

Defeat of Gallegly move sought

By Rafael H. Arroyo

GOVERNOR Larry I. Guerrero is crossing his fingers the current move initiated by Rep. Elton Gallegly to ultimately stop federal funding for the CNMI would not prosper in the chambers of US Congress.

"You have to remember that for that to happen it should pass through both houses of Congress. And we definitely like to see the move defeated," the governor said when asked by the media on how he feels about the Gallegly move.

Gallegly, a Ranking Republican on the House Natural Resources Committee was said to have sponsored an amendment to ride in the Clinton Administration's National Performance Review legislation.

The amendment seeks to end

the current annual funding grants guaranteed to the CNMI under section 702 of the Covenant and U.S. Public law 99-396.

Such a move was based on the observation that the NMI no longer needs the money "particularly when it rebates about \$50 million to local taxpayers."

Also, Gallegly is apparently of the feeling that the Commonwealth has a strong economy and a growing tourism industry that has given it one of the nation's lowest unemployment rates.

The US House Natural Resources Committee was reported to have approved such an amend-

ment during deliberations on H.R. 3400 last November 10.

The measure has yet to pass the full House and the Senate.

"I really hope the House would seriously reconsider such a move because it would definitely have detrimental effects on the people of the CNMI. But nevertheless, I

am optimistic that the appropriate committee in the US Senate would still continue to support funding for the Commonwealth as evidenced by the Johnston Bill," said the chief executive.

He was referring to the bill introduced by Senator J. Bennet Johnston which seeks to revive the issue of the third 702 multi-year financial assistance funding subject to certain conditions.

Guerrero also noted that previous conversations with Interior, Assistant Secretary for Territorial and International Affairs and Deputy Assistant Secretary indicate the CNMI has the support of the OTIA with regards to the fulfillment of the federal commitment under the Covenant.

Section 701 of the Covenant specifically provides that the US government will assist the NMI government in its efforts to achieve a progressively higher standard of living for its people as part of the American economic community and to develop the economic resources needed to meet the financial responsibilities of local self-government.

To this end, the US will provide direct multi-year financial support to the CNMI government for local government operations, for capital improvement programs and for economic development.

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Governor Larry I. Guerrero signs the proclamation for December as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention month in the presence of top officials from the Department of Public Safety.

Saipan hotels latest target of thieves?

HOTELS on Saipan are apparently becoming the favorite targets of thieves nowadays following two incidences of theft involving major hotels on the island.

Hotel Nikko Saipan reported to the Department of Public Safety on Monday that more than \$5,000 worth of jewelries were stolen inside the room of one guest.

According to police reports yesterday, a female Japanese tourist lost her diamond ring valued at \$5,000 and an opal ring worth \$500 at her room. The jewelries were stolen by yet unknown thief on Monday while the Japanese lady was apparently touring the island. The identity of the hotel guest, including her name and age, were not known as such information were not indicated in the police files. The theft incidence was reported to the DPS at about 10:40 p.m. on Monday.

The incident is the latest case of theft that occurred inside a hotel room. Incidents of theft or burglary are normally committed by unscrupulous individuals in homes and other offices. It was not clear if the suspect for the theft lives in or close to the hotel.

Also on Monday, police received another report of

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Mistrial on Laude case denied

THE DEFENSE panel in the celebrated Laude murder case suffered another major blow yesterday following the dismissal of a motion for mistrial which stemmed from the disqualification of one jurors on Monday.

Superior Court Presiding Judge Alex Castro "excused" Melinda C. Mesa on Monday, saying she may no longer be a fair and impartial member of the jury which was selected last week.

Mesa had earlier admitted to a court clerk that she was a friend of Gina Reyes, wife of Mario Reyes who is one of the principal suspects in the brutal killing of Filipino carpenter Eladio Laude.

Mesa left the court on Monday afternoon shortly after the resumption of the hearing on murder, kidnapping and robbery charges against Mario Reyes and Joseph Anthony Bowie. "She's (Mesa) no longer a juror in this case," Castro said. She was replaced by an alternate who was identified only by the court as Mrs. Manglona.

Following Mesa's disqualification, defense lawyer Anthony Long filed a motion for mistrial.

Long expressed concern that his client, Bowie, may not get a fair trial as Mesa had possibly "tainted" the rest of the jury members.

Judge Castro however denied Long's motion, saying there was no clear evidence that the rest of the jurors would render an impartial judgement in the killing of Laude which took place in November of last year.

"The court is convinced beyond reasonable doubt that the remaining jurors have not been tainted in one way or another. Therefore the motion for mistrial is denied," Castro stressed in yesterday's morning hearing at the Superior Court A.

Atty. Charles Rotbart of the prosecution hailed Castro's decision to deny the defense's motion a "right decision."

He also said juror Mesa had made the right move to divulge that she was related to one of the possible witnesses to the case.

The denial of Long's motion was the latest blow against the defense since the hearing began. On Monday, Castro also rejected other arguments made by Atty.

Long including the latter's contention that jurors must take down notes during the course of the trial. Government prosecutors had earlier asked the court to instruct jury members to refrain from taking down notes, a which was granted by the presiding judge.

Castro said it is difficult for jurors to comprehend well the proceedings including the testimonies if they take down notes at the same time.

Also in yesterday's hearing, government witness Efrain Reyes continued his testimony against his brother Mario and Bowie.

In his testimony, Efrain, who is also being implicated in the murder case, said he and Bowie stopped Laude and a friend of the latter, Nilo Rivera near Hakubotan. It was in this place where Bowie allegedly asked Rivera for money. From this point, the two victims were brought to the Department of Public Safety, according to Efrain. Rivera and Laude were pulled over by honking the horn of the car Bowie was driving and by turning on the hazard lights of the vehicle. It has been assumed in some reports that

the two had pretended as police officers.

Efrain told the court that after bringing the two Filipinos to the DPS, they were brought to Mario's house in As Lito where the victims were allegedly "kicked," "punched" and "stomped" several times until they apparently became helpless.

The suspects together with four others were on their way to LauLau beach on the night of November 5 where the two victims would have been disposed off, according to Efrain, when Rivera, managed to escape and run for safety. Laude, who was locked inside the trunk of a car together with Rivera after the suspects placed some hollow blocks on top of it, however failed to escape and was allegedly "runned over" by the car Bowie was driving. Laude died after the incident.

An inconsistency in some statements by Efrain, who agreed last week to testify against Mario and Bowie after a plea agreement with the government, became a point of argument between the defense and prosecution in yesterday's

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US-Philippines pledges new partnership

By DAVID BRISCOE

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton and Philippine President Fidel Ramos pledged "a new partnership" based on expanding trade, steering U.S.-Philippine relations away from the once-dominant issues of aid and security.

They also pledged Monday to complete an extradition treaty, long delayed amid tension over U.S. bases negotiations and concern for human rights.

The White House meeting continued Clinton's focus on Asia following his meeting with Asia-Pacific leaders in Seattle last week and marked the end of Ramos' two-week investment-seeking tour of the United States.

Clinton, at a joint

news conference in the ornate East Room of the White House, said the pullout of U.S. bases in the Philippines and the end of the Cold War have not changed the "basis for cooperation between our two countries."

"We've now begun a renewed partnership, based on our long historical association, our shared values, our expanding trade and our investment links, our bilateral security cooperation and our common dedication to democracy and human rights," Clinton said.

Changes in both countries "have made it necessary and desirable for both of us to embark on a new partnership," Ramos said.

The two presidents said they had agreed to negotiate a bilateral extra-

dition treaty, which has been proposed for decades. Ramos said it was not possible during the 20-year rule of the late Ferdinand Marcos, because so many Filipinos were fleeing repression.

Little progress on the issue was made during the six-year presidency of Corazon Aquino, during which relations were dominated by unsuccessful military bases negotiations, ending with Philippine Senate rejection of U.S. basing rights.

