

Ruling on Rayphand out

By Rick Alberto
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A DAY after winning in the congressional race, Rep. Stanley T. Torres struck another win, this time before the Superior Court.

Torres' complaint against Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio, two lands officials, and the L&T Group of Companies over a commercial lease of public land was upheld yesterday by Associate Judge Edward Manibusan.

Tenorio, Lands and Natural Resources Benigno M. Sablan, Public Lands Director Bertha T. Camacho, and L&T had asked the court to dismiss the complaint for failure to state a cause of action.

In their complaint, Torres and co-complainant Jeanne H. Rayphand had sought the revocation of a lease contract entered into between the government and the L&T last July 13, saying the rental rate was unreasonably low.

The lot, located at the lower



Jeanne H. Rayphand

Navy Hill area, measured 38,574 square meters. L&T was to build a commercial complex comprising a shopping mall, a supermarket, a food court, a multi-plex movie theater, a post office, and an amusement center in the leased area.

The complainants disputed the fair market value of the lease set by a hired appraiser at \$10.8 million.

Stanley and Rayphand claimed the true value was \$18.8 million.

In moving for the dismissal of the complaint, Tenorio and his co-defendants said the complainants failed to state a claim on which relief may be granted.

The court, however, found the complainants' allegations supporting a cause of action for a breach of fiduciary (pertaining to trusteeship) duty.

Torres and Rayphand had argued that the public officials owed the complainants a fiduciary duty and that they breached that duty



Froilan C. Tenorio

by leasing public land at a commercially unreasonable rate.

The defendants had also questioned the complainants' standing to bring a taxpayer action, claiming they "have not suffered pecuniary injury or damages distinct from the general public."

Also, they pointed out that Rayphand is not of Northern Marianas descent.

But Judge Manibusan said the Constitution allows a taxpayer to "bring an action against the government or one of its instrumen-

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THREE GENERATIONS. A mother and daughter, accompanied by a child, walk to the polling precinct at the William Reyes Elementary School on their way to vote last Saturday. Another voter walks behind them.

RICK ALBERTO

Challenged votes may alter Rota poll results



Juan M. Diaz

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CHALLENGED votes on Rota may alter the results of elections involving certain positions in the island, Elections Chief Juan M. Diaz said yesterday.

Diaz said there were at least 23 challenged votes filed by two Rota residents before the election day.

Results from Rota, which were released yesterday, showed two more Republican candidates joining the winners' league.

The victories of reelectionist Rota Sen. Paul Manglona and House candidate Vicente Atalig brought to 16 the total number of seats won by the administration's rival party.

Manglona, who will be on his third term now, beat Democrat Justo Quitugua.

Manglona got 614 votes against Quitugua's 319.

Atalig, garnering 577 votes, pushed Democratic Party's incumbent congressman Vianney Hocog out of his seat. Hocog got 412 votes.

The Board of Elections has not received any protest from any of the candidates, so far.

The elections board, Diaz said, will hear the challenge petitions on Nov. 16 and 17.

Diaz did not mention the names of the "challengers," one filed a case against nine voters and another against 14 voters.

"They (challengers) said these 23 people are not qualified to vote on Rota because they are not residents of the island," Diaz said.

Diaz said candidates for the Senate and House would not be affected by any new results because the winners in the legislative contests beat their rivals by big margins.

"But for the Board of Education and the Rota municipal council, it will possibly make a difference," the board's executive director said.

The elections board is still awaiting election results from the Northern Island and the off-

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Hofschneider open, but skeptical on speakership



Heinz S. Hofschneider

By Rafael H. Arroyo
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REELECTED Congressman Heinz S. Hofschneider has expressed interest on the speakership of the House of Representatives although skeptical that the new Republican leadership would al-

low an independent to occupy the top House post.

In an interview days after topping the Precinct 3 House race, Hofschneider said it may be a tall order for him to be eyeing the speakership especially with the emergence of a Republican super majority in the next House.

"It has been a popular speculation," said Hofschneider referring to reports that he harbors speakership ambitions.

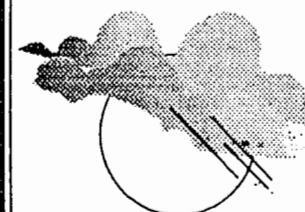
"If Stanley and I were Republicans, then obviously, we would be vying for pivotal positions in the leadership. But I have to come to accept that the petty politics would not allow me to vie for the speakership or any other positions in the leadership, so the performance and attributes of any member to contribute to this community is left best for history to

define."

When asked if he is keeping his options open, Hofschneider said, "Absolutely."

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Weather Outlook



Partly cloudy
with isolated shower

World mourns Rabin

By GWEN ACKERMAN
JERUSALEM (AP) - A shattered nation prepared to bury its slain leader Monday as world leaders poured into Israel to console its people and shore up Yitzhak Rabin's fragile legacy of peace.

Throughout the night, hundreds of thousands filed past Rabin's flag-draped coffin lying in state at the parliament building - young children on their parents' shoulders, uniformed soldiers, religious Jews in skullcaps, Israeli Arabs in flowing headresses. Many sobbed. Some fainted.

The site was to remain open until 1:30 p.m. (11:30 GMT), when the funeral cortege will set out for the three-hour funeral service at Jerusalem's Mount Herzl cemetery in the most heavily secured event in Israeli history.

By late evening, police estimated that some 250,000 Israelis had paid their last respects to Rabin, the general and statesman gunned down Saturday night by an assassin.

Police issued appeals to Israelis to stay away or delay their arrival at the coffin site, as crowds built up to capacity.

The national bus company Egged ran continuous service to Jerusalem from throughout the country. A special train from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem was available for mourners.

At Ben-Gurion International Airport, planes landed one after another throughout the night, bringing officials and leaders from dozens of countries.

More than 40 world leaders, including President Clinton, three former U.S. presidents, Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, British Prime Minister John Major, Prince Charles, French President Jacques Chirac and Germany's Roman Herzog, were to attend. Acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres will deliver the eulogy.

Rabin's funeral also was to bring to Jerusalem Jordan's King Hussein and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak - two Arab leaders who otherwise probably would not have visited the disputed city, claimed by the Palestinians as a future capital.

Rabin, 73, was killed by a 27-

year-old law student with links to the Jewish extremist fringe. The suspect, Yigal Amir, was to be arraigned Monday.

Thousands of Israelis gathered at the Tel Aviv square where Rabin was slain, lighting candles and mounting a quiet vigil. Thousands more huddled outside the apartment building where he lived in the northern Tel Aviv suburb of Ramat Aviv.

His widow, Leah Rabin, came down to thank the crowds, saying in a tear-choked voice that "two bullets killed this great, wonderful man."

But even as Israelis grieved, the recriminations and finger-pointing began.

The vaunted Shin Bet security service launched an internal inquiry to determine how the gunman got so close to Rabin despite the heavy security. And Israel Radio reported that some in the service and in government were calling for an independent commission of inquiry.

On the political front, along with anguished calls for unity at a time of national crisis, leaders from the left

and right blamed each other.

Chaim Ramon, chief of the Histadrut Trade Union Federation and a rising star in the Labor Party, said Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu and other opposition figures were guilty, in part, because they did not distance themselves from Jewish extremists.

He cited an anti-government rally at which right-wing leaders did nothing to interfere when demonstrators held up posters showing Rabin in Nazi uniform and chanted "Rabin is a traitor" and "Rabin is a murderer." To which Netanyahu retorted: "We condemned it not once, but always, (but) they want to turn this tragedy into a political game. We must behave coolly."

Interior Minister Ehud Barak called for a crackdown on extremists. "We must not only crush all the extremist groups, like that fellow and his kind," Barak told Channel 2 television. "We must stamp out the use of placards and banners which are intolerable in a democratic society, as soon as they appear."

Rabin giving Israel to Arabs, claims assassin

By DAFNA LINZER
TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) - The man suspected of assassinating Yitzhak Rabin told an Israeli court Monday that he killed the prime minister because Rabin "wants to give our country to the Arabs."

Yigal Amir was ordered held for 15 days.

Unshaven and handcuffed, the slightly built Amir appeared at Tel Aviv's main courthouse, several hundred yards (meters) from the plaza where he allegedly shot Rabin on Saturday night.

"I did this to stop the peace process," he told Magistrate Dan Arbel in a calm, even tone. "We need to be cold-hearted."

Amir, 27, a law and computer science student, said Rabin had released Palestinian prisoners from jail and "a few days later" these men killed Jews.

"Interesting how a whole nation doesn't notice that a Palestinian state is starting to be established" as a result of Rabin's policies, Amir said. At the peace rally that Rabin attended the night he was shot, "50 percent were

Arabs. What do you want, for them to bury us in our own state? Rabin wants to give our country to the Arabs."

Asked by the judge where he got his ideas, Amir said he drew on the Halacha - the Jewish legal code. "According to the Halacha, you can kill the enemy. My whole life, I learned Halacha. When you kill in war, it is an act that is allowed."

Asked whether he acted alone, Amir told the judge: "It was God."

Amir was wearing the same clothes he had on when he was tackled by police after the shooting - the black skullcap of Orthodox Jews, jeans and a blue t-shirt. He complained that he had not been given a towel or a toothbrush and soap.

"Arab prisoners get more than I do," he said.

Even though his family has retained an attorney, Amir told Arbel he did not want to be represented by a lawyer.

The hearing, held under tight security, lasted 10 minutes. Spectators were barred from the courtroom.

Arab Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, seated, left, sign a Mideast accord, Sept. 28, 1995 with PLO chief Yasser Arafat in the East Room of the White House. King Hussein of Jordan, third from right, and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, second from right, and president Clinton look on. Rabin was assassinated Saturday as he was leaving a pro-government rally in Tel Aviv.



Rabin's widow: Guards said gun was toy pistol

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) - Leah Rabin, the widow of slain Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, said Monday that when she heard the pop of the bullets that hit her husband, the bodyguards told her it was a toy pistol.

"The shock is terrible. The shock, that he was shot in the blink of an eye, and this picture of me walking behind him, and suddenly tak tak tak, and that man is on the ground," Mrs. Rabin said in an interview with Israel Army Radio.

