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4 in 'ice' case sentenced



WILLIAM Reyes, right, with his lawyer after receiving sentence at the District Court on Friday.

By Gaynor L. Dumat-ol

RISKING one's future by selling illegal drugs for quick money is not worth it, four men from Tinian implicated in an "ice" bust have realized.

Last Friday the four, Francisco B. Mendiola, William C. Reyes, David Evangelista and Henry P. San Nicolas, were sentenced by the US District Court from three to six years imprisonment and fined from \$5,000 to \$50,000 for charges ranging from possession to conspiracy to distribute "ice."

"Fast, easy, quick money. I don't think it's worth it," Judge Alex Munson said during the about two-hour sentencing of the four "ice" dealers.

Mendiola, 28, youngest among the four and tagged as the group's ringleader, got the longest jail term of six years but was slapped the lowest fine of \$5,000.

The sentencing followed plea bargaining negotiations between the US attorney and the defendants.

Mendiola would have been jailed a minimum of 10 years and fined \$100,000 but his punishment was eased after he cooperated with authorities by disclosing information on "ice" smuggling in the CNMI and on drug users.

Government attorney Mark Kandas said if the trial pushed through, Mendiola would have

been pictured out as the "ringleader" among the four.

Several women members of Mendiola's family wept as Mendiola, father of four, told Munson shortly after sentencing that he was "deeply sorry" for what he did. "I will not do it again," a remorseful-looking Mendiola said.

Mendiola was charged with possession of more than 100 grams of "ice" on Aug. 30 last year and that he conspired with the three others with the intent to distribute the addictive drug.

Reyes would serve a three-year jail term, two years less than the usual minimum imprisonment for such offense because the man revealed the role of his co-accused in the "ice" smuggling. He was fined \$10,000.

Munson said there was no indication that Reyes was a career criminal and expressed hope that the incident would be the former's last criminal activity.

"I have learned a lot from the arrest," Reyes said, at the same time asking forgiveness from the judge for his "mistakes." The judge said Reyes had shown remorse.

Reyes has six children, the youngest of whom is three years old. The judge advised him to be good, saying his wife and other relatives will be waiting for his

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Larry-George one-on-one not true, says Joyner

THE GOVERNMENT's public information office has retracted a press release which said Governor Lorenzo I. Guerrero was invited to a one-on-one meeting with Representative George Miller, chairman of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

"We regret that the release from our office contained statements contrary to fact. Such a meeting with Chairman Miller was never planned, the Chairman did not invite the Governor to such a meeting, and the meeting never took place," said John Joyner, Guerrero's public information officer.

"Also, the Governor was incorrectly quoted as saying that Chairman Miller expressed 'confidence our administration will get the job done without federal intervention,'" Joyner said.

Miller, who sat with the Subcommittee on Insular and Interna-



Guerrero

tional Affairs, said the July 30 hearing was "the first salvo" of congressional action on the labor abuses in the Northern Marianas.

At the start of the hearing he said the labor problems in the NMI "may well extend beyond the garment industry — to the restaurants and bars where young women may be forced into prostitution, and the construction industry, which is exempt from the

local minimum wage."

"I'm concerned by the attitude that it is acceptable to underpay and mistreat alien workers who are willing to accept substandard conditions in the CNMI that are better than in their homeland," he added.

In reaction to promises made by the CNMI panel during the hearing, Miller, addressing Guerrero, said he would prefer action rather than words.

Palau officials to visit prince's grave in Britain

AGANA, Guam (AP) - Two officials from Palau plan to travel to Britain next month to visit the grave of Prince Lebuu, the Palauan ruler who went to England more than 200 years ago for an education only to die of smallpox shortly after arriving.

Alan Seid, a member of Palau's House of Delegates, and Yutaka M. Gibbons, the Ibedul or traditional leader of Koror, plan to visit the grave near St. Mary's Church in Rotherhithe on a street named Rubak, which is Palauan for "chiefs."

"They are taking care of the grave and they still keep the memory of Prince Lebuu very much alive there," said Seid, who visited Rotherhithe with the Ibedul in 1983.

The relationship between Palau and England began in 1783 when Capt. Henry Wilson's ship, the Antelope, struck the reef near Aulong Island.

Seid said he and Gibbons hope to create a sister city relationship between Rotherhithe and Koror, the capital of Palau.

The two men, who are financing the trip themselves, also hope to create a Prince Lebuu Scholarship Fund for Palauan students wishing to study abroad.

Gibbons and Seid are working with the US State Department and the British Embassy in Hong Kong to arrange meetings with town officials.

According to the book "Micronesia: A Travel Survival Kit," by Glenda Bendure and Ned Friary, Wilson's wreck at Aulong was the first real contact between Palau and Western culture.

World Affairs

US, allies set showdown with Iraq

NEW YORK (AP) - The United States and key allies have "decided to provoke a confrontation" with Iraq on Monday if Saddam Hussein rebuffs new United Nations attempts to inspect military ministries and installations, The New York Times reported Saturday night.

The newspaper quoted an unidentified American official as saying the showdown would serve as the pretext for military action "to help get the president re-elected." Campaign and administration officials called the report "ludicrous."

The Times said that if its demands for inspections were rebuffed by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, the administration had selected nine targets and was prepared to bomb them. The first target, the newspaper said, would be the Ministry of Military Industrialization in Baghdad.

The Times account carried the dateline of Houston, site of the upcoming Republican National Convention.

"That is unbelievable - that is total trash," Bush campaign political director Mary Matalin said of the report.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said there had been no policy change regarding Iraq and that the allegation that Bush would hit Saddam in such a way for political gain was a "goofy charge."

"We aren't doing anything that we haven't been doing for the last two years in terms of insisting that Saddam Hussein comply with UN resolutions," Cheney told reporters in Seattle. "The notion that we would do something now directly related to the campaign doesn't make any sense at all."

"As long as he complies with those resolutions, then everything's going to be fine," Cheney added. "If he fails to comply with those resolutions, clearly we have the capability, should it be required, to compel him to comply."

In Washington, an administration official told The Associated Press that the United States was talking to key allies about plans to react "swiftly and decisively" if Iraq turns down a new UN request to inspect facilities believed to hold evidence of weapons of mass destruction.

"We've had planning discus-

sions, to insure Iraq respects the (United Nations) resolutions," he said. It was a reference to cease-fire resolutions agreed to by Iraq to end the Gulf War.

He and other officials said the United States was consulting Britain, France and other Gulf War allies about a plan calling for "acting swiftly and decisively to insure that Iraq respects these resolutions."

A senior Pentagon official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told the AP that Western officials in recent days have discussed "what the coalition might do if Saddam denied access to another site." He added, "You can't rule anything out."

The official termed "complete nonsense" any suggestion the administration wanted to provoke a confrontation for domestic political reasons.

Sean Walsh, a White House spokesman, said Saturday night that "the UN inspection teams are run by the United Nations and they determine where they go. They have complete autonomy."

The defenses of Saudi Arabia,

Kuwait and Israel have been beefed up in recent weeks with deployments of Patriot missile batteries and, in Kuwait, US Marines have been holding joint military exercises.

The cease-fire agreement negotiated at the end of the Gulf war requires that United Nations inspectors have access to Iraqi installations suspected of housing evidence of a weapons buildup.

The Republican convention opens Monday. While Bush appeared headed for an easy re-election in wake of the Gulf war, sour economic news in the more than a year since have diminished his popularity.

The Times, quoting the unnamed government official, said that on Thursday Bush selected a set of military options that pose the least risk to American military forces. Even so, the newspaper noted that "the loss or capture of any American pilots" would be a political risk for Bush.

Implementing the military option could prove difficult, if not impossible, following its public disclosure in The Times.

Since the war ended, Iraq and the UN teams have played a cat-and-mouse game, with Iraq denying access, then backing down when threatened with renewed military strikes.

The latest confrontation came last month when Iraq refused to allow a UN inspection team access to its Agriculture Ministry. Saddam again backed down, but inspectors found no incriminating documents when allowed in.

At the time, Democratic presidential nominee Bill Clinton said he would support use of military force if Saddam continued to violate cease-fire provisions.

US officials said Friday that they had presented new information to the United Nations backing up a demand for access to new sites. The officials said the United States believes there are military documents in one or two Iraqi ministries.

The Times story said Bush and national security adviser Brent Scowcroft on Thursday approved a plan calling for demanding access to Iraq's Ministry of Military Industrialization.

Switzerland, US fight over money

By PETE YOST

WASHINGTON (AP) - Swiss authorities are refusing to surrender \$10 million to the US government from the Reagan White House's secret arms sales to Iran - and there's a fierce court battle in Switzerland over who owns the money.

The funds have been frozen for the past 5 1/2 years in Swiss bank accounts. The Justice Department argues it's stolen property and should be given to the United States.

But the Swiss Federal Office for Police Matters turned down the US request, pointing out that no one in the Iran-Contra affair has been tried for allegedly defrauding the US government.

That Feb. 3 decision, which the US appealed on June 23 to Swiss federal court in Bern, has never

been made public. A copy of the ruling and other documents in the case were provided to The Associated Press by a lawyer for retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard Secord.

Secord, who handled the Iran arms deliveries for President Ronald Reagan's administration in 1985 and 1986, has filed a claim in federal court in Bern for the \$10 million.

And Secord's ex-business partner, Albert Hakim, claims he's entitled to some of it, as does Swiss-based money manager Willard Zucker, who moved funds for Secord and Hakim in the Iran-Contra affair.

"The charges associated to the diverting of public funds have indeed been dropped ... against Messrs. (White House aide Oliver) North, Hakim and Secord

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UK Marines in Kuwait for maneuvers

By NEIL MacFARQUHAR

KUWAIT (AP) - A troop of British Royal Marines landed in Kuwait on Saturday, mobilized so quickly for training maneuvers that one soldier was whisked away from his honeymoon.

"Due to the difficulties the Kuwaitis and the West are having with Saddam Hussein, there seems to be a continuing requirement for this type of reassurance," said Capt. Allan Thomson, commanding officer of A Company, 40 Commando from Taunton in Somerset.

The maneuvers are part of defense agreements Kuwait signed with the United States and Britain last year. Defense Minister Sheikh Ali Al-Sabah is scheduled to travel to Paris on Monday to sign a similar pact with France. The 30 British Marines were brought off the HMS Edinburgh, a guided missile destroyer that will also be participating in two weeks of maneuvers.

The British arrival coincides with a lull in the two months of exercises involving more than 5,000 U.S. troops. The USS Tarawa pulled away from Kuwait Saturday after two weeks of maneuvers involving 1,900 Marines, but will stay in the Gulf another month.

A further round of desert war games with 2,400 US Army troops starts in earnest in September.

The maneuvers began several weeks ahead of schedule due to continued on page 4

UN widens relief work in Somalia

By DIDRIKKE SCHANCHE

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) - The United Nations widened its relief operation in Somalia on Saturday with an airlift to the nation's interior, where millions are threatened with starvation.

A C-130 Hercules cargo plane carried 18.7 tons of high-protein biscuits to Baidoa, northwest of the capital, Mogadishu. Aid workers in the town say hundreds of people are dying there daily despite having already received food aid from the Red Cross and a number of other charities.

The airlift marked the start of a huge United Nations operation that organizers say eventually will combine airlifts, airdrops and truck convoys in an effort to stem the nation's mass starvation.

Tens and perhaps hundreds of thousands of Somalis already have died from the combined effects of drought and war in the largely desert nation. Aid workers say 1.5 million more people could die within weeks if food is not brought immediately. Another 4.5 million are also in need of help.

The United States on Friday announced plans to begin its own airlifts to Somalia "as soon as possible" and to ask the UN Security Council to authorize measures to ensure the delivery of aid.

The United States on Thursday offered to provide the planes needed to transport 500 UN troops expected in Mogadishu in the next few weeks to guard food ship-

ments. Aid workers estimate that up to half of all the food delivered has been looted by clan militias or heavily armed bandits who roam unchecked throughout the country.

Some of the heaviest fighting erupted in Mogadishu on Wednesday, when 30 people were killed. Aid workers have expressed concerns the presence of an armed UN force could provoke another round of fighting.

There has been no functioning government in Somalia since rebels toppled dictator Mohamed Siad Barre in January 1991.

