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Bowie to face trial for murder

SUPERIOR Court Judge Miguel Demapan ruled on Friday that Joseph Anthony C. Bowie should be made to answer to the charge of first degree murder and six other charges in connection with the killing of carpenter Eladio O. Laude in November.

Nilo Rivera, a friend of Laude who was abducted along with the murder victim but managed to escape, testified at the preliminary hearing and identified Bowie, 21, as the one who allegedly drove the vehicle used by their abductors. The type of the vehicle was not mentioned.

Rivera testified that the abductors posed as policemen and were using a vehicle that had a siren. They allegedly stopped Laude and Rivera in front of the bowling center along Beach Road.

The abductors, Rivera said, demanded \$25 from him. He only had \$5 in his wallet which was taken by one of the abductors.

Rivera and Laude were subsequently brought to the parking lot of the Motor Vehicles Bureau in Susupe, then to a house in As Lito

where at least six men allegedly started beating Laude.

When he tried to stop the men, Rivera said, he was likewise kicked, beaten up and punched.

The government amended the charges against Bowie to include robbery and assault and battery on Rivera.

Bowie, who was arraigned for the additional charges shortly after the preliminary hearing, pleaded not guilty.

Dr. Robert Hanan of Commonwealth Health Center testified on the autopsy report. According to the report, Laude's body showed signs of violent death. He suffered rib fracture, severe hemorrhage and second degree burns which, according to the government, could be a result of the victim's having been dragged underneath a vehicle to a distance of 100 feet.

Bowie was charged with first degree murder, two counts of kidnapping, two counts of robbery, and two counts of assault and battery.

A status conference will be held on June 7 during which the court



Eladio O. Laude

may set a trial date for Bowie.

Three other young suspects in the murder of the carpenter are awaiting trial. Mario M. Reyes and his brother Efrain Jr. who are both in their 20s, and a juvenile were arrested and charged with first degree murder among several other charges, shortly after the body of Laude was found in the Dandan homestead area.

The carpenter was killed about a week before he was scheduled to go home to the Philippines.

The suspects have been unable to post the \$750,000 cash bail each (GLD)



Joseph Anthony C. Bowie

Jury convicts Cabrera on 'ice'

A SUPERIOR Court jury convicted Saipan resident Francisco Mendiola Cabrera Friday for distributing crystal methamphetamine or "ice."

The six-person jury issued its verdict after the week-long trial of the former Department of Public Works employee.

Cabrera was acquitted on count two of the complaint, which is possession of ice with intent to distribute.

Cabrera was charged in May 1992 after he sold three packets of ice worth \$1,500 to his friend and former office mate at DPW, who turned out to be the government's informant in the buy-bust operation.

Assistant Attorney General Steven Pixley said Cabrera had admitted to the police that he sold ice at least 10 times in 1991.

Cabrera admitted during the trial that he was using ice and had

sold ice, but blamed his friend Francisco Camacho for allegedly inducing Cabrera to use and sell the controlled substance.

Cabrera also said under oath that Camacho started using ice at DPW.

He said he had decided a few months before his arrest on May 22, 1992, to stop using and selling ice because he realized that such acts would destroy him and his

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Concepcion, Sablan hit on Obyan land

By Gaynor Dumat-ol

FORMER Rep. Vicente Cabrera DL Guerrero on Thursday accused Marianas Public Land Corp. Executive Director William Concepcion and John T. Sablan of arranging the substitution of a prime land in Obyan beach with a less valuable property.

"It's about time MPLC is exposed," Guerrero said in an interview.

He said other land exchange recipients who had the same experience should speak up and join in the filing of a lawsuit against Concepcion and Sablan.

"Let's stop this corruption," he said.

The former lawmaker's disclosure was prompted by a complaint filed against him by Pacific Resort Development Inc. The company accused Guerrero of receiving more than \$500,000 payment for a 55-year lease of a property which did not belong to him.

In 1990 Guerrero said MPLC promised to award him a beach front property with a total area of 3,033 square meters, in exchange for his 3.9-hectare property in the wetland in Susupe which the government wants to preserve as habitat for endangered species of water birds.

It was the first wetland exchange

approved by the MPLC board in February 1990.

Before the lease agreement with PRDI was signed in February 1991, Guerrero said Concepcion wrote a letter addressed to Ikuo Yoshizawa, the agent for a Japanese investor interested to lease the property, assuring that the title of the prime beach front and in Obyan would be awarded to Guerrero.

Guerrero said Sablan negotiated the lease agreement with Yoshizawa who later turned out to be an agent for PRDI, which was planning to build a golf course and resort hotel.

Guerrero received more than \$500,000 from Yoshizawa as payment for the lease. The lease was worth \$544,000.

However, MPLC awarded the title to of the property to Rosa C. Sorensen, another land exchange recipient, in 1992.

Guerrero said he only learned late last year that Sorensen obtained the title to the property promised him.

Prior to that, Guerrero said he had been asking MPLC for the title almost every week. Each time he came, MPLC allegedly promised to attend to his demand.

Guerrero said land exchange administrator Jess Cabrera also told him that there was no way the

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EMPLOYEES of Micronesian Telecommunications Corp. wave placards along Beach Road in Susupe Friday to encourage telephone customers to choose MTC as their long distance telephone company.

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family. However, in May 1992, Camacho allegedly requested that Cabrera acquire ice for Camacho. Because he and Camacho were friends, Cabrera said he broke his promise to avoid getting involved in ice, and acquired packets of ice for Camacho from a source in Kagman. Cabrera's counsel, Douglas Cushnie, questioned the credibility of Camacho, the government's informant in the buy-bust operation. Cushnie said Cabrera had tried to correct his mistake but ended up helping a friend, "who is a liar." He said Camacho is an "ice user, a drug seller, a former policeman and a convicted cop." Assistant Attorney General Russell Marsh said the allegation that Camacho is a convict was unverified.



REPRESENTATIVE Jesus Mafnas (right) presents copy of resolution honoring Susan Schwartz Palacios, former president of Commonwealth Health Center volunteers' group. Also in photo are Reps. Herman Palacios and Herman T. Guerrero.

Appraiser to determine value of MIHA property

By Rafael H. Arroyo

AN INDEPENDENT appraiser will be tapped to determine the value of the Garapan Annex II property being offered by Mariana Islands Housing Authority to J.C. Tenorio Enterprises (Joeten), this was learned last week. A private appraisal company out of Guam will conduct an valuation of the land after Joeten and MIHA came out with conflicting appraisals of the 7.4-hectare property.

