins, the dollar closed at 105.30 yen, down 0.70 yen from Monday. Later, it closed at 105.75 yen in

London and 105.75 yen in New York, down from 105.79 yen Monday.

The dollar turned mixed against the British pound compared with Monday's late rates. Sterling fetched \$1.5160 in London, down from \$1.5165, and \$1.5150 in New York, up from \$1.5140.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with Monday's late quotes, included: 1.6260 German marks, up from 1.6235; 1.4225 Swiss francs, up

from 1.4190; 5.6780 French francs, up from 5.6645; 1,591 Italian lire, up from 1,588; and 1.3386 Canadian dollars, down from 1.3413.

Late dollar rates in Europe compared with Monday: 1.6245 German marks, up from 1.6230; 1.4225 Swiss francs, up from 1.4165; 5.6725 French francs, up from 5.6500; 1.8255 Dutch guilders, up from 1.8222; 1,590.50 Italian lire, up from 1,587.00; and 1.3382 Canadian dollars, down from 1.3395.

Stock market closes higher

NEW YORK (AP) - The stock market ended mostly higher in subdued but choppy trading Tuesday, despite a downturn in the shares of computer chip companies.

The market initially followed bonds lower at mid-afternoon, then recovered toward the session's end. Stocks and bonds have often moved in tandem recently because the lower interest rates that come with higher bond prices make the potential returns from shares more appealing.

The day's main feature, analysts said, was bad news from Advanced Micro Devices, which announced lower-than-expected earnings. Other semiconductor stocks tumbled in sympathy.

The behavior of that stock reinforced attention being paid to corporate earnings, as the third-quarter

reporting period approaches. The latest three-month period ended with September.

Mary Farrell, an investment strategist with PaineWebber, said investors were selectively picking stocks, looking for companies that will do well in a slow-growth environment.

"The fact that stocks weathered the turmoil in Moscow well suggests the market is being driven by internal factors like earnings," Farrell said.

The resolution of the turmoil in Russia and renewed optimism about European economies pushed stocks higher abroad and gave the U.S. stock market an early boost.

In Tokyo, the 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average gained 0.3 percent, while in London, the Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share

index rose 0.6 percent. Stocks jumped 2.5 percent in Frankfurt and 1.4 percent in Paris.

But mostly, trading was quiet ahead of Friday's September unemployment report, said David Hale, chief economist at Kemper Securities in Chicago. Investors, he said, were waiting for clarification of the economy's direction.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 9.50 points to 3,587.26.

Advancing issues narrowly outnumbered declines on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,010 up, 998 down and 611 unchanged.

NYSE volume totaled 283.56 million shares as of 4 p.m. (2000 GMT), against 225.84 million in the previous session.

The NYSE's composite index rose 0.05 to 256.40.

New York closing

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

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SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

FAR Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) will be presenting information on the Saipan International Airport FAR Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study. A noise compatibility of the uses around the airport.

The public is invited to attend this meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 20, 1993, at 6:30 p.m. at San Vicente Elementary School. For further information please contact the Commonwealth Ports Authority at 234-8315 or 234-8316.

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

(s) JOSE I. GUERRERO
Deputy Director/Contracting Officer

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ing the quest for economic development and economic independence.

"There have been adverse perception and concern among individuals on the number of alien workers here. Whether such concerns are valid, the CNMI must address them to restore integrity of the economy," said Long as he presented his subcommittee's report to the media.

He added that the importation of labor is not without complications. First and foremost is the concern that local workers be given every opportunity for employment before foreign workers are brought to the Commonwealth. Local preference is required by law, but must be enhanced through skill development programs and stricter enforcement of the statute.

In addition, the study said problems arising as a result of many foreign workers in the islands can be addressed through the following recommendations:

- attraction of less labor intensive industries;
- no limitation or cap on the number of foreign contract workers;
- reduction in size of the CNMI

government;

- enactment of the amended version of the labor bill currently being worked on by Legislature;
- increase in statutory minimum wage;

•improved training for labor and immigration enforcement officers for better labor enforcement;

- self-policing within the private sector, especially within the chamber;
- privatization of the initial stages of the labor application process;

•limitation on the number of recruiting agencies sending workers from the Philippines; and

•establishment of a government planning office to oversee economic trends and plan for the future of the CNMI.

The report also said CNMI labor laws should be structured to support and encourage effective and efficient use of resident and foreign contract labor, while offering protection for all workers.

Moreover, labor resources available to the Commonwealth should be allowed to function according to the natural forces of a free market system.

"The subcommittee finds it dis-

tressing that a number of bills are

introduced and passed by the Legislature which do not address these basic precepts," the report read.