Peter Hansen, who led a 23-member UN team to assess the aid requirements in Somalia and is now preparing his report for UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, said he had received no details of the US Relief plans, but expected the emergency operations to complement one another.

"I'm sure that there will be an effort to mesh" the operations, he said.

Hansen and his team returned to Nairobi on Friday. He said he hoped his team would complete writing its recommendations Sunday when he plans to leave Nairobi to hand-deliver the report to Boutros-Ghali in New York.

The United States also is proposing that the United Nations convene a donors' conference that would include representatives of the major factions.

Remengesau says he can work with new president

SENATOR Tommy E. Remengesau, youngest member of the upper house of the Olbiil Era Kelulau, has assured Palauan voters that he could work with any of the presidential aspirants in this year's elections.

In a meeting with the Palau community in Saipan last week, Remengesau's campaign booklet said he would work cooperatively with the OEK and the 16 state governments in advising and assisting the president with his programs to improve the welfare of every Palauan.

Palau is holding a primary on Sept. 26 to choose the candidates for president and vice president in the Nov. 4, elections. Vying for the presidency are incumbent President Ngiratkel Eripson and Vice President Kunewo Nakamura and lawyer Johnson Toribiong.

The vice president's position will be contested by Minister for Administration Sandra Sumang Pierantozzi and Remengesau.

The top two winners in the primary will be the candidates in the November elections.

Remengesau has defined his position on eight key issues affecting Palau, as follows:

1. Political status: The Compact of Free Association is the best option for Palau but it must be modified to make it a workable political relationship. To this end, the recommendations of Congress and those of the recent task force appointed by the president must be pursued.

2. Law and order: The key is implementation. The problem is not so much a lack of laws, as it is the lack of fair and just implementation. The police force should be given more resources for adequate training, equipment and personnel in order to get the job done effectively.

3. Health: The government must actively recruit Palauan doctors and nurses graduating or working outside the republic. A five-year plan must be formulated to be realistic and focus more efforts towards the preven-

tive side than the treatment side of health care.

Existing drug debts must be retired; off-island medical referral policy must be improved; and employee morale and services must be improved.

4. Labor: The migration of Palauan workers to other entities must stop. Palau should begin an aggressive campaign to identify and hire students the minute they come out of school even if the government has to pay for their school loans and educational expenses.

Policies to halt the alarming rate of entry of foreign laborers must be implemented right away.

5. Education: A five-year educational plan must be in place to ensure that educational goals and objectives are clear and attainable. Vocational education must be emphasized to fill the demand for skilled labor force when the economy booms.

6. Economic development/foreign investment: Land adjudication for clear titles of land must receive top priority from the government if Palau is to economically develop and attract foreign investments.

Economic development must be controlled and limited to those that protect the fragile land, water and air beauty of Palau and ensures Palauan participation and the benefits of partnership, local employment and social and cultural enhancements.

7. Traditions/cultural heritage: The best must be preserved; the rest must be improved. Government must put more emphasis and resources on the preservation and promotion of the best of Palau's customs, traditions and cultural heritage.

8. Youth, sports and social activities: The youth deserves more attention than just during election time when all they are given are booze, barbecues, money and more unfulfilled promises. A Ministry of Youth, Cultural and Social Affairs must be set up to place more emphasis on today's young generation.



BLACK cloth hangs outside the second floor of the Philippine Consulate in mourning for the death of Leonardo Robles, assistant consul, on Aug. 8.

Villagomez still recognizes Inos

By Rafael H. Arroyo

THE HOUSE of Representatives continues to recognize Joseph Inos as Senate president despite the move by five out of nine senators last week to replace him with Sen. Juan S. Demapan.

"As far as I am concerned, we still consider Sen. Inos as the president of the Senate. I recognize that the Senate majority rules, but whatever action this majority undertakes may be in question unless there is a determination made by the court. I do not want the House to get involved in any legal technicalities, unless everything is settled," Speaker Thomas P. Villagomez said in an interview last week.

He expressed doubt on the legality of Inos' ouster because the Senate was on recess when the group of five — Senators Paul Manglona, Edward U. Maratita, Francisco Borja, David M. Cing and Demapan — convened themselves and adopted the resolution to remove Inos.

"The move was done while on recess and I think Vice President Borja cannot call the session to order because Inos was present. He cannot call the session if the president is on-island, the same way that the vice speaker and the House floor leader cannot call a session at the House if I am on-



Villagomez island," Villagomez said.

He admitted, however, that he might not be totally aware of what the Senate rules say regarding these instances.

Rep. Pedro R. Guerrero, who witnessed the events at the Senate, agreed with Villagomez's position. "When President Inos called for a recess and subsequently adjourned the session subject to the call of the chair, no one could have made a call to reconvene but he himself," he said.

The coup was staged during a late night session Wednesday to pass the budget for fiscal year 1992.

Senate Resolution 8-26, which sought to remove Inos from the presidency of the Senate was authored by Manglona.

There was also argument on whether Wednesday's session was still part of the special session called by then acting Governor Benjamin

T. Manglona on August 7 to pass the budget.

If that is the case, only the budget measure could be discussed during last Wednesday's session and that the resolution to oust Inos could not be entertained.

The four senators (excluding Demapan), however, argued it was a regular session, as the special session called by the acting governor was already "dead." This position was also reinforced by

Senate Legal Counsel Pam Brown during the session itself, thus, other matters apart from the budget could be calendared for disposition.

Guerrero said "In my opinion, we at the House could not help but still consider Inos as the Senate president because if we entertain business from the Senate with Demapan at the helm we may be opening ourselves to possible legal action if and when it would be decided that Demapan's election is void," Guerrero said.

"With all due respect to Sen. Demapan, I understand he may have the required vote to become president and I believe he will become president. But the Senate has to do its reorganization in a legally called regular session. Right now, whatever action that the Senate majority is taking would be in question unless decided by the court," Villagomez said.

Bush losing more points to Clinton

By JOHN KING

HOUSTON (AP) - Several polls brought more bad news Saturday for President Bush, including a survey that had him trailing Bill Clinton by 17 points and showed voters with little faith in the president's domestic leadership.

Heading into the Republican National Convention, state polls underscored the president's political troubles in Texas and Ohio, states where Bush won in 1988 but now trails Clinton.

The data showed the economy was the major reason for discon-

tent with Bush.

The national survey, conducted Thursday and Friday by the Gallup Organization for Newsweek magazine, showed Clinton leading Bush 53 percent to 36 percent. Nine percent were undecided and 2 percent volunteered the name of Texas billionaire Ross Perot, who last month abandoned plans for an independent candidacy.

The 17-point gap was closer than the 27-point margin Clinton enjoyed in the same survey right after his convention last month. But the margin was consistent with two subsequent Newsweek polls con-

ducted the last week of July and first week of August, suggesting only slight, if any, Bush momentum heading into the convention.

Other data in the Newsweek survey, a telephone poll of 750 registered voters, highlighted challenges Bush faces in reversing his political fortunes in a year when many voters are unhappy with his handling of the economy and unsure of Bush's plans for a second term.

Fifty-eight percent of those polled disapproved of Bush's job performance; just 36 percent approved.

When asked whether Bush's policies had brought improvements

or declines, clear majorities said things were worse on an array of issues, including the economy, crime, the drug problem, health care, education, race relations, the state of the American family and the environment.

Among Clinton supporters, 94 percent said Bush's handling of the economy was a major reason they would not vote to re-elect the president.

And as the GOP convention prepares to ratify a Bush-backed platform calling for a constitutional amendment banning abortion, 60 percent of the Newsweek respon-

dents said the landmark Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion should not be "completely overturned." Thirty-four percent said it should be.

The Newsweek survey has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

A Washington Post-ABC poll found Bush's approval rating at 33 percent, compared with 90 percent last year just after the Gulf War.

In the Ohio poll, conducted for The Plain Dealer of Cleveland by the Gordon S. Black Corp., Clinton led Bush 44 percent to 33 percent, with 15 percent undecided.

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Pollution raises risk of disasters

By JOHN ENDERS

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) - Forty years of "lackingadaical" nuclear waste handling and industrial pollution have created a high risk of disasters in the former Soviet Union, CIA director Robert Gates said after an international conference on the arctic.

Many years and billions of dollars will be needed to clean up and monitor radioactive pollution in Russia and other ex-Soviet republics, as well as former Eastern European satellites, he told a hearing Saturday of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

"The newly free republics of the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe face enormous environmental challenges," he said. "The deteriorating industrial infrastructure presents a high risk of disasters."

"The chemical and energy sectors ... face the highest risk, but serious breakdowns could occur in railroads, civil aviation and nuclear power plants. In some cases, accidents have already occurred," he said.

Much of Gates' testimony appeared to summarize previously released data. The committee has been looking into pollution in Russia and its possible effects on the arctic since January.

"We should wake up to the reality that in a country struggling for economic survival, environmental protection isn't necessarily the highest priority," said Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska. Murkowski, the panel's vice chairman, presided over Saturday's hearing.

The hearing followed a two-day international conference on the arctic at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Gates told the committee that radiation from Soviet above-ground nuclear testing before the Limited Test Ban Treaty was signed with the United States in 1963 also caused undisclosed levels of radioactive pollution in Alaska and northern Canada.

He warned of contamination, both existing and potential, from Russia's 15 Chernobyl-style nuclear reactors, years of Soviet troop activity, Russian submarines and other vessels - all part of what he described as "four decades of environmental neglect by the region's former Communist rulers. In Eastern Europe, he said, "the destruction being revealed by the pullout of Soviets clearly will take many years and billions of dollars to repair."

He also lobbied against congressional cuts in the CIA's budget, saying it could undermine the agency's efforts to monitor

pollution from the former Soviet Union.

Josh Handler, research coordinator for Greenpeace's nuclear-free seas campaign, called on the CIA to release its submarine and satellite data. He claimed that Russian and American secrecy during the Cold War had clouded the world's understanding of nuclear risks.

Gates didn't specify how the CIA gathered its information, but promised to allow 30 years of satellite-collected data to be reviewed by scientists cleared for intelligence work.

He said the CIA had monitored the Soviet nuclear power program since the start-up of the first Soviet prototype reactor in 1954.

Specific problems Gates said exist in the former Soviet Union today include:

- Plutonium wastes from the Soviet Union's first nuclear weapons produced at Chelyabinsk-65 were discharged into the Techa River, severely contaminating its watershed for thousands of miles.

- After 1951, those wastes were dumped into Lake Karachay, where radiation is now so great that as little as an hour's exposure at the shoreline can be fatal.

- Weapons plants at Tomsk-7 and Krasnoyarsk-26 contaminated local environments.

- An explosion in a waste tank at Chelyabinsk in 1957 contaminated the region, much of which remains unusable.

- Four small Chernobyl-style reactors at Bilbino in the Russian Far East and a power plant on the Kola Peninsula currently operate without regulatory guidance.

World briefs

Japanese graft buster dies

TOKYO (AP) - Osamu Inaba, who won praise and criticism for his handling of the 1976 "Lockheed Scandal" as justice minister, died of pneumonia at a Tokyo hospital Saturday, his family said. He was 82. During Inaba's 1974-76 term as justice minister, he sought information from the United States about the payoff scandal and played an instrumental role in arresting former Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka. Tanaka, accused of mixing big money and politics, was subsequently convicted of having received the equivalent of \$2 million in bribes from the US Lockheed Corp. in 1972 to promote the sale of its aircraft in Japan while he was in office.

Bandits attack ambulance

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) - Five heavily armed bandits fired on an ambulance carrying 12 people in southwestern Cambodia, injuring a father and son and making off with the equivalent of \$7,525, a UN spokesman said Saturday. The bandits attacked the ambulance Wednesday as it was traveling from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap (also called Kompong Som), a distance of about 130 miles, spokesman Eric Falt said. The robbers apparently were wearing uniforms of the army of the Phnom Penh government, he said, noting that the area is under the control of government troops.

Korean students, police clash

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - About 1,000 slogan-chanting students hurling firebombs and rocks fought police Saturday after an outlawed anti-government rally demanding unification of South and North Korea. Witnesses said about 10 students were injured in the 30-minute clash in front of Seoul National University in southern Seoul, where the rally was held. The Seoul government prohibited the rally as pro-North Korean. "Unification, unification," students shouted as they threw rocks and firebombs at police, who fired tear gas from behind about a dozen garbage tanks placed as barricades along main roads near the school.

