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## Payne's bill may hurt airlines

THE DEATH of the CNMI garment industry as a result of Representative Lewis F. Payne's bill will severely damage the operations of US carriers (Northwest Airlines and Continental Micronesia) in the Western Pacific, according to PacAir Ltd., Northwest's general sales agent.

Payne's bill, which was first introduced last year and reintroduced in January 1993, seeks to deny duty-free treatment for goods exported by the CNMI to the US mainland unless the local minimum wage is raised to the federal level and local labor cost to 50 percent.

"The annihilation of the garment industry will have an obvious domino effect on all government and private sector compo-

ponents that interact with it," PacAir Managing Director Art G. Seagraves said in a letter dated March 22 to Janice Mays, chief counsel and staff director of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Seagraves said Saipan's airline industry is composed of various Asian national carriers and two US carriers. Northwest and Continental are the dominant air carriers of labor, raw materials and finished goods between the CNMI, Asia, Guam and the mainland US.

Ticket sales for labor movement in the CNMI alone amount to \$2.1 million yearly. "While this revenue may not be substantial, the loss of this revenue in this hotly contested area will severely damage the US carrier's ability to

serve this region," Seagraves said.

He said that while Asian carriers' primary source of revenue is the influx of tourists to Guam and the CNMI, US carriers must rely on a combination of tourists, local and foreign labor passengers and cargo to survive.

"Revenue losses from the closure of CNMI's garment industry will force us, along with other industries in the CNMI, to lay off workers to reduce our operating costs due to decreases in passenger and cargo traffic... Along with the industries that serve the carriers, the CNMI government will see reduced revenues from this trickle down effect," Seagraves said.

As the general sales agent for Northwest in Guam, CNMI and

Micronesia, PacAir's ability to secure passenger and cargo traffic is crucial to the airline's economic survival in the Western Pacific. "If the GSA is forced to reduce or possibly close its operation, NWA will not have the ability to serve this region," Seagraves said. "This will be a great loss for Northwest Airlines, the people it serves and those that support the carriers."

Closure of the garment industry will also affect other industries. "The CNMI's economic success is a direct result of the garment industry's ability to entice foreign investment and the growth of private sector development to support the growing population's everyday needs," Seagraves said. "In one way or another, small and large

businesses have a stake in the survival of this industry."

"The decision to enforce labor and wage requirements on the CNMI's garment industry will not only hurt the CNMI but also its US territorial neighbor of Guam," he said. "The CNMI and Guam are inextricably tied and any action that will affect Saipan's economic survival will certainly have a profound effect on the people of Guam."

He urged the committee to reconsider the decision to reintroduce Payne's proposal and allow the CNMI to develop into a sound, stable economy. "After all, the United States itself has had its share of economic 'growing pains' throughout its over 200 years of development," Seagraves said. (NL)

## Manglona: CNMI uses funds wisely

THE \$5.7 MILLION Agingan sewage treatment plant, financed entirely with local money, is proof that the CNMI government uses infrastructure funds wisely.

This was stressed yesterday by acting Governor Benjamin T. Manglona and Commonwealth Utilities Corp. (CUC) Executive Director Ramon S. Guerrero in separate remarks during the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the just completed project.

The CNMI, however, cannot finance all infrastructure projects because these would require a heavy tax burden on the people, Manglona said.

Guerrero said the Sadog Tase sewage treatment plant which was completed in 1991 at a cost of \$2.7 million, was also financed with local taxpayers' money.

If the federal government would match the local funds spent on the two projects, he said CUC could build additional sewage treatment plants in other parts of Saipan.

"This new sewage treatment plant should help demonstrate to the United States Congress that we do use our infrastructure funds wisely, under local direction, to solve local problems, and serve our local needs," Manglona said.

He said more public projects were being planned, consistent with "our pledge of positive progress that is contained in our proposed seven-year funding agreement..."

Representative George Miller, who chairs the House Committee on Natural Resources, said during a subcommittee hearing on March 18 that he would not sup-

port the appropriation of \$120 million under the agreement because of the failure by the CNMI to institute reforms on labor and taxation.

"Yes, we understand the concerns of various members of the US House of Representatives regarding our need to raise our minimum wage, implement tax and labor reform," Manglona said. "Let me say this: these reforms are now before our Legislature."

He expressed optimism that the Legislature would enact the reforms in the very near future "because our leaders fully understand that without these reforms, the US Congress will be reluctant to approve our proposed \$120 million 702 agreement with the federal government."

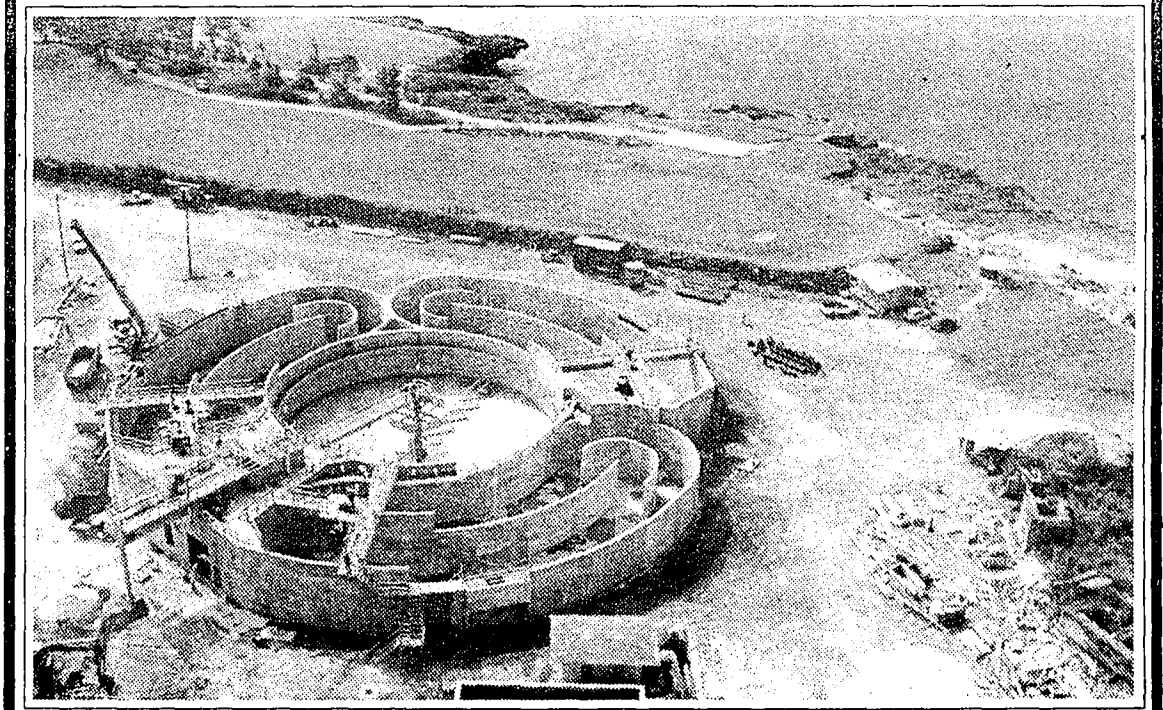
Manglona said "if we fail to approve these reforms, our people will be denied federal funds for these improvements. If this happens, progress on our islands could end, unless we pay for such future projects ourselves, funded entirely by local funds, which will place an enormous burden on all our people."

The Agingan plant, which was completed in 10 months, will receive and treat three million gallons of waste water per day, compared to Sadog Tase's capacity of two million gallons.

Juan C. Sablan, manager of CUC's sewer division, said the old plant in Agingan, with a capacity of one million gallons, would be renovated to further increase CUC's capacity in sewage treatment. (NL)



ACTING Governor Benjamin T. Manglona (left) leads ribbon-cutting ceremony for the \$5.7 million Agingan sewage treatment plant (shown in aerial photo below) yesterday. With him in photo are (from left): Representative Jesus Mafnas, CUC board member Angie S. Iba, Rev. Kenneth R. Richmond, First Lady Matilde Guerrero, Norman Lovelace of the US Environmental Protection Agency, CUC Chairman Jose M. Taitano, James B. Branch, also of EPA, and R. Jay Nelson of Dames & Moore.



# Manglona backs RP-CNMI talks

ACTING Governor Benjamin T. Manglona has agreed to a high-level dialogue with the Philippine government on problems involving Filipino workers in the Commonwealth.

In a letter to Senator David M. Cing on March 22, Manglona assured executive branch participation in the bilateral talks to find solutions to the problems encountered by Filipino workers here as well as problems of CNMI employers with their Filipino

employees.

"I fully agree with your observation that the leadership of this administration is needed to help resolve these problems. You may rest assured that we will make every effort to participate in these discussions," Manglona said.

Cing, who chairs the Senate Committee on Federal Relations and Independent Agencies, has initiated government-to-government discussions with Philippine government officials who were

not aware but otherwise very concerned about the plight of their workers here.

Filipino workers in the CNMI represent the biggest ethnic group in the CNMI. According to latest statistics, they comprise about 42 percent of the CNMI's total employed labor force.

According to Cing, many of these labor problems arose from unscrupulous and fraudulent recruitment practices in the Philippines instigated by certain em-

ployment agencies out to make quick money.

A number of these agencies have been sending workers to the CNMI even if they do not meet skill and proficiency requirements as long as they can pay a hefty placement fee.

Cing said there was a need to officially ask the Philippine government to put the necessary controls to make sure that the Commonwealth gets qualified skilled workers corresponding to the re-

quirements of employers.

During a recent Manila visit by Cing and another Senator Paul A. Manglona to attend a recent conference of the Asfan Pacific Parliamentarians' Union (APPU) they met Philippine lawmaker Jaime C. Lopez, who chairs the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

They discussed the alien labor issue and agreed that it should be reviewed at a more formal level. (RHA)

# Public hearings set on FY 1993 budget

THE SENATE Fiscal Affairs Committee will conduct a series of public hearings on the fiscal year 1993 budget in Saipan starting March 29, Committee Chairman Jesus R. Sablan announced yesterday.

In a memorandum to concerned departments and agencies, Sablan said comments, or statements about the \$159.157 million appropriation be submitted in by March 26 after which hearing schedules for individual departments and agencies will be determined.

All hearings will be held at the Senate chamber and will start at 9 a.m. starting March 29 through April 1 or until completed.

House Bill 8-226, which was authored by House Ways and Means acting Chairman Pete P. Reyes, was passed by the House of Representatives on Feb. 19.

The Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee has conducted public

hearings in Rota and Tinian.

Under the budget bill, Rota will receive \$8.802 million for operations and personnel salaries with 341 full time employees (FTEs), while Tinian was allocated \$8.252 million with 313 FTEs.

HB 8-226 appropriates \$118.76 million for salaries the remaining \$40.4 million to be used for operations.

The executive branch will receive the bulk or \$76.33 million with 1,287 FTEs while the judicial and legislative branches were given \$2.168 million and \$4.9 million, respectively.

Among government corporations, the Public School System got the biggest slice of the budget at \$31.385 million.

It took the House six months come out with its version of the budget, after the governor submitted its proposal in August last year. (RHA)

# BASIC meeting March 30

THE NEXT Business Assistance, Sharing Information and Cooperation (BASIC) meeting will be held on March 30, from 3 - 4:30 p.m. at the Pacific Gardenia's El Segundo Restaurant.

Hiring and training personnel will be the topic of discussion, with DFS Saipan's vice president for human resources Marian Aldan Pierce as guest speaker.

All business owners and managers are encouraged to attend the meeting to share ideas and solutions to common problems. There is no charge for participation.

For more information, contact Ellie Friedman at the Department of Commerce and Labor, 322-4324 or Jim Bingham at the NMC Small Business Incubator, 235-1551.

# ALCOHOLIC ANONYMOUS MEETS

Alcoholic Anonymous, a support group for those with drinking (or drugging) problems meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 7:00 p.m., and Fridays at 7:30 p.m. at the Kristo Rai Church in Garapan.