"I was right behind him. But the bodyguards remembered me and took me away quickly, and when I asked what happened to him, they said there were shots from a toy pistol," she recounted in a hoarse

voice. "They kept saying it wasn't real."

They told her "that someone shot in the air in order to frighten, to create an atmosphere of chaos and fear," she said. "It took a long time before we got to the hospital and understood the gravity of the situation."

Mrs. Rabin spoke from her apartment in the northern Tel Aviv suburb of Ramat Aviv, before setting out with her daughter and son for the funeral in Jerusalem.

"Forty-three years of marriage is a lot of years and a lot of togetherness. I am sitting now and where we always ate breakfast together. I told my daughter, 'do you believe that he won't sit here anymore.'"

Kissinger laments loss of Rabin's pragmatism

HONG KONG (AP) - Henry Kissinger, a veteran of Middle East peace diplomacy, said Monday the test facing Israel's new leaders will be whether they can combine Yitzhak Rabin's vision and pragmatism in reaching peace with the Arabs.

"I don't think that there's any question that his successors will have the same vision. The test

will be whether they will know how to get there," said the U.S. former secretary of state.

Rabin, slain by an Israeli assassin Saturday, was the "very rare combination of a man with vision who knew how to get to his vision, and to find such a balance is going to be very difficult and it is a tremendous loss," Kissinger said.

Peres without Rabin faces difficulties come elections

By GWEN ACKERMAN
JERUSALEM (AP) - Prime Minister Shimon Peres, renowned abroad for his peacemaking with the Arabs but seen by some at home as soft on security issues, may hit rocky ground come election time.

Peres has taken control of the government following the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The two leaders of the center-left Labor Party had made a strong team in the search for peace. Now Peres must carry on the peacemaking alone while trying to keep Labor in power.

As a team, Peres made the deals, Rabin approved or ordered changes. That allowed Rabin to remain "Mr. Security" in the eyes of the public, but often made Peres look soft on defense.

Although Peres will initially win widespread support, his old image may hurt him in the 1996 elections.

"I know exactly what we are facing," a bleary-eyed Peres said Sunday. "This is the time ... for getting the country out of the cycle of wars, to get the Jewish people away from their past and grant them a new future." Environment Minister

Yossi Sarid, a top negotiator with the Palestinians, was confident that a Peres-led government would overcome any obstacles.

"It is more difficult of course with Rabin gone, but we were born to overcome difficulties," Sarid said, adding that Peres had a successful stint as prime minister from 1984 to 1986.

In those years, Israel pulled most of its forces out of Lebanon, ending a three-year occupation, and the government brought down triple-digit inflation with an austerity plan.

Peres never served in the military, but was defense minister from 1974 to 1977 and helped establish Israel's nuclear program and develop its aircraft industry.

Still, his reputation as a dove might cost him votes among centrist Israelis. Rabin won the 1992 election in part by snatching votes from the right-wing Likud Party.

"It will be very difficult for him to be elected. He is viewed with a certain amount of distrust," said Gerald Steinberg, a political scientist from Bar-Ilan University.

"He has been viewed as a dealmaker and overly optimistic regarding the peace process with-

out the emphasis Rabin had on security and combating terrorism," Steinberg added, noting that the Labor Party lost three elections with Peres at its helm.

Some analysts say Peres could strengthen his hand by forming an alliance with Interior Minister Ehud Barak, a former army chief of staff with the same political and military philosophy as Rabin. Barak joined the government last summer.

Peres, 72, was born Shimon Perski in Poland in 1923. He immigrated to Palestine with his family in 1934 and began his political career delivering messages on bicycle for Israeli founding father David Ben-Gurion.

A smooth talker who draws heavily on metaphors and is a meticulous dresser, Peres has been depicted as an outsider in a country where military terseness is respected and Western mannerisms are not.

But his popularity has grown. The success of the secret negotiations in Oslo, Norway that produced the 1993 autonomy accord with the PLO were credited to Peres.

A poll this year named him the most popular man in Israel.

Trader held for 'rape'

By Ferdie de la Torre
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A BUSINESSMAN who allegedly raped the niece of his common-law wife was arrested in Koblerville last Saturday morning.

Ernie I. Gimen, 29, was charged before the Superior Court yesterday with rape and assault and battery.

Assistant Atty. Gen. Yvonne O. Lee said last November 3 Gimen had sexual intercourse with the victim "against her will

by means of fear of immediate and unlawful injury to her."

Lee said the defendant threatened to beat up the victim if she would not remove her clothes.

Before forcing himself into her, Gimen allegedly threatened to kill members of the victim's family if she moved.

Gimen, who hails from Yap, is engaged in crab and fish business on Saipan.

The victim is only 21 years old.

Lee said they are studying to

file more charges against the defendant as they received information that he also abused other women.

Gimen, represented by counsel Assistant Public Defender Christine Matson, failed to produce a third party custodian.

Associate Judge Timothy H. Bellas said the bail remains at \$20,000 cash.

Bellas set an arraignment and the continuation of bail hearing today. Preliminary hearing was for November 21.



Rape suspect Ernie I. Gimen (right) emerges from a courtroom after a bail hearing yesterday in the Superior Court.

Grade schoolers assail post-election garbage

By Rick Alberto
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LAST Saturday's elections have brought undesirable aftereffects to some people, not only the losers, who may still be suffering from post-election blues.

For schoolchildren from the San Vicente Elementary School, the trash that the voters, party members, and perhaps even election personnel left behind was hard to bear.

Thirty-nine of these children, all sixth graders under Angie Borja and Josephine Humphrey, wrote separate letters to Gov. Froilan Tenorio yesterday, copies of which were furnished to the Variety.

"You guys are allowed to use our school but next time think about the trash," wrote Zelvonne Camacho, who said she'd rather stay as a kid than become a litterbug when she grows up.

Ché N. Cuellar scored the party men for thinking that "we will clean up after them."

"Sometimes I think that no one can help the island if they (politicians) can't even clean up after them," she said.

Dane Idechil Taitano went as far as calling the candidates dishonest

when they "say they will make a better life for our children."

"In the morning we came to school and found trash all over our school. And this happens every year on Election Day," he explained.

Linamae Dela Cruz had a prescription for each candidate next election: Bring at least 10 trash bags.

Kimberly, who didn't write her family name, said it was unfair for them to pick up the trash "which is not ours." Anthony Reyes also thought similarly.

Antonio Palacios echoed Kimberly's and Reyes' sentiments, saying "that's not our job to clean all the trashes on SVS school."

Students spent much time picking up the trash and "a little time on learning," said Jennifer S. Villagomez.

Mike Nishimura said he felt ashamed when cars passed his school and passengers saw the trash. "They might think that we never pick up trash."

Floralynn Aldan invited photographers to "take a look at the trash on what the election day did."

Herbert J. Sablan told Governor Tenorio that the people who used the school not only threw trash on the ground but also "opened the doors

and windows, and threw the election signs on the ground."

Reyes Norma asked the governor to remind people concerned to "clean up after celebrations or government events."

One of the letter writers was Manny Tenorio Jr., son of winning candidate for Congressman, Manuel A. Tenorio (Republican).

"Please stop people from throwing trash away," he asked the governor.

Feelings about the trash ranged from anger (Sungwook Lee Choi) to disappointment (David; family name ineligible).

Regin D. Reyes, Anthony Muña and Anita Mendiola asked the help of the governor to clean "our school."

By this time, however, the school grounds may be clean again.

It was learned that Eddie Ayuyu of the school's janitorial staff hauled off all the trash using the school truck yesterday.

Other letter writers were: Vincyia Seman, Jeffrey M. Reyes, Denny Ritos, Sylvester Terry, Meagan G. Villagomez, Rosie Santos, Dionne Mira Ngotel, Frany Delos Reyes, Vanessa Muña, Joreena D. Camacho, Terallynn Aguon, Sylvestina Naputi;

Experts coming here to study volcanic activity

VOLCANO SEISMOLOGISTS Robert Y. Koyanagi and George Kojima of the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, will be on Saipan and the northern islands for several days this week to study volcanic activity on Pagan, and the recently discovered undersea volcano 25-miles northwest of Saipan.

Koyanagi, Kojima and Ramon Chong, Seismic Specialist with the Emergency Management Office, will examine seismic records, and monitoring stations on the northern islands of Pagan, Anataha, Agrigan, and Alamagan while observing vol-

canic activity.

They will also be collecting photographic and other observational data on the undersea eruption if any activity is in progress, the EMO said in a news release.

On Saturday November 11, Koyanagi will meet with CNMI officials, and representatives of the media to discuss the state of seismic tremor activity, and the state of the underwater eruption, and any emergency preparedness procedures if needed.

The media will be notified as to the time and location at a later time, the release said.

Demapan: This is not the end of my political career



Juan S. Demapan

By Rafael H. Arroyo
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SENATE President Juan S. Demapan yesterday conceded to Juan P. Tenorio's victory in last Saturday's senatorial elections but said this is not the end of his political career.

Saying he has no ill-feelings about his defeat, Demapan said he is ready to go back to his private life although he is not discounting the possibility of a political comeback.

"I am still young and have a lot more years ahead. But as of now, I would have more time for my family. I would like to thank the people of Saipan for the trust they have given me in my four years as senator. They have spoken," said Demapan.

"The last four years have been the most trying but also the most fulfilling years of my life," he added.

Demapan, a former Republican who ran as an independent Saturday, lost to Republican standard bearer Tenorio by a wide margin, 1,676 to 4,379 as per unofficial Board of Election returns.

A freshman senator who became Senate president in his first seven months in office, Demapan distinguished himself as the only Senate presiding officer who won the presidency twice both through "uprisings" in both the Eighth and Ninth CNMI Senate.

It could be recalled that Demapan led senators in the famed Senate coup that ousted then President Joseph S. Inos in August 12, 1992. He also took the presidency from then Senate President Jesus R. Sablan in May 13th via a similar method.

