

Filipino leaders discuss abuses

By Nick Legaspi

LEADERS of the Filipino community in the Northern Marianas and Philippine Consulate officials held an urgent meeting Saturday to discuss the increasing abuses against Filipinos.

Philippine Consul Julius Torres called the meeting in reaction to the detention for two days of Blancy Calumba by CNMI immigration officers. "Valentine girl" was the straw that broke the camel's back. It's too much. She has money and her husband is here," Torres said during the meeting at the Manila Cafe.

Calumba, 32, who came to Saipan on Feb. 13 to be with her husband, a contract workers here, on Valentine's Day, was initially detained for deportation allegedly because she had insufficient funds (she had \$550) and the affidavit of support she carried was defective. She was released at 1 p.m. to her husband, Rolly Conde.

"There is a limit beyond which we can pull out our workers," Torres said. "We can deploy them to other countries. We can explore other markets where our workers are treated well."

He said the 17,000 Filipino con-

tract workers in the CNMI are vital to the local economy but are only a small part of the 1.5 million Filipino workers outside the Philippines. The CNMI needs the 17,000 Filipino workers more than Filipinos need these jobs, Torres said.

In the past, Torres said the Philippines pulled out its workers from Kuwait and other countries when they were abused.

"Let's face what we have to face. If we wait, abuses will be worse," said Jun Fidelino, president of the Filipino Amateur Sports Association (FASA).

Torres said the Filipino community's concerns were not only about abuses by immigration authorities but also criminal acts against Filipinos. He cited several murders and suspicious accidents in which Filipinos were the victims.

"Why only Filipinos? It's obvious in the mind of the people that something is wrong," Torres said. "Is this systemic, is the local government condoning this or is it prosecuting abuses?"

"'Valentine girl' is an act of government itself," he added.

He said the consulate, which represents the Filipino contract workers, and the various associations



PHILIPPINE Consul Julius Torres (second from left) presides over meeting on alleged abuses of Filipinos in the Northern Marianas. In photo are (clockwise, from left): Carmelo Paz of the Filipino Amateur Sports Association and Philusa, Torres, Mando Guban of the Filipino Golfers Association (FGA), Nick Lose of Filipino Community (Filcom), FASA President Jun Fidelino, Ernie Alano of Marianas Association of Filipino Educators, Arthur Macaspac of Philusa, Greg de Torres of Philippine Bowling Association, Rudy Perez of FASA, Jess Rebusada of Philusa and labor attache Vicente Manzano.

representing both contract workers and Filipinos with US passports, would seek a dialogue with the CNMI government to discuss the treatment

of Filipinos in the Northern Marianas. Torres said he does not want to go direct to Washington. He said he preferred that the concerns raised

during the meeting be discussed by officials of the CNMI and Philippine governments and representatives of the Filipino community.

House passes FY '93 budget

By Rafael H. Arroyo

THE HOUSE of Representatives passed the \$159.157 million fiscal year 1993 budget Friday.

House Bill 8-226 passed the lower house by a unanimous vote.

The bill now goes to the Senate.

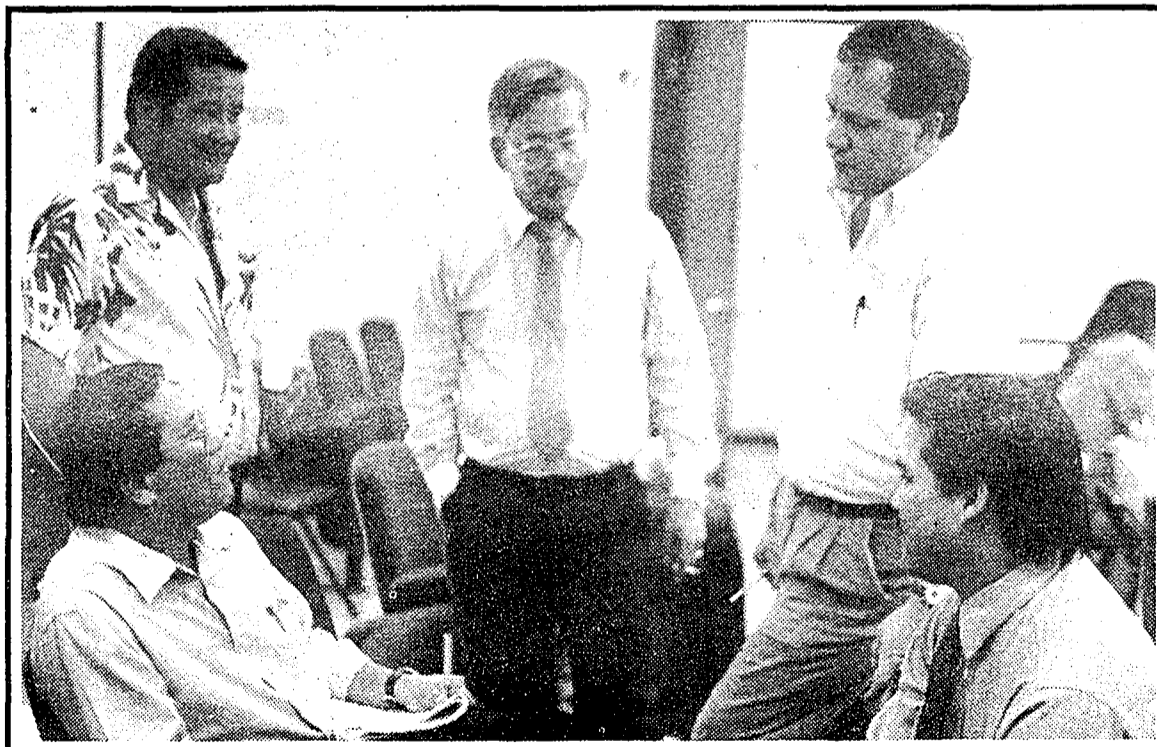
"The resources for our government are very small compared to the last budget and we have a deficit to address. Nevertheless, we felt it's the right time to get it going," Speaker Thomas P. Villagomez said after the session.

The budget measure's chief author, Rep. Pete P. Reyes, echoed Villagomez's satisfaction on the speedy passage of the budget.

"This just shows the Legislature is ready to accept a more disciplined budget minus all the excess fat," he said in an interview.

Out of the total budget for the fiscal year, \$118.76 million was appropriated for salaries. Only around \$40.4 million remained for operations.

"All of us know we will be tightening our belts. I believe the sacrifices should be in funds for operations and not on personnel as we do not want to affect those who are already on board," Reyes said.



FINANCE Director Eloy S. Inos (seated, left) discusses budget with Representatives Pete P. Reyes (center) and Herman T. Guerrero and Vice Speaker Diego Benavente.

The executive branch of the government got the bulk or \$76.33 million with 1,287 full time employees.

Among all the departments and agencies under the executive branch, Public Health got the biggest slice at \$32.7 million, fol-

lowed by Public Safety at \$10.79 million. Both were considered to be priority areas due to the essential services they deliver.

The Department of Commerce and Labor was appropriated the least amount at \$1.86 million.

The first senatorial district

(Rota) was given \$8.802 million with 341 FTEs. The second senatorial district (Tinian) was given \$8.252 million with 313 FTEs.

The judicial branch was given a total of \$2.168 million while the legislative branch was appropri-

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Finance rejects CUC request for tax rebate

THE DEPARTMENT of Finance has rejected the request by Commonwealth Utilities Corp. for a rebate of over \$3.2 million in gross revenue taxes.