"We have taken a look at both (MIHA's and Joeten's) appraisals and recommended a third valuation. We hope to get this done by this week as we really need to get the deal going," said Joeten spokesman Mike Sablan. According to Sablan, MIHA's appraisal of the property was at \$437 per square meter, well over Joeten's appraisal of \$200-250 per square meter. MIHA and Joeten are getting ready to execute a purchase option agreement that would generate \$100,000 a month for MIHA. The proposed option is for a period of three years with a maximum of another two years' extension. Should Joeten decide within



Sablan

the option period to buy the property, the monthly payments would be deducted from the appraised sale value of the land. If it chooses not to go ahead with the purchase, the monthly payments are non-reimbursable. The deal is also waiting for the enactment of a law that would allow fee simple transfer of the property. According to Sablan, the value of the property two years ago was estimated at \$460 per square meter but the appraisal was done in 1991 when the CNMI economy was

considered at its peak. "We are looking at the fair market value of the property. We want to be fair to the public, as they are the ones to benefit from the deal," he said. Sablan said the MIHA property would be bought for a planned commercial development wherein the indigenous people of the NMI may participate as stockholders. "We and Joeten are exhausting all our efforts at arriving at a mutually acceptable appraisal so we can get the deal on. We're trying our best to let it work but if the project is not economical, we have the option to pull out," Sablan said. MIHA has been searching for investors who will lease the property for commercial development in an effort to revive its financial standing. MIHA, an autonomous agency, has exhausted much of its resources in providing the utilities infrastructure for many of its housing programs, a cost that should have been shouldered by government. MIHA has been declared in default of an \$8 million loan from Commonwealth Development Authority.



GOVERNOR Lorenzo I. Guerrero signs proclamation declaring April 1993 as National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Youth Services Month.

Guerrero assures delivery of services

THE government will continue to deliver essential services to the people with or without the \$120 million funds under the multi-year financial aid agreement, Governor Lorenzo I. Guerrero said Friday.

If the agreement is not approved by Congress, however, the CNMI would have to look at ways to protect all its local revenue sources, he said. During a subcommittee hearing in Washington on March 18, Representative George Miller, chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources, said he could not recommend approval of the agreement because of the CNMI's failure to solve its labor problems and reform its taxation system.

In an interview, Guerrero said the CNMI's multi-year federal funding package was not a totally lost cause. Approval would depend on how CNMI leaders would respond to congressional demand for reforms.

In the meantime, he said existing sources of revenue should not be taken away. A bill introduced by Virginia Congressman Lewis F. Payne, for instance, threatens to kill the garment industry, a major source of revenue for the CNMI government.

Payne's bill seeks to deny duty-free treatment for CNMI exports (garments) to the US mainland unless the minimum wage is raised to the federal level and local labor content is increased to 50 percent. Saipan's garments industry has contributed \$30 million in revenues for the government, aside



Lorenzo I. Guerrero

from having stimulated more economic activity in the island and boosted other support industries such as freight forwarding, insurance, financing, and real estate. Guerrero said he would soon call for high level discussions within the executive and legislative branches of government to come up with plans of actions on the 702 agreement and Payne's bill. "We must get together and seriously take a unified position on minimum wage, tax reform and perhaps look at a possible moratorium on alien labor, but not to affect adversely the business community" he said. "Every penny we can save today, we can use tomorrow. If we are to lose the 702 funding, we must not lose our garments industry and our other sources," Guerrero said. Guerrero is expected to defend the 702 budget appropriations before the Appropriations Committee during a regular budget hearing on the fiscal year 1994 federal budget in May. (RHA)

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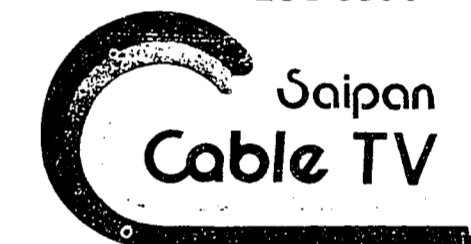


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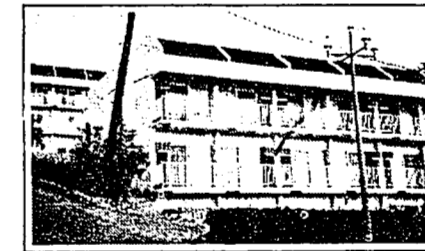
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Construction workers win suit vs employer

THE DISTRICT Court has awarded \$75,929 to 44 construction workers who earlier won a suit against H.S. Lee Construction Co. The workers claimed they were underpaid and that the company made illegal deductions. Judge Alex Munson signed the monetary judgement for the workers on March 19. The workers were also awarded \$38,835 in attorney's fees for counsel Jay Sorensen who agreed to represent them on a contingency basis. At the same time, the judge told the workers to pay H.S. Lee about

\$1,000 for counterclaims. Many of the workers testified during the trial that they were made to sign two contracts, one for a \$1.70 hourly pay while another, stating a \$2.15 per hour wage. The workers claimed they borrowed money for the recruitment fee, expecting a better income for their families. The workers claimed the \$2.15 hourly pay that was promised was a major factor in making them decide to be away from their families and work in Saipan as construction workers. (GLD)



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The CNMI JTPA State Job Training Coordinating Council/Private Industry Council wishes to inform the general public that under the provisions of U.S. Public Law 97-300 - Oct. 13, 1982, and the Job Training Amendments of 1992, Job Training Plan, Modification 301 for Program Year 1992 and 1993. The Job Training Plan is to be submitted to U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C.

The CNMI JTPA Job Training Program planned to enroll economically disadvantaged underemployed Youth and Adults in the Commonwealth. Allowable Job Training activities planned to be implemented during the two program years are On-the-Job Training, Work Experience and Youth Tryout employment Programs. Total funding available for the two program years is \$494,000.00 for period covering July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1994.

The proposed Job Training Plan may be examined at the JTPA Office located at Lower Base on Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Comments may be submitted 30 days after the date of this publication. If additional information is required, please call Mrs. Florida M. Dela Cruz, JTPA Executive Director and the designated representative for the Governor at telephone numbers 664-1700 or 664-1701.

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INVITATION FOR BID

The Mariana Islands Housing Authority (MIHA) is soliciting competitive sealed bids to purchase or lease one (1) unit of pick-up truck with the following specifications:

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Pick-up truck must be CIF, and must have a one year maintenance/warranty agreement meeting all safety inspection requirements prior to delivery at MIHA, Saipan.

All bids must be sealed and submitted, in duplicate, to the MIHA Office in Garapan, Saipan, no later than 10 a.m., April 16, 1993, at which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened. Any bids received late will not be considered.

MIHA reserves the right to reject any or all bids in the best interest of the government.

/s/ JOHN M. SABLAN
Executive Director

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Wabol: Skill was a necessity



Balbina Wabol

ONE of the local artists participating in the Seoul-Saipan 3-D Art Festival is Balbina Wabol.

Born on Sansorol, an outer island of Palau, Wabol moved to Saipan in 1971. Since her arrival she has been very active member of the art community. Over the past decade she has held a myriad of community classes on the art of basket-weaving has displayed her work throughout the Western and Southern Pacific regions.

