

No retirement pay for 'Ray'

By Rafael I. Santos

FORMER Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Executive Director Ramon S. Guerrero is eligible for service credit based on the paid compensatory time amounting to more than \$87,000, however he is not qualified for retirement benefits, the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund said yesterday.

Retirement Fund Administrator Thomas B. Aldan made the determination in response to a letter from the Office of the Attorney General inquiring if Guerrero was eligible for service credits and retirement benefits.

Based on the provisions of Public Law 8-24 and on the records of the retirement fund, Guerrero is eligible for service credits, Aldan said in a letter to Acting Attorney General Thom E. Sheldon.

The letter dated March 28 was transmitted yesterday explaining how the retirement fund viewed Public Law 8-24 "as it applies to the members of the Fund with respect to overtime and compensatory time."

According to the administrator such law covers all members of the Retirement Fund if that member earned and is paid for overtime or compensatory time. Although the contract between CUC

and Guerrero stated that he was not entitled for overtime compensation, no provisions in the document that prohibits him from accumulating 'comp time' and eventually ask for compensation later, Aldan said.

Aldan told the acting attorney general that in implementing the law, the retirement fund did not look at whether the member was entitled to overtime and compensatory time. What the law requires is that a service credit must be given for overtime and 'comp time' paid and certified by the finance department or the head of the autonomous agencies, the administrator said.

Guerrero received his 'comp time' compensation last November 1993 and such payment was certified by then CUC Board of Directors chairman Jose M. Taitano. This, according to Aldan, qualifies the former CUC chief to service credit.

Another basis for Guerrero's eligibility is the fact that he is a member of the Fund, Aldan told Sheldon. The administrator explained in an interview that Public Law 8-24 does not distinguish between classes of membership or employees. Rather, it relates to members of the Retirement Fund as he stated in his letter to the

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Ramon S. Guerrero



Miss CNMI Universe '94 Elizabeth Tomokane waves to the crowd.

4-year old girl killed by speeding vehicle

By Ferdie de la Torre

A FOUR-year-old girl was killed after she was hit by a speeding vehicle driven by a male juvenile in Dandan Homestead Area Saturday afternoon.

The girl was the third juvenile victim killed in separate vehicular accidents on Saipan in less than two months.

The victim whose identity was withheld by the Department of Public Safety sustained head injuries and abrasions on the left arm, according to police report.

The fatality reportedly a resident of Dandan Homestead Area, was pronounced dead at the Commonwealth Health Center's emergency room on that same day at

3:30 p.m.

Initial police investigation showed that while an Isuzu pickup van driven by a 16-year-old boy was travelling south direction along Dandan Homestead Area, the girl suddenly entered the roadway.

The driver tried to avoid the victim but still ended up side-swiping the girl.

The incident was reported to the DPS Saturday at 3:28 p.m.

No arrest was made yet.

Last February 11, a seven-year-old boy was killed shortly after he was hit and dragged by a speeding car while he was riding his bicycle in Koblerville.

The driver—a Korean national was immediately placed under

investigation after the accident.

On March 13, a one-year-old boy died after he was ran over by a vehicle in Gualo Rai.

The driver was reportedly a relative of the boy.

No arrest was made.

Meanwhile, one Artemio Paluyo, 27, residing in Susupe, was arrested Saturday night after he allegedly grabbed the purse from Sue Mae, 27, who was walking along the road in Capitol Hill.

The purse contained little money and identification card, police report said.

In Susupe, two persons identified as Robert Ngiramangioi, 30, and Xavier Takao, 29, both residents of Chalan Kanoa, were arrested

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CNMI sees boom in tourism this year

By Rafael I. Santos

THE CNMI's tourism industry may experience another boom later this year after two U.S. airlines were chosen to service the Saipan/Guam-Osaka route which is monopolized by the Japan Airlines.

Marianas Visitors Bureau Director Benett Seman said MVB is optimistic that more Japanese will come to visit the islands beginning September when Continental Micronesia and United Airlines are expected to begin to service the route.

The U.S. Department of

Transportation last week selected Continental and United as primary and secondary airlines to service the route.

The Osaka airport used to offer a very limited air transport service, but with the opening of the new Kansai airport, more air traffic can be accommodate.

As a result, more tourists from the second largest Japanese city and other areas in southwest Japan are expected to flock to the CNMI, a popular tourist destination in the Asian economic giant.

At present, the Northern Marianas has enough facilities to host the existing number of off-island tourists. However, with the



Benett Seman

projected hike in tourism, more tourist facilities such as hotel rooms must be increased too, MVB said.

According to Seman, the visitors bureau has been preparing for this potential increase in tourist arrivals.

MVB, she said, has a plan to launch a marketing project promoting the islands to tourists.

Seman said there is also a possibility of stationing an MVB representative in Osaka. Such MVB person would act as a liaison between the visitors bureau and Osaka.

Meanwhile, Seman praised the governor for his strong support CNMI tourism.

Governor Froilan Tenorio went on a working visit to Japan recently to encourage more invest-

ments. In a meeting with tour agents and officials of travel agencies, Tenorio promised that the CNMI would continue to provide enough protection to Japanese tourists while in the Northern Marianas.

"We have been telling them that," Seman told the Variety yesterday.

Seman said she was appreciative of Tenorio's support to tourism. She also noted the latest program of the Department of Public Safety aimed at beefing up police security in the Garapan area, where many tourist-related businesses are located.

China again urges dialogue with N. Korea

BEIJING (AP) - Chinese President Jiang Zemin told his South Korean counterpart Monday that patient dialogue is the only way to resolve the North Korean nuclear dispute. He said there is little China can do.

It was the same message he gave Japanese Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa one week earlier, frustrating hopes that China - North Korea's ally in Communism - could persuade the

North to open up its nuclear program where no one else has succeeded.

Last week, both Koreas put their armies on alert, the South revived plans for war games with the United States and the international community discussed sanctions against the North.

South Korean President Kim Young-sam, on a four-day visit to China, had announced in advance his plans to ask Chinese help in

resolving the increasingly tense standoff.

But after Kim and Jiang met for two hours, China's Foreign Ministry quoted Jiang as disclaiming any special influence over the North.

"We have made our due efforts. However, China has only a limited role to play," ministry spokesman Shen Guofang told reporters. North Korea "is a sovereign state, so no foreign country is in a position to

tell (it) what to do or not do." Shen quoted Jiang as saying the issue "should be settled through patient and direct talks between the parties concerned."

North Korea denies that it has or is developing nuclear weapons. But other countries fear that its refusal to allow full inspections of its nuclear facilities by the International Atomic Energy Agency means it is hiding a weapons program.

Earlier Monday, Kim told an audience of Chinese businessmen that the South Korea and Chinese governments must establish a legal and institutional framework to promote mutual trade and investment.

"The Korean government will spare no effort in supporting the business activities of Korean enterprises in China," he promised.

The two countries were signing tax and cultural agreements Monday.

U.S., Japan discuss cable TV network

TOKYO (AP) - Two Japanese and two U.S. companies, including Time Warner, are discussing plans to join in setting up a cable television network in Japan that could provide multimedia services, one of the Japanese companies said Monday.

An official at the major trading house Itochu said the discussions also include Japanese electronics maker Toshiba Corp. and U.S. West, a regional telephone company. It would be the first such cable TV venture between Japanese and U.S. companies.

The discussions follow a series

of tie-ups or mergers between cable and telephone companies in the United States and Europe aimed at building networks for multimedia, which combines video with the information-processing power of computers.

The Japanese network would be expected to provide such services as allowing viewers to request any available video program at any time.

The four companies are discussing building about 10 cable TV stations throughout Japan to reach some 2 million viewers, said the Itochu official, speaking

on condition of anonymity.

He said setting up such a network would require some 40 billion yen (\$380 million) in investment.

Details haven't been decided yet, he said, but added that the project would be a significant step for Itochu to enter the multimedia industry, seen as one of the most profitable areas in the future.

The Japanese financial newspaper Nihon Keizai said one aim would be to bring in the most advanced technology and management know-how from the U.S. companies.

The two U.S. companies have shown strong interest in joining the management of Chofu Cable Inc., a cable TV firm owned by Itochu, as part of the new project, the official said.

Multimedia has lagged in Japan, in part because of heavy regulation by the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications. Few homes have cable television, and companies say a web of regulations has discouraged them from experimenting with new services.

But a ministry committee is studying legal revisions to encourage multimedia and is scheduled to

present its recommendations in May.

The ministry recently decided to allow up to 33 percent foreign ownership in a cable TV company, up from 20 percent.

Earlier this month, Tokyo Electric Power Co., giant trading houses Mitsu and Co. and Mitsubishi Corp., and railway operator Tokyu Corp. announced that they have

agreed to conduct joint tests on supplying multimedia services to Japanese homes. They said it would be Japan's first tie-up between a cable TV system and a regional telecommunications provider.

Aborigines found living in worse than 3rd World conditions

PIGEONHOLE, Australia (AP) - Aborigines in this remote community live in an ocean of raw sewage during the monsoon season, the head of a parliamentary human rights delegation said Monday.

"There are people living in absolutely appalling circumstances here through no fault of their own," Sen. Stephen Loosely said after inspecting tiny tin sheds. Each houses up to a dozen people.

He said he was very disturbed by what he had seen at the Northern Territory community, about 310

miles (500 kilometers) south of Darwin.

"During the wet season, it's apparent that people are obliged to live literally in an ocean of raw sewage because the septic system is totally inadequate," he said.

"The children are at risk because of it, and the community is isolated so it's difficult for medical services always to be readily available."

Members of the human rights panel were visiting Pigeon Hole as the first stop in a two-day tour of outback communities. They are investigating a complaint that Aus-

tralia has breached international human rights obligations by neglecting the health, education and housing of remote Aborigines.

"I would have thought in 1994 all of us could have been doing better," Loosely said. "At our first stop

I must say this is very disturbing. It's below some circumstances I've seen in different Third World countries. Worse."

"In terms of human rights obligations, the rights of these people living in this community have

clearly been jeopardized."

Pigeon Hole was virtually inaccessible during the wet season months of November to about February, with no medical services on hand, the officials were told. So far this year, no doctor had visited the community.

Indonesia floods kill 12

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - Floods from heavy rain have left 12 people dead and forced thousands to flee their homes in East-

ern Java, officials said Monday. About 83,125 people have evacuated from Cepu, 700 kilometers (437 miles) east of Jakarta,

said Harijono, a spokesman for the Bojonegoro regency.

He said the flood waters were as high as 2 meters (6.5 feet) in some places after a week of heavy rain. They inundated about 15,000 houses in 129 villages, he said.

Harijono, who only uses one name, estimated property losses at 3 billion rupiahs (\$1.4 million).

The hardest hit was the village of Lamongan where nine people were killed after heavy rain Thursday caused the Bengawan Solo river to overflow its banks.

Meanwhile, a local official said three bodies have been found near the village of Guntung in the neighboring district of Ngawi.

Puji Hartono, a flood control officer, said flooding has cut communications with several villages in Ngawi.

"Thousands of people have fled to safer areas but more villagers are trapped and isolated by the flood waters," Hartono said.

He said rubber boats have been sent to help evacuate the villagers. Last week five people were reported killed in floods that hit the West Nusatenggara district of Bima.

Tomokane off to RP in May for Miss Universe

By Ferdie de la Torre

THE LOVELY Elizabeth Tomokane proved herself from the very start as the deserving "Miss CNMI Universe '94" when she charmed her way to the crown during the 20th Miss Northern Marianas Beauty Pageant held at Hyatt Hotel's Gilligans Sunday night.