At the same time, Finance Director Eloy S. Inos, who is also CUC board member, criticized CUC Executive Director Ramon S. Guerrero for employing the use of the GRT issue get more government subsidies for the firm.

"I want to reiterate that there is no basis for any rebate of taxes to CUC by the Department of Finance, absent specific legislation that would authorize such. Accordingly, the department will not be establishing a procedure to identify taxes attributable to CUC purchases," Inos said in a Feb. 18 letter to Guerrero.

According to Inos, the department never received any money or other goods from CUC in the discharge of a GRT debt or liability, nor has it received a GRT return which provides evidence of GRT payment.

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Former policeman nabbed for curfew violation, 'ice'

A FORMER police officer was arrested and jailed early Friday for violating a curfew imposed on him by the court and for possession of a crystal substance believed to be methamphetamine or ice.

Steven Teregeyo was arrested at 1:17 a.m. on the southern lane of Beach Road, Garapan fronting Winchell's.

Police Officers Tomas Muna and Ismael Aguon collared Teregeyo when they saw him cruising on the road way beyond his 9 p.m. curfew.

The Superior Court earlier ordered Teregeyo to stay home from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily as one of the

conditions for his temporary release.

Teregeyo had been charged with possession and distribution of crystal methamphetamine.

A police report on Friday's arrest states that the undetermined quantity of suspected ice was found by police officers in the car driven by the former policeman.

The police took custody of the car driven by Teregeyo while he was locked up in jail and, during a routine inventory of things inside the vehicle, officers found a small plastic container with the crystal substance.

A glass tube and a syringe needle were among other things

found in the brown Subaru station wagon driven by Teregeyo, the police said.

Other incidents reported to the police between Thursday and Friday:

o A man was bruised in one of his elbows when struck with a stone by another man at the Northern Marianas College.

o A jet ski accident occurred off Dai-ichi Hotel but details were not immediately available.

o While playing basketball at Hopwood Junior High School, a female student suffered a sprained wrist when she stumbled.

o Tourist Takesako Kinishi lost \$437 cash to a theft at Obyan Beach.

o A window at a hardware store in Chalan Kiyi bore two holes believed to have been hit by airgun pellets. Pellet-like fragments were found in the vicinity.

o The management of Christopher Karaoke in San Roque complained of theft of service when six men who were drinking in the establishment refused to pay their bill. Three of the men ran away while the other three continued drinking and refused to pay when asked for their payment.(GLD)

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Therefore, without evidence of the filing of a return, CUC has no basis in which to request a rebate on that which was never paid.

Guerrero in an earlier letter to Inos said a five percent gross revenue tax is being paid by CUC's fuel suppliers, but that this is being shouldered indirectly by CUC in the price of fuel sold to the utilities firm.

As an instrumentality of the CNMI government, Guerrero said CUC should be exempt from the GRT and that CUC should receive relief from this extra cost in the form of a rebate of the GRT paid by CUC in its fuel purchases.

But Inos in his letter argued that no provision in the law allowed a rebate or refund for indirect payment of the GRT.

"The law does not provide for the exemption from any liability to pay, directly or indirectly, the GRT in the form of purchase prices paid to vendors who have passed the effect of the tax on to its customers. Although CUC may be indirectly subject to GRT, the exemption is only from the liability to pay," said Inos.

Inos clarified that the intent of Guerrero's letter may have been to ask for a refund rather than a rebate of the GRT. He defined a rebate as a discount on a tax liability that is paid; a refund is a restoration of an amount of money that was overpaid but is not part of a liability.

Nevertheless, Inos said both rebates and refunds first require the payment of tax.

"There is not an agency in the Commonwealth which receives a rebate or a refund for indirect payment of GRT. Notwithstanding the convoluted logic of your claim, an appropriation from the general fund is not a rebate. The law only exempts an agency from a liability to pay directly the GRT and does not entitle an agency to be 'free from extra costs imposed by its vendors'," Inos clarified.

Inos then asked why the issue of a GRT rebate for CUC was not discussed first at the Board level, considering that he sits as member of the CUC Board of directors, concurrent with being Finance director.

"My participation on the Board as Finance director is, among other things, precisely to provide advice and assistance on such matter," Inos said.

He added that grandstanding on the GRT rebate issue serves no useful purpose when "it has no basis in law and little in fact."

"Furthermore, it creates the perception that CUC is devoting its primary efforts to finagling more public subsidies rather than concentrating on collecting bills, streamlining operations, cutting costs, and generally running an efficient utility service that is self-supporting," Inos told Guerrero.

He went on to say that the answer to CUC's financial woes is not to think of more innovative ways to "tap the deep pockets of public funds but rather to make CUC operations more efficient and its service delivery more effective."(RHA)

Clinton lives up to expectations

By Nick Ludington

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton is living up to predictions he would tend to the ailing American economy and flawed social programs ahead of foreign affairs.

In his inauguration speech he said, "While America rebuilds at home, we will not shrink from the challenges, nor fail to seize the opportunities of this new world."

But he has certainly sidestepped challenges, following an at-best cautious policy which Washington Post columnist Stephen Rosenfeld called "selective engagement."

When the top foreign policy advisers met in early February at the White House to determine US policy on former Yugoslavia, Clinton did not attend. He has delegated responsibility to Secretary of State Warren Christopher, national security adviser Anthony Lake and Defense Secretary Les Aspin. He is reportedly kept informed daily and has the final say but does not take part in the policy formulation. Clinton has yet to chair a National Security Council meeting.

In the first month of his presidency, Clinton had few foreign visitors. Israeli foreign ministers almost always see the president, but Clinton was too busy with preparations for unveiling his economic plan to see Shimon Peres last week.

He has met only with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney of Canada, America's closest friend and neighbor, and President Turgut Ozal of Turkey, another close ally, who stretched out a private trip until Clinton could see him. Clinton also had an informal meeting with Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel of a key European ally, Germany.

The president has rolled back on activist campaign promises, saving his political ammunition for the domestic economy plan.

He promised to ease entry procedures for Haitian refugees. Instead, he threw a ring of US ships

around Haiti to keep refugees from coming to the United States.

In the campaign, Clinton called for tougher action on Bosnia. But his plan when announced by Christopher was tame, specifically ruling out air strikes or lifting of the arms embargo on Bosnian Muslims and promising no settlement would be imposed by force.

Essentially, Clinton played for time, naming veteran diplomat Reginald Bartholomew as a special envoy to "build on" a stalled plan to partition Bosnia proposed by UN and European negotiators.

Clinton sidestepped the dilemma he framed himself: on moral grounds, the Bosnian Muslims should be helped to get back lands seized by the Serbs in their ethnic cleansing campaign. But realistically, without large-scale military action - meaning US action - the tough, well-armed Serbs are unlikely to give up their gains.

The Middle East peace talks are stalled. Clinton sent Christopher to make a round of visits in the region.

But Clinton is not putting his prestige on the line to force skirmishing Arab and Israeli foes back to the table.

On the plane on his way to the region, Christopher said if the two sides show no willingness to make concessions and revive the talks, the United States could walk away. "It's a big world with lots of things to do," he said.

On the US intervention in Somalia, Clinton told US governors on Feb. 1: "We're ... debating how we can keep peace in Somalia when the mortality rate is greater in some neighborhoods in the United States of America." He is expected to bring back as many troops as possible as soon as possible. Another 1,000 are coming home this week.

