

# Villagomez to seek presidency



Thomas P. Villagomez



Juan S. Demapan

## If Pepero opts not to run vs. Demapan

By Rafael H. Arroyo

HOUSE Speaker and Senator-elect Thomas P. Villagomez yesterday said he will be vying for the presidency of the Senate if Senator Jesus R. Sablan decides not to contest the top seat of the upper chamber against incumbent Senate President Juan S. Demapan.

In a telephone interview yesterday, Villagomez confirmed he would support Sablan's bid for the presidency if the latter opts to run, otherwise, he himself would be interested in wresting the Senate's top seat.

"I am putting my support for Pepero (Sablan). But if he decides not to run I won't be sitting around and let Demapan be president again," said Villagomez.

According to Villagomez, he can't bear with seeing the same personalities again leading the Senate and even the House of Representatives.

"I just honestly feel Mr.

Demapan's personality is just not apt for the presidency because he plays politics too much. What we need is someone who will not think of political affiliations first over the interest of the people," said Villagomez.

According to Villagomez, Demapan has showed signs of a "die-hard" Republican.

"With Mr. Demapan at the helm of the Senate and Rep. Mafnas leading the House, I do not think the Legislature can work well with

the incoming Democratic administration," he added.

He was apparently referring to suggestions from reelected Representative Jesus P. Mafnas that he is seeking the speakership of the Ninth House of Representatives against current Vice Speaker Diego T. Benavente.

Villagomez said he believes the combination of Mafnas and Demapan, being Republican stalwarts, may be seeking more to fight the administration rather than work

with it.

"With Senate President Demapan's known attitude of being too partisan, we may be running into more problems for the people. We definitely need more flexibility within ourselves at the Legislature to make things moving," said Villagomez.

He cited current problems between the House and the Senate and the Legislature and the executive branch as examples of reasons why needed legislation do not get passed as soon as needed.

He added the people want more

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Lieutenant Governor-elect Jesus C. Borja and wife, Mary Anne were among the guests during the 9th annual recognition dinner Saturday for all those who supported the NMI Chapter of the American Red Cross this year.

## Jury trial for Bowie, Reyes to start today

THE JURY trial for two men suspected of killing Filipino carpenter Eladio Laude in November of last year will start in Superior Court today after a five-day jury selection process ended Friday.

Six persons representing a cross-section of the community will start hearing arguments to determine whether Joseph Anthony Bowie and Mario Reyes should be held liable for the death of Laude, who was allegedly abducted, and brutally killed on November 5, 1992.

The selection process started Monday with over 150 possible jurors considered. The number was reduced to six after several of the choices were excused by Superior Court Presiding Judge Alex Castro for varied reasons such as affiliations and relationships with either of the suspects.

Under the law, the nature of the case against the suspects could not be heard by the judge as the type of charges needs to be heard by a panel of six jurors selected from a cross-section of the community.

According to existing statutes on criminal actions, any person accused by information of committing a felony punishable by more than five years of imprisonment or by \$2,000 fine or both shall be entitled to a jury trial by a jury of six persons.

The jury is expected to decide on the case on its merits and evidence and not on the basis of sympathy, passion and other considerations.

Bowie and Reyes were arrested on November 7 after they were suspected of having abducted Laude and his companion, Nilo Rivera early morning of November 5, 1992.

According to police reports, Laude and Rivera were allegedly "pulled over" along Beach Road in the vicinity of the Saipan Bowling center by a group of individuals, one of which was said to have posed as a police officer.

Laude and Rivera were allegedly held in captivity, robbed and mauled after which they were dumped into the trunk of Laude's car, a 1985 Nissan Sentra, which the suspects commandeered.

Hours later, Laude was found dead in the Dandan homestead

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## Tax chief relieved of duties

### Inos says Evangelista's actions will not be tolerated

By Rafael H. Arroyo

JUAN L. Evangelista was temporarily relieved of his duties as division chief of Revenue and Taxation after he was arrested and charged Thursday for alleged theft of government checks worth \$25,878.

According to Finance Director Eloy S. Inos, he issued a suspension order for Evangelista Thursday as a matter of protocol to give government prosecutors a free hand in handling the case.

He said the suspension lasts until the charges are settled in court, or until Evangelista resigns or is terminated.

"It is extremely unfortunate that this had to happen with the chief. This is a sad day for all of us in the department although we definitely would not condone nor tolerate any acts such as the ones the chief was alleged to have committed,"

said Inos.

Evangelista was arrested Friday and was charged with alleged theft involving four government checks worth \$25,878 payable to four other individuals.

According to information presented before the Superior Court by Assistant Attorney General Russell E. Marsh, Evangelista "unlawfully and feloniously" took the property of another, to wit, the proceeds of separate CNMI government checks payable to Donald Takeuchi (\$8,357), Naomi Tanda (\$4,533), Mark Deluna (\$7,464) and Max Rapisore (\$5,524).

The document filed by Marsh indicate four counts of theft are being leveled against the Revenue and Tax chief, all purportedly committed on or about November 10, 1993.

It was later reported that the names of the four individuals were fictitious and that the checks were

tax rebate checks Evangelista made payable to a company he has interest in.

Court records showed Evangelista's alleged actions may have violated CMC, sections 1601(a) and 1608 of 6 CMC.

Evangelista could not be reached for comment, but sources said he has been released after he posted bail.

In an interview at his Capitol Hill office, Inos said Evangelista's arrest and suspension should be a lesson for everyone working in his department.

"There's no room for personal gain in public service and we assure everyone that we here at Finance will strive to do our best to stay above board," said Inos.

"It is very important for all our staff here to be extra cautious since we are the ones dealing with public

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## Highlights from Asia-Pacific economic cooperation forum

SEATTLE (AP) - Ministers of the 17 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation governments cut some tariffs and called Friday for "urgent action" to successfully complete stalled world trade talks.

"The time for pledges and commitments is long past," the ministers said in a joint statement.

Other highlights from the meetings: **WORLD TRADE TALKS** Ministers said completing world trade talks in Geneva by a Dec. 15 deadline is vital to global growth and prosperity. "Concrete steps are required to assure a substantial result in market access in indus-

trial and agricultural goods, and in services, and a strengthened system of rules and disciplines," they said.

The Uruguay Round negotiations, named for the country where they originated seven years ago, are aimed at reducing world trade barriers. The talks, held under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, have been hung up on disagreements between the United States and Europe over such issues as farm subsidies.

**TARIFF REDUCTIONS** Various APEC members offered to eliminate, reduce or harmonize tariffs and other trade barriers on

electronics, non-ferrous metals, paper, wood, scientific equipment, toys and oilseeds. The United States agreed to cuts in all seven areas; Canada agreed to all but toys; Japan agreed in all but non-ferrous metals, wood and oilseeds. The reductions go beyond those previously agreed to by the United States, Japan, Canada and the European Community in July.

**AGRICULTURE** Ministers refused to further limit farm subsidy cuts beyond what was agreed to last year by the United States and the European Community in the "Blair House Accord" reached in Washington. France has

said those cuts are too big and has threatened to veto the accord.

### APEC'S FUTURE

Ministers praised but did not embrace a report that recommended, among other things, that APEC evolve into a "true Asia Pacific Economic Community" and set a target date of 1996 for establishing a timetable for moving toward free trade. They rejected setting any timetable. Instead, they asked the panel to present more specific proposals on its vision for APEC when the ministers meet next year in Indonesia. A number of APEC governments have expressed reservations about how rapidly the 4-

year-old organization has been evolving, saying it needs time to consolidate and study its role.

**APEC MEMBERSHIP** APEC on Thursday added Mexico and Papua New Guinea to its ranks, and agreed to add Chile next year. But ministers also agreed to a three-year moratorium on new members, again because of concern over APEC's rapid change.

In addition to the newcomers, APEC members are: Australia, Brunei, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and the United States.

## China and Britain to continue talks on Hong Kong

BEIJING (AP) - The 16th round of closed-door talks between China and Britain on Hong Kong's political future ended Saturday the same way as previous sessions: nothing to show except a

schedule for more meetings.

China announced the 17th round will be next Friday and Saturday in Beijing. Christopher Hum, a Foreign Office official heading the British negotiating team, said the

announcement was consistent "with our hope of a faster rhythm of discussions from now."

Although Britain brought what it called "new ideas" to the bargaining table during the 16th round, there was no hint of a break in the apparent deadlock on how to arrange Hong Kong's 1994-95 elections.

Hum would only say Britain still hoped "it will be possible to reach

an agreement on some of the uncontroversial issues."

The British-appointed Hong Kong governor, Chris Patten, has proposed a democratic reform package that would broaden the electorate. Britain wants Chinese assurances that the elected officials should be allowed to serve their full four-year term, which would straddle the 1997 turnover of the territory to China.

But China has said it will scrap any election results under the reform plan. China has rejected Patten's suggestions as violations of previous agreements. It also has accused Britain of trying to perpetuate its influence in the colony by establishing a Western-style democracy. Britain has indicated for weeks it is running out of patience with the talks, but has set no deadline for reaching an agreement.

## Different style, but result is about the same

By BARRY SCHWEID

SEATTLE (AP) - Chinese leader Jiang Zemin quotes Abraham Lincoln, croons American love songs, and even speaks a little English. But his meeting with President Clinton resulted in little more than past U.S.-Chinese encounters.

When all was said and done, the 65-year-old Chinese president showed only a tad more interest in what Clinton thought about his country than Jiang's predecessors might have.

Jiang listened, and that could be a first step. But he made no specific concessions on a wide range of American concerns, from treatment of tens of thousands of political prisoners to practices that left the United States with an \$18 billion trade deficit with China last year.

Jiang's message was tucked into a 15-minute statement that he read at the outset of his Friday meeting with Clinton. The import of one sentence was inescapable: China wished to stress "the importance of noninterference in the affairs of other nations."

True, China has broken out of paranoid isolation. The economy is growing at a fast clip of about 12 percent a year. Bicycles are giving way to automobiles. No one wears a Mao suit anymore.

And Jiang has spawned the kind of reputation abroad that surrounded Mikhail Gorbachev when the former Soviet president undertook the awesome process of reform in his country. He quotes Goethe and Shakespeare as well as Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. He showed up for dinner several

years ago in Honolulu in a Hawaiian shirt.

On Thursday, he went to the home of Boeing assembly-line worker Cary Qualls in nearby Marysville to munch cookies and show pictures of his grandchildren. Jiang brought along stuffed toy pandas for the two Qualls children and left with a drawing of Sleeping Beauty.

But there was no comparable warmth with Clinton.

"The essence of the meeting was in the discussion between the two presidents, and the frankness, the candidness and the directness of the discussion between them," said Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

In other words, they talked, and that is considered a step in the right direction. But, Christopher reported, "there were no specific commitments coming out of the meeting."