For more information, call the HOTLINE at 234-5100 or Wolf M. at 234-6615 (and leave message).

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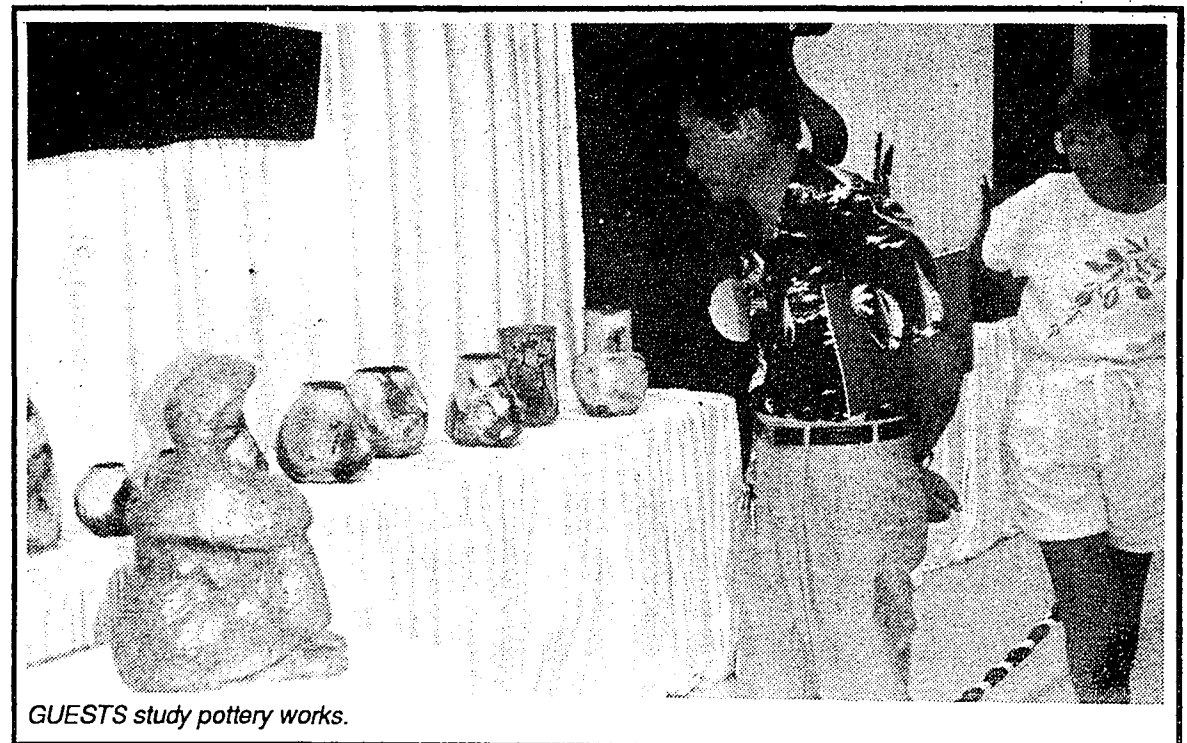
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ARTISTS prepare to cut ribbon to open the first Seoul-Saipan 3-D Art Festival. From left: Eric Smith, Mike Quinn, Jim Williams, Margaret DLG. Wonenberg and Frank Wabol.



GUESTS study pottery works.

# Man blames friend for ice use

FRIENDSHIP between two Department of Public Works employees brought one of them to court for alleged trafficking in crystal methamphetamine or "ice."

During his trial Tuesday, Francisco Mendiola Cabrera told a Superior Court jury that his close friend and office mate at DPW influenced him to use ice in 1990.

Cabrera was arrested in a buy-bust operation in May 1992, three years after he and Frank Camacho became buddies. His friend acted as the police's informant.

"When you become close to a person... you cannot avoid the temptation (to use ice)," Cabrera said in Chamorro.

Cabrera recalled that his friend told him in December 1990 to try smoking ice "because it's good."

The also testified that his friend "started ice (use) at DPW."

Cabrera said he realized later that he had to stop using ice and made a commitment to himself in January 1992 to stop.

He said he read in the newspapers and saw on television that ice use affects the health of the user and will emotionally affect the user's family.

"I was concerned about myself and my family," Cabrera said. "If a person says he can control ice (use), that person is not telling the truth: There is no other way but to stop it."

On cross-examination by Assistant Attorney General Steven Pixley, Cabrera admitted having told the police shortly after his arrest that he had sold ice 10 times.

Cabrera was arrested at the dock area in Puerto Rico shortly after handing over three packets of ice worth \$500 each.

Two more packets were found in his shirt pocket and in a sock he was wearing. He claimed that he had intended to throw the ice later because he allegedly quit using the drug.

Police officers involved in the sting operation found \$1,500 in \$100 marked bills which was used to buy the ice from Cabrera. (GLD)

# CNMI may ask court to rule on 702 funds

THE CNMI government to secure a new multi-year financial assistance package, Senator Juan S. Torres said Tuesday.

Because of the possibility that Congress would not approve the agreement under section 702 of the Covenant, Torres said he was proposing that the Commonwealth invoke section 903 of the Covenant and seek court ruling on whether the guaranteed funding should continue.

"Conflicts over how much the CNMI is getting under 702 or should CNMI be getting any has dragged on and on. Maybe, if all negotiations fail, we still have a last resort - court determination pursuant to section 903 of the Covenant," Torres said in an interview.

Section 903 allows the filing of cases in courts to resolve disputes arising from the Covenant.

If the new agreement is not ap-



Juan S. Torres proved the CNMI could continue to receive annual grants at the level of the previous 702 agreement.

US Public Law 99-396 provides that upon the expiration of the latest 702 funding assistance package and in the absence of a new one, the CNMI would continue to

receive federal funding at the level of the previous 702 package, unless Congress provides otherwise by law.

Torres said the US and CNMI agreed to put in section 903 to provide for a litigation process in resolving disputes.

"I guess we should be heading towards this as nothing seems to be coming out of the continuing arguments with regards to the funding. In my opinion, settling the issue in court is the most equitable and fairest administration of the Covenant as it would establish who is right and who is wrong," Torres said.

The US could not change the full faith and credit provisions of the Covenant unilaterally.

In negotiating the Covenant with the US, he said the CNMI gave up certain rights so the agreement would be mutually beneficial. (RHA)



COMPUTER literacy instructor Gary Curley (right) shows his award and trophy after being selected Hopwood's vocational teacher of the year. Also in photo are (from left): Vice principal Cynthia San Nicolas, Hopwood Principal Thomas Pangelinan, assistant deputy commissioner Anna C. Larsen and Francisco Cantos, head of the vocational education department.

# Muslim voters to choose leaders

COTABATO, Philippines (AP)- An estimated 1 million voters will select leaders of a Muslim autonomous region today in elections held against a backdrop of bombings and deteriorating security in the southern Philippines.

More than 4,000 additional troops have been sent to the four provinces that comprise the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao, a regional administration organized three years ago to provide self-rule for the country's 6 million Muslims.

But the election appears to have generated little enthusiasm. Instead, it is widely seen as a test of strength between President Fidel Ramos' Lakas party and the main opposition Struggle of the Democratic Filipino, both of which have fielded candidates.

Voters will choose a governor, vice governor and 20 members of a regional assembly.

A wave of bombings across Mindanao, second largest of the 7,100 Philippine islands, has raised fears about safety during the balloting.

Late Tuesday, a bomb exploded during a Lakas rally near Cotabato, killing at least two people and injuring about 40. It was the fifth bombing in the southern Philippines in two days.

The government blames the bombings on a breakaway faction of the Muslim rebel Moro National Liberation Front. The front's exiled leader, Nur Misuari, denies that his followers are involved.

Finding a formula for meeting Muslim aspirations without dismembering the country has dogged successive governments since independence from the United States in 1946.

Muslim tribes in the south resisted Spanish colonial domination and were not entirely subdued until

the Americans seized the islands in 1898. After independence, both Muslims and Christians in Mindanao complained that neglect and mismanagement by Manila had left the island poor despite rich natural resources.

Those frustrations led to an armed revolt in 1972 by the Moro Front. The rebellion peaked in the mid-1970s after leaving more than 50,000 people dead.

In 1976, the government of the late strongman Ferdinand Marcos and the front signed an agreement in Tripoli, Libya, recognizing Muslim self-rule in 13 southern provinces.

The agreement was never fully implemented and fighting resumed. Marcos' successor, Corazon Aquino, promised autonomy. But she rejected the Tripoli Agreement, saying all residents of the 13 provinces should be consulted.

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# Romulo: No more special treatment

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)** - The foreign affairs secretary said Tuesday the Philippines no longer can expect special treatment from the United States after the last US military base here closed last year.

The secretary, Roberto Romulo, said the country also must solve the electricity crisis with "extraordinary urgency" if it wants to be economically competitive with its neighbors and new democracies abroad. "Without the need to maintain American forces in the Philippine bases, there is no incentive... for the United States to give special treatment to the Philippines in its trade policy or in its other economic calculations," Romulo told businessmen at a forum.

"We must never again fall under the illusion that we shall have the advantage of special economic treatment from the United States by virtue of historical or military or political ties," Romulo said. Last November, the United

States shut down its naval base at Subic Bay, 50 miles (80 kilometers) northwest of Manila, after the Philippine Senate refused to extend its lease.

The closing of Subic marked the end of a century of Philippine dependence on America, its former colonial master.

Romulo also said the break-up of the former Soviet Union and the emergence of new republics had created more economic competitors for the Philippines.

Global events have prompted President Fidel Ramos' government to focus on trade with its Asian neighbors, especially Japan, Taiwan and Korea.

But no amount of economic reforms can make the country competitive unless it solves the electricity crisis, a problem inherited from the administration of former President Corazon Aquino, Romulo said.

The capital and all Luzon, the nation's most important island, suffer an average of eight hours of

power outages every day, crippling factories, water supply, telephone service and transportation.

Rep. Roilo Golez said Tuesday a congressional study showed about 150 million pesos (\$6 million) are lost every day to power outages.

"The effects of the power crisis on the economy are terrible," Golez said in a radio interview. "Our people are suffering."

Labor Secretary Nieves Confessor said the crisis had lowered business production and led to layoffs of some workers. She gave no figures, but said the worst hurt were small and medium-size businesses that cannot afford to invest in electrical generators.

The Ramos government had been talking about emergency powers for the president, but the idea has met with opposition because of fears of a return of martial rule like that imposed by the late strongman Ferdinand Marcos.

# Bombing kills 2, injures 40

By Oliver Teves

**COTABATO, Philippines (AP)** - A bomb exploded late Tuesday at a political rally of President Fidel Ramos' party, killing two women and injuring about 40 in the latest in a wave of blasts in the southern Philippines.

No group claimed responsibility for the bombings. Officials released a secret intelligence report blaming the campaign on breakaway factions of the Moro National Liberation Front, which has waged a 20-year insurgency to establish an Islamic state.

But Nur Misuari, the exiled chief of the Front, told Manila radio station DZXL on Wednesday that his followers had nothing to do with the bombings. The blast occurred at the end of a rally for candidates of Ramos' Lakas party, held in preparation for Thursday's elections for regional governor and 21 lesser posts in the four-province Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao.

The regional government was established three years ago to grant

self-rule to the country's 6-million-strong Muslim minority.

The election is considered a test of strength between Ramos' party and the main opposition Struggle of the Democratic Filipino.

Misuari said the Front would not take part in the election and would not accept the results.

Police said the last speaker was finishing his remarks when the blast occurred. Hundreds of terrified spectators scrambled to escape.

Guards rushed the party's gubernatorial candidate, Lininding Pangandaman, from the stage. His security guards speculated the bomb could have been part of an attempt to assassinate Pangandaman, a former ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

"I hope this will not be repeated," said Nabil Tan, the party's candidate for vice governor. "I appeal to all and sundry, even to those responsible for this. It was so senseless. It was so cruel."