Iraq has remained largely out of the foreground as Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, apparently sensing the change from a frustrated, belligerent Bush, is lying low.



Governor Lorenzo I. Guerrero and a student of Garapan Elementary School shovel sand during groundbreaking ceremonies for five more classrooms for the school Friday.

Bus crashes into ravine; 35 killed

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - A bus crashed into a ravine east of Manila before dawn Sunday, killing 35 people and injuring about 45 others, many of them critically, police said.

Provincial police commander Col. Enrique Cuadra said first reports from the remote area showed the driver apparently lost control when swerving to avoid an oncoming truck at 4:45 a.m. (2045 GMT) near Tignuan, 40 miles (65 kilometers) east of Manila.

The bus was traveling from Manila to the coastal town of

Infanta about 15 miles (25 kilometers) north of the scene of the accident.

The area is in a poorly developed mountain region of Quezon province along the Pacific coast of Luzon, the main Philippine island.

Cuadra said President Fidel Ramos sent a personal helicopter to ferry victims to hospitals in the provincial capital Lucena and Manila.

Cuadra said about 23 had already been taken to Lucena, where he spoke by telephone to Manila radio stations.

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Consulate urges Filipino workers to file tax returns

THE PHILIPPINE Consulate calls on all Filipino contract workers and Philippine passport holders who receive income in the CNMI to file early their income tax returns for the year 1992.

This is to avoid the rush and inconvenience of filing income taxes right before the deadline of April 15.

All Philippine passport holders earning income in the CNMI whether they be contract workers, businessmen, or immigrants, must file their income tax returns even if they are exempt from paying taxes. The taxes paid to the CNMI and the US federal government are distinct from this income tax paid the Philippine government.

Those filing their income tax returns are requested to bring with them to the consulate their CNMI W-2 forms and their passports.

As of Dec. 31, 1992, the revenue collection of the consulate was around 5.5 million pesos from 10,588 filing their tax returns. There are an estimated 17,000 Filipino contract workers in the CNMI. This means that clearly more than 6,000 of those obliged to file their income tax returns with the Philippine government have not done so.

For those who have failed to do so, they are reminded that stiffer penalties might be in the offing for tax evaders.

Sablan continues fight for Saipan port contract

BUSINESSMAN John T. Sablan has expressed concern that the board of directors of the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) might have been induced by its staff to award the contract for the Saipan harbor improvement project not to the lowest bidder but to one "of their liking for subjective reasons..."

Sablan made the statement in an appeal on the CPA board decision to award the project to Samsung Construction & Engineering Co. of South Korea.

CPA has scheduled a hearing on the appeal on March 6. "If the staff may disregard the

lowest bid and choose one more to their liking for subjective reasons it not only violates the statute requiring CPA to award the contract to the lowest bidder; it defeats the whole purpose of the bidding procedures and opens the possibility of corruption," according to the letter of appeal signed by a representative in behalf of Sablan.

"These matters are too serious to be ignored. They are not mere technical violations but go to the heart of the bidding process," the letter says.

Sablan said it submitted the lowest bid for phase one of the project. It bid \$26 million for phase 1 and \$23 million for phase 2. It quoted \$27 million as its consolidated bid for the two

phases. Samsung offered to undertake the two phases for \$36.226 million, consisting of \$27.804 million for phase 1 and \$8.422 million for phase 2. The company and CPA signed the contract for phase 1 on Jan. 28.

Sablan, in his appeal, said a letter from CPA dated Dec. 24, 1992 informed his company, J & G Sablan Realty and Construction Co., that its proposal would not be considered, without giving any reason, and that CPA would negotiate with four other bidders.

"This was subsequently shown to be a lie, for in his letter, the executive director (of CPA) indicated that in fact only one offeror was negotiated with - Samsung," Sablan said.

He said this was in violation of CPA regulations which provide that if the authority negotiates with any party it must deal equally with all other offerors.

Sablan denied CPA Executive Director Roman Tudela's statement that J & G Sablan Realty and Construction was not a qualified bidder. "Our company was pre-qualified to bid, and never disqualified," Sablan said.

"The executive director's statement is unsupported by the documents in this matter, and all the more outrageous given the fact that the regulations require him to make inquiries of an offeror if he has bona fide concerns regarding his qualifications, and no further information was ever requested of our company," he said. (NL)

Eliptico earns high grade at Seattle U

FRANKIE Manibusan Eliptico has been attending Seattle University since Fall 1992.

During his enrollment, he has received recognition for outstanding academic achievement. He has a grade point average of 4.00. His name will be included on the president's list, a recognition for which only those with a grade point average of 3.9 or above qualify.

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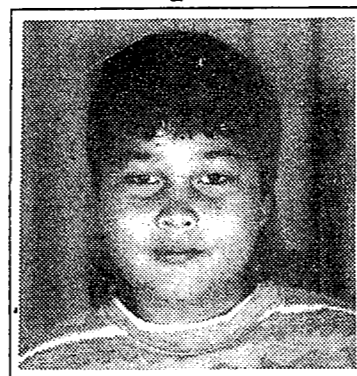
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3 humanities programs in CNMI receive grants

CNMI Council for the Humanities recently awarded grants for three humanities programs to be presented here in the Commonwealth. Richard Shewman chancellor of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa and director of Karidat, has been awarded a grant to develop a humanities journal which will provide a much needed forum for humanities scholars to publish works in a wide range of humanities subjects-philosophy, history, language traditional customs, jurisprudence and many other fields. The journal will focus on the Marianas but will be receptive to scholars throughout the Pacific basin. Interested parties should contact Shewman at 234-3000. WRITE: Teaching Children to Write of Their Heritage the second humanities program to be funded by the council will provide workshops for teachers to help them, through lectures, demonstrations, and group-writing experiences to teach children how to write creative stories about CNMI culture, past and present. The program's primary humanist is Dr. Nancy Flood who has an extensive background in psychology, child development and creative writing. Dr. Flood will conduct the workshops between March 15 and April 25. Public announcements in the near future will specify time and place of the workshops. A third grant entitled "Development of Pacific Writers" is aimed at local writers who are interested in writing and publishing literature primarily for children and young adults. The project will feature nationally known writers and publishers who will come to the CNMI to conduct workshops that focus on the importance of story telling, myths and folktales and how these interact with writing stories about culture, tradition, and the present, unfolding history of the CNMI. The ins and outs of publishing will also be addressed by a publishing agent. Tentative schedule for workshops is sometime between April and June 1993. Look for public announcements for exact date, times and location in the near future. Following are the deadlines for submission of regular grant applications in 1993: April 2, July 2 and December 3. All applications should be submitted before 4:30 p.m. (see address below). Planning grants and mini grants may be submitted anytime. The Commonwealth Council for the Humanities is a private, non-profit corporation funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities, and independent agency of the US federal government. The endowment funds a large number of educational programs for teachers, scholars, and other qualified humanists. Anyone interested in information on these programs or in applying for a grant from the Commonwealth Council should write to: William R. Barrineau, executive director, CNMI Council for the Humanities, Caller Box AAA 3394, Saipan, MP 96950 or call 235-4787.

Camacho named top student in Garapan



Camacho

GARAPAN Elementary School has chosen Ryan DLC. Camacho as student of the week for Feb. 1-5. Ryan, a fifth grader under the advisement of Mrs. Renee Halmer, was commended for working well with others and contributing greatly towards goodwill in the classroom. He is even-tempered, kind, considerate and a leader in academic activities as well as in personal conduct. He earned all straight "As" in his subjects. He is always prepared for class and always willing to learn. Ryan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Camacho.