Another equally charming Mary Manibusan, a last minute addition to this year's candidates, received a thundering applause after she was crowned "Miss CNMI International."

When the pageant's superb emcees—Mr. Patrick Williams and Mrs. Margarita DLG. Wonenberg, introduced the eight candidates dubbed as the "Jewels of the Marianas" in their national costumes, the 21-year-old Tomokane was easily a standout based on her poise as well as the wild cheers she received from the audience.

Every time she took the ramp, Tomokane who measures 32-24 1/2-35, drew a warm response particularly in the swimsuit competition.

Aside from grabbing the title, she also won the "Miss Photogenic" and best in national costume.

Tomokane, residing in Garapan, is a Liberal Arts student from Northern Marianas College. She plans to work in the tourism industry to promote the CNMI all over the world.

The new CNMI Miss Universe not only proved she has a poise but also articulate in her thoughts.

During the question and answer portion, Tomokane explained fluently that the lack of cultural knowledge of the people is among the reasons that contribute to the deterioration of the islands' culture.

Tomokane also suggests that

people should learn more on their cultural background and continue the practice of speaking Carolinian and Chamorro.

Although observers noticed she was very confident from the beginning of winning the top title, Tomokane remains humble.

"I am overjoyed...I did not expect to win," she said after she was crowned and embraced by her proud mother Dolores.

Tomokane will represent the CNMI in the Miss Universe Pageant to be held in Manila this May.

Among the prizes for the CNMI Universe are \$1000 scholarship from Micronesia Telecommunications Corporation, \$1000 cash award from Northern Marianas Beauty Pageant Association, round trip ticket to Miss Universe Pageant courtesy of Continental Airlines, complimentary use of a car for one year from Triple J. Motors, and trophy.

On the other hand, Manibusan also a crowd favorite showed she is a beauty and brain worthy of capturing the "CNMI Miss International" title.

Manibusan is from Songsong, Rota. She stands 5'6" weighs 110 pounds and gifted with 32-25 1/2-35 figure. She is the daughter of Frank and Nelda Manibusan.

She was not included during the presentation of the candidates to the press last February 12 at Pacific Gardenia. She arrived a few days after the presentation.

"I can't believe it that I won," Manibusan said.

The new CNMI International said someday she will get a degree in business and then eventually start her own business.

Among her prizes are \$1000 scholarship from the NMBPA, \$800 cash award from NMBPA, round trip ticket to Miss Interna-

tional Pageant courtesy of Japan Airlines, NMBPA Miss International Pendant and trophy.

The eight contestant-Ruth Ann Palacios, 20, the tallest among the candidates who stands 5'7", was chosen as 1st Runner Up.

"I feel good...I am satisfied with the outcome," Palacios told Marianas Variety.

The attractive Palacios weighs 125 pounds and measures 36-28 1/2-36 figure. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian and Terry Murig of Koblerville Village.

She is a transferee from Evergreen Valley College in San Jose California. Her career goal is to earn a business degree and someday put up her own business.

For winning the First Runner Up, Palacios will receive \$500 cash award from NMBPA, cosmetics, swimwear, complimentary gifts and trophy.

The 6th candidate—Carla C. Castro, 20, was adjudged as "Miss Congeniality."

Castro who stands 5'4" and measures 33-25 1/2-36 is a reservations agent of Continental Micronesia. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Torenato and Ana Castro of Susupe.

The first contestant Grace P. Flores, won the NMBPA "Sweetheart Award." She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arsenio and Susana Flores of China Town.

The other lovely candidates were Melody Encina, Gloria Itibus and Susan Gonzales.

The distinguished panel of judges were Jesus DL. Guerrero, retired Commonwealth Ports Authority Chairman of the Board and founder of the NMBPA; Jim Davie, entrepreneur; Candy Borja Elmasian, Miss NMI Universe 1976; Sheryl Sizemore Camacho, Pacific Financial Resident Branch Manager, and Lisa Manglona De la Cruz, Miss

NMI International 1986.

Mike Sablan, President of Rotary Club of Saipan and Vice Chairman of Saipan Chamber of Commerce, was the tabulator.

Guinny Reyes, NMBPA President, made her vow that this year's pageant will be the biggest celebration in the history of the association

1988"; Christine Guerrero, "Miss CNMI-Universe 1986"; Taina Belyeu, "Miss CNMI-Universe 1993"; and Lucresia Tudela, "Miss CNMI-International 1993."

Belyeu and Tudela appeared for their ceremonial goodbye to end their reign as both Miss CNMI Universe and International respect-



Elizabeth Tomokane shows her national costume.

which marks its 20th anniversary.

Former beauty pageant winners, some of them are now residing abroad, attended and actively participated the program which make it a big success.

The past queens entertained the audience with their two dance numbers.

They were Christine Borja, "Miss CNMI-International 1992"; Christina Rasa Salas, "Miss CNMI Universe/International 1991"; Gloria Propst, "Miss CNMI International

tively. Belyeu, former Miss CNMI International assumes the title as CNMI Universe while former 1st runner up Lucresia Tudela as CNMI International.

This developed after the NMBPA stripped Victoria Taisakan Tudela, the 1993 Miss CNMI Universe of her title for alleged violations of several association's by laws.

Sunday's big event covered live by MCV started at 6:30 p.m. and ended at about 10:15 p.m.

Woman in poker robbery to appear in court today

By Ferdie de la Torre

THE Superior Court asked Lucia C. Sablan, a woman who was accused of assaulting a female cashier with a hammer in a daylight robbery at a poker establishment in Garapan, to appear tomorrow for a preliminary hearing.

The preliminary hearing was set supposedly yesterday but the court agreed to a motion to delay requested by the defendant's court appointed lawyer Eric Basse.

Basse explained that he had no enough time to study the case because he only received the message from the court Sunday afternoon.

Assistant Attorney General Charles Charles Rotbart who represented the government did not oppose Basse's motion.

Government prosecutors filed four criminal charges of robbery, theft, aggravated assault and battery, and assault with a dangerous weapon against Sablan.

Sablan is being detained at the



Lucia C. Sablan

Department of Public Safety. A bail of \$100,000 cash for her temporary liberty remains.

Court information showed that Sablan entered the Poker and Games Kingdom last March 19 at 9:30 a.m. and assaulted the cashier-attendant Lea Rosemarie Gaspar with a hammer.

Gaspar, 29, who hails from Philippines, was alone at that time. She suffered head injuries and was taken to the Commonwealth Health Center.

Sablan took an estimated \$3000

worth of cash and check and fled on board a pick-up van.

A male cashier of the poker establishment returned and saw the bloodied Gaspar on the floor, crying that they were held up by a woman.

The witness chased the suspect outside and was able to jot down the plate number of the get-away vehicle.

Sablan was immediately arrested somewhere in Garapan by responding police officers from the Department of Public Safety.

CHC to purchase HIV-2 detector

By Ferdie de la Torre

THE DEPARTMENT of Public Health and Environmental Services can now purchase a dynamic incubator, a sophisticated equipment used in the detection of HIV-2 virus.

The Tan Holdings donated yesterday to the Commonwealth Health Center \$2950 worth of check intended to purchase the equipment.

Dr. Mark Durand, Division of Public Health Medical Director, said with the money, they can now purchase the dynamic incubator from Bakersfield in California.

Durand explained that the incubator is a good equipment which screen the blood sample and detect the HIV-2, a less common virus that causes AIDS.

He said the incubator is a more sophisticated apparatus significant to the CHC's laboratory capability.

Richard Ceyzyk, CHC HIV-AIDS Program Manager, said with the equipment, it gives them extra ability to conduct a rapid and accurate test on the rare HIV-2 which is now spreading worldwide.

Ceyzyk said the early detection of HIV virus is needed for the protection not only to the people in the CNMI but also from other places. He said only eight people have tested positive infected with HIV in the CNMI since 1982.

Earlier, Ceyzyk said one more AIDS case was reported recently in Guam which brings to a total of 63 HIV-infected cases there. Out of 63, 13 reportedly have died.

He said he believes that since there was an increase in Guam undoubtedly it could also happen in the CNMI.

The DPHE is currently preparing the formation of the "Community Planning Group," designed to promote AIDS prevention in the CNMI by getting "input" from the affected people.

The purpose of the creation of CPG is simply to get representations from the affected community.

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Mary Manibusan smiles after she was crowned "Miss CNMI International '94"



Elizabeth Tomokane picks up the question from a box as emcee Margarita Wonenberg looks on.



The eight lovely candidates present a dance number.



Carla Castro smiles for winning the "Miss Congeniality".



Elizabeth Tomokane cries after she was crowned "Miss CNMI Universe '94".



First Runner Up Ruth Ann Palacios takes the ramp with her unique costume.

House members: Put CUC issue to rest

By Rafael I. Santos

THE ISSUE on alleged mismanagement and corruption at the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation must be put to rest in fairness to the board members and former CUC Executive Director Ramon S. Guerrero, the House Vice Speaker said last week.

Another lawmaker, who in the recent months, has been very vocal against the utility firm said, squabbling between the legislature and the executive branch must be stopped. Instead both sides should "get to the root cause of the problem and rectify it," Congressman Heinz Hofschneider said last Friday.

Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas welcomed the governor's decision to launch a "massive investigation of all facets of CUC." The government must proceed and conclude [the investigation at once] in fairness to Guerrero and the board, who are again under fire as a result of the on-going controversy on CUC appointments, he said.

"We should put it to rest," Mafnas said referring to the attacks against CUC. For many years the utility firm has been the subject of ridicule and criticisms

and these must be stopped, he said in an interview inside his office.

Mafnas welcomed the governor's decision to launch a "massive investigation of all facets of CUC."

The government agency has been noted for its "impressive" job during the past several months, successfully completing a major construction program which enabled it to provide reliable power to the commonwealth.

At the same time, it was also able to upgrade its overall ability to generate and deliver electric services.

Mafnas said he does not have anything against CUC. He said if there was something wrong, this must be corrected at once by the government.

"I, for one, am satisfied with CUC. If there were wrongdoings or misapplication of funds, they should be investigated and put the issue to rest," the vice speaker said.

Meanwhile, Rep. Hofschneider criticized the confrontation between the executive and the legislature over CUC. "They should stop squabbling... get to the root of the problem and rectify it," the lawmaker said.



Heinz Hofschneider

According to the congressman, the best thing to do now is for the executive to comply with the minimum number of board members to prevent the issue into becoming worst.

If one branch would not take action on the problem, the other should, he said. "They should come up with amicable solution... a functional board," he said.

At present, there are four people who compose the CUC Board of Directors. They are Special Assistant for Planning and Budget Greg Sablan, Acting Finance Director Maria D. Cabrera, Laura Mangiona of Rota and Saipan lawyer Lecia Eason.



Jesus P. Mafnas

two sides did not do CUC good, Hofschneider indicated. As long as the bickering continues on the issue, nothing would be resolved, the representative said, adding that in the end the public would be the loser.

Hofschneider called on legislative and executive officials to work on the issue so that a CUC director could take over. He warned that the present \$8.2 million debt of CUC to Mobil Oil "could translate to \$12 million soon."

"It's ridiculous without a functional [CUC] board. It's petty politics," the lawmaker said.

The legislature said Eason and Cabrera should not assume the functions of full-pledged board members because they have not been confirmed by the Senate. Senator Steven M. King, chairman of the powerful committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigation, also believed the present number of board members does not constitute a quorum.

Governor Froilan C. Tenorio insisted earlier that there was nothing illegal with the attempt of the board members to hold a meeting. (See story on AG's opinion regarding the scheduled meeting.) The war of words between the

US trying new approach to install Aristide in Haiti

By KIM I. MILLS

WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States is trying to synchronize a power change in Haiti, urging exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to name a new prime minister at the same time as military ruler Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras steps down, an administration official said Sunday.

