

Mrs. Manglona dies in hospital

MAGDALENA M. Manglona, wife of Lieutenant Gov. Benjamin T. Manglona, died at about 1:45 p.m. Friday (Saipan time) at the Sharp Hospital in San Diego, California, after a lingering illness believed to be cancer. She was 52.

She is survived by her husband and nine children, who were at her bedside at the time of her demise.

Mrs. Manglona earlier showed signs of recovery after surgery.

Mrs. Manglona, who is remembered for her kindness, generosity and hospitality to all visitors coming to the island of Rota, as well as Rota's own people, was confined at Sharp for at least

a couple of times, the last time about a month ago.

The lieutenant governor left her under the care of some of their children and came to Saipan Tuesday to resume some unfinished business. But by Thursday evening, her condition worsened prompting the lieutenant governor to rush back to San Diego.

Sources at the lieutenant governor's office said he might have made it to his wife's bedside three hours before she died.

The last time the lieutenant governor was interviewed, he said his wife was doing good in San Diego and was looking forward to her recovery.

When asked whether he might

withdraw from the gubernatorial election to constantly be at his wife's bedside during her recuperation, Manglona said his wife and family understood the magnitude of his responsibility to the people of the CNMI.

"I credit my political victories to my wife. It would be a lot nicer if she could be at my side during my campaigning," he said.

"It is with deep sadness and a heavy heart that I inform everyone that Mrs. Manglona has passed away today. I ask for your prayers for her and her family," Governor Lorenzol Guerrero said in a memorandum to department and agency heads. (RHA)



LIEUTENANT Governor Benjamin T. Manglona with wife Magdalena during happier days.

Tenorio starts '93 campaign

By Rafael H. Arroyo

DEMOCRATIC Party gubernatorial candidate Froilan Tenorio yesterday called for changes towards a more responsive government "that listens to the needs of the people of the CNMI."

"Our people are not satisfied with the way our government is being run. The message I am hearing is, enough is enough!" Tenorio said as he proclaimed his candidacy during a party reunion at the Kilili Beach Park.

Tenorio said he was running again because he feels he is "the

candidate who can offer the best opportunity for change."

According to Tenorio, a lot of people have been talking about the need for change and that there seems to be a clear mandate that the people of the CNMI want change in how the government is being run.

"I believe my candidacy will give the people of the Northern Marianas the change they want—a government that is responsive to the needs of the people," Tenorio said.

Tenorio submitted his declaration of intent to party chairman

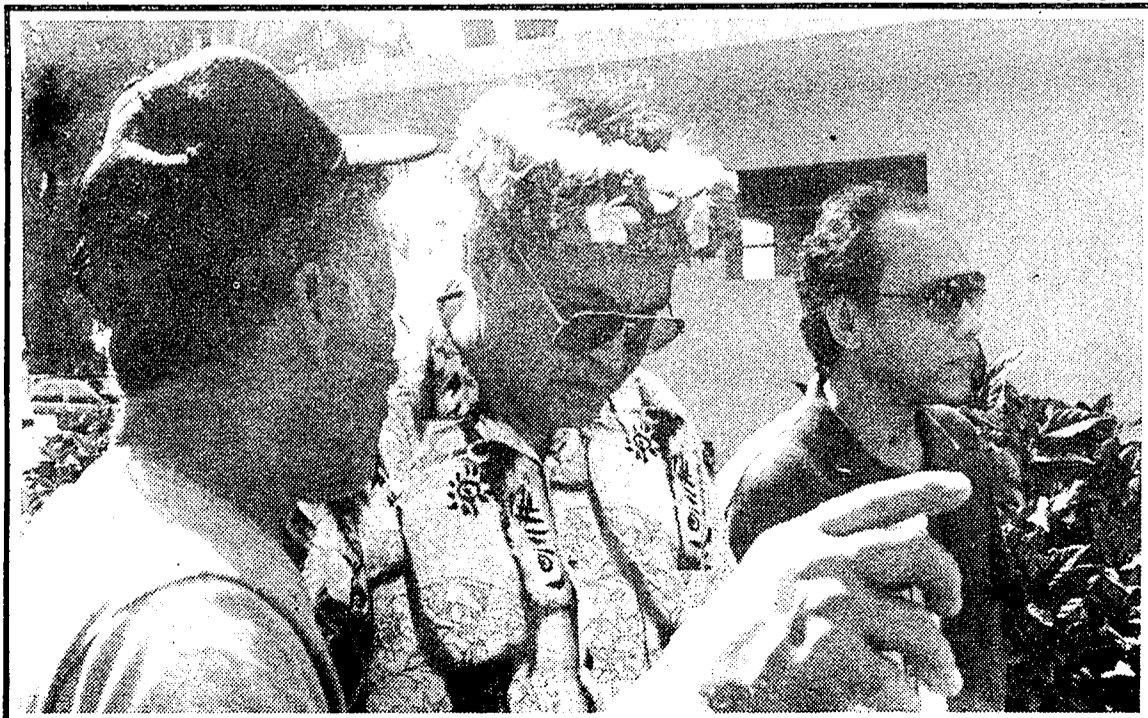
and former governor Carlos Camacho Saturday.

In his letter, Tenorio said he wants former Supreme Court Associate Justice Jesus C. Borja as his running mate.

Borja, however, has yet to officially announce his intention to run in the November elections.

Should the tandem get the official endorsement of the party, the upcoming elections would have the same protagonists who vied for the Commonwealth's top executive position in the 1989 elections.

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DEMOCRATIC Party candidate Froilan Tenorio (center) lends ear to a voter during a party gathering at the Kilili Beach Park yesterday.

Where did \$1.13B federal funds go?

THE FEDERAL government gave the Northern Marianas \$1.126 billion the past 15 years, but what has the CNMI got to show for all the money received?

Washington Rep. Juan N. Babauta posed this question during a forum Friday on the role and authority of the federal government in the CNMI.

"It's mind-boggling. I divided that up by 15 years. I just wanted to see how much the United States government, how much the United States taxpayers, are giving the Northern Marianas in terms of funding," he said.

"We're getting an average of \$75 million a year from the poor taxpayers in the United States, although we (CNMI residents) take the view that this was agreed upon and it's a commitment," Babauta said.

He said, the Northern Marianas must be responsible recipients. "A commitment has to be followed with certain responsibilities in my opinion. The time has come for us to take some responsibility. And my question is: what have we got to show in the last 15 years for the \$1 billion some hundred million dollars that we've received?" Babauta said.

He arrived at the total amount by adding, among others, the \$176.392 million first multi-year financial

assistance, the \$228-million second multi-year financial assistance that ended in 1992 and the \$35 million in programs and grants a year, including those for maternal and child health, the Commonwealth Health Center and Northern Marianas College.

The \$35 million in programs and grants a year for maternal and child health programs and for the Northern Marianas College is a conservative estimate. The amount could run as much as \$41 million a year, he said.

The total also includes the \$32-million lease by the US military of two-thirds of Tinian.

If the third multi-year funding worth \$120 million is approved, the CNMI would be receiving a total of \$551 million in Cover...at funding by the year 2000.

Babauta likewise disclosed that when the Covenant was being drafted, it was the CNMI delegation which did not want to include the land alienation provision that prohibits non-Northern Marianas descendants from owning land in the CNMI.

He said it was the US panel which suggested the land alienation provision.

"I was shocked and surprised to learn that the Northern Marianas negotiators were the ones reluctant to include the provision," Babauta said.

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PSS, Justice fail to settle lawsuit

THE PUBLIC School System and the Department of Justice (DOJ) have failed to settle the discrimination suit within the 60-day conciliation period given by the District Court.

PSS reported to the District Court Friday that it twice offered to go to Washington and meet with DOJ representatives but PSS representatives were allegedly told to "stay home."

PSS counsels Rex Kosack and Assistant Attorney General Glenn Jewell said that DOJ refused to meet with PSS because the plaintiff failed to put together "any evidence of wage discrimination" among teachers.

"In the absence of any evidence, they (DOJ representatives) cannot discuss the merits of their case," they said.

Last year, DOJ accused PSS of paying higher wages to teachers recruited from the mainland compared to the local Chamorro and Carolinian mentors. Filipino teachers received even less than the locals, the suit alleged.

The DOJ also alleged that PSS required Filipino teachers to pass negative pregnancy testing, but this and three other allegations were recently stricken out by District Court Judge Alex Munson from the suit because of DOJ's failure to state the alleged allegations in a letter to the AG citing reasonable cause for filing of the complaint.

DOJ alleged in the suit that the CNMI government used and continues to use a three-tiered pay scale.

It cited the 1990 records of PSS which allegedly show that state-side teachers were paid an average of \$3,600 more per year than Filipino teachers and \$3,000 more than local Chamorro or Carolinian teachers.

This allegedly resulted in a total wage shortfall of \$382,000 for Filipinos and over \$1 million for local teachers.

PSS then hired a consultant to assist in developing its own comparison of teachers' salaries.

PSS' analysis shows, however, that the average cited by DOJ was that of nearly all PSS employees, not just the salaries of teachers.

