

De Lugo urges reforms

By Rafael H. Arroyo

VIRGIN Islands delegate to US Congress Ron De Lugo last Friday called on local government leaders to seriously consider reforms in the areas of minimum wage, labor and taxation to solve its current problems.

Meeting with members of the Ninth CNMI Legislature at the Hyatt Regency Hotel's Oceana Room, the visiting US congressman also exhorted the Common-

wealth to put a handle on the alien labor situation if it wants to preserve its culture and achieve economic progress.

"It is impossible to preserve our culture if majority of the popu-

lation have no political rights and aliens outnumber US citizens and Chamorros. History is there for us to look at. Every area that brings in cheap labor has the same problem. You can handle it a year or

two but it gets disastrous five or ten years down the line," said De Lugo.

De Lugo, who is chairman of the US House Subcommittee on Insular and International Affairs,

came in Friday with a delegation of staffers from the US House Natural Resources Committee.

Upon his arrival, he immediately met with Governor Froilan **continued on page 11**

Security firm sued by guards

A SECURITY service company owner has been sued by three of his employees for alleged non-payment of regular and overtime wages.

Island Security Services, owned by Joaquin Guerrero, was named in a civil case filed with the U.S. District Court recently by three Filipino security guards. They were complaining of unpaid salaries as well as illegal deductions.

According to Jose Santiago, Danilo M. Herrera and Bienvenido De Guzman, they were required by their employer to work more than 40 hours a week but were paid wages at the regular rate for their overtime work.

The complainants performed their services "diligently... and regularly worked in excess of 40 hours per week...[but] defendant has failed, refused and neglected to pay plaintiffs all of the wages **continued on page 10**



Visiting member of US Congress Ron De Lugo speaks with local lawmakers during Friday's meeting flanked by House Speaker Diego T. Benavente (left) and Senate president Jesus R. Sablan.

Embezzled NMC funds caused by poor control

STRICTER and more effective internal controls at the Northern Marianas College are needed if the incidence of cash collection fraud at the Commonwealth's state college is to be avoided.

This was the recommendation made by acting Public Auditor

Scott K. Tan in a final audit report his office released regarding the cause and circumstances behind the alleged embezzlement of tuition and other school fees by a former fiscal officer of NMC from 1991 to 1993. The identity of the fiscal officer was not immediately known as the audit failed to name her.

Missing school funds and other irregularities at NMC's Business

Office discovered and reported in late 1992 led to a special cash investigation by NMC's external auditors, Deloitte & Touche. It confirmed undeposited collections and cash shortages.

Although the former fiscal officer admitted misappropriating funds, was terminated and charged in court, NMC President Agnes McPhetres to ask the Public Auditor to conduct a detailed audit to

determine the cause of the cash collection fraud and to determine if more funds were misappropriated.

The audit, released to the media Friday disclosed that \$49,870 may have been misappropriated for a period of more than one year. Of that amount, the former fiscal officer was said to be accountable for \$43,107.

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Timothy Villagomez

Villagomez named CUC head

RAY Guerrero's former deputy, Timothy Villagomez, was named acting executive director for Commonwealth Utilities Corp. Saturday.

He serves until a full-fledged appointee is placed at the helm of the utilities firm.

Five members of the CUC Board of Directors, meeting Saturday, unanimously approved Villagomez's appointment to avert what could be a leadership crisis for the controversial utilities corporation. During the same meeting,

Planning & Budget Special Assistant and CUC ex-officio Board member Gregorio C. Sablan was also elected acting chairman of the Board while Boardmember Laura I. Manglona was named acting vice chairperson.

The two will serve in such capacities pending a new vote once the board achieves full membership.

Currently, the Board is comprised of five members, including Finance Director Maria D. Cabrera and newly confirmed members Xavier A. Castro and

Jeanette D. Sablan.

Two more board appointees, Carlos Shoda and Joseph Torres await Senate confirmation to make their terms full-fledged.

During Saturday's special board meeting, the motion for Villagomez's appointment drew considerable discussion among the board members present.

Manglona initially ruled against Villagomez's quick appointment, saying the position of executive director should be

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Machine gun attack kills general

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - Gunmen assassinated Egypt's top anti-terrorism officer Saturday night in a fiery attack on his car as he left his house near the Giza Pyramids.

The Interior Ministry said Maj. Gen. Raouf Khayrat, deputy chief of state security intelligence in charge of religious terrorist activities, died instantly.

The attack was among the most serious actions in the Cairo

area during a two-year campaign by Muslim extremists to supplant Egypt's largely secular government with a strict Islamic one. More than 330 people have died, mostly extremists and police.

The assassination reflected the ability of the group to strike at the heart of the government's apparatus designed to track it down.

Khayrat was assassinated three weeks after a military court sen-

tenced nine radicals to die for trying to assassinate Prime Minister Atef Sedki with a bomb that missed him but killed a 12-year-old girl.

At the sentencing, the defendants vowed that their colleagues would exact revenge from President Hosni Mubarak and others in the Egyptian power structure. Mubarak has since confirmed the death sentences, but so far as is known the men have not been hanged.

Police said Khayrat was cut down in a torrent of machine-gun bullets as he drove away from his house unescorted. The assailants then threw at least one grenade into his car, setting it ablaze and incinerating the general's body.

They escaped in a car, but Khayrat's neighbors reported to

police the license number. Egyptian extremists often use stolen vehicles in their attacks.

Police sources reported that some witnesses told of seeing the gunmen make their initial getaway on a motorcycle, which they then abandoned. But the Interior Ministry, in charge of police, said that could not be confirmed.

Khayrat's assassination is a major blow to the government for several reasons. It brought such violence back to Cairo, which had been free of major attacks since an assault on a tour bus last December injured eight Austrians and several Egyptians.

It also showed a major flaw in police security in that an officer of Khayrat's rank and position should be traveling without guards and in

such a manner that an ambush could be set for him.

And the attack demonstrated that despite police killings of many suspects this year, and government claims that radicals are on the verge of liquidation, they remain a force sufficiently potent and organized to hunt down and kill the man assigned to destroy them.

Police recognized the significance of the hit.