"In a sense, it would address concerns of both sides," a White House official said on condition of anonymity.

"You'd have some kind of arrangements in terms of timing, signals, things of that nature," the official said. "So far we haven't seen any firm statement of interest from either side."

White House spokesman Jeff Eller, traveling in Dallas with the president Sunday, refused to discuss "the details of what may or may not happen" in Haiti. Eller stressed that "our objectives in Haiti remain the same as they always have been. That is, the restoration of democracy and President Aristide's return to his country."

The administration official said the United States will also tighten the trade embargo on Haiti to "stop leakage across the Dominican border."

The New York Times reported Sunday that the administration is reversing its Haitian policy to focus on getting concessions from the Haitian military rather than from Aristide.

But the administration spokesman said, "we couldn't be shifting from a policy that's pressing Aristide to a policy that's pressing the military because we have been pressing the military. We haven't been pressing Aristide,

we've been urging him to cooperate."

Congress and human-rights groups have recently stepped up criticism of the administration for having reached a dead end on Haiti.

The "synchronous" plan would require three things to happen on the same day: military leaders

would step down, the Haitian parliament would confirm a new prime minister named by Aristide, and a law would be enacted granting amnesty to the military leaders who overthrew Aristide in September 1991.

Vice President Al Gore described these ideas to Aristide at a White House meeting Friday.



Saipan Dance Center performers display a futuristic dance number

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Ramos makes historic visit to Vietnam

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) - President Fidel Ramos of the Philippines met Monday with Vietnamese leaders to discuss regional security, economic issues and the communist country's potential for full membership in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

It was a historic visit, the first by a ranking Filipino leader since diplomatic ties were established with Vietnam in 1976. The Philippines supported the U.S.-backed South Vietnamese government with a small contingent of troops in the war against the communist North that ended in 1975 with a Hanoi victory.

Ramos himself served in Vietnam in the 1960s as chief of staff of the Philippine Civil Action

Group, which operated in the area of Saigon, renamed Ho Chi Minh City by the communists, and to the west in Tay Ninh Province.

Ramos received a red-carpet welcome with honor guard and band at the Presidential Palace, where he was greeted by President Le Duc Anh, Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet and Foreign Minister Nguyen Manh Cam.

"We look forward to the strengthening of our friendship and partnership as developing countries and as close neighbors," Ramos told Anh.

Ramos was accompanied on the three-day visit by Roberto Romulo, the foreign minister; Rizalino Navarro, minister of trade and industry; Roberto



Fidel Ramos
Sebastian, minister of agriculture, and business representatives.

During Ramos' visit, the Philippines and Vietnam planned to sign an agreement promising increased trade. It would amend an earlier agreement signed in 1990.

The Philippines exported \$37.4 million worth of goods to Vietnam and imported \$10.5 million last year.

The two countries also are signing agreements on tourism, cultural exchanges and the establishment of a joint business council.

The Philippines ranks 18th among foreign investors in Vietnam. It has only 11 joint ventures with Vietnam worth \$60 million.

Trade minister Navarro has called for more Filipino investment in Vietnam to take advantage of development projects including highway and bridge construction and an increased demand for consumer goods in the next two years.

Ramos' visit is part of a cam-

paign by Vietnam to gain full membership in ASEAN. It now holds observer status in the organization that includes some of Asia's fastest growing economies.

But Vietnam's free market reforms begun in the late 1980s make it a match for ASEAN members, including the Philippines, Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia and Brunei.

Ramos is the third ASEAN head of state to visit Vietnam for talks this month. Earlier visits were made by Thailand's Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai and Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong. Vietnam's Communist Party Secretary-General Do Muoi completed a four-day visit to Malaysia on Sunday.

HK democrats would win election, poll shows

HONG KONG (AP) - Pro-democracy candidates, who swept Hong Kong's first legislative elections in 1991, would repeat their victory if new elections were held now, an opinion poll indicated Monday.

The poll for the newspaper South China Morning Post

showed 29.9 percent of respondents supported the United Democrats, Hong Kong's biggest pro-democracy party. That compared to just 8.8 percent who said they would vote for pro-China candidates.

The United Democrats have backed Gov. Chris Patten's elec-

toral reform proposals, which China has vowed to undo after it recovers sovereignty over Hong Kong in 1997.

The reforms, being debated by lawmakers, would allow Hong Kong for the first time to elect all legislators in 1995, the last elections under British rule. The 60-

member Legislative Council now is part elected, part appointed.

The United Democrats swept 12 of 18 seats contested in 1991. China labels the group subversive for its vocal pro-democratic stance and has threatened to bar its leaders from the legislature after 1997.

In all, the United Democrats and other liberal candidates would command 56 percent of the vote, the poll indicated. But 22.8 percent had no opinion on whom they would elect.

The pro-business Liberal Party, with 15 seats the legislature's largest party, would win just 12.4 percent of the vote, the poll showed. The pro-China Democratic Alliance for the Betterment of Hong Kong scored 5.4 percent, and other pro-China candidates

3.4 percent.

Fifty-two percent of respondents said they believed China would scrap Patten's reforms in 1997, against 30 percent who said China would not. The rest had no opinion.

"There's quite a lot of skepticism in Hong Kong in China's promises," said David Bottomley, whose company conducted the poll.

China has said Hong Kong can remain autonomous and capitalist for at least 50 years after 1997, but charges that Patten's reforms violate the Anglo-Chinese treaty ceding the colony.

The telephone poll of 604 people conducted earlier this month did not give a margin of error.

Guard to hang for murdering US Children

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) - A High Court sentenced a former security guard to death Monday for murdering two American children and their Filipino maid here two years ago.

Judge Syed Ahmad Idid sentenced the guard Ariffin Agas, 26, to death by hanging for the murders of brothers Kabir and Arjun Talwar and Filipina Natalia Fernandes, 45.

Defense lawyer K. Balaguru plans to appeal the decision.

Kabir was 11 years old and Arjun 7 on April 23, 1992, when Ariffin attacked them with a knife and stuffed their bodies into a septic tank in the back yard of their house. Natalia's body was found in the same place.

Ariffin, wearing loose Malay pants and a small round Islamic cap, sat emotionless in the dock as the judge ordered the sentence.

The father, Rakesh Talwar, 44, and his family are ethnic Indians and American citizens.

There are no witnesses to the murders, and Ariffin was convicted on circumstantial evidence. No mention was made of the motive by either Ariffin or by Deputy Public Prosecutor Tun Abdul Majid.

Public speculation is that the guard ran amok in a violent expression of pent-up anger, a fairly common occurrence in Malaysia. The English word "amok" itself is of Malay origin.

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House honors CHC's Crowley

By Rafael I. Santos

THE HOUSE of Representatives has presented Dr. John Patrick Crowley, Nursing Director of the Commonwealth Health Center, a commemorative resolution recognizing his "outstanding service during his tenure" at the hospital as head of the nursing division.

In a simple ceremony at the office of House Speaker Diego T. Benavente Friday morning, Crowley said he appreciated the House's move to honor him.

House Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas presented the commemorative resolution since Benavente was off-island attending a conference of Pacific legislators on Guam.

"In an expression of their dedication to the people of the CNMI, Dr. Crowley and his wife, Eileen, contributed to the many local traditions by giving and sharing their leadership, love, and needed donations... to help the community," the resolution

signed by both Benavente and Mafnas read.

The House, through the resolution, also expressed "sincere appreciation for [Crowley's] years of selfless benevolence dedicated to ease the suffering and improve the health of the people..."

Dr. Crowley was very instrumental in the development of the nursing program at the Northern Marianas College and implementation of the nursing protocols/policy and procedure manuals for the delivery of health care at CHC, the resolution said.

It also cited the accomplishments of the US Public Health Service employee while director of nursing at CHC. It said during his tenure, he was able to increase the salary of nurses, recruited professional nurses, and increased the number of registered nurses that improved the overall quality of nursing care.

His recent accomplishment is the presentation of his work entitled Development of Policy

Manual Document on Quality Assurance/Improvement to the World Health Organization.

Crowley, who served the CHC for 8 years as Nursing Director, described his work here as "one of tremendous rewards in terms of serving the hospital."

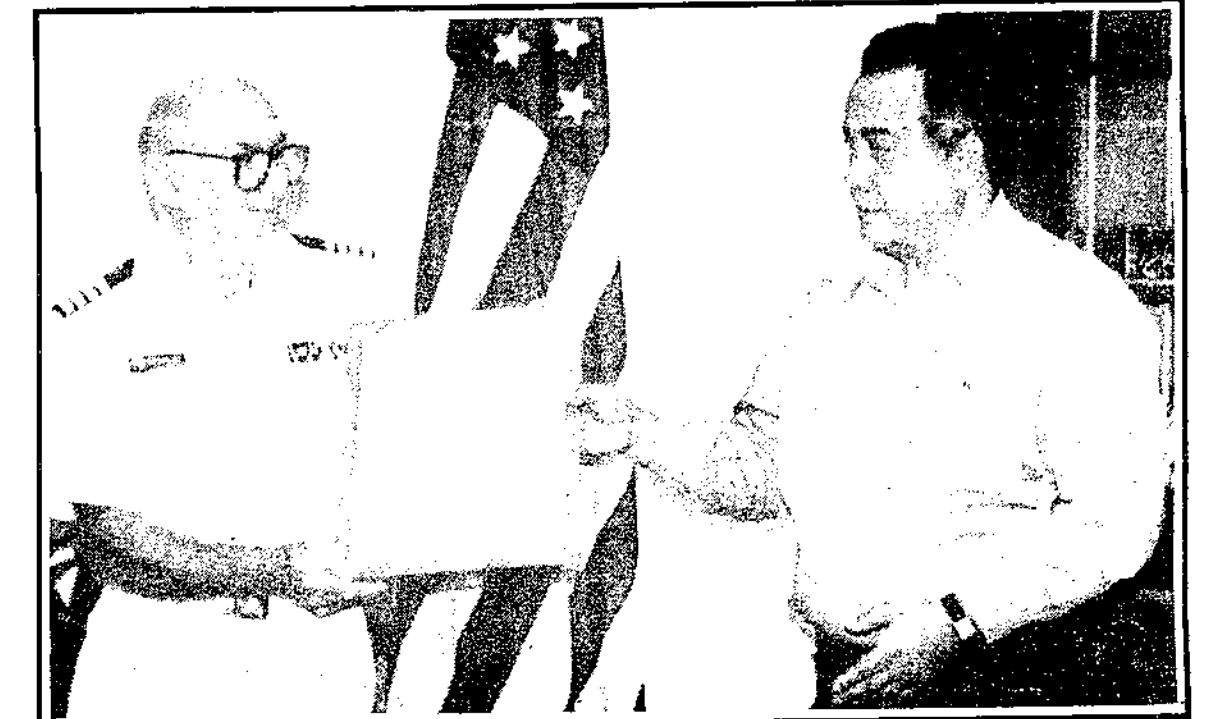
He said he was glad that through

his help CHC's standards of health care improved and is now comparable to any hospital in the US mainland.

"I saw growth in the past 8 years...it's a very rewarding experience for me professionally."

Crowley is scheduled to leave for Montana early next month.

Ned Arriola, Deputy Director for the Department of Health and Environmental Services said "we'll be missing their friendship." Professionally, CHC personnel enjoyed his wisdom, Arriola told the Variety shortly after the short ceremony last Friday.



Dr. John Patrick Crowley receives a copy of the commemorative resolution from acting House Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas.

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AG's Office.