UMDA demands \$1M from Hillblom estate

By Ferdie de la Torre
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THE UNITED Micronesia Development Association Inc. has demanded \$1 million payment from the estate of the late Larry L. Hillblom which allegedly covered the expenses incurred during the search and rescue operation to find the body of the businessman.

Michael Grandinetti, president of UMDA, said the \$139,125.28 "is justly due and owing to UMDA for expenses incurred in the search and rescue effort."

In the amended claim filed before the Superior Court yesterday, Grandinetti said "no payments have been credited and that there are no offsets against the same to the knowledge of claimant."

The UMDA president said the

balance brought forward as of last July 17 was \$106,663.78.

Additional search expenses incurred last August 29 totaled \$32,461.50, he said.

The expenses include payments for Saipan Sea Ventures, Macaw Helicopters, J's Restaurant, Griff Jones, Ran Ten Boating and Cruise, and Daiwa Leisure Fishing Saipan.

Hillblom died when his seaplane crashed off Anatahan waters last May 21.

Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas and pilot Robert Long also died in that plane crash.

Only the bodies of Mafnas and Long were recovered by search and rescue team.

Hillblom was the founding owner of DHL Worldwide Express and part owner of Continental Micronesia and Continental Airlines.

CUC to energize park lines

A DOZEN power poles and high voltage lines will be removed from American Memorial Park this week in a beautification project in line with the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Veteran's Day.

According to the National Park Service (NPS), U.S. Department of Interior, the General Master Plan for American Memorial Park dictates, "...that power lines will be underground to be visually unobtrusive as possible..."

Throughout the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of World War II in the Pacific, the National Park Service and Interior Department have successfully and systematically completed portions of the General Master Plan like the "Court of Honor" and the amphitheater.

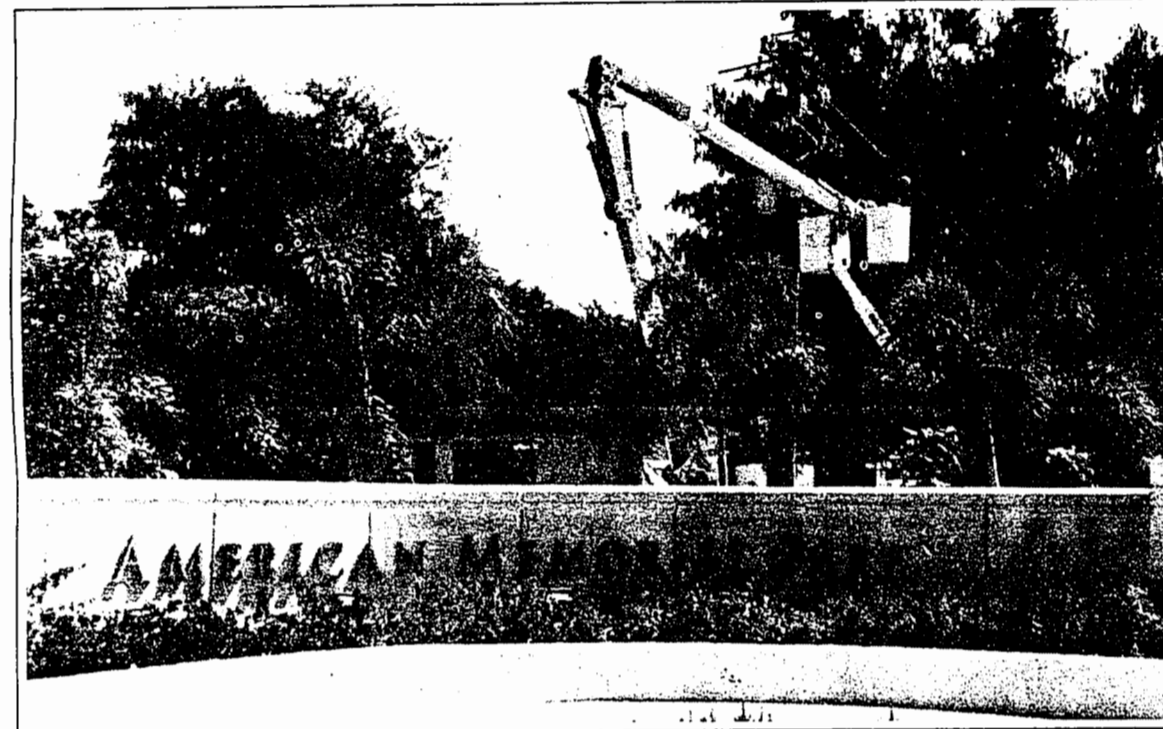
The final commemorative project involves the installation of 1990 feet underground electrical cables. The deadline for replacing the overhead power poles with new

underground electric service is this Saturday - the 50th anniversary of Veteran's Day in the CNMI.

The new underground cable was recently buried, and it is scheduled to be energized at midnight Wednesday, November 8, 1995. The work is technical and dangerous.

In order to terminate the high voltage wires and energize the underground cable, crews from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) requested that the power be turned off along Power Distribution Feeder Two from Lower base, along Beach Road, through American Memorial Park, the primary streets in Garapan, Chalan Laulau continuing along Beach Road to the San Jose (Micro) intersection.

To minimize disruption, the crews agreed to work throughout the night. All power will be restored by 8:00 a.m. Thursday, November 9 or just as soon as the linemen are out of danger.



CUC crew rush work on the power lines at the American Memorial Park.

Regional panel formed to follow up on Beijing confab

COST-EFFICIENT regional follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women could be ensured by minimizing duplication in women's programmes and identifying priority issues, Adrianus Mooy, Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission (ESCAP) told representatives of UN agencies and ESCAP Thursday.

He welcomed their initiative to set up an Inter-agency Subcommittee on Women pointing out that the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing this September, was the only global Conference held by the United Nations in the Asia and Pacific region and as such an important event for the region.

Representatives of UN Agencies in Bangkok and the Divisions of ESCAP will meet twice a year to

review their activities concerning women in order to promote inter-sectoral and inter-agency cooperation.

The Inter-agency Subcommittee on Women is a subsidiary body to the Regional Inter-agency Committee for Asia and the Pacific (RICAP).

Meena Patel, Chairman of the Subcommittee and Chief of the Rural and Urban Development Division, ESCAP, pointed out that the Global Plan of Action adopted in Beijing in September, and the regional plan of action, adopted last year in Jakarta, were very similar documents.

However, while the Global Plan listed violence against women and the girl child as separate "critical areas of concern", the regional plan had incorporated those issues in the terms on poverty and women's human

rights, respectively, she said. Overall, the regional plan of action was more development-oriented than the final paper emanating from Beijing, she said.

The Subcommittee can be seen as the regional counterpart to the action plan recently announced by the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) to ensure inter-agency follow-up on global conferences.

An inter-agency task force on women will be set up in connection with the General Assembly's adoption of the results of the Beijing Conference.

The Global Plan of Action calls on the Regional Commissions to assist the national institutions in implementing its recommendations.

Man nabbed for 'bribing' police

A MAN was arrested for allegedly trying to bribe a police officer last Saturday.

Public Safety Information Officer Cathy Sheu said Quan Hua Weng, 29, was arrested for bribery.

Sheu said the case is being investigated by the Attorney General's Office.

No other details were given.

In another police report, two teenaged boys were arrested after they allegedly assaulted two men in Upper Miha Satur-

day night. One of the suspects used a metal pipe, police said.

The victims suffered injuries. In Kobleville, a man punched and threatened two women Saturday morning.

No arrest has been made. The Department of Public Safety received 10 burglary and theft cases on Saipan over the weekend.

Thirteen cases of disturbance and assault and battery were also reported. (FDT)

MTC donates computers to Joeten-Kiyu Library

AS PART of a \$30,000 pledge, Micronesian Telecommunications Corporation (MTC) recently donated over \$5,000 in computer hardware, software, and related items to the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, a news release from the company said.

The new computer equipment has been very popular with the general public, it added.

"We've had a very positive response from the community - all the machines (MTC) has donated have been in heavy use. Sometimes people stand in line to use the computers," said Kris Ramsey, acting director of the Joeten Kiyu Library.

Ramsey said the computers are used primarily for research, word processing, and catalog information searches for books in the Joeten-Kiyu collection.

She added that with sufficient funding, the library staff hope

to develop a larger "computer lab" which will offer even more computer services.

"Supporting educational organizations such as the Joeten-Kiyu Library is a high priority for MTC," said MTC General Manager Rob Enfield. "It's one way we are actively pursuing our commitment to help improve the CNMI's educational and community resources," added Enfield. Among the items purchased with the donated funds were two ink-jet printers, two personal computers with color monitors and a state-of-the-art CD ROM drive.

CD ROM drives are capable of reading compact disks, which can hold vast amounts of text, photos, and animation.

The photographic and textual information in an entire volume of encyclopedias can be stored on one compact disk.

'Ice,' gun suspects plead innocent



Akira Miyazawa



Isamu Udagawa

By Ferdie de la Torre
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TWO of three Japanese nationals arrested for possession of more than 200 grams of "ice" and six guns pleaded innocent yesterday to the charges.

Akira Miyazawa and Isamu Udagawa, through counsels, pleaded not guilty during an arraignment in the Superior Court. Last week the court found probable cause to believe that

Miyazawa could have committed three counts of the charges.

Miyazawa was held liable to answer the charges of "illegal possession of handgun and ammunition, illegal possession of controlled substance ('ice'), and illegal possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver ('ice')."

The court also found probable cause to charge Udagawa with illegal possession of handguns and

ammunition. Associate Judge Timothy H. Bellas ordered the defendants to appear for a pre-status conference on November 13.

Miyazawa and Udagawa, along with Keiichi Komiya, were arrested when police seized guns and drugs inside two vehicles and a house in Capitol Hill last October 18.

Komiya was released on \$50,000 bail.

EMO appoints its new info officer

THE CNMI Emergency Management Office yesterday announced the appointment of F. Richard Relyea as the Public Information Officer for EMO.

According to a news release, Relyea comes to the EMO with more than 25-years experience in the broadcasting and public information industry, most recently as the Bureau Chief for Saipan cable news.