Khayrat died at 9:50 p.m. (1950gmt). Within an hour, roadblocks had gone up as far away as near the town center five miles (8km) away, on a bridge crossing the Nile at the Arab League headquarters.

The Interior Ministry said its top forensic experts were dispatched to the scene of the attack.

Trade deficit for China seen in 94

BEIJING (AP) - Inflation and a currency devaluation make it unlikely that China will be able to reverse last year's trade deficit in 1994, an official newspaper said Sunday.

Exports were up nearly 14 percent in January-February from the same period of 1993, but imports were up 20.5 percent for a two-month deficit of \$1.24 billion.

Wang Hua'an, an economist with the trade ministry, was quoted by the China Daily newspaper as saying this boded ill for the year because the trade balance was usually most favorable early in the year, when export commodities, especially agricultural products, are abundant. He said imports usually peak in the second half of the year.

Exports will be hurt by domestic inflation, which has been running at an annual rate of more than 23 percent, and the 33-percent devaluation of the Chinese yuan in January, he said.

The central government has been trying to cool off too-rapid economic growth and hopes that will reduce imports. But Wang said many local governments are still pushing ahead with high-growth plans that are stimulating import demand.

China enjoyed three successive years of trade surpluses until 1993, when the booming economy created a huge appetite for imported steel, oil and other raw materials. It ended the year with a dlr\$ 12.18 billion trade deficit.

N. Korea warns South to shun escapees

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - North Korea has warned South Korea against giving asylum to laborers escaped from North Korean logging camps in Siberia, reports said Sunday.

North Korea will regard them as having been "kidnapped" and will take "decisive countermeasures," South Korean MBC-radio reported, quoting a North Korean broadcast

monitored in Japan. The Russian vice foreign minister, Alexandre Panov, said Saturday that his government will allow escapees hiding in Russia to go to South Korea if Seoul accepts them.

South Korea has resisted public calls to accept the loggers, apparently because it does not want to worsen its confrontation with North Korea over the communist state's nuclear pro-

gram. An estimated 20,000 North Koreans work in Siberian logging camps under contracts with Moscow.

Foreign Minister Han Sung-joo said in February that some 170 escaped loggers are in Russia. He said they fled because of food shortages and inhumane working conditions. About 2,000 others are reportedly living in China.

10 hitchhikers die as firetruck overturns

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - A firetruck loaded with hitchhikers returning from a World War II memorial overturned Saturday on a winding road, killing 10 people and injuring 39, a radio station said.

Independent radio station DZXL

said the incident took place on the historic Bataan peninsula shortly after President Fidel Ramos spoke at ceremonies marking the 52nd anniversary of the Japanese victory over American and Filipino forces there.

Bataan, 80 kilometers (50 miles) west of Manila, was the place where Filipino and American troops made their last stand against an invading Japanese force at the start of the war in the Pacific.

Prisoners were led to prison camps during the notorious "Bataan Death March" following the surrender.

Police could not immediately confirm the death toll but said an investigator was sent to the accident site in Pilar town in Bataan.

DZXL said among those who were killed were two firemen.

Two planes collide killing 4

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. (AP) - Two small airplanes collided as they were preparing to land Saturday, killing four people and igniting a fire as the wreckage fell onto a factory, authorities said.

No one on the ground was injured. A Cessna 152 and Piper Comanche had been cleared for landing at Republic Airport in the Long Island city of Farmingdale, and air traffic controllers had ordered the Comanche to follow the Cessna to the runway, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Duncan Pardue.

The cause of the crash was not known, he said.