San Nicolas, Skilang DFS top employees for January

PLAYFORD Ramsey, general manager of DFS Saipan Limited, announced the selection of Humie Skilang and Pedro San Nicolas as January 1993 Employees of the Month. An awards ceremony was held at Isa Cafe at the Downtown Store, Garapan. Humie was selected from the sales category and Pedro was selected from the sales support category. Each recipient was awarded an Employee of the Month certificate and pin, and \$100 in cash. They are eligible for selection as the 1993 Employee of the Year in their respective categories. Humie has been employed as a sales associate with DFS Saipan for the past 11 years. She was recommended because of her positive attitude toward greeting customers, hard work, and her ability to cooperate with others. She was cited for her strong teamwork approach and here willingness to communicate with others. Humie works at the Downtown Store. She was recommended by Lino Fritz, Maggie Guerrero, Vicky Camacho, Lucy Sanchez, Lucy Mangarero and Irene Facey. Pedro San Nicolas has been employed in the downtown DFS warehouse for the past year. He was recognized most for his positive attitude, helping other employees completion their assigned work tasks, and personal initiative. Pedro was recommended by Emma Villagomez.



DFS EMPLOYEES of the Month with Duty Free officials (from left): Emma Villagomez, Pedro San Nicolas, Vicky Camacho, Humie Skilang and Marian Aldan-Pierce.

'Hatchet man' wins \$1M prize

NEW YORK (AP) - Charles W. "Chuck" Colson, the White House "hatchet man" who went to jail in the Watergate scandal and later built a ministry for inmates, won the \$1 million Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion today. It's the biggest prize given for achievement in any field. "When I first learned of this award, I did not feel a sense of exultation," Colson said in a statement. "I was instead driven to my knees, humbled and grateful to the Lord Jesus Christ whom I serve." He added, "By God's grace he has chosen to take a person from the shame and disgrace of

Watergate and prison and use him to build a prison movement in 54 countries." The prize, established by investment manager John M. Templeton, has been awarded annually since 1972. Previous winners include Mother Teresa, Billy Graham and Alexander Solzhenitsyn. An international panel picks the winner. The prize is kept richer than the Nobel prizes in such fields as science and literature in the belief that religion is more important. Colson, a 61-year-old Baptist and former counsel to President Nixon known for his hardball tactics, served seven months in prison for obstructing justice. He underwent a conversion and founded Prison Fellowship of Reston, Va., in 1976. Prison Fellowship, which has a paid staff of 280 and about 50,000 volunteers working in more than 800 prisons, offers Bible studies and runs work-release programs, marriage seminars, classes to help prisoners manage their lives after they get out, and mentor programs to keep them from straying. Colson said the prize money would go toward his work. An ex-Marine captain and former lawyer, Colson related his conversion in the first of a dozen books, "Born Again: What Really Happened to the White House Hatchet Man." His conversion initially met widespread skepticism. But his work since then in advocating prison reforms, testifying before

legislatures, giving lectures and helping inmates has gained respect in religious and secular circles. Reporter Bob Woodward of The Washington Post, who with Carl Bernstein broke the Watergate story, has said of Colson: "I think he is one of the people after Watergate who went on to really redeem himself and do something important." He is often considered an evangelical, but he veers from that in his opposition to the death penalty and his belief that non-violent offenders in prison should instead receive sentences enabling them to pay their debt to society. The award will be presented in a private ceremony May 12 at Buckingham Palace in London.

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riated \$4.9 million. The Office of the Washington Representative was given \$895,675 for the whole fiscal year.

Among all government corporations, the CNMI Public School System got the biggest budget slice at \$31.385 million with the Northern Marianas College a far second at \$6.53 million.

Earlier this month, Governor Larry I. Guerrero reported a \$7.226 million deficit for last fiscal year where revenue collections fell short of the budget by \$6.4 million plus a net overexpended appropriations and expenditure of \$0.8 million.

In a February 1st letter to the presiding officers of the Legislature, the chief executive was asking that in view of the deficit, a more cautious approach along with a good program of belt-tightening be adopted in the budget process so as not to see a repeat of the deficit.

Specifically, he asked that lapsed salaries for fiscal year 1993 be appropriated to reduce the 1992 deficit instead of appropriating that amount for various programs and projects.

He recalled that about \$10.297 million in lapsed salaries were appropriated in the FY 1992 budget. Had that not happened, he said the CNMI would have had a \$3 million surplus this fiscal year.

"It looks like it will be another fiscal year where the sluggish local economy adversely impacts revenue collections," said the governor.

During the session, it was only

Rep. Jesus P. Mafnas who appeared not in favor of the appropriations act, on account of what he said were unconstitutional provisions in the budget measure.

According to the Saipan lawmaker, there were items in the bill that were not appropriate in nature and were thus not supposed to have been included in the budget.

"There were riders in the bill that were supposed to have been personnel matters addressed by the Personnel Office. Besides there was no appropriation made to cover employer's contribution for government health insurance into the Retirement Fund," said Mafnas. He said the need to pay for this health insurance has been overlooked since 1991 and 1992 fiscal years even as government employees have remained current with their contributions.

Another major concern aired by Mafnas on the budget was on the funding status of the application of government billings from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation on previous advances given to the firm.

He said there is currently disagreement as to when the advances will be used up and offsetted completely. According to Mafnas, there is only \$431,000 left to be offsetted in government billings as of December 31, 1992.

Mafnas, due to his concerns, asked that the budget measure be acted on first reading only and not on final reading as suggested. He was prevailed upon by other members.

High court reverses ruling on Torres' suit

MARIANAS Public Land Corp.'s troubles concerning a lease agreement with Nakamoto Enterprises, are far from over.

The Supreme Court on Friday reversed the Superior Court's dismissal of a suit filed by Rep. Stanley Torres that alleged certain irregularities in the lease agreement entered into between MPLC and Nakamoto in August 1991.

Aside from the suit filed by Torres, MPLC is facing another civil suit filed by Nakamoto in the Superior Court late last year after MPLC cancelled the lease agreement on a parcel of land in Garapan which was to be the site of Nakamoto's multi-million hotel project.

The reversal of the Superior Court decision means that if the lower court would determine that Nakamoto still had a valid lease agreement with MPLC, it would have to again hear the allegations raised by Torres.

Torres sued MPLC shortly after the government agency and Nakamoto signed the lease agreement in August 1991.

The lawmaker cited three causes for filing the suit:

- MPLC allegedly breached its fiduciary duty by leasing the land to Nakamoto at a price lower than what the plaintiff thought was the lease value of the property at that time;
the leased property exceeds five hectares and, therefore, requires approval by the Legislature; and
the construction and operation of the hotel would adversely affect the environment and would violate the plaintiff's right to a clean and healthful public environment guaranteed by Article 1 of the CNMI Constitution.

In March 1992, the Superior Court dismissed the allegations that MPLC breached its fiduciary duty by leasing the property for a lower amount, and forging the lease agreement without legislative approval.

In its decision, the lower court said, there was "no genuine issue of material fact in plaintiff's first and second causes of action."

However, the lower court said in its March 1992 decision that, if the third allegation "contains genuine issues of material facts."

The lower court then asked MPLC and Torres to explain why the Superior Court has jurisdiction over the environmental issue.

The Superior Court subsequently dismissed the third cause of action, saying the Coastal Resources Management was the proper agency to address the issue.