Clinton said he and Ramos did not discuss the extradition treaty in detail. "We want to leave that to our negotiators. I think what President Ramos wanted to know was whether I was willing to do it, and the answer is I'm very much willing to do it. And I

believe we will succeed."

Clinton and Ramos also agreed to negotiate a mutual legal assistance accord to help exchanges of evidence in criminal cases.

The two leaders "hardly discussed aid at all," Ramos said, "but the main focus of our discussion was economic cooperation which would result in more investment and trade in the Philippines and within Asia and the Pacific."

Clinton thanked Ramos for maintaining "close security cooperation" with America, with no reference to aid reductions or lingering bitterness in the U.S. Congress over the forced dismantling of U.S. air and navy bases.

Ramos said Clinton reaffirmed U.S.

security commitments to Asia, including "American determination to oppose any resort to the use of force in the... Spratly area" - a reference to disputed islands in the South China Sea.

Ramos said he raised concern for Philippine veterans seeking U.S. benefits, and Clinton said "I agreed that we will continue looking at ways and means to make it right for the Filipino veterans of World War II."

Ramos, a 1950 West Point graduate and former Philippine military chief and defense minister, heads home from San Francisco on Tuesday. He said a newly purchased Philippine Airlines Boeing 747-400 airliner will land him at the former U.S. Subic Bay naval base to dramatize the base's conversion to a commercial freeport.

Ramos urges Clinton to take "New Look" at Philippines

By DAVID BRISCOE

WASHINGTON (AP) - Philippine President Fidel Ramos said Monday he hopes President Clinton will take a "new look" at the country that kicked out U.S. military bases.

Ramos, before meeting with Clinton, said economic progress builds security and urged American investment in his country and continued U.S. leadership in Asia. He said Philippine-U.S. ties remain strong despite past tension.

"Asian security today depends not on military power but on the economic stability, technical capacity and social cohesion of each country," Ramos said in a speech at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Addressing difficulties America had in relating to his predecessor, Corazon Aquino, and U.S. disillusionment with the late Ferdinand

Marcos, Ramos declared, "This is a different leader."

In a brief interview, he said, "I will urge President Clinton to take a new look at the Philippines" to help increase U.S. investments rather than aid, which has been steadily declining in recent years.

He responded to lingering U.S. bitterness over the Philippine Senate's refusal to extend rights to America's biggest foreign military base, saying, "That basing arrangement belonged to the Cold War era."

Ramos noted that the bases shutdown fit into scaled-down U.S. defense plans in Asia.

But Ramos added, "We must have America's continued engagement in Asia... to ensure that no power dominates the region."

Ramos, a 1950 graduate of the U.S. military academy at West Point and former Philippine military chief and defense minister, said the Seattle meeting of Asian-

Pacific leaders "signifies an end of America's recent tendency to look inward."

"It's a defining moment," Ramos said. "It was a momentous week - a time of news hopes and understandings."

He said, however, that despite the focus on economic growth, security remains a concern for Asia, particularly in the South China Sea.

"We would do well to give as much attention to security as we did to the economic underpinnings," he said.

Filipinos, he said, are concerned about the possible military buildup of China, North Korea's nuclear potential and possible conflict among several nations claiming the South China Sea's Spratly Island.

"The continued engagement of the United States in the region is necessary as a guarantor of re-

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Former Soviet Republics owe Russia Billions for gas and Oil

MOSCOW (AP) - Russia is owed several trillion rubles (billion dollars) from former Soviet republics that have not paid for oil and gas supplies, a senior official said Monday.

Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Shokin said he wanted to solve the problem of overdue payments by requiring all debtors to agree to sign a promise to pay their debt in a single sum by a fixed date.

Most of the former Soviet re-

publics depend on Russia for gas and oil supplies, which were heavily subsidized by the central government. Russia slashed the subsidies when the Soviet Union collapsed.

Some of the former Soviet republics, such as Ukraine and Belarus, are facing serious economic difficulties and have been unable to pay their energy bills.

Shokin said Russia also was considering a system under which oil and gas supplies would have to be paid for in advance.

Flores wants new laws on poll protests

By Rafael H. Arroyo

REPRESENTATIVE Francisco A. Flores yesterday said the current statute governing election protests should be repealed and changed for its ambiguity and impracticality.

In an interview, Flores said the present law is biased against candidates that have grievances to air regarding any perceived irregularities in the conduct of elections.

Also, he finds that the provision in the current law diverting election contests to the courts or to the appropriate house of Legislature is "impractical and inappropriate."

"There is this provision in the election code which specifically directs an aggrieved legislative candidate to wait 30 days after certification of election results, or on inauguration day, whichever is later, before he can lodge his

protest. After everyone has been certified, a claim may be moot already," said Flores.

He was apparently foreseeing problems with the recently held elections because certification is not expected until the first or second week of December. Moreover, even if the election results are certified early, any aggrieved candidates would be made to wait for inauguration day before his protest can be addressed because the law says "whichever is later."

"I find this provision is faulty, improper and silly. Why should we wait for certification before anyone could complain. By then it might be useless to complain," said Flores.

"We got to change this law because it is biased against whoever is contesting an election. It does not give them a fair chance because the longer they wait the

worse it is for them," said the lawmaker.

Another thing in the election law that caught the lawmaker's ire is that which directs election protests to the appropriate house of the Legislature for those complaints involving an elected seat in either the House or the Senate; otherwise, other protests goes to the courts for disposition.

"This opens up the possibility that politics will play a part in the disposition of the protests if and when members of the legislature will be the ones to decide the outcome of the contest. Maybe it would be a good idea for anyone to go straight to the courts," said Flores.

He added that a legislation is in order to correct the faults of the current election laws.

Flores is contesting the results of the House of Representatives race in the Susupe and Chalan

Kanoa area which had him trailing both Republican candidates Oscar Babauta and Diego T. Benavente.

Flores maintained he won one of the two seats and that there might have been an error in the tabulation of votes in precinct 2-C in Chalan Kanoa.

According to Flores, the error was in the score Benavente got in the Chalan Kanoa precinct which he claimed might have inadvertently exceeded by as much as 100 votes.

Flores claims Vice Speaker Benavente got only 56 votes in Precinct 2-C but after the votes on the three other precincts came, the 56 votes for Benavente became 156. This was refuted by Benavente who said there was no error in the tabulation but that the confusion started when the results were announced by the media.

"I do not think that I could get

the kind of score my good colleague said I got. The 56 votes he is arguing for is simply not within the normal range of the votes that



Francisco A. Flores

were given to the other candidates," said Benavente in an interview last week.

He said the concerned media organization who made the error in reporting Flores as one of those who made it already offered apologies for the oversight.

Governor urges public not to drink and drive

By Rafael H. Arroyo

GOVERNOR Larry I. Guerrero yesterday urged the public not to drink and drive in the upcoming holiday season as he proclaimed the month of December as CNMI Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention month.

During appropriate ceremonies attended yesterday by top officials from the Department of Public Safety, the chief executive noted there may be a decrease in the incidence of traffic accidents and fatalities this year but maintained that should not be reason to decrease vigilance on the need to prevent drunk and drugged driving.

"Please remember that tragedy often strikes especially during the holiday season. I urge everyone to make a stand. Let's cooperate among ourselves to make sure that our holiday celebration is safe. Do designate a driver," said the governor.

Equally important, he said, is the continued effort of law enforcement officers in keeping the streets and highways safe by keeping everyone aware of the hazards of drinking and driving.

"It is time to emphasize to the general public that everyone should be safe and out of trouble during the holidays, including the other people in other cars," said the governor as he signed the proclamation.

"This is a very important day for DPS," said Public Safety Director Gregorio M. Camacho. "We have seen a tremendous drop

in accidents and this is a result of the cooperative efforts of DPS, the media and the community."

He added that other factors that may have contributed to the decline are the recent improvement of roads and the installation and operation of traffic lights.