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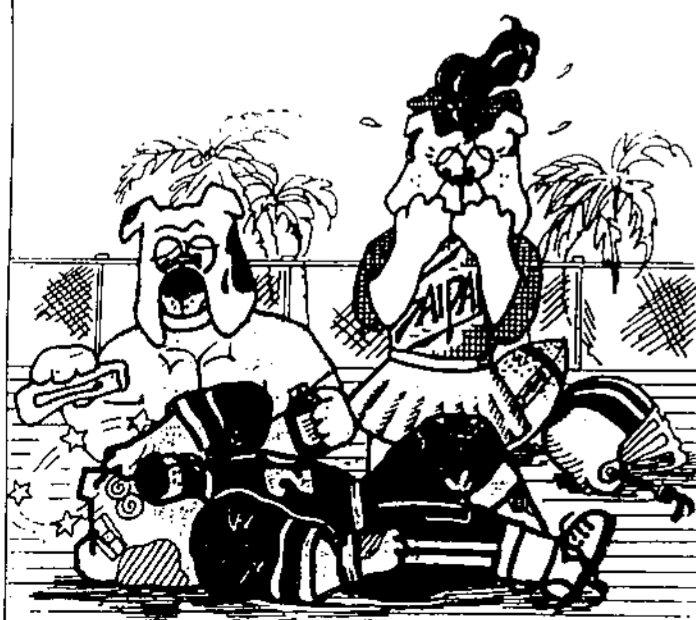
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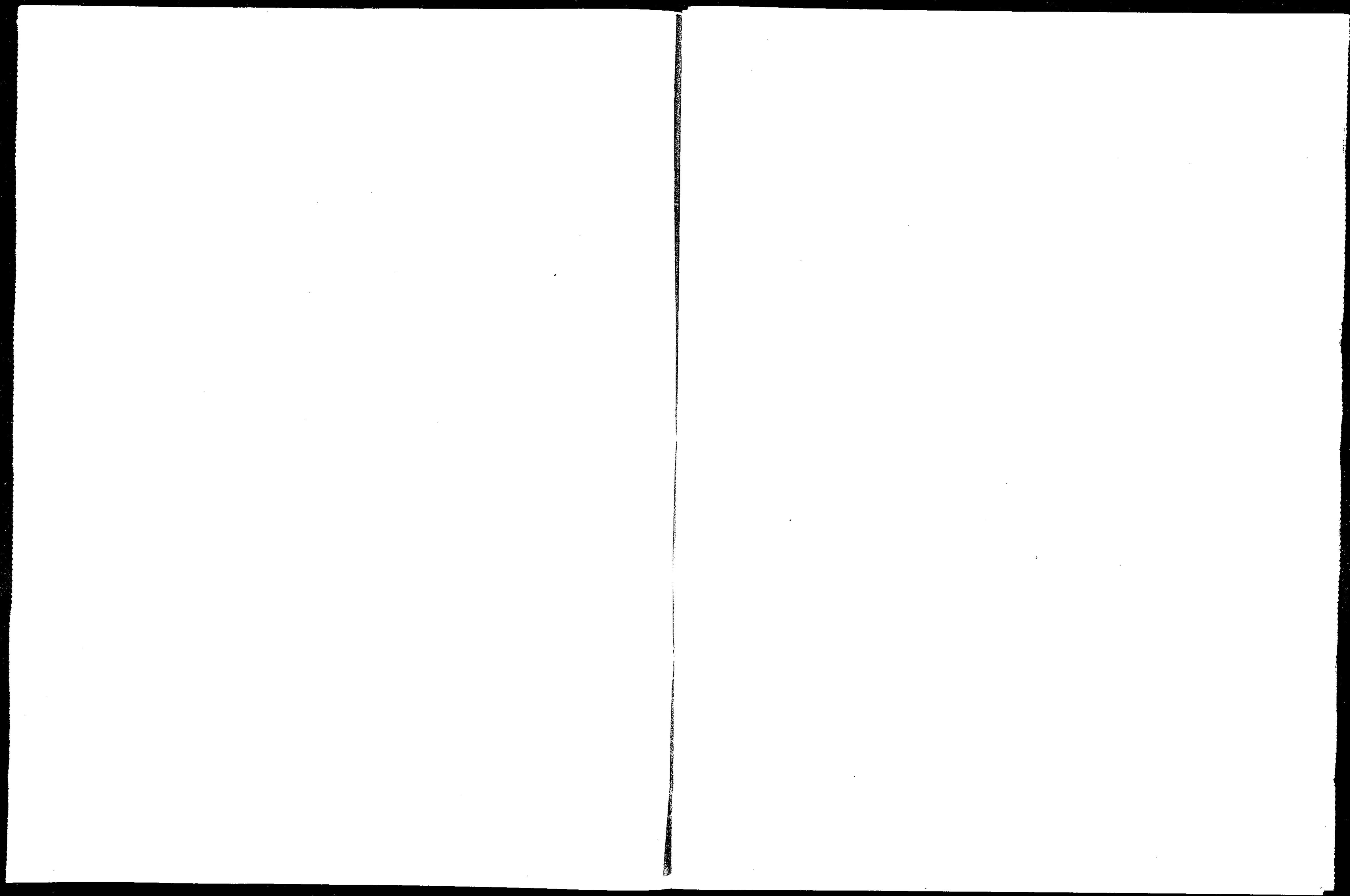
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Special studes spend the night at Hyatt

By Ferdie de la Torre

THREE "special" students of Marianas High School Transition Program spent an overnight accommodation at Hyatt Regency Hotel Thursday as part of the curriculum to increase their awareness and experience to the wide range of leisure and recreational facilities.

The Hyatt management offered complimentary accommodation that includes dinner, entrance to the cultural show, breakfast at Kili Cafe and an overnight stay in two rooms for the three students with "special needs" and three staff members.

The students are Elizabeth Igsaiar, Anthony Corpuz and Shaun Aldan. They were guided by staff members Josephine Borre, Paul Pedro, and May Catis.

The overnight transition experience started in 1991. The group was the fourth batch.

At Hyatt, the students observed the employees working in different settings like the housekeeping department, kitchen, maintenance crew, bus boys, waiters and waitresses, and others.

To enhance their socialization skills, the students met and talked with hotel guests.

The students also watched a cultural show and observed hotel guests of varied nationalities to make them feel to appreciate different cultures.

The staff strictly monitored the rules of a group tour. Mobility and personal safety requirements were emphasized.

Borre, a special education teacher who is in charge of coordinating the community-based transition activities, told Variety that the community referenced curriculum aims to provide students with the opportunity and freedom to develop to their full potential.

She explained that it encourages the students to take responsibility for their recreational, leisure, independent and community living skills.

"The program gives students an opportunity to explore employment options and increase their awareness and experience of the wide range of leisure and recreational facilities available to people on Saipan," Borre said.

She added that the MHS administration, Transition Program Staff, parents of students and the students themselves express their gratitude to Clifford Gauers, Hyatt General Manager and Josephine Mesta, Hyatt Human Resources Director for continuously supporting the program for students with developmental disabilities.

Borre also lauded the PSS Special Education Program for the support it gives to the community based program at MHS.



Special student Anthony Corpuz smiles as he pressed the elevator's botton while staff member May Catis (middle) and students Shaun Aldan and Elizabeth Igsaiar look on.

Thai has 58M people

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - Thailand's population reached 58.3 million at the end of last year, with Bangkok the most densely populated region in the country, a census quoted Sunday said.

The English-language daily The Nation said the latest census showed the population was almost equally divided between males and females.

The Bangkok metropolitan area's population, given as 5.5 million, is believed to be higher since a number of rural migrants are not registered and large numbers come in from the countryside for seasonal work.

At the end of 1992, the official population figure was given as 55.7 million.

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UN troops told to reverse Serb gains

By SRECKO LATAL

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) - U.N. troops were ordered to use "all available means" to roll back Serb military gains in the Muslim enclave of Gorazde as cease-fire talks remained deadlocked.

U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali issued the order Saturday after Bosnian Serbs used tanks and artillery to capture a key ridge overlooking central Gorazde on Friday. His spokeswoman said air strikes were a possibility.

Sarajevo. It was unclear what effect the order would have, because there are no U.N. peacekeeping troops in Gorazde.

But similar tough talk by the secretary-general preceded a NATO ultimatum in February that forced Serbs to pull back their heavy guns from Sarajevo under threat of air strikes.

Washington and NATO have urged a speed-up of the planned deployment of hundreds of Ukrainian peacekeepers in Gorazde, a town of 65,000.

Fighting there threatens recent steps toward peace in Bosnia, including a Muslim-Serb truce in Sarajevo that has held since Feb. 10, and an agreement by Croats and the Muslim-led government to stop fighting and form a federation.