Earlier Tuesday, a bomb exploded outside the home of a

mayor in Sulu province but caused no casualties. On Monday, homemade bombs went off in three southern cities, injuring one government official.

In Manila, officials released a police intelligence report saying an alliance of Muslim rebels planned a bombing campaign throughout the south in retaliation for military operations on the southern island of Basilan. The report said the bombings were carried out by renegades led by Abdurajak Abu-Bakr, a Muslim rebel who broke with the Moro Front. The Front still operates but has broken into smaller factions.

The report said the campaign was aimed at pressuring troops to suspend operations on Basilan, 600 miles (900 kilometers) south of Manila. Basilan is Abu-Bakr's stronghold. Last month, his followers ambushed and killed 25 soldiers.

Muslim residents claim the troops have been burning and killing indiscriminately to avenge the deaths of their comrades.

# Senator seeks probe of cult espousing free love, sex

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)** - A senator on Tuesday urged a probe of a religious cult allegedly led by American ministers who espouse free love and sex to "win people to the Lord."

Sen. Ernesto Maceda, chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Accountability, said the "Future Visions," or "Family," cult was being financed by prominent figures.

Maceda said the group was recruiting young women to become "ministers" and peddling sex in exchange for financial and other favors.

Maceda said he obtained information about the cult from a woman who claimed she had been a member and now is seeking refuge with the Catholic Church.

"Members of this group freely had sex with each other and in

front of children," Maceda said in a speech. "Members also ministered sex to persons being encouraged to support the group's activities."

He added that children of cult members were prohibited from attending school.

Maceda said the group's American leader had been expelled from the country in 1987 but had come back to resurrect the cult.

# North Korea ends 'semi-war' state

**TOKYO (AP)** - In a move that may help ease tensions on the volatile Korean Peninsula, North Korea announced Wednesday it was ending the state of "semi-war" it imposed during joint US-South Korean military exercises. The North's official Korean Central News Agency said Kim Jong Il, supreme commander of the nation's armed forces, had issued a communique ending the "semi-war" alert, although the country would "maintain a high revolutionary vigilance."

While the announcement was likely to come as a relief to North Korea's neighbors, there was no indication the reclusive, Stalinist country would reconsider its March 12 decision to withdraw from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

That move sharpened Western suspicions that Pyongyang may be developing nuclear weapons. It also has further delayed talks on reconciliation between North and South Korea, which were divided in 1945 and fought a bitter war in the early 1950s.

North Korea announced the state of "semi-war" after the United States and South Korea began joint military exercises known as "Team Spirit," which ended last Thursday.

Pyongyang claims the yearly exercises, which involve some 120,000 soldiers, amount to preparations for an invasion of North Korea.

Kim Jong Il, son and heir apparent to supreme leader Kim Il Sung, issued a communique saying that all the North Korean people and armed forces had "eloquently demonstrated to the world that Korea is a powerful socialist state... with political and military might and a country with a strong sense of independence no one dare provoke."

"The whole country, all the people and the entire army, must maintain a high revolutionary vigilance and combat readiness so that they can smash any provocation of the U.S. imperialists and the South Korean puppets," said the dispatch monitored in Tokyo.

In a separate report, the news agency said rallies were being held around the nation in support of North Korea's decision to reject nuclear controls. The North Korean government denies that it is developing nuclear weapons and maintains that its nuclear program is for strictly peaceful purposes. But its refusal to allow special inspections of two facilities thought to be nuclear waste dumps has nurtured fears that it is hiding a nuclear weapons program.

North Korea signed the nuclear accord in 1985, but did not allow required international inspections until last year. The International Atomic Energy Agency, which oversees compliance with the treaty, made six inspections before running into trouble.

The IAEA has set a March 31 deadline for compliance with its requests. It has no authority to

enforce the demands, but is expected to take the issue to the U.N. Security Council if refused access.

Diplomatic efforts are now underway to end the impasse.

North Korea says the demands for additional inspection are an infringement on its national sovereignty. It has warned that the joint military exercises could provoke a war.

North Korea announced earlier this week that in addition to its regular force of 1.1 million soldiers, 1.5 million people had signed up to wage a "sacred war" to reunite the Korean peninsula.

# Thai PM arrives in Manila

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)** - Thai Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai arrived here Wednesday for a three-day visit designed to strengthen ties between the two Southeast Asian neighbors.

Chuan, 55, and his 11-man official delegation arrived at about 12:20 p.m. (0430 GMT) aboard a Royal Thai Air Force jet. He was greeted at the airport by Philippine Foreign Secretary Roberto Romulo.

From the airport, Chuan's delegation was scheduled to proceed later to the presidential palace for formal arrival honors.

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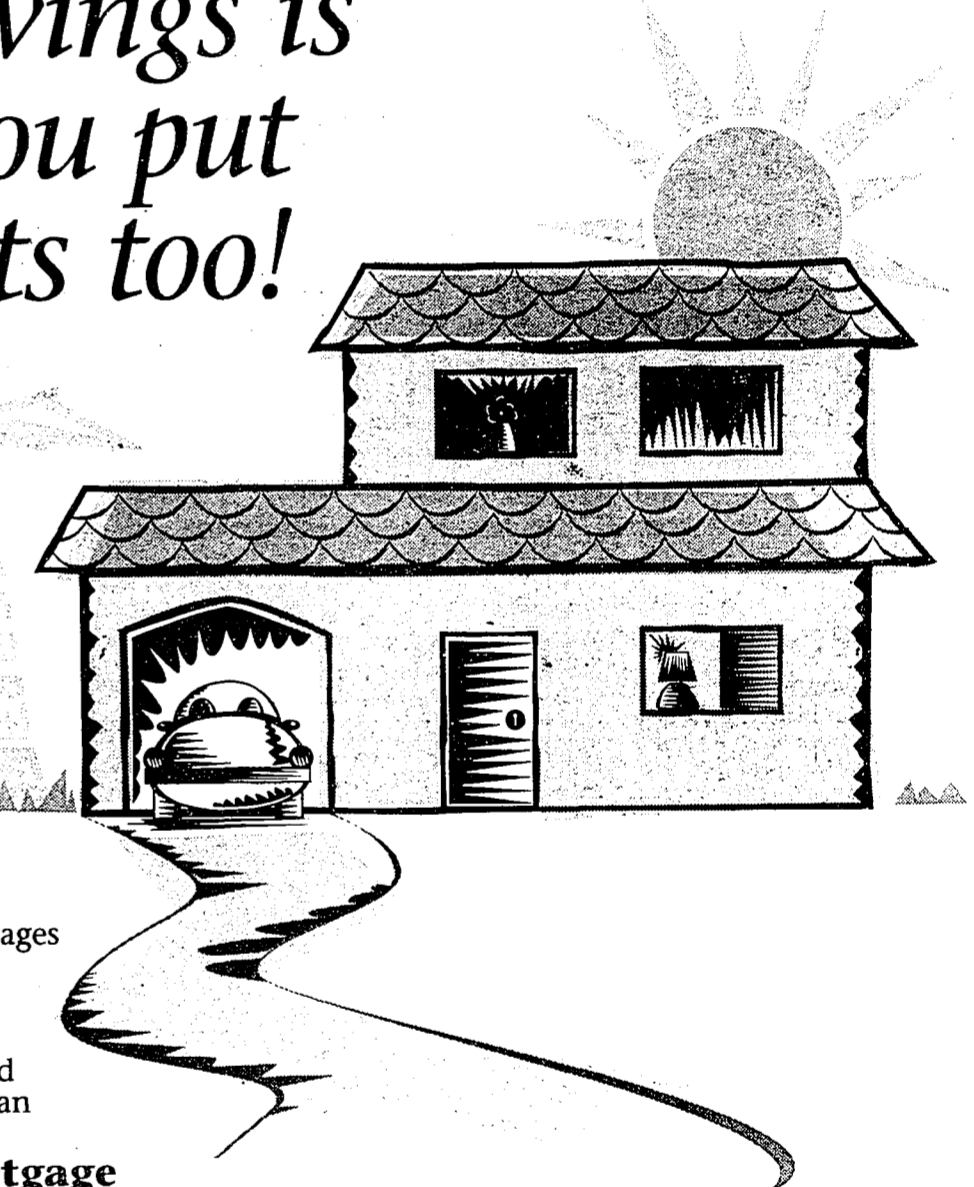
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## Clinton expects little change in Japan trade

By Carl Hartman

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton told his first news conference as president on Tuesday that he sees little chance of selling US goods to Japan on an equal basis.

He said he hopes to have an ongoing dialogue with the Japanese government on a broad range of trade issues.

"Look at the history of American trade relationships," he said. "The one that never seems to change very much is the one with Japan."

"That is, we're sometimes in a position of trade deficit and sometimes in a position of trade surplus with the European Community. We

once had huge trade deficits with Taiwan and South Korea but they've changed quite a bit. They move up and down.

"The persistence of the surplus the Japanese enjoy with the United States and the rest of the developed world can only lead one to the conclusion that the possibility of obtaining real equal access to the Japanese market is somewhat remote."

The question came up in reference to Clinton's statements during the presidential campaign, attacking former President Bush's administration for cutting tariffs on Japanese mini-vans by classifying them as cars rather than trucks. It has since been proposed that they pay a duty of 25 percent instead of the current 2.5 percent.

"I was - and I will say it again - I was astonished that the Bush administration overruled its own customs office and gave a 300 million dollar freebie (gift) to the Japanese for no apparent reason," Clinton said.

"And we got nothing, and I emphasize nothing, in return. So I haven't changed my position about that."

He said he did hope to put this together with other trade issues and discuss them with the Japanese government before taking his own action.

## Dollar skids; gold prices drop

By David E. Kalish

NEW YORK (AP) - The German Bundesbank injected anxiety into the foreign exchange market Tuesday with an interest-rate announcement that sent the US dollar skidding against the German mark and most other major European currencies.

Meanwhile the Japanese yen, after spurring overseas to another record postwar high against the dollar, lost some of its gains in New York. Traders grew less nervous that major industrialized nations favor a higher yen as a way to trim Japan's trade deficit.

Gold prices retreated after moving higher Monday. On the Commodity Exchange in New York, gold for current delivery closed at \$331.90 per troy ounce, down \$1. Republic National Bank quoted a late bid of \$331.60 per troy ounce, off \$1.10 from late Monday.

During European currency trading, Germany's central bank announced an agreement to repurchase money market securities as way to supply banks short of cash with fresh funds. In a repurchase agreement, the Bundesbank buys securities from the banks with a

preset agreement to sell them back.

Currency traders feared the resuming demand for short-term funds would drive rates higher, further hurting demand for dollars following last week's disappointing rate cut by the Bundesbank. They were disappointed that the repurchase agreement was executed using variable rates in a competitive bidding process instead of with preset fixed rates, which would have been a signal the bank wanted to keep rates in check.

Results of the tender offer will be announced Wednesday.

"We're all on the edge of our chairs trying to figure out what will be going on tomorrow," said Robert Ryan, senior trader at the Bank of New York. Even though Germany has been under intense pressure to lower its high interest rates, which have wreaked havoc on Europe's foreign exchange system, it is more concerned about keeping its inflation rate in check by keeping rates high.