Another senior U.S. official commented: "The benefit of the meeting is intangible. You are not going to get the Chinese rolling right away."

The meeting concluded with the customary invitation for Clinton to visit Beijing, which he has long wanted to do. But without more progress, a visit by the president or even Christopher in the near future appears unlikely.

There will be follow-up talks on other levels as the Clinton administration seeks a breakdown of barriers to U.S. imports, restraint in sales of missile technology and, above all, better treatment of the Chinese people.

Clinton pressed Jiang to meet with the Dalai Lama, the exiled spiritual leader of Tibet; permit

the Red Cross to visit jailed prisoners; release those who are sick; permit the families of exiled dissidents to join them abroad and curtail the use of prison labor.

On not a single point did Jiang say yes to the president.

But he also did not say no.

If there are to be gestures in Washington's direction, they are likely to come quietly and spaced far apart - much as Gorbachev's Soviet Union began to yield to U.S. entreaties, first by simply listening and then by acting.

China, after all, signaled beforehand that it would consider permitting Red Cross visits. Its eagerness to have access to U.S. markets extended by Clinton next spring is a driving force for reform.

Christopher already has publicly cautioned Beijing that it would earn more points if it doesn't wait until the last minute to institute human rights improvements.

And, though U.S. officials tried to make it seem a coincidence, a long-standing Chinese request to purchase an \$8 million Cray supercomputer to help forecast natural disasters was approved just before Clinton sat down with Jiang.

The two leaders parted with apparent respect for each other's positions. They also have a mutual interest in fostering a richer economic relationship. "The desire for better relations between two great nations may be the driving force," the senior official said.

But at the moment, there is nothing tangible to show.

## Speaker shoots for tax reform passage

HOUSE Speaker Thomas P. Villagomez last week said he'll do everything possible to address the tax reform measure currently pending at the House of Representatives before the Eighth Legislature's term ends later this year.

In an interview Friday, Villagomez said House Bill 8-248, the tax reform measure that he himself authored, should pass immediately so that the government could make use of revenues that would be up for distribution to taxpayers in the form of rebates by early next year.

"We really like to see the tax reform bill passed. If we do not do it this year, there would be a lot of money going out which we could

otherwise use to fund some of our CIP projects with," said Villagomez.

He said the passage of the measure will enable the administration to start identifying resources and recall the rebates that could go out to the taxpaying public by May or June of next year.

"It is time for us to think about the big loss of funds if we do not act soon, especially at a time when money is hard to come by," said the speaker.

The speaker is apparently concerned that if the tax measure fails to make it in the Eighth Legislature, it might have to be reintroduced again in the Ninth Legislature for it to be considered.

This would nullify all the time

and efforts exerted by the Guerrero administration to come up with a measure that would close up loopholes in the tax system and that which would make the system more progressive.

It could be recalled that the CNMI's generous tax system which rebates 95% of all taxes collected on income derived from sources within the Commonwealth was an object of congressional ire on the present administration.

Such displeasure was looked at as a factor in the effective rejection of the third multi-year federal financial assistance under section 702 of the Covenant.

House Bill 8-248, which Villagomez sponsored based on a

recommended tax reform package put together by the Department of Finance contains recommendations for increases on hotel occupancy, excise, and liquid fuel taxes among others.

It includes reductions in rebate rates for individual and corporate income taxpayers from the present 95% to various percentage options ranging from 90% to 50%.

It likewise establishes an earnings tax to tap on previously untaxed earnings.

The whole package reportedly aims to generate an additional \$40 million in revenues per year.

Such a measure, which went through at least two public hearings conducted by a special committee on tax reform which Villagomez himself formed, was noted to be "too burdensome" for the general taxpaying public, prompting objections from the business community.

Subsequently, the measure was returned to the House leadership without any action from the special committee.

Lately, a surtax of ten percent across the board on all taxable items had been proposed by the business sector in lieu of House Bill 8-248.

Aside from easier collection since it is only added on to existing taxes, the surtax is said to be predictable and gives business insight on what to expect from the tax system.

It will also give the government more time to study what other changes can be made on the tax system.

Such a scheme may also generate some \$14 million in additional revenues when complemented by a three percent (down from 10 percent) reduction in government spending, according to the drafters of such a proposal. (RHA)



First Lady Grace Lynn Tenorio with Northwest Airlines Executive Yolanda Elliott during Saturday night's "Thanks For Giving" bash of the NMI Chapter of the American Red Cross.

## Red Cross thanks NMI community

THE CNMI Chapter of the American Red Cross last Friday hosted its 9th Annual Recognition dinner for all those who supported the organization through the whole year that is about to end.

Held at Pacific Islands Club's Magellan Room, the event was attended by a good cross section of the community who all gathered to show support for the Red Cross as it gears for another year of serving the community.

"We have seen Red Cross providing the necessary help when our community needs it most. You can rest assured that the incoming administration will be supportive of Red Cross in the coming years," said Lieutenant Governor-elect

Jesus C. Borja who graced the gathering accompanied by his wife, Mary Anne.

First Lady Grace Lynn Tenorio, wife of Governor-elect Froilan C. Tenorio was also present in behalf of her husband. Chapter Chairperson Heidi Dennis delivered the welcome remarks to personally thank all those who have supported the Red Cross in all its undertakings this year.

For the past year (from July 1992 to June 1993), the CNMI Chapter of the Red Cross has rendered financial assistance to 13 fire victims, as well as five flood victims and six others needing assistance for a total amount of

\$35,119.

It was also said to have served military family and veterans including training and veterans.

Among the other projects of Red Cross over the past year were CPR classes for adults and children; standard first aid; SFA and CPR instructor course; swimming courses for adults, pre-schoolers and toddlers; emergency water safety and HIV/AIDS awareness courses.

Highlight of Saturday's gathering was the presentation of awards for all those who contributed to the success of the 1993 Club 200, the main Red Cross annual fundraising event held earlier this year.

Current unofficial returns indicate the House will have 11 Republican members against five Democrats and two independents.

The Rota and Tinian members could not be ascertained yet pending action on the challenged and absentee ballots.

Over at the Senate, it appears the Republicans would also dominate the leadership as it appears certain six out of nine seats will be occupied by GOP winning candidates.

Asked whether he is confident he can get the presidency, Villagomez said, "I think I can get it."



Lt. Governor-elect Borja takes the podium to hail Red Cross' contributions to the people of Saipan.



NMI Chapter chairperson thanks all Red Cross, supporters during last Saturday's event at the PIC.

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### DOI support excess land bill

HONOLULU (AP) - The U.S. Interior Department has come out in support of a bill to convey some 3,200 acres of excess federal land to the government of the U.S. territory of Guam.

"I am pleased to express the department's full and unqualified support of the Guam Excess Lands bill," Leslie M. Turner, the department's assistant secretary for territorial and international affairs, said Friday in a news release from Washington.

Congressional Del. Robert Underwood of Guam introduced the bill.

"I hope that the department's backing will help Congressman Underwood's efforts to move the bill through the House before the session ends next week," Turner said.

"The return of excess federal lands is a deeply emotional and very important issue for the people of Guam," Turner said. "We want to bring this matter to closure in a way that respects the needs of the people of Guam and the requirements of the federal government."

With respect to the upcoming land conference on Guam in January, Turner said the department will do all it can to work with other federal agencies, congressional leaders and Guam officials to develop a solution that accommodates the concerns of all interested parties.

"If we work together as partners in this endeavor, I am optimistic that we will soon be able to find a coordinated approach that resolves these difficult issues to the mutual benefit of all involved," he said.

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## Most in Associated Press poll suspect a JFK assassination conspiracy remains hidden

By HOWARD GOLDBERG

NEW YORK (AP) - After 30 years of investigations and re-examinations of the death of President Kennedy, just 12 percent of the American people believe they have been told the whole truth, according to an Associated Press poll.

Seven in 10 suspect a conspiracy, and those who were young on Nov. 22, 1963, are especially likely to be among the 82 percent who believe the truth has not been told.

In keeping with many recent polls that show Americans suspicious and distrustful toward government, 78 percent think there was an official cover-up.

There are other reasons why the truth could have been obscured: sloppiness by the Warren Commission investigators, a lack of hard evidence, a desire to close a wound to the national psyche. But the poll shows the public suspicions lean heavily toward con-

spiracy theories.

While 15 percent accept the Warren Commission conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone assassin, 71 percent in the poll think Oswald was part of a conspiracy. That's a much more conspiracy-minded tilt than the 48 percent to 29 percent result for the same question in an AP poll 15 years ago.

The rest of the respondents in both polls were unsure - a percentage that is not growing as the years pass. One striking finding about the AP poll, taken by phone Nov. 5-9, is that adults who were unborn or toddlers when the assassination occurred were even more likely than elders to have an opinion.

ICR Survey Research Group of Media, Pa., part of AUS Consultants, polled 1,026 adults. Results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

For the 71 percent who said Oswald was part of a conspiracy, the poll posed a list of organiza-

tions and individuals that have been mentioned by theorists.

Fifty-six percent of the conspiracy believers said the CIA or the Mafia was involved. The other suspects were the Cuban government, 34 percent; American military leaders, 29 percent; President Lyndon Johnson, 28 percent; anti-Castro Cuban exiles, 17 percent; and the Dallas police, 16 percent.

To better understand the breadth of these suspicions, the percentages also can be figured as a share of all respondents. In that case, CIA or Mafia involvement was suspected by 39 percent of all Americans - conspiracy believers, Warren Commission admirers, those who glaze over at talk of single-bullet theories - everyone.

Sixty percent of all respondents agreed that at least one suspect from the list was involved. But by 56 percent to 40 percent, those polled did not think there should be another investigation.

## Thai Civil Service riddled with graft, Deputy Prime Minister Says

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - Corruption is rife in the civil service, and more than 1,000 officials have been fired for graft in the last five years, a newspaper Sunday quoted a deputy prime minister as saying.

Banyat Bantadjan said the rapid growth of the civil service, low salaries and past political instability are to blame for increasing corruption in the bureaucracy, the Bangkok Post reported.

An average of 220 officials a year are fired, but even more are protected by their corrupt superiors, Banyat said.

The country's recent economic boom swelled the ranks of civil servants, reducing efficiency and straining the government's ability to pay competitive salaries. Some officials use graft to supplement their income, he said.

Banyat said the government of Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai has concentrated on improving efficiency, but is saddled with problems stemming from a series of short-lived previous governments.

Since a 1932 coup established constitutional government, the

country has been plagued by more than a dozen military coups.

Chuan formed a five-party coalition after September 1992 elections. The parties were in the forefront of pro-democracy demonstrations in May 1992.