Wabol learned her craft as a child in Sansorol. She says, "I did not learn the craft for art's sake. Instead, the weaving skills we learned were a necessity. We used them in our everyday existence, as many things we used were woven. We did not have cement or aluminum for our roofs or plastic plates and bowls, all these things were woven from coconut fronds."

Wabol said it took many years of practice to learn her craft, but she is at a point where she can complete a basket in about 20-30 minutes, depending on the size.

Wabol's work will be on display in the Seoul-Saipan 3-D Art Festival at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. The exhibit will run until March 30, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Admission is free.



GOVERNOR Lorenzo I. Guerrero is all smiles upon arrival in Saipan 1 Thursday after appearing at the congressional hearing on the new multi-year financial assistance agreement.

DPW maintenance crew to continue road work

THE Office of Highway Safety (OHS) and the Department of Public Work (DPW) said road maintenance crew will continue to work along the Beach Road area from Chalan Monsignor Guerrero intersection (Microl) down south to As Perdido intersection for this entire week.

These road work involves relining of traffic lane which will be open four lanes for vehicles once the traffic signal lights are ready to be turned on.

Two lanes are designated for north bound and another two lanes designated for south bound. The existing center lane will eventually be removed, starting from Chalan

Monsignor Guerrero (Microl) intersection south towards Marianas High School.

The eight-foot bike path will be maintained, off the shoulder of the south bound lane. Bike path at certain areas will narrow down to two feet in width at designated traffic signal lights intersection.

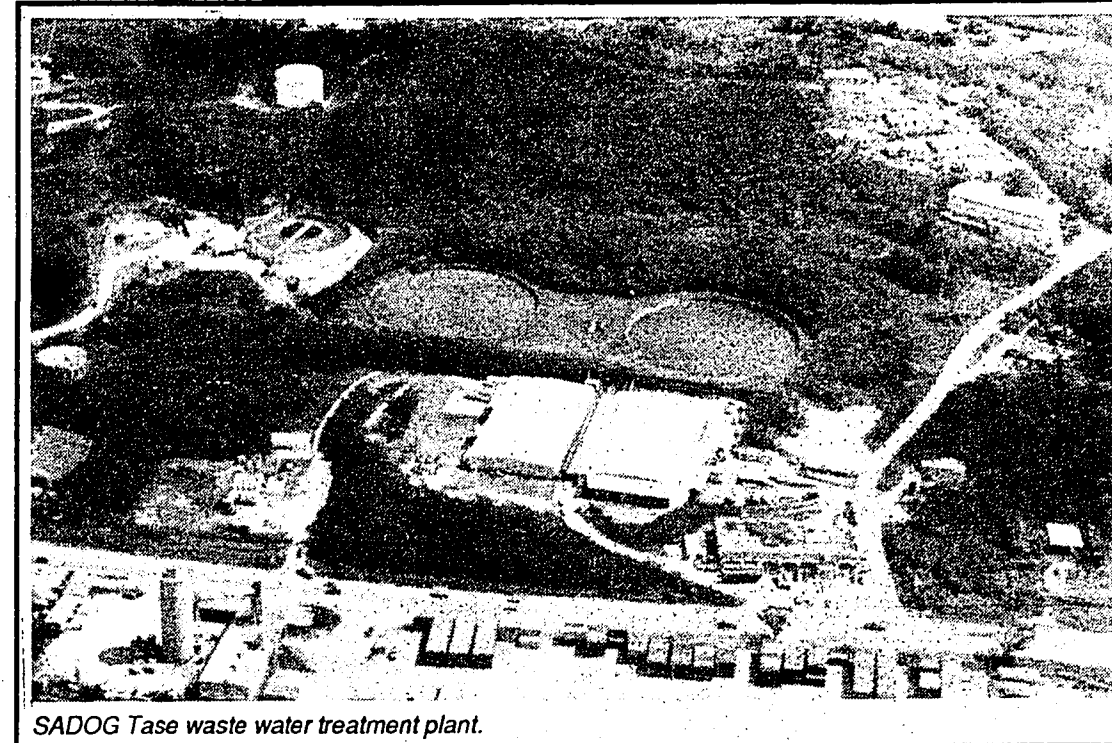
Motorists are advised to take extra precaution when traveling along Beach Road and to observe all traffic safety signs and road way markers posted on both lanes and road shoulders. This project is the final preparation of the upcoming traffic signal lights and the road expansions.

MHS to host Easter egg hunt for kids

THE MARIANAS High School Junior ROTC Unit is having an Easter egg hunt for pre-school and kindergarten-age children, sponsored by the CNMI Veterans Association, to be held at the American Memorial Park on April 11 at 10:30 a.m.

All parents are invited to bring their pre-school and Kindergarten-age children to this memorable event.

Children attending this event must be accompanied by one or both parents. For further information contact Frank G. Cepeda at 322-4747.



SADOG Tase waste water treatment plant.

EPA approves fund increase for Sadog Tase

COMMONWEALTH Utilities Corp. Executive Director Ramon S. Guerrero signed an assistance amendment agreement Thursday with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for additional federal support of \$91,903 for the Sadog Tase sewer treatment plant modification project.

Deanna M. Wieman, director of EPA's Office of External Affairs, earlier informed Guerrero about the agency's approval of a raise in federal contribution for the improvement of the sewer treatment plant from the \$1.98 million approved in Sept. 3, 1992, to \$2.07 million.

The federal government's share on the project now amounts to 72 percent of the \$2.86 million total cost.

The EPA contribution for the treatment plant was authorized in 1992 under the federal construction grants program and was meant to boost the capability of the utilities firm in handling the sewer needs of Saipan.

The plant, which was constructed in 1991 at an initial cost of \$2.7 million, underwent improvement in 1992 after the EPA grant was obtained through US Public Law 95-134. The improvement enabled the plant to process two million gallons a day of waste water.

The agreement signed Thursday included additional terms and conditions for the improvement project.

The amendments provide that when issuing statements, press releases, request for proposals, bid solicitations and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with federal money, the grantee must fully disclose the following:

- Percentage of the total cost of the program or project which will be financed with federal money;
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Philippines

Ramos' candidate leads in Mindanao

COTABATO, Philippines (AP) - President Fidel Ramos' gubernatorial candidate widened his lead Sunday in a Muslim autonomous regional election but the incumbent charged fraud and refused to concede.

Unofficial returns from about half the 4,800 precincts showed Lininding Pangandaman with 341,152 votes to 81,425 for incumbent Gov. Zacaria Candao.

About 60 percent of the 1 million eligible voters cast ballots Thursday for 23 posts in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao, a four-province administration established three years ago to provide self-rule to the 6 million-strong Muslim minority.

Critics claim the system has fallen short of those goals because of manipulation by national

politicians in Manila.

In the campaign, Ramos' party flooded the region with prominent national politicians who said openly that only administration candidates could guarantee the flow of development money from Manila.

"How can I concede to Pangandaman?" Candao said in a television interview. "My opponent is Malacanang," referring to the presidential palace in Manila.