"Our task was to meet with DOJ for conciliation. Obviously, in light of this discovery, we wanted to discuss these statistics as part of assessment of strengths and weaknesses of each party's case," PSS told the federal court.

On Dec. 29, Munson ordered both parties to try to conciliate to avoid further litigation.

Even though the court ordered both parties to conciliate, the PSS counsels said DOJ "steadfastly refused to even meet (with them)."

"Without adherence to the principle of fairness, conciliation was doomed from the start," Kosack and Jewell said.

Sailor wants out because of gays

HONOLULU (AP) - A Pearl Harbor sailor said he wants out of the Navy because he has moral and religious objections to serving with homosexuals.

Bobby Hussey, 35, of Pinehurst, N.C. has asked for a honorable discharge after eight years of service in anticipation of President Clinton's promise to sign an executive order on July 15 lifting the ban on homosexuals in the military.

"From the first day I enlisted to serve our country, I was told that homosexuals would not be allowed to serve in the military," Hussey said in his discharge request.

Hussey said the rights he assumed when he enlisted in the Navy

have been violated by recent orders from the executive branch.

"Even if the ban (on homosexuals) is not lifted, I would still want to get out because of Clinton's over-all policies," he said.

Hussey, who has been stationed at Pearl Harbor for 20 months, plans to look for "shipyard type" jobs in his wife's home state of California if he is released from the Navy.

A machinist mate second class, Hussey also served aboard the submarines John Adams and La Jolla.

Spokespersons contacted from the Pacific Fleet, Marine Corps and Air Force said they had never heard of a discharge request similar to Hussey's. An Army spokesman was not able to comment.



CHILDREN enjoy dance number during Democratic Party reunion at Killis Beach Park yesterday.

Kingpin arrested for tax evasion

By K.P. Hong

TOKYO (AP) - Prosecutors on Saturday arrested former political kingpin Shin Kanemaru and his former secretary Masahisa Haibara on tax evasion charges, the Tokyo district prosecutor's office said.

As Japan's most powerful powerbroker, Kanemaru, 78, had been a central force behind Japan's last four prime ministers.

Kanemaru resigned as vice president of the governing Liberal Democratic Party in August and from Parliament in October after admitting he received 500 million yen (\$4.3 million) in illegal donations from a trucking company executive who also reportedly funneled millions of dollars to an organized-crime boss.

That was the latest of a series of influence-buying scandals that have rocked Japanese politics in the last several years, including the Recruit scandal in 1988-89 that brought down former Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita.

The scandals have caused widespread public disgust with the political process, and there had been considerable public pressure for charges against Kanemaru.

A night duty officer in the prosecutor's office, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Kanemaru was suspected of having failed to pay hundreds of millions of yen (millions of dollars) worth of income taxes in fiscal 1987 and 1989.

Haibara, 47, was also suspected of evading "similarly big amount" of tax payments from fiscal 1987 through 1991, the official said.

He said investigators from the prosecutors' office and the taxation office raided a dozen or so of locations, including Kanemaru's homes and offices in Tokyo and Kofu, his constituency 100 kilometers (60 miles) west of Tokyo.

The prosecutor's office abandoned efforts in January to charge Kanemaru in connection with the scandal involving the trucking company, Sagawa Kyubin.

The office said at the time it was standing by its earlier decision that there was insufficient evidence to charge Kanemaru and 60 other lawmakers, many of them belonging to a faction led by Kanemaru.

Instead, Kanemaru paid a 200,000-yen (\$1,700) fine in September for violating a 1.5 million yen (\$12,900) limit on donations that politicians can receive each year from a single donor.

The prosecutor's office had since been flooded with complaints from the public.

Kanemaru will now remain in custody for up to 21 days, during which time the prosecution must decide whether to charge him. In Japan, a suspect cannot be bailed out until a formal charge is made or the case is dropped. If found guilty, Kanemaru would face a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a 5-million-yen (\$42,900) fine, in addition to any tax payments and penalties.

Korean gov't suffers new embarrassment

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - President Kim Young-sam's week-old administration suffered new embarrassment this weekend from public criticism that a Cabinet member had accumulated wealth unethically. Kim, who has said rooting out corruption will be a key task of his government, earlier fired the Seoul mayor he had just appointed, and his justice minister had to apologize for some of his actions.

On Sunday, the main opposition Democratic Party demanded that Health and Social Minister Park Yang-sil be fired immediately "to assuage the public anger."

Park, a doctor, was one of three women named to the 24-member Cabinet. She has denied wrongdoing, but newspapers have reported that she owns millions of dollars worth of real estate, some in the names of her children. While not in themselves illegal, acquiring large amounts of land and land speculation are considered unethical in South Korea.

Kim may take replace the minister Monday, aides said Sunday.

They said Kim has ordered checks on the financial backgrounds of senior government officials. Those found to have amassed wealth through unethical means will be replaced, they added.

"Public servants have to stay clean to enforce laws in a fair manner," Kim said in a nationwide telecast.

The Seoul mayor was fired last week after he was accused of mis-using public lands by building in a protected green belt.

Rules, safety tips for recreational boats

Display of Numbers

Numbers must be painted or permanently attached to each side of the forward half of the vessel. The validation stickers must be affixed within six inches of the registration number. With the exception of the federal fee decal, no other letters or numbers may be displayed nearby. The lettering should not be less than 3 inches in height. Lettering must be of block characters in a color contrasting with the hull's background. For example: a black, blue, red or any of the darker colors of the hull should have white lettering or lighter

Notification of changes to a numbered vessel

The owner of a vessel must notify the agency which issued the certificate of number within 15 days if: (1) The vessel is transferred, destroyed, abandoned, lost, stolen or recovered. (2) The certificate of number is lost, destroyed or the owner's address changes. If the certificate of number becomes invalid for any reason, it must be surrendered in the manner prescribed to the issuing authority within 15 days.

A documented vessel must have the name and hailing port plainly marked on the exterior part of the hull in clearly legible letters not less than 4 inches in height. In addition, the documented vessel must have the "Official Number" permanently affixed in block type, arabic numerals not less than 3 inches on some clearly visible interior structural part of the boat.

For more information of other Federal/State requirements that may affect your recreational vessel, contact your nearest Coast Guard Auxiliary in Saipan for a free Courtesy Marine Examination.

Psychiatrist joins local hospital staff

A NEW psychiatrist has joined the medical staff at the Commonwealth Health Center, Dr. Carlos Clemente Valle.

Dr. Valle arrived with his wife and daughter, Karen and Alicia, age 7, in February, from the Bronx, New York. Originally from Peru, Dr. Valle completed his psychiatry residency training at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Affiliated Hospitals. He is trained in child, adolescent and adult psychiatry. He also completed residency training in internal medicine in 1986.

The CHC also welcomed a new doctor couple in October who have already made their mark on the staff. Drs. David and Lee McGarey arrived with their one-year-old daughter Hannah from Phoenix, Arizona. David completed his residency in Family Practice at St. Joseph Hospital and was medical director of the Buttes Medical Center in Tempe, Arizona for two years. He graduated from the Wright State University School of Medicine in Dayton, Ohio. In January he was elected department chairperson for family practice at the CHC.

Lee completed the Phoenix Affiliated Pediatric Program and the University of Arizona College of Medicine. She was also elected to be chairperson of the department of Pediatrics at the CHC for 1993. Both McGareys have commented on how friendly the people of the CNMI are and in turn, have been popular with patients and staff.

Rota also has a new full-time member of the medical staff to replace Norma Sparks, who left in January. John Snook is a certified physician's assistant who graduated from the university of Florida and has had seven years of experience working in hospitals, clinics and emergency rooms.

The surgery department continues to rely on temporary doctors but have hired two full-time surgeons who will be joining the staff soon. Dr. Gerald Huestis and his wife Alice came for the month of February and liked Saipan and the CHC enough to accept a permanent position. The couple came here after several years living and working on the Caribbean island of Santa Lucia. Dr. Huestis went to medical school in Oregon, residency training in Santa Barbara and has years of experience in California before leaving for the islands. Dr. Edgar Rodas is also back at the CHC for the month of March after providing temporary coverage last fall. He was recom-

mended by the surgery department members at Stanford University Medical Center who have worked with Dr. Rodas in Cuenca, Ecuador. Dr. Rodas is accompanied by his wife, Dolores.

A second permanent surgeon will join the staff on August 1. Dr. Reilly Magin has been working at LBJ Medical center in American Samoa for three and a half years. Previously he was in private practice in Montana, after graduating from his medical training at St. Louis University in Missouri, where he also served at a faculty member in the department of surgery. Dr. Magin has a special interest in vascular surgery.

Temporary staff who have been providing services at the CHC include Dr. Douglas Marker, an orthopedic surgeon, who spent six weeks with us while Dr. Randy Cobb was on vacation. Dr. Marker trained in Kentucky and Ohio and was in private practice for 17 years in Kentucky. His wife B.M. worked as a volunteer in the computer data entry area of the CHC.