In its opinion, the Supreme Court said that if Torres' allegation that MPLC could have negotiated better lease terms, were true, the granting of the lease "may constitute a breach of MPLC's

fiduciary duty." "We note that MPLC, although an autonomous agency of government, may not do as it pleases when leasing out public lands. It must comply with highest standards expected of fiduciaries," the Supreme Court said.

The high court said the Superior Court has jurisdiction to hear the environmental issue raised by the plaintiff.

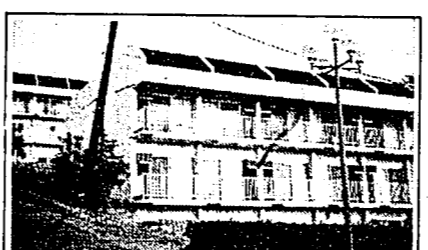
"While it is true that CRM must first grant a permit before any structure is erected on the leased site, its permitting authority does not pre-empt the court from considering whether the lease, if carried out, would have unremediated impact on the environment."

The Supreme court then remanded the case to the lower court for further proceedings.

But the high court suspended continuance of the proceedings in the lower court until the law suit questioning the validity of MPLC's termination of the lease agreement with Nakamoto—is resolved.

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NOTICE OF HEARING Notice is hereby given that on February 25, 1993, Thursday, at 1:30 PM in the courthouse of the Superior Court in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the petitioner will petition the Court to adopt the above-mentioned minor. Dated this 18th day of February, 1993. /s/Reynaldo O. Yana Attorney for Petitioner.

PUBLIC NOTICE in the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

CIVIL ACTION NO. 92-1666

In Re the Matter of: COMMONWEALTH LIMITED, INC., d/b/a PACIFIC RIM BANK Respondents.

Notice to creditors of order appointing Receiver for Commonwealth Limited, Inc., d/b/a Pacific Rim Bank and specifying time within which creditors must file claims.

TO: ALL CREDITORS, INDIVIDUALS, ASSOCIATIONS, CORPORATIONS AND OTHERS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST COMMONWEALTH LIMITED, INC., d/b/a PACIFIC RIM BANK, SAIPAN, NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on January 15, 1993, Marty W.K. Taylor, Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, entered an order appointing the undersigned as Receiver of all the assets of the Commonwealth Limited, Inc., d/b/a Pacific Rim Bank and requiring said Receiver to wind up the business of the bank in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All creditors of the above corporation are required to file verified notice of their claims within 60 days from the date of first publication of this notice.

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Americans support 'share the pain' plan

NEW YORK (AP) - Most Americans support President Clinton's "share the pain" economic program, according to three polls released Saturday.

A Time magazine-CNN poll found 62 percent of respondents approve the plan Clinton outlined last week and Newsweek reported 59 percent of people it surveyed favor Congressional approval of his proposal.

A Los Angeles Times survey found 60 percent approved of his overall plan, and 62 percent said

they're willing to accept the tax increases and spending cuts to improve the nation's economy. Two-thirds said they believed the plan was mostly fair to them, according to the poll published in Sunday's editions.

The Newsweek poll came with more good news for Clinton: his approval rating is up after a month on the job. Last month, 51 percent of Americans approved of his handling of the job, while 57 percent gave Clinton thumbs up in the new poll.

According to the Time-CNN figures, 76 percent of Americans believe Clinton's economic plan means real change and 85 percent believe it deserves a chance to work.

People also are willing to put their money where their mouths are, with 71 percent believing they should make sacrifices for Clinton's plan, the Time-CNN poll found.

The Newsweek poll found three out of four Americans believe their wealthiest fellow citizens will still find loopholes to beat high taxes.

Clinton urged to explain spending cuts

By IKE FLORES

WINTER PARK, Fla. (AP) - Ross Perot told cheering crowds Saturday that he expects the Clinton administration will tax and spend heavily and that it's up to the American people to see that their money is spent responsibly.

The Texas billionaire, responding again to Clinton's proposals to cut the federal deficit by raising taxes and cutting spending, said it was time Clinton explained exactly what he plans to cut.

"Give us details on spending cuts," Perot told about 3,300 people at the Rollins College gym. "Tell us precisely when they will occur."

Perot is spending the weekend barnstorming Florida to rally support for his group United We Stand America.

During several stops Saturday the former independent presidential candidate offered his own prescription for fixing the US government. It included better bookkeeping, a balanced budget amendment, a presidential line-item veto, quarterly reports on spending, congressional pay cuts, cuts in lawmakers' perks and retirement funds, and elimination of political action committees.

Perot said those who supported his presidential campaign last year could take credit for making the government face up to an economic crisis.

"We've got work to do, but we got the crazy aunt out of the basement," Perot said. "This time last year, nobody talked about the national debt or the deficit. I said it was like a crazy aunt in the basement."

Jamaicans bait breakfast with rice to lure Japanese

By Kevin Nobilet

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica (AP) - Baiting their breakfast buffets with rice and making sure chambermaids know when to bow, Jamaican hoteliers are luring a lucrative vacationer: the Japanese.

The success of their campaign has spawned envy and imitation among other Caribbean resort islands, anxious for a tonic to a stagnant industry. Visitors from Japan soared 51 percent in 1992 over the previous year, based on totals from January through September. Full-year figures haven't yet been compiled by Jamaica's tourism board.

The business remains a drop in the island's big tourism bucket. All visitors totaled 845,000 last year. About two-thirds of them came from the United States. But the number of American visitors rose just 1.4 percent last year, after slipping the previous year.

The Japanese market "is still small, but growing significantly," said Roy Miller, Jamaica's deputy director of tourism, planning and research. "The indications are it will continue to grow."

While the numbers may be small, the Japanese spend big.

The Japanese don't blink at \$100 nightly rates for rooms, and they "are extremely good shoppers," said hotelier Heinz Simonich.

Simonich runs the Half Moon Hotel, an upscale beachfront resort in Montego Bay. High-priced Eu-

ropean designer Louis Feraud recently opened his first Caribbean boutique at the Half Moon. The Japanese, with their deep pockets, "was one of the reasons Louis Feraud came here," Simonich said. The Half Moon's posh rooms housed 7,884 Japanese tourists last year, more than half the island total.

"Everybody calls and says, 'Heinz, can you please give me the formula to get that Japanese business?'" Simonich said. His answer: "there is no formula."

However, Simonich said he goes to great pains to learn his guests' likes and dislikes - "particularly what they don't like."

The Japanese, he said, like rice for breakfast, golf courses and at least one nearby Oriental restaurant for dining at night. "It doesn't have to be a Japanese restaurant."

They like all-inclusive plans, even at \$100 a day, so they don't have to struggle in English over payment of each meal or other extras. Hotels after the market are training their help in some basic Japanese etiquette and vocabulary - at least the words for room, towels, soap and shampoo.

Some Montego Bay shops have begun sporting signs in Japanese, peddling jewelry, gems and the high-priced Blue Mountain coffee, which is coveted in Japan.

What do the Japanese dislike? Surprises.

With only an average 10 days'

vacation a year, they meticulously plan their trips to the minute, poring over brochures and constantly referring to detailed guide books.

"They don't take risks," said Takeo Morita, a Japanese business student at St. John's University in New York. He was visiting Jamaica with a friend.

Morita himself became nervous, checking maps and schedules, when a flight from Montego Bay to Jamaica boarded a half-hour late, not at all unusual for the Caribbean. It also worried him to discover the aircraft was a compact, twin-propeller plane, and not a big airliner.