Earlier, he accused the military of "massive fraud."

Candao's party also sent prominent politicians from Manila for the campaign.

In Manila, Ramos urged all candidates to stick by a promise they made before the balloting to respect the outcome.

Major Muslim rebel groups had refused to take part in the election

or accept the results. The rebels, including the Moro National Liberation Front, never accepted the autonomy formula and are pressing for an expanded self-rule system.

Following a bloody uprising, the government of the late President Ferdinand Marcos and the front signed an agreement in 1976 in Tripoli, Libya, recognizing Muslim self-rule in 13 southern provinces.

The agreement was never fully implemented and fighting resumed. Former President Corazon Aquino also rejected the Tripoli Agreement because many of the 13 provinces had Christian majorities.

During a referendum in 1989, only four, non-contiguous provinces opted to join the autonomous region.

Court rejects 'frivolous' trip request by Marcos

MANILA (AP) - A court on Thursday rejected a request by Imelda Marcos to travel to Thailand to attend the wedding of the son of a Thai prince because the trip was "frivolous."

The widow of former President Ferdinand Marcos had asked permission to attend the wedding of the son of Prince Subhadradis on Sunday.

"The intended trip is of no significant importance to the accused... and can be described as frivolous," the court said in rejecting the application of the former first lady.

Mrs. Marcos, who has a reputation as a "jet-setter," needs court permission to travel abroad because she has been charged with 42 criminal offenses in connection with alleged corruption during her husband's administration.

Marcos was overthrown in the 1986 popular uprising and died in exile in Hawaii three years later.

RP urged to follow Thailand's example

MANILA (AP) - Thai Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai suggested Thursday that the Philippines follow Thailand's example and liberalize its banking laws to revive this nation's stagnant economy.

In a speech to the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Chuan said he was impressed by President Fidel Ramos' measures to boost economic growth.

"On the part of Thailand, some of the measures to liberalize the economy could be complementary to the Philippine effort," Chuan said. "For instance, Thailand has recently embarked on the first step toward becoming a regional center for banking and finance."

He noted that he recently had granted licenses to 47 domestic and foreign banks.

Under current laws, foreign banks are not allowed to offer full banking services in the Philippines and are considered "representative offices."

Chuan, who arrived Wednesday for a three-day visit, also said the six members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations should work to promote inter-Asian trade and cooperation in the interests of "the greater prosperity of us all."

"I am happy to say that Thailand could be a link between the quadrangle of cooperation comprising Indochina, Myanmar (Burma), South China and Thailand with cooperation of the ASEAN countries," he added.

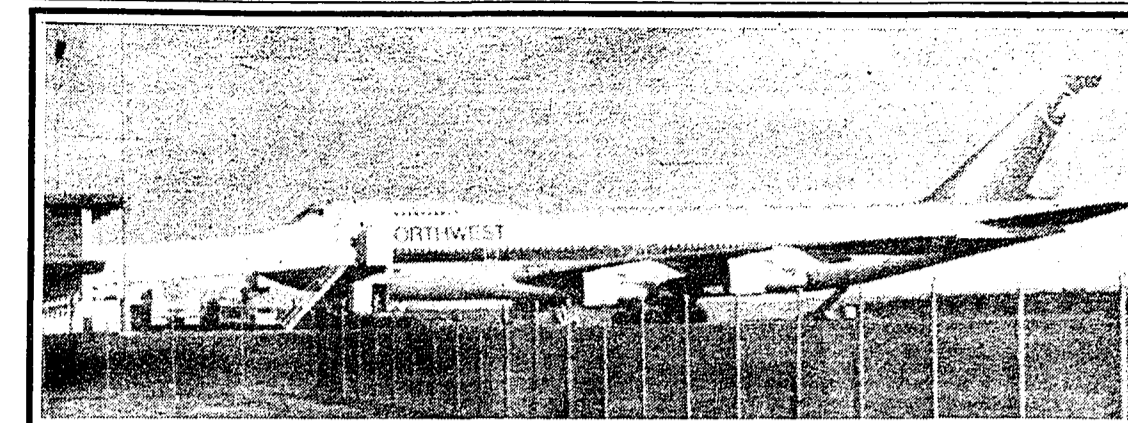
Besides the Philippines and Thailand, the ASEAN members are Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei.

"The stage is being set by governments, but it is members of the private sectors who will be the real actors," Chuan said.

In his remarks, Jose Prado, president of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said the country finally had achieved political stability after the turmoil of Corazon Aquino's administration and was now prepared for an economic takeoff.

"The Philippines' high-investment future growth areas are basic industrial chemicals, metals and engineering products, resource-based industries such as mining and forest plantations, tobacco and textiles," he said.

Prado, however, did not mention the country's critical energy shortage, which has led to daily electricity cuts of up to eight hours in Manila and other major cities.



Northwest wins 'Image' award

MINNEAPOLIS - Northwest Airlines employees have the sharpest look in the skies, according to the National Association of Uniform Manufacturers and Distributors.

The association honored Northwest with its 1993 Image of the Year Award for the airline's new employee uniforms introduced in 1992.

Northwest won in the national transportation category against other major airlines and was presented with the award March 2 at the association's annual convention in Palm Springs, Calif.

Northwest introduced the new uniforms in February 1992 after months of consultation, design and development involving hundreds of Northwest employees. Dozens of different apparel items were designed and manufactured for Northwest's nearly 40,000 uniformed employees, including pilots, flight attendants, mechanics, ticket agents and other employee groups.

"It is very gratifying to have Northwest's image and presentation endorsed by the people who actually make uniforms," said Hector Adler, Northwest vice president of in-flight services. "Northwest's uniforms are another example of our commitment to achieving quality in every aspect of our service."

Northwest is the world's fourth-largest airline and with its Northwest Airlink regional airline partners serves more than 240 cities in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia and Australia.

Naito plans to build resort hotel in Rota

A JAPANESE investor filed an application with Coastal Resources Management (CRM) Thursday to build a resort hotel in Rota.

The hotel, to be named Vista Del Mar, will be designed to enhance Rota's image as a pristine, first-class tourist destination.

"The proposed project will strive to the best extent possible to be a green hotel/resort and take advantage of the ecotourism market," according to the proposal filed by investor Peter Y. Naito.

The project proponent cited a study by the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program which says the fastest-growing sector of the tourist industry is ecotourism, which takes visitors to remote places to experience natural beauty and culture.

Vista Del Mar will have a fruit and flower garden, two swimming pools, a waterfall, spa, a nine-hole golf course and 30 rooms.

The project will be built on a privately-leased land across from Teteto Beach.

The project will be completed in two years. (GLD)

NOTICE TO PRE-QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS

The Marianas Public Land Corporation is issuing this notice with the intent to pre-qualified local contractors who are capable and interested to provide road and related horizontal construction services in conjunction with the development of KAGMAN III Village Homestead. Due to the urgency to complete the road and related horizontal construction works within the shortest time possible, it is the Corporation's intent to pre-qualified contractors and invite the pre-qualified companies to submit a proposal for various construction works.