"We certainly will continue to inform everyone about how to make this coming Christmas season free from drunk and drugged driving," said Camacho.

Current figures from the Office of Highway Safety indicate there was a total of 4,288 accidents in 1992, 125 of which involved alcohol.

For this year, as of October, there were a total of 3,731 accidents, 93 of which were alcohol-related.

In 1992, there was a total of 180 injuries and ten fatalities, six of which involved alcohol.

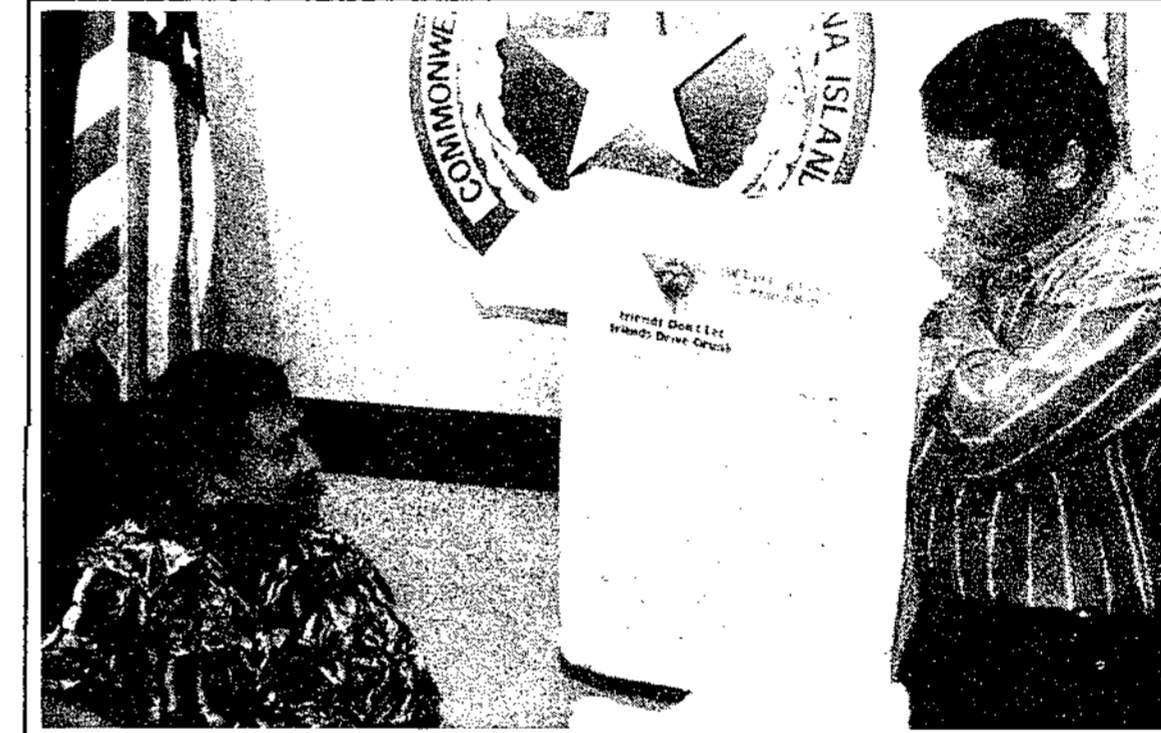
To date this year, there are five traffic fatalities with only one case related with the use of alcohol.

Additionally, there have been 447 arrests made to date on persons driving under the influence, with 133 involving accidents and 24 sustaining injuries.

Last year, there were 1,093 DUI arrests, with six fatalities and 33 sustaining injuries.

Information on the proclamation papers signed by the governor also indicated that drivers and pedestrians impaired by alcohol and other drugs account for nearly 17,700 highway deaths annually nationwide.

In the US, motor vehicle crashes are found to be the number one cause of death for children, adolescents and young adults.



Governor Guerrero fondly looks at a "Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention T-Shirt" presented to him as a gift by acting Highway Safety coordinator Frank Cabrera.

Ushida urges use of land for tourism, farming

JAPANESE Consul Hirozo Ushida last week encouraged the CNMI to effectively utilize its available land to further the progress of the Commonwealth.

Speaking at the opening of the Attorney William D. Pesch Exhibit held Saturday at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, Ushida recommended the harnessing of the CNMI's most precious resource for tourism and farming, in the absence of other economic alternatives.

He also said there is a need to develop the Commonwealth's vast sea resources like fisheries and marine minerals owing to the CNMI's lack of natural resources as well as industrial and technological ability.

"The development and prosperity of the CNMI totally depends on the people's strong will to study and work on the history of rela-

tions between Japan and the CNMI," said Ushida.

The Japanese consul was apparently referring to the remarkable development accomplished through the cooperation between the two nations in a wide range of areas involving tourism, trade, construction and people-to-people contacts.

Ushida noted that during the Japanese Administration of the Northern Marianas, the Japanese developed the islands by building hospitals and schools, and improving the road system and harbors.

During the same period, the Japanese grew a wide variety of crops such as sugar cane, onions, eggplant, corn, peanuts, watermelon, bananas, mangoes and pineapple.

They were also said to have made whiskey, soya bean paste

for miso soup, and soy sauce.

Besides this, livestock such as cows, pigs, goats, ducks and chickens were raised in big numbers.

"In those years, both Japanese and local people really worked hard. Young local men and women also studied hard and many excellent minds were produced," Ushida noted.

He said most of those intellectuals are playing active roles in government and business circles.

"The Pacific war was a very unhappy time. However, since the end of the war remarkable development has been accomplished through Japanese-NMI cooperation," he added.

The Pesch Exhibit is entitled "Images of Japan in Micronesia 1880-1945." It tries to chronicle the Japanese involvement with the people of Micronesia within the period. (RHA)

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Currently, the multi-year grant package is on a standstill after the latest seven-year funding pack-

age failed to get approved by Congress in August of this year. This triggered U.S. Public Law

99-396 into effect, under which the CNMI could get \$27.72 million a year in Covenant funding for infrastructure. Public Law 99-396 guarantees an annual 702 funding for the

CNMI at the level of the latest fiscal year's approved appropriation level in the absence of a new multi-year package. However, this annual grant can be stopped by Congress through legislation, as what Gallegly and the Natural Resources Committee seems to be doing with H.R.

3400. "We're still maintaining our position that we should honor in good faith the 18 months of negotiations we had on the third funding package. I strongly feel we should find all possible ways to convince US Congress to let 702 continue," said the governor.

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theft, this time involving Hyatt Regency Saipan, although the value of the stolen article was very much lower compared to the value of jewelries stolen at the San Roque-based Nikko hotel. DPS spokesperson Cathy Sheu said an unknown person stole a tennis racquet of a Hyatt guest at the beach area. The name of the victim as well as the value of the stolen article were not known, but a racquet may cost between \$40

to \$200 depending on the brand and quality. Meanwhile an unidentified person has taken away a television set and \$356 cash from the Daiken Staff Housing in Fina Sisu area, Sheu said, without giving further details. The incident was reported to the police at 4:19 p.m. In another theft case, a water pump worth about \$450 was also stolen by an unknown individual in Susupe. (Rafael I. Santos)

Togpachau Trot rus tomorrow

THE ANNUAL Togpachau Trot, a 4 1/2 mile run beginning at Public Works beach up to the top of Mt. Togpachau, will be held on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1993 starting at 6:00 a.m. There will be a \$1.00 entry fee, registration will begin at 5:30 a.m. The record for this event is held by Doug Gomez, set in 1992 at 34 min 8 sec. The women's record is held by Julie Newman at 52:08,

and the under 19 years is held by Mike Villagomez at 43:00 minutes. Call Kurt Barnes for further information, or Kim Prinz. The next event after the Turnkey Trot will be the Annual Island Relay on December 24, 1993, starting 6:00 at the PIC in San Antonio. Teams are made up of 5 members. Contact the Gym for further information.