"Do you think it will be all right?" he asked a fellow traveler.

According to Morita, the hard-working Japanese take few long trips and want to make sure those they do turn out all right.

They splurge, he said, especially on their honeymoons. "They believe that will be their last trip for a long time. After, they must stay home and work and be responsible."

Some hotels are making special arrangements for Japanese honeymooners. The Half Moon even offers them a wedding package.

Few Japanese take an exclusively Jamaican vacation. Most spend a couple of days in New York or Miami, shopping and sightseeing there. There are no direct flights from Japan to Jamaica.

The Japanese usually stay only four or five days on the island.

Bill to allow CNMI official to nominate cadets to US schools

A BILL was filed in the US Congress Friday that would allow local officials to nominate CNMI cadets to the major US military academies.

One candidate from the Commonwealth may be nominated every year to the US Military Academy at West Point, the Naval Academy at Annapolis and the Air Force Academy in Colorado.

"This is a great day for the Commonwealth," Governor Lorenzo I. Guerrero said. "We have a fine tradition of military service. Many of our talented young people will now have opportunity to graduate from the prestigious US military academies."

Delegate Ron de Lugo (D-Virgin Islands), chairman of the Subcommittee on Insular and International Affairs is the original sponsor of the bill. Congressman George Miller (D-Calif.), chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, also sponsored the bill.

"We've been working with Chairmen Miller and de Lugo to present this legislation to the 103rd Congress," Guerrero said. "We have assurance that the bill will not just be filed, but pursued so that our young people can attend the academies."

The bill will authorize the CNMI resident representative to the US to nominate a candidate to each of the US academies after consultation with CNMI governor.

"I'm sure we would work well with the Washington representative to see that the best and most deserving candidates obtain nominations," Guerrero said. "Our



Ron de Lugo

Washington representative has also pushed for this legislation. He worked with us last Congress on the issue. "We're all just very pleased that Chairman Miller and Chairman de Lugo introduced this measure early in the 103rd Congress. With this kind of support and it being a single issue bill-we have a strong chance to see passage this Congress."

According to de Lugo, Commonwealth people alone among US citizens have not been able to obtain nominations by local CNMI officials. "Those interested in attending the academy have depended on the delegate from Guam to nominate them," he said. "The bill would enable a Commonwealth official to participate in the nomination process."

"We thank Delegate Bob Underwood, of Guam, for also sponsoring our academy bill. And we note that Congressmen Eni Faleomavaega, Elton Gallegly, and Austin Murphy joined as sponsors of the House bill. We are very grateful for their support," Guerrero said (CNS)

EPA clears sewer plant

THE ENVIRONMENTAL Protection Agency (EPA) has commended the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation for its completely successful operation of the Sadog Tasi Treatment Plant.

According to the EPA, the Sadog Tasi Treatment Plant has successfully and routinely complied with

the Clean Water Act. This means CUC is not dumping raw sewage in the lagoon, CUC has done its job.

The EPA will now "Rescind its Administrative Order of non-compliance" which was issued on March 17, 1989. CUC now complies with the United States regulations.

Pedal-powered boat crosses Pacific Ocean

TOKYO (AP) - A man who made what he claimed is the first long-distance ocean voyage in a pedal-powered boat arrived in Japan today from Hawaii after being towed for the last leg of his journey.

Kenichi Horie, 54, said he pedaled for 8 hours a day on the 4,500-mile, 107-day voyage from Honolulu. The self-powered boat journey ended Saturday, and he was then towed by a ship 360 miles north to Okinawa.

"The boat is powered by a human being and I didn't have any confidence in controlling the boat to reach a particular site. There-

fore, I set a goal of 128 degrees east longitude," he said. He reached the goal.

"What I want to do now is take a bath," he told reporters in Naha, a city on the southern Japanese island.

The veteran yachtsman, who has made sailing trips around the world, said that "compared with previous voyage, I didn't run into any tropical storms or typhoons at all so I didn't have any trouble."

His 26-foot-long, 5.75-foot-wide plastic boat is powered by a set of bicycle pedals that move the propeller.

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Stern punishment for soldier demanded

By B.J. Lee
SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - About 200 protesters sang and raised banners outside the courthouse to demand stern punishment for a US soldier who went on trial Wednesday on charges he murdered a Korean prostitute.

The case has revived anti-American sentiment among Koreans who want US troops withdrawn from their country. There also have been widespread demands for renegotiation of Korean-US agreements that do not allow Korean police to take the soldier into custody before the court's verdict. Pvt. Kenneth L. Markle III, 20, of Keyser, W. Va., denied in Wednesday's first court appearance that he tortured the victim. He said he hit her in self-defense only after she attacked him.

"I struck her four times, but I'm denying she was dead when I left the room," Markle told a

three-judge panel in a courtroom packed with 200 spectators.

Markle also denied he tried to have sex with the victim, Yun Kum-i, 26. He said that as a medic, he had tried to revive her with artificial respiration. "Heavy punishment!" chanted about 150 students on the courthouse steps, jabbing fists in the air. "Justice," they shouted.

Murder is relatively uncommon in South Korea and violent crimes involving a foreigner are rare. The maximum penalty for murder is death by hanging or firing squad.

Seoul District Court Presiding Judge Jung Ho-yung cautioned the spectators, some crouching in the aisles, to remain respectful while hearing details of the case. Outbursts, he said, would be punished.

"After all the press and publicity, different circles in society have given it much attention," the judge said. "The defendant has a right to defend himself and the judges

have a responsibility to find the truth."

Markle, brought from confinement at a US facility, entered the courthouse in southern Seoul through a rear door. About 60 students delayed his departure after the one-hour session by blocking the exit to his car.

The first two rows of spectator seats in the domed, paneled courtroom were taken by uniformed security guards. Markle's parents sat quietly with US officials, but declined to talk to reporters.

The victim's body was found naked in a rented room in Tongducheon, 30 miles (50 kilometers) north of Seoul, near the headquarters of the US 2nd Infantry Division, to which Markle was assigned.

The room was splattered with blood and had been covered with detergent in an apparent effort to destroy evidence and fingerprints.

Chinese dissident to continue fight

By Charlene L. Fu

BEIJING (AP) - The most prominent student leader of China's 1989 democracy movement vowed to keep fighting for democracy after the government released him from prison Wednesday in a likely gesture toward US and Olympic officials.

Wang Dan was released on parole along with a second student leader, Guo Haifeng, and Zhu Hongsheng, a 76-year-old Catholic priest from Shanghai. The releases came just two weeks before a high-level delegation from the International Olympic Committee is to visit Beijing, where top officials badly want to win the 2000 Summer Olympic Games.

The paroles also may be intended as a goodwill gesture to the new Clinton administration, which has vowed to focus on human rights in foreign policy.

"I've no regrets," Wang told reporters at his family home just hours after being released from Beijing No. 2 Prison. "My personal ambition is to do all I can to promote democracy."

Wang, 23, was arrested in July 1989 and was due to be released this July. He said no conditions or restrictions were attached to his release.

Guo, 27, also was arrested in 1989 and would have finished his four-year term at Beijing University in June. Guo knelt on the steps of the Great Hall of the People during the protest, trying to submit a petition to the government. He was arrested during the army attack.

"I really wish I could take a bath and rest," Wang said as more foreign reporters arrived. He looked healthy and spoke confidently. Wang was not reported to have been mistreated during his imprisonment, unlike others jailed for participating in the 1989 move-

ment. "This is a test for the government. How will the central government react to my meeting with so many reporters today? This will really show whether the government is changing or not," Wang said.