AUTHORITY FOR PROJECT

The Marianas Public Land Corporation is mandated by Article XI, Section 5 (a) of the CNMI Constitution and Public Law 1-42 to implement the Village Homesteading Program. P.L. 1-42, as amended, requires the Corporation to plan and develop village homesteads in accordance with modern urban planning standards which must include the provision of basic infrastructures within each of the homestead. Article XI, Section 5 (g), as amended by the Second Constitutional Convention authorized the Corporation to expend moneys collected from the rental of leased public lands to fund construction of basic infrastructures within the village homestead. The source of funding for the KAGMAN III Village Homestead is the public benefit contribution paid to the Corporation by S.C. Properties Incorporated for the Kagman Golf Course Public Land Lease.

GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED

Each prospective contractor will be assigned to undertake construction of phase or section of roadways and related horizontal work within Area I, II, and III of Kagman III Village Homestead. The Corporation will provide complete plans and specifications.

BASIS FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS

The Corporation will pre-qualify the contractors based on the combination of following criteria:

- Ready local capability of the firm to under the proposed project in terms of operational availability of heavy equipment such as bulldozers, graders, rollers/compactors, dump trucks, excavators and other related equipments used in road and horizontal construction.
- Ready local capability of the firm to deliver coral materials and other rock products to be used in the road construction from existing quarry (MPLC does not have quarrying source for this project)
- Experience of the contractor in road and related horizontal construction works.
- Past experience of the contractor in performing similar village homestead development construction work for the Corporation.
- Financial soundness and stability of the company.
- Overall labor policy of the firm in terms of number of local hires (U.S. Citizens & CNMI Legal Residents) for management & supervisory positions and regular construction workers.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

All interested contractors who are interested to be pre-selected must submit to MPLC office located in Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 4:00 P.M., April 9, 1993, the following documents and information.

1. Latest financial statements of the firm.
2. Copy of corporation documents and business license.
3. Provide staffing chart/pattern showing number of local hires (U.S. Citizens & CNMI Legal Residents) and non-resident employees.
4. Listing of construction equipment inventory.
5. Copy of current Business Gross Receipt Tax.
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THE CNMI COUNCIL FOR THE HUMANITIES INVITES YOU TO COME TO A PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD IN TINIAN ON THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1993 AT THE KAMMER BEACH CLUB RESTAURANT FROM 1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM. TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED AT THIS PUBLIC MEETING INCLUDE POLICIES

MPLC AGRICULTURAL AND HOMESTEAD PROGRAMS, LAND EXCHANGE AND LAND LEASE AGREEMENTS

IF YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE POLICIES OF MPLC, COME TO THIS MEETING AND LET YOUR IDEAS AND QUESTIONS BE HEARD. THE PANEL WILL FEATURE MPLC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILLIAM R. CONCEPCION, MPLC LAND SENIOR SPECIALIST JESUS CABRERA, CO-FOUNDER OF CNMI COVENANT VICENTE N. SANTOS AND COMMANDER JOHN MORAN WHO WILL ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF THE LEASE BACK AGREEMENT. ATTENDANCE IS FREE OF CHARGE AND NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

THE CNMI COUNCIL FOR THE HUMANITIES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MR. WILLIAM R. BARRINEAU WILL BE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE HUMANITIES PROGRAM.

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South Korea reports 4.7% economic growth

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - South Korea's economy grew by 4.7 percent in 1992, well below 1991's 8.4 percent growth and the worst performance in 12 years, the central bank said Thursday.

Bank of Korea officials also expressed concern because the economy had been deteriorating throughout the year, slowing steadily from a growth rate of 7.4 percent in the first quarter to 2.8 percent in the fourth. Some economists say the economy might have ceased to grow at all in the current quarter, and that a turnaround is unlikely until late this year.

The bank's preliminary report

came as the new government of President Kim Young-sam was reversing the previous administration's tight money policy in efforts to stimulate the economy.

The government already had decided to cut bank interest rates by 0.5 to one percentage point on Friday to spur business investment, after cuts of 1 to 2 percentage points in January.

The bank attributed the slow 1992 growth to the manufacturing sector's poor sales and low investment. Economists say facility investment declined by 0.8 percent in 1992, after growing 12.8 percent in the previous year.

The previous tight monetary policy and weak demand both at home and abroad have kept South Korean companies from investing heavily in facilities, thus affecting their future ability to produce.

Private consumption, which had led sharp economic growth until 1991, grew by a moderate 6.4 percent in 1992, compared with 9.3 percent in 1991.

A government campaign to curb purchases of luxury goods, mainly imports, was cited as one reason for the slow growth in consumption.

The campaign also caused frictions with trading partners, notably the United States.

Japan opens mart to imports

TOKYO (AP) - Responding to mounting calls to boost imports,

Japan on Thursday opened a center offering free short-term office space and counseling to businesses trying to break into this market.

Japan's trading partners have said the difficulties of setting up a business here, including high rents and unfamiliarity with the Japanese language and business climate, have contributed to their soaring deficits in trade with Japan.

Japan's overall trade surplus rose 38 percent last year to a record \$107 billion.

The new Business Support Center will offer office space for up to 24 companies at a time, counseling by trade advisers, and secretarial, phone and fax services, for up to two months. The companies will pay only for mail, phone and translation expenses.

The center, run by the semi-governmental trade organization JETRO, already has bookings through May.

US Ambassador Michael Armacost praised the center in a prepared message, calling it "exactly what we have been long seeking on behalf of new-to-mar-

ket US exporters and trade organizations."

"It's all in the right direction," said Tom Jordan, vice president of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan. "Whether it's enough to make a major impact remains to be seen. There's a long way to go."

The European Community also has been stepping up demands that Japan do more to boost imports. Japan's surplus with Europe rose to \$31 billion last year, up 68 percent from 1990.

EC Ambassador Jean-Pierre Leng praised the business center in a speech at its opening ceremony, but also wished it a "short life," hoping that increased foreign investment would make it obsolete.

Japan continues to invest far more overseas than foreign countries invest here, an imbalance that is closely linked to the trade surplus.

As of last year, Japan had invested an accumulated \$352 billion abroad since 1951, according to the Ministry of Finance, while foreign companies had spent just \$22 billion in Japan.