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Teacher of the year known today

GOVERNOR Lorenzo Guerrero will announce the CNMI Teacher of the Year at Hopwood Junior High School this morning as part of Public School System's Education Day celebration.

Education Day is the culmination of the CNMI Education month which is being observed every November of each year, according to Margareth Dela Cruz, Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Administration and overall chairperson of this year's Education Day activities.

Whoever wins the award will receive a certificate recognizing his "meritorious acts" as a PSS mentor, plus a \$100 cash. On top of these, the Washington D.C.-based Council of Chief States Schools Officers will give other "prizes" to the recipient of the award, according to Dela Cruz.

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Hopwood student wins essay contest

MERCED Aidan Ada, a seventh grade student of Hopwood Junior High School, won first place in the junior high level in the CNMI Human Rights Recognition Day Essay Contest held last October. The writing competition was sponsored by the Institute on Human Equality and Rights.

Participants in the essay contest were asked to write on Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights promulgated by the United Nations on December 10, 1948. "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights," Article 1 states. "They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards each other in a spirit of brotherhood." The writing competition challenged the participants to write about what Article 1 of the Declaration means to them living in the Northern Marianas, said in the news release from Hopwood.

"Humans are of different race, color, and religion," wrote Ada in her winning essay. "We come from different places. But these differences are part of our uniqueness. We are human beings born free here on earth. We have differences that make us special. If we are all the same, no one would learn. Prejudice and racism are major problems in our earth. Disliking other people because of race and color is prejudice. There should not be prejudice in our earth."

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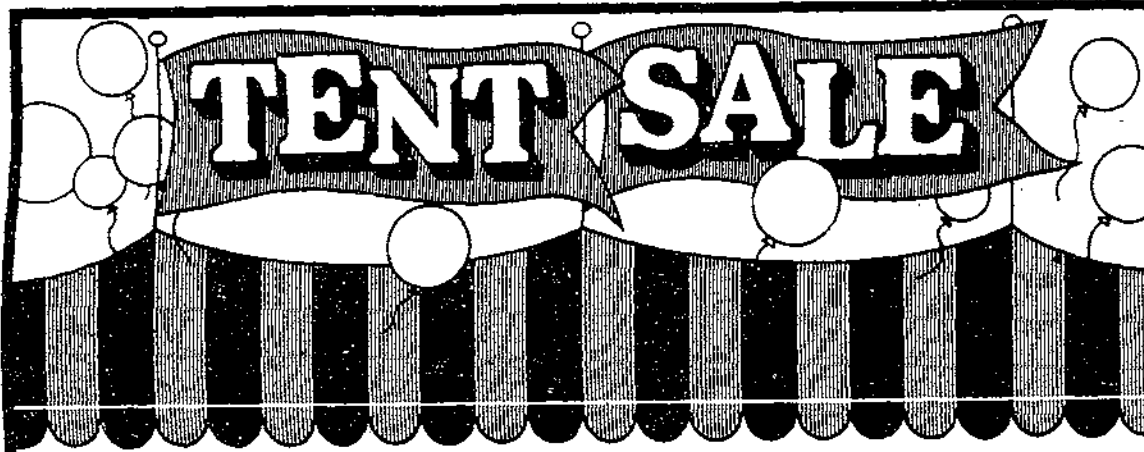
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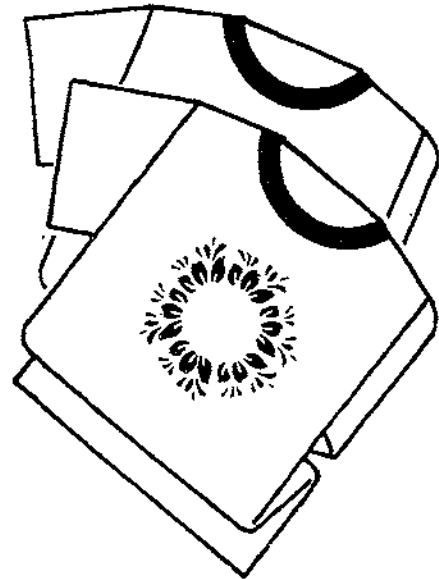
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BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) - European Community officials quarreled Monday over whether the trade bloc should slash its customs duties on imported fish as part of a global trade deal.

Ioannis Paleokrassas, the EC executive in charge of fishing affairs, told a meeting of fisheries ministers that EC trade negotiators had proposed slashing the tariffs, which are among the highest in the EC.

Paleokrassas said the proposals were made Friday night during talks under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. The EC's executive Commission, which has the task of negotiating trade issues on behalf of the 12-nation bloc, put forward the idea, he said.

The proposals open the possibility of cutting in half tariffs on some 60 types of fish, which now have duties exceeding 15 percent.

The EC has tariff "peaks" - duties higher than 15 percent - on some 200 fish and fish products.

Paleokrassas said the proposals would affect only 1.8 billion European currency units (\$2 billion) of the EC's 8-billion Ecu (\$9 billion) fishing industry, and would not affect "sensitive" species such as tuna, mackerel and sardines.

He also said the proposals were conditional and did not constitute an offer on the part of the EC.

The EC would only make such offers if EC ships win access to waters currently off-limits, where those species are found, officials said.

French Agriculture and Fisheries Minister Jean Puech blasted EC negotiators for making offers without first consulting the 12 governments. He said most of his colleagues from other EC states supported him.

Calling the Commission's move to propose tariff cuts "inadmissible," he added, "It's vital that our negotiators keep us regularly informed."

But Britain's minister, Michael Jack, told reporters the Commission proposals could be useful if linked to concessions from the EC's trading partners. He said the plans needed to be defined, however.

The EC had upset many of the 115 nations participating in the Uruguay Round of GATT talks by not including fish in its market access offer. Canada, with a large fishing industry, was a vocal critic.

Any GATT deal must be unanimously approved by the EC's member states.

For You To Know Read The *Marianas Variety*

Guerrero not worried over NAFTA

By Rafael H. Arroyo

GOVERNOR Larry I. Guerrero yesterday said he has no worries about the impending approval of the North American Free Trade Agreement in US Congress as far as its impact on the CNMI is concerned.

"I don't believe NAFTA will do us harm. We have been conferring with the US Trade Office and our concerns were well taken. I honestly do not think the pact will affect our standing under

Headnote 3(a)," said the chief executive when interviewed by reporters yesterday at his office.

The governor's assuring words came amidst concerns that if NAFTA was enacted, the CNMI's special treatment under Headnote 3(a) of the US Harmonized Tariff Code may be diminished.

This is because foreign investment may find it more enticing to go to Mexico or Canada rather than the CNMI if the NAFTA free trade zone is implemented.

The NAFTA is expected to draw

the United States, Canada and Mexico into the world's largest free trade zone such that there would be no continental trade barriers between the three nations.

The pact would gradually eliminate tariffs over a period of 15 years.

Although CNMI exports are 100% duty-free under Headnote 3(a) when they enter the US mainland, investors encouraged by the Headnote 3(a) advantage may find Mexico more enticing.

With the current move to re-

form the CNMI tax system and continuing federal pressure to raise the local minimum wage, there is also some concern that even some investors already on board may opt to go to relocate their factories into the free trade zone.

This is because Mexico offers cheaper labor, lax worker safety and environmental standards, proximity to the US mainland and if NAFTA passes, duty-free privileges to the investor.

Currently, the CNMI minimum

wage is said to be higher than Mexico's; all factories here are subject to stringent US environmental and OSHA rules and regulations; and transport costs of CNMI exports to the US market is much higher due to geographic distance.

Currently, the NAFTA is with the US Senate for action and it appears the upper house of Congress is expected to pass it.

The US House of Representatives passed it last Wednesday with a vote of 234 to 200.

Air Mike gears for surge in number of returning workers

CONTINENTAL Micronesia is gearing up for the expected surge in the number of Filipinos who are planning to go home this holiday season.