Public outrage over the military's violent suppression of the demonstrations led to the resignation of the military-backed government of Suchinda Kraprayoon.

In 1991, Suchinda was among the generals who ousted the three-year-old government of Prime Minister Chatichai Choonhavan after charging it with massive corruption.

## Reports: Father of Crown Princess to be Japan's U.N. Ambassador

TOKYO (AP) - The father of Crown Princess Masako will become Japan's next ambassador to the United Nations, news reports said Sunday.

Hisashi Owada, 61, stepped down from the Foreign Ministry's top career post of administrative vice minister in August, two months after his daughter married Crown Prince Naruhito.

The dailies Sankei Shimbun and Tokyo Shimbun, quoting government sources, said Owada will formally be named U.N. ambassador next January. Sankei said the government believes Owada's international contacts and name recognition will help Japan as the U.N. discusses giving it a perma-

nent seat on the Security Council. Foreign Ministry officials were not available to comment on the report due to the Sunday holiday.

Former administrative vice ministers often succeed to the ambassadorship in Washington, and Tokyo Shimbun said Owada might switch to that post in spring 1995.

Some analysts have speculated that Owada might stay away from potentially controversial jobs to avoid damaging the closely guarded image of Japan's imperial family.

Princess Masako was also a Foreign Ministry diplomat before marrying Naruhito, the eldest son of Emperor Akihito and heir to the throne, on June 9.

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# Senators vow to resist new Dictator

By FRANK AIGBOGUN

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) - In one of the first signs of open opposition to the new military ruler, Nigeria's elected senators on Saturday swore not to surrender their seats in the newly outlawed federal legislature.

But the 67 members of the Senate did not say how they would resist the ruler.

Gen. Sani Abacha ousted the short-lived civilian government of Ernest Shonekan on Wednesday, dissolving the federal legislature, the 30 state governments and all local councils.

He banned all political activity

and said he and a ruling junta were in charge. Like the string of military dictators before him, he promised to institute a new democratic system, but did not say when.

The Senate statement was a rare show of unity for a chamber that had been sharply divided during a long political crisis that began with the cancellation of June 12 presidential elections.

It was issued after the legislators were ejected from their government-paid hotel rooms in Abuja, the capital.

"The military must know that they are not armed to treat Nigerians and Nigeria like a conquered people and an occupied territory,"

the senators said. "Every military administration justifies its takeover with claims to have the ability to clean up the society, but ends up being more corrupt than the preceding one."

Abacha is among the most wealthy of all Nigeria's rulers, military and civilian, all accused of enriching themselves from the West African nation's oil industry.

Nigeria was plunged into chaos when Gen. Ibrahim Babangida, who spent eight years promising democracy, nullified the results of the June 12 election that was to return the nation to elected civilian government.

The apparent winner of that vote,

in his first remarks since Abacha's takeover, said Saturday he would have to consult with his advisers before deciding what action to take.

"It was a sledgehammer," Moshood K.O. Abiola told reporters outside his Lagos home.

Abacha said he was ousting Shonekan and dismantling democratic institutions to better grapple with Nigeria's worsening economic woes and widespread civil unrest. Nigeria has been in the grip of a nationwide general strike protest-

ing a huge fuel price increase Shonekan imposed two weeks ago.

Labor leaders met with the new government labor director on Saturday, but National Labor Congress deputy director Adamo Oshimole said the government spurned their demand to reduce the price hike.

Abacha, a U.S.-trained soldier who helped lead military coups in 1983 and 1985, met in Lagos on Saturday with the ambassadors from the United States, Britain and France.

All three countries have strongly denounced the military takeover and threatened to broaden the token sanctions they imposed on Nigeria after Babangida nullified the June 12 ballot.

## Benazir Bhutto says Pakistan unwilling to give up Nuclear program

By ZAHID HUSSAIN

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) - Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto said Saturday that Pakistan would not give up its nuclear weapons program despite pressure from Washington.

She also said the nuclear arms race with India can only be settled through regional negotiations on nuclear non-proliferation, which India has rejected.

"We have offered talks with India and we are prepared to talk with India, but it should be a regional solution," Ms. Bhutto said at a news conference in her hometown of Karachi, Pakistan's largest city and the industrial heart of the country.

"Rolling back the nuclear program is not feasible. It will not serve the purpose of nuclear non-proliferation in the region," said Ms. Bhutto.

Both Pakistan and India are believed to have the ability to make nuclear weapons.

Their nuclear capabilities have Western countries, including the United States, concerned because the two neighbors have gone to war three times since their independence in 1947.

They came close to fighting a fourth war over Kashmir that many feared could escalate into a nuclear confrontation in the spring of 1990.

Both India and Pakistan claim sovereignty over the Himalayan state, although Britain divided it between the two nations when the subcontinent was partitioned at independence.

"The nuclear program is linked with Jammu and Kashmir issue," Ms. Bhutto said. "There cannot be peace in the region without the peaceful resolution of the Kashmir issue."

Pakistan has been pushing for a plebiscite in Kashmir to allow Kashmiris to decide whether they want to join Islamic Pakistan or Hindu India. Indian-held Kashmir is India's only Muslim-dominated state.

## Rome asks for Anti-Terrorists military patrols

ROME (AP) - Some areas of Rome may soon be occupied by troops - at the city's request.

Rome's police chief, Vincenzo Parisi, was quoted Saturday as saying a "technical agreement" has been reached to send in about 500 soldiers to guard embassies, airports, homes of prominent figures and other places deemed to be at high risk of bomb attacks.

Parisi said the troops are needed because police units normally used in anti-terrorist roles are required for criminal investigations.

The idea, he said, was inspired by the use of the armed forces in Sicily to deter Mafia-related vio-

lence. Requests have also been made to deploy soldiers in southern regions of Campania, Puglia and Calabria, newspapers reported Saturday.

The Minister of Defense, Fabio Fabbrì, would not say when the troops could arrive in Rome, but noted that the government backs the plan.

Some opponents of the plan say it reinforces Rome's reputation for danger, especially after two bombings in Rome earlier this year left dozens of people injured.

But Parisi insisted: "This is not a militarization of the city."

## You'll burn in Hell, Yugoslav Boy writes Clinton

By MISHA SAVIC

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) - Some say he should burn in hell. Others beg for help. Either way, Yugoslavia's youngsters have found plenty to say to President Clinton in a contest run by a Belgrade children's magazine.

"Hunger is everywhere, and you will burn in hell one day because of it," wrote Vladimir, 15.

"I have no problems because I do not have anything any more," wrote a 14-year-old Serb refugee from Bosnia named Dragana.

"Our house was burned and I do not know what happened to my friends. Can you help us see our home again?"

Vladimir and Dragana are among thousands of children who jumped at an invitation by the weekly Politikin Zabavnik to write

"open and frank" letters to the U.S. president - and compete for prizes worth a small fortune.

The magazine let The Associated Press read some of the letters, on condition the writers' surnames not be disclosed.

Many of the children complained about the trade embargo the United Nations has imposed on Serbia and Montenegro, the only republics left in Yugoslavia, for inciting war in the former Yugoslav republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Serbia's nationalist propaganda machine has vilified Clinton for supporting the sanctions.

"I live in a country that has been punished too severely," wrote another girl named Dragana, 13. "I am of the same age as your daughter, and I would like you to think as if she were trying to tell

you something. ... Everything around me is so depressing and gray."

The weekly is offering \$200 prizes for the 10 best letters - a fortune in a country where the average monthly salary is the equivalent of \$15. The top prize is a trip to the United States, assuming Washington grants the winner a visa.

"The child whose letter gets a reply from Mr. Clinton first, if any of them do, wins the main prize," said Politikin Zabavnik's editor, Zeferino Grasi. He said no letters containing offensive material would be forwarded, which might mean Vladimir's letter is out of the running.

The idea for the letter-writing campaign came from Slobodan and Mira Pavlovic, a Serb-born couple living in Chicago.



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## Senate Committee looks into four more retirement system investments

By BRUCE DUNFORD

HONOLULU (AP) - A special state Senate investigation committee opens its final series of hearings Monday, this time to look into \$149 million in real estate investments made by the pension fund for nearly 80,000 active and retired state and county employees.

The Special Committee on the Employees' Retirement System and Government Procurement began its investigation in June, focusing on nonbid contracts authorized by former state Budget and Finance Director Yukio Takemoto who last month resigned in the wake of the controversy.

Despite the recent shakeup in the Senate's Democratic leadership in which special committee chairman Richard Matsuura was left without any key appointments, the committee was left intact to conclude its look into ERS investments.

It will make its final report and recommendations to the Senate prior to the 1994 legislative session.

Earlier hearings concentrated on the \$77 million land purchase and investment in the Waikale Shopping Center development now nearing completion in Central Oahu and an aborted \$31 million purchase of the Wood Ranch Golf Course in Simi Valley, Calif.

The golf course deal had been proposed by former ERS Board of Trustees Chairman Gordon Yueda's friend, Rodney Inaba, who stood to collect a \$350,000 finders fee and a five-year, \$1

million golf course management contract if it had gone through.

Retired state Supreme Court Associate Justice Edward Nakamura, who at the time was an ERS board member, told the Senate committee he strongly objected to that deal which he viewed as designed to help Inaba. He later resigned from the ERS board because of his differences over that and other investments.

The most controversial of the investments to be reviewed starting Monday appears to be the ERS's purchase of the CentrePointe office and warehouse complex in Carson, Calif.

It was bought in 1989 from SS168 Properties Corp., headed by Honolulu businessman and political insider Stanley Himeno, for \$26 million the same day Himeno's company had bought it for \$23 million, netting Himeno a \$3 million profit.

Details of that controversial deal figured strongly in the state Senate's rejection last February of Himeno's daughter, Sharon, as Gov. John Waihee's nominee to the state Supreme Court.

Sharon Himeno, an officer in the family company and wife of Waihee's former state Attorney General Warren Price, at the time of the purchase was involved in her law firm's representation of ERS.

Parties involved in the ERS's inaugural investment after the Legislature in 1986 authorized the pension plan to enter the real estate market have been subpoenaed to testify before the committee.

That was the agreement in November of 1988 for the \$68 mil-

lion turnkey purchase of the 24-story City Financial Tower which was nearing completion on Merchant Street in Honolulu. The ERS offices now are located in that building.

It was a development of Alakea Limited Partnership, in which City Bank of Honolulu was a 25 percent participant and became the anchor tenant. The principal partner was Beta West Properties Inc., a Denver-based commercial development company, with a 62.5 percent share. C. Itoh and Co. Ltd. of Japan was a 12.5 percent partner.