"The statute... clearly states that any member who accumulates overtime or compensatory time in excess of the regular paid hours of 2,080 shall be granted service credit for purposes of retirement eligibility," the administrator said in the letter.

Based on this provision, Guerrero must be granted service credit as he is said to have accumulated 8,748 hours of 'comp time' on his \$70,000 salary.

This translates into about four years and two-and-a-half months of service credit, the government said last week.

The former CUC boss is also claiming 1,064 hours of sick leave, or six months and four days of service credit, on top of the "affidavit services" which amount to one year and one month service credit.

The Tenorio administration appeared to be questioning Guerrero's claim, accusing him of "still trying to loot the treasury."

Governor Froilan C. Tenorio last week asked the AG's Office and the Retirement Fund to "look into" Guerrero's retirement claim.

Aldan said after going over Retirement Fund's records, it is clear that Guerrero is eligible for service credit. But it turned out that the former CUC director is not entitled to retirement benefit after computing his years of ser-

vice, the administrator told the Variety.

Guerrero is short of almost two years of the required number of years before he could be eligible for retirement benefits.

It is estimated that the former CUC executive director would receive at least \$18,000 a year in retirement benefits if his average annual salary was \$70,000 and if he had accumulated 20 years of government service.

Under the law, a person is entitled to retirement benefits if he has accumulated at least 20 years of service in the government sector. A person whose age is 52 is also eligible to receive retirement benefits if he has worked in government for 10 years.

As far as the Retirement Fund is concerned, Guerrero must be granted service credit, however it is up to the government to question if the 'comptime' compensation was illegally obtained.

Under section 8813 (o) (2) of 1 CMC, it is stated that "If the wages earned are finally determined by the court to be illegally obtained, the Fund shall reimburse to the government the employee contribution allocable to the illegal wages. Further shall exclude the illegal wages from the member's salary for all purposes..."

Aldan said the Retirement Fund would follow whatever the court decision may be on Guerrero's retirement eligibility.

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rested after they were allegedly fighting on the roadway Sunday afternoon.

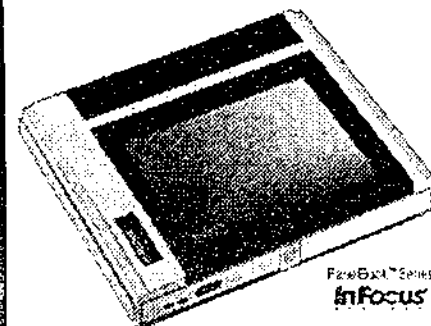
In Garapan, Susawara Tsuyoshi, 24, complained Friday morning that unidentified suspect took his blue bag near the Bank of Guam containing camera, pen, wristwatch and \$30 cash.

Also in Garapan, a 49-year-old man reported that unknown responsible entered his

room on the second floor of Friendship Karaoke and carted away his wallet containing \$366 and personal documents Saturday afternoon.

In Koblerville, a man complained Saturday night that thief entered his house and ran away one cassette, one TV set, a remote control helicopter toy and \$20 cash, with a total amount of \$1,348.

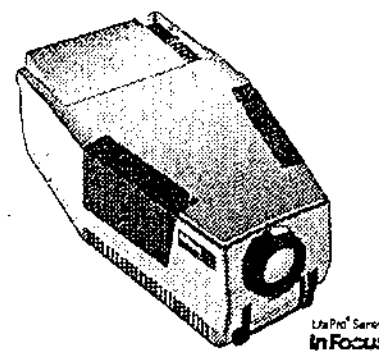
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CIVIL ACTION NO. 93-1155

TERESITA TUDELA CAMACHO

Plaintiff

v.
IMS ASSOCIATES, INC., a California Corporation,
WILLIAM H. MILLARD,
BARBARA J. MILLARD,
VICENTE TUDELA TORRES,
SAIPAN INVESTMENT CORP., and
HEREWARD INVESTMENTS LIMITED,
Defendants.**SUMMONS**

To Defendant VICENTE TUDELA TORRES:

You are hereby SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint a copy of which is given you herewith, within (20) days after service of this summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to G. ANTHONY LONG, ESQ. whose address is AAA 1797, Caller Box 10001, Orote, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the clerk of the Court for filing.

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Flow of guns from America 'impossible to stop'

TOKYO (AP) - Japanese may not like Detroit wheels or California rice, but one American import has found a niche among a choosy - and criminal - minority.

Whether they're Colt, Ruger or Smith and Wesson, pistols smuggled in from the United States are No. 1 among "yakuza" organized crime groups in this land where civilian handgun possession is illegal.

A simple profit motive can drive the smugglers. A Smith and Wesson .38-caliber revolver bought for \$275 in the United States can be sold on the Japanese black market for \$4,800, U.S. Customs investigators say.

Last year, Japanese police seized 469 firearms that were brought in from the United States.

"It's impossible to stop the flow as long as the guns are easily available in other countries," said Shigeru Kubota of the National Police Agency's firearms control office.

Yakuza gunrunners concoct elaborate schemes to mine the rich vein of firepower available in America.

In 1991, two smugglers from Osaka flew to Chicago and recruited a local man to accompany them to a gun shop, where he signed for the purchase of 212 handguns. Avoiding airport metal detectors, the Japanese then took a train to Los Angeles to ship the guns by sea to Japan, hidden among blue jeans.

Federal agents spotted the big purchase in the dealer's paperwork and broke up the scheme.

In other recent cases: A yakuza member traveled monthly to Oklahoma and hired locals to buy guns; a Japanese arriving in Tokyo from Los Angeles was stopped with 28 handguns in his luggage; a retired Japanese airline pilot was arrested as an alleged yakuza gunrunner.

Although fewer than 200 gun-related crimes are reported each year in Japan, "it's a large problem to them," said Gary Thomas, international enforcement chief at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Washington.

"And they can't imagine that in America you can walk into a gun store like a candy store and buy what you want."

Whitewater critic unperturbed by White House aides' complaints

WASHINGTON (AP) - The leading Whitewater critic in Congress said Sunday he didn't want to draw premature conclusions about two top White House aides' complaints over the hiring of a former Republican prosecutor in the case.

"I hope we don't make too much of this part of the story," Republican Rep. Jim Leach said on NBC-TV.

"It's natural that they would be upset" with a decision by the Resolution Trust Corp. to retain former U.S. Attorney Jay B. Stephens to investigate the failed Madison Savings and Loan, Leach said of senior White House aides Harold Ickes and George Stephanopoulos.

However, "it was probably a mistake to convey this in a way that may or may not have implied trying to release him (Stephens) from this job," Leach said of the Feb. 25 call from Stephanopoulos and Ickes to Deputy Treasury Secretary Roger Altman.

The RTC is responsible for investigating failed savings and loan companies, including Madison, which was involved in the Whitewater land development deal. President Clinton and his wife were investors in Whitewater during the late 1970s.

Clinton denies any wrongdoing as president or when he was governor of Arkansas.

Stephens, a former White House legal aide in the Reagan administration, was fired as U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia last March, two months after Clinton took office.

At the time, Stephens publicly implied that his dismissal was aimed at thwarting his office's still-continuing investigation of House Ways and Means Chairman Dan Rostenkowski, a Democrat, in the House Post Office scandal.

The White House has acknowledged that Stephanopoulos and Ickes placed a conference call after learning that the RTC had

retained Stephens a day earlier to pursue possible civil claims against the failed Arkansas thrift.

White House spokesman Jeff Eller, in Dallas with Clinton on Sunday, said the president "stands behind George (Stephanopoulos) 100 percent."

Last week, Leach said there was evidence to suggest that federally insured deposits in Madison were used to cover interest payments on loans to Clinton and his wife covering their investment in the Whitewater land development enterprise.

He also said other Madison deposits may have been diverted to cover campaign debts incurred by Clinton in his bid for re-election as Arkansas' governor. Federal regulators have estimated that covering the federally insured deposits lost by Madison will cost taxpayers at least \$47 million.

Stephanopoulos told CNN he had expressed anger at the hiring of Stephens but was "just trying to get information."



Dr. John Patrick Crowley poses with acting House Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas and CHC staff.

Gulf states prepare to host Israelis

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) - Government experts from Gulf Arab states Sunday ended a meeting designed to lay groundwork for Israel's first participation in political conferences in the region.

Sources said the participants came from all six Gulf Cooperation Council nations - Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman.

GCC nations have taken part in

past multilateral talks with Israeli officials in many world capitals.

But a conference on water sharing scheduled for April 17-20 in Oman will bring the Israelis to the conservative Gulf Arab region for the first time. Qatar will host a disarmament forum May 2-3.

The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Gulf states' interior ministries will discuss the experts' recommendations and then

submit them to the alliance's foreign ministers.

GCC countries have backed the U.S.-led Middle East peacemaking effort, launched in Madrid in October 1991. The process provided for bilateral negotiations between Israel and its main Arab foes - Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Palestinians - and simultaneous multilateral conference on broader regional issues such as water, disarmament, environment and refugees.

Syria plans to double gas output

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) - Syria is going ahead with plans to produce natural gas from its Central Area fields, which would almost double the nation's gas output, the Middle East Economic Survey reported Monday.

The weekly newsletter, published in Nicosia, said it understood that the state-run Syrian Petroleum Co.

would award the construction contract in early May.

Among the short-listed companies are Petrofac International of Britain, Snamprogetti of Italy, Hak Pipelining of the Netherlands, Atilla Doga of Turkey and al-Sahel Contracting Co. of Syria, the newsletter reported.

The gas will come from the fields

of al-Arak, al-Hil and al-Dubayat, 175 miles (280 kms) northeast of Damascus. The gas will be used in power stations to ease electricity shortages and to provide fuel for the country's heavy industry.

Syria's recoverable gas reserves total at least 224 billion cubic meters (7.9 trillion cubic feet), according to estimates.

Officials implicated in ports smuggling

ILOILO CITY, Philippines (AP) - About 100 armed men swooped down on an international port in this central Philippine city and carted off 19 container vans of smuggled goods impounded since January, officials said Monday.

City Police Chief Ernesto Latombo was relieved following the March 21 incident, said police Supt. Cecilio Penilla. Eleven other people, including a former judge and police sergeant, were arrested,

Penilla said.

"We have reason to believe that several members of the police, the Philippine Ports Authorities and the Bureau of Customs were involved in the raid," Penilla said in a press conference.

The 10.5 million peso (\$388,000) robbery, which occurred in this city 500 kilometers (300 miles) southwest of Manila, was carried out over four hours starting at 1 a.m., Penilla said.

Penilla said the goods, mostly

canned food, cosmetics and textiles, had been smuggled into the country through the southern port of Zamboanga and shipped here, where they were impounded Jan. 9.

About half of the goods had been recovered in a series of raids throughout the city, Penilla said.

He gave no other details, but said he expected more arrests.

Another police official said during the news conference that robberies were rampant in this ports complex.

Bombing hits Manila

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Masked attackers hurled a homemade bomb Sunday at a department store, triggering a gunbattle with police near a downtown church packed with Palm Sunday worshippers.

Police said three people were injured and two of the attackers

were arrested. The Philippines News Agency said they were believed to be Communist rebels.

Police said the melee began about 11 a.m. (0300 gm) when a homemade bomb exploded at a department store on Carriedo Street about 20 meters (yards) from the Quiapo Church.

Police opened fire on the attackers and arrested two of them. Both were identified as university students.

Police suspected the attackers may have been Communists because the incident occurred two days after the 25th anniversary of the founding of the New Peoples Army.

Milk truck crash kills five

SAN LEANDRO, Calif. (AP) - A milk tanker plowed into three vehicles parked at a roadside cleanup site Sunday, killing five people and injuring 18 others. Police said the truck driver would be charged with drunken driving.