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6 CARPENTER - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15-2.20 per hour.
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2 CARPENTER 2 MASON - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour.
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1 WAITRESS SUPERVISOR - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$3.50 - \$6.00 per hour.
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1 BARTENDER - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary: \$2.48-2.73 per hour.
1 CASHIER - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary: \$2.50-2.75 per hour.
2 COOK - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary: \$2.65-3.08 per hour.
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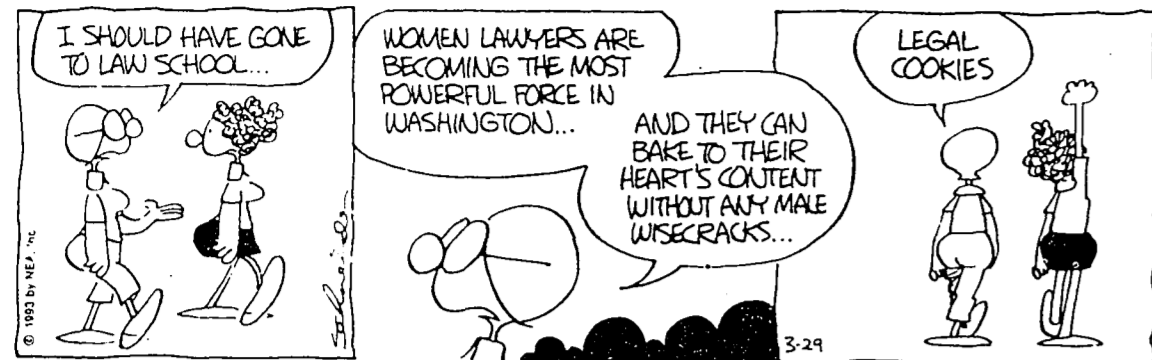
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By Stella Wilder

Born today, you are known among those who know you best as a quiet, reserved, and easygoing individual...

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Comparisons are sure to be drawn today between you and someone who is soon to become an ally or a rival.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Your natural pioneer spirit will serve you well today - but you must be careful when up against a rival.

Also born on this date are: John Tyler, U.S. president; Earl Campbell, football player.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - You may discover today that plans have already been made for you for the coming months.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - You mustn't stoop to the ordinary or obvious today in order to get what you want.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30 ARIES (March 21-April 19) - You may find it necessary to prove yourself to those in positions of authority.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Questions you ask today are likely to be answered - but perhaps only when you are least prepared to listen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - You'll learn an important lesson or two today which you can put to practical use almost immediately.

DATE BOOK

March 29, 1993 Today is the 88th day of 1993 and the 10th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1638, the first Swedish colonists in America established a Lutheran settlement at Fort Christiana, Del.

basketball player-broadcaster, is 48; Earl Campbell (1955), football player, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1929, the Boston Bruins finished a sweep of the New York Rangers and won the Stanley Cup.

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1848, Niagara Falls eased to a trickle, Kwai won two Academy Awards - then was 'silent' for 30 hours.

SOURCE: THE WEATHER CHANNEL & 1993

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter (March 30).

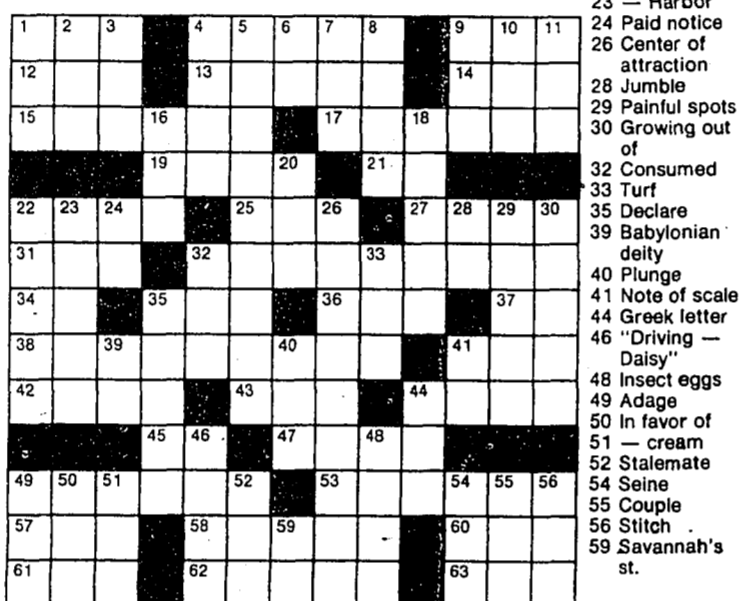
TODAY'S BARB BY PHIL PASTORET Calling a spade a 'digging implement, manual,' is how you qualify for a job writing government specifications.

In 1957, 'The Bridge on the River Kwai' won two Academy Awards - one for Best Picture and one for Best Director

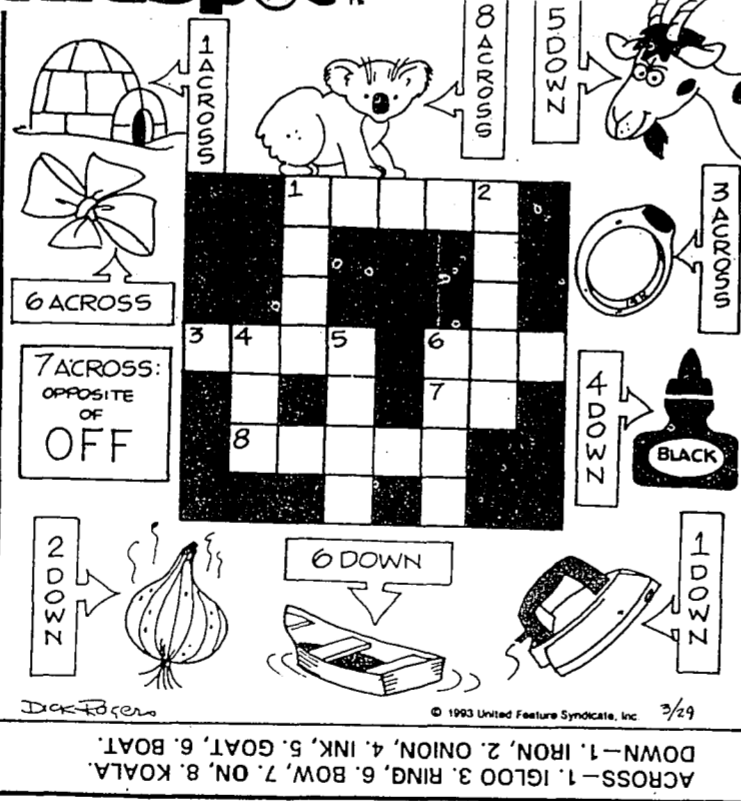
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Price gains slim lead in \$2M Tour's Players

By Bob Green

PONTE VEDRA, Fla. (AP) - Nick Price battled some putting problems but finished with a hard-earned 71 that left him with a one-stroke lead Saturday after the third round of the \$2 million US PGA Tour's Players Championship.

While the man from Zimbabwe remained in front, his uncooperative putter opened the way for a host of challengers in Sunday's final round of the chase for a \$360,000 first prize.

"I was disappointed with my putting on the back nine," Price said after missing 4-footers (1-meter puts) for birdies on the 12th and 16th. I could have played the back a couple of shots better. But I didn't hurt myself," he said.

That, however, remained to be seen. The misses enabled the international trio of Greg Norman, Bernhard Langer and Mark O'Meara to move to within a

single stroke of Price's 13-under-par 203 total.