EMO Director, Robert Guerrero said Relyea's appointment was necessary to keep CNMI residents informed on EMO activities, and to educate the general public about emergency preparedness procedures and activities in the event of man-

made or natural disasters.

"In the wake of the recent Tsunami alert it was evident that an EMO public information officer was needed to keep the public correctly and properly informed about potential disasters, and develop a comprehensive emergency disaster preparedness program for CNMI residents," Guerrero said.

In the near future, the news release indicated, Relyea will be conducting information forums and seminars throughout the CNMI working closely with governmental agencies, various schools, and other civic organizations to properly inform the general public about potential disasters, and ways of being properly prepared.

SVES PTA meeting

THE PTA officers are inviting the San Vicente Elementary School parents and guardians to attend the monthly meeting which will be held on Tuesday, November 7, at 6:30 p.m.

Some points in the agenda are:

1. Accreditation parent survey results
2. Local and Federal allocation for SVS
3. Halloween Fundraising report
4. November Fundraising activity

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DEA: CNMI needs drug training not DEA agents

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

US Drug Enforcement Administration officials said yesterday the agency would rather train local drug enforcers than send in more DEA agents to the CNMI.

In response to Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio's request for US experts' assistance, DEA opened yesterday a two-week drug enforcement seminar at the Hyatt Hotel.

"To station more DEA agents on the island is not possible because the DEA may not have enough personnel to send in here," said Jake Fernandez, DEA senior special agent from Guam.

Fernandez said sharing DEA expertise with the local drug enforcers would be better for the CNMI. "Training them (local drug enforcers) would offer a more effective and longer-lasting solution to the CNMI's drug problems," Fernandez said.

Asked to describe the extent of drug problems in the CNMI, Fernandez replied: "I can't make an

accurate assessment. But the community believes it has a big drug problem."

Two months ago, Tenorio wrote the DEA administrator requesting that DEA agents be stationed on the island to crack the unsolved homicides believed perpetrated by drug users.

The drug enforcement seminar, according to Mary Turner, unit chief of the international training team, was organized "as part of the DEA's continuing program and partly in response to the governor's request."

Drug enforcement, she said, deals with a different type of crime and thus requires a different type of training. The seminar, which will run until Nov. 16, is being conducted by trainers from the International Training Section of the DEA Academy in Virginia.

Participated in by Department of Public Safety personnel and Customs agents, the seminar is funded by the US Department of Interior.

Turner said the DEA believed it would be easier for the CNMI to deal

with its drug problems if there was a mutual assistance between the DEA and the local police.

"Our experience showed that a combination of local and DEA enforcers is more effective," she said.

Richard Pierce, the governor's assistant for Drug and Substance Abuse, agreed.

"A coordinated approach between those with experience and our local officers must occur," Pierce said in his opening remarks.

The seminar, he said, will give the local enforcement agencies "the opportunity to learn how to enforce the laws and to deal with the symptoms of drug dealers and abusers."

The burgeoning drug problems on the island, Pierce said, have become an additional burden placed upon the government.

Moreover, he added, the Commonwealth taxpayers are having a larger share of their taxes "directed toward the increased costs as a result of increased crime and health care costs."

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
STATE REHABILITATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that the State Rehabilitation Advisory Council will hold its first regular meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 1995 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Dai Ichi Hotel, Asuzena I. Interested persons are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Adoption of Agenda & Review of RAC's August 25, 1995 Minutes
- III. Old Business
 - a.) Consumer Satisfaction Survey
 - b.) Tinian Office
 - c.) Policies & Procedures Subcommittee
 - d.) Status of Supported Employment Forum
 - e.) Assistive Technology and Employment
 - f.) Bi-Lingual Impartial Hearing Officer
- V. New Business
 - a.) Personal Assistance Services (PAS) for VR Clients & RAC Members
 - b.) Transportation for RAC Members
 - c.) Rehabilitation Technology Services
 - d.) Support Training & Technical Assistance on the Implementation of Rehabilitation Act & ADA to clients, business, industry, labor, community rehabilitation programs
- VI. Miscellaneous
- VII. Adjournment

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting but requires accessibility such as large print or sign language interpreters must call 664-6537 (Voice) or 322-6449 (TDD). Several days advance notice is necessary to allow organizers ample time to make necessary arrangements to provide special accommodations and access to the public meetings.

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talties for a breach of fiduciary duty."

Manibusan disagreed with the defendants' contention that Rayphand lacked standing.

He explained that proceeds generated from public lands is transferred to the Marianas Public Lands Trust and then to the Department of Finance.

The funds are then "deposited in a trust account for the health services, to be appropriated by the Legislature for Health Services for the people of the Commonwealth."

"Health service expenditures benefit all residents of the Commonwealth irrespective of whether they are of Northern Marianas descent. Consequently, such services benefit Rayphand. Thus Rayphand is ultimately a beneficiary of public lands and has standing to bring this action," Manibusan said.

The court found that based

solely on their being government officers, Tenorio, Sablan, and Camacho "have a fiduciary obligation to the public."

Challenged...

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island absentee elections.

Northern Island has 35 voters. There are 20 off-island absentee voters.

For Rota's Board of Education, Aniceto Mundo and Marja Lee Taitano were unopposed candidates.

The island's municipal council seats went to Alexander Apatang with 508 votes; Leonardo Calvo, 436 votes; and Fermina Atalig, 416 votes.

The municipal council of Tinian, meanwhile, will be composed of Jose San Nicolas who got 585 votes; Edward Villagomez, 563; and James Fleming, 510.

Rota voted in favor of the Legislative Initiative 9-1 but the election results from the island did not change the fate of the budget ceiling bill.

"In a trust situation," the court further said, "the public property is considered trust property, and the officer is bound to the standard of a trustee."

Diaz said challenged votes are not likely spell any difference.

Results from Rota showed 490 voters in favor of the budget ceiling bill while 417 cast negative votes.

These figures brought to 4,610 the total number of "no" votes and 4,247 "yes" votes including the initial counts from Saipan and Tinian.

A total of 521 left the amendment question blank.

"Maybe they (voters) didn't understand the issue," Diaz said.

Official results of the elections will be out on Nov. 20, Diaz said.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mundo, A. 425
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Tudela, M. 4,583
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Sanchez, J. 3,777
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Maratita, W. 1,836
Cruz, B. 1,387

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San Nicolas, J. 585
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Taimano, A. 264
San Nicolas, T. 247
Castro, J. 165
Maratita, E. 70

Hofschneider...

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Hofschneider said if the support and the respect are there, then it will be a tremendous honor and opportunity to serve as presiding officer.

"But I have to be very honest. I don't think the super majority of the Republicans would in their heart feel that whoever is from the outside should be considered to be part of the leadership. So I expect to be a minority in the 10th Congress," said the congressman.

Hofschneider and another independent representative, Stanley T. Torres placed first and second in the precinct 3 congressional race with votes of 1,428 and 1,286 respectively.

Hofschneider's return to the House come the January 8th inauguration of the 10th Legislature marks his third term as congressman. Torres has been a member of the House since the 7th Legislature.

Soon after last Saturday's victory, Hofschneider said he and Torres have been asked if they will be realigning themselves with the Republicans.

Hofschneider and Torres used to be strong Republican party members until 1993 when they were voted out by the general membership for not supporting then Republican Governor Larry I. Guerrero's reelection.

"The public has been trying to get an answer from us if we're still Republicans. History has proven that precinct 3 is historically Republican and our constituents have been predominantly Republican though there are also die-hard Democrats who supported us.

"So I believe we represent the true cross-voters in Precinct 3 and we've been getting a lot of inquiries whether we would ever get in back to the party. I have always felt that we are still Republicans. But the question is when are they going to act as true Republicans and consider us to be true Republicans and work for what we feel is in the best interests of our constituencies," said the Saipan lawmaker.

Saying such a question is best answered by the GOP committee

and leadership, Hofschneider said the party has to make a decision whether "they consider us as Republicans," or "voidable Republicans."

"But we feel that our constituents deserve the same kind of representation that would make us cooperatively work with the majority," he added.

According to the lawmaker from Gualo Rai, it is incumbent for the new supermajority to work cooperatively with all the branches of government to bring forth good representation and better deliver public programs and services.

"I have proven myself that I can work cooperatively with the Republicans while at the same time proving myself worthy of protecting the dignity of the Republicans in the Ninth Legislature," said Hofschneider.

It could be remembered that Hofschneider helped quell a leadership uprising by a coalition in the House late last year when he turned down the speakership upon Speaker Diego T. Benavente's resignation.

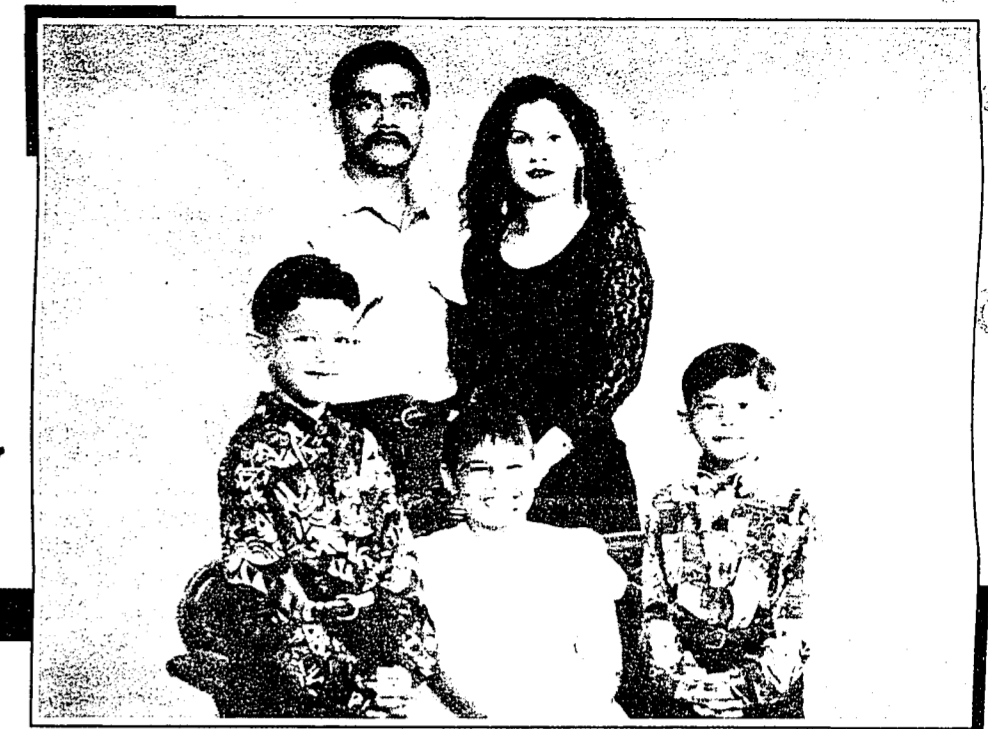
The uprising ended up with Benavente keeping the speakership.