The tanker was driving northbound when it veered onto the shoulder and hit a pickup truck parked behind a van and bus, said California Highway Patrol offi-

cer Mitch Mueller.

The tanker crashed through the pickup and rammed the van into the back end of the bus, Mueller said.

A 9-year-old girl sitting in the pickup died at the scene. The driver of the pickup was critically injured and taken to a nearby hospital, Mueller said.

The other four people who were killed had been picking up trash

as a part of court-ordered community service.

The driver of the tanker, George Schappman, 36, of Manteca, was arrested after being treated for minor injuries. He was to be charged with felony drunk driving and five counts of vehicular manslaughter, Mueller said.

San Leandro is 27 kilometers (17 miles) east of San Francisco.

28 dead in Kyrgyzstan landslide

MOSCOW (AP) - At least 28 people have died in southern Kyrgyzstan's latest spring landslide and rescuers looked Monday for more victims, the ITAR-Tass news agency said.

The landslide was Saturday

night in the village of Komsomol in the Osh region of the former Soviet republic, it said. President Askar Akayev visited the area Sunday.

A rash of at least 13 spring landslides this month have killed

100 people, destroyed dozens of farmhouses, damaged hundreds of meters (yards) of roads and toppled power transmission pylons. The landslides are caused by a combination of melting snow, spring rain and thawing mud.

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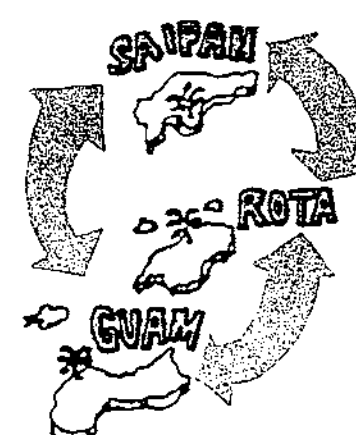
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CIVIL ACTION NO.: 93-1298

3K CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

CHUNG, JANG WHA AND WHA SUNG CONSTRUCTION CO.,

Defendant.

SUMMONS

To the above named defendant:

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By order of the above Court.

Dated this 16th day of December, 1993.

/s/ Clerk of Court

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CIVIL CASE NO. 93-1239

CHALAN NYIA INDUSTRIAL CENTER, Plaintiff,

vs. MICRONESIAN CARGO INTERNATIONAL, JAMES D. MCCALLISTER, and ANTHONY L.G. SANTOS, Defendants.

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So Ordered on this 2nd day of December, 1993.

FRED F. CAMACHO

Clerk of Court

(s) LOUISE C. HOFSCHEIDER

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA

CIVIL ACTION 94-276

In the matter of the estate of:

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NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons interested in the Estate of Magdalena Ariola Salas, deceased, that on April 5, 1994 at 1:30 p.m. at the courthouse of the Superior Court at Susupe, Saipan, is hereby set as the time of hearing by such court of the petition of Rosalia S. Jesus for letters of administration in the above-entitled case.

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Dated this 25th day of March, 1994.

CHARLENE C. TEREGEYO

Deputy Clerk of Court

Vietnam launches restructuring of state-owned industries

By ALWYN SCOTT

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam (AP) - Vietnam is undertaking a gradual but fundamental restructuring of state-owned enterprises and the bureaucracy that controls them, seeking to complete its transition to a market economy.

Thousands of small, financially troubled state-owned companies are being combined into larger industrial groups. At the same time, the government is trimming and shifting its oversight.

Government ministries will no longer be directly involved in business planning, says Tran Quan Ngoc, a top official at the State Committee for Cooperation and Investment. That will be left to company managers.

Consolidations, privatizations and failures have slashed the number of state-owned enterprises to about 4,000 from 6,000 at the start of the year and 15,000 several years ago, said Nguyen Ngoc Phuc, the committee's vice-director of project evaluation. The government's full withdrawal from active management of companies is expected to take another two years.

There are good reasons for a

gradual transition. The experiences of Russia and other formerly Communist countries show that a sudden switch from an economy controlled by government planners to one guided by market forces can lead to soaring unemployment and plunging industrial production. Just two years ago, the state-owned sector produced 60 percent of Vietnam's national income.

Vietnam appears poised to become yet another Asian success story. Annual economic growth has averaged 7 percent in the past three years, while inflation has been tamed to single digits. The government is aiming for growth of 8 percent to 9 percent this year and in 1995.

The stage for the country's economic takeoff was set during the late-1980s, when the government launched its policy of "doi moi," or renovation, reforms that moved Vietnam away from a Soviet-style planned economy and staved off economic collapse. Unprofitable firms were closed, companies were privatized and foreign investors were welcomed.

The catalyst for the latest push to restructure the economy has been the National Assembly's passage of bankruptcy and com-

mercial codes in December.

The bankruptcy law, which takes effect on July 1, isn't expected to force closures of the many firms that are technically insolvent or throw workers into the street. It provides for a six-month grace period, giving firms a chance to shore up their balance sheets.

"It isn't very harsh," said Frederick Burke, a Hong Kong-based attorney for the U.S. law firm Baker and McKenzie.

"It has Chapter 11-type provisions that will allow reorganization," he said, referring to the American law that gives companies court protection from creditors while they seek to return to profitability.

The Vietnamese bankruptcy provision is comprehensive and makes it possible for creditors to divide the assets of a failed business, foreign lawyers say.

Vietnam's passage of a bankruptcy law had been closely watched by foreign investors, especially banks, who consider it a necessary prerequisite for lending.

Still, many firms will have trouble getting loans from foreign banks since Vietnam does

not yet allow private ownership of land, which is commonly used as collateral.

Under other laws passed in December, the government is merging small firms in key sectors of the economy - including energy, metal production and shipping - into large industrial conglomerates. The government aims to sell shares in such companies with an eye toward setting up a stock market in 1997 or 1998.

Stock will first be offered to workers within a company, then to the general public and finally to foreigners, Ngoc said.

However, foreigners won't be allowed to own stakes in industries such as oil, airlines and energy - precisely the ones that they are most keen to own. "Key fields of our national economy will remain state-owned," Ngoc said.

The government also is trying to slim down. Previously, ministries supervised and often ran whole industries. Now, bureaucrats will only set broad policies while enterprises will manage themselves, Ngoc said.

"We are trying to reduce the number of ministries," he said. "Now we have almost 40 ministries and committees. It is a symbol of bureaucracy."

Fighting between Serbs, Muslims flares in Central Bosnia

By SRECKO LATAL

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) - Government forces attacked Serb fighters in northern Bosnia, leading the Serb leader to threaten a counterattack and hardened negotiating stance.

Bosnian radio said government forces had captured key Bosnian Serb positions near Maglaj on Sunday, killing 70 Serb fighters, and were advancing. There was no confirmation of the report.

Belgrade's Tanjug news agency said Bosnian Serb military sources reported "intensive" attacks by government forces but claimed the attacks had been repelled.

On Friday, U.N. peacekeepers destroyed a Serb bunker near Maglaj, 80 kilometers (50 miles) north of Sarajevo, after a seven-hour battle. A few days earlier, Bosnian Serbs looted an aid convoy headed for Maglaj.

Speaking to his Serbian Demo-

cratic Party in Banja Luka, a Serb stronghold in northern Bosnia, Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic said the government's "spring offensive must be broken."

"If they do not stop this offensive, I will order a counteroffensive and then they shall not be able to get the territories they would be able to by political negotiations," he said, according to Tanjug. "They can never get the territories on which they are now killing our men."

Another round of talks among Bosnia's Muslims, Serbs and Croats has not been scheduled, overshadowed by the creation of a Muslim-Croat federation in Bosnia. But Karadzic has never been willing to concede much land in peace talks anyway.

The Serbs control about 70 percent of Bosnia's territory.

For months, all sides in Bosnia's two-year war have threatened a

spring offensive, but it wasn't clear if the weekend fighting was part of that offensive or an isolated attack.

It is much easier to get around Bosnia's snowy, mountainous and often bad roads in the spring.

In Sarajevo, meanwhile, ethnic Serbs loyal to the Muslim-led Bosnian government held an assembly and asked that their representatives be included in peace talks since Bosnian Serbs led by Karadzic want to form a separate state.

Ljubomir Berberovic, assembly president, praised the new Muslim-Croat federation for beginning "the process of stopping the war."

Charles Redman, President Clinton's special envoy on the former Yugoslavia, attended the assembly session, as did members of the Bosnian government and representatives of the city's ethnic and religious groups.

Redman said the assembly was

a sign that "the political life of Bosnia-Herzegovina is still alive and well" and that "people are starting to think about the things that go with peace, rather than with war."

Redman was to travel to Pale, southeast of Sarajevo, on Monday to meet with Bosnian Serbs who support Karadzic.

Also Monday, a constitutional assembly was to open in the Bosnian capital to begin setting up a transitional government for the new Croat-Muslim federation.

Bosnia's war began in April 1992 when Serbs armed by the Yugoslav army rebelled against moves by Croats and Muslims to secede from Yugoslavia. But the Muslim-Croat alliance collapsed into fighting over territory not held by Bosnian Serbs. It was resurrected under U.S. pressure.

More than 200,000 people are believed dead or missing in the war.

Stanley and Co., said Volcker brings with him an aura of independence.

"He lends a lot of veracity to the decision-making power of the board, that they will not be in the hip pockets of the unions," Murphy told the Times.

Volcker, 66, led the Fed from 1979 through mid-1987 and was known for his political independence. Van de Kamp, 58, was California's attorney general from 1983 to 1991.

United Airlines to name former fed chairman to its board

NEW YORK (AP) - United Airlines and its pilots' and machinists' unions are expected to name former Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul A. Volcker to its board if a \$5 billion union buyout is approved, The New York Times reported.

Former California Attorney General John Van de Kamp was also expected to be named to the board, the Times said in Monday's editions.

Volcker and Van de Kamp

would be two of the four independent directors whose names would be included in final papers outlining the unions' proposed deal to swap wage and work-rule concessions for ownership of the airline.

The Times, citing people familiar with the paperwork's contents, said the documents were to be filed Monday with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The names of the other two independent directors could not be

Business/Finance

OPEC trying damage control so oil prices don't fall too far

By SALLY JACOBSEN

GENEVA (AP) - Without an agreement to cut oil output, OPEC is trying damage control to prevent crude prices from crashing in the spring.

After heavyweight Saudi Arabia refused to trim supply, others in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries scrambled to break any fall in prices.

With an excess of oil on the markets, prices have skidded to some of their lowest levels in five years. The average price of a basket of crudes monitored by the cartel is more than \$7 a barrel under a \$21 target.

Officials, speaking to reporters Sunday after a two-day meeting, said most of the dozen ministers

wanted to slash production by a million or so barrels a day in the April-June quarter.

The group is producing about 24.8 million barrels a day, 300,000 barrels a day over its current supply ceiling.

Saudi Arabia's influential minister, Hisham Nazer, told the others it was fine if they wanted to cut, but that the kingdom had no intention of doing so, according to delegates.

A reduction without Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil producer, would be meaningless. But the others also were worried prices could plummet without a cut. The group's executive staff had warned prices could slide into the single-digits if the ministers refused to act.

Against that backdrop, an offi-

cial, who demanded anonymity, said the ministers scurried "to limit the damage as much as possible." They agreed to extend their ceiling of 24.5 million barrels a day for nine months. They intend to hold pumping steady not just during the spring but also during the fall and winter, when demand will rise with cold weather.

With growing demand later, the nations hope to make oil more scarce for buyers, leading to higher prices. Demand for crude normally tumbles in spring with warmer weather.