ERS, represented by Himeno's law firm - Okamoto, Himeno and Lum - in 1989 filed a lawsuit against the developer, challenging the purchase price of the building because of alleged design and construction defects.

It was then disclosed by ERS officials that prior to the purchase agreement, there was no full appraisal of the property's value, but instead there was an evaluation study by a firm that cautioned it was not to be construed as a market value appraisal.

Notwithstanding the disputed value of the property, ERS Executive Director Stanley Siu insists it was an excellent investment, reflecting an eight percent return for the pension fund.

Terms of the purchase were reviewed by Himeno's law firm and the real estate consulting firm, Marcus and Associates, Inc., whose chairman, Marcus Nishimoto, is an occasional golfing partner of Takemoto, who as state budget director served as a voting ex-officio member of the ERS board.

Rollins said he deeply regretted the fallout over his remarks: "It's to a point where I've... thought of putting a gun to my head," Rollins told Democratic Party attorneys questioning him under oath Friday.

## Pope calls unchecked genetic tinkering a "Threat to Man"

VATICAN CITY (AP) - Alarmed at advances in genetic engineering, Pope John Paul II urged scientists Saturday to protect the human embryo from experimentation or "risk putting humanity in danger."

"It could pose a fearful threat to man," the pope said in a speech to the Scientific Academy of the Roman Catholic Church, a group of researchers and scientists.

"The embryo must be recognized as a rights issue by the laws of nations or face putting humanity in danger," he said, warning governments to guard against social changes that could come from increased knowledge of genetic information.

He mentioned possible discrimination against people found with genetics flaws or intentional pairings of couples to try to produce genetically superior children.

The pontiff said recent insights into human genetic structure "puts in the hands of doctors and biologists a knowledge that in certain applications could go beyond the

medical field."

"Using the embryo as a pure object of analysis or experimentation is an attack on the dignity of a person and on humanity," the pontiff added. The pope on Saturday made his first major public outing since fracturing his right shoulder in a fall Nov. 11.

"As you see, he is a pope a bit deficient - deficient but not completely ruined," the pope joked before about 8,500 people at a Vatican conference on children.

The 73-year-old pontiff said he wore a red cap used mostly for "solemn occasions" to cover his right arm, which was in a sling. He said photographers "do not have the right" to take pictures of his bandages.

After he finished speaking, the Pope was applauded for almost a minute. He then stepped down to greet about 40 handicapped youngsters.

The pope also welcomed guests in the front row, including the co-discoverer of the AIDS virus, Dr. Luc Montagnier, and former Italian Premier Giulio Andreotti.

## Rollins says he lied about paying to suppress NJ Black vote

By THOMAS MARTELLO

WASHINGTON (AP) - Republican consultant Ed Rollins insisted he just wanted to tweak a political rival with a fabricated story about paying black ministers to suppress the black vote in New Jersey's gubernatorial race.

He conceded sending a campaign worker to see black ministers, but only to counter Democratic pressure on the ministers. Rollins said he deeply regretted the fallout over his remarks: "It's to a point where I've... thought of putting a gun to my head," Rollins told Democratic Party attorneys questioning him under oath Friday.

Rollins said his remarks - subsequently retracted - stemmed from his rivalry with Democratic campaign strategist James Carville, who helped engineer President Clinton's victory last year.

Carville ran Gov. Jim Florio's campaign; Rollins, Gov.-elect Christie Whitman's.

Rollins testified that, after he told reporters black ministers were offered charitable donations to refrain from preaching for Florio and Democratic campaign workers were paid to be idle on Election Day, he expected reporters to call Carville and say, "Rollins kicked your ass... and here's how he did it."

Rollins said he was told Democrats weren't buying his story that he lied out of one-upmanship, however. They want continued access to Whitman campaign officials and other Republicans as they pursue their lawsuit seeking to overturn Florio's narrow defeat.

Rollins said he was told Demo-

crats pressured inner-city leaders to get votes, allegedly threatening to cut off funding to day-care centers and other local programs.

Rollins said to counter the Democratic tactics he told Lonna Hooks, the Whitman campaign liaison to the black community, to "go back to these people... as far as we're concerned we want to help them. Whatever their favorite charity may be, there are other ways of helping them besides state funding."

Rollins says he didn't authorize Hooks to commit any money to the effort but told her: "Tell them, if they don't go up to the pulpit and preach against us on Sunday, we'd be way ahead of the game."

He repeatedly said throughout the deposition that no money was paid to black ministers or campaign workers to suppress the vote.

Florio spokesman Jon Shure denied Saturday that Democrats threatened black leaders.

"I know of no policy like that," said Shure, who also served as a Florio campaign spokesman. "But no accusations should be surprising coming from a self-admitted liar."

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## Clinton declares conference success for all region's people

BLAKE ISLAND, Wash. (AP) - President Clinton declared the first top-level meeting of Asian-Pacific nations "a success for all the region's people" Saturday and said it opens the way to break down trade barriers and sustain Pacific growth.

In a joint statement, the leaders of 14 nations in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum declared "the emergency of a new voice" and vowed closer economic ties. They also pledged "our utmost efforts" to bring negotiations in Geneva on world trade rules to completion by a Dec. 15 deadline.

"We've agreed that the Asia-Pacific region should be a united one, not divided. We've agreed that our economic policies should be open, not closed," Clinton said. Clinton said the leaders will not always agree but "at least now, for the first time, our region has a means to hold serious policy discussions on such questions as how to remove trade barriers, or how to sustain robust growth."

Flanked by other leaders in casual coats with a blustery Puget Sound in the background, Clinton said he was "struck by how many priorities we share," including sustained growth, more-open markets, better jobs and living standards, better education and "protection of the region's unique environment."

Clinton said the 17-member Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation grouping of nations would become a "genuine community, not a formal legal structure."

"This week has been a success for all the region's people," Clinton said. "We should be pleased with the progress we've made."

He said it would lead to measures that can create jobs, raise incomes, expand business and foster regional harmony.

Members of the APEC forum concluded a day of informal talks by issuing a "joint vision statement" espousing freer trade and more global economic growth but making no specific commitments.

The statement, strictly limited to economic issues, asserted: "We are united in our commitment to create a stable and prosperous future for our people."

"Our meeting reflects the emergence of a new voice for the Asia Pacific in world affairs," the statement said. "Our economies are moving toward interdependence and there is a growing state of community among us."

The leaders - representing nations accounting for half the world's output of goods and services - agreed that their finance ministers would meet to discuss global economic trends and trade.

They also asked business leaders of the Pacific Rim to set up a "Pacific Business Forum" to help facilitate regional commerce.

But the three-page statement did not mention one major economic issue of contention - agricultural trade - which is holding up completion of a new set of liberalized world trading rules.

The statement - leaders chose not to call it a "communiqué" like those issued at annual Western economic summits - was put forth after the leaders met for three hours

in a rustic lodge where the walls were decorated with wooden American Indian masks.

The dress code was casual: Clinton wore a plaid shirt and outdoor half-boots. Among other leaders, Mickey Kantor said that despite some rough spots in talks with China's leaders and lingering trade frictions with Japan, a "sense of common purpose" was emerging from the week-long conference.

For the United States, the APEC conference marked a historic economic turn toward Asia, with the fastest-growing economies in the world, and less emphasis on Europe, struggling with slow growth. The leaders arrived one by one,

in carefully timed limousine processions and were greeted at the top of the gangplank by Clinton.

China's president, Jiang Zemin, showed up first, wearing a suit but no tie. Japan's prime minister, Morihiro Hosokawa, jauntily draped a long, tan scarf around his neck.

Rarely had world leaders gathered so informally and never before had so many Asian government heads assembled in the same place.

The Blake Island meeting was intended to replace the formal trappings of international summitry with a relaxed setting that shows the Pacific Northwest at its scenic best.

Members of APEC whose lead-

ers attended the conference were Australia, Brunei, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan,

Thailand and the United States. Malaysia's trade minister represented his country. Mexico and Papua New Guinea were added as members at the meeting.

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## US Senate moves towards NAFTA approval

By DAVID ESPO

WASHINGTON (AP) - The North American Free Trade Agreement picked up surprising support Saturday from two Democrats with career-long ties to organized labor as the Senate marched toward final passage.

In separate speeches, Sens. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts and Tom Harkin of Iowa backed the agreement but tempered their support with words of concern for its impact on American wage earners.

"What do we say to all those workers who will lose their jobs because of NAFTA?" asked Kennedy, among labor's staunchest allies in the Senate. "It is no comfort to them that others - some faceless others - will gain jobs in larger numbers."

Harkin, whose unsuccessful bid for the 1992 Democratic presidential nomination was fueled by labor support, said his decision was a close one - "perhaps 51 percent in favor and 49 percent against."

The agreement that will draw the United States, Canada and Mexico gradually into the world's largest free-trade zone passed the House on Wednesday, 234-200.

In a break with the Clinton administration, organized labor and many of its congressional allies have vigorously opposed the accord. The decisions by Kennedy and Harkin to embrace NAFTA underscored the unusual coalitions that have sprung up.

The accord would affect virtually every industry, phasing out tariffs over a 15-year period.

Supporters say it would open a

vast new market in Mexico to American goods. Opponents say Mexico, with its cheap labor costs and lax environmental standards, would become a magnet for American factories. Both men spoke as the long debate wound down.

NAFTA was the principal unfinished business of the 1993 session of Congress, and speeches by Harkin and Kennedy were striking reminders of how the trade debate had crossed party and ideological lines.

"For decades, the labor movement has stood as a bulwark for freedom and democracy against tyranny around the world," Kennedy said. "Without their active support, we would never have enacted Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, or the civil rights laws that have transformed America in the past half century."

Harkin said NAFTA would be good for his home state, particularly its corn, pork and soybean producers.

And like Kennedy, he spoke warmly of organized labor. "I do not see approval of NAFTA as a rejection of labor's objectives of promoting workplace democracy and improving wages, working conditions and living standards here and in other countries."

Harkin objected to Clinton's comments two weeks ago that labor was using "roughshod" and "musclebound" tactics to defeat the pact. "Those unwarranted code words were demeaning to every working person and to organized labor," he said.

Clinton, in Seattle for a trade meeting with Asian and Pacific leaders, lobbied via his weekly radio address.

## Haitians pull together for the first time since coup to clean up capital

By MICHAEL NORTON

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) - It's a truce of sorts: Haitians working together to clean up their capital city.

Haitians have put aside their political differences for four days to pick up some of the estimated 22,000 tons of garbage that has accumulated since President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was ousted in a September 1991 military coup.

It has blocked cars from some city streets and gathered in giant heaps in front of schools and hospitals.

Workers hope the effort, which began Thursday, will mean the removal of more than half of the accumulated waste by Sunday night.