The subcommittee agreed that employment protection should be extended to resident workers through preference in employment opportunities for which the worker is qualified or may become qualified for in six months; through appropriate wage and benefit provisions and through

guarantees of safe and healthy working conditions.

On the other hand, such protection should be extended to foreign contract workers through appropriate wage and benefit provisions and through guarantees of safe and healthy working conditions.

Furthermore, the CNMI government should strive to simplify and reduce its existing regula-

tions and procedures in all areas of labor and employment, said the report.

Streamlining labor statutes, regulations and standards of procedure will result in fewer loopholes and opportunities for circumventing the law; increased efficiency in processing labor applications; and improved enforcement of laws and regulations.

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loved ones at least one and a half days per month. They are becoming very depressed thinking of their families back home," said Cing in an interview yesterday.

He said Oscar and Ponciano Rasa, who have both been incarcerated at the facility in connection with an alleged corruption case, have become very skinny, due to "mental fatigue."

According to Cing, he is looking at the possibility of the CNMI government executing an agreement with the federal prisons bureau to enable the transfer.

He added that Johnson was very receptive of the idea, considering

that the six CNMI inmates are considered minimum security risk.

During yesterday's interview, Cing cited the recent remarks delivered by US Attorney General Janet Reno at the WLC suggesting a rehabilitation program for prison inmates languishing in federal jail.

According to Cing, Reno wants those who committed non-violent crimes segregated from those who committed violent crimes so that the former may be taken out of prison for a separate rehabilitation program.

He said the idea was to decongest prison facilities of overcrowding.

Asked whether he thinks a transfer to Guam is possible for the six inmates, Cing said it will depend on whether Guam would like to accommodate them.

"Right now this may be hard because there might also be overcrowding in the Guam jails. But nevertheless, I feel this is an idea worth exploring," said Cing.

He added that should his efforts fail, he may just be proposing that their monthly furloughs be credited to their jail terms.

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

MANUEL BLAS BLANCO



Of San Antonio Saipan, was called to his eternal rest on Monday, October 4, 1993 at the age of 87 years. In his death, He now joins his PARENTS, Juan Taitano Blanco and Antonio Blas Blanco, MOTHER-IN-LAW, Antonia Palacios Cabrera, SONS, Roman C. & Carlos C. Blanco, and SISTER Elizabel Blanco Camacho. He is also predeceased by his BROTHERS-IN-LAW, Gregorio T. Camacho, Jose Y. Matsumoto, Miguel S. Salas, Antonio R. Camacho & Matilde M. Cabrera.

MANUEL BLAS BLANCO is survive by:

Wife: ASUNCION CABRERA BLANCO

CHILDREN AND SPOUSES:

Jovita B and Antonio (Mitch) C. Tomokane, Orfa B. and Larry Deck, Emma B. & Larry Johnson and Basilisa B. & Francisco (Frank) P. Villanueva.

BROTHERS, SISTERS AND SPOUSES:

Juanita B. and Federico F. Borja, Maria B. and Alberto Y. Kamiyama, Augusta B. Matsumoto, Concepcion B. Salas, Rosa B. Camacho, Juan B. Blanco, Josephine B. and Maximo R. Akiyama, Antonio B. and Hortensia C. Blanco, Brother & Sister-in-law & Spouse Rosa C. & Isidro Tudela and Augusto Cabrera. He is additionally survive by 15 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

LAST RESPECT:

May be paid on Tuesday, October 12, 1993 at San Antonio Church in San Antonio, Saipan beginning at 8:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M.

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS:

Will be offered on the same day (October 12th) at San Antonio Church at 4 P.M. and burial will follow at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

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Government: Dump queen movement may not succeed by 2001

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) - Prime Minister Paul Keating was cautioned Tuesday that his goal of dumping Queen Elizabeth II and converting Australia into a republic by the time Sydney hosts the 2000 Olympics might be impossible.

In the past week, Keating has said he wants an Australian head of state to open the Olympics, not the British monarch, and also wants Australia's flag changed to dump the Union Jack that appears in its corner.

It is all part of Australia's gradual assertion of its own identity as it distances itself from its former colonial master.

A government committee advising Keating on how to make a smooth transition on Tuesday recommended minimal constitutional change to replace the British monarch with an Australian head of state appointed by a two-thirds majority of Parliament.

Committee chairman Malcolm Turnbull said republicans must educate Australians about the reasons for creating a republic. They would also have to battle "potential scare campaigns" by monarchists.

The constitution, which makes the British monarch Australia's head of state, can only be changed by a vote of all Australian citizens.