The number of Filipino contract workers who are expected to return to their country this season is expected to go even higher this year following the scheduled launching of a program by the Philippine government aimed at encouraging contract workers to go on vacation in their homeland.

The program, called Pamasko para sa Mga OCWs or Christmas Gift for the Contract Workers will commence on December first, a peak season for almost all airlines.

Max Kretzers, General Manager for Continental Micronesia for the CNMI, described the program as "wonderful." Though the airline records a surge in the number of Filipinos going home during the Christmas holidays, Kretzers said the increase might even be higher this time.

"I would say it (project) is an excellent exercise of the Philippine government (to create a program for its citizens)," Kretzers said when asked to comment on the project which will end on January 15, 1994.

Filipinos, one of the largest ethnic group in the CNMI, account for a big portion of Continental's regu-

lar passengers on its flights to Manila. Continental Micronesia services the direct route from Saipan to Manila every Saturday. It also has flights going to the Philippine capital everyday via Guam.

The Christmas Gift project will be launched as part of the Philippine government's recognition to its contract workers scattered worldwide.

The country's Labor department said there are more than 4 million Filipinos working in several countries, contributing millions of dollars in revenue for the Asian nation

in the form of taxes and remittances. This economic benefit that the Philippine economy enjoys is one of the reasons why Filipino contract workers have been hailed as the new heroes or the unsung heroes of the Pacific country.

Under the program, returning contract workers will be given a VIP treatment the moment they entered the country's premier airport, the Aquino International Airport (NAIA). Express lanes at the Immigration and Customs counters at the said airport have already been designated for contract work-

ers who would easily be identified with the green stickers on their shirts and green ribbons on their baggages.

Attorney Vicente Manzano, the Philippines' Labor Attache to the Northern Mariana Islands, has said in an interview that baggages bearing green tags, will no longer be inspected by Customs officials, unless there is "a strong suspicion that the passenger is carrying with him banned articles" such as weapons and illegal drugs.

Filipinos in CNMI who missed to get green tags and stickers from

Manzano's office will be given by Continental Micronesia upon boarding any flight going to Manila.

Once in Manila, returning contract workers will be given police protection on their way to their respective residences and discounts on air fare at Philippine Airlines and hotel, among others.

Manzano said a bag-full of souvenir items will be given to every one thousandth returning contract worker and that 600,000 pesos (about \$25,000) worth of prizes await them.

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Pumpkin Pie or Frozen Pumpkin Praline Sauce		(with a glass of champagne)

Mistrial...

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hearing.

Defense attorney Long, said while cross examining Efrain that a some phrases or statements previously stated by the witness do not appear in the second statement to the prosecution. In the first statement, Long said, the witness was purported to have told police that he had no idea about "what happened." Long said that on the second statement however, Efrain was purported to have said that "He, referring to Bowie, guaranteed that the Filipino guy died."

Long also questioned the veracity of Efrain's statements due to the inconsistency. The lawyer also told the court that one of the statements was made on the day the government and the witness entered into a plea agreement.

The jury will again hear the continuation of Efrain's testimony today.

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After NAFTA Clinton faces tough GATT fight

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton has got 24 days to strike a global free trade agreement while coping with demands from angry French farmers, upset Brazilian citrus growers and furious textile workers just about everywhere.

The president and others in the administration are professing optimism that they can overcome all these obstacles and complete the Uruguay Round of trade talks by a Dec. 15 deadline. Those talks, involving 110 nations, are being held under the auspices of the Geneva-based General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the organization that governs world trade. U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor sat down Monday

with his European counterpart, Sir Leon Brittan, in what was described as a make-or-break negotiating session.

The United States and the 12-nation European Community hoped to resolve differences on a range of issues separating them during the talks Monday and Tuesday. They range from farm subsidies to tariffs on textiles and other manufactured goods.

Economists say that the stakes for the Uruguay Round are enormous - holding out the possibility of increasing global output by \$1.270 billion over the next decade. But neither the United States or the EC has shown any willingness to compromise as this week's talks began.

The United States insisted that it will never yield to a French

demand that it renegotiate provisions of the Blair House agreement, a deal cut a year ago to reduce the use of trade-distorting farm subsidies.

And the Europeans were complaining about America's refusal to make further concessions to cut high American tariffs on Third World textile products.

The administration is insisting that its come-from-behind win on the North American Free Trade Agreement, creating a free trade zone linking the United States, Mexico and Canada, will give it the momentum needed to wrap up the global talks.

NAFTA "gives us momentum and a sense of real progress in breaking down barriers," Kantor declared.

But others are not so sure. They

contend that the deals the administration was forced to make to get NAFTA through Congress will make it harder to complete the Uruguay Round.

To win the votes of textile-state lawmakers, the administration said it would insist during the GATT negotiations on a longer phaseout of U.S. quotas on Third World textile imports, something that infuriated Third World countries such as India.

The administration also tied its hands in the GATT bargaining by pledging to limit the amount of tariff reductions it would accept for frozen orange juice, upsetting Brazil, which was counting on a much bigger reduction in American orange juice tariffs.

The administration cut deals with other highly protected in-

dustries - including sugar and peanuts - that will make it harder for American negotiators to knock down barriers that other countries want to retain in the Uruguay Round.

The Uruguay Round, so named for the country where the talks began in 1986, are the most ambitious trade talks ever held. Rich nations were supposed to lower their barriers on the agricultural goods and textiles produced by the Third World and in return the poor nations were supposed to allow banks and other service industries from rich countries into their markets and to develop tougher standards against copyright piracy.

However, this grand bargain has proven elusive, especially in the context of a lingering global recession that has caused rich and poor countries alike to look for ways to protect jobs inside their borders.

Last week, the United States put forward a new offer of substantial tariff cuts for a number of manufactured goods, proposing reductions that the U.S. side claimed would eliminate American tariffs on about half of its industrial imports over a period of years. However, U.S. tariffs on most manufactured goods are already low.

The United States also offered to cut its steep tariffs on textile and apparel products. Border taxes on these products are often above 30 percent. U.S. negotiators said its latest offer would reduce the tariff rate to below 15 percent for about 60 percent of textile and apparel items but such sensitive categories as cotton apparel were not included in the offer. While the Europeans have complained about America's unwillingness to make better offers on textiles, the U.S. side has complained that the Europeans have made only modest tariff reduction offers in such sensitive areas as semiconductors and trucks.

American, striking attendants to reach agreement

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton announced Monday that American Airlines and its striking flight attendants union had reached an agreement to end the strike.

Clinton said both sides agreed to submit their dispute to binding arbitration.

"I have spoken with both parties involved. Both have agreed in principle to end the strike and return to the bargaining table immediately," Clinton said at a White House news conference.

The strike began five days ago and disrupted Thanksgiving travel plans for thousands of Americans. The Thanksgiving Day holiday is Thursday.

"I want to encourage all people involved in the American Airlines family to now return to work together without any bitterness and with a spirit of mutual respect," Clinton said.

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Health focus

By Connie G. Speros

GOUT, does it occur in males only? Not quite, but 95% of individuals with gout are male. Gout is also one of the oldest diseases recorded in medical history.

Excess uric acid is the problem. The body may produce too much, or it may not excrete enough in the urine. Uric acid is a product of protein breakdown, not all pro-

teins though. Mostly, the protein of animals breaks down to form uric acid.

Gout resembles arthritis with sudden pain and inflammation in small attacks in the big toe. The pain may go away for a while. Then, the pain recurs more frequently and involves other joints like ankles, knees, wrists, and hands.

Obesity and improper diet in-

crease the tendency for gout. A diet with too much animal foods will increase one's external source of uric acid. A diet high in fat decreases the amount of uric acid excreted. And, regular (frequent) drinking of more than two alcoholic beverages increases the body's uric acid production.