Sarajevo radio said Saturday night that Bosnian Serb forces had launched artillery and tank attacks against the government-controlled Bihac region in northwest Bosnia, killing five civilians and wounding a number of others since Friday.

The radio also said that Serb forces had carried out a "chemical attack" Saturday evening on two suburbs of Gorazde. There were no further details and U.N. spokesmen had no information on the report.

Rebel Muslim leader Fikret Abdic had also launched sporadic artillery attacks throughout the day, according to the radio, monitored in London.

In Sarajevo, talks between Bosnian Serb and government military chiefs yielded no apparent progress Saturday. Rose said he told the two sides to think over their options for 48 hours.

"I hope both sides will consider not pushing forward in any way at all on the ground during this period," he said.

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This is to inform the general public that the Marianas Islands Housing Authority (MIHA) is currently accepting "Housing Preservation Grant (HPG)" Program loan applications for the rehabilitation and repair of residential housing units owned and occupied by very low-income families.

Under the HPG Program, low interest (3%) loans of up to \$10,000 with a repayment term of fifteen (15) years will be available for, but not limited to, construction of water catchment tanks, septic tanks, septic tanks, additional room(s), repair or replacement of deteriorating plumbing system and hazardous electrical system, installation of special features for handicapped and/or disabled member(s), additional windows for adequate ventilation, repair or replacement of roofs damaged by storms or typhoons, and replacement of tin roofing to concrete roof.

In order to qualify for financial assistance, homeowners must meet as a minimum, the following eligibility requirements:

1. Adjusted annual income is less than or equal to the "very low-income" limits according to size of household as established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
2. Must own the property for at least one (1) year prior to requesting financial assistance or have a leasehold on the property at least ten (10) years beyond the term of the loan.
3. Property must be primary residence after HPG assistance is completed.

The time period for acceptance of applications will end on April 30, 1994, or for a period of time to allow for the receipt of the first twenty (20) applications. Recipients among the eligible applicants will be randomly selected by drawing of lots. Those interested in obtaining an application or additional information about the program, should contact the MIHA Central Office at telephone nos. 234-6866/9447/7670/7689; Tinian residents call 433-9213; and Rota residents call 532-9410.

The "Housing Preservation Grant (HPG)" Program is an equal opportunity program. Discrimination is prohibited by Federal Law.

/s/ **JOHN M. SABLAN**
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Hawaii Symphony loses \$2.5M

HONOLULU (AP) - The financially troubled Honolulu Symphony Society has lost close to \$2.5 million in state funds.

The State Foundation on Culture and the Arts voted at a special meeting Saturday to redesignate the money to other organizations, because the society canceled its season as its contract dispute with musicians continued.

The musicians will benefit by the move, because the money will be used to pay them for musical performances set up by Music Projects Honolulu, the Hawaii Opera Theater and Chamber Music Hawaii.

The three groups banned together to submit a proposal to the foundation after it became apparent the money earmarked for the symphony might be distributed to other organizations.

"A major component of the proposal is to maintain a symphonic body in Honolulu and enable the musicians to pay their bills," Marsha Schweitzer, vice president of Music Projects Honolulu, said last month.

Music Projects Honolulu will receive \$982,000 for the Hawaii Orchestra Youth Program and orchestra concerts. The Hawaii Opera Theater will get \$768,000 for expanded programs of Opera for Everyone and orchestra projects. And Chamber Music Hawaii will receive \$650,000 for educational projects and chamber orchestra outreach concerts.

NovAtel, a telecommunications company, was sold by the province two years ago.

Hong Kong-based businessman Horst Pudwil bought the cellular handset side of the company while Northern Telecom bought the cellular systems side.

The Lethbridge plant will begin making hand-held cellular phones within a couple of months, McDowell said, adding it should double the number of workers at the plant.

McDowell said he may announce the expansion within the next month. Japan Radio now employs about 500 people in Canada and the United States.

Japan Radio opens factory in Canada

LETHBRIDGE, Alberta (AP) - Japan Radio Canada officially opened a factory in this Canadian province Saturday with a promise to create 90 new jobs.

"We're going to add more people, add more product and add more function into this facility and into this area," David McDowell told a crowd of employees at the ribbon-cutting.

It made official a deal which has been under negotiation since for almost a year.

When Japan Radio took over NovAtel's operations in Lethbridge and Fort Worth, it said it planned to keep Lethbridge research and development personnel in those locations on staff. Some have transferred.

Bank of China to issue bonds in Japan

BEIJING (AP) - The Bank of China is preparing to issue 15 billion to 30 billion Japanese yen worth of bonds in Tokyo, an official newspaper reported Sunday.

The China Daily quoted Huo Tuanjie, deputy general manager of the bank's foreign exchange department, as saying the issue probably will be made in the first half of the year but an exact date has not been set.

The bank also has yet to decide whether to issue the bonds at fixed or floating rates, Huo said. The funds will be used to finance energy and transportation development, she said.

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Bosnia's war, in which more than 200,000 people are dead or missing, started two years ago when the republic's minority Serbs rebelled after Muslims and Croats voted to secede from Yugoslavia. Serbs seized 70 percent of the country's territory.

U.N. aid officials reported two deaths Friday, bringing the total to at least 85 since the offensive started. About 400 people have been wounded.