"Stanley and I have been pivotal in preventing the dissolution of the Republican leadership. We prevented that from occurring. For political reasons, one would not accept that. But nonetheless, I think the Republicans would not deny it that were it not for us, the demise of the House leadership would have been down the tube," Hofschneider said.

"But that should be put aside, and we should look at what is needed to be done for our Commonwealth.

"I hope that all the speeches and the political rhetoric about cooperative efforts would be held high in the new leadership's agenda and really adhered to. Let us put aside political colors and prove to the people that when political season comes in, we do our political responsibilities. As soon as it wanes, we have to get down to real public business, provide for services, protect their interests and deliver on our promises," said Hofschneider.

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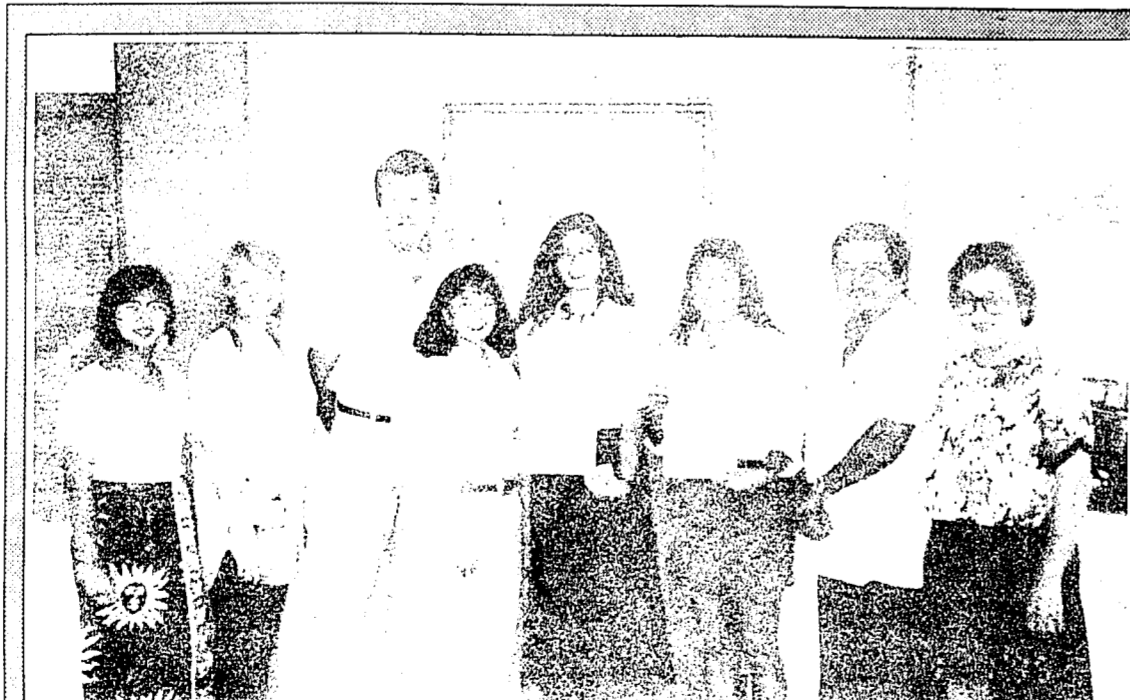
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DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: These include, but are not limited to the following:

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SALARY: Salary commences at PL 35, \$28,808 per annum, up to a maximum of \$42,558 per annum, depending on experience and qualifications. Salary above Step 1 requires the approval of the Chairman of the Board.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor's Degree in Finance or Accounting from a U.S. accredited educational institution, plus four (4) years of experience of which two (2) years must have been in a supervisory capacity, and substantial knowledge and background in federal grants, computerized accounting and data processing. Computer literacy is a must in order to satisfactorily perform the required duties and responsibilities.

WHERE TO APPLY: NMHC Employment Application form can be obtained at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, which must be submitted together with an official school transcript, diploma or certificate for all education and training claimed. Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. BOX 514, SAIPAN, MP 96950. For further information, call telephone numbers 234-6866/9447/7689/7670 or write to the above address.

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Corporate Director

Religious orders 'cuddle' East Timor refugees

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) - Religious orders that provide sanctuary to more than 1,300 East Timorese refugees seeking asylum know they risk jail for their actions, church officials said Monday.

The proposal to shelter refugees who had been refused official asylum in 16 churches, convents and monasteries, was dismissed Monday as "wildly premature" by Foreign Minister Gareth Evans.

But members of the religious orders involved believed such sanctuary must be offered even though their actions were illegal and the penalty could be jail, Sister Kathleen O'Connor of Sydney's Sisters of St Joseph said.

She agreed such action was premature but it was deliber-

ate as the government must understand how ordinary Australian people saw deportation of these people before it made its recommendations or statement.

The government has been condemned for its decision last month to freeze 1,358 East Timorese refugee applications on the grounds they could be eligible for Portuguese citizenship.

The government has said the issue of who would be eligible for refugee status would be determined by the independent Refugee Review Tribunal, but has advised the tribunal that some of the refugees may be able to claim Portuguese citizenship.

"So the East Timorese are not being heard just as ordinary refugees, they are being put into

a nationality that they don't belong to," O'Connor said. "What we are proposing is to harbor them within the convents, the churches and the other establishments who have offered sanctuary here in Australia and that would entail clothing, feeding, looking after their basic needs ... as long as they are in danger of being deported."

"We realize that it has no legal standing at all and we also realize that we are breaking the law and that the penalty is jail," she said.

She said she hoped the Christian Sanctuary Network's statement would move the government to changing its policies based on human rights and not economical and trade motives.

"It will probably point out a few of the flaws in the government policy," she said.

Pacific island leaders join world in mourning Rabin

PACIFIC ISLANDS leaders have joined world leaders in expressing shock and sadness at the assassination of Israel's prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin at the weekend, media reports said Monday.

In a letter to acting Israeli prime minister Shimon Peres, Papua New Guinea's prime minister Sir Julius Chan condemned the assassination and said the people and government of PNG shared Israel's grief and shock at Mr. Rabin's violent death.

The prime minister wrote of his meeting with Mr. Rabin in 1993 and the developments of friendship between Israel and PNG since that time - a relationship he said was strengthened with increasing trade and commercial links between the two nations.

Vanuatu's prime minister Maxime

Carlot Korman said Mr. Rabin's death is an act against the Middle East peace process and international peace and security being preached and encouraged by the world at this 50th year of the United Nations.

Mr. Carlot Korman said his government recognized Mr. Rabin's commitment to peace in the Middle East, which led it to establish diplomatic relations with Israel in 1993 and his visit to the Jewish state in 1994.

Fiji's foreign minister Filipe Bole said the people of Fiji were deeply shocked and saddened and Mr. Rabin's death when he had spent much of his life as prime minister working towards peace in the Middle East.

Fiji's opposition leader, Jai Ram Reddy, said Mr. Rabin's assassination was a tragedy not only for Israel

and the Middle East but also the whole world.

Mr. Reddy told Fiji Television Mr. Rabin was an enormously courageous man to make peace with his Arab neighbors and to arrive at an accommodation for the Palestinians.

All the Pacific leaders expressed the hope that Mr. Rabin's death might be a signal that more efforts should be made in the cause for peace between the Israel and Palestine people....Pacnews

Fiji may have 4 more gold mines

THE FIJI Trades Union Congress (FTUC) is to investigate child labour in the country in an attempt to stop the practice.

FTUC youth wing secretary, Kamlesh Kumar, says while the congress believes child labour is not prevalent in the country, it wants to educate the public on the issue. Mr. Kumar says it is seeking overseas aid to help it if its work.

Radio Fii reports that as part of its efforts to prevent child labour, the FTUC will ask the government to provide free education for the first ten years.

Mr. Kumar says a lot of parents, many of them single, cannot afford to send their children to school and they end up performing child labour....Pacnews

Vanuatu suspends scholarship execs

THE VANUATU government has suspended a number of senior officers of the country's scholarships office, RNZI reported Monday.

This comes after the scholarships board announced the withdrawal of scholarships from 97 students who were attending courses at the University of the South Pacific in Port Vila.

The board had said it wanted to

punish the students for staging what it called a protest march.

The students deny such a march took place, saying they just wanted to inquire about an audit report into the financial affairs of the office.

The suspensions of the people at the scholarship office was ordered directly by the prime minister's office....Pacnews

W. Samoa sees new major activity center

THE WESTERN Samoan prime minister Tofilau Eti Alesana has praised the sense of urgency among Chinese workers in Apia to build a major activity center, RNZI reported Monday.

Tofilau hopes the center will be completed in time to be used for the main venue for the 7th Pacific Arts Festival scheduled for September next year.

28 workers, including architects, engineers and technical

workers are already in Apia to build the seaside centre for the festival which is expected to attract performers from 26 countries.

To be called the Women and Youths Economic Activity Centre, the building will facilitate, what's been called the indispensable contribution of women and youth to Western Samoa, following the festival....Pacnews

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Half a million Filipinos yet in evacuation centers

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - More than half a million people remained in evacuation camps Monday in 25 provinces swept by a killer typhoon that left more than 500 people dead, officials said.