Dr. Gerald Bournes worked with Dr. Jack Hardy covering surgery during the month of January. He and his wife, Chris, were very happy with their visit to Saipan and offered to help out again any time. Chris joined the CHC Hospital Volunteers while she was here.

The x-ray department is currently under expansion to provide more room for the new CAT scan machine. Efforts to recruit a radiologist have been ongoing and several candidates are under consideration. Meanwhile, the CHC will have the services of a board-certified American Radiologist for the months of March and April. Dr. Edwin Wolfe will be arriving next week from Florida, where he did his training and has 22 years of practice experience.

For all patients with allergies, conditions of the ears, nose or throat, Dr. Stanley Reese will return for two weeks April 4. Appointments will be arranged through Dr. Calistro Cabrera. Dr. Cabrera also coordinates appointments for the Urologist Dr. Kenneth Blunt from San Diego, who just completed his quarterly clinic at the CHC this week. Drs. Nasrin and Hamid Mani also come to the CHC every three months to treat retinal conditions of the eye. Once again, contact Dr. Cabrera if you need to see any of these specialists.

Foster show at Legislature

A BROAD-BASED theme of island vistas is on display at the Legislature now and during the months of March and April. This exhibit represents the work of Janet Foster in 1992 and 1993. The exhibit is composed of

watercolors with five photographs representing another field of interest for this artist. The watercolors include floral interpretations, landscape and figurative works. Foster is intrigued by the beauty of Saipan and its peoples.



GLORIA Hunter receives check for her son William from Jim Dennis of the Marianas Visitors Bureau Scholarship Committee. Photo shows from left: MVB staffers Lucy Nielson, Priscilla Dela Cruz and Patrick Calvo, MVB Chairman Pele Igitl, John Flores, MVB Managing Director Bennet Seman and Koki Norita, president of the Saipan Association of Tour Agents.

Hunter receives MVB scholarship

SAN ANTONIO resident William Hunter has received an early reward from the industry in which he wants to make his career—tourism.

A \$1,000 scholarship received by Hunter will help him continue his studies at the Hawaii campus of Brigham Young University, where he is majoring in Hotel and Restaurant Management.

The program is administered by the Marianas Visitors Bureau, but Hunter had to win approval from a review committee drawn from the Northern Marianas College Visitor Industry Program, the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Saipan Association of Tour Agents, the MVB and the community at large.

Travel and tourism industry majors include courses carrying titles such as "Air Transportation," "Tour Operations," "Food and Beverage"

and "Hotels and Motels."

According to the MVB, applicants must be juniors or seniors at accredited colleges or universities and must submit a letter from their school, showing they've been accepted for the school year. They are also required to the US citizens

and registered CNMI voters as well as five year residents in the Commonwealth.

William Hunter's mother Gloria picked up the scholarship check during a recent presentation at the MVB, since William is already pursuing his studies in Hawaii.

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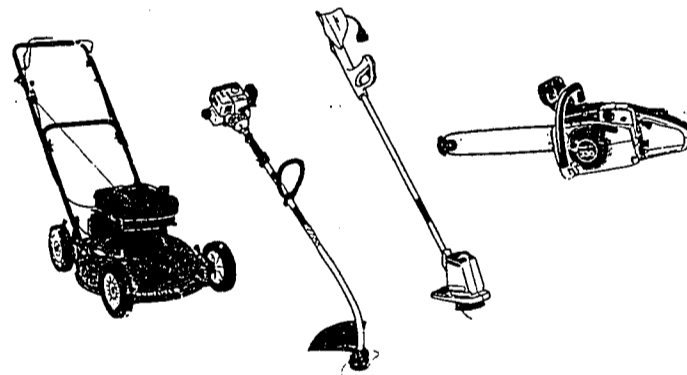
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Santiago still contests results of '92 election

By Robert H. Field

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Nearly a year after the election, defeated presidential candidate Miriam Defensor Santiago is still contesting Fidel Ramos' victory in a complicated recount ordered by the Supreme Court.

Mrs. Santiago, a former judge and anti-graft crusader, asked the Supreme Court last year to order a recount of results of the seven-way 1992 contest, in which she lost to Ramos by 800,000 votes.

The court, acting as a Presidential Election Tribunal, has not disclosed results of the recount, which began last month. But Mrs. Santiago claims the results so far show widespread irregularities, especially in strongholds of former President Corazon

Aquino, who endorsed Ramos.

Mrs. Santiago's supporters maintain that the Ramos Administration is using a variety of pressure tactics and legal maneuvering to impede the recount in hopes her protest fizzles.

Presidential counsel Avelino Cruz, on the other hand, accuses Mrs. Santiago of delaying the recount "to reap maximum publicity" and promote the idea the election was rigged.

Early returns from the May 11 1992 election showed Mrs. Santiago with a lead, and she gamely declared that her darkhorse presidential bid had been successful.

But the count was delayed by cumbersome procedures, and Ramos ultimately pulled ahead. He took office last June 30.

In deciding to recount the ballots, the court agreed with Mrs. Santiago's suggestion to start with the provinces of Pampanga and Zamboanga del Sur followed by the Manila suburbs of Quezon City, Makati, Marikina and Paranaque.

The court would then decide whether to continue the recount depending on findings in those selected areas.

After recounting ballots in seven Pampanga towns, the court's consultant Judge Maximo Japson ordered collection of ballot boxes from Quezon City. Mrs. Santiago charged that was a violation of the recount agreement and filed a motion with the court this week to finish the Pampanga recount first. A decision on the motion is pending.

Pinatubo rumbles

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Mount Pinatubo, whose eruption two years ago altered world weather patterns, rumbled with more than 30 quakes and scientists said Sunday tremors appeared to be growing stronger.

The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology registered 27 high-frequency and six low-frequency quakes at Pinatubo during the 12 hours ending at 6 a.m. Sunday (2200 GMT Saturday).

In a statement, the institute said the low-frequency harmonic tremors recorded since last month, which indicate movement of magma toward the surface of the volcano, were stronger and on occasion approached maximum intensity.

The institute said it was unclear whether this would lead to a lava emission or an explosive eruption of the volcano, 110 kilometers (60 miles) north of Manila.

An explosive eruption in June 1991 caused more than 700 deaths, forced the United States to close nearby Clark Air Base and brought cooler summers to the Northern Hemisphere.

Meanwhile, the institute reported one small explosion at Mayon volcano, 210 miles (320 kilometers) southeast of Manila.

At least 72 people were killed when the volcano began a series of minor eruptions Feb. 2.

Pilgrims wait for Mary's appearance in RP town

By CLARO CORTES

AGOO, Philippines (AP) - Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims wailed, wept and prayed Saturday under a blazing sun as they awaited an appearance by the Virgin Mary. Only a handful claimed they saw an apparition.

Still, many of the pilgrims said they believed they had undergone a profound religious experience.

"The miracle of our Blessed Virgin tells us that we Filipinos should all unite and reconcile in order for the country to attain peace and prosperity," said House of Representatives Speaker Jose de Venecia.

Word of an expected apparition swept the Philippines, Asia's only predominately Catholic country, after a 12-year-old self-styled seer, Judiel Nieva, claimed to have seen the Virgin on the first Saturday of every month since 1989.

Nieva's family owns an image of Mary, which was said to have shed tears of blood last month. Residents of Agoo, which has a population of about 42,000, claim Nieva is a seer and that Communion wafers and wine turn to flesh and blood in his mouth.

The Roman Catholic hierarchy has reacted cautiously to the

claims. Bishop Salvador Lazo of La Union province said he would withhold judgment until a committee completes a study of the boy's claim.

Manila newspapers began reporting the "miraculous events" in Agoo last week, and pilgrims began flocking to the town on Friday, at one point creating a 70-mile-long (120 km) traffic jam.

Belief in apparitions and supernatural events runs deep in Philippine culture. Church congregations throughout Luzon, the main Philippine island, chartered hundreds of buses for the pilgrimage.

Dozens of families in Manila said their relatives who had gone to Agoo had still not returned by Sunday morning because they were stuck in traffic jams.

Government television claimed 1 million people gathered on seven hills outside this farming town 120 miles north of Manila. Police estimated the crowd at 300,000.

Many of the pilgrims camped out Friday night, and hotels as far as 30 miles (50 kms) away were booked.

Nieva had predicted an apparition by Saturday afternoon, and anticipation gripped the throngs of believers.

About 1:15 p.m. (0515 gm),

several people began screaming that they had seen the silhouette of a woman wearing a dark waistband.

Radio reporter Mon Francisco said he had seen it. "I was not hallucinating," he said over Manila radio station DZXL.

Others claimed to see the sun turn color and dance in the sky. Many in the crowd wept and chanted prayers as the hours past.

"I saw the sun coming out in different colors," cried a nearly hysterical Ching Dario, who had come from Manila. "It was first coming down, then it went up again."

In midafternoon, Nieva appeared on a hillside, flanked by police who pushed aside weeping zealots who tried to touch her. The boy claimed to have seen the Virgin, who asked Catholics to pray for the children of famine-wracked Somalia.