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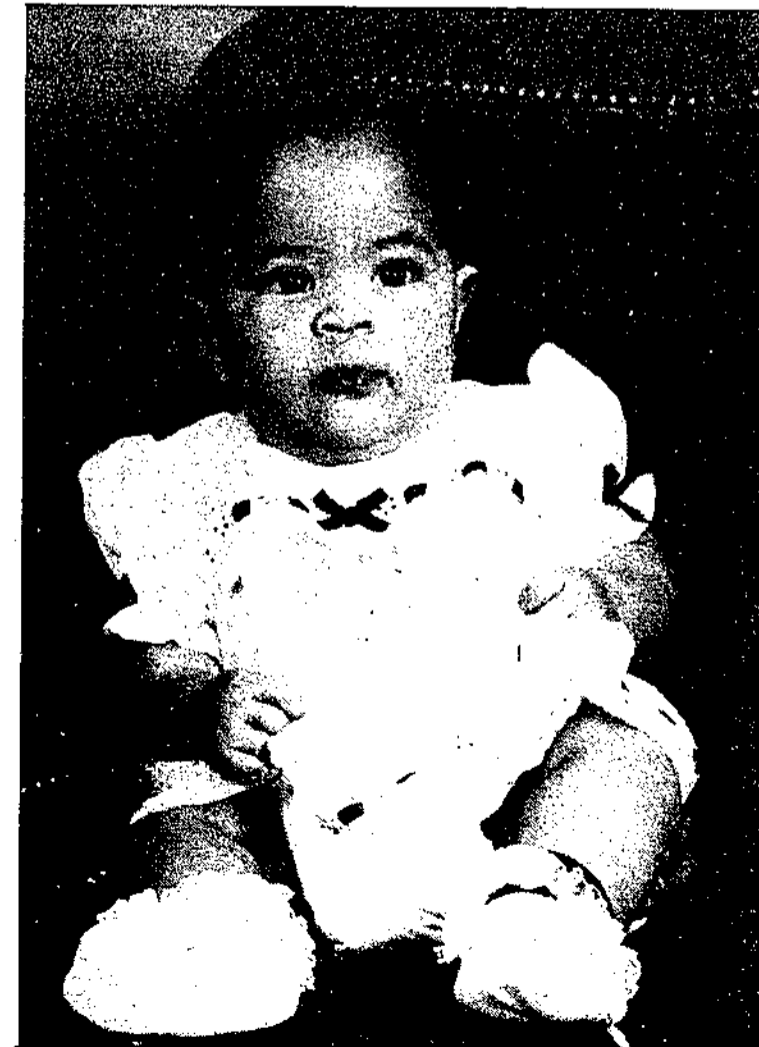
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US hits detention of Sino dissidents

WASHINGTON (AP) - The White House called on Chinese officials Saturday to immediately release dissidents incarcerated "for the peaceful expression of their views."

"We strongly support the right of these advocates of peaceful change to exercise their internationally recognized human rights," Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said in a statement.

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Tokyo's Disneyland doing well

By P.H. FERGUSON

CHIBA, Japan (AP) - The Magic Kingdom is having trouble in Europe, but the Tokyo Disneyland thrives, more than 10 years after Mickey Mouse and his gang opened the gates to free-spending Japanese.

"I love it here," said Takamasa Mochizuki, 7, giggling at a mockup of Native Americans burning a settler's cabin. "It makes me afraid and then it makes me happy."

The Tokyo theme park proved naysayers wrong from the start. Instead of peaking in the first year and tapering off, as predicted, attendance has steadily increased. Even after waiting several hours for the most popular rides, people come back.

"We were very nervous in the beginning, of course," said

Katsuhiko Nakamura, publicity director of Oriental Land Co., Disney's licensee in Japan. "There were no 100 percent guarantees that this would succeed."

About 140 million people, 17 million more than Japan's population, have bustled through Tokyo Disneyland since 1983. Last year, they spent an average of 9,000 yen (\$85 U.S.), helping make Tokyo the most profitable Disney park.

Visitors to financially troubled Euro Disney spend only \$45, estimated Jeffrey Logsdon, head of The Seidler Co., a research firm. At the original Disneyland in Los Angeles and Disney World in Florida, the average is between \$60 and \$70.

Tokyo Disneyland's success is due partly to its location in a metropolitan area of 30 million people. The timing also was for-

unate.

Oriental Land approached Disney with the idea of building a theme park in 1962, but the deal was not made until 1979.

The park is fully owned by Oriental Land Co., which licenses Disney characters and other copyrighted material from Walt Disney Productions.

It opened in 1983, when the economy was booming and consumers were looking for ways to spend their unaccustomed spare cash and leisure time. After decades of hard work, the Japanese wanted to have fun.

Euro Disney, by contrast, opened just in time for the European recession, leading people either to stay away or scrimp.

In Japan, despite the worst economic slump since World War II, attendance has continued to grow, increasing last year by 200,000 to

more than 16 million.

Rides and other attractions are the same as those at Disney parks elsewhere, with a few exceptions: a Japanese restaurant staffed by kimono-clad waitresses, a tour of Cinderella's castle and "Meet the World," a presentation of Japanese history from a foreign perspective.

Some say Walt Disney Productions has helped write a new chapter in Japanese social history by popularizing the idea that family outings can be fun. Families account for about half of the park's visitors.

"Leisure was not always a part of the Japanese lifestyle," Nakamura said. "Fathers used to see family outings as a duty."

An afternoon at Tokyo Disneyland offers a rare opportunity for Japanese parents to share laughs with their children.

"It's a wonderful place to bring the kids," said 7-year-old Takamasa's mother, Yumiko Mochizuki. "And it's fun for all of us."

Manami Yamada decided to celebrate her graduation from elementary school with her fourth trip to Disneyland.

"I love the rides," she said. "I want to ride them again and again."

Hidehiko Sekizawa, a specialist in the leisure industry at the Hakuhodo Institute of Life and Living, says Tokyo Disneyland's customer-oriented approach has had great impact on the Japanese service industry.

Hospitality in Japan tends to be formal and is often arranged for the convenience of hosts, not guests. There are no menus at traditional Japanese inns, for example, because guests are expected to eat what they are given at an hour set by the innkeeper.

Informality and enthusiasm are the hospitality watchwords at Tokyo Disneyland. Staff members smile at the visitors, take their photographs and cheer them on.

"Before Disneyland, Japanese were without standards to judge service," Sekizawa said.

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Argentine firm buys \$45M Brazil's Petrobras

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) - Argentine electricity company Central Puerto and Brazil's oil conglomerate Petrobras have signed an agreement to deliver \$45 million of Brazilian oil, news reports said Saturday.

The agreement involves a total of 2.7 million barrels of Brazilian fuel oil for delivery starting May 1 through September, the financial newspaper Gazeta Mercantil reported.

"It was a good deal for both parties," said Alberto Guimaraes,

Petrobras' export marketing director, quoted by the newspaper.