Floods kill 45 in China

BEIJING (AP) - Forty-five people were killed in heavy rainstorms and flooding in southwest China's Yunnan province last month, according to an official report seen in Beijing on Saturday. The heavy rains and floods also injured 342 people and left 120,000 homeless, the China Disaster Reduction News (Zhongguo Jianzhaobao) reported in its Tuesday edition.

Records on brothels sought

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) - The leader of the opposition in Parliament, Lim Kit Siang, asked Japan Saturday to open up its records on brothels established by Japanese forces in Malaysia during World War II. Lim, who is secretary general of the opposition Democratic Action Party, quoted the Japanese newspaper Asahi Shimbun as reporting that Japanese military documents showed Japan set up a dozen brothels in Malaysia.

Man jailed for subversion

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - A district court sentenced a man to eight years in prison for supporting a separatist movement in Indonesia's eastern province of Irian Jaya, the official Antara news agency reported Saturday. Judge Suradiman of Jayapura district court found Theo Rumkahu guilty on Friday of subversion for supplying food and ammunition to the outlawed Independent Papua Movement, the news agency said. The movement operates in areas along the border between Indonesia and Papua New Guinea.

Environmentalists criticize Japan

By ELAINE KURTENBACH

TOKYO (AP) - Nearly two months after Japan was applauded at the Earth Summit for promises to provide billions of dollars in environmental aid, no new projects have been announced.

Japanese environmentalists charge that the government's ambitious summit promises, which include a pledge to cut back on ozone-eating pollutants, will not do enough to turn back environmental destruction.

But bureaucrats in charge of Japan's aid program say they are quickly moving ahead with plans to expand their environmental assistance to developing countries.

The government clearly realizes that helping salvage the global environment gives Tokyo a chance to assert some long overdue diplomatic leadership without provoking international controversy.

Kazuhiro Nakai, of the Foreign Ministry's aid policy division, says as much as \$7.9 billion in aid to developing countries will go to reforestation, sanitation and control of water and air pollution.

Japanese officials usually propose projects to recipient countries, which then make formal requests for the aid. Unlike US foreign aid programs, Japanese economic assistance does not require legislative approval and thus bypasses the glacial parliamentary process.

Trade ministry officials, jock-

eying for a larger role in aid policy, have leaked to the media a \$2.41 billion "Eco-Phoenix" plan that would use environmental technology to revive five to 10 heavily polluted cities in the developing world. The proposal is named after the legendary bird said to rise from the ashes of destruction.

But the Foreign Ministry says Japan is unlikely to tackle such an ambitious plan now because it doesn't have the wherewithal. "I don't think we've acquired the expertise," Nakai says.

Japan's foreign aid traditionally focused on building economic infrastructure, such as harbors, dams, roads and railways in Asia - large scale projects often criticized for their heavy environmental impact.

But as pollution worsens in increasingly affluent Asia, Tokyo is concentrating more on environmental aid and on smaller projects in other parts of the developing world.

Conservationists, however, charge that even environmentally friendly aid programs focus too much on urban problems and fail to address the globe's most serious problems of desertification and erosion.

"The very biggest problem is how to enable people living in rural areas, who account for almost 70 percent of the world's population, to stay on the land. There isn't a single Japanese specializing in that," says Shunsuke Iwasaki, director of the Japan Volunteer Center and a former aid worker.

Business Briefs

Singapore picks MRT contractor

SINGAPORE (AP) - The Mass Rapid Transport Corp. announced Saturday that it has awarded contracts worth a total of \$183.7 million to German and Japanese companies for trains and a power system.

It said Siemens of Germany would provide 19 trains costing \$162.5 million for MRT's Woodlands extension.

Maidensha Corp. of Japan won the other contract, worth \$21.2 million, to provide a power supply system, it said.

Airline's merger plan deferred

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) - A groundswell of support for their company by employees of Canadian Airlines International prompted its parent company, PWA Corp., on Friday to delay its response to a merger offer from Air Canada.

PWA Corp. chairman Rhys Eytton said the unionized employees' plan to raise \$200 million through payroll deductions for a massive stock purchase into the Calgary-based airline is impressive enough to be considered, but added merger talks will probably continue with Air Canada.

Air Canada had given Canadian a deadline of Friday midnight to accept its merger offer, but Canadian's board of directors sent notification that deadline would not be agreed to.

A Canadian spokesman said it

would be up to Air Canada to decide if it wanted to withdraw from the talks. POHOIKI, Hawaii (AP) - Puna Geothermal Venture's flow test continued through Friday night and into Saturday with no problems reported.

PGV Vice President Steve Morris said a small amount of electricity is being generated during the flow test that began Wednesday, but he said commercial electricity won't be sent to Hawaiian Electric Light Co. for another three weeks.

Sending a small amount of power to the electric company is just one of many steps in the 10-day flow test, but is not the objective of the test, Morris said.

A little over one megawatt of electricity was sent to HELCO overnight Friday, he said.

Leaders fail to act on promises at Rio

By PAUL RAEURN

NEW YORK (AP) - In Rio de Janeiro, after weeks in which the United States was derided and accused of obstructing the Earth Summit, President Bush made a solemn promise.

"The United States will work to carry forward the promise of Rio," he said in June. "As important as the road to Rio has been, what matters more is the road from Rio."

Two months later, however, critics say there is little evidence that Bush and other world leaders are moving aggressively to continue the work that the summit began - to act on their promises to link economic development with environmental protection.

"There's a tendency for these things to be a big blip, and then you go on to other things," said Russell Train, who led the US delegation at the first UN environmental meeting in Stockholm in 1972.

"I know what you can expect from these things in the way of specifics - which is not very much," said Train, now chairman of the World Wildlife Fund.

Scott Hajost of the Environmental Defense Fund said the leaders of the seven richest industrial nations failed a crucial first test.

When they met at the G-7 economic summit in July in Munich - barely three weeks after the Earth Summit ended - they returned to business-as-usual, discussing economic problems without con-

sidering their environmental consequences, the Environmental Defense Fund said. "The G-7 leaders ... have made little more progress in learning how to incorporate protection of the environment in economic decision-making, a goal of the Earth Summit," said Hajost, an Environmental Defense Fund lawyer formerly with the State Department and the Environmental Protection Agency.

The United States was a particular target of criticism at the Earth Summit, as federal Environmental Protection Agency Administrator William K. Reilly, the head of the US summit delegation, recently conceded in an internal memorandum to his staff.

"The United States stood alone in resisting a commitment to targets and timetables for reducing carbon dioxide emissions," Reilly wrote. Carbon dioxide is one of the so-called greenhouse gases that can lead to a potentially dangerous rise in global temperatures. The United States insistently refused a European proposal for a modest reduction of carbon dioxide emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2000.

The United States also suffered for its solitary refusal to sign the summit's biodiversity treaty, an agreement aimed at protecting threatened plant and animal species.

"The United States decision not to sign was the subject of intense controversy and criticism," Reilly wrote. "In public relations terms, we never recovered from it."

The White House tried to defuse the criticism by introducing several of its own unilateral environmental initiatives. The proposals included a forest preservation program, a call for quick action to combat the threat of global warming and a biodiversity research plan.

Critics now say, however, that the United States has done little to implement those proposals.

"The big push for the United States was the forest initiative," said T.J. Glauthier of the World Wildlife Fund in Washington, D.C. "It's been two months since it was announced, and nothing's been done."

"There's an on-going debate about whether the State Department should be in charge, whether the Forest Service should be in charge," said Glauthier. "And nobody's in charge." Officials at the President's Council on Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency did not return calls seeking comment. Bush's call for quick action to combat the threat of global warming came in his Earth Summit address, in which he proposed that nations meet by Jan. 1 to "lay out national plans for meeting the specific commitments" in the global warming treaty.

A meeting of the treaty's negotiators has been scheduled for December, but Glauthier says valuable time for drafting the plan has already been lost. "The US has not indicated who's responsible for our action plan," he said.

Ramos fires police chief

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - President Fidel Ramos fired the national police chief in the first step in a campaign to revamp the corruption-riddled organization, newspapers reported Sunday.

There was no confirmation of the report, published in several leading newspapers.

But the newspapers, quoting administration sources, said Director Cesar Nazareno was informed Saturday that he was being replaced by his deputy, Raul Imperial.

Nazareno, who was appointed by former President Corazon Aquino, had been under fire for

failing to curb a wave of criminality, including rampant kidnappings of wealthy Chinese-Filipino businessmen.

Japanese and other foreign diplomats have warned that the kidnappings will discourage foreign businessmen from investing in the Philippines.

It is widely believed that police are behind the kidnappings. Police have also been blamed for murders, rapes, bank robberies and other crimes. Nazareno was also blamed for allegedly leaking plans to replace provincial police commanders without approval of local government officials, an apparent violation

of the 1990 law which established the police force.

Ramos had served as commander of the Philippine Constabulary, formerly a branch of the armed forces which included the police. The 1990 law removed the police from the military in a move to place the organization under civilian control.

Nazareno was a close associate of Mrs. Aquino's brother, Rep. Jose Cojuangco, who wielded considerable influence under his sister's six-year administration which left office June 30.

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tensions between Iraq and the West that heightened when the Iraqis blocked UN weapons inspections in Baghdad in July, producing a threat of military force from US President George Bush. There are also increasing strains over Iraqi treatment of the Kurds north of Baghdad and the Shiite Muslims in the southern marshes.

The British Marines, last here in May, got 10 days notice that they were coming to Kuwait to help train the Emiri Guard and newly formed Kuwaiti Marines in night patrols, urban combat, sniping, bayonets and other close-quarters fighting. No heavy weapons or

equipment are being brought ashore.

Lance Cpl. Mike Bradbury, 25, of March, Cambridgeshire, had been married for a week when he told his wife Nicci that the honeymoon would have to wait.

"I'll probably send her a postcard saying 'Wish you were here,'" he grinned, sweating in the 50-degree (122 Fahrenheit) sun. He said neither he nor his wife worry about a confrontation with Iraq.

The Marines were brought ashore in Kuwaiti coast guard motor boats, landing on wooden piers at the Ras Al-Ard ferry terminal. They start live-fire exercises with about 80 Kuwaiti

troops on Sunday. The HMS Edinburgh is scheduled to take part in maneuvers with the Kuwait navy and the air force, using the latter to test its air defense systems.

The Marine unit did not serve in the Gulf war, but some of its members helped bring humanitarian aid to the Kurds in the uprising afterward. Ministry of Defense spokesman Ambrose Moore said the Kuwaiti government asked for the exercises. The government has been jittery since Baghdad used the Aug. 2 anniversary of its 1990 invasion to restate its claim to Kuwait, a demand the Gulf War cease-fire terms was supposed to end.

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... We feel compelled to deny your request for the handing over of the funds," Pascal Gossin of the Swiss division of international mutual judicial assistance-Central Office USA wrote in his Feb. 3 decision. It went to Richard Owens, associate director of the US Justice Department's office of international affairs.

The office of federal police where Gossin works is Switzerland's equivalent to the

US Justice Department.

The Reagan White House enlisted Secord to ship TOW and Hawk missiles and spare parts to Iran, and the US government got the amount it demanded for the weapons before they were delivered. Secord, Hakim and North marked up the price, stored the extra proceeds in Swiss accounts and funneled \$4.5 million to North's secret Contra supply network in Central America.

Theft, fraud and conspiracy charges in connection with the Iran arms sale proceeds were brought in 1988 against Secord, Hakim and North, as well as national security adviser John Poindexter. But those charges never came to trial because the Reagan administration and US intelligence agencies intervened in North's case, blocking the use of classified material that North needed for his defense.

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Partying, politics blend to help Bush

By DAVID ESPO

HOUSTON (AP) - Republicans flocked to their sprawling convention city Saturday for a blend of politics and partying designed to invigorate President Bush's drive for re-election. Bush hinted at convention-week proposals to stimulate the economy.

Republican Party chairman Rich Bond predicted the four-day convention program - carefully scripted by party leaders - "will balance things out" in the polls, where Bush trails Democratic presidential nominee Bill Clinton by roughly 20 percentage points.