All three did it in spectacular fashion. O'Meara holed a 40-foot (12-meter) chip shot for an eagle-3 on the 16th as the highlight of a 6-under-par 66 that matched the best score of the breezy day.

Langer, a former Masters champ from Germany, came within inches (centimeters) of a hole in one on the island green of the 17th, the signature hole on the Tournament Player's Club (TPC) at Sawgrass, the home course of the US PGA Tour and the permanent site of the annual championship of golf's touring pros.

He had a 70, despite a water ball on the 11th. "Pretty stupid," Langer said. Only moments after his near-ace on the 17th, Norman's 47-yard (-meter) third shot to the 18th hit the green and spun back toward the hole, coming to rest on the lip of the cup.

Norman, a winner at Doral earlier this month, had a 68 and shared

second with O'Meara and Langer at 204.

Paul Azinger was next at 68-205. Payne Stewart and Ken Green followed at 206, placing seven men within three strokes going into the final 18 holes of the tournament that ranks in stature just below golf's Big Four events.

Stewart, on the rebound from a slump that has plagued him since his 1991 US Open triumph, was seven under par for the day until he missed the green and bogeyed the final hole.

"It's one of those days I've been waiting for, and I've been waiting for it for a long time, too," Stewart said after a 66 in the 15-25 mph (24-40 kph) winds. "My objective today was to get back into the golf tournament. And I think I did that."

The maverick Green, a frequently-fined and out-spoken critic of pro golf's establishment, was within one shot of the lead until he dropped back with a bogey-bogey finish. He had a 69.

Orioles defeat Cardinals 4-1

By The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) - Fernando Valenzuela kept his ERA at 0.00 despite giving up four hits in two innings Saturday as the Baltimore Orioles beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-1.

Valenzuela, vying to return to the majors after a one-year absence, has pitched 14 scoreless innings in five appearances this spring. Working on just two days rest, he gave up two hits in both the seventh and eighth innings but did not allow a runner past second base.

Twins 9, Red Sox 4

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) - Kirby Puckett's three-run double snapped an eighth-inning tie and the Minnesota Twins beat Boston.

Kent Hrbek had a two-run homer, his first extra-base hit of the spring. Chuck Knoblauch and Randy Bush also homered for the Twins.

Mo Vaughn homered for Boston. He has driven in 15 runs in his last seven games and, for the spring, is batting .455 with four home runs and 19 RBIs. Expos 3, Marlins 2

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) - Sean Berry doubled home the go-ahead run in the eighth inning and the Montreal Expos defeated Florida.

Montreal starter Dennis Martinez fell behind 2-0 in the first inning when Chuck Carr and Bret Barberie singled and Junior Felix tripled. Phillies 1, Blue Jays 0

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) - Tommy Greene pitched two-hit ball for five innings and scored the only run Saturday as Philadel-

phia beat Toronto. Jack Morris allowed one on five hits in six innings. With two outs in the third, Greene singled, moved up on a wild pitch and scored on Lenny Dykstra's single. White Sox 9, Rangers 1

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) - Jack McDowell won his fourth game of the spring and Bo Jackson doubled and drove in two runs as the Chicago White Sox beat Texas.

Carlton Fisk, playing his second game of the spring, went 3-for-4 and stole a base. The White Sox had 17 hits and are hitting .321 in exhibition play.

McDowell (4-0) pitched four scoreless innings before John Russell doubled to open the fifth and scored on Bill Ripken's one-out single.

Reds 14, Tigers 2 LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) - Barry

Larkin and Cecil Espy homered as the Cincinnati Reds got 18 hits and routed Detroit.

Tim Lincecum (2-0), who came into the game with a 0.90 ERA, held the Tigers to one run on five hits in 5 1-3 innings. The Reds have won nine of their last 11 exhibitions.

Indians 4, Pirates 3 BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) - Non-roster infielder Jeff Treadway hit a two-run homer in the first inning and the Cleveland Indians, playing on the day of pitcher Tim Crews' funeral, beat Pittsburgh.

Ten Indians players who didn't make the trip from Winter Haven, Fla., to Bradenton for the exhibition game attended services for Crews in Orlando. Nine Indians, including most of their veteran pitchers, left immediately after the game to fly to Portland, Ore., to attend funeral services Sunday for reliever Steve Olin.

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SPORTS



Barkley feels uneasy in facing former team

By Nick Jesdanun

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Charles Barkley, who has led the Phoenix Suns to the best record in the NBA, returned to Philadelphia on Saturday a little uneasy about playing his former team.

"I'm dreading it more than anything," said Barkley, who was sent to Phoenix in June in a trade that brought Jeff Hornacek and two others to the 76ers.

"I'm just glad it's here so I can get it over with now," he said at a news conference. "I think it's something that's been on my mind for some time and I'm just glad it's here."

It's not that Barkley thinks the 76ers will actually beat Phoenix when they meet Sunday at the Spectrum.

After all, the Philadelphia is "just another team in our way of what we are trying to accomplish. They could only beat us if we don't play well."

What Barkley and the team want to accomplish is to guarantee a home-court advantage all the way to the league championship series by winning the rest of their regular-season games.

He looks forward to fo-

cus on that goal - as soon as the game against the 76ers is over.

"I think it's obviously going to be emotional," Barkley said of playing his former teammates. "It will be difficult. It will be different, like going in the visitors' locker room."

The two teams met once before this season - in Phoenix - with the Suns winning 125-115. Barkley had 36 points, 17 rebounds and nine assists.

Barkley said he looked forward to being with the Philadelphia fans again, although he won't assume they'll give him a standing ovation.

"If they give me an ovation, that would be nice," he said. "If they don't, that would be nice too. I would be happy."

He didn't mention the possibility of getting booed.

As for being traded to the Suns, Barkley said it has made basketball fun again.

"Every night we go out there we have a chance to win," he said. "It's not like what I went through last year and a couple of years here when you knew you were going to get beat every night. That's all you want - a chance."

Third-seeded Martinez beats Sabatini in Slims

HOUSTON (AP) - Third-seeded Conchita Martinez defeated top-seeded Gabriela Sabatini 6-3, 6-3 in a semifinal at the \$375,000 Virginia Slims of Houston tournament Saturday at the Westside Tennis Club.

Martinez trailed 3-2 in the first set, but broke Sabatini's serve in the sixth game to start a 4-0 run that gave her the set. She jumped ahead 5-1 in the second and held

on for the win.

Martinez recorded 27 winners to Sabatini's eight and converted on 15 of 18 net approaches compared to just 13 of 25 for Sabatini.