"It may take a couple of referenda," Turnbull said.

An opinion poll last week shows support for a republic falling to just 39 percent in September from 46 percent in July.

Keating asked the Turnbull committee in May to examine ways in which Australia might become a republic with the least disruption. Australia is an independent nation, but like some other former British colonies, including Canada and New Zealand and several Caribbean states, recognizes the British monarch as head of state.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the Public that MR. ROMULO T. LOPEZ is no longer connected at PHILIPPINE GOOD CONSTRUCTION INC. effective October 01, 1993.

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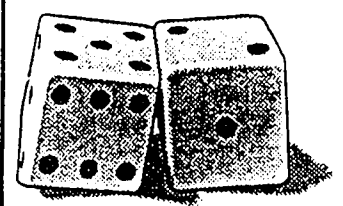
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Larry Johnson signs biggest NBA deal Ever

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - In the biggest deal in NBA history, Larry Johnson signed a contract with the Charlotte Hornets on Tuesday that is believed to be worth \$84 million over 12 years.

"That's a flat big plate of grits," Hornets owner George Shinn said. "Larry has been loyal and he's been rewarded for that."

The Hornets would not confirm the precise terms of Johnson's contract, although the figures were widely reported in the local media. One of Johnson's agents, Steve Endicott, could not be immediately reached for comment.

"My whole body quivered," Shinn said at a news conference. "If you'd told me a few years ago that I would sign somebody for that much, you'd have had to put me in the hospital."

Patrick Ewing of the New York Knicks currently has the National Basketball Association's highest annual average salary - \$9.4 million salary over the next two years, the result of a contract extension for 1995-96 and 1996-97.

The Philadelphia 76ers gave Shawn Bradley of Brigham Young an eight-year contract worth \$44.2 million, the largest package at the time.

"I called owners throughout the league, and I even called the commissioner, David Stern," Shinn said. "The bottom line is that if you're going to win, you've got to pay the freight. We had to get numbers we could live with and make Larry happy."

The Hornets last season made the playoffs in their fifth year, upsetting Boston in the opening series. Johnson and rookie center Alonzo Mourning led the advance to the second round, where the

Hornets lost to the New York Knicks.

"He's the leader of this team and he will always be the leader of this team," Shinn said. "And he will bring an NBA championship to Charlotte."

Johnson, the 1992 rookie of the year and an all-star forward last season, led the team in scoring and rebounding, averaging 22.1 points and 10.5 rebounds a game.

"I have always wanted to spend my entire career in the Charlotte

community and concentrate on bringing the city a championship one day," Johnson said. "George Shinn has had the same commitment to the community and to myself, and I am grateful for this move to keep the team together so

that so that we can reach our goal."

Added Shinn: "He says this is his town. He wants to stay here. He realizes that we're committed to winning and we have all the ingredients here now. It just makes sense to lock him in now."

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Samaranch recommends South Korea to bid for 2006 Winter Olympics

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Antonio Samaranch, head of the International Olympic Committee, has suggested South Korea prepare to bid for the 2006 Winter Olympics.

Samaranch said South Korea should bolster sports and lodging facilities for a Winter Olympics, sports officials said Wednesday.

The recommendation came Tuesday during the IOC president's visit to a southern ski resort in Muju, the site of the 1997 Winter University Games, they said.

Samaranch said Muju would have a good chance of hosting the 2006 Games if South Korea successfully staged the 1997 Winter Universiad, according to the officials.

Samaranch played a key role in awarding Seoul the 1988 Summer Olympics. He arrived Monday for a four-day stay, his 17th visit to South Korea.

South Korea is also competing with China to host the 1996 Winter Asian Games.

The number of winter sports facilities and fans in South Korea has grown steadily since its first ski slope opened in 1975.

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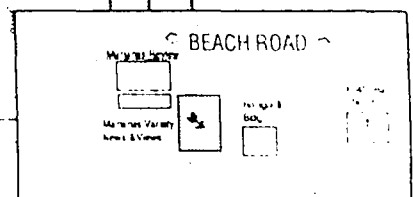
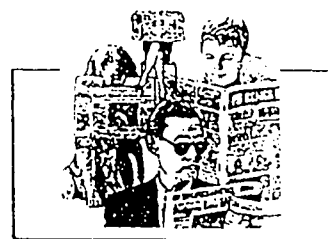
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Local golf tourney October 30

SATURDAY October 30 the Saipan Golfers Assn. is sponsoring a fundraising golf tournament. The proceeds of this event will be used to send the athletes from the CNMI to compete in the upcoming South Pacific Mini Games to be held in Vanuatu.