"For the first time since the coup, all sectors of the community, in spite of their cleavages, are working together for the common good," said Reginald Boulos, director of the U.S. AID-funded Center for Development and Health and coordinator of the cleanup effort.

More than 1 million people live in Port-au-Prince, which has no sewage system. They generate between 1,200 and 1,500 tons of garbage a day.

The cleanup effort involves the government, which is supplying garbage trucks, and the army, which is providing security and controlling traffic. The fire department will spray disinfectant in the market zones.

Private construction companies are providing trucks and drivers. A private foundation and businesses have contributed \$25,000. Hundreds of volunteer workers have joined in the effort.

The downtown area, where most of the garbage accumulates, will be cleaned entirely. Suburban Carrefour and Petionville will be tackled later. Boulos will also lead a three-month U.S.-funded cleanup program that will be launched Wednesday, with government support. That program will ensure "permanent and regular" cleaning, Boulos said.

"One clean-up operation cannot solve the problem," he said, adding that even if 30 to 40 percent of the garbage is bio-degradable, similar heaps will be back on the street within a month.

Residents recall the last time their city was clean - during the weeks surrounding Aristide's Feb. 7, 1991, inauguration, when hundreds of volunteers swept, scrubbed and painted the capital to welcome their elected leader.

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## Approach to open Nuclear sites under consideration

By BARRY SCHWEID

SEATTLE (AP) - The Clinton administration, consulting closely with China and South Korea, is preparing a compromise approach to get North Korea to open its nuclear sites to international inspectors.

The administration is also sounding out Congress, and key officials plan to meet in Washington on Monday to put the finishing touches on the complex proposal, Congressional and diplomatic sources said.

The aim is a gradual opening of the nuclear sites to the International Atomic Energy Agency and resumption of North Korean talks with South Korea on denuclearizing the peninsula.

In return, the United States would suspend joint military exercises with South Korea and hold a third round of high-level talks with the Pyongyang regime, which would elevate its diplomatic standing.

President Clinton, at a news conference on Blake Island, said South Korean President Kim Young Sam would go to Washington this week for further talks on what Clinton called "a source of concern for us, one that we feel we can find solutions to."

Clinton said "new initiatives" to resolve the problem would be undertaken in the near future.

At another session on Friday, Clinton said the United States was looking for other options in dealing with North Korea.

"I would remind you that South Korea, Japan and China are intimately interested and personally effected by those developments. And we have consulted extensively with all three of them all along the way. And we are pursuing the policy we think has the best chance of success," he said.

The administration is counting on China to persuade North Korea to accept international inspection - or to support economic sanctions and other so-far unspecified punitive measures in the United Nations if the U.S. compromise is spurned by the Stalinist government.

Blocking North Korea's development of nuclear weapons is a key objective of the administration's nonproliferation policy.

The sources, declining to be identified, said Clinton approved the overall approach last Monday but there could be "refinements" depending on the consultation with Chinese and South Korean officials attending Pacific Rim talks here.

Then the U.S. proposal would be presented to North Korea at a low level, probably in New York or Geneva, Switzerland.

## Senate votes for more prisons and Police; Handgun control bill stuck

By CAROLYN SKORNECK

WASHINGTON (AP) - Heeding the U.S. alarm over street violence, the Senate overwhelmingly passed an anti-crime bill Friday. But a follow-up measure to require a five-day waiting period for handgun purchases was blocked short of passage.

Despite a fresh plea from President Clinton, the Senate twice fell short - by three votes - of the 60 votes needed to choke off a filibuster mounted by lawmakers demanding that the five-day requirement preempt more stringent rules imposed by some states and local governments.

Senate approval of the gun control bill, known as the Brady bill, this year is "little more than a fading hope," Sen. Joseph Biden said late Friday night.

In contrast to the controversy over handgun controls, the anti-crime measure sailed through on

a 95-4 vote, underscoring voter concern over street crime. The measure calls for more than 100,000 new police on city streets and more prison cells, and would ban the sale of combat-style firearms.

"Crime is the single most pressing issue on the minds of the American people," Biden, the Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman, said after the overwhelming vote. He called it "a dramatic step in stemming the tide of violence that's overwhelming this nation."

The House has already approved a handgun control measure. From a trade meeting in Seattle, Clinton tried to pry loose the Senate version, as well, so a bill could reach his desk by Thanksgiving, Nov. 25.

"I'm distressed at the Senate," the president declared at a news conference.

In addition to requiring a delay before handgun purchasers can get their weapons, the Brady bill requires checks into the customers' backgrounds. For some

senators, voting for gun control is politically difficult, Clinton said, "but clearly it is the right thing to do."

The proposal bears the name of James Brady, President Reagan's first press secretary. He was severely wounded in a 1981 attack on Reagan. Brady and his wife, Sarah, have long fought for gun control legislation.

Mrs. Brady, a longtime Republican, said she was "furious" at Republican senators for "filibustering a bill this entire nation wants and needs and is crying for."

"Every day we wait, 65 more people are going to die," she told a news conference where Attorney General Janet Reno and several police organizations endorsed the measure.

Foes won one skirmish. By a 56-43 vote, the Senate retained a provision that would phase out the waiting period after five years.

The National Rifle Association, long the leading lobbying force against gun controls, supported that limitation.

The crime bill would authorize

dlrs 8.9 billion for the 100,000 new police officers, would ban 19 specific assault-style weapons while not taking any away from their owners, and would prohibit ownership of guns by juveniles.

It also would expand the potential use of the death penalty, increase prison time for dozens of offenses and authorize funds for new prisons, alternative sanctions, drug courts and efforts to combat violence against women.

The bill cannot become law, though, before January. A compromise must be shaped between the expensive Senate measure and a series of specific anti-crime bills adopted by the House.

The House has already passed the Brady bill, and its basic provisions match those of the version under consideration in the Senate.

A filibuster is the making of long speeches, introduction of irrelevant issues and other tactics to obstruct the passage of a bill.

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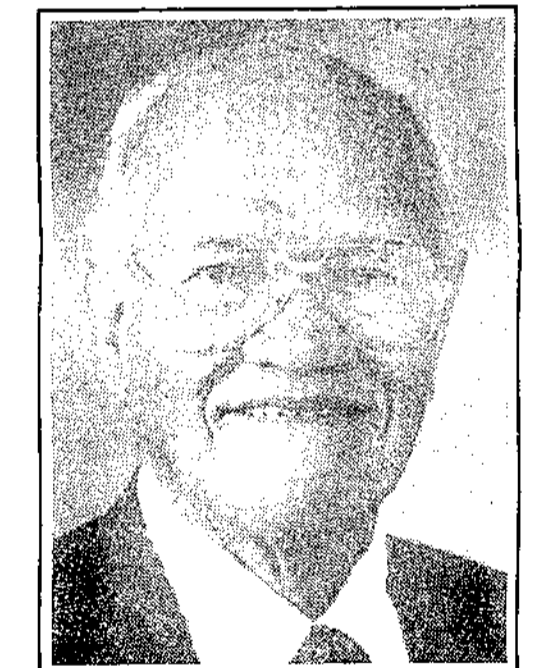
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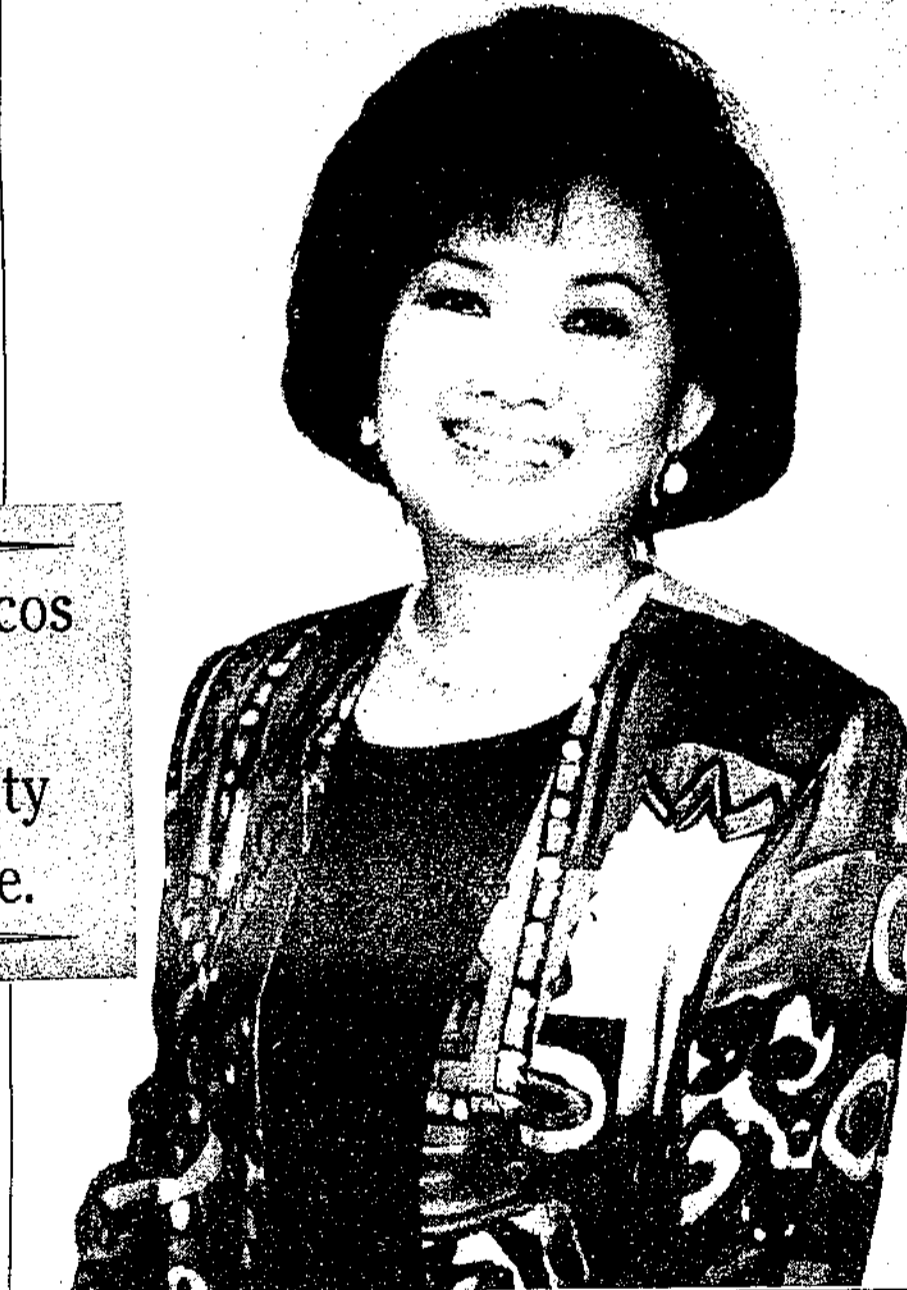
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# Business/Finance

## South African firms get head start in Chinese Gold rush

BEIJING (AP) - South African firms are getting a head start in China's gold industry, which just recently began allowing foreign investment in its gold mines, the China Daily's Sunday Business Week reported.