In an interview with Time Magazine, Bush said his decision to embrace higher taxes in 1990 in violation of his 1988 "no new taxes" pledge was a political and economic mistake. The president's decision infuriated conservatives, and he said in the interview "the pluses did not outweigh the minuses on the economic side."

Still, he added, "I'll be making

some proposals regarding the economy that I'm not going to discuss now that I think will take care of it."

Bush has been urged by several conservatives to call for sharp tax cuts, both as a way of stimulating the economy and as a way to display leadership.

In the interview, Bush also said a candidate's private life, including the issue of marital infidelity, should be off the agenda. He said he would fire anyone on his staff who raises such questions about Clinton.

Clinton was campaigning in California, gaining the endorsement of the American Nurses Association.

"Every day the rising cost of health care is breaking your back," the Democratic presidential candidate told crowd outside a hospital. "The current system doesn't help people without coverage until 'it's too late, too expensive,'" he said, "and the bill is passed on to the rest of us." Clinton said his health care plan would impose national cost con-

trols and require employers to pay into an insurance pool if they don't provide employees with medical coverage themselves.

In Houston, conservative Republican Patrick Buchanan, who once taunted Bush as "King George" during a feisty conservative challenge in the primaries, was subdued as he arrived. "No speeches until Monday," he told supporters who turned out to greet him.

As delegates arrived, there was surprising agitation within the ranks. Republicans favoring abortion rights bristled at the platform's call for a constitutional amendment to ban such operations, and were seeking support for a separate convention vote on the issue. First Lady Barbara Bush irked conservatives by saying the subject should have been left out of the platform.

The president was spending the weekend at Camp David, his renomination secure for Wednesday night, when he will accept the nomination and make a televised speech.

People and Places

Woody Allen sues Mia Farrow

NEW YORK (AP) - Woody Allen is "a desperate and evil man" for accusing longtime lover Mia Farrow - who has 11 kids - of being an unfit parent, Farrow's mother said Saturday.

The actor-director is suing Farrow for custody of their three children.

"The truth of this story will soon be made public," actress Maureen O'Sullivan, Farrow's mother, said in a statement Saturday. She called the lawsuit "a cheap shot" that has forced Farrow "from the privacy that she so treasures."

Allen and Farrow had maintained a relationship for about 12 years, but never married and have separate homes on opposite sides of Manhattan's Central Park. All the children live with her.

Allen, 57, sued Thursday for custody of Satchel, 4 1/2, their biological son; and two children he and Farrow both adopted - a son, Moses, 14, and a daughter, Dylan, 7.

The lawsuit has been sealed, but a source close to the case, who demanded anonymity, said it claims that Farrow is an unfit mother.

Farrow, 47, has six other adopted children as well as twin sons from her marriage to pianist-conductor Andre Previn.

"As Mia's mother, and speaking for the rest of our family, it has been tragic to watch what she has gone through for the last seven months," O'Sullivan said, giving the first public indication of how long the couple's relationship has been strained.

Allen's spokeswoman, Leslie Dart, declined to comment on O'Sullivan's remarks or any specifics of the lawsuit. But she said of Allen: "He does very much want custody of his children."

Farrow has been the leading lady in the 13 movies Allen has made since they got together in 1980, including "Broadway Danny Rose," "The Purple Rose of Cairo," "Crimes and Misdemeanors" and "Alice."

In the 1930s and '40s, her mother starred in "Anna Karenina," "Pride and Prejudice" and several Tarzan movies. In 1985, she appeared in Allen's "Hannah and Her Sisters," which starred Farrow and Allen.

Estefans buy hotel

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) - Singer Gloria Estefan and her husband Emilio have agreed to buy one of their resort city's most famous Art Deco hotels. The couple who signed a contract this week to purchase the Cardozo Hotel on scenic Ocean Drive for \$5 million and should get the keys in less than three weeks.

The Cardozo languished in the hands of the Resolution Trust Corp. for nearly three years before it and four other landmark Art Deco hotels were purchased in April by a real estate team including Chris Blackwell, the

music mogul who discovered Bob Marley, Irish rock group U2 and Grace Jones.

The Estefans, who live on the city's exclusive Star Island, finally persuaded Blackwell's group to unload the Cardozo last week.

"I used to walk by the hotel and tell Gloria, 'One day I'm going to be the owner,'" said Estefan, who emigrated from Cuba in the mid-1960s and founded the Miami Sound Machine.

The Estefans plan to upgrade the Cardozo to a luxury-class hotel and move in their new Cuban restaurant, Larios on the Beach.

Bush gives \$40 tip

FREDERICK, Md. (AP) - President Bush, relaxing at a baseball game, made a snack vendor's day with a \$40 tip.

"I'd love to get it autographed, but I'm broke," said Bonnie Hildebrand, who brought peanuts and other snacks to Bush, his wife, Barbara, and their two grandsons at a minor league game Friday.

Bush took a break from writing the acceptance speech he'll deliver to the Republican National Convention this week to watch seven innings of the Frederick Keys' 4-

0 loss to the Durham Bulls.

Bush, sitting in a skybox behind home plate, waved to the crowd of 6,205 and signed baseball gloves that fans tossed to him. Bobbie Sclar, who was celebrating her 36th birthday with a cake about 10 feet (two meters) from the president's seat, got an autographed paper plate.

"It's been a great birthday present," she said.

Bush was staying at Camp David, the nearby presidential retreat.

Cassidy says he's a realist

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - David Cassidy says he concentrates on the present, even if his concerts emphasize the songs that made him a teen idol in the 1970s.

"I'm a realist. Never can an artist go out and play new material people have never heard and have it go over as well as the stuff they're familiar with," said Cassidy, whose latest album pokes fun at his past with the title "Didn't

You Used to Be..."

Cassidy, the singing heartthrob of the 1970s TV show "The Partridge Family," says he rearranged old hits for his current tour.

"They sound like they're great pop songs now, with a little more bite and more edge and more depth," he said.

Cassidy, opening for the Beach Boys, performs in Indianapolis Sunday.

Juvenile inmate attacks DPS guard

by Rafael H. Arroyo

A SECURITY guard at the Department of Public Safety's correctional center has filed an assault complaint against a juvenile inmate, saying the youngster attacked him with a sharp instrument late last week.

The guard, identified by Police Chief Antonio Reyes as James F. Aliska, was slightly injured from the attack.

But the male juvenile, Reyes said, filed a counter complaint against the guard, claiming that it was

Aliska who first tried choking him while the youngster was playing checkers with another inmate.

The juvenile said in his complaint that his attack was a reaction to the guard's alleged assault.

Aliska's complaint stated that the juvenile attacked him when the inmate was told to return to his cell.

The police chief refused to disclose the juvenile's age. Reyes said the incident was under investigation.

UN aid convoy reaches Gorazde

By JOHN POMFRET

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) - A UN aid convoy reached the besieged city of Gorazde, and United Nations officials said the safe passage pointed to Serb willingness to cooperate in order to head off wider military intervention.

But Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital, was under heavy shelling at nightfall on Saturday. Sarajevo radio said more than 150 mortar shells hit the city and its outskirts.

Also, heavy new fighting was reported around Gorazde, 30 miles (48 kilometers) east of Sarajevo, and more refugees were said to be fleeing forced relocations in northern Bosnia.

European-sponsored peace talks broke down again in Brussels. In Italy, Pope John Paul II announced he had sent an envoy to Bosnia.

The delivery of aid to Gorazde came a day after NATO refused to commit large numbers of troops to protect UN relief convoys. But some nations pledged limited forces, and the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga headed for the Adriatic Sea.

Gorazde, like Sarajevo, has been under heavy siege by Bosnian Serb forces, but has received hardly any relief shipments. Since the fighting began, Gorazde's population is believed to have swelled from 15,000 to 100,000 as refugees from neighboring towns sought a haven in the city.

Both Serb and Bosnian media reported heavy fighting around Gorazde. Sarajevo radio said Serb forces were shelling the city with tanks, mortars and other artillery.

"In the name of humanity we are once more sending an appeal from the besieged town of Gorazde for intervention," the radio said. Four children were wounded when mortar shells struck as food was being distributed, Sarajevo radio said.

In Sarajevo, surgeon Faruk Kulenovic at Kosevo hospital said at least three people were killed and 27 wounded Saturday.

Meanwhile, a children's charity in Sarajevo said another convoy of women and children was expected to leave the Bosnian capital soon.

Tanya Bojic, an official with

the Children's Embassy in Sarajevo, said the convoy would probably carry 500 children and their mothers to Serbia. On Wednesday, 315 Muslim and Croat women and children left Sarajevo for Croatia and then Austria.

Serb forces are fighting Bosnian Croats and Muslims and have captured two-thirds of Bosnia-Herzegovina since the republic voted for independence from Serbian-dominated Yugoslavia in February.

The Geneva-based UN High Commissioner for Refugees intended Saturday's Gorazde convoy - and shipments later to other towns where Muslim civilians are under siege - to test whether Thursday's UN Security Council resolution authorizing use of force to ensure aid delivery will bring more cooperation from the Serb side in letting shipments through.

"This shows that the international outcry over the disgusting events in Bosnia is having an effect and people are now waking up to the fact that if they don't let humanitarian convoys through, they will have to face the consequences," said Sylvana Foa, UNHCR spokeswoman.

The last time a convoy attempted to go to Gorazde was 10 days ago. It had to turn back when it ran into a Serbian minefield and Serb militias in the area refused to show it the way through.

On Saturday's trip, Ukrainian troops, manning three armored personnel carriers, escorted the convoy on a circuitous route and almost 10 hours to reach the city. The eight-truck convoy was delayed by Serbian militia caught twice in crossfire and had to remove mines from a bridge.

UN spokesman Adnan Abd-elrazek said the convoy's trip followed several days of intensive negotiation. "The Serbs are gradually trying to meet many of those international requests," he said.

The United Nations sent an aid convoy Thursday to Banja Luka, a city in northern Bosnia-Herzegovina. The UN refused in recent days to evacuate 28,000 Muslims from the area who were being driven from their homes by Serbs, and decided instead to try to get aid shipments through to show the Muslims they have not been abandoned.

House to speed up budget action

by Rafael H. Arroyo

THE HOUSE of Representatives will immediately act on the proposed budget for fiscal year 1993 to avoid another delay, House Committee on Ways and Means Chairman Jesus T. Attao assured last Friday.

"The minute I receive the budget from the governor, we will act to expedite its passage," Attao said.

The committee chairman said the budget for the next fiscal year would be finalized and presented to the entire House "not more than two or three months" after its submission by Gov. Lorenzo I. DL Guerrero, provided that the budget submitted is balanced.

Guerrero said in a news conference last week that his office would submit the proposed budget to the Legislature today. Late last week, House leaders started setting dates of budget hearings to be attended by different department and agencies.

Under Public Law 3-68 or the

Planning and Budget Act, the budget for any fiscal year should be submitted by the executive branch to the Legislature not later than April 1 of the previous fiscal year, meaning, the budget for 1993 was due last April 1 yet.

"We want to make sure that even if the 1993 budget submission is already late by nearly five months, what happened with the 1992 budget would not be duplicated," Attao said.

To expedite the budget, Attao said the work load would be divided among members of the Ways and Means Committee and that the appropriations of the different departments and agencies be divided among several subcommittees.

"The bulk of the work on the 1992 budget was mainly done by the chairman of the committee and that the involvement of the other members was quite minimal due to unavoidable circumstances," said Attao.

According to the chairman, the salary raises for all government

employees provided for under Public Law 7-31 also delayed the 1992 budget because salary scales had to be revised.

"There was no way that (the 1992) budget would not be delayed because there were numerous changes in the figures submitted by the executive branch, the most noteworthy of which was in the amount of funds available under Public Law 5-32, or the fees collected from non-resident workers," said Attao.

Attao was optimistic the work on the FY 1993 budget would not be as "dirty" as in the FY 1992 budget.

The governor first submitted the FY 1992 budget proposal in March 1991 but the proposed appropriation exceeded the projected resources.

The revised proposal was submitted September 1991.

The revised 1992 budget still exceeded by about \$1 million, so Attao decided to return the whole package to Planning and Budget Office in early 1992.