Franklin Castillo, a director of the Office of Civil Defense, said officials still don't have a complete picture of the destruction left by Typhoon Angela because many communities in provinces east of Manila remain isolated.

"Relief is very slow because (relief workers) could not penetrate these areas due to flooding and landslides, so we cannot still get the actual picture," Castillo said.

More than 200 other people are still missing, he said.

The provinces on the eastern coast of the main island of Luzon, particularly the Bicol region, were pummeled Thursday and Friday by the 225 kph (141 mph) winds of Typhoon Angela, the 14th tropical cyclone to enter the Philippines this year and the strongest since 1984.

Castillo estimated that damage to crops, roads and bridges already totals about 2 billion pesos (\$76.9 million), excluding the more than 96,000 houses destroyed or damaged.

A separate report by the Depart-

ment of Agriculture said 484 million pesos (\$18 million) of rice ready for harvest were destroyed by the typhoon in the central Luzon region.

Castillo said 120,000 families or 636,000 persons were still housed in 1,058 government shelters.

Among the severely ravaged towns was Calauag in Quezon province, 160 kilometers (100 miles) east of Manila, where huge waves and a rampaging river killed more than 121 people, Castillo said.

Carolina Parafina, social welfare officer of the province, said bodies were still being recovered from the shoreline of the town Sunday.

She said a road from the provincial capital of Lucena to the town is flooded and blocked by a landslide, forcing relief workers to bring supplies for Calauag to another coastal town where they are loaded on small motorized outriggers.

"We cannot put too much on these boats because they are small and the waves are still big," she said. "We have to do all this work before 1 p.m. when the high tide comes."

On Sunday, people began gathering their dead in a village hall for a planned mass burial Monday.

The town had quickly run out of coffins and the victims were placed in

makeshift plywood coffins. One family placed a mother and her daughter in a one large casket. Others wrapped their dead in blankets or plastic.

In Manila, road crews were still clearing the streets of fallen trees, leaves and branches, toppled power lines and other debris.

The typhoon cut electricity to a third of the country. By late Sunday about 70 percent of Manila and nearby provinces had electricity, but the blackout continued in most of the Bicol region.

The first foreign relief supplies arrived before dawn Monday on a chartered plane from Belgium.

The humanitarian group Doctors Without Borders shipped 32 tons of medical and sanitary supplies and shelter materials for the typhoon victims, said the group's spokeswoman in Manila, Anouk Delasortie.

Angela's death toll far surpassed that of storm Zack, which ravaged the central Philippines the previous week and killed at least 165 people.

The deadliest typhoon to hit the Philippines was Typhoon Ike, which killed 4,353 people in August 1984. The strongest, Typhoon Joan, killed 2,361 people with 275 kph (172 mph) winds in October 1970.

Man admits rape-slay after hearing biblical warnings

DIPOLOG, Philippines (AP) - A man admitted raping and killing a 4-year-old girl after his interrogator read him passages from the Bible and warned him "your soul will burn in hell," an official said

Blasts kill three people

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP) - A man and two children were killed as they tinkered with explosives in separate incidents in this southern city, police said Monday.

One of the victims, 22-year-old Dwane Teodoro, was trying to retrieve gunpowder from an unexploded 105 mm howitzer shell in the village of Malagutay when it exploded early Monday. His brother-in-law's foot was blown off in the explosion, authorities said.

Police suspected the cannon shell was among those blown away when a series of explosions ripped through a nearby military ammunition dump last June.

On Sunday, Rachel Nobueto, 12, was playing with a bottle filled with potassium chlorate when it exploded, killing her and her 2-year-old brother, Dexter. Her mother, was severely injured.

Police said the explosive is often used in illegal blast fishing. The children's father, a fisherman, denied he was a blast fisherman.

Monday. Nicasio Tumog, 45, was arrested last week in the Oct. 26 rape and slaying of a neighbor girl in the town of Dapitan near Dipolog, about 705 kilometers (440 miles) south of Manila, said Oscar Tomarong, subregional chief of the National Bureau of Investigation.

Tomarong said Tumog broke down and admitted the crime after agent Sunny Maghinay read him some Biblical passages.

"He simply did it by reciting sermons from the Bible and scaring the suspect," Tomarong said, adding that the Tumog also admitted he had raped one of his daughters in 1988.

Maghinay, 26, is an active Catholic church lay leader in Dipolog.

Tumog now is to be charged before a state prosecutor, who will determine whether there is enough evidence to file a case in court.

POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Manager, Program & Housing Division

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DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: These include, but are not limited to the following:

Administers, supervises and coordinates the overall administration and management of a variety of programs such as the Section 8 Housing, Section 8 Certificate and Voucher, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and other federal programs.

Prepares the CNMI's Consolidated Plan and CDBG annual grant applications for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; conducts public hearings in accordance with CDBG program requirements.

Prepares Section 8 application packages for submission to HUD.

Interprets and disseminates information relative to federal requirements for various housing and community development programs.

Establishes appropriate procedures and recommends policies for Section 8 housing applicant screening, recertification of tenants, leasing, and monitors tenant/landlord compliance with Section 8 program requirements.

Works with community-based organizations to plan and implement needed housing programs for lower income families.

Prepares a variety of reports required by the various federal programs and coordinates with NMHC's Fiscal Division and the Department of Finance with respect to expenditures of federal funds and preparation of financial reports.

Ensures compliance with federal labor standard provisions applicable to CDBG activities; monitors employers' payroll activities and interview workers employed in CDBG-assisted projects; takes corrective action on payroll discrepancies and reports serious violation to appropriate agencies.

Coordinates with NMHC's Technical and Maintenance Division for needed repairs and maintenance in the Section 8 housing program to ensure continued occupancy of the housing units.

Coordinates with NMHC's Fiscal Division to follow-up on delinquent tenants and to initiate collection efforts, according to established procedures.

Supervises employees and provides guidance in work planning, execution, and maintenance of performance standards; evaluates employees on their performance and provides counseling or enforces disciplinary procedures as required.

Prepares a variety of routine to moderately complex correspondences and reports for the Executive Director, Board of Directors and/or the Governor.

SALARY: Salary commences at PL 35, Step 1, \$28,808 per annum to a maximum PL 35, Step 5, \$35,013 per annum, commensurate with qualifications of the applicant. Salary beyond Step 1 requires the approval of the NMHC Board of Chairman.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: a) Bachelor's Degree in business, public administration, or accounting/finance from a U.S. accredited university plus four (4) years of progressively responsible administrative experience of which two (2) years was in a supervisory capacity; b) Graduation from High School plus six (6) years of progressively responsible management/administrative experience, of which two (2) years was in a supervisory capacity; or, c) any equivalent combination of educational, experience and training to satisfactorily perform the required duties and responsibilities. Computer literacy is a must-most of Section 8 and CDBG requirements, programs for implementation and reports are through HUD-issued software.

WHERE TO APPLY: NMHC Employment Application form can be obtained at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, which must be submitted together with an official school transcript, diploma or certificate for all education and training claimed, and police clearance, no later than December 6, 1995, to the Corporate Director, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 514, Saipan, MP 96950. For further information, call telephone numbers 234-6866/9447/7689/7670 or write to the above address.

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Shevardnadze win likely

By CHRIS BIRD
TBILISI, Georgia (AP) - A slow count delayed the release of electoral results in Georgia's presidential elections, a contest that Eduard Shevardnadze, the former Soviet foreign minister, was expected to win. "The results are late, as many of the polling stations have not finished counting yet," said Zurab Natsvlishvili, a spokesman for Georgia's Central Electoral Commission, early Monday morning.

After polls closed, election officials reported a preliminary turnout of more than 50 percent, which made the balloting valid. About 3.2 million Georgians were eligible to vote in Sunday's elections, which will also decide the make-up of a new, 235-seat parliament. Five candidates competed for the presidency, and nearly 3,000 were running for parliament.

Elections in 10 of Georgia's 85 electoral districts have been postponed indefinitely because they are in the secessionist regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia. Shevardnadze, the 67, campaigned on a platform that he is the only guarantor of Georgia's recent - and still fragile - stability.

Shevardnadze voted at a teachers' college in Tbilisi's Vake district. "There's one name I know. I'll mark that one," he joked before disappearing behind the yellow curtains of a voting booth, having jumped the long line of waiting voters.

He rode to the voting station in his bulletproof Mercedes. The car was a gift to Shevardnadze from the German government after a car bomb attack against him in August. He was also surrounded Sunday by bodyguards. Georgia, a nation of 5.5 million

people that borders the Black Sea, is still recovering from four ethnic and civil wars since the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991.

But it has also seen a remarkable transformation in the last few months under Shevardnadze, who returned to rule his country in 1992 and now heads the republic as chairman of parliament.

Firefights between warlords no longer rattle Tbilisi nightly as they once did. A bus ride is now paid for with shiny coins in a new currency, the lari, rather than a wad of grimy Soviet bills.

The mood of cautious optimism was evident in the rustbelt town of Rustavi, about 30 kilometers (20 miles) south of Tbilisi. The steel plant here is operating at 20 percent of capacity, and dilapidated apartment blocks are a picture of post-Soviet decay.

But despite their meager salaries, many workers still cast their ballot for Shevardnadze. "I don't see any other candidates," said 39-year-old steel worker Fridon Tsviravashvili.

While Shevardnadze may win the presidency, he is not assured a compliant parliament.

The tough transition to a market economy and anger over Shevardnadze's handling of Abkhazia - former home to some 250,000 refugees - mean that opposition parties are likely to win a number of parliamentary seats.

"The new parliament will have real power," said Irina

Sarishvili, an opposition politician. Sarishvili, who has a bullet lodged near her heart from an

assassination attempt last year in which her husband was killed, heads the moderate opposition National Democratic Party.



The body of an unidentified man, believed to have died from hypothermia overnight, lies in a park adjacent to Moscow's Kiev railway station Thursday, November 2, 1995. After a very mild fall, "Grandfather Frost," as Russians call winter, has arrived in Moscow. Every winter scores of people die in Moscow mostly from a combination of alcohol abuse and hypothermia. (AP Photo)

Quake jolts Indonesia

HONG KONG (AP) - An intense earthquake with a magnitude of 6.3 jolted southern Sumatra in Indonesia on Monday, Hong Kong's Royal Observatory said.