"The Blessed Virgin was very sad because of what is happening in Somalia," the boy told the crowd. "Do not be afraid my children. The rosary is the greatest weapon against Satan."

He said the next apparition would be on Sept. 8 and then "the Blessed Mother will disappear forever."

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Tenorio challenged and lost to Republican Governor Lorenzo I. Guerrero in the 1989 elections.

Although the former Washington representative is a cinch for the Democratic Party endorsement, Guerrero is expected to fight for party nomination against Senate President Juan S. Demapan and Washington Representative Juan N. Babauta.

In his speech, Tenorio asked party members to set aside differences and old grudges and work towards the betterment of the community.

"We cannot allow rumors and bad feelings divide us. We will win only by joining together," he said.

Turning to the people that gathered, including non-members of the party, Tenorio said the party's campaign welcomes members from every part of the community.

"This is a campaign for the inclusion of everyone's voice and

ideas. We want to reach across political, social, and ethnic barriers to pursue our claim for a brighter future for the CNMI. We want to meet with each and every one of you, so we can hear what you have to say, know what you think, your suggestions, criticisms, along with ideas on how you think we can deliver a responsive and responsible government," the Democratic candidate told the big crowd.

Camacho said he was encouraged by the turnout.

"A huge crowd like this shows how much the public is disillusioned with the current state of affairs in our government. I do not know who to blame but there is a definite need for change," Camacho said.

Camacho expressed optimism that the party would win.

"I know we have to work hard and not only think about the near future but perhaps look ten years down the line," he said.

Somalia aid officials not keen on adoptions

AFGOI, Somalia (AP) - Their hearts have been melted by Somali children who lost their parents to famine and civil war. But soldiers and civilians who have tried to adopt orphans are frustrated in a land without a government.

Some relief officials say maybe it's better that way.

Statistics are scarce in this chaotic nation, but aid agencies estimate tens of thousands of children were orphaned in the war that broke out in 1991 and a famine that has killed hundreds of thousands.

"All I remember were bombs," Abdirahin Abdullahi Mohamoud, 12, said Friday in a grimy orphanage of about 200 children near Afgoi, 20 miles (32 kms) south of Mogadishu. "My house was destroyed and we ran." Abdirahin, who lost both parents in the war, spoke with little emotion.

The orphanage, which tries to keep families together, provides lodging for Abdirahin and his aunt.

The buildings are filthy, the pink and blue walls covered with dirt. The classroom has a dirt floor and no chairs. The kids wear tattered and soiled clothes, and many run around barefoot.

As in other natural and man-made disasters, foreigners have

sought to rescue children from misery. But UNICEF spokesman Ian Macleod says adoption "should be a last resort."

"We need the exact opposite. We should be working with children in their own countries," Macleod said. "One thing that has to be understood is the trauma that they faced here. They saw their parents die. To suddenly uproot them can cause psychological problems."

But Cheryl Shotts, founder and managing director of Americans for African Adoptions, Inc., said her organization brought out a 6-year-old Somali boy in February for adoption in the United States.

"It's not easy, but it absolutely can be done," said Shotts, whose Indianapolis-based non-profit agency works with African orphan children. She spoke in a telephone interview.

Shotts said the legal problems in adopting Somalis can be surmounted since US immigration officials accept secondary evidence in lieu of official documents for certain countries where official papers are hard to secure.

Armando Barucco, first secretary to the Italian government office in Mogadishu, said some Italians, including soldiers, have expressed interest in adopting, "but it's been impossible."

"We have to wait for a government," Barucco said. "Most documents have been destroyed, and some that do exist could be falsified."

Anyone with \$20 and a snapshot can get a Somali passport in a downtown marketplace.

Marine Col. Frederick Lorenz, senior legal adviser for US forces in Somalia, said it can be difficult to establish a minor's ties to his parents, or even to his country.

US military and diplomatic officials say they have received adoption requests from soldiers and civilians. The Americans arrived Dec. 9 to lead a multinational force to ensure the safety of food shipments.

The legal snarls will plague Somalia until rival factions can agree on a government. Peace talks are scheduled March 15, but officials hold little hope of forming an interim government soon.

Another complication is the lack of embassies that could approve visas for children. Without a government, the US liaison office is Washington's only diplomatic entity in Somalia, and it lacks consular services.

Shotts said the US Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya helped her organization get the 6-year-old boy out of Somalia.

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'Rose of the North' wilts under greed

EDITOR'S NOTE - When the writer first visited Thailand's "Rose of the North" nearly a generation ago, he found a scene of charm and tranquility. Recently, he returned to a much different Chiang Mai. This is his report.

By Denis D. Gray

CHIANG MAI, Thailand (AP) - Twenty years ago, a visitor to the fabled hill city of Chiang Mai was greeted by the tinkle of monastery bells in tranquil streets and smiles of genuine welcome.

On a recent visit, the visitor encountered a huge traffic jam, was run down by a careening motorcyclist and stayed in a hotel room that looked onto three ugly, high-rise condominiums on the opposite bank of the once-lazy Ping River.

In the heart of Chiang Mai, a row of atmospheric, family-owned shops had been razed to make way for a plaza pushing American fast food. Nearby were 24-hour convenience stores, karaoke bars and laser-lit discos.

One of the great things in the old days was an early-morning drive up Suthep Mountain. Below, the green of Chiang Mai's mist-streaked valley mingled with the brown of its teak houses and the gold of temple spires. Now, dust swirls up from harsh-white construction sites in a valley of skyscrapers.

Without a doubt, the 700-year-old "Rose of the North," as Chiang Mai has been called, is wilting under rampant modernization, mass tourism, sheer greed.

This is not just a case of visitor's nostalgia. Angry residents are protesting and pushing regulation in hopes of disproving a newspaper's recent prediction: "The old Chiang Mai, its culture and lifestyle, is about to disappear forever."

"We win some battles, we lose

many," said Duongchan Apavattit, an architect who returned from the United States three years ago and was shocked by the changes in her hometown. "But at least the public should know what is going on and be warned ahead of time."

Some of Chiang Mai's problems are caused by its growth to 400,000 people from 30,000 half century ago. Further growth is forecast as the government implements a plan to turn the city into a hub of trade, tourism, industry and education.

Most of the recent arrivals are from Bangkok, including nasty cab drivers and Thai-Chinese developers who already have wrought urban havoc in the capital.

"It's not their home town. They don't care," Mrs. Duongchansaid in an interview. She and others regard the influx as a kind of colonization that debases their unique northern culture.

The gentleness of that culture's manners is being lost. Its exquisite craftsmanship is giving way to mass production and old temples are being replaced by modern ones in the Bangkok style.

People say the young are ashamed to speak the northern dialect and that traditional festivals have become vehicles to attract even more tourists. Conservationists have stopped developers from stringing a cable car

up the slopes of Suthep Mountain and pressed for city ordinances that now forbid high-rise buildings within 100 yards (meters) of religious sites or the Ping River.

Another new law dictates that structures within the old, formerly walled city cannot be more than 50 feet (16 meters) high and must be in the traditional style.

Bush: Life out of politics wonderful

By Jay Reeves

PINTLALA, Ala. (AP) - George Bush says life's been great since he left the White House.

But things have been a "little different" since he and his wife, Barbara, moved back to Texas from Washington, the former president added.

"I make the coffee. Barbara makes the beds, and we're right back to square one where we got married when we were 20 years old," said Bush. "She does the cooking and I do the dishes and life is absolutely wonderful."

Bush spoke briefly at Pintlala Baptist Church on Saturday after participating in the Eagles of Angling tournament organized by Ray Scott, founder of the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society. The tournament was the fourth and final in a series that raised \$1 million for the

church. It was Bush's fifth trip to Alabama to fish in Scott's well-stocked, 55-acre (20-hectare) lake, and his first since losing the presidency. Scott's estate is about 15 miles (25 kilometers) south of Montgomery.

Bush declined to assess President Clinton's performance, and he only made a fleeting reference to politics.

"Some of my sophisticated friends in Washington, D.C., I don't think quite understood the feeling I have for friends and sports and life," he said. "And I've concluded after having been president of the United States that it's family, friends and faith that mean everything."

Bush was one of about 45 fishermen participating in the tournament, with a minimum \$5,000 entry fee to raise money for the church.

Police put out dragnet for more bombing suspects

By Pat Milton

NEW YORK (AP) - Bomb-making materials found in a self-storage warehouse in New Jersey were analyzed for clues Saturday as investigators put out a dragnet for possible accomplices in the bombing of the World Trade Center.

Published reports said the locker was rented to Mohammed Salameh, 25, an illegal Jordanian immigrant who was charged Thursday with taking part in the Feb. 26 bombing that killed five people and injured more than 1,000.

More potential bomb parts were found in an apartment near the locker, a newspaper said. FBI officials would neither confirm nor deny the reports.

Law enforcers said they are seeking other suspects in the bombing.

A van seen several times at the warehouse in Jersey City, N.J., was described by witnesses as "very similar" to the one rented by Salameh and used to carry the bomb, a federal law enforcement source said. But authorities don't know if it was the same van, the source added.