Genco Co., a leading South African gold producer, is sending a delegation to China next month, and two other South African gold companies, Anglo-American and LTA, also are expected in China

next year, the report said. It said Chinese firms are particularly interested in Genco's bio-leaching technology used to extract gold from ore.

Chinese and South African gold companies had contacts even before economic and trade ties were formally restored between the two countries last October. South Africa is the world's leading gold producer. South African gold companies have visited China for

the past two years, and the China National Gold Corp. has sent two delegations to visit South African mines.

Ai Dacheng, vice president of the Metallurgy Industry Ministry's gold bureau, said China is eager to exploit Chinese gold mines together with South African gold firms. But the report said details, such as the type of investment and whether the partners will share the gold output, have

yet to be decided. Ai announced in late September that foreign companies would be allowed to invest in China's gold mines for the first time, but the investments are limited to low-grade or hard-to-dig mines. China began allowing foreign companies to assist in financing mining technology in June.

In September, China raised its gold prices to world levels and said it would allow the prices to

fluctuate with the international market. The move aroused greater interest abroad in China's gold market.

The report said gold producers from the United States, Canada and Australia also are interested, but did not name the companies. China does not disclose its gold production, but Western estimates are that it produces more than 2.5 million ounces annually - about 15 percent of South Africa's output.

### Ramos: APEC must remain open

BLAKE ISLAND, Wash. (AP) - Philippines President Fidel Ramos said those who went to Blake Island expressed "a remarkable similarity of views on the most effective way of maintaining and accelerating economic growth and enhancing their people's welfare."

He also said the Asia-Pacific

Economic Cooperation grouping should remain a forum for consultation and a framework for cooperation without any formal legal structure, at least for now.

"APEC must remain open and not closed, competitive and not protectionist, cohesive and not divisive," Ramos said.

## Once again, OPEC faces slumping Oil prices

By SALLY JACOBSEN

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) - After OPEC painstakingly crafted an agreement last September setting oil production restraints, crude prices were expected to rally from their lowest levels in three years.

Although the dozen oil-producing nations have controlled their pumping, prices are still weak and show no signs of improving much anytime soon. Facing a bleak outlook, ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will meet Tuesday in Vienna, Austria, to decide what to do next to try to prop up prices.

Analysts say there is only one option: slash production, now running at about 24.7 million barrels of crude a day.

"The reasonable thing for them to do is have a very simple, no-nonsense cut of 300,000 to 400,000 barrels a day," said Vahan Zanyan, senior director of Petroleum Finance Co. in Washington. "That would fix everything."

Easier said than done.

The fractious cartel always has difficulties agreeing to lower production. But the nations may be so desperate to improve prices that they will be willing to cut back this winter.

"There is an awareness of how critical the situation is," said Peter Bogin, associate director for oil markets at Cambridge Energy Research Associates in Paris.

The Iranian News Agency reported this week the ministers would discuss plans for a trim of as much as 5 percent in the current output cap of 24.5 million barrels a day. Iran, considered a

price hawk, often presses for reduced output to try to drive prices up.

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest crude producer and OPEC's most influential member, has sent signals it would consider a reduction in the group's ceiling.

But there were no signs the kingdom would agree to pare its own production of 8 million barrels a day. To try to boost prices, it agreed last September to freeze output through winter. But it has in the past balked at going below that level.

Crude prices have risen some on reports the producers might turn down the taps.

But they still remain weak. The average price of an OPEC marker slumped to \$14.62 a 42-gallon barrel last week, the lowest weekly level since June 1990 and well under the group's \$18 target.

Low prices help consumers - but pinch the finances of the producing nations, many of which depend heavily on oil sales to fuel their developing economies.

Even if OPEC reduces pumping, some analysts said the nations will continue to suffer from puny prices as long as the markets are jittery about a possible return of Iraqi oil exports.

"The shadow of Iraq is on the market," said Peter Gignoux, manager of the petroleum desk at Smith Barney, Harris Upham in London.

"Until the Iraqi situation is regularized, we are not going to get a normal oil price."

The giant producer has been barred from selling its crude since its August 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

Iraqi officials periodically meet

with the United Nations to discuss lifting the economic sanctions.

So far, no easing of the ban has been ordered. But any hint of Iraqi-U.N. talks - and the prospect of Iraqi oil flooding a well-supplied market - can send prices plunging.

Last September, the nations pledged to cap their surging production at 24.5 million barrels a day through the fall and winter.

In doing so, the nations had hoped to mop up excess crude on the market and tighten supplies since demand for oil normally rises in the United States and Europe during the October-March period.

But prices have not climbed as expected, although, unlike in the past, the producers have generally stuck to their output limits. "Cheating is not the problem," said Bogin.

Rather, analysts said the cartel's price-boosting efforts went awry because it overestimated demand for its oil in the winter.

Sales remain weak in Europe and the Far East because the continuing recession has slowed industrial activity in those regions. Also, North Sea oil producers, Britain and Norway, have lifted supply more than anticipated.

As a result, OPEC's executive recently lowered by nearly 300,000 barrels a day - to 25.1 million barrels - its estimate of demand for the group's crude during the final three months of the year.

OPEC members are: Algeria, Gabon, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Venezuela.

## Asian leaders declare closer ties

By TERENCE HUNT

BLAKE ISLAND, Wash. (AP) - Leaders of Asian and Pacific nations, meeting in the seclusion of a Puget Sound island, on Saturday declared "a growing sense of community among us" and vowed closer economic ties.

Members of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum concluded a day of informal talks by issuing a "joint vision statement" espousing freer trade and more global economic growth but making no specific commitments.

The statement, strictly limited to economic issues, asserted: "We are united in our commitment to create a stable and prosperous future for our people."

The leaders - representing nations accounting for half the world's output of goods and services - agreed that their finance ministers would meet to discuss global economic trends and trade.

They also asked business leaders of the Pacific Rim to set up a "Pacific Business Forum" to help facilitate regional commerce.

But the three-page statement did not mention one major economic issue of contention - agricultural trade - which is holding up completion of a new set of liberalized world trading rules.

## Clinton using personal touch to conclude Pacific trade conference

By TOM RAUM

SEATTLE (AP) - President Clinton adopted a woody, personal setting Saturday to conclude a three-day forum where an unprecedented gathering of Pacific Rim leaders were exposed to his free-trade gospel.

U.S. officials said the 17-member Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum would issue a "joint vision statement" espousing freer trade and more global economic growth.

Clinton was up at dawn to greet the leaders as they arrived at the Seattle waterfront for the ferry ride to Blake Island in Puget Sound.

Portable heaters were fired up on the boat to help cut a damp November chill for the short trip to the island eight miles (13 miles) from downtown.

Wearing a brown leather jacket, Clinton greeted each leader on the ferry boat Tyee, most of them dressed informally. The first aboard was Chinese president Jiang Zemin, dressed in an overcoat but not wearing a tie. The statement to be issued later Saturday was expected to be short on specifics - but remarkable in that it was being issued at all.

U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor said Saturday that, despite some rough spots in talks with China's leaders and lingering frictions with Japan, a "sense of common purpose" was emerging from the session.

"We're more than satisfied," he told a group of reporters. Of the move toward freer trade with Asia, Kantor said: "Like a train leaving a station, I think you will see it going faster and faster."

But Clinton, playing host to leaders whose countries account for half the world's output in goods and services, is finding there are still some major obstacles to improved economic relations.

On Friday he met separately with the leaders of Japan and China, the second and third largest economies in the world.

The president's meeting with Chinese President Jiang Zemin was the highest level contact between the two countries since the bloody crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators in Tiananmen Square in 1989. It was a meeting that probably would not have been possible except under the cover of such an international forum.

Clinton said the contact was part of "an effort to put our rela-

tionship with China on a more constructive path," although insisted he wasn't softening the U.S. position toward Beijing.

Clinton said he pressed Jiang on human rights abuses in China, arms sales, China's expected \$20 billion trade surplus with Washington and the cultural integrity of Tibet. "We have got to make progress" on those issues, Clinton said.

China's foreign minister, Qian Qichen, said later, "The position of China is that we do not approve of the practice of linking things which have nothing to do with trade issues."

Clinton proclaimed after his meeting with the prime minister of Japan, Morihiro Hosokawa, that legislative progress on Hosokawa's political-reform package could pave the way for market-opening moves by Japan.

But it seemed unlikely that anything would happen soon on that score.

Talks on improving U.S. access to Japanese markets continue to move at a crawl. And Hosokawa dismissed any notion that he was ready to support an end to Japan's rice import ban - even though Japanese rice consumption is coming close to outstripping pro-

duction. The United States runs its largest trade deficit with Japan, \$49.6 billion last year.

A Commerce Department report on Friday showed a widening trade gap with both Japan and China. The United States even posted a rare trade deficit with Mexico.

With each leader permitted to bring only a single aide and a translator, the Blake Island meeting was expected to be intimate and informal - a setting Clinton envisioned when he invited Asian leaders to the gathering last July at the Tokyo economic summit.

"There are vast differences among our economies and our people, yet these can be a rich source of enrichment," Clinton said Friday night at a working dinner for leaders of the conference.

After three hours of meetings, the leaders were expected to issue a brief document that sets general goals of expanding trade contacts and promoting economic growth throughout the region.

The officials said there was little chance that the leaders, from diverse cultures and political backgrounds, could agree on anything more detailed or specific.

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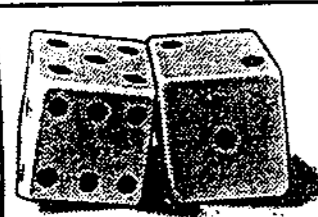
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# College Football Roundup

By CHRIS SHERIDAN

**THE LABEL** "Game of the Year" was handed out a week too early. Boston College scored the upset of the season Saturday, beating No. 1 Notre Dame 41-39 on a 41-yard field goal by David Gordon on the final play of the game. The loss ended Notre Dame's perfect season and may have

ended its national championship hopes - a dramatic comedown for a team that was talking all week about a rematch with Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl on New Year's Day.

Just last Saturday, Notre Dame (10-1) held on for a 31-24 victory over then-No. 1 Florida State in a matchup billed as "Game of the Year."

That one had the buildup, but this one was better.