The agreement underlines the growing energy trade between the South American nations. Argentina is one of Brazil's main crude oil suppliers, with export sales of roughly 100,000 barrels per day.

Brazil imports 1,350,000 barrels per day. Saudi Arabia is its main supplier, but the South American nation buys also from Kuwait, Algeria, Iran, Mexico and Venezuela.

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due for overtime hours worked," the complaint partly read.

This is a practice applied by the defendant to all his non-resident employees, they said.

In January 1992, the complainants said they were forced, through threat and intimidation, by Island Security Services to submit a letter signifying their "ostensible agreement" to such practice.

The guards said they were warned not to make any complaints against Guerrero with respect to such practice or their families in the Philippines would be punished with physical harm.

Guerrero also charged the complainants for cost of transportation to the job site through salary deductions, in violation of their employment contracts, the law-

suit stated.

The three non-resident workers did not mention in their lawsuit how many unpaid overtime hours have been accumulated or how much compensation they wanted from the defendant.

According to the complainants, the alleged non-payment of wages were in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act and the Non-Resident Workers Act as well as their contracts.

Aside from alleged unpaid regular and overtime wages, the three workers also want the federal court to be awarded liquidated, compensatory, and punitive "for the defendant's extreme and outrageous conduct in having threatened them and their families with physical harm." (RIS)



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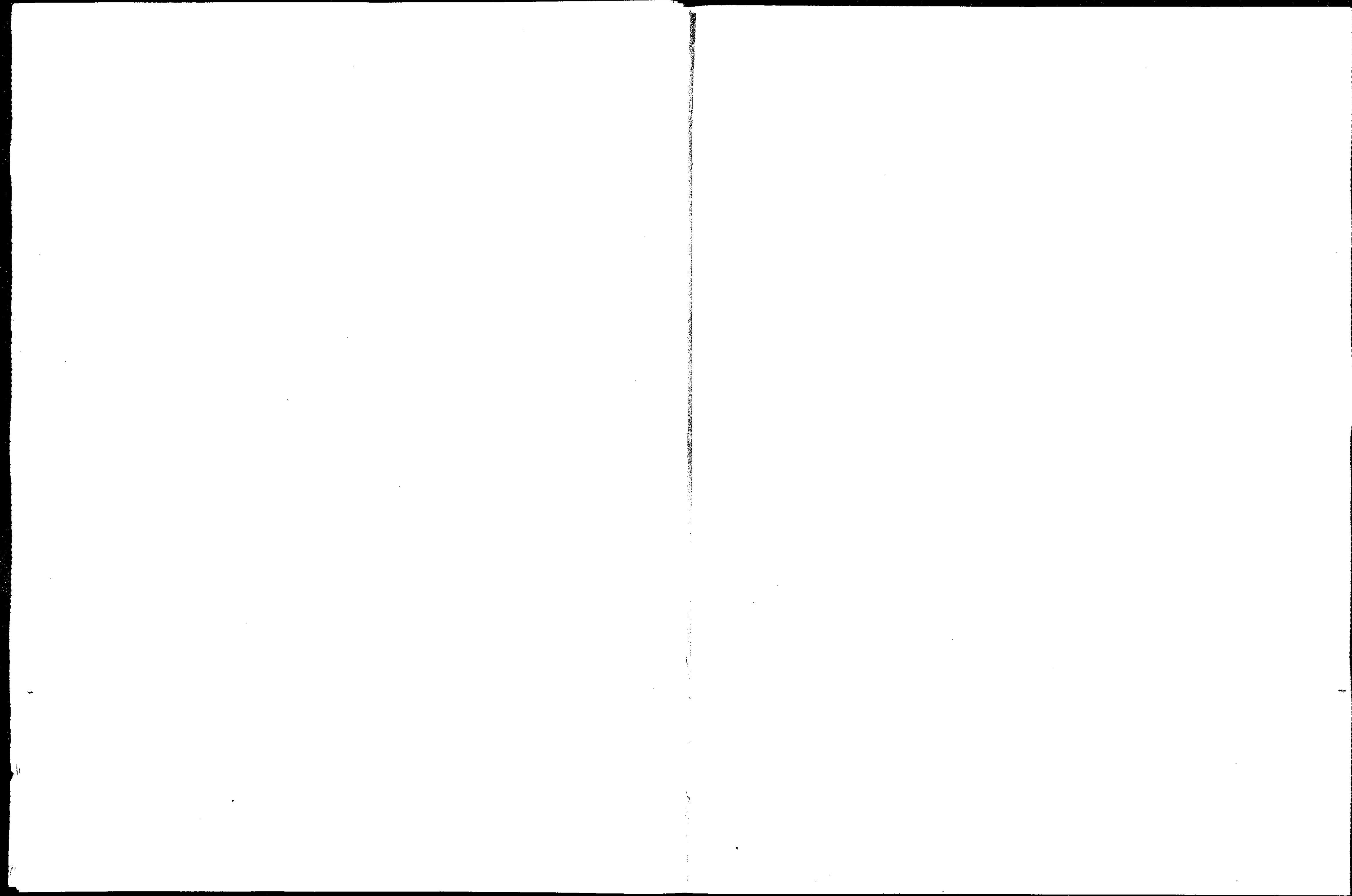
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Cubs rally to beat Expos, 4-3

SAMMY Sosa hit a sacrifice fly in the ninth inning off John Wetteland (0-1) on Saturday as the Chicago Cubs rallied to beat the Montreal Expos 4-3 in Montreal.

Montreal led 3-2 in the eighth but Wetteland (0-1), who blew just six saves in 49 chances last year, walked Sammy Sosa and threw away a pickoff attempt for an error that set up a game-tying single by pinch-hitter Mark Grace. Dan Plesac (1-0) pitched two

perfect innings, and Randy Myers pitched the ninth for the save.

Reds 2, Phillies 1

In Cincinnati, John Smiley, the Reds' biggest disappointment last year, anchored their third straight victory with 7 1-3 shutout innings.

Brian Dorsett singled home the only run off loser Curt Schilling in the fourth inning. Hal Morris added a homer in the eighth off Doug Jones.