The source also said witnesses saw more than one person going from the van into the warehouse.

The government of Jordan on Saturday identified Salameh as a 25-year-old Palestinian with a Jordanian passport. A government statement said he was born in the village of Bediah near Nablus in the Israeli-occupied West Bank. It said he had no criminal record in Jordan.

At the Trade Center, investigators were focusing on finding the body of a missing worker. Workers were installing columns to brace the area so investigators could get to the heart of the cavern created when the bomb smashed several floors of a garage.

Port Authority First Deputy Director Anthony Shorris said tenants should be back in the center's twin 110-story towers by

April 1.

The evidence seized at the warehouse Friday included 45 kilograms (100 pounds) of sulfuric, uric and nitric acids, which could be used to make explosives, and was being studied at Fort Dix, N.J., law enforcement sources said.

One question was whether they were the same chemicals used in the bombing.

"The FBI is still leaning toward a witch's brew" of ingredients in the bomb, said the law enforcement source. Once investigators conclude what ingredients were used, "they can follow the trail."

The sources said the amount of chemicals found indicated other bombings might have been planned.

But a source close to the investigation told New York Newsday: "We don't know if this was left-overs, something that was intended for another purpose, like building another device, or something that had been tried at one time and found unsatisfactory."

A second search of an apartment less than a mile (1.6 kilometers) from the locker turned up electronic components that could be used to make detonators, The Jersey Journal reported. The men who rented that apartment moved out last Sunday, residents and the building's superintendent said.

At least one of the men is a suspect in the bombing and is a close friend of Salameh, the newspaper said, quoting an unidentified FBI source. The source said Salameh was seen at the apartment last week.

Officials determined that three men arrested Friday outside a mosque in Brooklyn were not connected to the bombing. They were released late Friday after the US attorney in Manhattan declined to prosecute them, said Joe Valiquette, an FBI spokesman.

An associate of Salameh was being held without bail after his arraignment Friday on a charge of obstructing justice.



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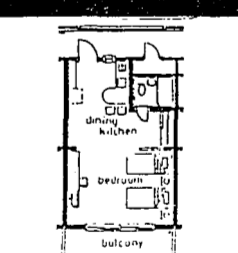
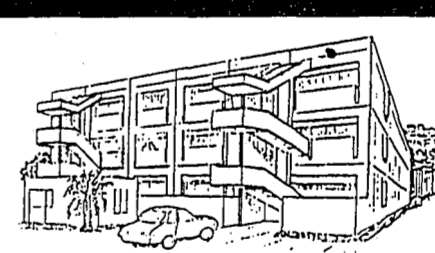
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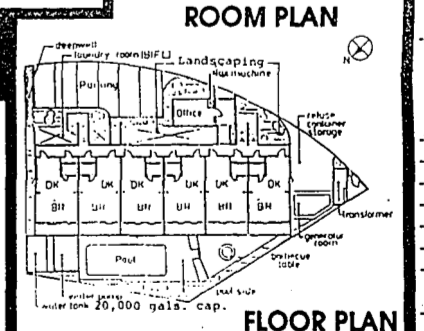
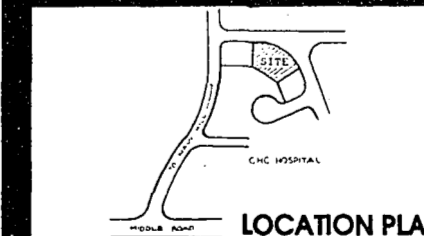
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Interest bearing deposits (note 2)	4,856,622	20,014,132
Investment securities (note 3)	4,308,107	-
Receivables:		
Loans net (notes 4 and 5)	19,024,290	12,393,385
Interest	341,961	139,779
Other	279,082	238,854
Prepaid income taxes	185,500	143,300
Other prepaid expenses	12,218	45,492
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$236,911 in 1992 and \$183,679 in 1991	301,759	295,878
	\$ 32,779,723	37,000,792
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Liabilities:		
Deposits (note 5):		
Savings	12,665,414	6,263,098
Time, \$100,000 and over	6,251,316	14,850,952
Other time	2,092,162	2,640,671
Demand	7,378,712	8,299,493
Total deposits	28,387,604	32,054,214
Accounts payable	862,202	1,006,459
Accrued interest and other liabilities	359,419	600,330
Total liabilities	29,609,225	33,661,003
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$1 per value. Authorized 500,000 shares issued and outstanding 286,960 shares	286,960	286,960
Additional paid-in capital	2,564,725	2,564,725
Retained earnings	318,813	488,104
Total stockholders' equity	3,170,498	3,339,789
Commitments and contingencies (note 6)		
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Clinton defends \$160B spending

By Nancy Benac

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton has used his radio address to push his plan for \$160 billion in new federal spending, citing the country's "anemic" economic recovery as evidence of the need for new job-creating programs.

Clinton said Saturday his "national investment strategy" was designed to put money into programs that will strengthen the country's economic base, promote education and self-reliance and create 8 million jobs over the next four years.

"Every investment we make is paid for dollar-for-dollar by spending cuts in existing programs," Clinton said in his weekly radio address from the Oval Office. "Every investment is designed to make us smarter, safer and more secure, now and in the long term."

The president also restated his intention to make regulatory changes that will make it easier for small- and medium-sized businesses to get loans, enabling them to "expand, grow and create jobs again." He said the new credit rules would be released next week.

Meanwhile, the National League of Cities endorsed Clinton's economic strategy and said the organization would work with the president and Congress to produce a budget resolution by April 2 that provides "the blueprint for real deficit reduction, restarting our economies and long-term investment."

"President Clinton has developed an action plan to get our national and local economies

growing again..." said a resolution issued by the league's board of directors.

The president is to address the league's legislative conference here on Monday.

Clinton had no other public events on his weekend schedule and planned to use the time to rest and catch up on items in his "in-box," aides said.

The president's economic plan includes a blend of budget cuts, tax increases and new spending initiatives. It is designed to reduce the deficit by \$325 billion over four years while channeling \$160 billion into areas such as construction projects, education and children's programs, job training and apprenticeship efforts, and health initiatives.

Critics say the plan contains too many tax increases, too much new spending disguised as "investments," and not enough budget cuts.

In the Republican response to Clinton's address, Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska said the president's package was "not just an economic plan."

"It's a series of proposals to make fundamental changes in America," Stevens said. "All Americans will have to examine these changes and decide if they really want an entirely new social agenda paid for by new taxes, not cuts in existing spending."

Clinton said his spending priorities "embraced old-fashioned ideas, like education and work and self-reliance, but they meet the challenges of the new economy with an arsenal of new ideas."

30 military installations proposed for closure

By Susanne M. Schafer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Army, Navy and Air Force have presented Defense Secretary Les Aspin with suggestions for closing about 30 major military installations in the United States, senior Pentagon sources said Saturday.

Aspin faces a March 15 deadline for deciding whether to accept, reject or modify the list and must send it to the Independent Base Closure Commission.

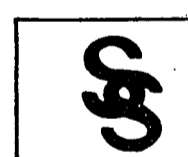
That independent panel will examine the proposed closures and hear testimony about them before deciding to accept or change the list by a June 30 deadline.

After examination by President Clinton, the final list goes to Congress, which must accept or reject it as a package.

The sources, speaking on condition they not be identified by name, said the military services are still negotiating with Aspin about the suggested closings. Therefore no final list will exist until Aspin reveals it.

The Navy is expected to take the biggest hit given that it had proposed "that more than a dozen major installations be closed and another half dozen be realigned," one source said. Realignment can mean reduction or shifting of military offices and assets to other military sites.

Some of the realignments would mean moving installations that are in high-cost urban areas to lower-cost federally owned sites in order to save rent and other expenses.