The high rates drive investors to mark-dominated investments and hurt demand for the dollar

## Exchange rates

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

	FOREIGN CURRENCY IN DOLLARS		DOLLAR IN FOREIGN CURRENCY	
	TUE	MON	TUE	MON
fArgent Peso	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Australia Doll	.7073	.7146	1.4138	1.3994
Austria Schill	.0871	.0867	11.482	11.535
cBelgium Franc	.0297	.0297	33.63	33.64
Brazil Cruzeir	.00004	.00004	22395.01	22857.30
Britain Pound	1.4832	1.4845	.6742	.6736
30day fwd	1.4793	1.4804	.6760	.6755
60day fwd	1.4758	1.4769	.6776	.6771
90day fwd	1.4726	1.4739	.6791	.6785
Canada Dollar	.8013	.8033	1.2479	1.2448
30day fwd	.8001	.8026	1.2499	1.2460
60day fwd	.7988	.8006	1.2519	1.2490
90day fwd	.7974	.7994	1.2541	1.2510
yChile Peso	.002586	.002564	386.70	390.02
China Yuan	.1712	.1745	5.8411	5.7299
Colombia Peso	.001536	.001536	651.10	651.10
cCzechosl Koru	.0352	.0343	28.41	29.18
Denmark Krone	.1597	.1593	6.2600	6.2790
ECU	1.18390	1.18420	.8447	.8445
zEcuadr Sucre	.000549	.000541	1821.49	1850.00
dEgypt Pound	.2999	.2999	3.3340	3.3340
Finland Mark	.1691	.1690	5.9120	5.9185
France Franc	.1801	.1794	5.5515	5.5745
Germany Mark	.6127	.6099	1.6320	1.6395
30day fwd	.6098	.6070	1.6400	1.6475
60day fwd	.6075	.6049	1.6461	1.6532
90day fwd	.6052	.6027	1.6523	1.6592
Greece Drachma	.004505	.004488	222.00	222.80
Hong Kong Doll	.1294	.1293	7.7295	7.7315
Hungary Forint	.0118	.0115	84.75	87.14
India Rupee	.0320	.0320	31.250	31.250
Indnsia Rupiah	.000482	.000484	2075.03	2064.00
Ireland Punt	1.4877	1.4795	.6722	.6759
Israel Shekel	.3679	.3678	2.7181	2.7950
Italy Lira	.000631	.000632	1584.25	1583.25
Japan Yen	.008633	.008636	115.84	115.80
30day fwd	.008630	.008633	115.88	115.83
60day fwd	.008630	.008633	115.88	115.83
90day fwd	.008630	.008633	115.87	115.83
Lebanon Pound	.000572	.000571	1748.25	1751.00
Malaysia Ringg	.3850	.3853	2.5973	2.5955
zMexico N. Peso	.321130	.320924	3.1140	3.1160
N. Zealand Dol	.5343	.5346	1.8716	1.8704
Nethrlnds Guild	.5453	.5427	1.8339	1.8425
Norway Krone	.1441	.1441	6.9375	6.9400
Pakistan Rupee	.0377	.0374	26.53	26.72
yPeru New Sol	.5620	.5479	1.779	1.825
zPhilips Peso	.0395	.0394	25.34	25.40
Poland Zloty	.000668	.000666	14706	15232
Portugal Escud	.006596	.006585	151.60	151.85
aRussia Ruble	.001462	.001499	684.00	667.00
Saudi Arab Rly	.2667	.2667	3.7495	3.7495
Singapore Doll	.6092	.6095	1.6415	1.6408
cSo. Africa Rand	.3147	.3145	3.1776	3.1800
fSo. Africa Rand	.2181	.2179	4.5850	4.5900
So. Korea Won	.001261	.001261	793.00	792.80
Spain Peseta	.008595	.008565	116.35	116.75
Sweden Krona	.1293	.1292	7.7358	7.7419
Switzerland Fra	.6616	.6603	1.5115	1.5145
30day fwd	.6602	.6603	1.5146	1.5145
60day fwd	.6593	.6581	1.5168	1.5195
90day fwd	.6583	.6572	1.5190	1.5216
Taiwan NT	.0382	.0383	26.18	26.11
Thailand Baht	.03943	.03943	25.36	25.36
Turkey Lira	.000107	.000104	9371.03	9580.28
U.A.E. Dirham	.2724	.2723	3.6715	3.6724
fUruguay Peso	.000269	.000276	3717.47	3621.00
zVenzuel Boliv	.0118	.0118	84.8800	84.8000
Yugoslav Dinar	.00133	.00133	750.00	750.00

ECU: European Currency Unit, a basket of European currencies. The Federal Reserve Board's index of the value of the dollar against 10 other currencies weighted on the basis of trade was 92.81 Tuesday, off 0.19 points or 0.20 percent from Monday's 93.00. A year ago the index was 90.87.

c-commercial rate, d-free market rate, f-financial rate, y-official rate, z-floating rate.

Prices as of 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time (1900 GMT) from Teletext Systems and other sources.

## Spot metal prices

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

Aluminum - 52.3 cents per lb London Metal Exch. Tue.

Copper - 1.0915 dollars per pound.

Lead - 32 cents a pound.

Zinc - 47.70-51.70 per pound, delivered.

Tin - 3.8244 dollars per pound.

Gold - 331.90 dollars per troy oz.

Silver - 3.660 dollars per troy oz.

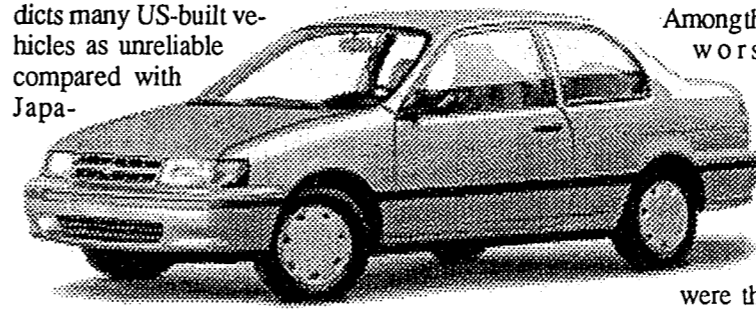
Mercury - 205.00-210.00 dollars per 76 lb flask.

Platinum - 348.00-351.00 dollars troy oz., N.Y. (contract).

## Japanese cars keep lead in reliability

By Alan L. Adler

DETROIT (AP) - Consumer Reports annual automobile issue indicates many US-built vehicles as unreliable compared with Japanese imports.



Among the worst were the Korean-made Hyundai Excel in the small car category and the Sonata in the mid-sized group. Both scored far below average.

The responses in the survey came from more than 500,000 readers of the magazine who completed detailed questionnaires that pinpointed trouble spots in 15 to 17 areas of their vehicle.

Herzig rejected the suggestion that the magazine's readers might be more inclined to buy a Japanese or other foreign make because of guidance from Consumer Reports editors in earlier issues.

"Two years ago, we published a study of the quality gap between imported and domestic cars that showed that gap had narrowed considerably," Herzig said. "It's still there, but it's much narrower."

The magazine's annual satisfaction poll, which asked readers whether they would buy the car they were driving again, found American models well below average more than European or Japanese competitors.

Among 24 Chevrolet models listed, half were rated well below average for customer loyalty. Two were below average and 10 were rated as average. For Ford, only the Tempo four-cylinder model was rated well below average. Three were below average, 15 models were average, three were above average and two - both two-wheel-drive and four-wheel-drive versions of the hot-selling Explorer sport utility vehicle - were well above average.

# Dollar's fall sends Asian stocks down

HONG KONG (AP) - Asian stock markets closed mostly lower on Tuesday, with share prices in Tokyo hurt by the US dollar's fall to another record low against the Japanese yen.

Tokyo's 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average fell 292.77 points, or 1.56 percent, closing at 18,491.62. The Tokyo price index of all issues listed on the first section was down 15.79 points, or 1.12 percent, to 1,397.91.

Traders said investors were discouraged by the surge in the yen's value, which hurts export industries by making their products more expensive abroad. Russia's political instability and overnight declines of share prices in Frankfurt, London and New York also discouraged buying.

The US dollar, generally considered a safe haven in times of uncertainty, has continued falling against the yen despite the instability in Russia this week.

The dollar closed at 115.33 yen, down 0.69 yen from Monday's finish and below its overnight New York close of 115.63 yen. It was the lowest close in Tokyo since modern exchange rates were set in the late 1940s.

In Hong Kong, the Hang Seng Index, the market's key indicator of blue chips, gained 57.91 points, or 1.0 percent, in moderate trading, closing at 6,117.95.

Brokers attributed the rise to buying in selected stocks, particularly in the property sector. Brokers also said the market continued to shrug off the lingering political dispute between Britain and China over Hong Kong's future.

The market was closed in Jakarta for a national holiday.

Elsewhere in Asia:

Sydney: The Australian stock market rallied late in the afternoon but still couldn't erase earlier losses. The All-Ordinaries index of share prices closed at 1,659.5, down 4.8 points.

Brokers said declines on the London and New York bourses Monday unnerved the Australian market Tuesday morning.

Wellington: New Zealand shares weakened across the board in moderate trading due to weaker overseas markets. The NZSE-40 Capital Index ended down 9.72 points, or 0.6 percent, at 1,557.87.

Seoul: Share prices on the Korea Stock Exchange rose on expectations of further interest rate cuts. The Korea Composite Stock Price Index gained 8.20 points to 666.95.

Taipei: Taiwan share prices were lower in extremely hectic trading on profit-taking. The market's weighted index slumped 27.05 points, closing at 4,647.23.

Manila: The Manila composite index of 30 selected issues fell 12.35 points to 1,443.25 in moderate trading.

## Wall Street stock prices dip

NEW YORK (AP) - The stock market ended narrowly lower Tuesday, as investors remained cautious about the political turmoil in Russia.

The Russian Constitutional Court ruled Boris Yeltsin acted improperly in seizing new powers over the weekend, but apparently found no grounds for the president's removal from office.

Investors worry that instability in Russia could destroy America's hope for a deficit-cutting peace dividend and ultimately hurt the US economy.

European stock markets were mixed after the news from Russia. In London, the Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share

index fell 2.8 points, or 0.1 percent. Stocks fell in Frankfurt and rose in Paris.

In Tokyo, equities also fell overnight, in part on concern over events in Russia. The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average fell 292.77 points, or 1.56 percent.

Many analysts, however, downplayed the impact of the Russian crisis on US stocks. "It's an excuse for the market to do nothing," said Michael Metz, investment strategist with Oppenheimer and Co. financial firm.

Uncertainty over the strength of the economic recovery and rising mixed inflation data were more a source of concern to investors, he said.

Drug stocks rallied as investors hunted for bargains among the depressed issues. Drug stocks had plunged on uncertainty over President Clinton's health-care policy.

Airline stocks also rose after the industry reached a settlement in a price-fixing lawsuit. Also, there were indications this week-end that the Clinton administration was concerned about the airlines' losses and might do something to help. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 1.62 points to 3,461.86.

Declining issues narrowly outnumbered advances on the New York Stock Exchange, with 891 up, 970 down and 623 unchanged.