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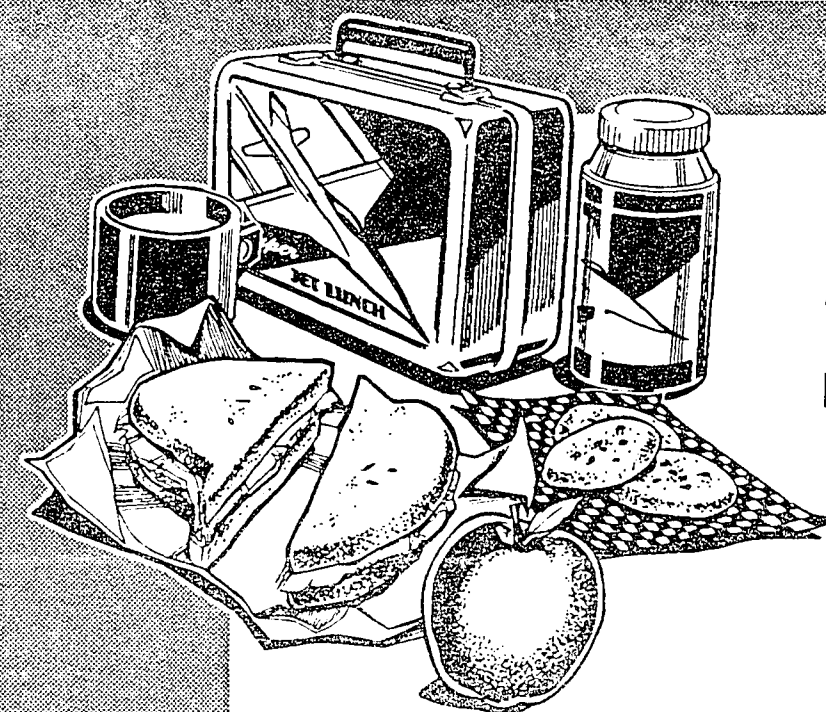
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RITA Camacho, acting library coordinator at Camacho School, speaks at the close of the summer reading program sponsored by the Public School System. PSS Deputy Commissioner Rita A. Sablan said 30 students attended the month-long program.

Sex novels bring new fiction genre to India

By AJAY SINGH

BOMBAY, India (AP) - Novelist Shobha De's steamy novels have brought a new genre of fiction to India, where nudity in public and even in movies is uncommon and where women are expected to be modest and demure.

"I enjoy writing about sex," said Mrs. De, reclining on a couch in a penthouse overlooking the Arabian Sea. "At a party, I watch couples and try to figure out what they'd do in the car, while undressing. ... I find it all very intriguing."

Mrs. De is an anomaly in this conservative and often puritanical Hindu-dominated country. Most Indian authors write about poverty, caste, heat and dust. Mrs. De, a former fashion model and editor of gossip magazines, sets her novels amid the skyscrapers of Bombay, describing the gambols of film stars, industrialists and the idle rich.

Her three books have made Mrs. De, a 44-year-old mother of four, one of the country's best-selling novelists. But she's getting tired of her reputation as just a sex writer.

"Serious and erotic are not mutually exclusive," she said.

"Nobody wants to accept this other India - the India of glamor and glitz. I don't think my books are that shocking in today's context - I mean we're in the '90s aren't we?"

The social dilemmas of women caught in oppressive relationships is a common theme of her books. "The average woman reader sees and goes beyond the sex in the books. It's only the men who are fixated on the skin scenes," said Mrs. De.

Mrs. De's second novel, "Starry Nights," brought her into the spotlight in 1991. She's been profiled in dozens of publications in the United States, Britain, Korea and the Middle East. Time magazine called her "Queen of the Quickies."

Critics say Mrs. De's books are imitations of Western pulp fiction, which has been sold for decades.

She appeals to Indians looking for a home version of Jackie Collins, and some readers buy them hoping to recognize the real-life models for her characters from the society pages.

Her first book, "Socialite Evenings," about Bombay's amorous high society, sold 15,500 copies - a record for a locally published first novel.

In this country of 844 million

people, about 4 percent speak or read English, the language Mrs. De writes in. Now a translation of "Starry Nights" is being serialized in a southern Indian magazine. "That's where the future really is - in translation," she said.

"Sisters," her novel that came out in April, toned down the eroticism, but critics still panned it.

Indian newspapers vie with each other to publish scathing reviews of her novels, accompanied by lengthy passages from the books' erotic passages. Mrs. De said the reason she gets bad reviews is that Indians don't like books written by a woman on sex.

"Book reviewers often say: 'How dare she write a sexy book,'" she said. "There's a lot of puritanical huffing and puffing in India. Everybody's on a moralistic high horse."

Marketing is new in the Indian publishing industry and only recently have publishers started searching for authors like Mrs. De.

"Indians are so serious - we've never had an entertaining writer," said David Davidar, her publisher at Penguin Books (India) Ltd. "She has introduced the element of entertainment fiction."

Casino proponent seeks CRM permit

by Rafael H. Arroyo

TINIAN Investment Corporation, the first to obtain a conditional license to construct a casino in Tinian, will start courting the Coastal Resources Management for a permit at a pre-application conference today.

"We are anxious to discuss the merits of the project and the most expedient method of satisfying the permitting process," said Owen G. Walker, vice president of Mariana Pacific Inc., one of two project managers of the \$125-million hotel-casino project proposed by TIC. Group Pacific International of Brisbane, Australia is the other project manager for the 304-room hotel and casino complex.

The request for a pre-application conference was made last Aug. 13. CRM Administrator Joaquin P. Villagomez then set the meeting between CRM agency officials and project managers.

The Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission granted TIC a conditional gaming license which requires completion of the project in two years.

Under the Tinian Casino Gaming Act of 1989, the commission can issue up to five casino licenses to applicants that would meet requirements.

"Because of the strict time restraints placed on us, we are requesting your help in assisting us in a smooth transition through the permitting process. The project is a

major siting project, but we have complied in all instances with regards to plot coverage, height and setbacks," Walkertold Villagomez.

He said documentation for the permitting process will be completed in one week.

TIC proposes to use two and a half hectares of leased land some 700 meters from Tachogna Beach.

The proposed site is about 10 minutes' ride from the Tinian airport and about three kilometers from San Jose. The elevation of the site will provide a panoramic view.

The project, which would be self-sufficient in electricity and sewerage treatment, also includes the construction of three restaurants, convention rooms and a theater. Water will be supplied by the Tinian municipality.

TIC is also proposing to build a staff village with accommodation, dining and recreational facilities for about 800 employees.

The casino will be on one level of the hotel and operated by Pedara Management while management of the hotel will be made by Hilton International.

The complex, originally named Tinian Hills Resort Hotel, might be renamed Tinian Hilton if negotiations with Hilton International succeed.

TIC is owned by the family of Alexander J. Bowie who is president of the firm and Jesus Q. Guerrero, a board member. Bowie's wife, Remedio, is member of the board.

Elvis' fans gather for graveside vigil

By WOODY BAIRD

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - Thousands of faithful gathered Saturday evening at Graceland for a graveside vigil marking the 15th anniversary of Elvis Presley's death.

"We just want to be recognized as really good Elvis fans because we love him a lot," said Connie Lee, who came with friends from LaCrosse, Wis. She had waited since early morning.

Police estimated 10,000 people were on hand as the candlelight ceremony began.

It is the annual highlight of "Elvis

International Tribute Week," a string of concerts, dances and Elvis impersonator contests. While the warm-up events often take on a lighter air, the vigil is serious business for the Elvis faithful, who file past his grave.

"The sock hops are more for fun, but this is a tribute," said Debbie Sayers of Keyser, W.Va.

Presley, known as the king of rock 'n' roll, was 42 when he died on Aug. 16, 1977, at Graceland, his Memphis mansion. A medical examiner listed the cause of death as heart disease, but court testimony later revealed that Presley was addicted to prescription drugs.

43 evicted from Honolulu park

HONOLULU (AP) - A plywood shower and a few picnic tables and portable toilets are all that remain of a homeless encampment set up last month on the Kahaluu ranch of artist Diana Hansen-Young.

The Republican mayoral candidate threw a farewell party Saturday for the 29 people who remained of a group of 43 homeless evicted from Aala Park in downtown Honolulu.

"They're not homeless anymore," Hansen-Young said.

The 29 split up, with seven going to Hale Kai, the city's new shelter near Pier 40. Mayor Frank Fasi dedicated the quickly prepared 40-unit homeless and work training shelter on Friday. The rest had found lodging in Mililani, Wahiawa and Kakaako.

Hansen-Young had stepped in with an offer to help when Aala Park was cleared of the homeless July 14.

The encampment was granted a 30-day permit, which Hansen-Young later asked to be renewed.

City officials refused the request as word came that the new shelter was being prepared. It apparently was set up primarily in response to the plight of the Aala Park homeless.

The encampment's permit expired Thursday, but the city allowed it to continue until Hale Kai was ready.

The encampment had drawn an angry response from Hansen-Young's neighbors, who complained they had not been consulted ahead of time.

4 in 'ice'...

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return from prison.

Munson said he hoped the "substantial punishment" given would be enough message for people in the CNMI dealing in "ice" and other illegal substances to "think twice."

San Nicolas was also sentenced to a three-year prison term and fined \$50,000. Nicolas had turned state witness against another "ice" dealer.

His 25-foot boat Seahunt and a

vehicle were seized by authorities shortly after his arrest.

The fourth man, Evangelista, will also serve a three-year jail term and will be made to pay \$10,000 fine. Evangelista likewise disclosed information on "ice" deals in the Northern Marianas to Federal Bureau of Investigation authorities.

Investigation on other suspected "ice" dealers in the CNMI is going on, said the government attorney.

Queen Mary needs \$27M for repairs

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) - The Queen Mary, a former ocean liner now permanently berthed as a tourist attraction, is so rusty it could sink, studies show. But disagreements over who should fix it have delayed repairs.

E.D. Allen, a harbor engineer, said Friday the city's Harbor Department, which oversees the Queen Mary, has not arranged repairs because it does not consider the corrosion serious.

Walt Disney Co., which has operated tours, restaurants, shops and convention services on the ship under a lease with the city since 1988, considers it safe, said spokeswoman Jennifer Blazey.

Disney is scheduled to stop operating the attraction at the end of the year. But in a 1990 report, a city port engineer, Edward C. Bermender, warned, "The situation is critical! The time for discussion has run out."

Bermender said the hull could leak, trapping tourists below decks. He recommended that bulkheads be removed more than 20 years ago to prevent it from sinking. Bulkheads divide the hull into watertight compartments.

A more recent study by Rados International Corp., a naval architectural and engineering firm, said the Queen Mary needs \$27 million in repairs, including \$2 million to replace bulkheads.

The Queen Mary was built in Scotland and launched by Cunard Steamship Co. Ltd. in 1934. It transported about 800,000 Allied soldiers during World War II and resumed life as an ocean liner after the war.

Hidden psychological distress increases risk of heart disease

By MALCOLM RITTER

WASHINGTON (AP) - The price of hiding psychological troubles can be a heart that overreacts to stress, and that might mean a higher risk of heart disease, a new study suggests.

Researchers found that people who were hiding psychological distress even from themselves showed an unusual jump in heart-beat and blood pressure when doing stressful tasks.

Other studies have linked such overreaction to an elevated risk of heart disease, said researcher Jonathan Shedler. Heart disease sets the stage for heart attacks.

"We know that being emotionally distressed, being constantly anxious or constantly depressed isn't so healthy," but the new work suggests that suppressing distress may be even worse, he said.

It is not unknown what percentage of people who consider themselves psychologically healthy have hidden distress, although it was common in the non-random samples he studied, he said. Such hidden problems are hard to detect in oneself, but they may appear in indirect ways such as unexplained headaches or stomach aches, or friends might notice that a person appears anxious or unhappy, Shedler said.

Shedler is a professor of clinical psychology at the Institute of Advanced Psychological Studies at Adelphi University in Garden City, NY. He spoke in an interview before presenting his work Saturday at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association.

Dr. Redford Williams, a behavioral medicine researcher at the Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC, said he found the

proposed link to heart disease "quite plausible." He said it follows previous research linking heart disease risk to lack of social support, hostility and "job strain," which is the experience of having little control over a demanding job.

The new study adds more credibility to the idea that psychological factors can promote heart disease, he said in a telephone interview.