"It's the best, most constructive version of a rollover," said Vahan Zanooyan, senior director of Petroleum Finance Co. in Washington.

Analysts predicted prices would tumble another dollar or two a

barrel in the next week or so. But had OPEC only frozen pumping in the spring, they said prices would have tumbled more.

Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh, whose nation is the cartel's No. 2 producer, criticized rival Saudi Arabia for refusing to cut back. He told Dow Jones Investor Network he would propose a trim at the next meeting in June if prices don't improve. "We'll talk with Saudi Arabia to change their mind," he said.

The ministers also pledged to crack down on nations producing more oil than allowed.

Libyan Oil Minister Abdalla Salem el-Badri said the cartel may disclose the names of cheaters in an apparent attempt to embarrass them into complying with output

limits. Now, no action is taken against quota-busters.

In another sign of frustration over weak prices, ministers asked Secretary-General Subroto to study how the group can gain more control over prices because it pumps about 40 percent of the world's oil.

Likely to be considered is a return to a fixed-price strategy. In the past, OPEC posted prices for oil as a way of trying to keep them up. The system was abandoned in the late 1980s with the influx of non-OPEC producers willing to sell at cheaper prices. The cartel now tries to limit the flow of oil to the market as a way of influencing prices. But nations often ignore their OPEC-imposed supply caps and pump to excess.

Dollar opens lower, stocks mixed

TOKYO (AP) - The U.S. dollar opened lower against the Japanese yen Monday, while prices on the Tokyo Stock Exchange were mixed in early trading.

The dollar started trading at 104.93 yen, down 0.24 yen from Friday's Tokyo close but above its New York finish Friday at 104.85 yen.

Dealers said the dollar was moving little in the absence of fresh market-moving news.

Although players continued to watch for escalating tension on

the Korean Peninsula, the nuclear issue has had plenty of time to be factored into exchange rates, dealers said.

On the stock market, the 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average rose 2.49 points, a statistically insignificant amount, to 19,838.97 in the first hour of morning trading. On Friday, the index lost 201.42 points or 1.01 percent, ending at 19,836.48.

The Tokyo Stock Price Index of all issues listed on the first session was down 4.59 points, or

0.29 percent, to 1,605.76. The TOPIX lost 4.56 points, or 0.78 percent, to 1,610.35.

Traders said prices were mixed because of concerns about weakness on overseas markets as well as the Tokyo market since last week.

At 10 a.m. (0100 GMT), the price of the benchmark No. 157 10-year Japanese government bonds was 102.67 yen, up 0.07 yen from Friday's finish. Their yield slipped by 0.010 percentage point to 4.100 percent.

Hyundai shuts down Quebec plant indefinitely

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Hyundai Motor Co., South Korea's largest auto maker, said Monday it has indefinitely postponed plans to reopen an assembly plant in Bromont, Quebec.

The reopening of the Canadian

\$400 million plant, which was temporarily shut down last June, had been scheduled for early next year but is now indefinitely on hold for economic reasons, company spokesman Park Chang-keun said.

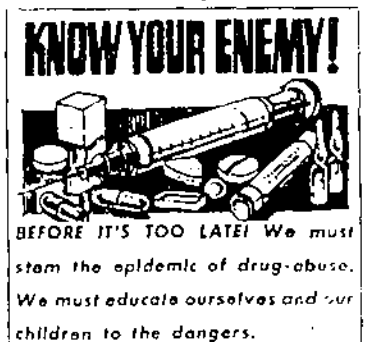
The plant had relied on parts from South Korea and the United States, but a weakening Canadian dollar has made parts imports increasingly expensive, Park said.

He declined to disclose other details, including the amount of financial loss reportedly suffered by the plant.

Hyundai's Bromont plant opened in 1989 and produced 100,000 Sonata cars for sale in the Canadian and U.S. markets before it was shut down last June.

The plant employed 900 Canadians, Park said. It had been retooling to produce subcompact Elantra models since its shutdown last June.

Hyundai Motor Co. is a major subsidiary of the giant Hyundai group that also produces ships, semiconductors and electronics goods. It exported \$ 2.14 billion worth of cars last year.



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the final rosary will be said at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will be served thereafter at said residence.

Joaquina Muña Cabrera & family.

Tornado hits Alabama church, killing 17

By JAY REEVES

PIEDMONT, Ala. (AP) - A tornado caved in the roof of a church crowded with Palm Sunday worshippers, killing 17 people. Eleven other people died as a series of twisters and violent thunderstorms tore through the Southeast.

A brick wall collapsed on a pew of children wearing Easter outfits and waiting to sing as part of a pageant when the tornado roared through the Goshen Methodist Church about 11:30 a.m.

At least 90 people were injured, authorities said. Three children were among the dead.

Worshippers said they heard wind against the church, then the lights went out.

"One man ran down the aisle yelling 'Get on the floor!'" said worshiper Elwanna Acker, 63. "Then

the roof came down. The woman right next to me died."

"People were praying," she said. "People were worrying about their grandchildren."

A nursery filled with children in a church wing did not collapse.

Sixteen bodies were found inside the church, and one was found outside in a van, Cherokee County sheriff's deputies said.

Nine people were killed in Georgia. Elsewhere in Alabama, tornadoes killed one person at a park and another in his car.

About 140 people were in the Goshen Methodist Church five miles (8 kilometers) north of Piedmont in eastern Alabama. Rescuers had feared others were buried, but all were accounted for after more than 100 searchers dug through the rubble by hand and called in a crane to lift the roof.

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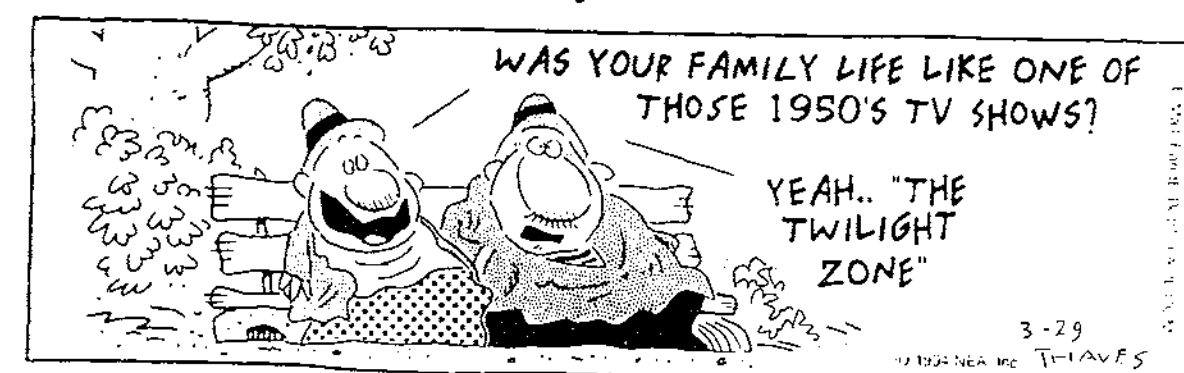
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By Stella Wilder

Born today, you have been blessed with such tremendous stores of energy that you never seem to run down, even when you are engaged in the most active, long-term projects. You are able to begin working early in the morning and to sustain your efforts until well into the night; indeed, there will be innumerable times throughout your life in which your endeavors keep you up around the clock! You are not one to leave things until later; that which demands attention now gets it now.