## New York closing prices

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

AMR 637-8	BfMySq 581-8	DowCh 52	Housint 70	Navistr 23-8	SpellEnt 67-8
ASATld 385-8	BfMwk 145-8	Dressr 197-8	ITT Cp 771-8	NwWall 11-64	SunCo 263-4
AtlLab 243-4	BfNth 493-4	DuPont 48	ITW 743-8	NtkSo 637-8	Suval 313-8
AtlL 465-8	CBI 275-8	E Kodak 557-8	Imcera 241-2	OcciPet 213-8	TWR 621-2
Aican 191-8	CBS 2031-2	Eaton 845-8	INCO 241-4	Olin 45	Tandy 265-8
AldSgnl 687-8	CIGNA 631-4	Entergy 351-4	IBM 5411-4	PacGE 34	Teldyn 22
Aloa 69	CPC 451-8	Exon 645-8	InfFlav 1121-4	Pacifiel 481-4	Tennoco 453-4
Amx 191-4	CSX 701-4	FMC 483-8	IntPap 651-2	ParCom 48	Tevaco 621-2
Amies 52	CampSps 431-8	FedNM 791-4	JohInJs 401-2	Penney 861-2	Tevinst 58
AmLab 333-4	CdntC 147-8	FstChic 423-4	K mart 241-2	PepsiC 411-4	TexLit 441-4
AlPw 35	CapCils 514	Finstie 553-4	Kellogg 607-8	Pfizer 60	Textron 45
AmExp 287-8	Calep 591-2	Fleming 337-8	KerrMc 477-8	PhelpD 521-4	TimeW 343-8
AmGmS 301-2	Cedlan 151-4	Floor 431-4	Korea 131-8	PhilM 631-2	Traiver 263-8
Am Home 631-8	Chease 351-8	FordM 53	Kroger 191-4	PhilPet 283-4	Tinova 263-8
AmSts 415-8	ChmBnk 403-4	Fugua 141-8	vLTV 1-2	Polaroid 283-4	U AL Cp 1203-8
A T and T 571-8	Chewm 80	GTE 3611-8	Lilly 471-4	Prica 447-8	USG 716
Amoco 567-8	Chiquita 147-8	GTDyn 1165-8	Liton 521-2	PrcocG 51	USXMar 193-8
Anheus 53	Chngsr 387-8	Lack 631-8	Lockh 631-8	Quark 66	USXUS 405-8
Armo 77-8	Cilicorp 291-2	GnMill 711-4	Malsu 981-2	Quantm 12	U Carb 173-8
Asarco 241-2	Casbal 261-4	GnMotr 397-8	MCDen 275-8	RalsPa 503-8	Unpac 60
AtlOil 281-8	CocaCl 411-2	GaPac 63	MCDen 541-2	Rdyfnt 561-8	Unpac 131-4
AthRich 1187-8	Coccol 223-8	Gillele 59	MCDen 541-2	ReyM 513-8	Unpac 463-4
Avon 593-4	vColGs 223-8	Gm 293-8	Mckes 433-4	Rockw 293-8	Unpac 281-2
BakHu 225-8	Cmwe 273-4	Gooch 755-8	Mesx 181-4	Royd 871-8	Waml 681-2
BankAm 51	Cmsat 545-8	Grace 39	Merk 37	Schiff 391-8	WellsF 1085-8
BankTr 731-8	ConEd 351-8	GIAPc 233-8	MerLin 691-4	SarLee 253-4	WstGel 137-8
Bauschl 541-8	ConsNG 483-8	GIWFn 185-8	MM 1101-8	SChP 595-8	WstGel 433-4
BentB 131-6	Conring 337-8	Halbn 361-2	Mob 691-8	SchP 381-4	Whitakr 147-8
BethSt 183-8	CurtWr 397-8	Heinz 397-8	Mons 521-2	SorgS 533-4	Whitakr 151-8
Black 181-8	Deere 531-2	HewPk 745-8	Morgan 683-8	SorgS 533-4	Whitakr 151-8
Borg 351-4	DialAir 517-8	Hmsk 133-4	Morgan 683-8	SorgS 533-4	Whitakr 151-8
Borg 261-4	DialCp 403-8	Honda 243-8	Morgan 683-8	SorgS 533-4	Whitakr 151-8
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# CDC mulls network to fight infections

By Lauran Neergaard

ATLANTA (AP) - US health officials and outside experts reviewed plans Tuesday for a worldwide network to combat the rapid spread of infectious diseases.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will beef up surveillance of disease in the United States and create about 15 centers worldwide to track the spread of illnesses and to spot drug-resistant or new strains.

"This fits well into the health-care reform under way," said Dr. Michael Osterholm, an infectious

disease expert from Minneapolis who helped critique CDC's proposal Tuesday. "You can't prevent things if you don't know how or why they happen."

"This will be like a smoke alarm, an early warning system that prevents the house from burning down. Right now all we're doing is replacing burned homes when we could stop the fires."

The CDC began work on the plan last fall after the National Academy of Science's Institute of Medicine warned that a global system was needed to fight the rise of infectious disease. Tuesday, dozens of experts offered

advice on the plan, expected to be made final this summer.

AIDS, tuberculosis and sexually transmitted diseases all are being tracked in depth, receiving 74 percent of US public health surveillance dollars, Osterholm said.

Other infectious diseases - everything from cholera to food bacteria and vaccine-preventable illnesses - receive only about 26 percent. Yet they hospitalize Americans more than 26 million days a year and cost billions of dollars in health care and lost productivity.

# Scientists find gene causing Huntington's

By Daniel G. Haney

BOSTON (AP) - The renegade gene that causes Huntington's disease has been found after a decade-long search, opening the possibility of devising ways to control this devastating killer, scientists said Tuesday.

The discovery gives scientists their first peek into how the body's basic controls go awry when this disease is passed from parent to child. While an eventual cure is still far from certain, the work should provide a wealth of clues for developing therapies.

"It may be possible to develop effective treatments to slow or stop the progression of this frightful disorder," said Dr. James Gusella of

Massachusetts General Hospital.

About 25,000 Americans have Huntington's disease, and 125,000 others are at risk. The progressively debilitating disease, whose victims include the late folk singer Woody Guthrie, attacks the brain and wrecks control over mental and physical functions.

Currently, there is no treatment for Huntington's disease, which is relentlessly fatal.

"Suddenly we can start talking about what can be done," said Marilyn Seichter of Hartford, Conn., a Huntington's victim. "This is not hope for those who are afflicted. It is life."

Gusella and more than 50 other researchers, principally from six institutions, worked together to track down the gene, which causes Huntington's disease when it becomes defective. Their findings were being published in this week's journal Cell.

Among the many mysteries remaining is just what the normal version of this gene does and how the bad version destroys specific brain cells.

The discovery is especially intriguing because it turns out that Huntington's disease results from a "genetic stutter," an explosive reproduction of one tiny bit of genetic information. It is the fourth time scientists have discovered illnesses resulting from such an error. They now suspect many others may have similar causes.

"It's a fascinating discovery. A new world of genetic exploration is opening up in front of our eyes," said Dr. Murray Goldstein, director of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

The search for the gene began in earnest after Gusella found its approximate location in 1983. That discovery allowed doctors to test people to see if they inherited the gene.

In 1984, researchers formed the Huntington's Disease Collaborative Research Group to pool their talents. Besides Gusella, the chief scientists were Hans Lehrash of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund in England, David Housman of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, John Wasmuth of the University of California, Irvine, Francis Collins of the University of Michigan and Peter Harper of the University of Wales.

"I think this is a great day for Huntington's research," commented Dr. Michael Hayden of the University of British Columbia. "I think they have found a major cause of Huntington's in the majority of families."

Hayden had been competing with the collaborative group. In this week's issue of Nature, he proposed a different genetic mutation as a cause of the disease. But he said in an interview that the gene he found might be a rare cause of the disease or entirely unrelated to Huntington's.

The collaborative group checked 75 Huntington's disease families and found that all of them carried the defective gene they identified.

# Juvenile escapes

A JUVENILE under custody of the Division of Youth Services escaped while performing community work and remained at large as of yesterday morning, a day after he fled.

Assistant Police Chief Ray B. Camacho said the 17-year-old male was picking up trash near the Revenue and Taxation office in Susupe when his guard lost sight of him. He was reported missing at 9:39 a.m.

The juvenile has been linked to several burglary and theft incidents and had a pending warrant of arrest.

Meanwhile, a bomb threat was relayed to the newly-opened McDonald's restaurant Tuesday night.

Customers and personnel of the newly-opened restaurant were instructed to leave the premises for a few minutes while a police team searched the place. No bomb was found.

Restaurant owner Joe Ayuyu called the police's central office and reported that a male caller told him a bomb was planted in the

kitchen area. Six police officers were dispatched to the place.

Several theft and burglary incidents were also reported to have occurred between Tuesday and early yesterday.

One of the theft incidents occurred at the Len's poker house. A woman inserted her purse between a poker machine and a wall and claimed she found out later the wallet was gone.

The amount inside the purse was not stated in the police report. (GLD)



HOPWOOD students perform traditional Carolinian dance during inauguration of Chamolinian Center recently.

# Hopwood inaugurates Chamolinian Center

HOPWOOD Junior High School held ribbon-cutting ceremonies on March 12 to officially open the school's newly built Chamolinian Center. The colorful ceremonies featured songs, dances and speeches that reflect the rich cultural heritage of the Chamorro and Carolinian people.

The Chamolinian Center was built to provide permanent classrooms to the Carolinian and Chamorro Bilingual classes. The center also offers facilities for other cultural activities that will foster greater awareness of and appreciation for the local culture.

"The center is a symbol of our commitment to the task of promoting our indigenous language and culture," said Tom Pangelinan, Hopwood principal. "We built the center, in spite of our limited financial resources, to who that we are serious in our efforts in educating our students to help them learn to value and appreciate their traditional roots."

A special program conducted during the opening ceremonies included song and dance presentations by students in the bilingual program of Tanapag Elementary School and San Vicente Elementary School.

The Carolinian Warriors, a well known dance group on the island, also performed at the program.

The teachers and students of Hopwood's bilingual classes, likewise, presented authentic cultural entertainment.

Guests were Representatives Ana Teregeyo and Herman Palacios, Senator Juan S. Torres, Nick Sablan, representing the Public School commissioner, Martin Ada, representing the mayor, Frank Olopai, director of the Carolinian Bilingual program, and Dolores Marciano, director of the Chamorro Bilingual program, were also present and provided valuable assistance.

"The center will be utilized as a multi-purpose facility for various cultural activities," stated Chris Santos Sablan, teacher of the Chamorro Bilingual class. "The classrooms are used to display local literature and handicrafts. The center also has indigenous household tools that were common in our ancestral homes."

The center was built with funds earned from the school's Valentine fund-raising activity.

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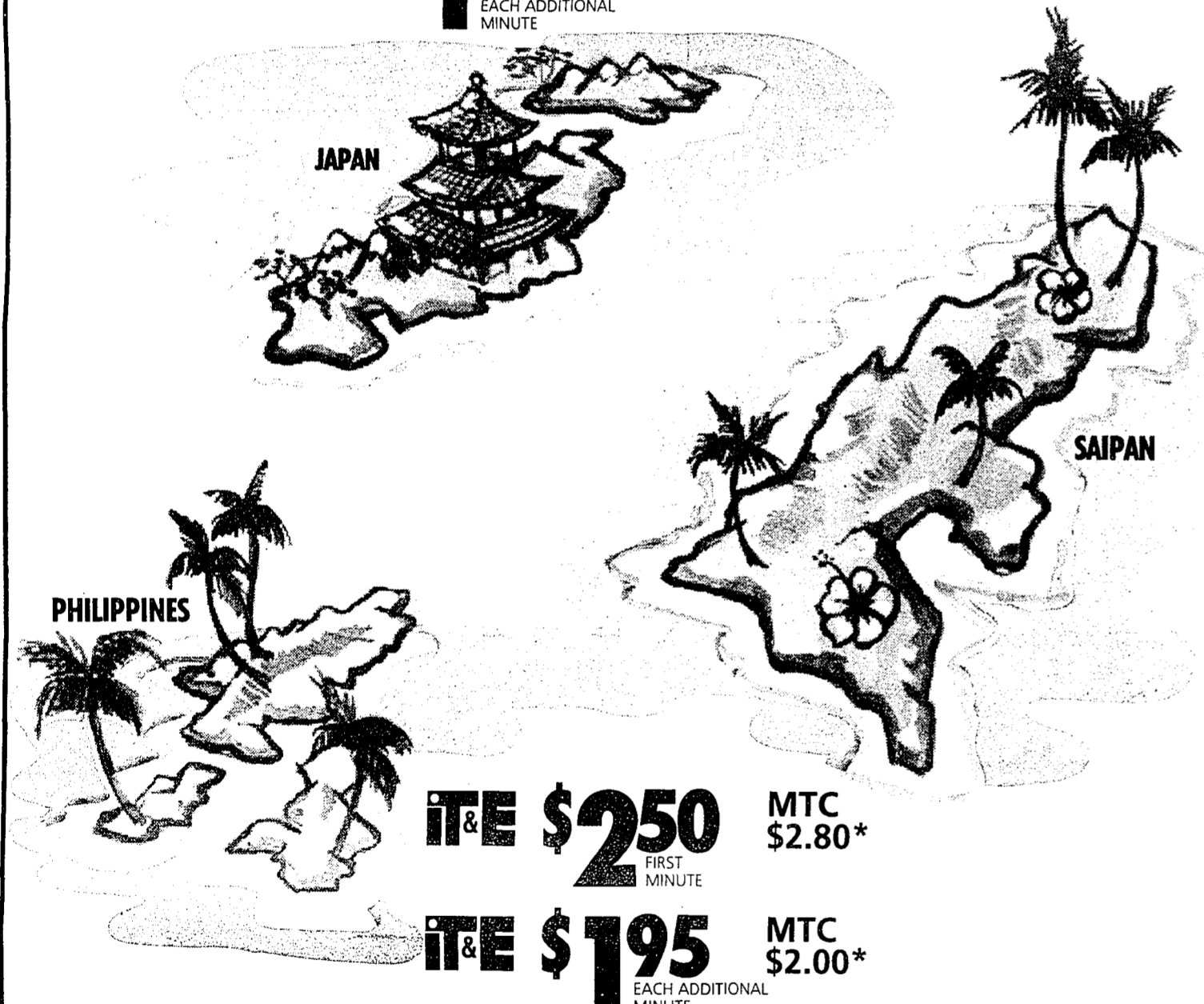
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# Son condemns Allen for affair with sister

By Samuel Maul

NEW YORK (AP) - When Woody Allen's adopted teen-age son learned that the filmmaker was having an affair with his sister, he wrote to say that "I hope you get so humiliated you commit suicide."