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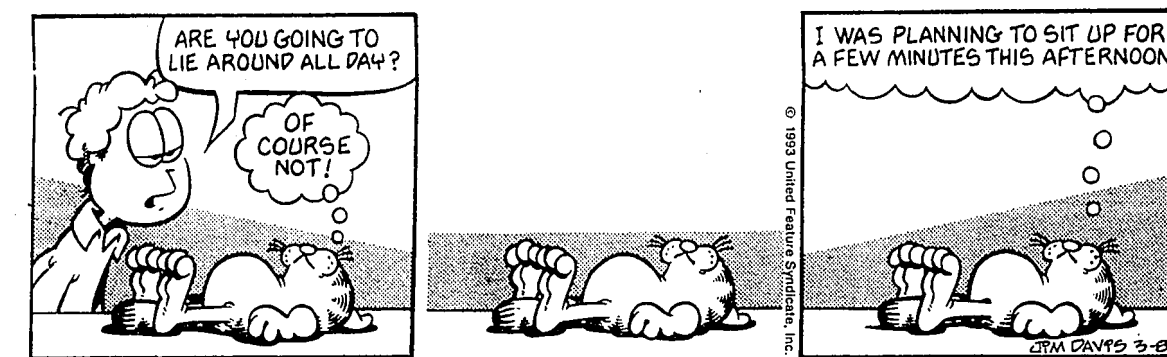
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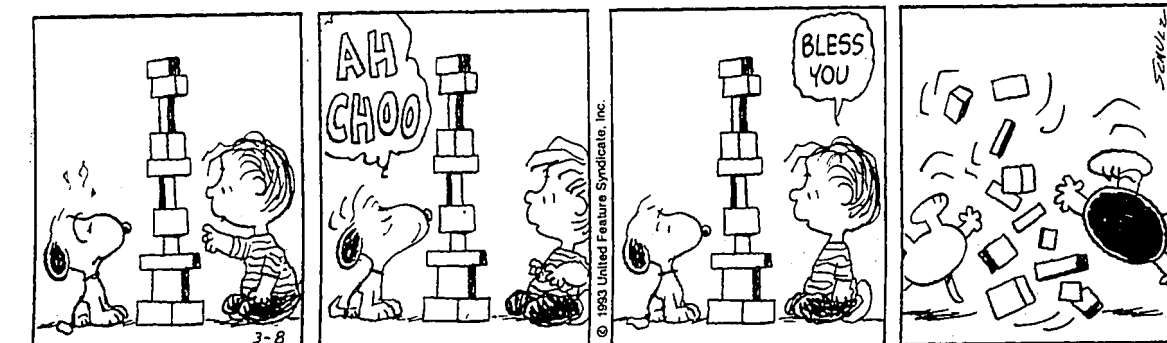
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Your emotional currents run swiftly and deep, and once you get used to the fact that you will always feel strongly about virtually everything, you can make profitable use of those feelings whenever you choose. You maintain an almost equal balance between the negative and positive in your nature.

Also born on this date are: Sophocles, ancient Greek playwright; Lynn Redgrave, actress; Cyd Charisse, dancer and actress.

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You'll very likely go through a transformation of sorts which allows you to see new opportunities lying before you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — The truth will come out — and today all you have to do is wait and see the whole story unfold before your eyes. Be patient.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — That which was too personal to discuss but a few days ago is likely to become a hot topic before this day is out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your memories may be playing with you at this time. Focus on current endeavors and get back in touch with reality.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You must resist the temptation to make a contest out of everything. Today, try a more cooperative approach.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your troubles aren't so pressing today that you can't take the time to get in touch with friends and family.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may have to re-trace your steps today before you determine just where you went astray. Errors can be erased.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Take care you don't throw good money after bad today. You must know when to

pull out of a floundering business deal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You may not know just what to say today to a loved one who is intent on going his or her separate way. Trust your feelings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You mustn't assume that your actions will affect others just as you expect. Still, your influence will be felt.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Someone from out of your past is likely to make an unexpected appearance today. Keep your reactions under control.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Some things never change, try as you might. Today, you will have a chance to get used to something formerly bothersome.

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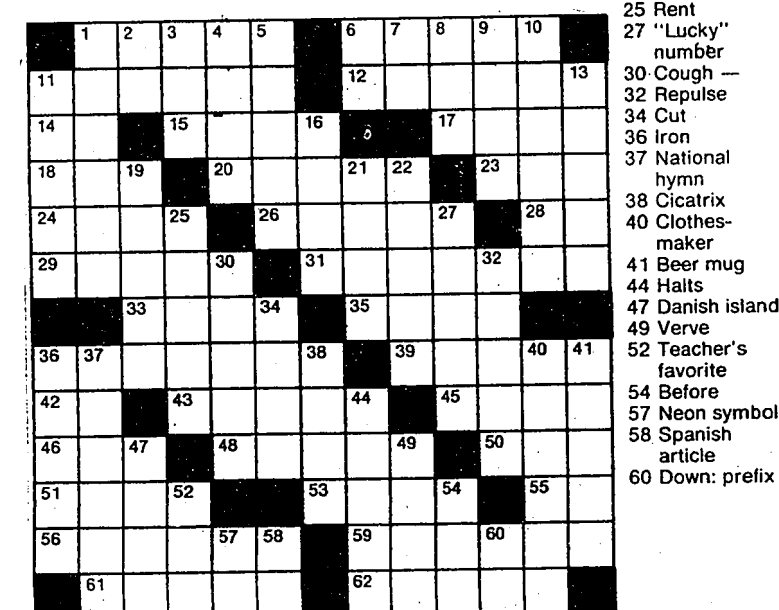
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DATE BOOK

March 8, 1993

Today is the 67th day of 1993 and the 78th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1971, Muhammad Ali was defeated by Joe Frazier at Madison Square Garden, and Frazier became the undisputed heavyweight boxing champion.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Kenneth Grahame (1859-1932), writer; Claire Trevor (1909-), actress, is 84; Cyd

Charisse (1923-), dancer, is 70; Lynn Redgrave (1943-), actress, is 50; Susan Clark (1944-), actress, is 49; Jim Rice (1953-), baseball player, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1930, Babe Ruth signed a contract with the New York Yankees for a reported \$80,000 a year.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "But we don't want to teach 'em," replied the Badger. "We want to learn 'em." — Kenneth Grahame, from "Wind in the Willows."

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1909, a wide tornado destroyed over 800 buildings (including 260 homes) in Brinkley, Ariz.

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TODAY'S MOON: Full moon.

TODAY'S BARE BY PHIL PASTORET

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Graf, Vicario score easy wins in Slims

By Steven Wine

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. (AP) — On Saturday, Delray Beach was the place for wipeouts. In tennis, not surfing.

Top seeds Steffi Graf and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario scored easy victories to advance to Sunday's final at the Virginia Slims of Florida.

First, Sanchez Vicario beat Amanda Coetzer 6-2, 6-2. Then Graf turned in an even more dominating performance against fellow German Anke Huber, winning 6-1, 6-1.

The final should be closer, even though Graf has a 17-3 record against Sanchez Vicario.

"I think I can win Sunday," the second-seeded Spaniard said. "I feel very positive because of the way I'm playing right now."

Rather than relying on her ground strokes as in the past, Sanchez Vicario is learning to win points with power as well as patience. In one sequence against Coetzer, for example, she hit a pair of service winners, belted an ace, then moved in and put away a backhand overhead to take the game at love.

"Since last year I've been improving on hardcourts," said Sanchez Vicario, who prefers clay. "My hardcourt game is getting better and better all the time."

She recently began working with Carlos Kirmayr, formerly the coach for Gabriela Sabatini. He has encouraged Sanchez Vicario to diversify her game.

"I'm feeling a lot more comfortable coming to the net," she said. "That's what I'm working on with Carlos."

Nonetheless, Graf said she expects to win if she plays well. She expressed doubts about a big

change in Sanchez Vicario's game because of Kirmayr. "They just started working together," Graf said. "You can't change a whole lot in two weeks."

Against the eighth-seeded Coetzer, Sanchez Vicario served three aces and won 15 points at the net. But what she still does best is get the ball back, and she repeatedly chased down shots in the corners.

"The fact that she runs so well is always on your mind," said Coetzer, who has not won a set from Sanchez Vicario in six matches. "Often you find yourself trying to do too much. I wasn't sure what my tactic should be — go for the shots or play a waiting game."



STUDENTS of Korean Language School crawl under a net during an obstacle race at the Hopwood Junior High grounds Saturday.

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the pack.

"Hard to believe I'm leading this tournament," he said. "I made four bogies today. I missed 3-footers at 15 and 17. Just terrible."

Archer had six birdies to go with his four bogies.

"This course is tricky," he said. "You have so many small landing areas that you have to be careful all the time. I could have made more birdies today but I could have made more bogies too."

Geiberger began his round with bogies on two of the first four holes. But birdies on six of the final 14 holes put him in the hunt for Sunday's final round.

"I've done some stupid things this week," Geiberger said. "But I keep coming back with good stuff. That's the nature of this course. You have to be careful on this course and let the birdies come to you. You can't panic." Player was reasonably happy with his round except for bogies at the 7th and 8th holes.

"I played well today except I messed up on 7 and 8," Player said

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

SPORTS

Johnson shocks the world for all the wrong reasons

By Stephen Wilson

LONDON (AP) - Just two months ago, Ben Johnson was making bold predictions for 1993: "I'm ready to do something this year. I'm going to shock the world again one more time."

He sure has. But for all the wrong reasons.

Shock. Scandal. Disgrace. Tragedy. Humiliation.

All those words associated with Johnson's positive drug test at the 1988 Seoul Olympics have been resuscitated by the news that the Canadian sprinter has been caught again.

How could it be, people are asking themselves, that Johnson could be so stupid or so desperate to go back to taking performance-enhancing drugs? Yet, that's exactly what the International Amateur Athletic Federation's doping commission ruled Friday - that Johnson tested positive on Jan. 17 for excessive levels of the steroid-related hormone testosterone.

In athletics, two strikes and you're out. Barring any successful appeal, Johnson will never be allowed to compete again.