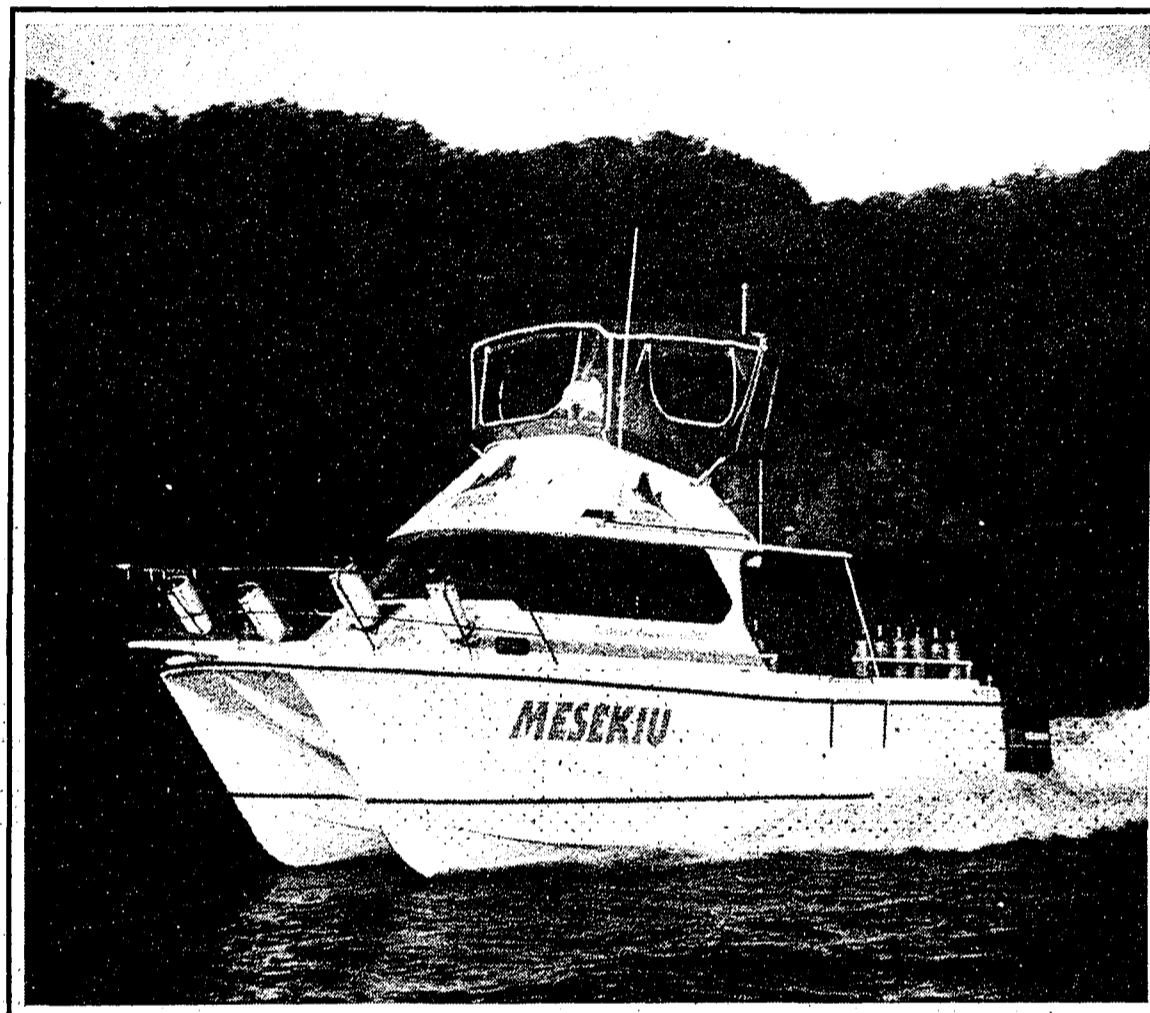
"Conchita played as well as I've ever seen her play," said Sabatini, who had won six in a row against Martinez. "I didn't play all that bad, she was just too good today."

Martinez played despite an injured right hand that nearly forced

her to pull out of the tournament earlier in the week.

"The hand wasn't giving me any problems today," Martinez said. "In fact, I think this was one of the best matches on clay I've had in a long time."

Martinez will face the winner of Saturday night's second semifinal between No. 4 Jana Novatna and unseeded Sabine Hack of Germany in Sunday's final.



Mom's Round Two hosts billiard meet

MOM'S Round Two in Garapan is hosting the first Annual Invitational 8-Ball Billiard Tournament tomorrow and Wednesday.

About 20 of the top pool players in Saipan are expected to compete in the two-day event. Participants have been invited to compete based on qualifying tournaments held weekly since Dec. 1.

Trophies and other prizes will be awarded to the top players in the two-day event, which is being sponsored by Budweiser and Bud Light Beers.

Mom's Round Two is a popular sports bar in Saipan, where friendly people from all walks of life have been for years to eat, drink and engage in conversation and sport. It offers two 8-foot billiard tables, automatic scoring dart machines, trivial pursuit competition and skil-crane game.

Eight-ball pool tournaments are held twice weekly. A dart team is being formed to compete with a team from Guam. Dart tournaments will be started soon.

In the trivia pursuit game prizes are awarded weekly for high scores. Hundreds of stuffed animals are dispensed weekly from the skil-crane.

A wide assortment of pool sticks, accessories and dart supplies are also available at reasonable prices.

Recently, Mom's Round Two achieved another first. It is the only place in Saipan that serves Thai food, cooked by a Thai chef (the owner's wife). Word of mouth has made this a very popular "secret" of Saipan.

Tomorrow's tournament is open to everybody. Special prices for Bud will be in effect during the two-day event.

Mesekiu starts service in Palau

A UNIQUE new dive boat was recently put into service by Splash Divers, in Palau. The 31' Mesekiu is one of the growing number of Kevlacat power catamarans now servicing the scuba diving industry in the Pacific.

The twin-hull power boats have thoroughly proven themselves in dive operations all over Australia (where they are built), and in the Marshall Islands, New Zealand, Japan, Singapore, the Maldives and South Africa.

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Splash Divers, based at the Palau Pacific Resort, is one of the largest scuba diving tour operators in Micronesia. Mesekiu was purchased to provide Splash with a fast, stable, easy to operate and maintain 15 passenger vessel, and to provide dive scheduling flexibility for the growing operation.

The Meskiu is named after the endangered Palauan dugong (manatee). Equipped with complete marine electronics and safety equipment (including emergency oxygen), racks for 36 scuba tanks,

diver pre benches with storage beneath, a camera prep table, three walk-through dive doors, an aft mounted boarding ladder, a fresh water shower and a large, enclosed marine head (toilet). Ample shade, the spacious dive pre area, and ease of exit and re-boarding make the boat extremely functional and very popular with divers.

Splash Divers' customers and dive masters, their Japanese and American managers and the corporate subsidiary's president all expressed their satisfaction after extensive sea trials and the introduction of the vessel to Palauan waters early this year.

The Splash dive boat was sold and delivered by Pacific Boat Sales Inc., the Kevlacat distributor for the Pacific, which is based in Kona, Hawaii.

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