The observatory said it recorded the quake at 12:36 a.m. (1636GMT) and placed its epicenter about 400 kilometers (250 miles) northwest of

Jakarta. It gave no other details.

No details on the quake were immediately available from Indonesian officials.

Magnitude is a measure of the total energy released by an earthquake. An increase of one digit in the scale represents a tenfold increase in the strength of the quake.

INVITATION TO BID

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) formerly the Marianas Island Housing Authority (MIHA), is soliciting sealed bids for the construction of the Saipan Multipurpose Center Extension. Bids, in duplicate, must be marked "CDBG Construction" and submitted to the office of the Corporate Director of NMHC in Garapan, Saipan, no later than 10:30 a.m., Thursday, November 30, 1995, at which time all bids received will be publicly opened. Bids received after this deadline will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A bond of 15% of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond made payable to NMHC. The bidder is required to submit with the proposal: 1) a copy of valid CNMI business license; 2) most current audited financial statement by a U.S. licensed CPA in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands 3) listing of existing and past projects, including date of completion; 4) listing of manpower with copies of CNMI issued work permits and 5) a complete listing of equipment.

Plans and specifications of the project are available at the NMHC Director's Office in Saipan, or in Rota NMHC Sub-Office (formerly MIHA office) on or after Thursday, November 2, 1995. Non-refundable payment of \$200.00 is required for each set of the Plans and Specifications. The project's pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, November 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the NMHC's Conference Room at Garapan, Saipan.

Attention is called to Section 3 of the Housing and Development Act of 1968 which requires the provision of training and employment, and the awarding of contract for work on the project, to low-income project area residents and business concerns. NMHC also notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that, in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority and women's business enterprises will be accorded full opportunity to submit bids in response to invitation.

NMHC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of NMHC.

/s/ Marylou Ada Sirok
 Corporate Director

Poland's Walesa: From shipyard to Nobel prize to presidency

By MONIKA SCISLOWSKA
WARSAW, Poland (AP) - Lech Walesa, the 52-year-old electrician-president, started his political career by getting fired from his job in the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk for criticizing the practices of the Communist trade unions.

From 1976-1980, he got fired from two more construction projects because of anti-Communist activities. Despite having to provide for his growing family, Walesa's opposition to the government-controlled unions left him unemployed for several months.

But on Aug. 14, 1980, at the peak of a nationwide strike, he jumped back over the fence into the Lenin Shipyard to join the strikers.

His reputation earned him the trust of the strikers. He led successful negotiations with the Communists that achieved an agreement on social welfare issues and most importantly - official recognition of Solidarity, eastern Europe's first independent trade union.

But in 1981, the Communist leader, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, imposed martial law to crush Solidarity and jailed Walesa for 11 months.

In 1983, Walesa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for leading Solidarity's struggle for freedom. But fearing the Communists would not allow him to return to Poland, he sent his wife, Danuta, to Oslo, Norway to accept the prize and deliver his speech.

Walesa and Solidarity broadened into a national movement and steadily moved beyond union issues. Walesa led a wave of strikes in 1988 that forced the Communists to negotiate with the Solidarity-led democratic opposition.

Partially free parliamentary elections were held June 4, 1989, and the Communist government ceded some of its power.

But Walesa chafed at the slow pace of economic and political reform and the continuing influence of the Communists.

At its peak of success, Solidarity began to split. Many members blamed Walesa's desire to be president for the bitter fighting among the trade union's factions.

In December 1990 he became Poland's first freely elected president since World War II.

Deeply distrusting the Russians, he spent much of his five-year term trying to push Poland into the safety of the European Union and NATO and he oversaw the with-

drawal of Russian troops from Poland in 1993.

Constantly pressing for faster, and more thorough changes in Poland's state-controlled economy and bureaucracy, Walesa forced out three prime ministers and dissolved parliament in 1993. But his gambit failed. The voters returned a parliament dominated by leftists and former communists and one of them, Josef Oleksy, became prime minister earlier this year. Walesa resorted to vetoing legislation after parliament denied him the right to issue decrees.

He was repeatedly criticized, often by former Solidarity allies, for refusing to listen to advice, desiring to control the army and concentrate power in the presidency. He built no political power base, but was able to battle back from dismal opinion poll showings to force a charismatic former communist, Aleksander Kwasniewski, into a runoff for the presidency on Nov. 19.

Many voters, while not happy with Walesa, say they would choose him over a former Communist, but Walesa said he has learned from his mistakes, and intends to form a separate political party for the next parliamentary elections.

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Ex-Defense chief vows to prove his innocence

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) - The defense minister who led the apartheid security forces during the explosive 1980s has vowed to prove his innocence on suspicion that he masterminded murder to preserve white-minority rule.

Retired Gen. Magnus Malan told the Afrikaans-language newspaper Rapport in an interview published Sunday that he and 10 other former senior officers "will fight in court, democratically and with a fair trial, to prove our innocence."

Malan became the highest-ranking official of the former regime ever brought to court for political crimes Thursday, when a judge ordered him to post bond of 10,000 rands (\$ 2,800).

The case has focused attention on South Africa's black-white divide. President Nelson

Mandela's government has said it will not interfere with the judicial process despite the risk of further alienating a hard core of potentially violent whites.

Malan and the others are expected to be charged Dec. 1 for suspected involvement in the 1987 massacre of 13 relatives of a pro-African National Congress activist, including six children. The killings were allegedly carried out by an army-trained hit squad of Zulus opposed to Mandela's ANC.

In the interview, Malan described his court appearance, where black protesters shouted, "Murderers!" as "humiliating."

Malan claimed that a Cabinet minister had met foreign ambassadors last week - a phenomenon, he said, that happens only when a national crisis is on the way.

Using midwives lessens deliveries by Cesarean

WASHINGTON (AP) - Women who rely on nurse-midwives to deliver their babies instead of doctors are only half as likely to have Cesarean deliveries, a consumer group said Monday.

While almost 25 percent of U.S. babies are born by C-section, the rate was less than 12 percent for those births attended by nurse-midwives in hospitals, according to a survey by Public Citizen's Health Research Group.

And with midwives' help, two in three mothers who previously had C-sections successfully delivered without surgery, the survey indicated. Three quarters of such mothers usually have repeat C-sections.

Nurse-midwives attended 185,000 births in the United States in 1992, or almost 5 percent. Public Citizen estimated that 4,000 nurse-midwives practice in the United States. Eight

times that many doctors practice obstetrics.

By contrast, Great Britain, where 780,000 babies were born in 1993, has 910 obstetricians and 35,000 practicing midwives, the group said.

Public Citizen released a report on "Encouraging the Use of Nurse-Midwives" based on its mail survey of 419 hospital-based nurse-midwife practices and 39 free-standing birth centers.

The group, which contends the

U.S. cesarean delivery rate is far too high, predicted that nurse-midwives will play "an increasingly important role in the future of obstetric care in this country."

All but 9,000 of the 185,000 U.S. births that nurse-midwives attended in 1992 were in hospitals. The standards of the American College of Nurse-Midwives require nurse-midwives to have a safe mechanism for obtaining the help of a physician if complications arise.



John Smyth attaches posters encouraging Irish voters to vote against an upcoming referendum on overturning the constitutional ban on divorce, Wednesday, in Dublin, Ireland. Voters go to the polls Nov. 24th to decide whether Ireland's constitutional ban on divorce, and with it a key plank in the Roman Catholic ethos of the state, should go. (AP Photo)

Prosecutor in S. Korea money scandal: Top exec hid Roh's dubious funds

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - A leading industrialist helped former President Roh Tae-woo launder ill-gotten money, prosecutors delving into a major slush fund scandal said Sunday.

Chung Tae-soo, head of the Hanbo Group, told prosecutors he laundered about \$ 60 billion won (\$78 million) of Roh's funds hidden in false-

name bank accounts in September 1993 and invested the money into his companies, said chief investigator Ahn Kang-min.

False-name accounts had been a widely used means for politicians to hide dubious money until President Kim Young-sam banned them in August 1993.

Kim has tried to distance himself from his unpopular military-backed predecessors, including Roh, president from 1988 to 1993. He has vowed to end their practice of collecting bribes from businessmen in return

for lucrative government contracts.

Chung's steel-making and construction conglomerate has been suspected of illicit links with Roh because of its rapid expansion and unusual success at winning major land development contracts during Roh's administration.

News reports have said many of South Korea's top 50 companies also contributed to Roh's \$ 650 million in secret coffers.

Roh appeared on national television last month and acknowledged maintaining the

secret fund, which has stirred widespread public outrage. Last week, he became the first former president questioned by prosecutors for improper deeds in office.

Roh has said he was following an "aged practice in South Korean politics" when he accepted "donations" from businesses.

Prosecutors said their investigations focused on proving those donations were actually bribery, a crime that requires a prison term. They were searching 45 branch offices of Donghwa Bank and Shinhan Bank on Sunday to find evidence.

Other businessmen were expected to be called in for questioning, including Kim Woo-joong, chairman of Daewoo,

the nation's fourth-largest conglomerate. It produces autos, ships, electronic goods and other products. Bae Jong-yol, former head of Hanyang Corp., has gone into hiding, prosecutors said.

Companies raised concern that a witch hunt of businessmen would hurt the nation's economy. South Korea's 30 largest conglomerates account for one-third of its industrial output and lead its export-driven economy.

South Korea's top businessmen declared Friday they would no longer try to bribe government officials.

President Kim is under pressure to punish Roh. Thousands of students, chanting "Arrest Roh Tae-woo," clashed with riot police in street battles Saturday.

Activists blockade railroads, highways

By FARID HOSSAIN
DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) - At least 25 people were injured when police used batons and fired tear gas shells Monday to disperse demonstrators in the latest anti-government protest during which opposition activists blocked trains, buses and ferries.