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4 Barber's tool

9 Greek letter

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22 Wording

25 "Dallas" family

29 Revised (abbr.)

30 Special ridge

32 Wild plum

33 Letter of alphabet

35 Where Fort Worth is

37 — Chaney

38 Hepburn, for

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40 Most robust

42 Winter vehicles

44 Sea animals

45 Uncle

47 Soft drink

48 Tumbler

52 Legendary robot

55 Barnyard cry

56 Rock

58 Caustic substance

59 Powerful explosive (abbr.)

60 Chiefs

61 Affirmative

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1 New Deal program

2 Scooby —

3 Sailing ship

4 Practical person

5 Classified

6 Sharp turn

7 Plains Indian

8 River in Europe

9 Male swan

10 Country dance

11 Eisenhower nickname

16 Nerve network

18 Condensed molasses

20 Bumpkin

22 Ships' floors

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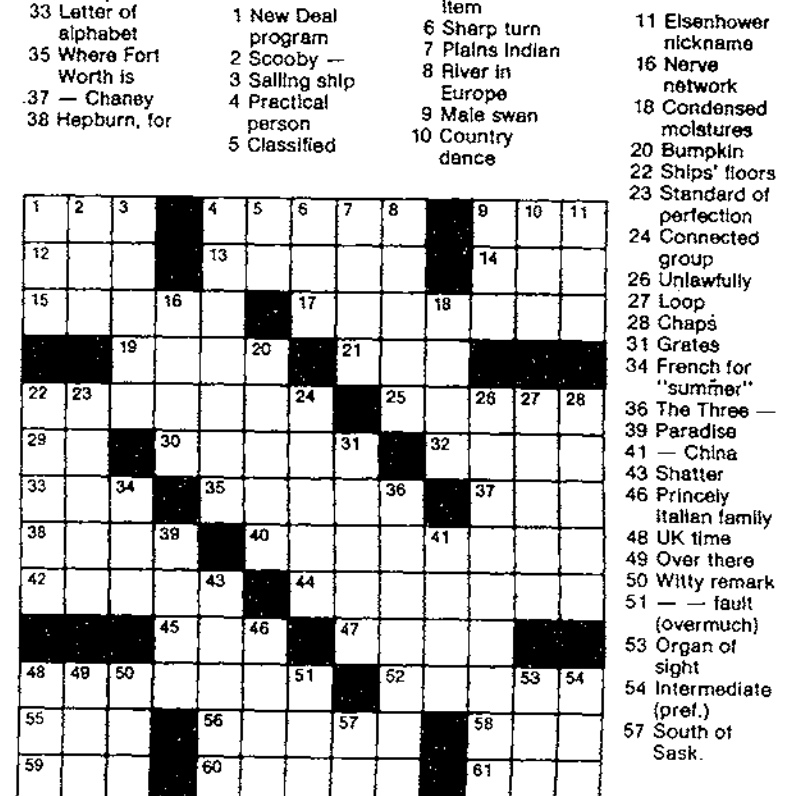
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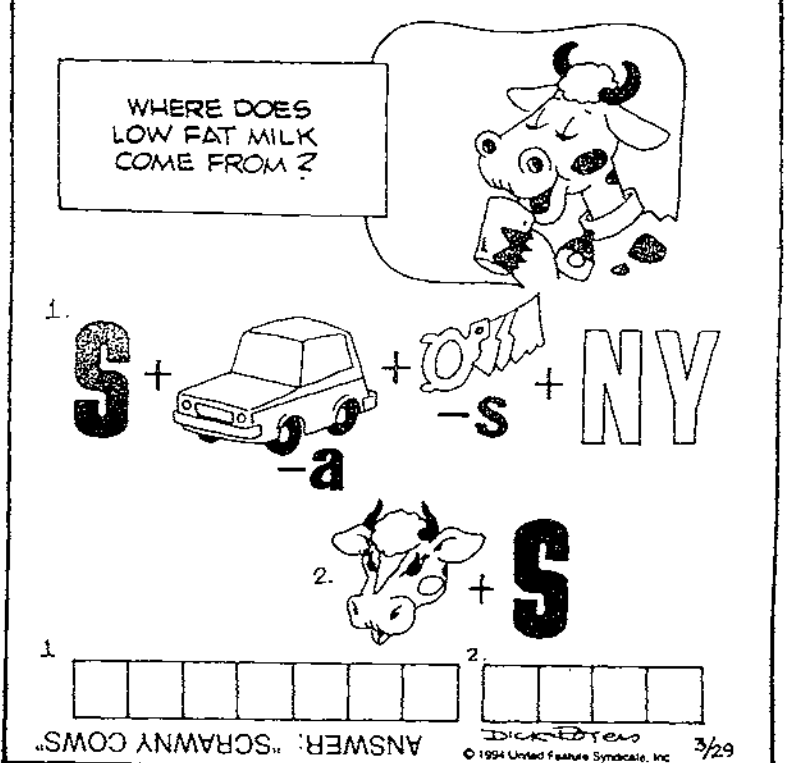
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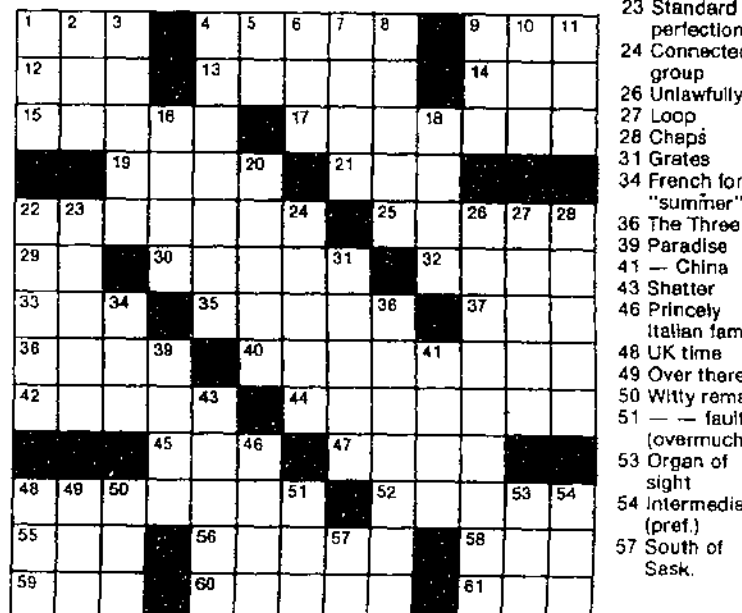
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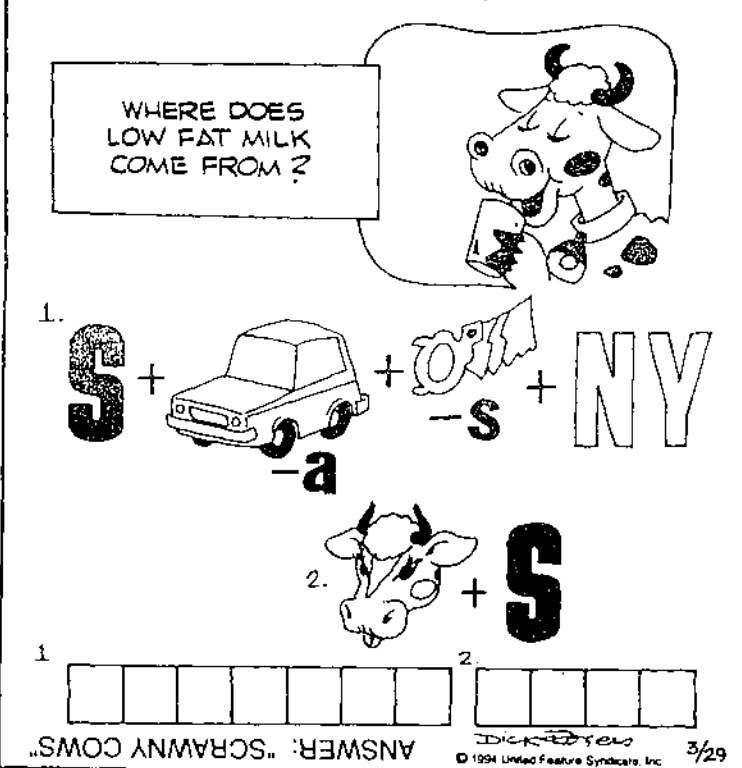
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South Korea would win war with northern rival

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - South Korea's military is more powerful than that of rival North Korea and will win if the North starts a war, the defense minister said Monday.

"Our military's combat capability and equipment are superior to that of North Korea, and we also exceed them in overall war capability," said Rhee Byung-tae, according to an internal government newspaper.

Rhee also was quoted as saying his army of 650,000 must remain on high alert to cope with the North Korean threat together with

the 36,000 U.S. troops stationed here.

While urging tight security along the border, Rhee said the Seoul government still hopes the crisis over the North's secretive nuclear program will be resolved through dialogue.

He said there are no immediate signs that the hard-line Communist North will unleash an all-out war as it did in 1950, and said its tough stance against thorough inspections of its suspect nuclear sites is a ploy to squeeze diplomatic concessions out of the United States.

Nearly 2 million troops of both Koreas have been on high alert since last week, but the border remained calm Monday, with no incidents reported, South Korean officials said.

South Korean President Kim Young-sam was in Beijing Monday, discussing ways of defusing the nuclear tension building up on the peninsula with Chinese President Jiang Zemin.

The national Yonhap news agency, in a dispatch from Beijing, said Kim and Jiang agreed that the problem of the North's nuclear recalcitrance should be resolved

through dialogue, not force.

The agreement indicated that South Korea would likely support a Chinese suggestion that the U.N. Security Council issue a mild, non-binding statement urging North Korea to allow additional nuclear inspections. Another alternative would be a U.N.S.C. resolution, which would be binding on its members, but which China is considered likely to veto.

The Chinese suggestion came in response to a U.S.-drafted resolution giving North Korea one month to allow full inspections

by the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N. nuclear watchdog.

The U.S. resolution suggests additional action, possibly forceful economic sanctions, in case the North fails to comply.

Under a U.N.-brokered agreement, the North allowed IAEA inspections to begin at some of its seven declared nuclear sites early this month. But it barred inspectors from a key facility suspected of being used to produce plutonium, which can be used to make nuclear bombs.

Turkish voters go to the polls as rebels continue violent campaign

By ZEYNEP ALEMDAR

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) - A bomb exploded at the famed St. Sophia museum as voters took part in local elections considered a key test of Prime Minister Tansu Ciller's ability

to deal with such attacks and with economic woes.

Sunday's bombing at the Istanbul landmark, in which three European tourists were injured, was the latest attack by Kurdish separatists determined to disrupt the elections.

Death threats forced at least 15 candidates to drop out of races in the Kurdish-dominated southeast, and dozens of villages boycotted the election.

At stake were more than 83,000 local posts including mayors, provincial assembly members, city council members, village headmen and neighborhood representatives. Voters chose from 13 parties.

The vote did not directly affect Ciller's coalition government, in power for nine months. Still, heavy

losses by her True Path Party and its allies could increase demands for elections before her term expires in 1996.

Early results, based on 14 percent of the vote, showed Ciller's party leading with 27 percent. The main opposition Motherland ranked second with 21 percent, while the Islamic fundamentalist Welfare Party received 17 percent, according to state television.

The Social Democrat Populist Party, the junior coalition partner, had 11 percent, according to state television. The ultra-nationalist Nationalist Action Party got 8 percent and the rest of the vote was divided between eight other parties. Final results could take days.

If the trend continues, it will cushion Ciller from critics who hold her responsible for the nation's deepening economic crisis, which includes rising inflation and a 70 percent devaluation in the Turkish lira. Some Turks have been forced to take second jobs to make ends meet.

At the same time, the military has been unable to control Kurdish rebels seeking autonomy in southeastern Turkey.

Security forces guarded 127,000 polling stations, but failed to stop rebel-linked violence.

In Istanbul, the explosion at St. Sophia injured tourists from Spain, Germany and the Netherlands. The museum, once a Byzantine church that was turned into a mosque, is one of the country's top tourist sites. There was apparently no damage to the museum.

An anonymous caller to newspapers said the attack was carried out by the Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK, which has tried to cripple Turkey's crucial tourism industry with a spree of attacks.

In the southeast, eight people were killed Sunday by land mines believed planted by Kurdish rebels. Two people died in clashes in western Turkey.

At least 48 villages in Igdir and Tunceli provinces boycotted the elections.

Large groups of foreign election observers traveled to the southeast, where the army increased its troop strength from 200,000 to 350,000. Observers complained Turkish authorities denied them access to various towns.

Ciller, an economics professor, said she inherited economic problems which accumulated during the past 10 years. She is expected to announce a plan next week to reduce public spending.

Kinicks beat magic; Celtics outshoot Sixers

PATRICK Ewing, held scoreless the first 16 minutes, roared back with 31 points Sunday to lead the New York Knicks to their 13th straight victory, 111-90 over the Orlando Magic in Orlando, Fla.

Ewing scored 23 points in the second half, when the Knicks held off a comeback attempt after leading 71-50 in the third quarter. Ewing also had 11 rebounds and five blocks.

Shaquille O'Neal had 30 points and 16 rebounds for the Magic, but got little help from his teammates. Dennis Scott with 22 points and Nick Anderson with 11 were the only other Magic players to score in double figures as Orlando, the second-place team in the Atlantic Division, dropped nine games behind New York.

After trailing by 21, Orlando used a pair of 3-pointers by Scott and one from rookie Anfernee Hardaway to close to 79-76 with 17 seconds left in the third period. But the Knicks put the game away with a 16-1 spurt in the fourth quarter.

Celtics 124, Sixers 122, OT
In Hartford, Conn., Dino Radja tied his career high with 36 points

on 12-for-15 shooting from the field and 12-for-12 accuracy at the free-throw line as Boston handed Philadelphia its 22nd loss in 23 games.

Radja scored 34 points in regulation, including a layup that gave the Celtics a 117-115 lead with 30 seconds left. Orlando Woolridge tied the game 13 seconds later, but the 76ers could not take advantage when Radja mishandled the inbound pass.

The Celtics never trailed in overtime after Sherman Douglas' layup with 2:14 remaining.

Clarence Weatherspoon and Jeff Malone each finished with 25 points for the Sixers.

Suns 113, Rockets 98
Charles Barkley and Cedric Ceballos scored 20 points each and Kevin Johnson had 15 points and 15 assists as Phoenix qualified for the NBA playoffs by defeating Houston in Phoenix.

The Rockets' only lead was after the first basket, and the Suns held double-digit advantages going into the second and third quarters.

Houston's chances of coming back were damaged by the ejection

of Hakeem Olajuwon two seconds after Dan Majerle scored on an offensive rebound to put Phoenix ahead 90-78 with 7:28 left.

Olajuwon, who had 21 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks, spoke to referee Bill Spooner, and Spooner reacted by sending the 7-foot center to the showers. Danny Ainge made the ensuing free throw, and Phoenix led by at least nine points the rest of the way, going ahead by 15 on three-point plays by Ceballos and Johnson 33 seconds apart.

Cavaliers 111, Pistons 99
In Richfield, Ohio, Gerald Wilkins scored 28 points and Tyrone Hill came off the bench to get 18 points and 13 rebounds, leading Cleveland over Detroit.

Wilkins made 12 of 17 shots and also grabbed a season-high nine rebounds. He scored 11 points in the fourth quarter, making three of four 3-point shots, to help the Cavaliers extend the 87-81 lead they took into the quarter.

Joe Dumars, who missed the previous two games with the flu, led the Pistons with 22 points, while Terry Mills scored 20 on 9-

for-10 shooting.

Detroit cut a 13-point deficit to 105-97 on Allan Houston's two foul shots with 3:25 left. Wilkins then made consecutive 3-point shots to put Cleveland ahead 111-97 with 1:50 remaining.

Lakers 110, Bucks 101

Magic Johnson brought his dazzling smile to the NBA's coaching ranks, guiding Los Angeles past Milwaukee in his sideline debut in Inglewood, Calif.