The fundraising tournament will be held at Coral Ocean Point with tee times beginning at 11:30 a.m. Cost for this event is only \$50, so please come out and support your local athletes, according to news release from COP.

The South Pacific mini games will commence on Dec. 6 and the closing ceremonies will be on Dec. 12. Many island nations will be going to Vanuatu to compete, and our local athletes have been working hard to prepare for these games. For further information on how you can enter the fundraising tournament or help to sponsor the competitors contact Bill Sakovich 234-1001, or Cliff Friedman or Jeff Taylor 234-7000.

Bodybuilders show Oct. 30

SAIPAN's finest muscle men take the stage vying for the title of 1993 NMI Bodybuilding Champion on Saturday, Oct. 23 at La Fiesta San Roque. Muscles will begin flexing at 1:00 at center court at La Fiesta Shopping Center and the action will continue through compulsory poses and free posing until the NMIJ champion is named. There is no admission fee for spectators. The contest is sponsored by Nuts and Grains, La Fiesta San Roque, and Omega Services, said in a news release from NMASA.

The contest this year will pit the reigning NMI champion against his toughest competition as he battles pose for pose with the 1991 champion. An impressive field of newcomers and posedown veterans will also be on hand to make the contest even more exciting.

The Championships are open to men and women, with five weight classes for men and an open category for women. Competitors must register at the Ada Gymnasium by 6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16. No late entries will be accepted. There is a \$10 entry fee. For more information, contact John H. Davis at 234-1002.

Blue Jays beat White Sox 7-3

By BEN WALKER

CHICAGO (AP) - John Olerud led the league in hitting in the regular season. One game into the postseason, he's at it again.

Olerud got three hits, scored three times and doubled home Toronto's go-ahead runs, sending the Blue Jays past Jack McDowell and the Chicago White Sox 7-3 Tuesday night in Game 1 of the American League baseball playoffs.

It seemed like the only pitch thrown by a Chicago player that did not wind up as a hit was Michael Jordan's ceremonial first ball. A record crowd of 46,246 at Comiskey Park spent the later innings talking about the Bulls' superstar's rumored retirement from the National Basketball Association.

sociation.

In a series billed as Toronto's hitting versus Chicago's pitching, the Blue Jays' bats dominated. Paul Molitor, who homered and drove in three runs, and Ed Sprague each had four of the 17 hits for the defending World Series champions.

The offensive onslaught enabled Juan Guzman to survive a wild ride. He walked a career-high eight, threw three wild pitches and hit a batter, all in just six innings, but wound up with the victory and a 4-0 lifetime record in the playoffs.

Meanwhile, McDowell, who tied for the major league lead with 22 wins, was tagged for an AL playoff-record 13 hits in 6 2/3 innings. He is 0-3 against Toronto this year, and is 3-7 with a 5.60

ERA lifetime against the Blue Jays.

Game 2 will be Wednesday afternoon and Dave Stewart (12-8), with a 6-0 career playoff mark, will face Chicago's Alex Fernandez (18-9).

Olerud, whose error at first base helped the White Sox take a 3-2 lead in the fourth, put Toronto ahead with a two-out, two-run double in the fifth. Molitor followed with an RBI single for a 5-3 lead.

Olerud batted .433 in spring training and led the AL with a .363 mark this season. He sandwiched two singles around his double and also walked before finally striking out against Scott Radinsky in the eighth inning.

The Blue Jays led the AL in hitting this year and the White

Sox had the best pitching.

But if good pitching is supposed to shut down good hitting, it didn't show.

Chicago had its share of offense, too, although most of it was created by Guzman's wildness. He also walked Frank Thomas three times.

Thomas started at designated hitter instead of at first base because of an injured left tricep. He drew a walk from Duane Ward in the ninth to set an AL Playoff record with four, and singled. Chicago, however, left 13 runners on base and never could get the one hit it needed.

The White Sox wasted their last chance in the ninth after Ward walked the first two batters.

Ward struck out two and retired Lance Johnson on a fly to end it.

Michael Jordan to announce retirement

NEW YORK (AP) - Michael Jordan, one of the world's most famous athletes and basketball's greatest player, will announce his retirement Wednesday, according to NBC and published reports.

"Dateline NBC," the Denver Post and the Chicago Sun-Times reported the news almost simultaneously Tuesday night.

Jordan, NBA scoring champion the last seven years, leader of the three-time champion Chicago Bulls and two-time Olympic gold-medal winner, is expected to cite his father's slaying this summer as the reason for his retirement at age 30.