Hector Carrasco gave up a lead-off homer in the ninth to Pete

Incaviglia before getting his first major-league save.

Pirates 10, Rockies 5

In Pittsburgh, Carlos Garcia homered and drove in three runs, and Jay Bell had three hits as Pittsburgh won following an 0-4 start.

Garcia and Bell singled ahead of Orlando Merced's two-run double in the first off Armando Reynoso (0-1).

Zane Smith (1-1) survived three homers to win as a starter for the

first time since Aug. 13.

Giants 4, Cardinals 3

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Matt Williams hit a two-out, run-scoring single off Tom Urbani (0-1) in the 11th inning of a double-

header opener after Darren Lewis reached on an error by first baseman Gregg Jefferies.

Rich Monteleone (1-0) pitched the 11th for the victory.

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thing on to the court to allow my playing to disrupt me.

"I don't think it's a big obstacle. I think the guys respect me. I think it's a matter of stepping in and showing it."

Pippen's talents were most evident in the NBA All-Star game. He was chosen MVP after scoring 29 points, hitting five 3-pointers and grabbing 11 rebounds.

Overall, Pippen is averaging nearly 22 points, nearly nine rebounds and more than five assists

per game, and is considered an MVP candidate.

"He's the best player on our team," Steve Kerr said. "He's the guy we look to."

When Pippen plays well, the Bulls have shown they can beat any team. And as they showed during the post All-Star slump, when Pippen plays poorly, they can lose to any team.

"He's drawing the kind of attention Michael Jordan used to get," coach Phil Jackson said.

"The defenses are putting hands on him, making sure they're roughing him up."

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Hawks, who shot 60 percent from the field in winning for just the second time in five games.

Mitchell Butler scored 21 points and Tom Gugliotta and Rex Chapman 15 each for the Bullets, who remained in last place in the Atlantic Division.

Danny Manning had 17 points and Mookie Blaylock 12 points and 11 assists, three of them in a 13-6 Atlanta run in the first four minutes of the third period.

Augmon, who missed only his first shot of the game, scored six points during that span, as the Hawks stretched a 62-55 halftime lead to 75-61. Atlanta extended its lead to 93-75 with three minutes left in the third quarter.

Warriors 117, Timberwolves 105

Chris Mullin scored a season-high 29 points and Latrell Sprewell added 11 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter for Golden State against Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Chris Webber had 20 and 10 rebounds for the Warriors, coming off their most decisive loss in almost two years - Thursday's 134-102 defeat at Houston.

Doug West and Christian Laettner scored 24 points each and Micheal Williams 21 for the Timberwolves, who have lost seven of eight games and are 6-27 since Feb. 1.

The last times these teams met,

April 1 at Golden State, the Warriors won 146-109 - the most lopsided loss ever for Minnesota. This time, the Warriors trailed 71-63 in third period before Mullin, who had 18 points in the quarter, made two three-point plays and two 20-foot jumpers as Golden State pulled into a 78-78 tie going into the fourth.

Bulls 125, Bucks 99
Chicago scored the first 15 points against Milwaukee on the way to a 37-19 lead after one quarter, and the Bulls coasted to their seventh straight victory in Chicago.

The win, the Bulls' 13th in 15 games, kept them just one game behind first-place Atlanta in the Central Division. It was the fifth straight game Chicago has held its opponent under 100 points.

Scott Williams led the Bulls with 21 points, while Scottie Pippen scored 19 and Horace Grant 16.

Ken Norman had 20 points and Vin Baker 17 for the Bucks, who dropped their fourth consecutive game and their 17th in 19 outings. Milwaukee has lost 12 straight on the road and their last 16 at Chicago Stadium.

Chicago made nine of its first 10 shots while racing to a 19-1 lead. The Bucks didn't make their first basket until 7:23 was left in the period. Jazz 128, Clippers 104

Karl Malone scored 15 of his 25 points in the decisive third quarter as Utah won consecutive

games for the first time in a month, defeating Los Angeles in Salt Lake City.

Tom Chambers, John Stockton and Tyrone Corbin scored 20 points each for the Jazz, who had failed to win two straight games since the end of their 10-game winning streak on March 8.

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out."

The exchange produced some pushing between members of Patterson's camp and McKinney's before the IBF champion left.

Former heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson, Tracy Patterson's adoptive father, said his son's outing against Duran was the best he had seen and the longest he had seen him box.

Tracy Patterson used a solid jab to keep Duran off balance and threw lefts and rights to the body and head to gain points.

Judge Keith Macdonald scored it 116-112, Dave Brown saw it 117-112 and Dave Harris had it 118-110, all for Patterson. The Associated Press scored the fight 116-112.

Patterson started slowly against Duran, 27-2, but opened a cut in the challenger's left eyelid by the second round. The cut was never a factor in the fight, although it caused Duran's eye to puff up.

"I felt no matter what Duran was

going to do, I was going to adjust," he said. "I was just concentrating on my game plan."

The elder Patterson agreed.

"We had trained to box. That's what we did. We boxed the entire 12 rounds and I'm very happy with the results," he said.

Neither fighter went down nor seemed to be in serious trouble, although Duran rocked Patterson with a hard right in the fourth round. Patterson ended the round by sticking out his tongue at the challenger. Duran lost his mouthpiece to a solid right from Patterson in the 10th.

"I'm not taking anything from Duran. Duran is a worthy challenger. He was just in there with a better man," Patterson said.

Duran, of Sacramento, Calif., didn't attend the post-fight news conference.

Patterson weighed in at the 122-pound (55-kg) limit. Duran, ranked No. 7 by the WBC, was a pound lighter.

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Hornets beat 76ers in OT

LARRY Johnson scored 20 points and Tyrone Bogues had 19 points and 13 assists Saturday night as the Charlotte Hornets improved their slim playoff hopes with a 127-122 overtime victory over the Philadelphia 76ers in Philadelphia.

The Hornets, with eight games remaining, must catch either Miami, Indiana or New Jersey to get a postseason berth. They now trail the Pacers and Nets by four games and the Heat by 4.