He said he hoped to continue his studies, and planned to write a book about the 1989 protests. He was a sophomore in Beijing University's history department when the democracy movement began.

The official Xinhua News Agency said that with the release of Wang and Guo, all students "who violated the criminal law" during the protests have been freed.

However, the government has not announced the release of many other students who are known to have been arrested after the demonstrations in Beijing and other major cities.

Western human rights groups estimate that more than 10,000 people were arrested after the 1989 protests and thousands are believed still jailed. China has never disclosed any figures.

Robin Munro from the human rights group Asia Watch said the government was "making a few token releases."

"The students never really were the issue for the government. Workers and intellectuals got much heavier sentences, far more than the students," he said. "We want to see a major dent in those cases before we will think there's any kind of freeing up."

US human rights activist John Kamm was more optimistic.

"The way they are stressing that all student leaders are being released, and now they have also gone with the elderly Catholic, it would appear - I hesitate to use the word - that there's an amnesty of both political and religious prisoners," he said.

West hit for ignoring their own forests

By Ghafur Fadyal

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - Malaysia's primary industries minister accused Western nations Wednesday of ignoring destruction of their own forests while accusing the tropical countries of excessive logging.

Tropical forests should not be singled out as a scapegoat for all the woes of the global environment, Lim Keng Yaik said at a global forest conference attended by some 350 delegates from 33 nations and UN and environmental organizations.

Earlier, Indonesian President Suharto accused the rich nations of wasteful, polluting lifestyles, and said abject poverty leads to environmental destruction in the developing countries.

"Only if the poor can enjoy a better life will they be able to give their contribution to the solution

of global environmental issues," Suharto said. Lim said Western nations "at best... would only pay lip service" to dealing with the environmental problems associated with the destruction of temperate and boreal forests.

He also criticized Austria's new law requiring carry "made from tropical timber" or "contains tropical timber products."

"Such a move is reflective of the persecution mentality of the Western countries against tropical timber without regard for the interests of Third World countries," he said.

Indonesian Forest Minister Hasjriul Harahap also said in his speech that the labeling requirement for tropical timber was "clearly discriminatory and counter-productive unilateral action."

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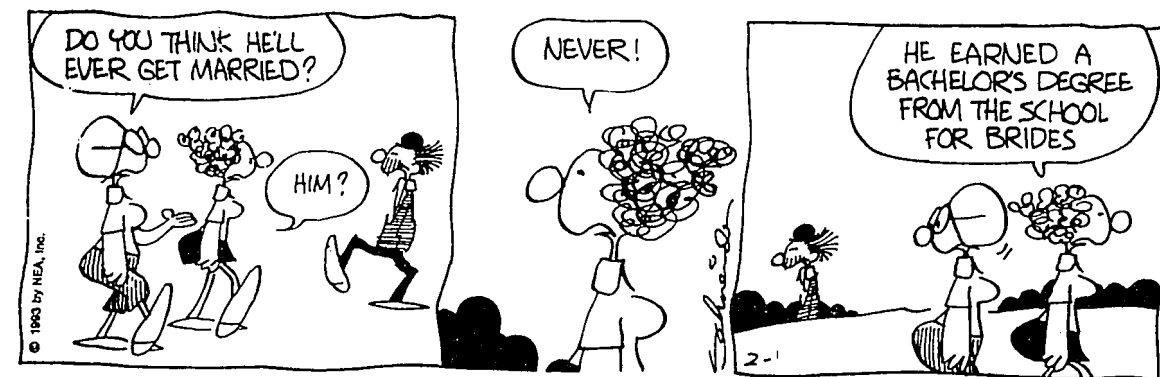
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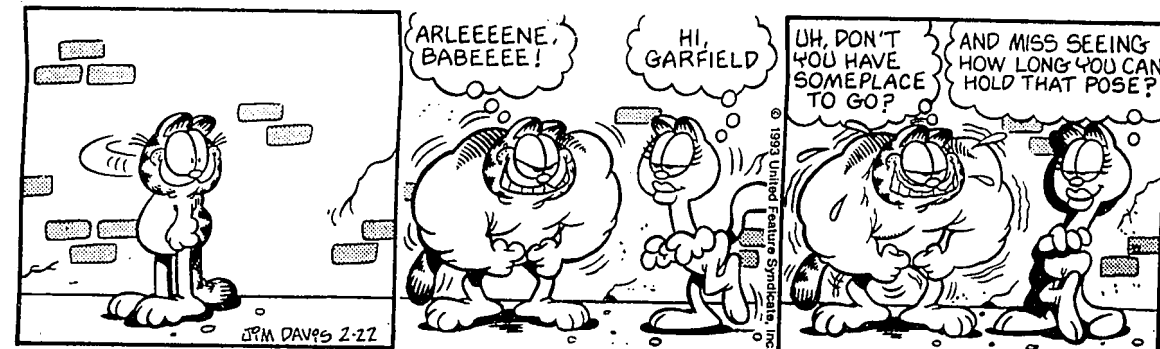
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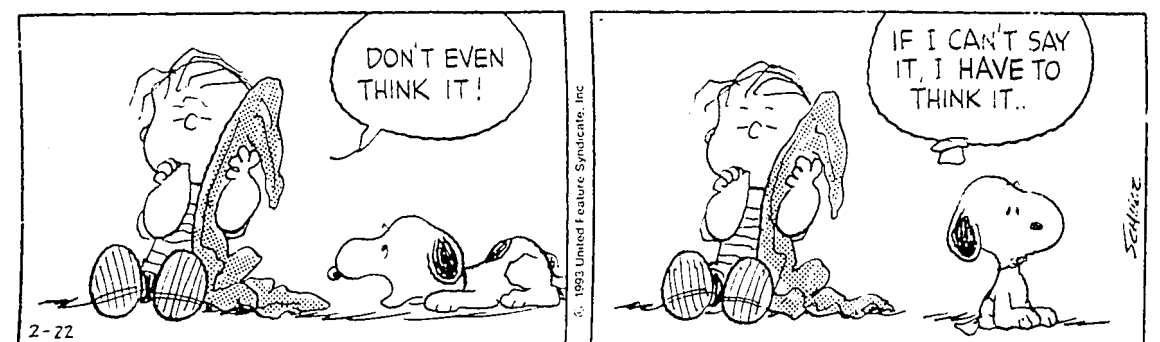
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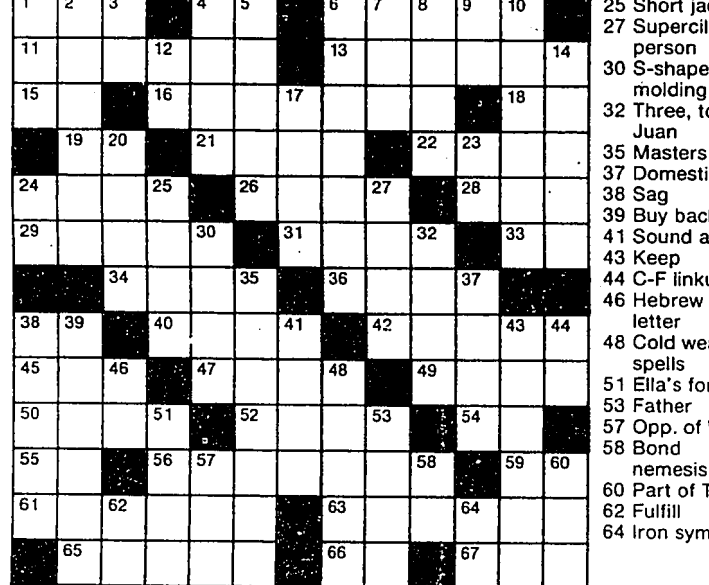
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Walters retains title in Hawaiian Ladies Open

HONOLULU (AP) - Lisa Walters took advantage of Nancy Lopez's bogey problems on the front nine and survived a double-bogey of her own Saturday to successfully defend her title in the \$ 450,000 Hawaiian Ladies Open.