No. 17 Boston College (8-2) dominated Notre Dame through three quarters and led 38-17 in the fourth. But the Irish rallied for three touchdowns - one followed by a 2-point conversion - and took a 39-38 lead with 1:09 remaining. Boston College got the ball back on its 10-yard line, and Glenn

Foley led an eight-play drive that ended with Gordon's knuckleball that didn't get too high off the ground but split the uprights.

Notre Dame's loss left the national championship picture as clouded as it's been all season. Only one team finished its season unbeaten and untied - No. 6 Auburn, which beat No. 11 Alabama 22-14 Saturday. The 11-0 Tigers are on probation, though, and will not play in a postseason bowl. No. 9 West Virginia (9-0) played No. 4 Miami later Saturday, while No. 3 Nebraska (10-0) had the weekend off to prepare for Friday's game with No. 15 Oklahoma.

No. 2 Florida State (9-1) played North Carolina State on Saturday night.

In other games, Michigan shut out No. 5 Ohio State 28-0. No. 8 Florida crushed Vanderbilt 52-0. No. 10 Texas A-and-M defeated Texas Christian 59-3. No. 14 Penn State beat Northwestern 43-21. No. 18 Colorado beat Iowa State 21-16. No. 21 Indiana beat Purdue 24-17. No. 25 Virginia Tech edged No. 23 Virginia 20-17 and No. 24 Clemson beat South Carolina 16-13. In late games, it was No. 7 Tennessee at Kentucky, No. 12 Wisconsin at Illinois, No. 16 UCLA at No. 22 Southern Cal and No. 20 Kansas State at Oklahoma State.

In addition to Nebraska and Oklahoma, No. 13 North Carolina and No. 19 Arizona were idle. Michigan 28, No. 5 Ohio St. 0 At Ann Arbor, Mich., the Wolverines (7-4, 5-3 Big Ten) took control of the Rose Bowl bid out of Ohio State's hands, scoring early and dominating on both sides of the ball.

No. 6 Auburn 22, No. 11 Alabama 14

At Auburn, Ala., the Tigers beat the Crimson Tide (8-2-1) for the first time since 1989 by coming back from a 14-5 third-quarter deficit.

No. 8 Florida 52, Vanderbilt 0 At Gainesville, Fla., the Gators (9-1, 7-1) earned a berth in the SEC championship game for a second straight year.

No. 10 Texas A-and-M 59, Texas Christian 3 At Fort Worth, Texas, the Aggies (9-1, 6-0) earned at least a tie for the Southwest Conference title by winning their 21st straight conference game.

No. 14 Penn St. 43, Northwestern 21 At Evanston, Ill., Mike Archie rushed for a career-high 173 yards and two touchdowns. Kerry Collins passed for 278 yards and Bobby Engram caught eight passes for 132 yards for the Nittany Lions (8-2, 5-2 Big Ten).

No. 18 Colorado 21, Iowa St. 16 At Ames, Iowa, a 49-yard touchdown pass from halfback Lamont Warren to Charles Johnson in the fourth quarter rallied the Buffaloes (7-3-1), who finished second in the Big Eight at 5-1-1 and secured a coalition bowl bid.

No. 21 Indiana 24, Purdue 17 At Bloomington, Ind., Shane Thomas scored on a 10-yard run in the fourth quarter after Purdue rallied from a 17-7 deficit to tie the game.

No. 25 Va. Tech 20, No. 23 Virginia 17 At Charlottesville, Va., Virginia Tech (8-3) put the finishing touches on another late-season collapse by Virginia (7-4).

No. 24 Clemson 16, South Carolina 13 At Columbia, S.C., late-season replacement quarterback Dexter McCleon directed a Clemson (8-3) comeback from a 13-3 halftime deficit.

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area bearing signs of torture while Rivera was lucky enough to have escaped. He was said to have pried open the trunk of Laude's car and jumped out to safety while the car was in motion.

That same day, a car similar to Laude's was found totally burned a few blocks away from where the victim's mangled body was found.

Under second superseding information filed last November 9th by Assistant Attorney General Charles R. Rotbart, Bowie and Reyes are being charged with a total of seven counts, one count of first degree murder, two counts each of kidnapping, robbery and assault and battery committed.

The murder charge was allegedly committed on the person of Laude, while the other counts were both on Laude and Rivera.

According to the information from Rotbart, Bowie and Reyes did with malice aforethought, unlawfully kill Laude, with premeditation and deliberately dur-

ing the perpetration of a robbery. The kidnapping counts were also brought up after the suspects were said to have unlawfully removed Laude and Rivera a substantial distance from the vicinity where they were found and did unlawfully confine them with the purpose of committing a felony and flight thereafter and to inflict bodily injury as well as to terrorize them.

The robbery counts were included based on the allegation that both Bowie and Reyes did unlawfully take a gold chain, money, a watch and a wallet from Laude and a gold chain, and wallet from Rivera.

Rotbart also said the suspects did unlawfully strike, beat, wound and do bodily harm to both Laude and Rivera, thus the assault and battery charge.

Bowie and Reyes will be represented in the case by lawyers G. Anthony Long and Antonio Atalg, respectively. (RHA)

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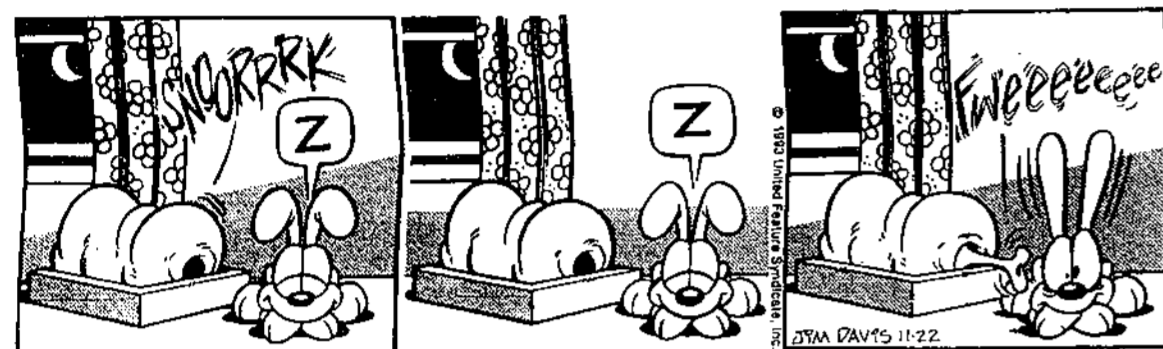
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By Stella Wilder

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Also born on this date are: Charles de Gaulle, French General and President; Rodney Dangerfield, comic; Jamie Lee Curtis, actress.

DATE BOOK

Nov. 22, 1993

Today is the 326th day of 1993 and the 62nd day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas. TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George Elliot (1819-1880), novelist; Charles de Gaulle (1890-1970), French statesman; Wiley Post (1899-1985), aviator; Hoky Carmichael (1869-1981), composer-pianist; Rodney Dangerfield (1921-), co-

your daily guide. TUESDAY, NOV. 23 SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Home and family may take up some more of your time today. See that you don't overlook key personal issues, however. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You may discover that romantic opportunities are blooming all around you today. Use care when exploring your own motives. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You may be concerned with your own health, or the health of a family member or co-worker today. Ask specific questions. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Stamina may wax and wane with unexpected and unexplained frequency all day long. Timing, then, will prove pivotal. ARIES (March 21-April 19) — This is a good day to promote healing by revealing certain well-guarded secrets. Trust friends, family members. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You are likely to become embroiled in a local controversy that may hit the big time before you know it. Use common sense. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your own good luck is sure to serve you well even throughout

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median, is 72; Robert Vaughn (1932-), actor, is 61; Billie Jean King (1943-), tennis star, is 50; Jamie Lee Curtis (1958-), actress, is 35; Boris Becker (1967-), tennis player, is 26. TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1950, the Fort Wayne Pistons defeated the Minneapolis Lakers, 19-18, in the lowest-scoring game in NBA history. TODAY'S QUOTE: "Nothing is so good as it seems beforehand." — George Eliot. TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1984, which was Thanksgiving Day, southeastern Alaska was hit by winds to near 100 mph, tides to 3 feet above normal and waves to 10 feet. Juneau

alone suffered \$2.5 million in damage. SOURCE: THE WEATHER CHANNEL's 1993 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd. TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Nov. 20) and full moon (Nov. 29). ©1993, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN. One nice thing about Thanksgiving-weekend football: The racket drowns out the sound of guests slurping turkey soup. How to make a two-hour made-for-TV movie: Take an hour-long show and add 60 minutes of car chases. What did they do with cranberries before someone convinced the Pilgrims the things were good to eat with turkey?

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NBA Roundup

Celts down Shaq and Magic

IN BOSTON, Kevin Gamble scored 14 points in the third quarter when the Boston Celtics pulled away, overcoming a 41-point performance by Shaquille O'Neal for a 115-106 victory over the Orlando Magic on Friday night. Gamble, who finished with 18 points, got the first four baskets of a 10-0 run and the last three of a 14-5 spurt in the third period. Boston hit 18 of 23 shots as it outscored Orlando 36-21 in the quarter after trailing 58-57 at halftime.

The Celtics led 93-79 after three quarters and from nine to 18 points the rest of the way. Boston, 6-1 in its last seven games, was led by Dino Radja with 19 points and Dee Brown with 18. Orlando, losing for the fourth time in five games, got 20 points from Anfernee Hardaway and 16 from Dennis Scott. 76ers 124, Jazz 115 In Philadelphia, with Orlando Woolridge scoring 25 points in only his third game for Philadelphia, the 76ers scored 100 points for the first time this season to beat Utah. The 76ers, shooting at a 42 percent clip through the first eight games, shot 60.5 against the Jazz, making 46 of 76 shots. Jeff Hornacek scored 23 points and Dana Barros and Clarence Weatherspoon 17 each for Philadelphia, while Warren Kidd grabbed 11 rebounds and scored 12 points. Karl Malone with 32 points and John Stockton with 25 topped the Jazz, who had won seven straight over Philadelphia. It was the Sixers' first win over Utah since Feb. 5, 1990. Hawks 95, Heat 92 In Miami, Dominique Wilkins scored 21 points, including a running hook in the lane that gave Atlanta the lead for good with 2:10 left against Miami. The basket gave Wilkins his only points in the fourth quarter, but it was enough to help the Hawks win their third straight game. Kevin Willis led Atlanta with 23 points, while Rony Seikaly had 19 points and 15 rebounds for the Heat. For the second straight home game, Miami frittered away a double-digit lead. The Heat, who blew a 17-point lead in Wednesday's 115-111 loss to Utah, saw a 14-point third-quarter advantage disappear against Atlanta. All three of Miami's losses have come at home. Hornets 127, Bullets 111 In Charlotte, N.C., Alonzo Mourning scored 26 points against Washington, and Charlotte tied a franchise record with its fifth consecutive win.