In 1988, when he was stripped of his Olympic gold medal and 100-meter world record for using steroids, Johnson was suspended for two years. Back then, some people felt some sympathy for the Jamaican-born athlete, viewing him as a naïve victim of manipulation by his coaches and advisers. When Johnson began his comeback, there were many who thought it was only right that he should be given a second chance. But there will be no forgiveness this time.

"Once was bad enough, but twice is unforgivable," said Britain's chief athletics coach

Frank Dick. "He has let down everyone - athletics, himself, his family, but most of all his fellow countrymen who forgave him for Seoul and were prepared to put their faith in him."

Dick's statement found resonance in Canada, where national track federation president Paul Dupre said, "The 1988 Olympic Games doping offense was a tragic embarrassment to the world amateur sport movement and to Canada."

"This second doping offense, while tragic in human terms, is equally serious. Now this former athlete, alone, must assume the burden of this latest embarrassment."

Johnson, through his lawyers, has denied any wrongdoing. He issued denials in 1988, too. It wasn't until later, during the Dubin Inquiry into the state of Canadian amateur sport, that Johnson broke down in tears and admitted to long-time use of steroids.

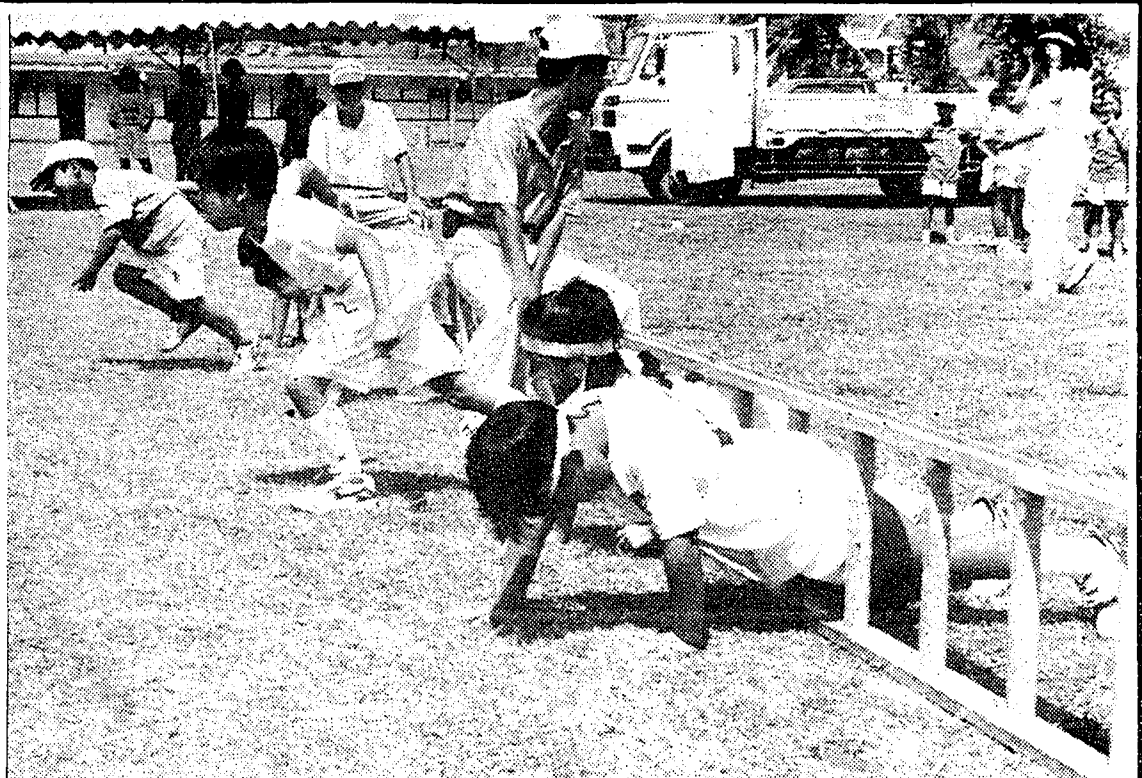
When Johnson returned to competition in 1991, much of his steroid-induced muscle mass was gone. So was his speed. Mediocre times, including a humbling defeat to hated rival Carl Lewis in a rematch in France, seemed to prove how artificial his previous drug-enhanced performances had been.

On this year's winter indoor circuit, however, Johnson was looking physically stronger and his times were back to world-class level.

"I can still run, I still have it," Johnson said on Feb. 9 in Ghent, Belgi

um, where the next day he won a 60-meter race in 6.60 seconds.

That will probably prove to be the last race of his career, thanks to the results of the Jan. 17 drug test in Montreal.



GRADE school students from the Korean Language School race through an obstacle during competition at the Hopwood Junior High grounds Saturday.

Courier beats Chang in Championship Cup

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) - Jim Courier recovered from 0-2 deficits in both sets against No. 4 Michael Chang for a 6-4, 6-4 semifinal victory Saturday at the \$1.7 million Champions Cup.

Courier, the top seed and world's No. 1 player, advanced to Sunday's final against No. 14 Wayne Ferreira, a 7-6(7-3), 6-3 winner over No. 15 Alexander Volkov.

Courier, who had seven aces, now leads his rivalry with Chang 5-3, having won his last four matches against Chang, ranked fifth in the world.

"I knew I was never through with this match until the end," Courier said. "I was a little shaky on the first points, but he's very tough. I'm playing better and better with each match."

Courier double-faulted away his

first service game and then Chang held for a 2-0 lead.

Two forehand errors by Chang in the sixth game allowed Courier to tie the first set 3-3.

Courier closed out the first set with a forehand volley winner in the 10th game, which Chang forced to deuce five times.

Chang again led 2-0 in the second set before Courier broke back to tie it 2-2. Courier went up 3-2 with three straight aces - all at more than 100 mph.

They stayed on serve until the eighth game, when Courier broke Chang for a 5-3 advantage. Chang broke back to trail 5-4.

On his second match point, Courier won with a forehand cross-court passing shot.

Chang got just 42 percent of his first serves in, and Courier jumped

all over his weaker second serve.

"The big part of my win was charging on second serve," Courier said. "Everytime I play Michael it's different. I don't know what he's going to do - sometimes he attacks, sometimes he stays on the baseline."

Chang said he could have forced a third set if he had converted two break points in the second set.

"My first serve kind of failed me. I played tough the first set," he said. "Jim is a lot tougher now than two years ago. He's number one and he's not going to fall."

Ferreira needed just 64 minutes to dispatch Volkov. The Russian was the first seeded player Ferreira faced this week.

Volkov led the first-set tiebreak 3-2 when Ferreira reeled off five straight points for the set.

Tennis group sets meeting

THE NORTHERN Mariana Islands Tennis Association will hold its monthly meeting on March 8, at 7 p.m. at the tennis courts at the Hyatt Hotel.

All interested members are invited to attend. Topics of discussion will include the upcoming Duty Free Shoppers tennis tournament and junior tennis. For additional information please contact Charles Jordan at 322-9554.

Anand overtakes Kasparov in Linares

LINARES, Spain (AP) Indian grandmaster Visuanathan Anand defeated Yugoslav Ljubomir Ljubojevic on Saturday to take a half-point lead over world champion Garry Kasparov of Russia in the 11th Linares International Chess Tournament.

Anand, playing white, won in 44 moves.

Kasparov, playing black, drew with Alexander Beljavsky of Ukraine in 22 moves, ending the eighth round of the 13-round tournament with 5.5 points to Anand's 6.0 points.

Russian former world champion Anatoly Karpov, playing white, battled American Gata Kamsky for 60 moves before the game was adjourned. Karpov was tied for third in the rankings with Latvian Alexi Shirov.

A player receives one point for a win and a half-point for a draw.

The ninth round was scheduled for Monday, with an adjourned fifth-round game between Ljubojevic and Spaniard Valery Salov and the completion of the Karpov-Kamsky duel slated for Sunday.

Archer takes lead in Senior GTE Classic

OJAI, Calif. (AP) - George Archer's 2-under-par 68 gave him sole possession of the lead Saturday after two rounds of the \$500,000 Senior GTE Classic.

Archer's two-day total of 9-under 131 leads Al Geiberger and Gary Player by one stroke.

Geiberger fired a 65 to move into a tie with Player at 8-under. Player shot a 69 over the par-70, 6,190-

yard Ojai Valley Inn course.

Jack Kiefer matched Player to stay two shots behind Archer.

Former champion Walt Zembriski, Kermit Zarley and Don Bies all were at 6 under par.

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Johnson shocks the world for all the wrong reasons

By Stephen Wilson

LONDON (AP) - Just two months ago, Ben Johnson was making bold predictions for 1993: "I'm ready to do something this year. I'm going to shock the world again one more time."

He sure has. But for all the wrong reasons.

Shock. Scandal. Disgrace. Tragedy. Humiliation.

All those words associated with Johnson's positive drug test at the 1988 Seoul Olympics have been resuscitated by the news that the Canadian sprinter has been caught again.

How could it be, people are asking themselves, that Johnson could be so stupid or so desperate to go back to taking performance-enhancing drugs? Yet, that's exactly what the International Amateur Athletic Federation's doping commission ruled Friday - that Johnson tested positive on Jan. 17 for excessive levels of the steroid-related hormone testosterone.