"Everyone knows not to have an affair with your son's sister, especially that sister," Moses Farrow, now 14, said in a letter read in court Tuesday. "I just want you to know I don't consider you my father anymore. It was a great feeling having you as a father, but you have smashed that feeling and that dream with a single act."

Allen is fighting his ex-lover, actress Mia Farrow, for custody

of their 5-year-old son, Satchel, and their two adopted children, Dylan, 7, and Moses. The filmmaker claims Farrow is an unfit mother.

Farrow's lawyer, Eleanor Alter, read the letter to Allen during cross-examination after he said he did not remember its contents.

"I recall only that it had said things like Mia had said to me before," Allen said.

On Monday, Allen's nude photos of Farrow's college-age daughter were introduced against him in the bitter child-custody case.

Allen defended the half-dozen snapshots of 22-year-old Soon-Yi Farrow Previn, calling them erotic, not pornographic. He said the photos were Previn's idea,

though he arranged the scene. Allen said he told her: "Lay back on the sofa and give me your most erotic poses. Let yourself go."

The half-dozen photos that led to the falling-out between Allen and his leading lady were introduced by Farrow's lawyer.

Allen, 57, said he struck up an affair with Farrow's adopted daughter after his relationship with Farrow had become "joyless, sexless." He said he considered Previn an adult, unrelated to Farrow's other children.

"I screwed up," he said under questioning from Farrow's lawyer. "I caused this thing to happen. OK, but don't seek vengeance on me through the kids." Allen said he had wanted to break the news gently to Farrow about his affair with Previn, but her discovery of the snapshots made that impossible.

# Kanemaru investigation reaches construction firms

By Yuri Kageyama

TOKYO (AP) - Prosecutors on Tuesday widened their investigation of alleged massive tax evasion by a jailed former political kingmaker, raiding the offices of major construction companies suspected of giving him huge payoffs.

While Japan's construction industry long has been known for cosy ties with powerful politicians, who use public works projects to woo votes, the raids marked the beginning of official scrutiny of the relationships.

Shin Kanemaru, 78, already facing charges of evading taxes on 200 million yen (\$1.7 million) in unreported income, built his power on connections with ministry bureaucrats in charge of allocating public spending. He has served as construction minister and as head of the Land Agency.

Before his resignation from Parliament last October for ac-

cepting illegal donations, Kanemaru led the largest and richest group of legislators in the governing Liberal Democratic Party and played a major part in picking four prime ministers, including the current one, Kiichi Miyazawa.

Last week, prosecutors raided the offices of smaller construction firms in Yamanashi prefecture (state), Kanemaru's home district, 100 kilometers (62 miles) west of Tokyo.

The firms raided Tuesday included Ohbayashi Corp., Okumura Corp. and 16 other major construction companies, mostly based in Tokyo. Several of the companies contacted by telephone refused to comment on the investigations.

Prosecutors say it is unlikely they will uncover enough evidence to charge Kanemaru or any of the companies with bribery. Japan's bribery laws are so full of

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# Chinese official says no need for arms race

By Dan Biers

BEIJING (AP) - The foreign minister on Tuesday blamed rising defense spending in Asia on fears of China fanned by military industries seeking new markets after the Cold War.

The minister, Qian Qichen, dismissed those fears as unfounded, claiming Chinese defense spending was far lower than that of Western powers.

"It is unnecessary for this region to have an arms race," he told reporters at the Great Hall of the People.

Qian used the news conference to provide a comprehensive review of regional policy. He urged caution in dealing with North Korea's withdrawal from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and indicated China was in no rush to see US troops leave South Korea and Japan.

North Korea's surprise move two weeks ago alarmed much of the world, increasing suspicion the secretive, hard-line Marxist state was hiding a nuclear weapons program. The foreign minister of rival South Korea flew to the United States on Tuesday for talks with United Nations and US officials on how to resolve the dispute.

"There should be an appropriate solution through patient consultation," Qian said. "We are opposed to the application of sanctions."

Communist China is one of the few remaining friends of an increasingly isolated North Korea, which is constantly referring to the presence of more than 80,000 US troops in South Korea and nearby Japan as a threat to its security.

When asked if China wants those US troops to go home, Qian responded that China in principle opposes any large country stationing troops abroad. But he added, "As for some of the issues that have been left over from the past, we hope that they will be resolved gradually."

Because of Japan's brutal occupation of much of Asia in

World War II, there are widespread concerns that Japan could remilitarize if US troops were withdrawn.

There also is fear that the ongoing reduction of the US military presence in Asia will create a vacuum that China will try to fill. Beijing already is modernizing its armed forces with advanced weaponry purchased from the former Soviet states and is strongly asserting its claims over disputed island chains in the South China Sea.

All of that has helped encourage arms spending throughout the region: Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia are all adding to their arsenals.

Qian attributed the regional arms build-up to the need of the international military-industrial complex to find new markets after the Cold War.

"That is the reason why they create the opinion that China poses a threat and that there is tension in the Asia-Pacific region, to promote sales of their arms," Qian said.

He did not give any specific examples nor did he name any specific countries, but China's official media have blamed unidentified people in the United States and the West of spreading rumors of a "China threat." Asked about the nasty diplomatic dispute over British plans to introduce democratic reforms in Hong Kong before the colony reverts to China in 1997, Qian ruled out talks with his British counterpart for the time being. But he avoided the heated rhetoric other Chinese leaders have used to lambast Hong Kong Gov. Chris Patten for pushing ahead with the proposal. Qian specifically seemed to play down an earlier warning from China's trade minister that economic relations with Britain would suffer unless Patten backed down.

Qian also strongly reiterated China's opposition to the independence movement on the island of Taiwan, which Beijing considers a renegade province.

# Reno asks holdover US attorneys to quit

WASHINGTON (AP) - Attorney General Janet Reno Tuesday asked all holdover US attorneys nationwide to submit their resignations, saying the Clinton administration wants to build its own team of federal government prosecutors.

Ms. Reno, holding her first news conference since being sworn in a week and a half ago, said: "We're asking for the resignations so that the US attorneys presently in position will know where they stand and that we can begin to build a team that represents a Department of Justice that represents my views

and the views of President Clinton," Ms. Reno said. US attorneys are appointees who serve at the pleasure of the president, but the "vast majority" of the more than 90 posts are still being held by Republican holdovers who have stayed on past Clinton's inauguration, said a Justice Department official.

"I think the US attorneys ... are absolutely integral to the whole success of the Department of Justice," she said. "The US attorneys are the one group that did not submit resignations" when Clinton became president.

# Court rules Yeltsin's act unconstitutional

By Sergei Shargorodsky

MOSCOW (AP) - Raucous lawmakers shouted for President Boris Yeltsin's impeachment Tuesday as glee swept the Supreme Soviet after Yeltsin was ruled in violation of the constitution.

Ruslan Khasbulatov, speaker of the parliament and Yeltsin's archrival, convened the legislature for 12 charged minutes, during which lawmakers waved their hands, shouted and jumped from their seats.

"In politics, time is decisive ... Delay does not make any sense," declared hard-liner Mikhail Chelnokov of the Russian Unity faction.

But Khasbulatov, put postponed action for a day allowing Yeltsin to bury his mother in peace. Klavdia Yeltsin, 85, died over the weekend in Moscow. Outside the Russian "White House," or parliament building, about 200 pro-Communists and nationalists

waved red Soviet banners and czarist yellow-white-and-black flags. A speaker announced that "the Soviet Union remains the hope of the people."

Inside, Khasbulatov reminded legislators of Mrs. Yeltsin's burial:

"Let us gather the Supreme Soviet tomorrow at 10 a.m. in order to make a decision on convening the Congress. We must consider the tragic circumstances in the president's family," he said.

Sergei Nosovets, a pro-Yeltsin legislator, shouted that Constitutional Court chairman Valery Zorkin was biased. Debating Yeltsin's future just hours after his mother's funeral was "the height of hypocrisy and cynicism," he said.

But Vladimir Tikhonov of Russian Unity argued that Yeltsin was "working normally and signing decrees."

A proposal by hard-liner Sergei Baburin to express condolences to Yeltsin in the name of the legislature went unnoticed.

Finally, Khasbulatov regained control. "We have to look into it calmly," he said, urging the deputies to disperse. "Tomorrow morning, we shall gather and decide what to do."

Before convening Tuesday's Supreme Soviet session Khasbulatov called a news conference to comment on the possibility of removing Yeltsin from office.

"It's absolutely clear there are grounds for initiating the impeachment process," Khasbulatov said slowly and gravely, without any trace of exultation.

"Almost a dozen articles of the constitution have been trampled by the president... This is a real attempt at a coup d'etat," he said.

Russia's 1,033-member Congress of People's Deputies should be convened to consider removing the president, he added.

Khasbulatov then called the Supreme Soviet, the smaller standing legislature, which has the power to summon the larger Congress.

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### China to form Hong Kong committee

**BEIJING (AP)** - Delegates to the national legislature have submitted a motion to create a committee that would oversee the transfer of power in Hong Kong earlier than originally planned, an official report said.

The committee, proposed by delegates to the National People's Congress, could be a step toward creating a "shadow government" to rival British colonial rule in Hong Kong before 1997, when the territory reverts to Chinese sovereignty.

Beijing's Communist leaders are furious at Britain for pushing ahead with proposals to broaden the electorate for legislative elections in Hong Kong before the turnover, believing the plan could encourage demands for greater democracy in the rest of China.

China already planned to set up a committee in 1996 to pave the way for the change of sovereignty. But the Xinhua News Agency reported late Tuesday that delegates to the National People's Congress have proposed creating a "preliminary work committee" as soon as possible because of the diplomatic dispute over Hong Kong's political future.

### Korean lawmaker resigning

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)** - A Parliamentary speaker on Wednesday said he would resign amid public criticism that he amassed a huge fortune through illegal land speculation.

Park Jun-kyu's aides quoted him as saying he "would not hold on to the position" after he was accused of buying too much property, some of it through illegal land speculation. The accusations were part of an anti-corruption campaign by President Kim Young-sam, which has placed dozens of government officials and politicians under suspicion.

After taking office Feb. 25, Kim began forcing all public figures to disclose the values of their assets. On Tuesday, 161 law makers and key officials of the governing Democratic Liberal Party reported the average value of their assets at \$3.1 million, drawing public outcry over the huge amount.

Park is one of about a dozen major political figures recently accused of corruption. His total assets were reported at \$4 million. Some of his properties were bought under the name of his son - 13-years-old when the purchases were made in 1969 - without paying proper gift tax.

Park did not say whether he would resign as lawmaker, but some political observers said the eighth-term legislator will eventually have to leave Parliament because of public pressure.