Lendl...

continued from page 12 Rostagno thought went out, Woodforde said, "I know I hit it pretty well and it sizzled off my racket. It felt good. ... At that stage, I was taking it, because it gave me another match point and a chance to win."

Nelson...

continued from page 12 had earlier raised his arms in triumph as the bell sounded to end the final round. Ruelas, who now lives in Sylmar, Calif., was fighting before a crowd of his former countrymen. But in a fight that was marked more by missed exchanges than landed blows, Nelson took the fight out of the crowd early and boxed his way to the victory.

Baby Jordan wins slum dunk contest

By Mike Nadelsalth LAKE CITY (AP) - Miami Heat rookie Harold Miner, who has been dubbed Baby Jordan, won the NBA slam dunk contest Saturday night with one spectacular jam to spare.

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Boxing

Norris KOs Blocker

By Ed Schuyler Jr.

MEXICO CITY (AP) - Terry Norris said he came to Mexico City to prove he is the best fighter in the world and he certainly cast a strong vote for himself Saturday night.

Before a throng of 130,000 fans at Aztec Stadium, Norris knocked down Morris Blocker twice in the first round then stopped him at 49 seconds of the second round in defense of the WBC super welterweight title.

It was one of four championship fights on the card.

Blocker, the WBA welterweight champion who moved up in weight, simply could not keep

Norris off of him.

The 25-year-old champion from the United States knocked Blocker down with a left hook just past mid-round. The second knock-down came from a six-punch combination that started with two right hands and ended with a left hook.

Blocker struggled up just as the bell ended the round and as many ringsiders shouted for referee Richard Steele to stop it.

The end came when Norris drove a badly dazed Blocker into a neutral corner with a left hook and Steele jumped between the fighters.

"He was too strong for me, but more than that he was too quick,"

said the 29-year-old Blocker, of Washington, who weighed 151.5 (69), 3.5 pounds (1.6 kilos) under the super welterweight limit and 4.5 pounds (2 kilos) above the welterweight limit.

Before the fight, Norris had said "I predict a long, hard, painful fight for Morris Blocker."

Norris, however, made it short and sweet, but certainly not painless for the welterweight champion.

Norris, 152 (69), won for the 13th straight time and boosted his record to 33-3 with 20 knockouts in his eighth title defense.

Blocker lost for the third time against 34 victories.

Chavez keeps promise

By Ed Schuyler Jr.

MEXICO CITY (AP) - Julio Cesar Chavez, the idol of Mexican boxing, kept his promise Saturday night and a crowd of more than 130,000 roaring fans loved him for it.

Angered by American Greg Haugen's pre-fight comments, Chavez said "I will give him the worst beating of his life. I promise that, and whatever I promise I fulfill."

Chavez knocked down Haugen in the first round, pounded his face lopsided, knocked him down again in the fifth round and stopped him at 2:02 of that round in defense of the WBC super lightweight title.

It was the first time in 37 professional fights that Haugen failed to go the distance.

The crowd, announced as the largest in the history of boxing, came to Aztec Stadium to see Chavez win. And for the 85th

time in 85 fights, he did, scoring his 73rd knockout.

The Chavez fight was the featured bout on the card of four world title fights and it was the one the majority of the throng came to see.

In the match preceding Chavez's punishing victory, Terry Norris overwhelmed Maurice Blocker, stopping him in the second round in defense of the WBC super welterweight title.

Nelson retains super featherweight title

By Tim Dahlberg

MEXICO CITY (AP) - Azumah Nelson found success on the road again Saturday night, once again against a Mexican opponent.

Nelson successfully defended

his WBC super featherweight title with a majority 12-round decision over Mexican-born Gabriel Ruelas before a crowd of 130,000 packed into Aztec Stadium.

Nelson dominated the 12th round to pull out a narrow deci-

sion in the second of four title fights at the huge outdoor soccer stadium.

Ruelas, the No. 1-ranked contender, bolted from the ring as the decision was announced. He

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Lendl beats Sampras to face Woodforde

By Ted Duncombe

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Ivan Lendl defeated Pete Sampras on Saturday for the first time in two years and advanced to a US Indoor final against Mark Woodforde of Australia.

Lendl, the fourth seed and world's ninth-ranked player, hit a cross-court shot past Sampras to win 7-6 (7-4), 6-4 on the second match point.

Woodforde earlier ousted wild-card Derrick Rostagno 7-5, 7-5 after a controversial call.

Sampras had beaten Lendl twice since the 1991 final here, when Lendl won in a five-setter. Woodforde is 1-4 against Lendl with the lone victory at Antwerp last year in their most recent meeting.

"I think Lendl would like to have some revenge against me," Woodforde said.

"That is a fair statement," Lendl said.

Sampras, the No. 2 seed and world's second-ranked player, played with a sore ankle and disputed a few line calls, but said Lendl's serve was the deciding factor in the closely fought contest.

While Sampras had seven aces, Lendl had 11. Sampras had three double-faults, Lendl one.

Sampras also had four break-point opportunities but converted none. Lendl had two and converted one.

"The break points I had, he got his first serve in on every one," Sampras said. "That's just experience. He's pretty calm on break points and I was pretty tentative."

But Sampras remained skeptical that Lendl could re-

gain the No. 1 ranking he has held for 270 weeks during his 15-year career, longer than any other player.

"I think it's a pretty tough task for him to achieve," he said. "Obviously, this is a very good week for him. I don't think he's capable of doing it."

Lendl, who said earlier in the week he wanted to be No. 1 again, declined to predict whether he or Sampras would get there first.

"He's certainly closer than I am," Lendl said. "Time will show who is going to get there first, if one of us is going to get there at all."

Woodforde is the first unseeded player in a Philadelphia final since his countryman John Fitzgerald in 1988. Fitzgerald advanced in that tournament by upsetting Lendl, then ranked No. 1, in the third round.

Woodforde reached the fifth match point on a shot that Rostagno thought was out by several inches (centimeters) and protested bitterly.

Rostagno, who upset top-seeded Jim Courier and eighth-seeded Amos Mansdorf earlier, refused to shake the umpire's hand as he left the court, bringing catcalls from a crowd that had often backed him during the 1-hour, 47-minute match.

"I could have played better on some points and Mark played very well, but I didn't have to play against the umpire as well," Rostagno said nearly an hour later. "That wasn't the first incident when he wasn't watching."

Referring to the shot that

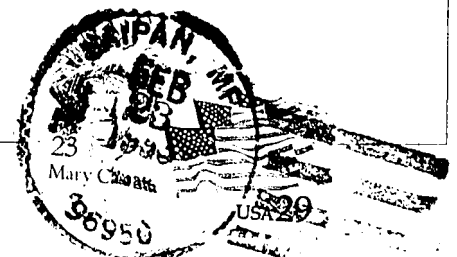
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