Johnson replaced Randy Pfund as coach last week in the hopes that he would turn the Lakers' sagging fortunes around in time to make their 18th consecutive playoff appearance. But even after the victory, Los Angeles is still six games behind Denver for the eighth and final Western Conference playoff spot, with 15 games remaining.

George Lynch scored a career-high 30 points as he became the first Lakers rookie since Johnson to score 30 in a game. Doug Christie had 20 points, Vlade Divac 18 points and 19 rebounds and Elden Campbell 17 points.

Reserve Todd Day scored all but four of his 25 points in the second half to lead the Bucks, while Terry Mills scored 20 on 9-

who trailed by 36 points before closing within seven in the final minute.

Spurs 107, Trail Blazers 95
David Robinson, in foul trouble and cold from the field in the first half, scored 20 of his 36 points in the third quarter Sunday night as the San Antonio Spurs beat the Portland Trail Blazers 107-95 in Portland, Ore.

The Spurs, who moved into a virtual tie with Houston atop the Midwest Division, used a 10-1 run midway through the third period to take control of the game and went on to snap the Blazers' homecourt winning streak at 11.

Clyde Drexler scored 22 points and Rod Strickland 16 for Portland, which hadn't lost at home since Jan. 30 against New York.

Reserve guard Negele Knight scored 18 points and Dale Ellis 17 for the Spurs, playing their fourth of five games in a row on the road and their second in as many nights. Knight scored 21 in San Antonio's 112-101 win at Golden State Saturday night.

The Spurs made a franchise record 24 of 24 free throws against the Blazers, including 10 of 10 by Robinson.

Hack beats Pierce in straight sets to claim title

By LAURA TOLLEY

HOUSTON (AP) - Germany's Sabine Hack, needing some time to get going, beat Mary Pierce 7-5, 6-4 on Sunday to win the \$400,000 Virginia Slims of Houston.

Hack, the seventh seed, had beaten top seed and defending champion Conchita Martinez to make it to the final.

Pierce, the fourth seed from France, had 50 unforced errors and said she considered her performance one of her worst. Hack had 18 unforced errors.

In the first set, Pierce won the first 12 points and was ahead 3-0. But then her German opponent began to slowly mount another comeback, winning the third and fourth games.

Hack stumbled again, dropping two more games. But she seemed to find her zone in the 10th game, which she won to tie the set at 5-5.

"I started a little slow, a little defensively," Hack said. "And she played great. She just hit winners

all over the court.

"I was a little bit stiff in the beginning and it was hard for me to get going."

But she said she started to think she could win once she got Pierce running.

Hack won the first game but then lost the next two. She then was ahead 5-2 at one point, but Pierce staged her own rally to take the set to 5-4.

Hack, who lost in the final of this event last year to Martinez, said she was somewhat rattled toward the end.

"I was a little nervous, I have to admit that," she said. "I think I would have gone nuts if it was 5-all (again)."

The match game went to deuce twice before Hack won when Pierce hit a shot long. The final took 1 hour, 41 minutes.

Hack earned \$80,000 and Pierce \$36,000.

On Saturday, Hack upset Martinez in the semifinals 2-6, 6-4, 6-4. Pierce beat wild-card entry Asa Carlssoon on Saturday 6-2, 6-2.

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with some clutch shooting late in the game from 3-point range.

Craig Brown hit 3-pointers on three consecutive possessions, turning a 56-53 deficit into a 62-56 lead with 3:50 remaining.

"Craig hit big-time shots," coach Lon Kruger said. "They weren't easy shots. BC guarded it pretty well, but he stepped up and hit them like a big-time player does."

Boston College squandered chances to close the deficit. The Eagles missed four free throws in

the final 3:24 and committed three turnovers in the last minute.

Florida, long considered a football school, didn't get early-season support from its fans, going 14 games before their first sellout at home. But on Sunday, at Miami, a partisan crowd was on its side.

"People didn't have confidence in us and didn't think we could be a prominent team," Cross said. "But we had faith and confidence in ourselves. We didn't know how far we could go. Now we're going to the Final Four."

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Arkansas gives Clinton final four present

NEW YORK (AP) - President Clinton's favorite team made it to the U.S. college basketball championship's Final Four on Sunday, as did a school known more for football than basketball.

With Clinton watching from the stands, Arkansas got past Michigan 76-68 in the final of the NCAA Midwest Regional, denying the

Wolverines their third straight trip to the semifinals or "Final Four."

Earlier Sunday, Florida beat Boston College 74-66 in the East Regional with a late rally, ending the championship hopes of the team that beat perennial powerhouses North Carolina and Indiana in the second and third rounds.

The other two spots in the Final

Four were determined a day earlier when Duke beat Purdue 69-60 in the Southeast Regional and Arizona beat Missouri 92-72 in the West Regional.

The national semifinals will be played next Saturday at Charlotte, N.C., with final on Monday night to culminate a month-long, 64-team tournament.

In the first game, it's Florida (29-7) against Duke (27-5), followed by Arkansas (29-3) vs. Arizona (29-5).

At Dallas, President Clinton, along with his wife, Hillary, and daughter, Chelsea, got to watch another impressive performance by the Razorbacks, who spent six weeks ranked No. 1 during the season.

Corliss Williamson made two big baskets inside during a late stretch and Scotty Thurman made two free throws with 17.3 seconds left to hold off Michigan, which had cut a 14-point deficit to two.

Thurman, who finished with 20 points, made both ends of a one-and-one to give the Razorbacks a 73-68 lead. His free throws came after Jalen Rose missed a 3-pointer with 20 seconds left that would

have tied the score.

"It was a game where we had opportunities and every time we got close, when we had open jump shots, it seemed like couldn't get it to go down when it could have put us a little closer," coach Steve Fisher said. "But that's the difference between winning and losing. We've been on the other end."

The Wolverines missed another 3-pointer with 11 seconds left and Clint McDaniel finished the scoring for Arkansas with three free throws.

"I thought we had the best team (in the country) in November when we started practice," coach Nolan Richardson said. "I have no reason to start thinking we don't have the best team."

Florida got past Boston College
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Hyatt Tropical Fun Fest April 16

THE SECOND Annual Hyatt Tropical Fun Fest kicked-off with an Appreciation Luncheon Friday, March 18th in honor of the primary sponsors of the events. The luncheon was held at the Miyako Restaurant, Hyatt Regency last Friday.

The primary sponsors will have a crazy event named after them...D.F.S.'s Alu'u Ocean

Raft Race, F.H.P.'s Gagu Bed Race, and M.T.C.'s Kaduku Obstacle Course.

The Hyatt Tropical Fun Fest is a fund raiser to help support local charities. This year, money raised at the Fun Fest will go to help support Karidat, a local social service agency, said in the press release from Hyatt.

The organizing committee is

currently recruiting teams to participate in this fun-filled day. Any group that would like to compete in the Fun Fest, contact Scott Pitts at the Hyatt Regency (234-1234 extension 25). Deadline for the teams to sign-up is Saturday, April 2, 1994. The Fun Fest event is scheduled for Saturday, April 16th at Micro Beach.



The three primary sponsors of the 1994 Hyatt Tropical Fun Fest presented \$1,500 each to Hyatt Regency Saipan. Money raised from the event will go to support Karidat. Left to Right: Miriam Aldan-Pierce of D.F.S., Joe Husslein of F.H.P., Rob Enfield of M.T.C., and Clifford Grauers, Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Championship team's owner, coach at odds

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones says he has to be careful about what he says concerning coach Jimmy Johnson so his words don't come back to haunt him if the two are unable to work things out.

"Any statements either of us make now could work against us because it could be used as proof that one of us did the firing or did the quitting," Jones said in Sunday's editions of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "We have to watch our words so we don't (mess) around and legally violate our existing contract."

Jones had said he and Johnson will meet Monday for talks that could evolve into negotiations toward a contractual settlement that would allow the coach to leave the team.

But during halftime of the Arkansas-Michigan basketball regional, Jones added to the mystery of the feud.

"I'm not even sure there will be a meeting tomorrow," he said.

Johnson said Saturday he'll hold a news conference this week to announce whether he'll be back next season to try for a third straight Super Bowl title.

The latest battle in their ongoing love-hate relationship occurred last week when Jones threatened to fire Johnson, who has five years left on his \$1 million-a-year contract.

Johnson said he was infuriated Jones even mentioned former University of Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer as a possible successor.

In his interview with Star-Tele-

gram, Jones said he has a "mental list" of possible replacements.

Johnson said the only way he would resign would be if certain conditions were not met.

"I'm not going to resign without a job and without compensation," Johnson said in Pensacola, Fla.

"I had a phone call to Jerry a few days ago early in the morning and it was not positive. Nothing was resolved," he said.

Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman said Saturday he might have declined his eight-year contract had he known the uncertainty of Johnson's future.

Earlier this year, Johnson hinted at being interested in coaching the expansion Jacksonville Jaguars, but Jones said he wouldn't let Johnson out of his contract.

Norman breaks record with 24-under-par, four-stroke

By BOB GREEN

PONTE VEDRA, Fla. (AP) - Greg Norman set his third consecutive scoring record on the home course of the U.S. PGA Tour and cruised to an unchallenged, four-stroke victory Sunday in the U.S. Players Championship.

The reigning British Open champion scored the 12th official victory of his American career, and 67th around the world, with a front-running 67 and a 264 total, 24-under-par, over the TPC at Sawgrass.

That compares with the 18-under record set by Nick Price last year on the course once cursed by players as unplayably difficult.

Norman, however, took full advantage of what he called soft conditions and opened up the tournament with a 63. He also set course records at 130 for 36 holes and 197 for 54.

He led by four shots going into the final round, increased the margin to six on the first hole and really wasn't threatened in a wire-to-wire triumph.

It was worth \$450,000 from the total purse of \$ 2.5 million and increased his earnings to \$ 566,333, the best on the tour this year, in only four American starts.

Norman also slipped past Paul Azinger into second place on the all-time money-winning list at \$ 7,173,986 and, perhaps more important, stamped himself a favorite for the U.S. Masters that starts in 11 days.

Fuzzy Zoeller, the 42-year-old former U.S. Masters and U.S. Open champ, became a runner-up for the third time in as many starts after outlasting Jeff Maggert in a battle for second.

Although Norman never appeared to be in danger of being overtaken, he could not be totally secure until he got his tee shot safely on the island green of little terror that is the par-3 17th.

When he did, throwing his short iron to within 2 feet (70 centimeters), Zoeller gave him a high-5, acknowledging that the game was over.

After both drove off the 18th tee, Zoeller threw his arm around Norman's shoulder, patted him on the back and then, as they neared the green, led the cheers for the man he beat in a playoff for the U.S. Open title 10 years ago.

On the green, after Norman had lipped out a meaningless birdie putt, Zoeller halted him before the tap-in to wipe the perspiration from his face with a towel.

Norman laughed, clapped his planter's hat on Fuzzy's head and dropped the putt to win it.

Zoeller birdied three of the last four holes for a 67 and a 268 total, 20-under and two strokes better than the record set a year ago.

Maggert once held second alone but 4-putted from long range for a bogey-6 on the 16th hole. He finished with a 68 and a 271 total, the only other man in the field within 12 shots of the winner.

Hale Irwin, 48, with a 69-276, was fourth alone.

Norman made only one bogey for the week, on the par-3 13th hole. He missed the green to the right, chipped to about 8 feet (2.5 meters) and was standing over that par putt when a butterfly fluttered across his line. He didn't flinch. And he didn't back away. But the putt missed on the left. It broke a string 92 consecutive holes without a bogey.

In the end, it mattered not at

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