Other sources which increase internal uric acid include meat extracts found in soups, broths, gravy, and meat sauces. Organ meats, anchovies, sardines, and smoked meats will also raise in-

ternal uric acid content. If you have gout, drink at least 3 liters of water a day. This will help flush uric acid through the kidneys. Eat modest amounts of meat and fish. An adult needs only six ounces of meat each day. Eat more complex carbohydrates like rice, potatoes, breadfruit, taro, vegetables and fruit. Complex carbohydrates increases excretion of uric acid. Go easy in high-fat fried foods, gravy, sauces and desserts.

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Christmas Art Show, Sunday at Aqua

THE FOURTH Annual Christmas Art Show and Sale will be held at Aqua Resort Club on Sunday, November 28th, as announced by Jack Hardy, President of A.R.T.S. Inc. (Artists of Rota, Tinian and Saipan).

The display of hand made crafts by local artisans and works of art produced by island artists will be held in the lobby of ARC during the hours of the Sunday Brunch. Formats to be included are water color and acrylic paintings, photographs and hand woven products of local materials, and other craft items for Holiday gifts.

This show will afford an opportunity to make purchases of local art works in time for Christmas giving, and is eagerly awaited each year. There is no admission charge to view the art work.

A.R.T.S. Inc. members wish to thank Mark Murai and his staff at the Aqua Resort Club for hosting this show and sale for the fourth year.

Participation in this show is open to all artists and crafts people of the CNMI. There is still time for artists to arrange for display, but the area available is limited and reservations must be made in advance. There is a small reservation fee and a commission on sales, to be paid to A.R.T.S. Inc.

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Dollar retreated against the German mark

NEW YORK (AP) - The dollar retreated against the German mark and was mixed against other currencies Monday as traders looked in profits from the U.S. currency's recent advance against European monies. Gold prices were mostly higher. On the New York Commodity

Exchange, gold for current delivery closed at \$378.30 a troy ounce, up 30 cents from Friday. At 4 p.m. EST (2100 GMT), Republic National Bank of New York quoted gold at \$378.00 a troy ounce, unchanged from Friday.

Trading was light Monday as the market began to wind down for the Thanksgiving holiday and the end of the month.

The mark strengthened against the dollar and other currencies after Germany reported a 6.8 percent rise in its M3 money supply through October.

"It perhaps dashed some of our hopes of another German rate cut in the near future," said Stephen Flanagan, a vice president at Paine Webber.

Lower interest rates might boost the sluggish German economy, but would probably cause the mark to fall in value, since German-denominated deposits would offer a lower return to investors. The dollar closed in New York at 1.7040 German marks, down from 1.7146 late Friday. In Europe, the dollar fell to 1.7035 marks from 1.7155.

Many investors sold dollars to collect profits on the dollar's rise against European currencies.

The dollar strengthened against the Italian lira after Italy's dominant parties were crushed in mayoral elections. The neo-Fascist

party and leftist candidates scored important gains in the balloting seen as a dress rehearsal for general elections next year.

Further political disintegration in Italy, which is reeling from a huge corruption scandal, could make it difficult for a government to win agreement on economic policy.

In Tokyo, where the trading day begins, the dollar closed at 108.48 yen, up 0.75 yen from Friday's close. Later in London, it fell to 108.25 yen. In New York, the dollar finished at 108.45 yen, unchanged from Friday.

Other dollar rates as of 4 p.m. in New York, compared with late Friday: 1.4945 Swiss francs, down from 1.5050; 5.9205 French francs, down from 5.9465; 1,680.00 Italian lire, up from 1,678.00; and 1.3276 Canadian dollars, up from 1.3268.

In London, the British pound rose to \$1.4761 from \$1.4715 late Friday. In New York, the pound ended at \$1.4760, more expensive than \$1.4729 on Friday.

Gold rose in London to a late bid price of \$378.95 a troy ounce, compared with \$377.95 late Friday. In Zurich, the metal rose to a late bid of \$379.00 from \$377.20.

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Asian stock markets close mostly lower

HONG KONG (AP) - Asian stockmarkets closed mostly lower Monday, with share prices tumbling in Tokyo and Hong Kong.

Tokyo's 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average fell 556.35 points or 3.10 percent the second-largest fall this year in terms of points - to finish at 17,384.84. On Friday, the average fell 225.13 points, or 1.24 percent, to close at 17,941.19.

The Tokyo Stock Price Index of all issues listed on the first section plunged 45.76 points, or 2.97 percent, to 1,493.83.

Traders attributed the plunge to pessimism over Japan's economy.

Major companies are reporting sharply lower profits or losses in the April-September first half of fiscal 1993 and unemployment is at its highest point in five years, though still well below other industrialized countries.

In Hong Kong, share prices closed sharply lower for the fourth consecutive session.

The Hang Seng Index, the market's key indicator of blue chips, fell 93.30 points, or 1.0 percent, closing at 9,170.64. On Friday, the index fell 71 points.

Brokers said investors were disappointed that Britain and China made no progress following the 16th round of talks last Saturday on political reforms in Hong Kong before it reverts to Chinese rule in 1997.

Beijing and London are bickering over proposals by Hong Kong Gov. Chris Patten to widen voter participation in the 1995 legislative election.

WELLINGTON: New Zealand shares finished lower in quiet trading because a number of leading stocks were quoted for the first time without entitlement to previously announced dividends. The NZSE-40 Capital Index fell 23.90 points to 2073.32.

TAIPEI: Share prices closed lower in moderate trading with many investors remaining on the sideline ahead of Saturday's local elections. The Weighted Index fell 30.15 points to close at 4216.94.

MANILA: Share prices closed higher in heavy trading, boosted by the sharp rise in shares of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. in Friday's trading at the American Stock Exchange. The Manila composite index of 31 selected issues rose 15.23 points to 2,418.13.

SYDNEY: Australian share prices closed sharply lower on profit-taking because of fears of short-term interest rate increases. The All-Ordinaries Index fell 35.3 points to 2,049.3.

SEOUL: Share prices closed lower on profit-taking. The Korea Composite Stock Price Index

fell 11.89 points to 834.58.

SINGAPORE: Share prices closed mixed in moderately active trading. The key Straits Times Industrial Index rose 4.09 points to 2,096.72.

BANGKOK: Thai share prices closed lower in active trading because of profit-taking. The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) index fell 56.78 points to 1,310.13.

KUALALUMPUR: Malaysian share prices closed mixed in moderate trading. The Composite Index rose 4.48 points to 989.40.

JAKARTA: The stock exchange's Composite Index rose 1.346 points, closing at 536.460.

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Mazda shuts down for a day to keep production down

TOKYO (AP) - Mazda Motor Corp. forced almost all of its 25,000 employees to take an extra day off Monday, becoming the first Japanese automaker to suspend all operations in order to cut production.

The move is aimed at stemming losses inflicted by the recession and the steep rise of the yen, which has made Japanese exports more competitive. Mazda has been hit by a prolonged worldwide sales slump and expects to lose 32 billion yen (\$296 million) in the year ending March 1994.

Only security guards were on duty Monday, said a guard who

refused to be identified.

About half of 20 parts makers that rely on Mazda also were closed, the Japan Broadcasting Corporation (NHK) reported.

An unidentified Mazda worker told NHK, "This is the first time this kind of thing has happened to me, so I think the company's situation must be pretty serious."

Mazda has requested employees to take another day off next Monday. In both cases, their pay will be reduced 10 percent.

Earlier, Mazda spokesman Yoshifumi Matsuzawa said the move will cut production by about 7,500 autos from the previous plan

of 1.2 million vehicles for 1993.

In a similar move, Nissan Motor Co., Japan's No. 2 automaker, forced 2,100 employees at one plant to take an extra day off last Friday, but other plants remained open.

Nissan will require all staff in five out of its six plants - a total of 15,000 employees - to take two days off on Dec. 10 and 17 to cut production of vehicles by about 4,000.

Nissan's domestic sales in the first 10 months of this year fell by 7.5 percent from a year earlier and its exports dropped by 23.8 percent from the same period in 1992.