Williams also said that the link between heart disease and cardiac overreaction to stress has not yet been proven, although he considers it a strong hypothesis. Shedler said he considers the evidence convincing.

One experiment Shedler reported involved 58 University of Michigan students and staff, with an average age of 21.5 and no known history of heart disease. They filled out assessments of their psycho-

logical health as well as a test that probed their earliest memories. The early-memory test was later used by a psychologist to look for signs of emotional distress. From these two tests, researchers identified nine participants who appeared truly healthy, 18 as having "illusory mental health" as defined by hidden distress, and 11 who reported themselves distressed. The other participants were not classified, often because their responses to the early-memory test were too sparse for analysis.

All participants were hooked up to devices to check their blood pressure and pulse rates in response to stress. Their stressful tasks were to do mental arithmetic while being timed with a stopwatch, make up stories about ambiguous drawings and to say the first thing that came to mind when they heard certain phrases.

Edwards revives Pink Panther character

By TERRIL JONES

NICE, France (AP) - The French policeman careers around the bend in the mountain road on his bicycle, crashes into a car, flips over and lands on his rear end.

"That felt good," he says. Or rather, "That felt good," dusting himself off with characteristic aplomb.

It's Officer Clouseau - son of cinema's most famous "flic," the bumbling but beloved Chief Inspector Jacques Clouseau.

Comedian Roberto Benigni, wildly popular in his native Italy, plays the part of Jacques Gambrelli,

the illegitimate - and previously undiscovered - son of Clouseau in "Son of the Pink Panther."

His mother is Maria Gambrelli, the maid from the second Pink Panther film, "A Shot in the Dark." She has kept the identity of young Jacques' father a secret, but through a series of typically Clouseau-esque blunders, luck and coincidence, the story comes out.

The \$25 million movie being filmed in southern France, Britain and Jordan was perhaps inevitable, even though director Blake Edwards had basically written the series off after the death of Peter Sellers, the original Clouseau, in

1980.

Two more films in the series were made - "On the Trail of the Pink Panther" (1982) used previously discarded footage of Sellers and new material to link the scenes, and "Curse of the Pink Panther" (1983) starred Ted Wass as an American detective. Neither met much success.

"I forgot pretty much about it after the last time ended in a major lawsuit," said Edwards, who started Clouseau on his career with "The Pink Panther" in 1964.

Sellers' last wife, Lynn Fredericks, successfully sued over use of the Sellers outtakes.

However, the litigation is long past, and the idea to revive Clouseau came up early this year, Edwards recalled on the set of the latest film, eighth in the series.

In "Son of the Pink Panther," Benigni adds French overtones to his native Italian accent. Like his father, he complains of getting a "beump" on his head; he also misquotes poetry, explaining with a shrug, "Leurd Byron." "I inherit from my father my vision of the world, but my personality is more Latin, more romantic. He likes women in a very special way, and I like this aspect," he said approvingly.

But as he falls off piers, nearly electrocutes himself and rides his bike into wet cement, he cannot deny his Clouseau heritage. "In my blood, there are some, what, 'chromosomes,'" Benigni said.

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Minor,
By: JASON HAROLD CARRIERA,
Petitioner.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that on August 20, 1992, Thursday, at 1:30 PM, in the courthouse of the Superior Court in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the petitioner will petition the Court to adopt the above-mentioned minor.

Dated this 13th day of August, 1992.

/s/REYNALDO O. YANA
Attorney for Petitioner

Alien labor: Needed but unwelcomed

By ELAINE KURTENBACH

KOMORO, Japan (AP) - The dark lanes lined with vending machines give Komoro at first glance the look of any rural Japanese town. But take a closer look.

The young women flitting in and out of the dimly lit bars have come from Southeast Asia. Young men toiling in the sweat shops and construction sites have come from Peru and the Philippines and elsewhere.

Lured by jobs, hundreds of thousands of desperately poor men and women from Asia, Africa and Latin America come here, many using false passports or overstaying tourist visas to do the dirty work Japanese refuse to do.

The influx represents a disturbing change for a nation with no tradition of welcoming the tired and poor, for a people raised to believe they live in a homogeneous society descended from the ancient race of Yamato.

Takashi Okada, a hospital administrator in Komoro, sums up the reaction of many Japanese to the newcomers: "There are millions of migrants in Shanghai and Beijing. If we opened our gates, those and others would just pour into Japan."

"We built this country into a world power with only Japanese people and Japanese hearts. These people don't come because they

love Japan. They come for the money."

Since the Meiji government ended centuries of isolation in the 19th century, only a limited number of foreign professionals have been allowed to live and work here.

But as the postwar economy soared, creating more jobs than there were Japanese, the closed-door policy collapsed.

The recent influx of foreigners, from unskilled construction workers to Hawaiian-born sumo wrestlers, is forcing the Japanese to learn to live as neighbors with people who don't share their language and culture.

That is proving difficult. Xenophobia among some Japanese has led to unfounded rumors of foreigners attacking housewives and complaints about crime and other problems involving foreigners living at the margins of society.

Komoro, a town of 44,000 about 100 miles (160 kms) northwest of Tokyo in mountainous Nagano prefecture, was once best known for the landscaped ruins of its ancient stone castle.

Recently, it has become notorious for the hundreds of Thai and Philippine "hostesses," often recruited by criminal syndicates, who work in its bars and sex industry, booming in part because of construction for the 1998 Nagano Winter Olympics.

Few Japanese expressed much

concern about the sex industry that operates in bars and "love" hotels nationwide until reports showed Nagano had the largest concentration of newly reported AIDS cases in the country and that most involved Southeast Asian women.

"AIDS, AIDS, AIDS," that's all they say nowadays," complains a weary mama-san in one of a row of tiny bars in a Komoro apartment building. Tiny piles of salt - to purify the premises - mark the doorways of several bars.

"Komoro doesn't have any AIDS," she says, pulling computer printouts from an envelope. "I took all the girls to be tested and no one has it. If they did, they'd have to quit."

Cars still arrive in a steady stream to ferry women to and from local hotels. But business is off following government reports that more than half the 123 new AIDS cases involving heterosexual sex last year were foreigners living in Nagano and another foreign enclave north of Tokyo.

AIDS isn't Komoro's only problem. An unknown but growing number of children fathered by Japanese men are being abandoned by foreign mothers unable to provide care.

Unless their Japanese fathers acknowledge those children, they are considered stateless and are put in state-run orphanages.

Activists for foreigners' rights say that the stateless babies sym-

bolize the racism inherent in government policies toward Japan's more than 200,000 illegal foreign workers.

"The Japanese have the illusion that this is a single ethnic nation," says Hidetoshi Watanabe, a minister who devotes most of his time to helping illegal aliens. "They have been taught to believe they are a superior race."

Japan's minority Ainu and Okinawan groups and the 690,000 Koreans who live here permanently often complain about such attitudes. Watanabe says racism is behind the government's decision to grant visas to unskilled workers only if they are of Japanese ancestry, or "Nikkeijin."

There are now 143,000 Nikkeijin working in factories in Japan, 120,000 from Brazil. The Nikkeijin often bring their families with them, and can get health insurance, job counseling and other social services.

The government has yet to crack down on illegal aliens, realizing that they help small factories and contractors weather a severe labor shortage.

But Tokyo has suspended visa treaties that made it easy for travelers from Iran, Pakistan or Bangladesh to enter Japan and remain once their three-month tourist visas expired.

And the government is considering expanding a program that allows foreigners to work in facto-

ries as "trainees" for set periods of time, at lower than average wages. Illegal migrants, meanwhile, have begun protesting abuse from unscrupulous employers and other treatment they say violates their human rights, regardless of their legal status.

They call when they need medical care and are turned away by hospitals that won't take uninsured patients.

Most fear they will be turned in to immigration authorities if they go to the Labor Ministry.

The immigrants also have begun organizing themselves.

Tokyo's large Iranian population has its own marketplace in central Ueno park, where hundreds gather every day to eat kebabs, drink tea and get cheap haircuts from an outdoor barber. "We are kept out of everywhere. This is a place where everyone is from Iran, everyone understands," says one factory worker in halting Japanese.

One 600-member group of foreigners led by a former union leader is collecting signatures for a "Declaration of Human Rights of All Foreign Workers."

Somalia needs more food, troops

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - War-ravaged Somalia needs more relief food and more United Nations soldiers to help millions of people threatened with starvation, Somalia's foreign minister said Sunday.

Mohamed Ali Hamed said that although fighting in Somalia between warring factions had quietened down, hundreds were still dying daily of starvation.

"The aid that has already arrived provides only 10 percent of our actual needs," Hamed said, urg-

ing Arab countries to send aid to Somalia.

He praised the decision to send 500 UN troops to Mogadishu in the next few weeks to guard food shipments, but said that at least 15,000 soldiers were needed "to ensure stability because most Somalis now own weapons."

Hamed told reporters before a meeting with Arab League Secretary General Esmat Abdel-Meguid that "death hangs around Somali because of the famine and hundreds of people are dying

daily, victims of starvation." Tens and perhaps hundreds of thousands of Somalis already have died from the combined effects of drought and war in the largely desert nation. Aid workers say 1.5 million more people could die within weeks if food is not brought immediately. Another 4.5 million also need help.

The United Nations has widened its relief operation in Somalia, and the United States has announced plans to begin its own airlifts.

Soldiers kill Palestinian gunman

JERUSALEM (AP) - Soldiers shot and killed a Palestinian gunman after he ambushed them with gunfire and wounded a 4-year-old Arab boy in the process, the military command said Sunday. Elsewhere in the occupied ter-

ritories, a soldier was killed accidentally by a bullet from another soldier's gun, Israeli media reported. The army confirmed only that a soldier was killed in a weapons accident Saturday. The slain gunman, Bassem Zadek Subeihati, 32, was sought by soldiers on suspicion of killing Arabs accused of collaborating with Israel and of firing on soldiers, the army said.

An army statement said soldiers on patrol in the occupied West Bank encountered Subeihati, who was armed with a rifle and pistol, at about 9:30 p.m. (1830 GMT) Saturday in his home village of Ruma near Jenin.

He "opened fire at the soldiers, as a result a 4-year-old boy was wounded light to moderately from a ricochet," the statement said. It said soldiers returned fire and killed

Subeihati.

His death raised to 947 the number of Palestinians killed by Israelis during the 4 1/2-year uprising against Israel's occupation. At least 615 other Arabs have been killed by fellow Palestinians, most as suspected collaborators. Ninety-eight Israelis have been slain in the violence.

The soldier killed by accident was identified as Ofir Nezer, 19, of Rishon LeZion in the West Bank. Nezer was reportedly shot at an engineering base in Gush Etzioni in the West Bank.

The Haaretz daily said Nezer was on guard duty with another soldier who was playing with his gun and unintentionally fired it.

The radio said Nezer was the 15th soldier killed accidentally this year, including four shot by guns going off by mistake.

Korean students defy gov't ban on rallies

By B.J. LEE

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - About 1,000 masked students, many of them armed with steel pipes, began marching in the streets of Seoul yesterday in defiance of a government ban on pro-unification rallies.

Busloads of riot police were rushed to stop the march, which snarled traffic on busy streets. Violent clashes appeared to be inevitable.

More than 100 people have been injured in a week-long series of anti-government protests that is set to end Monday. About 300 dissidents and students promoting Korean unification have been arrested.

The Seoul government has banned the rallies sponsored by the outlawed National Council of Student Representatives, saying they support South Korea's rival, Communist North Korea.

So far an estimated 20,000 students have taken part in the activities.

Militant students began Sunday's march after arriving at Seoul Stadium by subway. Their number swelled to 1,000 when they began to march toward the center of Seoul, where thousands of riot police stood guard.

"Withdraw US troops," students shouted, referring to the 39,000 Americans stationed in South

Korea.

The students, marching along a six-lane street and clanking steel pipes on the pavement, also demanded the release of political prisoners and the abolition of the national security law that prohibits contact with Communist North Korea.

They claim that the security law and US military presence here hinder Korean unification.

Nearly one-fourth of South Korea's 120,000-member police was put on increased alert to block the rally and possible street protests in Seoul.