Responding to mounting public criticism, President Kim on Wednesday ordered his aides to make thorough investigations into the case and "take actions that the people could accept."

### Asian news briefs

#### Malaysia posts \$685M surplus

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)** - Malaysia had a trade surplus of 1.78 billion ringgit (\$685 million) in 1992, compared to a deficit of 6.33 billion ringgit (\$2.44 billion) in 1991, the Statistics Department said Tuesday.

Exports surged 9.5 percent to 103.49 billion ringgit (\$39.8 billion) from 94.50 billion ringgit (\$36.35 billion) in 1991, the department said. Imports rose just 0.9 percent to 101.70 billion ringgit (\$39.12 billion) from 100.83 billion ringgit (\$38.78 billion) in 1991.

A key factor was a 16.9 percent increase in the value of exports of machinery and transport equipment and miscellaneous manufactured articles, the department said. Those products accounted for 64 percent of total export revenue.

#### Fire kills 6 babies in Indonesia

**JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)** - Fire has killed six babies in a Catholic orphanage in North Sumatra, the newspaper Suara Pembaruan reported Tuesday.

The paper said the victims, aged between 3 months and 2 years, were among 14 babies at the orphanage in Dolok Sanggul, which also served as a hospital.

The fire early Monday destroyed 20 rooms and some medical equipment in the two-story hospital, the report said, estimating damages at 200 million rupiahs (\$96,600).

Dolok Sanggul is about 1,350 kilometers (843 miles) northwest of Jakarta.

#### Fishermen caught with heroin

**TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)** - Police said Tuesday they have arrested four Taiwanese fishermen who allegedly smuggled 70 kilograms (154 pounds) of heroin bricks in from mainland China, the second-largest seizure ever in Taiwan.

Police in Kaohsiung, about 370 kilometers (229 miles) south of Taipei, said they confiscated 165 heroin bricks with a street value of 3 billion Taiwan dollars (US \$115 million) hidden aboard a fishing boat when it returned to Kaohsiung port Monday.

Chen Chun-hua, the boat's captain, said he was unaware of the heroin smuggling. He said he and his crewmen were hired to ship sea food from mainland China.

Police have forwarded the case to prosecutors. If convicted of smuggling, the fishermen could be sentenced to death.

Officials said heroin smuggling from mainland China has increased since Taiwan lifted restrictions in 1987 to allow private exchanges with China. Last year, police confiscated 84 kilograms (185 pounds) of Chinese heroin off the northern port of Keelung in the largest-ever heroin seizure in Taiwan.

#### No China-Britain talks yet

**BEIJING (AP)** - The foreign minister on Tuesday ruled out immediate talks with his British counterpart on the nasty dispute over Hong Kong's political future, which a Chinese commentary said should be resolved by ousting the colony's governor.

The two governments are locked in a diplomatic battle over Hong Kong Gov. Chris Patten's proposal to broaden the electorate for legislative elections before the British colony is returned to China in 1997.

Patten's plan has infuriated the authoritarian Communist Chinese government, which fears it would encourage demands for greater democracy in the rest of the country.

Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen said British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd wrote to him in February suggesting a meeting if substantial progress could be made in negotiations over the colony's political development.

"It seems now that conditions are not ripe (for the meeting), because up to now negotiations have not started," Qian said at a news conference.

Qian said he warned Hurd that the prospect for talks would be hurt if the British Hong Kong government were to introduce Patten's reform proposals to the territory's legislature. Patten took the first step toward that on March 12, when he formally published the plan.

#### Former hired killer executed

**TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)** - An alleged former professional killer for a major gang was executed Tuesday, despite appeals by legislators who said the man had repented and behaved during his seven years in detention.

Liu Huan-rong, 36, was shot twice in the back of the head before dawn as dozens of relatives and former fellow gang members gathered outside the Taipei prison and burned incense to bid him farewell, officials said. About 20 legislators appealed to authorities for an amnesty for Liu after the Supreme Court earlier this month upheld the death sentence a lower court ordered for him last year in the killings of five people.

After the Justice Ministry issued the execution order on Monday, Legislator Hsieh Chi-ta waited outside the residence of President Lee Teng-hui for five hours until midnight, but guards prevented him from handing in a last-minute appeal for amnesty.

Hsieh, a former judge, contended that authorities were mistaken in believing that severe penalties could help prevent crime.

Liu had belonged to Taiwan's Bamboo Gang, known for robberies and drug dealings.

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The CDBG program requires a grant recipient to certify that it will minimize displacement of persons as a result of activities assisted with CDBG funds. The CNMI government does not plan on undertaking any activity which will cause displacement of persons. In the event of any unforeseen displacement resulting from any CDBG-funded activity, the CNMI government will comply with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, its implementing regulations, and applicable local law.

In order to plan ahead as to the use(s) of the fiscal year 1993 CDBG allocation which is expected within the next few months, the Mariana Islands Housing Authority, which administers the CDBG program on behalf of the CNMI government, will be conducting hearings to obtain public input on community development and housing needs and provide information to the public on the status of approved and ongoing CDBG projects. The hearings have been scheduled to be held as follows:

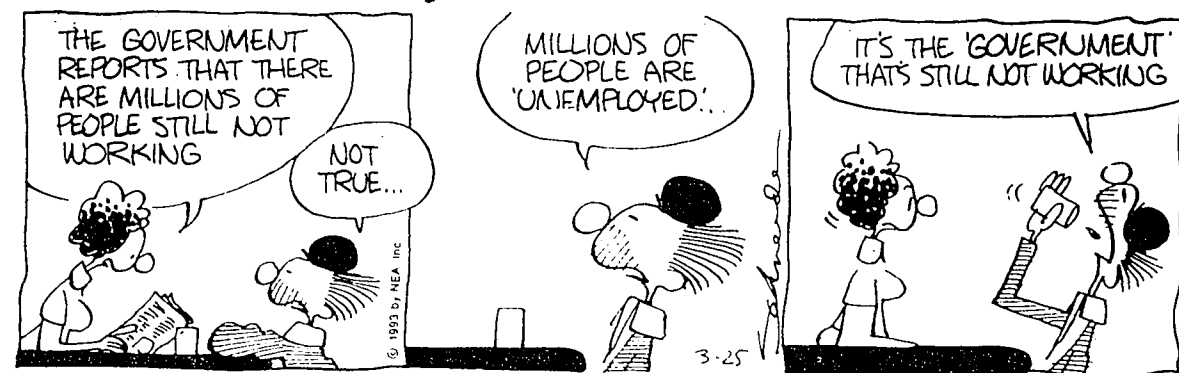
- On Tinian, March 31, 1993 at 6:30 p.m., at the Tinian High School Cafeteria.
- On Rota, April 1, 1993 at 6:30 p.m., at the Rota Public Library.
- On Saipan, April 2, 1993 at 6:30 p.m. at the MIHA Central Office in Garapan.

Additional inquiries concerning the CDBG program may be directed in writing to the Executive Director, Mariana Islands Housing Authority, P.O. Box 514, Saipan, MP 96950, or by calling telephone numbers 234-6866/9447/7670.

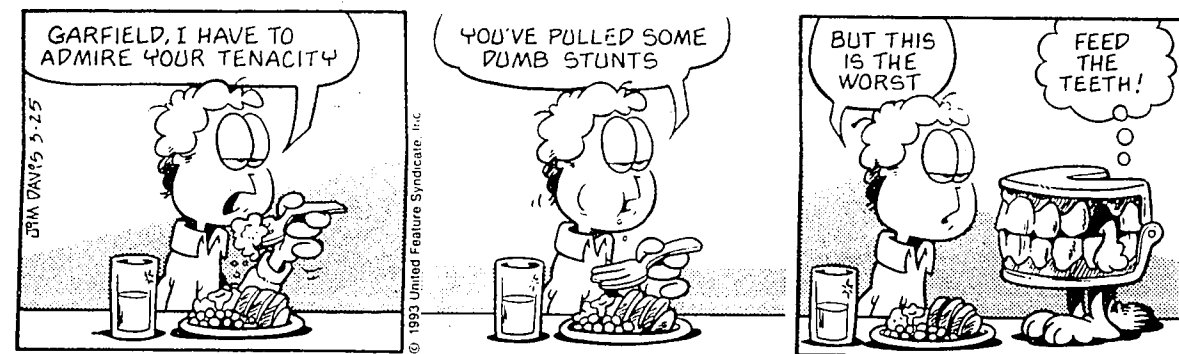
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# STELLA WILDER YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

Born today, you do not always appreciate the many gifts the stars have bestowed upon you, and your life is likely to be comprised of a series of lessons, large and small, which open your eyes to the blessings you enjoy day after day. It's not so much that you take things for granted, but rather that you focus a little too much on the negative when it arises and tend to forget how good things usually are for you. Of course, you have friends who tell it like it is again and again!

You can be a rather volatile individual, and when you lash out at others you can be rather dangerous — for you do not stop where others would draw the line and you tend to bring up issues which carry a great deal of unexpected emotional weight. This is not the best way to win friends!

Also born on this date are: Gloria Steinem, women's activist; Elton John, musician, singer; Howard Cosell, noted sports announcer.

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

**FRIDAY, MARCH 26**

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — You will want to keep yourself up-to-date when it comes to information about travel and safety. Don't be careless!

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — You won't be able to rely on technology to get you out of an unexpected bind today. Your ingenuity, however, is the key.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — You have that feeling again today — and you may want to head back home for a while and try to get back to the basics.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — Though you may have recently survived an emotional crisis, today you'll remember something that is difficult.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — You're going to have to follow the rules today whether you like it or not — and if you don't, expect serious consequences.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Your plans are sure to change today. Be flexible, consider suggestions even from unusual sources.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You have an important responsibility to meet today before you tend to your own private needs.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You needn't limit yourself to only one or two special activities today. Extend yourself, broaden your horizons.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You'll learn, today, what it means to have too much of a good thing — but there may be nothing to do about it!

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You'll identify with friends and rivals both today. You may want to extend your alliances somewhat before the weekend.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You mustn't resist someone today who seems to be acting in your best interest. Trust his or her intentions.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) — A disagreement is likely to arise at home over something as seemingly trivial as a game. You must take it seriously!

For your personal horoscope, lovescope, lucky numbers and future forecast, call AstroTone (95c each minute; Touch-Tone phones only). Dial 1-900-740-1010 and enter your access code number, which is 500.

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# DATE BOOK

March 25, 1993

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**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1634, Lord Baltimore's settlers arrived in Maryland, establishing the foundation of the new colony.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Gutzon Borglum (1867-1941), sculptor; Arturo Toscanini (1867-1957), conductor; Bela 1900, snowflakes of unusually large size fell on Richmond, Va., during the second world title. Canadian Kurt Browning became the first skater to successfully land a quadruple jump.

**TODAY'S WEATHER:** On this day in 1988, in Budapest, Hungary, American new moon (March 23) and figure skater Brian Boitano won his first quarter (March 30).

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Writing is the only thing that, when I do it, I don't feel I should be doing something else." — Gloria Steinem

The prefix Mach is used to describe supersonic speed. It derives from Ernst Mach, a Czech-born German physicist, who contributed to the study of sound.

75: Gloria Steinem (1934-), writer-feminist; Aretha Franklin (1942-), teacup singer; Elton John (1947-), rock star, is 46.