Stock market drops in early trading

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks opened sharply lower Monday morning, depressed by weak overseas markets.

After one hour of trading, the Dow Jones industrial average was

down 36.05 points to 3,657.96 at 10:30 a.m. EST (1530 GMT).

Volume on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange was 36.33 million shares in the first half hour and declining shares outnumbered

advances 8 to 3 on the NYSE, with 423 up, 1,129 down and 634 unchanged.

The NYSE composite index was down 1.13 at 254.40 in the first 30 minutes.

Malaysian irritated at Malaysian leader for not attending APEC meeting

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - Prime Minister Paul Keating expressed irritation at his Malaysian counterpart, Mahathir Mohamad, for skipping last week's meeting of the 17-nation Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation forum.

Mahathir, who has been openly skeptical of APEC, was the only

leader who did not attend. He has proposed an Asian trade bloc excluding APEC members Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the United States.

Before Keating left Seattle on Sunday, reporters asked whether Mahathir was a "lost cause" for APEC.

"I don't know and I don't care,"

Keating replied, according to accounts published Monday in Australian newspapers. "I'm sick of answering questions about Dr. Mahathir."

"APEC is bigger than all of us - Australia, the U.S. and Malaysia and Dr. Mahathir and any other recalitrants."



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By Stella Wilder

Born today, you harbor strongly contrasting characteristics deep beneath the surface, though in your daily life you seem to be calm, consistent, and the keeper of an ever-positive outlook. The reality, of course, is that you are far more complex than you could ever seem to those who know you only casually; in fact, those who know you best may only know a limited number of facets of your personality. You are not easily defined, and you are only so capable of understanding and harnessing your own powers.

There are times in which you may be jealous of those who have what you do not — whether or not that have is anything that might be valuable to you. The simple truth is that you — and this is your nature; it is not something cultivated or rational.

Also born on this date are: Scott Joplin, ragtime composer; Geraldine Fitzgerald, actress; William F. Buckley, Jr., author, analyst, and commentator.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Simple, everyday events are likely to take on increased significance today. You may want to double your efforts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A family gathering or celebration is likely to warrant greater personal attention today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Your luck is increasing at this time. Today, you'll have a chance to explore a new interest when not catering to others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You may be able to start a new project today — one which has all the earmarks of something big.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You'll enjoy a fast-paced day rich with potential — and the chance for a new connection with family members.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — This is a good day for sharing those secret dreams and ambitions with those closest to you. Expect no serious criticism.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Take the initiative as the day breaks today and all eyes will be on you when the time is right. You

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Your emotions are heating up today, and you must guard against any unintentional confrontations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Do what you can to relax today, and let go of worries and peripheral concerns that have recently been so prevalent.

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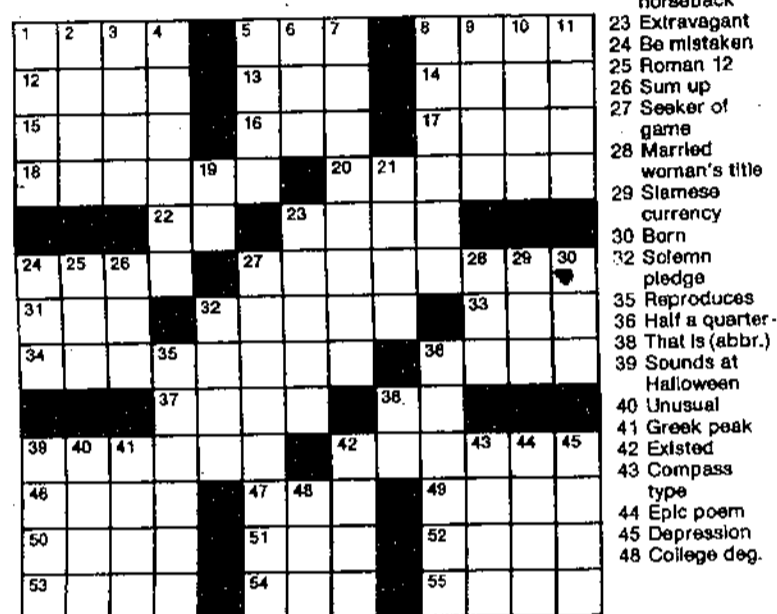
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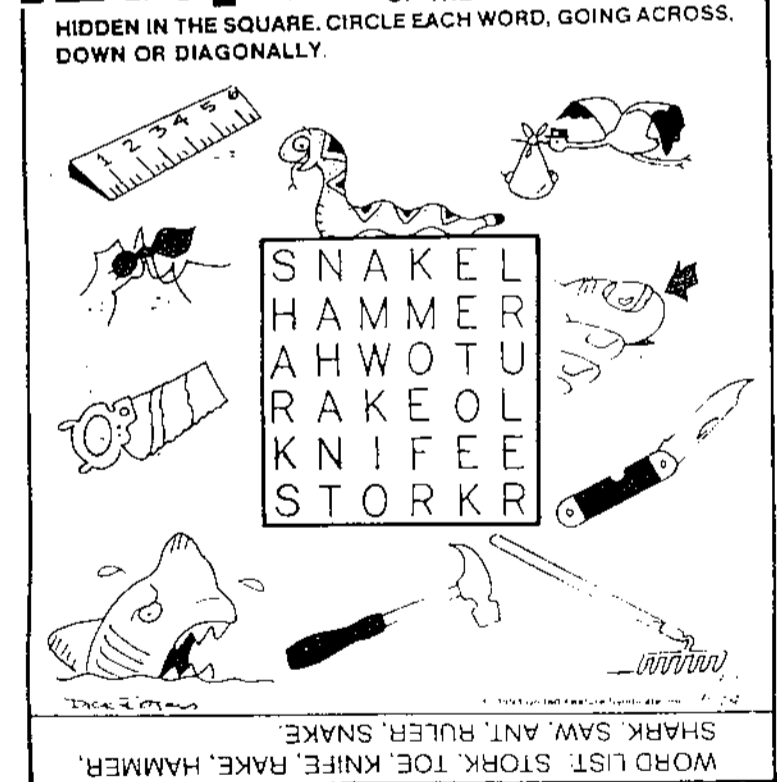
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21 Travel on horseback
23 Extravagant
24 Be mistaken
25 Roman 12
26 Sum up
27 Seeker of game
28 Married woman's title
29 Siamese currency
30 Born
32 Solemn pledge
35 Reproduces
36 Half a quarter
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Cuban runner returns to international competition after brush with death

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Doctors tried unsuccessfully to save her unborn child. "I lost the baby I had wanted all my life," she said.

Doctors have advised her to stay out of the sun and she is staying at a hotel in Ponce rather than at the athletes' lodging with the rest of the Cuban team.

Although she has won about 60 international races in the 400 and 800 meters, she said she would compete only in the longer run in Ponce.

Her track victories have included a bronze medal in the 800-meter run in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona; the 400- and 800-meter runs and 4 x 400-meter relay in the 1989 World Cup in Barcelona; and the 400- and 800-meters in the 1990 Central American and Caribbean Games in Mexico and the 1991 Panamerican Games in Havana.

On her best days before the accident, Quirot ran the 800 meters in 1-minute, 54.44 seconds. A week ago, she was timed at 2:06.00 in training. Her strongest competitors in Ponce are considered to be Lettie Vried of Surinam, who was timed at 1:57.00, and Lorie Ann Admas of Guyana.

She returns to the track Wednesday in the 800-meter elimination at Francisco Montaner Stadium in Ponce.

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Trieste holds lead

MILAN, Italy (AP) - Stefanel Trieste, paced by Lemone Lampley and Dejan Bodiroga, downed Burghy Rome 100-90 on the road to hold overall lead in the Italian basketball league with a perfect record of eight wins in as many games.