In athletics, two strikes and you're out. Barring any successful appeal, Johnson will never be allowed to compete again.

In 1988, when he was stripped of his Olympic gold medal and 100-meter world record for using steroids, Johnson was suspended for two years. Back then, some people felt some sympathy for the Jamaican-born athlete, viewing him as a naïve victim of manipulation by his coaches and advisers. When Johnson began his comeback, there were many who thought it was only right that he should be given a second chance. But there will be no forgiveness this time.

"Once was bad enough, but twice is unforgivable," said Britain's chief athletics coach

Frank Dick. "He has let down everyone - athletics, himself, his family, but most of all his fellow countrymen who forgave him for Seoul and were prepared to put their faith in him."

Dick's statement found resonance in Canada, where national track federation president Paul Dupre said, "The 1988 Olympic Games doping offense was a tragic embarrassment to the world amateur sport movement and to Canada."

"This second doping offense, while tragic in human terms, is equally serious. Now this former athlete, alone, must assume the burden of this latest embarrassment."

Johnson, through his lawyers, has denied any wrongdoing. He issued denials in 1988, too. It wasn't until later, during the Dubin Inquiry into the state of Canadian amateur sport, that Johnson broke down in tears and admitted to long-time use of steroids.

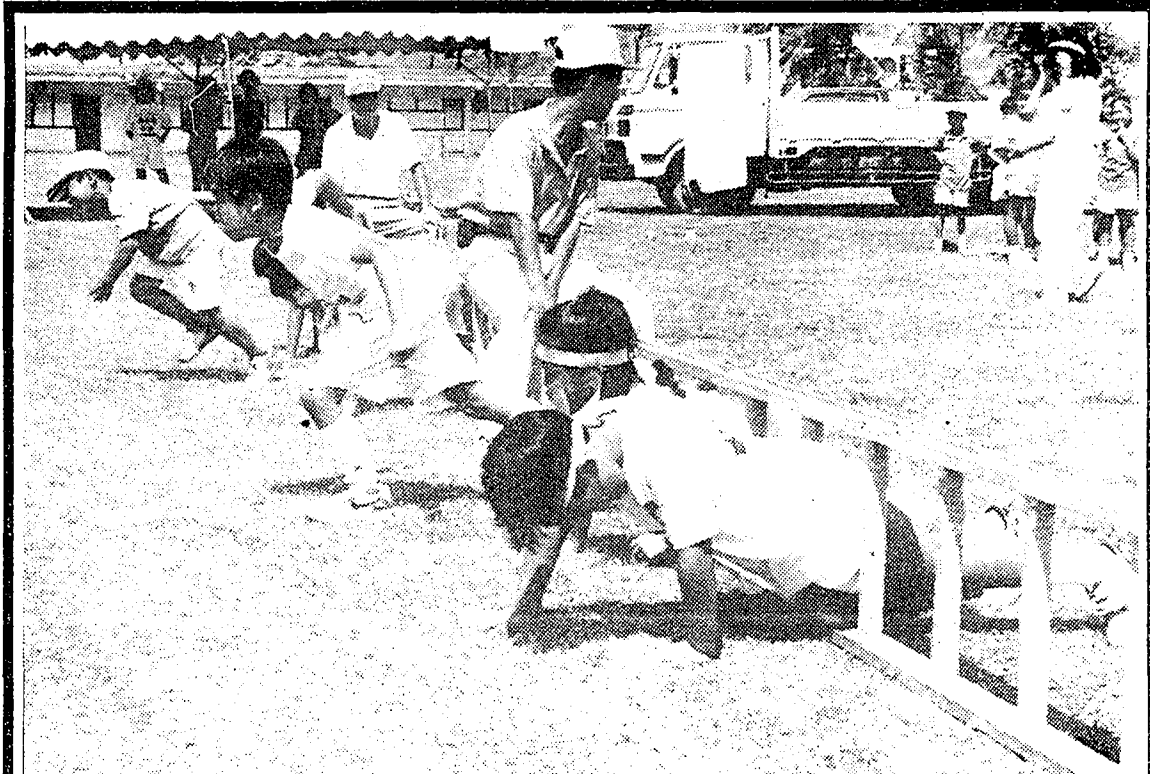
When Johnson returned to competition in 1991, much of his steroid-induced muscle mass was gone. So was his speed. Mediocre times, including a humbling defeat to hated rival Carl Lewis in a rematch in France, seemed to prove how artificial his previous drug-enhanced performances had been.

On this year's winter indoor circuit, however, Johnson was looking physically stronger and his times were back to world-class level.

"I can still run, I still have it," Johnson said on Feb. 9 in Ghent, Belgi

um, where the next day he won a 60-meter race in 6.60 seconds.

That will probably prove to be the last race of his career, thanks to the results of the Jan. 17 drug test in Montreal.



GRADE school students from the Korean Language School race through an obstacle during competition at the Hopwood Junior High grounds Saturday.

Courier beats Chang in Championship Cup

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) - Jim Courier recovered from 0-2 deficits in both sets against No. 4 Michael Chang for a 6-4, 6-4 semifinal victory Saturday at the \$1.7 million Champions Cup.

Courier, the top seed and world's No. 1 player, advanced to Sunday's final against No. 14 Wayne Ferreira, a 7-6 (7-3), 6-3 winner over No. 15 Alexander Volkov.

Courier, who had seven aces, now leads his rivalry with Chang 5-3, having won his last four matches against Chang, ranked fifth in the world.

"I knew I was never through with this match until the end," Courier said. "I was a little shaky on the first points, but he's very tough. I'm playing better and better with each match."

Courier double-faulted away his

first service game and then Chang held for a 2-0 lead.

Two forehand errors by Chang in the sixth game allowed Courier to tie the first set 3-3.

Courier closed out the first set with a forehand volley winner in the 10th game, which Chang forced to deuce five times.

Chang again led 2-0 in the second set before Courier broke back to tie it 2-2. Courier went up 3-2 with three straight aces - all at more than 100 mph.

They stayed on serve until the eighth game, when Courier broke Chang for a 5-3 advantage. Chang broke back to trail 5-4.

On his second match point, Courier won with a forehand cross-court passing shot.

Chang got just 42 percent of his first serves in, and Courier jumped

all over his weaker second serve.

"The big part of my win was charging on second serve," Courier said. "Everytime I play Michael it's different. I don't know what he's going to do - sometimes he attacks, sometimes he stays on the baseline."

Chang said he could have forced a third set if he had converted two break points in the second set.

"My first serve kind of failed me. I played tough the first set," he said. "Jim is a lot tougher now than two years ago. He's number one and he's not going to fall."

Ferreira needed just 64 minutes to dispatch Volkov. The Russian was the first seeded player Ferreira faced this week.

Volkov led the first-set tiebreak 3-2 when Ferreira reeled off five straight points for the set.

Tennis group sets meeting

THE NORTHERN Mariana Islands Tennis Association will hold its monthly meeting on March 8, at 7 p.m. at the tennis courts at the Hyatt Hotel.

All interested members are invited to attend. Topics of discussion will include the upcoming Duty Free Shoppers tennis tournament and junior tennis. For additional information please contact Charles Jordan at 322-9554.

Anand overtakes Kasparov in Linares

LINARES, Spain (AP) Indian grandmaster Visuanathan Anand defeated Yugoslav Ljubomir Ljubojevic on Saturday to take a half-point lead over world champion Garry Kasparov of Russia in the 11th Linares International Chess Tournament.

Anand, playing white, won in 44 moves.

Kasparov, playing black, drew with Alexander Beljavsky of Ukraine in 22 moves, ending the eighth round of the 13-round tournament with 5.5 points to Anand's 6.0 points.

Russian former world champion Anatoly Karpov, playing white, battled American Gata Kamsky for 60 moves before the game was adjourned. Karpov was tied for third in the rankings with Latvian Alexi Shirov.

A player receives one point for a win and a half-point for a draw.

The ninth round was scheduled for Monday, with an adjourned fifth-round game between Ljubojevic and Spaniard Valery Salov and the completion of the Karpov-Kamsky duel slated for Sunday.

Archer takes lead in Senior GTE Classic

OJAI, Calif. (AP) - George Archer's 2-under-par 68 gave him sole possession of the lead Saturday after two rounds of the \$500,000 Senior GTE Classic.

Archer's two-day total of 9-under 131 leads Al Geiberger and Gary Player by one stroke.

Geiberger fired a 65 to move into a tie with Player at 8-under. Player shot a 69 over the par-70, 6,190-

yard Ojai Valley Inn course.

Jack Kiefer matched Player to stay two shots behind Archer.

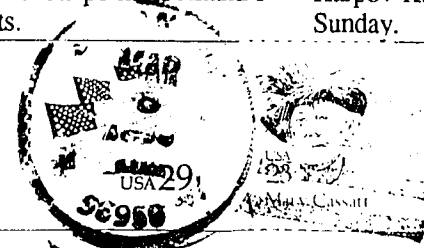
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