Robinson's jersey sells for \$66,000

NEW YORK (AP) — A Brooklyn Dodgers jersey worn by Jackie Robinson during his 1949 MVP season sold for \$66,000 Saturday at a memorabilia auction where the other big ticket item was Bill Buckner's cursed 1986 World Series ring. The vintage Robinson jersey was consigned to auction by the Hall of Famer's widow, Rachel, said Michael Puzo, spokesman for Leland's auction house. In 1947, Robinson became major league baseball's first black player. The Buckner ring, presented to members of the losing Boston Red Sox after the 1986 series, sold for \$33,000 to a Rhode Island collector, said Puzo. Buckner's error in the 10th inning of Game 6 allowed the New York Mets to win the series in Game 7. The Buckner ring was accompanied by a letter of authenticity reading: "Hope you enjoy my 1986 World Series ring. The nightmare of 1986 is over. I'm off the hook."

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Eagles' Putt SNACK/BAR advertisement. Features a large image of a beer mug and a plate of food. Text: 'the longest happy hour on Saipan from 4pm-12mn', 'Enjoy ice cold beer only \$1.50 domestic beer', 'Imported Beer \$2.00', 'We also serve Fresh Sashimi, Chicken Wings, BBQ Steak and Lamb and more choices to order from Be Happy At Eagles' Putt'. Location: Cabrera Center, Beach Road, Garapan.

## SPORTS



# Barkley refuses to apologize for cut lip

By MEL REISNER

PHOENIX (AP) - Basketball star Charles Barkley, in his own inimitable way, rejected a fan's offer not to press charges over a cut lip if Barkley apologized.

Barkley also denied the claim

that Edward Durham of Glendale made in a police report - that Barkley hit him in the face. Barkley said he did not throw a punch.

"I'm not apologizing ... We don't apologize in Alabama unless we do things wrong," Barkley said while dressing for a game against Portland Friday night.

Durham, 36, a self-professed Barkley fan, said he received the negligible injury in a scuffle early Thursday at Stixx - an upscale Scottsdale bar and pool hall.

"I know he's a good man inside," Durham told The Arizona Republic on Thursday. "I don't think he's a bad person. But he just has a temper problem, and

that temper will get him in trouble someday.

Scottsdale police said Friday they had spoken with Barkley by telephone and wanted a face-to-face follow-up Monday to investigate Durham's sworn complaint against the NBA's current MVP.

Durham said the altercation began after a woman approached Barkley for an autograph and photo and was rebuffed by the 6-foot-6 (1.98-meter), 252-pound (113-kilogram) forward, who allegedly swore at her and threatened to kick her.

The 6-2 (1.88-meter), 210-pound (95-kilogram) Durham, who was waiting to get Barkley's autograph for his 5-year-old

daughter, said he overheard the comment and said, "You don't talk to ladies like that."

After an exchange of obscenities, Barkley allegedly charged Durham and punched him in the mouth. Durham said he suffered swollen lips and a damaged tooth.

Barkley, in his first words with reporters after a brief statement Thursday, said he gave the woman his autograph and then she insulted him. "I had given her my autograph, and she said I didn't sign autographs at the Phoenix Open last year," he said.

Two Stixx employees broke up the scuffle and Barkley immediately left the area, according to police, who were called to the

scene by Durham about a half-hour after the 12:45 a.m. incident.

If an investigation substantiates Durham's story, Barkley could be charged with misdemeanor assault.

The NBA declined comment on the incident.

Last April 18, Barkley was accused of throwing beer in the face of a woman at a Scottsdale restaurant after she tore up an autograph he had given her and threw it in his face. No charges were filed in that incident.

On June 17, 1992, a Milwaukee jury acquitted Barkley of misdemeanor battery in connection with a fight outside a bar the previous December.

## Mogg takes three-shot lead in Pebble Beach

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif.

(AP) - Brian Mogg, a former PGA Tour player turned teacher, shot a 68 at Old Del Monte Golf Course on Friday to take a three-shot lead after two rounds of the Pebble Beach Invitational Pro-Am. Mogg, who shot a 71 at Pebble Beach on Thursday, had five birdies and one bogey Friday to put him ahead of Keith Clearwater, Kirk Triplett, Mike Tschetter and Todd Fischer, all at 142.

Juli Inkster and Kris Tschetter were at 146 to lead the women in the tournament, which features competition between the PGA, LPGA and PGA senior players.

"I love it," Mogg, 32, said of Old Del Monte, which is one of three courses in a rotation that includes Pebble Beach Golf Links and Spyglass Hill.

"It gives you options before you hit a shot. I like the fact that there's some thinking beforehand. It's a fantastic course from a strategy standpoint." Mogg's lone bogey came at 16, but he offset it with a birdie on the next hole.

After competing on the PGA Tour in 1986 and 1988, Mogg joined the Hogan Tour in 1990 and 1992 and is now a teacher for David Leadbetter in Orlando, Fla.

Clearwater shot 71 Friday at Del Monte, Triplett 73 at Spyglass, Fischer 72 at Pebble Beach and Mike Tschetter 72 at Spyglass.

First-round co-leaders John Miller Jr. and Bob May struggled at Spyglass on Friday. May had a 77 to go with his opening 68, and Miller shot a 79.

Saturday's third round will pare the field from 72 pros to the low 50 and ties. The final round is Sunday at Pebble Beach.

## Akebono, Musashimaru share lead at 12-2

FUKUOKA, Japan (AP) - Yokozuna (grand champion) Akebono lost to ozeki (champion) Wakanohana for his second defeat Saturday to share the lead at 12-2 with fellow American sekiwake (junior champion) Musashimaru in the 15-day Kyushu Grand Sumo Tournament.

In the final day action Sunday, Akebono fights against slumping ozeki (champion) Takanohana (7-7). Wakanohana's younger brother, while Musashimaru takes on 6th-ranked maegashira (senior wrestler) Tochinowaka (8-6).

Their closest contenders at 11-3 are Wakanohana and sekiwake Takanonami, who lost to Musashimaru Saturday.

On Sunday, Wakanohana meets

American ozeki Konishiki (6-8), while Takanonami wrestles against fellow sekiwake Kotonishiki (9-5).

If both Akebono and Musashimaru emerge victorious Sunday, they will clash in a sudden-death playoff.

Akebono, or Chad Rowan from Hawaii, is seeking his third straight and sixth overall tournament title. Musashimaru, or Fiamalu Penitani of Hawaii, is in title contention for the first time.

Akebono, using his 224-kilogram (493-pound) bulk, pushed the Wakanohana, who weighs 118 kilograms (260 pounds), back to the edge, where the ozeki side-stepped and pulled the onrushing yokozuna out in an acrobatic feat. Musashimaru overwhelmed,

driving Takanonami back and out with only four powerful thrusts.

In an ozeki face-off, Konishiki, or Salevaa Fuauli Atisanoe from Hawaii, stopped Takanohana's advance with his 264-kilogram (581-pound) bulk and churned forward to walk his fast-moving opponent out. Takanohana weighs 143 kilograms (315 pounds).

Because of bad knees and poor balance caused by his massive weight, Konishiki has compiled a losing record for the second straight tournament. Konishiki, who will be demoted to sekiwake in the next tournament in January, said he will not retire but try to regain the ozeki rank.

The 29-year old Konishiki, winner of three tournaments, will recover his ozeki status if he wins 10

or more wins in the New Year tournament in Tokyo.

In the juryo division, 6th-ranked Hoshiandesu, or Argentine Jose Antonio Juarez, beat 9th-ranked Tatsuhikari (8-6) to improve his mark to 10-4.

In the top junior division of makushita, American John Feleunga, or 45th-ranked Takamio, beat 45th-ranked Kunitachi to finish the tournament with a 3-4 mark. American George Kalima, or 58th-ranked Yamato, lost to 57th-ranked Kotononada to wind up at 4-3.

In the second highest junior division of sandanme, American Percy Kipapa, or 36th-ranked Daiki, lost to 34th-ranked Komachikara for a 4-3 record. Junior wrestlers have only seven bouts during the tournament.

## Huber upsets Martinez at Virginia Slims

By BOB GREENE

NEW YORK (AP) - Eighth-seeded Anke Huber won the battle of the baseline Friday night, upsetting No. 4 Conchita Martinez 6-3, 6-3 to gain a spot in the semifinals of the Virginia Slims Championships.

Next up for the 18-year-old will be fellow German Steffi Graf, the top-seeded player in this 16-woman, \$3.5 million tournament.

The final semifinal berth was decided later Friday when No. 2 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario played No. 7 Jana Novotna. The winner will take on unseeded Mary Pierce, who on Thursday night upset No. 3 Martina Navratilova, a four-time Slims Championships winner.

Sunday's winner of this season-ending tournament will receive \$250,000, with \$120,000

going to the runner-up.

Huber and Martinez engaged in long baseline volleys, sending powerful groundstrokes to the outer edges of the court. If the points were long, the games were longer as the two evenly matched competitors battled to deuce time and again.

Martinez had the bigger serve, a stroke that would have worked perfectly to set up a serve-and-volley game. Instead, the Spaniard retreated to her regular spot behind the baseline and worked her way into the point. Huber retaliated by slamming her grunt-assisted strokes deep into the corners, keeping Huber on the run.

The match was halted briefly in the second set when Martinez asked for and received medical attention when her back muscles tightened up. After a brief massage, the match resumed.

## Palermo undergoes surgery

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) - Former umpire Steve Palermo was in stable condition Friday night following nearly 10 hours of risky neurosurgery on his spine in an effort to give him full use of his left leg, damaged in a 1991 shooting.

There was no word on the result of the surgery.

Palermo was in the hospital recovery room at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center late Friday night.

Surgeons were attempting to remove scar tissue caused by the shooting that was encased around nerves on the left side of his spinal cord.

The surgeons hoped to find the nerves intact. If they were, there was a chance of clearing the way for impulses to be transmitted from the nerves to muscles in his left leg. If they were not intact, little could be done to help Palermo.

Palermo, 43, was partially paralyzed by a mugger's bullet when he came to the aid of two waitresses being attacked in the parking lot of a Dallas restaurant in July 1991. He had umpired a Rangers game hours earlier.

Doctors originally told Palermo he would never walk again. He has waged a relentless battle to regain full use of his legs, and now can walk haltingly with the aid of canes.

But that has not been good enough for Palermo, who has vowed to umpire again.

Despite excellent recovery on his right side, his left side remains weak and his rehabilitation has stalled in the last year. So Palermo decided to try the highly unusual surgery, similar to that done on infants born with nerve abnormalities.

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