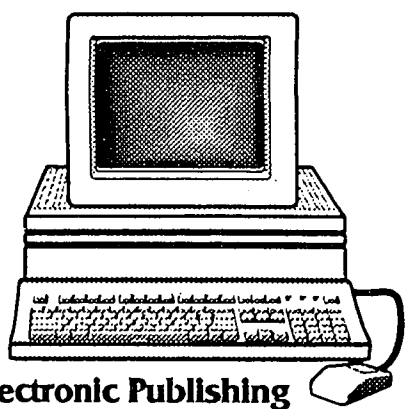
About 1,500 police and seven armored tear gas launchers took over the block surrounding City Hall Plaza. Thousands more police guarded subways, government buildings and US installations.

The rallies are timed to coincide with the 47th anniversary Saturday of Korea's liberation from Japanese colonial rule in 1945.

On Saturday, about 1,000 slogan-chanting students hurling firebombs and rocks fought police at Seoul National University, where 15,000 students rallied.

Protesters burned a huge Japanese flag and demanded that Japan provide compensation for thousands of young Korean women forced to serve as sex slaves for the old Japanese army during World War II.

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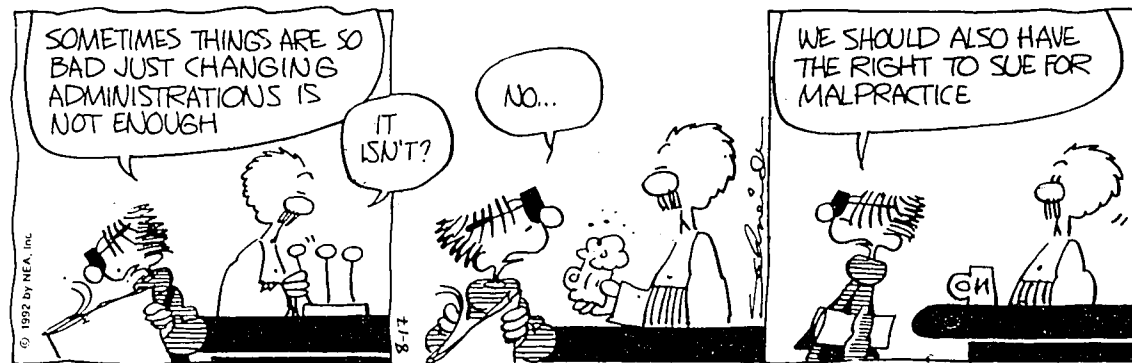
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By Stella Wilder

Born today, you have been born with a great abundance of talent and ability of all sorts, but it is important that you begin to make the best of your skills at the earliest possible age. It is essential, too, that you always keep your eye out for opportunities — and that you learn to recognize in the random or trivial what can truly be a breakthrough of sorts. In your life, the seemingly unimportant is likely to play a pivotal role again and again; you must always pay attention to details!

Your mind is clear, methodical and quick to grasp even the most difficult concepts. You know how to make things clear to those who, otherwise, would not understand what is going on at all! You are able to look at things from many points of view at a time while remaining true to your own as well.

Also born on this date are: Samuel Goldwyn, film producer; Davy Crockett, pioneer; Robert De Niro, actress.

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

TUESDAY, AUG. 18

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You must pay attention to the signals your mind and body are sending you in tandem today. Don't shy away from concern.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You're on the brink of something new once again, but today you'll be better off sitting back and waiting a while.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Morning dawns with promise, and you can indeed have a day to remember — provided you don't close your eyes to options.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Your popularity is on the rise, and today you'll reap the benefits of a recent surprise decision.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — A new emotional stability and security can be enjoyed today. This is a good time to broach a sensitive subject.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You'll be caught between your desire for something new today and your appreciation of the familiar.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Your attitude early in the day is likely to make all the difference. Make changes as soon as you deem them necessary.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) —

Avoid any "point-of-no-return" financial decisions today. Be conservative in your planning and estimates.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You may be uncertain today, but that is no reason to let those who are more openly aggressive pass you by.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You can make a few important contacts and connections before this day is out. Remember names and faces!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You'll have the luxury of reviewing and revising your plans all day long, even after you've set them in motion.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You must not take on too many individual projects and responsibilities today. Safety is a key issue at this time.

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THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Aug. 17, 1992

Today is the 230th day of 1992 and the 59th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1900, the Boxer Rebellion ended as a force of 19,000 British, French, Russian, German, Japanese and U.S. troops lifted the siege of the imperial compound in Peking.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Davey Crockett (1786-1836), U.S. frontiersman-politician; Mae West (1892-1980), actress; Maureen O'Hara (1920-), actress, is 72; Robert De Niro (1943-), actor, is 49; Guillermo Vilas (1952-), tennis star, is 40; Belinda Carlisle (1958-), singer, is 34; Sean Penn (1960-), actor, is 32.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1890, Al Oliver hit four home runs as the Texas Rangers swept a doubleheader from Detroit, 9-3 and 12-6. Oliver's 21 total bases established an American League record.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Marriage is a great institution, but I'm not ready for an institution." — Mae West

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1974, thunderstorms with heavy rain and large hail hit parts of Germany, particularly in Niedersachsen and Bayern. Storms from 1.4 to 3.3 pounds were responsible for killing 230 cattle while grazing.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Aug. 13) and last quarter (Aug. 21).

TODAY'S BARB BY PHIL PASTORET
Anyone who says practice makes perfect quite obviously has never played golf.

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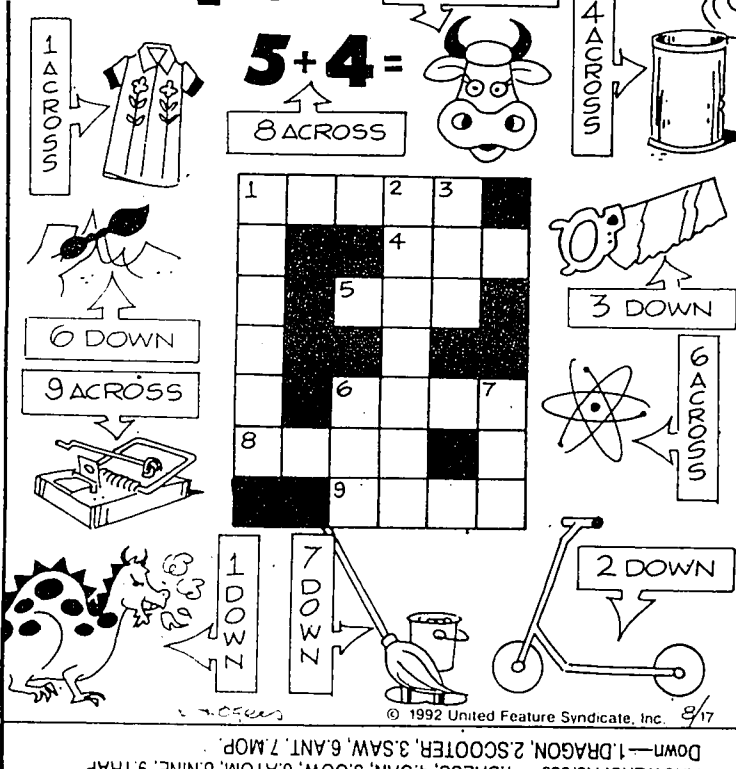
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Navratilova to face Seles in Slims finals

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Martina Navratilova overcame a second-set rally by Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere on Saturday night to advance to the final of the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles against top-seeded Monica Seles.

Navratilova, seeded second, defeated Switzerland's Maleeva-Fragniere 6-4, 7-6 (7-5) while Seles overpowered third-seeded Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain 6-3, 6-2.

Maleeva-Fragniere, the No. 4 seed, used deft passing shots to force the second-set tiebreaker.

Serving for the match, Navratilova was broken at love to tie it at five games apiece. After breaking Maleeva-Fragniere, Navratilova again had a chance to end the match but double-faulted to send it into the tiebreaker. "She attacks me for passing shots," Navratilova said. "It was very hard to see the ball everywhere, even on the baseline."

"The lights are too low. The high balls are an adventure. The darker it got, the more difficult it

got." Maleeva-Fragniere agreed, saying the court lighting was strange.

"It's quite a problem," she said. "If you hit the ball over the lights, you lose it."

Sanchez Vicario, who won a bronze medal in singles and a silver in doubles in the Olympics, committed 42 unforced errors to 15 for Seles.

"It was too close to the Olympics," Sanchez Vicario said, complaining of lingering jet lag.

She left Barcelona last Sunday and played her first match at the Manhattan Country Club on Wednesday.

"This is probably the worst time zone I've been through," she said. "It's very tough but I'm glad I came anyway."

Sanchez Vicario led the sixth game of the second set 15-40, but then committed three backhand errors to lose the advantage. Seles went on to win that game and the next two.

Seles is 10-0 lifetime against Sanchez Vicario.

Rams take 19-16 decision over Raiders

By JOHN NADEL

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Marcus Dupree is probably getting his last opportunity to make it in professional football. He looked like he belonged Saturday night.

Despite sitting out the first half, Dupree gained 100 yards on 22 carries as the Los Angeles Rams won a 19-16 overtime decision over the Los Angeles Raiders in an NFL exhibition game.

Tony Zendejas, who made all 17 of his field goal attempts last season, kicked four without a miss, including a 29-yarder at 5:41 of the overtime period.

The Rams won the coin toss at the start of overtime and moved 68 yards in nine plays to get into position for the game-winning kick.

Dupree gained 11 yards to the Raiders' 12-yard line before Zendejas kicked his game-winner, giving the Rams a 2-0 record this summer. Dupree, 27, signed as a free agent with the Rams in 1990 and was used sparingly the last two seasons. He missed the Rams' exhibition opener at Seattle because of an infected toe.

He was a standout at Oklahoma before cutting short his college career to sign a \$5 million contract with the New Orleans Breakers of the now-defunct USFL, but suffered a severe knee injury that kept him out of football for five years.

"I'm very surprised," Dupree said of his performance. "The second-team offensive line blocked very well. As the game went on, I got stronger. I used to watch Walter (Payton), as the game went on, he got stronger. I've tried to pattern myself after Walter. I could have played an-

other quarter." Payton, the NFL's all-time leading rusher, is a friend of Dupree's and helped guide him into the NFL and with the Rams.

Rookie quarterback T.J. Rubley played the second half and overtime for the Rams and was impressive, completing 15 of 23 passes for 128 yards and rushing for 27 yards on four carries.

"I tend to focus on my mistakes, but I can't be too hard on myself because it was my first NFL experience," Rubley said. "I tried to go out and have fun and I did have fun."

Said Dupree: "T.J. was a little nervous at first but settled down and did a great job. He's going to be a great quarterback. If he doesn't make this team, he'll play for somebody."

The Raiders (0-2) had tied the game 16-16 on a 25-yard field goal by Jeff Jaeger with three seconds remaining, forcing the overtime.

"I thought it was a game of missed opportunities for us," Raiders coach Art Shell said. "We didn't make the plays defensively we needed to make. I'm not pleased and I don't like to lose. We have to stop the run and we must do better."

Zendejas had given the Rams a 16-13 lead by kicking a 26-yard field goal with 54 seconds left.

Todd Marinovich engineered a 50-yard, five-play drive to the game-tying field goal after Stefan Adams' 42-yard kickoff return. Key play of the drive was a 24-yard pass from Marinovich to Daryl Hobbs.

The Rams moved 71 yards on 15 plays to get into position for the field goal by Zendejas that gave them their three-point lead with less than a minute to play.

Sydney hopes to host 2000 Olympic Games

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Sydney would have major advantages over Berlin and Beijing in its bid to host the Olympic Games in 2000, Sydney Olympic bid chairman Rod McGeoch said Sunday.

McGeoch said Sydney's bid would be distinguished from that of Berlin by its high level of support from the federal, state and city governments.

The German government said overnight that Berlin — competing against Sydney, Manchester, Beijing, Istanbul, Milan, Tashkent and Brasilia — would have to find private funding if it won the right to host the 2000 Games.

"It is material in consideration of candidature that governments support the bid," McGeoch said at the launch of the "Share the Spirit" campaign, the major domestic push for Sydney's bid.

"We are terribly fortunate in the Sydney bid that the Federal Government and State Government have given us unreserved support."