Defending champion Buckler Bologna and Benetton Treviso both scored home wins over the weekend to keep tied in second place, four points behind the leaders.

At Rome's Palaeur Lampley, an

American center, and Serbian guard Bodiroga pumped in 14 and 21 points respectively.

At Treviso American playmaker Winston Garland, formerly of Houston, scored decisive points in the last two minutes to give Benetton a 98-89 victory. He had a total of 22 points. His American teammate Pace Mannion added 20 points.

Charles Shackelford was the leading scorer - and the best player - of the game with 30 points and 22

rebounds on the losing side.

Predrag Danilovic and his American teammate Cliff Levingston, with 26 and 13 points, paced Buckler Bologna to a 82-71 victory against Baker Leghorn.

Henry Williams, the American guard of fourth-place Glaxo Verona, retained first place in the leading league scorers lists with an average of 28.8 points per game. He had 20 points in Sunday's 81-69 victory of Verona against Venice.

Police complete investigation of Charles Barkley bar scuffle

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) - Police have completed their investigation into last week's nightclub scuffle in which NBA star Charles Barkley allegedly punched a man in the face.

City Prosecutor Kay Bigelow said Monday she had not reviewed the police report and would not decide before Tuesday whether to file charges. Lt. Mike Keeley said police did not recommend filing a charge.

Barkley has denied punching Edward Durham, a 36-year-old vitamin salesman from Glendale. Durham intervened Thursday during an argument between the Phoenix Suns star and a fan. Keeley said seven witnesses back Barkley's claim.

Barkley could face a misdemeanor assault charge if Bigelow prosecutes. Bigelow's office has jurisdiction over misdemeanors only. The most serious class of misdemeanors, which would in-

clude assaults in which someone was intentionally injured, carries a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a fine of up to \$2,500.

Durham told police Barkley struck him in the mouth after the player cursed a female autograph-seeker and then exchanged obscenities with Durham at the trendy Sixx nightclub and pool hall.

Durham claimed the 6-foot-6 (2-meter) forward hit him in the mouth despite being restrained. A police report said Durham's lips were slightly swollen, but he refused medical treatment at the scene.

Barkley has said the bar's employees acted too quickly for him to have the chance to strike Durham.

Keeley said police talked to two of Barkley's friends who were with him at Sixx and five other people who were in the bar at the time. All supported the version that Barkley gave police on Saturday, Keeley said.

Barkley has said he gave the

woman his autograph, but she nevertheless began needling him for not signing one for her at a golf tournament in January.

"I had already signed an autograph for her. Then she said I didn't sign an autograph at the Phoenix Open," Barkley said Friday night. "I will put my record up against any professional athlete in the world. I don't turn people down for autographs."

Barkley said he was indignant because of the woman's ingratitude.

Durham was waiting for an autograph to give to his 5-year-old daughter. He has said he holds no ill feelings toward Barkley and would drop the complaint if Barkley apologized, but last year's NBA MVP has refused, maintaining his innocence.

Barkley has offered to give Durham's daughter an autograph, but not in her father's presence.

Former diver Kimball to get out of prison

BRANDON, Fla. (AP) - Bruce Kimball, the former Olympic diver who was convicted of manslaughter after driving drunk into a group of teen-agers, will be released this week after serving less than five years of a 17-year prison sentence.

Kimball said he had missed a driveway, where he was going to drop off a friend, and didn't see about 35 youths who were parked along a dead-end street Aug. 1, 1988. His blood-alcohol level was twice the legal limit, officials said.

Robbie Bedell and Kevin Gossic, 16, were killed instantly. Raymond Kerker, then 16, and April Bruffy, then 18, were left with multiple leg fractures and have since had more than 12 operations between them. Four others were treated and released from a hospital.

Kimball had almost died in 1981

when a drunken driver crashed into his car and shattered his face.

Kimball pleaded guilty to two counts of manslaughter while driving under the influence and three counts of drunk driving with serious injury.

He was sentenced to 17 years in prison, but after a little more than four years he was transferred into a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program. Earlier this year, he was sent to Spectrum House in Miami, a minimum-security center where he has an outside job and returns at nights for intensive therapy, counseling and meals.

Kimball is to be released from the center Wednesday, said Debbie Buchanan, spokeswoman for the Department of Corrections. He will never have a driver's license, he must report to a probation officer monthly and, unless a judge consents, he can't visit any

place where alcoholic beverages are served while on probation.

The last time Kimball was free - the time between his arrest and his January 1989 trial - he competed in the Olympic diving trials at Indianapolis as a group from Brandon sat glaring in the stands. They had driven 18 hours to protest Kimball's decision to compete for a spot on the U.S. Olympic team less than three weeks after the crash.

When the Florida Parole Commission decided in 1990 to release Kimball early, Terry Bedell was outraged that Kimball would serve only a portion of a sentence that was supposed to be punishment for killing her 19-year-old son.

Corrections officials said Kimball plans to move to Illinois upon his release, and his proba-

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Round-robin format considered for Davis Cup

LONDON (AP) - Tennis officials are considering adopting a round-robin format for the Davis Cup.

The International Tennis Federation said Monday the change will be discussed at a special seminar during the Dec. 3-5 Davis Cup final between Germany and Australia in Dusseldorf.

"Round-robin formats certainly have tremendous benefits," ITF general manager Mike Davies said. "They reduce the number of 'dead' Sunday ties and make planning and promotion better for players, organizers, sponsors and television."

Under the proposed change, there would be a World Group Championship Division, a World Group First Division and three zonal groups.

One proposal envisions a Championship Division with eight nations and a First Division with 16. A second proposal would have 16 nations in each.

Both the Championship Division and Division One would be divided into groups of four nations and played on a round-robin basis. The zonal groups would continue to play by the present knock-out format.

The change would ensure that each nation in the top two divisions would play at least three matches a year, with dates and opponents known at the start of the year. Every nation would have at least one home match.

After the initial discussions in Dusseldorf, the proposal will be circulated to all ITF member nations next May and placed before the annual congress in Hong Kong in September.

Under the present format, there is a World Group with 16 nations. Losers are eliminated. Winners advance to the next round, with the home venue going to whichever country played away in the previous match between the two.

Ticket over sales under investigation

MADISON, Wis. (AP) - University of Wisconsin police are investigating whether the school sold too many tickets to a football game at which dozens were injured when students surged onto the field, an official said Monday.

One detective and two auditors were looking into ticket sales for the Oct. 30 game against the University of Michigan, university police Lt. Gary Johnson said.

Thousands surged toward the field of Camp Randall Stadium after Wisconsin won the game, trampling dozens caught underfoot. At least 69 people were injured, seven critically.

Documents that detail events

surrounding the surge showed police received two telephone calls from informants who referred to overselling of tickets. The calls were received at the security command center set up at the game.

"Regardless of the informants, we would be doing something to determine whether there was an overselling of tickets," Johnson said.

Tim Van Alstine, ticket sales director for the university, said, "I don't think there is any concern of overselling."

Athletic department officials said earlier that an internal audit found the school didn't sell too many tickets.

Chavez, Norris And Nunn to defend World Titles in Mexico bout

NEW YORK (AP) - Boxers Julio Cesar Chavez, Terry Norris and Michael Nunn will defend world titles on Dec. 18 at Pueblo, Mexico.

The tripleheader came about because of a change in the date of Chavez' defense against Andy Holligan of Britain and a site change in scheduled defenses by Norris and Nunn, John Solberg, a spokesman for promoter Don King, said Monday.

Chavez, of Mexico, originally was scheduled to defend the WBC

super lightweight championship against Holligan on Dec. 11 at Pueblo.

Norris and Nunn originally were set for title defenses on Dec. 18 at Charlotte, N.C. Norris, the WBC super welterweight champion, will fight Simon Brown, a former welterweight champion, and Nunn will defend the WBA super middleweight title against Merqui Sosa.

The combining of the cards was a matter of logistics for Showtime, according to Solberg.