"It's time for me to move on to something else," the Sun-Times quoted Jordan as saying. "I know a lot of people are going to be shocked by this decision and probably won't understand. But I've talked it over with my family and friends, and most of all I'm at peace with myself over the decision."

His father's death apparently robbed Jordan of his desire to play, the Post said.

Dateline NBC producer Neil Shapiro said the show learned of Jordan's plans from "authoritative sources close to the NBA."

The Bulls have scheduled a news conference at 1500 GMT Wednesday to make what they called a "major announcement."

Jordan threw out the ceremonial first pitch at Tuesday night's playoff opener between the Chicago White Sox and the Toronto Blue Jays at Comiskey Park in Chicago. He left after the seventh inning, got behind the wheel of a black Mercedes-Benz and drove off.

Jerry Reinsdorf, owner of the White Sox and Bulls, said from the ballpark: "I have nothing to say tonight. We'll have something to say tomorrow."

The NBA refused comment, deflecting queries to the Bulls.

In a copyright story, the Denver Post said Bulls coach Phil Jackson had confirmed that Jordan was retiring.

The Post said Jackson would not say if Jordan had indicated his decision was irrevocable.

According to the paper, a source close to Jordan said he has told friends he just doesn't have the fire to play any more.

Jordan began his NBA career in 1984 after being named college player of the year at the University of North Carolina in both 1983 and '84.

Jordan led the Bulls to their first NBA title in 1991. The Bulls won their second straight title in 1992, with Jordan again winning MVP honors. He made it three in a row when the Bulls beat the Phoenix Suns to win the NBA title in June.

Jordan also found nothing but success in the Olympics.

In 1984, before his rookie season in the NBA, he was coach Bob Knight's best player as the U.S. team went unbeaten through the basketball tournament in Los Angeles. It was the last time a team of collegiate players managed to win a gold medal for the United States.

Jordan was back in 1992 when the Olympics all

owed professional players into Olympic basketball for the first time. Jordan, the brightest star on the "Dream Team" that also included Johnson and Larry Bird, were never threatened throughout the Barcelona Games.

All of that team's stars subjugated their offensive talents for the success of the team, and none more than Jordan. He even took a turn at point guard when Johnson and John Stockton were injured, proving that his skill went far beyond mere scoring talent.

Flyers 4, Penguins 3 in season opener

By The Associated Press

IN PHILADELPHIA, Eric Lindros scored on a blistering 25-foot (7.5-meter) slapshot and added two assists to lead the Philadelphia Flyers past the Pittsburgh Penguins 4-3 in the season opener for both teams Tuesday.

Lindros' goal at 18:55 of the first period tied the game 2-2, and he assisted on the game-winner by Dimitri Yushkevich at 7:47 of the third.

The Penguins were playing without star forward Mario Lemieux. Bruins 4, Rangers 3

In New York, Ray Bourque, playing hours after learning of an unfavorable arbitration award, set up

Joe Juneau's go-ahead goal with 5:17 left as Boston opened its NHL season with a victory over New York.

The loss ruined the Ranger debut of coach Mike Keenan, who is behind the New York bench after stints in Philadelphia and Chicago.

Goaltender Jon Casey, making his first start for Boston, made 29 saves, including a first-period penalty shot by Alexei Kovalev and a breakaway by Adam Graves late in the third.

Stars 6, Red Wings 4

The Dallas Stars got off to a successful start in their new home, scoring two goals in a 31-second span of the first period en route to a 6-4 victory over the Detroit Red

Wings and new coach Scotty Bowman.

The Stars, who moved to Dallas from Minneapolis after the franchise failed to draw enough fans, played before a sellout crowd of 16,914 at Reunion Arena that included NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman.

Neal Broten, a Minnesota native, scored the first Stars' goal 3:51 into the first period. Bowman, who coached in the past at Pittsburgh and Montreal, is starting his 22nd season in the NHL.

The Stars are the first NFL team in Dallas but not the first professionals on ice. The city hosted the Dallas Texans of the American Hockey Association in the 1940s.

Flames 2, Islanders 1

In Calgary, Joe Nieuwendyk scored the game-winning goal in the third period with the Islanders' Travis Green hanging on his back as the Flames beat New York 2-1.

The game was played before a crowd of 18,543 at the Saddledome, almost 2,000 below capacity.

The goal by Nieuwendyk came at 7:33 of the third period. He skated into the crease area from behind the net and backhanded a shot in behind goalie Ron Hextall.

Calgary's other goal was scored by Theoren Fleury in the first period on a power play. Steve Thomas scored for the Islanders at 2:34 of the second period.

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