McGeoch said he was confident

In Bonn, German Finance Minister Theo Waigel told the Bild am Sonntag newspaper: "They (the Games) can only take place in Berlin if they are financed privately. With so many extra costs and burdens in the East and in Berlin, the government cannot spend additional billions on Olympic Games." McGeoch singled out Beijing as Sydney's current major competitor, saying the Chinese and Australian bids have the strongest appeal to the powerful American television networks.

"Events that are staged around late morning and early afternoon in Sydney go onto prime time US television," he said.

"In fact, of the present cities bidding, Beijing and Sydney have the strongest commercial television (appeal) of all the eight cities' bidding."

He said Sydney would be on daylight time for the Games and therefore on the same time zone as Seoul, South Korea, which hosted the 1988 Olympic Games. McGeoch said he was confident

Sydney would have the edge over Beijing, which is making its first bid, while Australia makes its third consecutive bid after unsuccessful attempts by Brisbane and Melbourne.

The Olympics have not been held in the southern hemisphere since the 1956 Games were held in Melbourne. Australia is one of only three countries to have attended every modern Olympics.

"I think there is a realization among (International Olympic Committee) members of where the Games have been and where they haven't. You hear a lot of comments that the Games have to go down there somewhere," McGeoch said.

New South Wales state sports minister Bruce Baird said Sydney was confident it could organize the Games more efficiently than Barcelona.

"The most quoted problem in Barcelona was transport. We can do it better," he said.

"I think it would be a brave city that is going to say it is going to do better, but I'm confident we can."

Oakland beats California 9-5

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Rickey Henderson and Jose Canseco finally made some news with their bats on Saturday.

Henderson hit a three-run homer and Canseco added a two-run drive as the Oakland Athletics rallied with six runs in the eighth inning and beat the California Angels 9-5.

Lance Blankenship's RBI double off Julio Valera and run-scoring singles by Harold Baines and Canseco off Mike Butcher closed the A's to 5-3 the seventh.

Walt Weiss singled off Chuck Crim (6-5) leading off the eighth and Blankenship reached on a bunt single when third baseman Mark McGwire's sacrifice fly and Canseco's two-run homer, his 20th of the season and first since July 17, Canseco, who earlier this week angered teammates when he left the ballpark early because of his bad back, switched to a lighter bat loaned to him by Walt Weiss.

That brought up Henderson, who had an on-field argument earlier in the week with Oakland manager Tony La Russa. Henderson followed with his 11th homer of the season for a 6-5 lead,

only his fourth hit in 31 at-bats against the Angels.

"I'm so glad Rickey hit that three-run homer, so now all of these people giving him a hard time will shut up," Canseco said. "If Rickey and myself didn't exist, it would be dull here. You wouldn't have anything to write about."

La Russa said he never considered having Henderson bunt the runners into scoring position.

"That's a get-you-fired call there, if you bunt," La Russa said. "You're giving up an out to one hell of a hitter. He's got too many weapons."

Oakland padded its lead off Steve Frey on Mark McGwire's sacrifice fly and Canseco's two-run homer, his 20th of the season and first since July 17, Canseco, who earlier this week angered teammates when he left the ballpark early because of his bad back, switched to a lighter bat loaned to him by Walt Weiss.

Aussie swim coaches cry 'foul'

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — Two leading Australian swimming coaches charged in interviews published Sunday that Chinese female swimmers used illegal performance-enhancing drugs at the Barcelona Olympics.

Bernie Wakefield said he was sure two Australian women swimmers — Susan O'Neill and Hayley Lewis — had finished behind Chinese swimmers who had used illegal muscle-building drugs.

"No-one wants to come home crying 'We wuz robbed,' but unfortunately in this case it is

true," Wakefield said.

O'Neill and Lewis finished out of the medals behind Chinese swimmers in a number of events at Barcelona, and O'Neill took a bronze in the 200-meter butterfly behind a Chinese silver medalist.

Wakefield did not identify any Chinese swimmers by name.

The coach told the Brisbane Sunday Mail newspaper that policy on drug testing "changed from one day to the next." He suggested that officials, fearing a scandal, were reluctant to test swimmers who might have been drug users.

"At the Games, Australian girls

were often tested. Competitors from other countries with bad records were not. Why was that?"

Joe King, who coaches Lewis, said he had no doubt some Chinese women had used illegal drugs.

"While there is no doubt, there is no proof either with no random or proper testing," King told the Sunday Mail.

"All the signs were there. For a start, when a country's women start to shine and you never hear of the males, that is a very good sign something is going on."

SPORTS



BILL Quitano of the San Antonio Lite Beer prepares to hit the ball with eyes seemingly closed during the Lite Beer's last-pitch encounter with the Equitable Dan Dan. The latter won the match, 9-3.

Retirement question keeps flying at McEnroe

By TOM COYNE

NEWHAVEN, Conn. (AP) - Like a booming serve, the retirement question keeps flying at John McEnroe. He returns it deftly each time, keeping the answer just out of reach.

This might be his last Volvo International and his last US Open. Maybe not. At age 33, McEnroe knows the end is coming, he's just not sure when.

"It's not easy for me," he said. "For any athlete it's always a tough time when you start considering the possibility of doing something else."

McEnroe is tired of all the traveling and practicing. With three children at home, he's more concerned with being a good father than a great tennis player.

The question for McEnroe isn't whether he can still play. It's whether he wants to.

Making it to this year's Wimbledon semifinals showed he's still good. But he's just not interested in devoting the time needed to keep him among the sport's elite for another few years.

"It's an extremely selfish sport," he said. "I could make more sacrifices, but I feel like I don't want to do that because I want to grow as a person. I don't want to go back to being 20 years old and acting like a kid."

But what if he makes a run at the U.S. Open? What if he wins it? Does he go out while he's on top, wondering what else he could have accomplished? Or does he stick around another year or two?

"Let's see how I feel, how much time I want to play next year. I don't see myself going cold turkey from the professional year," he said.

McEnroe enters the Volvo International, which begins Monday, ranked No. 17 in the world and coming off a foot injury that kept him out of the Volvo Los Angeles tournament two weeks ago. Also included in the field are No. 2 Stefan Edberg, No. 4 Goran Ivanisevic, No. 6 Petr Korda, the defending champion, No. 8 Andre Agassi and No. 11 Ivan Lendl.

McEnroe's hair is thinner and flecked with gray, and it takes him a little longer to get stretched out and ready to play. And some days his game just isn't there. He said he has to work harder to get less results, "but hopefully you get the results at the right moment."

The changes for McEnroe have been more than physical. He's changed his mental approach as well, putting less pressure on himself. He's enjoying himself a lot more than when he reigned as the world's No. 1 player from 1981 to 1984.

The fans are different, too. Like Jimmy Connors, McEnroe is finding that fans are more appreciative of players after they've peaked.

"I think in a certain way they understand you a little bit more, and they accept you. And when they realize that you're not going to be around for that much longer I think they show their appreciation," he said.

Seibu Lions overtake Kintetsu Buffaloes

TOKYO (AP) - Hisanobu Watanabe (10-7) allowed only five hits over eight innings and Ken Hirano slammed a bases-loaded two-run single in the seventh, helping the Pacific League's front-running Seibu Lions rally past the second-place Kintetsu Buffaloes 4-1 at Seibu Stadium Saturday.

The defending champion Lions now are 9 1/2 games ahead of the Buffaloes, who placed second last season.

At Tokyo Dome, Takahashi Satoshi's single to center field drove in the winning run in the three-run third, leading the Orix Bluewave to a 4-3 victory over the Nippon Ham Fighters.

Satoshi, who leads the league with 28 home runs, went 2-for-4, improving his average to .316, third-best in the six-team league.

It was the Ham Fighters' sixth straight setback in seven days.

At Heiwadai, Yutaka Ashikaga (2-3) gave up eight hits, allowing no runners beyond second base, for his second career win and as many shutout victories in the Fukuoka Daiei Hawks' 3-0 triumph over the Chiba Lotte Orions.

Ashikawa won his first victory, also a shutout, in a game against

Standings and results after Saturday's games:

Central League	W	L	ties	pct	gb.
Yakult	51	37	0	.580	—
Hanshin	50	43	1	.538	3.5
Yomiuri	50	44	0	.532	4.0
Hiroshima	46	43	0	.517	5.5
Taiyo	39	54	1	.419	14.5
Chunichi	38	53	0	.418	14.5

Saturday's results:

Yakult 11, Yomiuri 1
Hanshin 6, Chunichi 5 (10 innings)
Taiyo 4, Hiroshima 1

Pacific League	W	L	ties	pct	gb.
Seibu	58	29	2	.667	—
Kintetsu	46	36	6	.561	9.5
Nippon Ham	42	47	2	.472	17.0
Orix	39	48	4	.448	19.0
Daiei	41	51	1	.446	19.5
Lotte	37	52	1	.416	22.0

Saturday's results:

Seibu 4, Kintetsu 1
Orix 4, Nippon Ham 3
Daiei 3, Lotte 0

the Orions on July 8.

In the Central League, Katsumi Hirosawa hit a two-run homer and drove in three more runs as the pace-setting Yakult Swallows trounced the Yomiuri Giants 11-1 at Jingu Stadium.

Akimitsu Ito (5-3) allowed seven hits for the winning cause.

At Nagoya, the Hanshin Tigers pounded out 10 hits, including three home runs, to beat the Chunichi Dragons 6-5 in 10 innings.

At Hiroshima, Toru Okamoto (5-6) allowed only four hits over eight innings as the Yokohama Taiyo Whales trimmed the Hiroshima Toyo Carp 4-1.

Faldo loses to lesser-known

By BOB GREEN

ST. LOUIS (AP) - In a third-round showdown between Nick Faldo and some hopeful but uncredentialed Americans, the English owner of the British Open title blinked first.

In fact, it was more like a grimace as Faldo all but blew himself out of the PGA championship Saturday.

The world's top-ranked player, who seemed to have the deck stacked in his favor, fretted and fussed his way to a 5-over-par 76 in the third round and finds himself eight shots behind Gene Sauers going into Sunday's final round.

The placid Sauers ran in a 20-foot eagle putt on the 17th hole as the highlight of a gritty 70 that gave him a 206 total, seven under par and two in front of the pack at the three-quarter mark of the last of the year's Big Four golf events.

Six others are ahead of Faldo, including Nick Price, who holds a certain responsibility for the emergence of John Daly as one of the game's most colorful and controversial characters, and Jeff Maggert, tied for second at 208.

Maggert, a graduate of the Ben Hogan Tour, came from seven strokes back with a bogey-free 65, the best round of the tournament on the long, difficult Bellerive Country Club layout.

Price, whose withdrawal from this tournament a year ago provided Daly with a place in the field and set it up for his eventual victory, dropped a monster, 35-yard birdie putt on the way to a 68.

Jim Gallagher and John Cook, the latter victimized by Faldo in the British Open, were next at 210. Cook shot 67 and Gallagher had a 72.

Mark Brooks, who chipped in for a birdie on the 17th hole, was the only other player under par after 54 holes. His 68 put him at 211.

Gil Morgan, with a 73, was at par 213.

The distraught Faldo, three times the British Open winner and twice winner of the Masters, scattered eight 5s across his scorecard and was in a large group at 214 after squandering a position two strokes off the lead. "I just played badly," he muttered after missing a pair of putts from less than six feet on the last two holes.

"I just lost it," said Faldo, who was the only contender with extensive major-tournament experience coming into the day's play.

But there's still a glimmer of hope, he said, of becoming the first British-born player in 62 years to take this title.

"It's not impossible," Faldo said. "I've just got to go for it. I have nothing to lose. I'll just see if I can play well enough to go for it and make it happen, let it happen, or whatever."

But there was a certain lack of conviction in the brave talk. He shrugged and walked away, turning his back on a sad and sorry Saturday.

It was ugly.

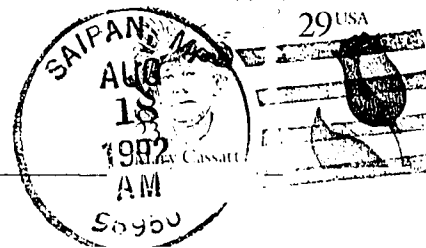
His radar drives developed a glitch and his putter got a twitch. It all went wrong.

He strayed into the rough with remarkable frequency. He slashed and hacked out of rough, flailed away in bunkers and a couple of times twirled his driver around his head as still another one headed for the hay.

He three-putted the sixth, 10th and 12th.

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