Charlotte had a 117-110 lead after Johnson's layup with 30 seconds left in regulation. But Clarence Weatherspoon's 3-point shot and a layup by Dana Barros pulled the 76ers to 117-115 with 18 seconds remaining.

Bogues made one of two free throws two seconds later, but Barros hit a 28-foot 3-pointer at the buzzer to send the game into overtime.

The 76ers never caught up as the Hornets scored the first seven points of the extra period.

Weatherspoon and Jeff Malone had 24 points each for Philadelphia.

Rockets 100, Spurs 89

Vernon Maxwell scored 27 points, overshadowing the center showdown between Hakeem Olajuwon and David Robinson as Houston beat San Antonio in Houston.

The Rockets increased their lead over the Spurs to two games in the Midwest Division and evened the season series at 2-2. The teams meet again April 19 at San Antonio.

A sellout crowd came to see Olajuwon battle the Robinson, but both big men were saddled with five fouls in the final eight minutes.

Olajuwon finished with 20 points and 13 rebounds. Robinson, after scoring only one point in the first quarter when the Spurs had just nine, led San Antonio with 30, including 15 after drawing his fifth foul with 8:10 left in the game.

Magic 125, Heat 105

Shaquille O'Neal, limited to 10 points through three periods, scored Orlando's first five of the

fourth quarter, sparking a 14-4 spurt that lifted the Magic over Miami in Miami.

Orlando defeated the Heat for the third time in five meetings to win the season series for the first time in the team's five-year history. The Heat lost all three games at Miami Arena this season.

Miami scored on all but three possessions in a 42-point third quarter to tie the game 88-88. But

the Heat missed eight of their first 11 shots in the last period and fell behind 102-92.

The Magic outscored Miami 39-16 at the free-throw line and hit a dozen 3-pointers. Nick Anderson had four 3-pointers in the first period and finished with 25 points.

Anfernee Hardaway scored 24 points, Dennis Scott 23 and O'Neal finished with 17, 12 under his average, for Orlando.

Glen Rice, who led Miami's comeback from a 16-point first-half deficit, scored 31 points. Steve Smith had 21 for the Heat.

Hawks 117, Bullets 103

Stacey Augmon hit 12 consecutive shots and scored 26 points for Atlanta against Washington in Atlanta.

Kevin Willis had 25 points and grabbed 15 rebounds for the

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Pippen out of Jordan's shadow

CHICAGO (AP) - The long shadow of Michael Jordan is gone. Scottie Pippen no longer is the second-best player on a team that has won three straight NBA championships.

His skills, always evident, have blossomed, and the burden of leadership on the Chicago Bulls that was Jordan's for so long is now Pippen's.

Pippen has readily accepted the role. But he's also learned, sometimes painfully, that leadership goes beyond the basketball court.

"It's been tough," said Pippen, who has led the Bulls back into the playoffs this season.

"But having teammates and guys you can count on has helped me through the tough adjustment. But as for being a team leader, everything does not come easy. You've got to be patient at best."

Leadership has meant more than taking the big shot at the end of the game, beyond directing his teammates, bringing the ball up, jawing with opponents or referees or facing the media.

It also has meant living in a spotlight that hasn't always highlighted his best side.

In January, he was arrested for having a loaded handgun in his car. He apologized but said as a visible sports star, he needed to protect

himself in the light of recent attacks on athletes.

In February, during a Bulls slump, a frustrated Pippen was booed by Chicago Stadium fans during a disappointing loss and performance. Pippen berated the fans, claiming they only booed black players, but later apologized.

There also was a reported rift with rookie teammate Toni Kukoc, the Croatian star.

"I don't know who started that we weren't getting along," Pippen said. "If you didn't hear me say anything or Toni say anything, then you know it was a rumor. But, if I've got something to say about a player that I think will help him or

encourage him, I'll speak out."

Pippen's peers in the NBA say they see a big difference this season.

"He's much more confident than he was in the past, much more assertive and vocal," Detroit's Isiah Thomas said. "He has a difficult task now to try to motivate the team, management and the city in trying to win another championship."

"It's not as bad as it could have been but there has been a lot of controversy for me," Pippen said. "I've been able to handle it, deal with it, and I don't think I've carried any-

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Patterson retains WBC crown

By TOM GARDNER

RENO, Nev. (AP) - Tracy Patterson stuck to his game plan and outboxed scrappy Richard Duran on Saturday to retain his WBC super bantamweight championship with a unanimous 12-

round decision.

"I knew the jab would be the key in the fight, keeping him at bay," Patterson said. "Whenever I caught him with anything it seemed to hurt him."

Patterson, of New Paltz, N.Y., improved his record to 50-2-1 with

35 knockouts and set the stage for a meeting with Kennedy McKinney to unify the World Boxing Council and the International Boxing Federation titles.

McKinney, the IBF 122-pound (55 kg) champion, attended Saturday's fight and Patterson's news conference.

"I'm probably the strongest junior featherweight in the world and that includes the weasel over there," Patterson said, gesturing toward McKinney.

"You won't go six rounds with me," McKinney retorted. "I guarantee you're going to get knocked

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Noriko Grandinetti, Jessica Jordan, Kristy Springer and Vanessa Kosack raise hands after winning the gold in swimming medley relays at the Micronesian games. The foursome broke existing records.

Nine teams to join PABA

NINE teams led by reigning champion RB-Electrical so far confirmed their participation in the reinforced conference of the 1994 Philippine Amateur Basketball Association basketball tournament.

The teams who are joining also included the Duet Karaoke Club, Boxer, JG Sablan Construction Co., Coral Ocean Point, FT Enterprises, BPS Security Services, Tasi Tours and Fishing Tackle. These teams have either submitted their rosters or have paid at least half of the \$800 entry fee.

PABA committee chairman Ric Q. Tayco said teams who are still willing to join will be accepted no later than April 14. They should attend the committee meeting on April 14 at the St. Mary's Bakery in San Antonio with their rosters plus their 50 percent down entry fee, or contact Ric at 234-6031 for more information.

The reinforced conference is set to start the first week of May to be played at the Civic Center open court in Susupe. This year's conference will allow two non-Filipinos for each team who will be allowed to play one at a time.

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