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# CROSSWORD PUZZLER

**ACROSS**  
1 Spear  
6 Jumps  
11 Checked  
13 "Major —"  
14 "— Mice and Men"  
15 Closest  
17 Neon symbol  
18 An O'Neill  
20 Disturbances  
21 Total  
22 Hosiery casually  
24 Follows Fri.  
25 Goddess of discord  
26 — idle  
28 Withstand  
30 God of love  
32 Was borne  
33 Open; undo  
35 Writes  
37 Chooses  
38 Legal matter  
40 Friends  
42 Beast of burden  
43 Handle  
45 Garfield, for one  
46 Yes, to Maria  
47 Smirks  
48 Concerning  
50 Simpletons  
52 Ladle  
54 Dispatches  
55 Respite

**DOWN**  
1 Jogs  
2 Purify  
3 Three-toed sloth  
4 Hostelry  
5 Condescending look  
6 "— Than Zero"  
7 Consume  
8 Griffith ID  
9 Learned  
10 Sows  
12 Platform  
13 Missive  
16 Bellow  
19 Father and  
21 "— and Old Lace"  
23 "The Golden —"  
25 Downy duck  
27 Dove cry  
29 Soak up  
31 Light linen cloths  
33 Pineapple — down cake  
34 Retain  
36 Bowling alley scores  
37 Fertile spot in desert  
39 Coaster  
41 Cubic meter  
43 Humorists  
44 Faucet casually  
47 Turf  
48 Mineral spring  
51 At home  
53 Ustinov ID

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**  
P O M P   A N T E   M A Y  
A N O A   G O A L   E L A  
S E T T L E   P A   N O R  
T E N D   N O T E D  
T H R E A T E N   F A  
H E A R D   W A D L E D  
I F   N E W   P E P   D I  
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E M   S E P A R A T E  
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# Lutali seeks hike in excise taxes

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa (AP) - Gov. A. P. Lutali is asking the American Samoa legislature to raise the excise tax on all imports intended for commercial resale from 3 percent to 5 percent.

Lutali wants to use the additional revenues to build a new hospital.

The proposal is among a number of revenue generating measures the governor submitted Monday to the legislature, known as the Fono.

The Lutali administration also is asking the Fono to increase taxes on motor vehicles, petroleum products, business taxes and pilots fees.

Lutali also is proposing to increase the excise tax on soft drinks from one-cent per eight ounces to five-cents.

# 12M air travellers to receive discounts

By Marc Rice

ATLANTA (AP) - Millions of air travelers will get discount coupons under a \$458 million settlement of a lawsuit accusing the nation's biggest airlines of collusion in setting ticket prices.

US District Judge Marvin H. Shoob approved the settlement Monday in the 3-year-old case.

The settlement covers an estimated 12 million people who flew on Delta, United, American, USAir, Pan Am, Continental and Midway, as well as Northwest and Trans World Airlines, which settled in 1991.

Ronald Allen, chief executive officer of Delta Airlines, said Tuesday that "rather than go through a protracted court case, we felt it better for the airlines and the traveling public to settle this early on."

"Obviously we've admitted no wrongdoing," he said on ABC's "Good Morning America" program.

Airline Tariff Publishing Co., a computerized clearinghouse for air fares, is also part of the settlement. Travelers who filed the class-action lawsuit accused the airlines of using ATP to alert competitors of their plans to raise fares.

Virtually anyone who bought tickets on any of nine airlines between Jan. 1, 1988, and June 30, 1992, is eligible. Many will receive coupons good for discounts of up to 10 percent on future ticket purchases.

# SGA GOLF TOURNAMENT

On March 28, Sunday at 6:30 a.m. at Marianas Country Club, SGA members will compete for the Ace of the Month award and will also hold the annual election of board members and officers right after the game at the Marianas Resort. B.B.Q. and drinks will be available. All SGA members are urged to attend and vote for the new board members. Ace of the Month tourney fee is \$35.00

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loopholes that such charges against politicians are rare. Kanemaru is being held without bail at the Tokyo Detention Center, awaiting possible additional charges. If convicted, he would face maximum penalties of five years in prison and a 5 million yen (\$43,000) fine.

Although Kanemaru had been praised as an influential political visionary until just last year, he now is widely seen as symbolizing greed.

The national newspaper Asahi Shimbun reported Tuesday that prosecutors have unearthed 65 kilograms (143 pounds) of gold bars that Kanemaru's late wife had stashed under the floor of her room. Other gold had been reported found earlier in Kanemaru's office.

# SPORTS



## Kasparov, Short can't play for title

LUCERNE, Switzerland (AP) - The International Chess Federation said Tuesday it will not let champion Garry Kasparov and challenger Nigel Short play its 1993 world title match because they failed to agree to the federation's chosen venue in time.

The federation, known by its French acronym FIDE, said it will invite former world champion Anatoly Karpov of Russia - Kasparov's arch-rival - and Jan Timman of the Netherlands, whom Short defeated in the candidates' final, to play for the world title.

It was a new twist in the power

struggle between FIDE's Philippine president Florencio Campomanes and the two star players, who have accused the federation of managing world chess unprofessionally.

FIDE said it acted because Kasparov and Short failed to meet its Tuesday deadline for approving a 1.2 million-pound (\$1.79 million) bid from Manchester, England, to stage the 24-game match in August.

The federation said the action against the players was in accordance with its rules.

"That deadline has lapsed," a

statement from FIDE's Lucerne headquarters said. "Under FIDE regulations Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short have forfeited their rights as world champion and challenger, respectively."

Kasparov, a Russian, and Short, a Briton, invited new bids last month after pulling out of FIDE and forming the breakaway Professional Chess Association.

Short said Monday that the world championship "had been woefully undersold" by FIDE.

Kasparov said he negotiated with Campomanes until Sunday night in an effort to persuade him to give

up the federation's right to stage the championship.

FIDE said it is defending the interests of non-star players.

The statement said FIDE got "overwhelming expressions of support from federation and grandmasters the world over for the maintenance of an orderly structure for the world championship cycle and chess in general."

"There is no support for a breakaway body that to date has no legal status," FIDE said.

Kasparov and Short said they would refuse to play under FIDE because they were not consulted as

required before the venue was chosen.

FIDE said it had consulted the players fully.

FIDE extended its original March 5 deadline until Tuesday.

But on Monday, Kasparov and Short unveiled four rival bids for staging the championship. Topping the list was a 2 million-pound (\$2.98 million) offer from the London Chess Group, which wants the match played in London.

FIDE said Short's claim to the challenger's role rests exclusively on a three-year qualifying cycle organized by the federation.

## Giants beat Milwaukee Brewers

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) - Dave Burba, fighting for a job, pitched five innings and hit a two-run double Tuesday as the San Francisco Giants beat the Milwaukee Brewers 7-3.

The Giants, snapping a six-game exhibition losing streak, reached right-hander Cal Eldred for seven runs in 3 2-3 innings. Burba's double, Royce Clayton's two-run triple and Matt Williams' solo homer were the key blows.

Burba yielded run-scoring singles to Greg Vaughn and Larry Sheets in the first inning before settling down. He allowed three runs and struck out six. "Even if I wasn't out of options, they'd have to give me a look because of the way I'm pitching," Burba said. He is 1-1 this spring with a 3.79 ERA and 16 strikeouts in 19 innings.

The Giants' 10th and final spot on the pitching staff, is believed to be a contest between Burba and rookie left-hander Kevin Rogers.

"Dave didn't hurt his chances today, but it's more complicated than that," said manager Dusty Baker.

## WBA champion struck by car

By Bernie Wilson

SAN DIEGO (AP) - World Boxing Association cruiserweight champion Bobby Czyz was struck by a car Friday evening in West Orange, N.J., and won't be able to defend his title against top-ranked contender Orlin Norris on April 23 in Memphis.

Mike Marley, a spokesman for Don King Productions, said word of the accident didn't reach King's office until Monday because Czyz's manager, Arnie Rosenthal, was in Germany for a weekend fight. The postponement was announced at a press conference in San Diego, where Norris lives.

When reached in New Jersey late Tuesday, Czyz said he suffered a mild concussion, a strained lower back, bruised ribs, a bruised hip bone, and tendinitis in his right wrist and shoulder. He said he spent five hours at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston and was released. A spokeswoman said hospital policy prevented her from confirming that Czyz was treated there.

"I'm not totally immobile, but

## Boxer's condition upgraded to serious

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) - Lightweight boxer Sergie Artemiev, who underwent surgery for a blood clot on the brain after losing a weekend title bout, was upgraded from critical to serious condition Tuesday, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Artemiev, a 23-year-old Russian, remained in a chemically-induced coma "for his safety, so he doesn't jar his head," said Sherry Spatz, spokeswoman for Atlantic City Medical Center. She said it was not yet known when he might be able to regain consciousness, or whether he had suffered any brain damage.

"There is no test that can be done to determine what his mental condition is," she said.

"I'm in a lot of pain," Czyz said.

Czyz said he was leaving the West Orange home of Tony Paglucci, who works in his training camp, when a car pulled into the driveway. The driver had to turn around a pile of snow 5 or 6 feet high, and pulled in too quickly, Czyz said.

"He skidded on the ice and plowed into me. I did my best to get out of the way, but I didn't," Czyz said.

Czyz wouldn't identify the

driver. "He just wasn't paying attention," Czyz said. "I didn't see him either, over the snow, so I can understand why he did not see me. It was a freak thing. The day before, I had my best training day in the last six and a half weeks."

Czyz said a doctor told him he could be out for as long as three months, or he could be back training in five to six weeks.

"I'm extremely upset, not only because it cost me a nice payday and one for Norris, but it backs me

up for an undetermined time."

Marley said he was waiting for Rosenthal to send police and medical reports. Since this was to be a mandatory defense, King will have to get a ruling on a medical exemption from the WBA, Marley said.

Scott Woodworth, Norris' co-promoter, also was waiting to receive copies of police and medical reports.

"If it's ribs, my past experience with athletes shows that's one of the more lingering injuries," Woodworth said. "They stay sore, and it can be some time. We were told he had a concussion. If he received that, who knows. I'm sure the WBA will want answers to all of these questions as well."

Norris has waited more than a year for a title shot.

"It's very unfortunate," Norris said. "I know I don't control these things. I'm very sorry for Bobby because I know he wants to fight. This world title means a lot to me."

King is searching for another opponent for Norris for the April 23 card, Marley said.

Norris said he'll go ahead and fight.

## 2 Cleveland Indians killed in boat crash

By Rob Gloster

EUSTIS, Fla. (AP) - The silver and gray power boat suffered little damage. Just some scratches on the sides and a cracked plastic cover on its 150-horsepower Yamaha engine.

It's not until you lift an orange tarp behind the passenger seat that the Skeeter model SF175SX reveals its deadly secret - the bloody legacy of a nighttime crash that killed two Cleveland Indians and injured a third.

The 18-foot (6-meter) fiberglass boat, impounded by authorities after the accident that killed pitchers Tim Crews and Steve Olin, sits on a trailer in a Lake County garage. Its speedometer is stuck on 39 mph (64 kph), its throttle full forward.

Officials believe the boat went under a dock on idyllic Little Lake Nellie near Clermont, about 30 miles (50 kms) south of Eustis. Crews, Olin and fellow pitcher Bob Ojeda, who was in stable but serious condition late Tuesday following surgery, apparently slammed into the dock jutting out from a

house across the lake from Crews' new home.

Five fishing poles sit in the boat, one tied with a bright yellow jig. A yellow flashlight is on the floor in front of the steering wheel and an empty yellow plastic cup sits under the steering wheel.

There's some blood on the left side of the passenger seat, farthest from the steering wheel at which officials say Crews was sitting. Small scraps of wood from the dock sit nearby. Blood covers part of the gas cap on the boat's left side. Back in Clermont, curiosity

seekers and reporters mingled near the dock as friends and neighbors tried to understand how a spring training day off had turned so tragic.

Perry Brimmond, a buddy of Crews, had planned to go fishing with the Indians trio on Monday evening but showed up late. He parked his truck on Crews' property and flashed his headlights at the boat across the lake.

"I blinked my lights and they were over in this direction," he said, pointing to a spot near the dock. "I was assuming that they were going to come around and

get me. I heard a noise and it sounded like they hit something. I didn't hear anything after that, so I got in the truck and came over here and that's when I saw them.

"They were all out by the dock in the boat. I pulled the boat in to the shore. The boy that's going to make it (Ojeda), he was conscious. And he was worried about the other two, he said they needed help."

The 30-acre (12-hectare) private lake is known for its bass fishing.

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