More than 50,000 activists enforced the dawn-to-dusk blockade of railroads, highways and ferry terminals to press for Prime Minister Khaleda Zia's resignation and early elections.

The violence occurred in Dhaka, the capital city, when opposition activists threw bombs at police. Security forces retaliated by beating the demonstrators with truncheons and tear gassing them at a railroad crossing.

Activists blocked trains at 20 places nationwide, officials at Dhaka's railway control room said. A few trains that left stations before the protest began at 6:00 a.m. (0000 gmt) were stranded midway.

On Sunday night, two cars of a local train jumped off the tracks and at least 10 people were injured. The derailment occurred because some unidentified people had removed portions of the track, 48 kilometers (30 miles) northeast of Dhaka, railroad officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Barring tricycle rickshaws, protesters prevented all other forms of transport on the streets of Dhaka.

The largest opposition group, the Awami League Party, and its allies, the Jatiya Party and the Jamaat-e-Islami, accuse Mrs. Zia's government of corruption and want her to allow a neutral caretaker government to hold the next general election.

Mrs. Zia has refused to resign or to accept the demand for a neutral caretaker government, saying it would violate the constitution.



Former South Korean President Roh Tae-woo enters the Seoul prosecutors office for questioning on his huge secret funds scandal, Wednesday, Nov. 1, 1995. (AP Photo)

INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), a subsidiary corporation of the Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA), is soliciting proposals from qualified firm engaged in providing ground maintenance services, on an "AS-NEEDED" basis, for the Sugar King II and Section 8 Subdivisions in Garapan, Mihaville and Koblerville. The services to be provided also include maintenance of both ground and NMHC office premises in Garapan.

Interested party may pick up a copy of the specifications at the NMHC office in Garapan between the hours of 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, on or after October 31, 1995. Proposals must be submitted no later than November 30, 1995 at 9:30 a.m., at which time and place all proposal received shall be opened and read aloud. Proposals received after this date will not be accepted.

NMHC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals in the interest of the government.

/s/ Marylou Ada Sirok
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The Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Government Employees' Credit Union will hold its first meeting on Thursday 10:00 A.M. November 9, 1995, at the temporary office located at the Civic Center Building in Susupe.

AGENDA

- I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
 - A. CALL TO ORDER
 - B. ROLL CALL
 - C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
 - D. ORGANIZATION
 1. CHAIRPERSON
 2. VICE CHAIRPERSON
 3. SECRETARY
- II. CREDIT UNION MATTERS
 - A. BRIEFINGS
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Save Water

The family of the late **Augustin M. Castro (Gus)** would like to inform families and friends that the last day of the rosary (lisayon guma) will end on Wednesday, November 8, 1995. Rosary will be said at 12:00 noon and mass will be offered at 6:00 p.m. at San Roque Church. Everyone is invited to join the family for dinner at their residence in San Roque.

Thank you very much for your thoughts and prayers.
Rita B. Castro & Family.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting proposals for the procurement of one (1) new tractor for agricultural use with 2300/2500 RPM, 70-80 gross HP, 6070 HP on PTO, two-wheel drive with the tire size 16.9 x 24x 8 reply rear, 7.50 x 16 x 6 front, power steering, dual stage clutch, hydraulic system, diesel fuel, 12 volt system with all additional standard equipment and transmission of eight forward and four speed reverse with sliding collars and helical gears industrial yellow color, four cylinders, 450 RPM PTO.

Proposals must be submitted to the Commonwealth Ports Authority, Office of the Executive Director, Saipan International Airport on or before November 9, 1995 at 10:00 a.m., at which time the proposal (s) will be publicly opened and read. The CPA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals pursuant to Section 3.2 (7) of CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations.

Singaporeans throng Kusu Isle

By KENNETH L. WHITING
SINGAPORE (AP) - It's the ninth lunar month and little Kusu Island is again packed with people, the pious and the practical and the merely superstitious who regard the trip as an annual ritual.

Childless couples hoping for a baby are there along with gamblers looking for better luck. The grateful who are convinced that their prayers were answered return as well as the ambitious in search of business success. Thousands made the pilgrimage over the weekend, the second in the ninth month of the lunar calendar - Oct. 24 through Nov. 21 this year.

Hundreds lined up on Clifford Pier before daybreak for a 6-kilometer (4-mile) ferry ride from the main island of Singapore to palm-fringed Kusu.

Vendors on the pier did a brisk business selling joss sticks and incense paper.

The mood was one of a holiday

outing. Whole families make the trip, laden with picnic supplies as well as temple offerings that can range from chrysanthemums to chicken curry.

The origin of the annual visitation is lost in time. One legend says that a Malay and a Chinese who were shipwrecked were rescued by a giant turtle which obliged them by turning itself into an island. Kusu means tortoise in the Chinese Hokkien dialect and the island is shaped like a turtle.

Another version says the helpful turtle took the pair to what is now Kusu. Out of gratitude, they returned to the island, discovered the tomb of a hermit and declared the place sacred.

Beyond the apocryphal tale of the turtle turning into a chunk of land, no major miracles are ascribed to the 7.8 hectare (4.8 acre) island. It is not renowned for miraculous medical cures, nor is it publicized as the home

of a prophet or other remarkable personality.

Kusu features a Malay kramat (Muslim shrine) on a small hill and the Da Bo Gong Temple at the water's edge, where the deity is said to confer wealth, avert danger, calm the sea and bring good health.

The Chinese temple, dedicated to the Taoist goddess of mercy, was opened in 1923 with a donation by a businessman Chia Cheng Ho.

The well-maintained temple set in trim grounds appears prosperous.

Incense is offered at a 60 centimeter (23.6 inch) black statue of the goddess which is swathed in yellow.

Smoke swirls in the air as pilgrims murmur their prayers while standing and waving joss sticks. Others shake a

bamboo tube until one of the marked sticks inside tumbles out. The markings foretell the future, according to believers.

Few leave the temple without taking a crack at one of the tin cans near the altar. Grasped in both hands, it is rattled vigorously four times to extract pieces of cardboard with numbers on them - lucky numbers for four-digit lotteries.

A carnival atmosphere prevails and food vendors line the path between the temple and kramat. Visitors still concerned about the unknown after a call at the temple and kramat can consult fortune tellers at Kusu, which also includes swimming beaches, picnic areas and rain shelters.

The island also boasts a shallow

wishing well where pilgrims drop coins among the resident turtles.

Then there are several "wishing trees," their branches bedecked with small yellow or pink plastic bags, each containing a lucky Kusu Island pebble or two. These stones are sold to eager visitors for about one dollar (U.S. cents 41) each.

Parents who want a suitable mate for their unmarried offspring or couples who want a baby or specify the sex of an unborn baby are among the pebble purchasers, according to Frank Chua.

Chua, 44, an air conditioning technician, has visited Kusu during the ninth lunar month for 23 consecutive years.



Filipino Christians flock to Manila's North Cemetery to pay respects to their dead in observance of All Saints Day Wednesday Nov. 1, 1995. The scene is repeated all over the predominantly Christian country every November 1st as a way of honoring the dead but the tradition nowadays is more festive as the cemetery is turned into a large picnic area. (AP Photo)

Iran urges Thailand to deliver promised rice

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - Thailand cannot predict when it will be able to deliver 145,000 metric tons of rice to Iran because severe flooding has damaged crops and prevented farmers from moving their goods, a government official said Monday.

Iranian Ambassador Gholamreza Yousefi urged Thailand to complete its deliveries in a meeting Friday with Deputy Commerce Minister Montr Danpaibul. Iran signed a contract to

buy 200,000 metric tons of 100 percent grade B Thai rice worth about \$30 million.

Thailand has already delivered 55,000 metric tons. The contract is the fourth Iranian purchase of Thai rice.

Thailand is the world's leading rice exporter.

A commerce ministry official, who asked for anonymity, said that because of the monsoon flooding, it was

impossible to tell when Thailand would be able to deliver but would do so as soon as possible.

The official denied that traders were holding the rice in order to sell in the domestic market, where prices are high because of shortages due to the flooding.

He said Iran still had not paid Thailand \$30 million for the previous 200,000 tons of rice from the third contract.

AIDS outbreak feared in China

By CHARLES HUTZLER
BEIJING (AP) - An advertisement for jobs with room and board lured the 17 young men to the city. By the time police rescued them, they were battered and weak, the latest victims of Chinese "vampires."

Instead of work at a brewery for 300 yuan (\$35) a month, the young migrants to eastern Huaiyin city found themselves hostages of a gang. Its members forced them to sell their blood and beat and drugged them if they refused.

"Vampire gangs" are merely the most ruthless and organized patrons of a medical system so chronically short of blood it must offer cash for contributions.

Most of the clientele is not coerced, just desperate. Many are poor migrants, likely to turn to prostitution or drugs.

In that nexus of mobility, misery, crime and sex, Chinese and Western health experts fear the AIDS virus is seeping into the nation's blood supply.

No one knows how extensive the contamination is. But in a proposed plan for fighting AIDS, the Ministry of Health lists the blood-for-cash system, its own inadequate screening methods and reliance on migrant donors as the primary sources of an expected epidemic.

With money being offered, the donation system naturally attracts the down-and-out, including drug addicts, prostitutes and migrants - all high-risk groups for AIDS, an expert with the World Health Organization in Beijing said. He spoke on

condition of anonymity because he works closely with the Chinese government and did not want to jeopardize the relationship.

So far China has avoided the fates of Asian neighbors Thailand and the Philippines, where prostitution and promiscuity have rapidly spread the AIDS virus. But those social ills, largely eradicated after the Communists took power in 1949, are re-emerging in China with economic reforms and the need for a more mobile labor force.

Publicly, the government claims only 1,774 Chinese citizens have been infected, including 64 with full-blown AIDS, since the first case in China was reported in 1985.

Health officials acknowledge that figure is wildly low. Qi Xiaoqi, deputy director of the Health Ministry's Department of Disease Control, said as many as 90,000 Chinese may carry the AIDS virus. By 2000, they will number "several hundreds of thousands," he said.

The government initially scorned AIDS as a foreigners' disease. But it became concerned in the early 1990s with a surge in sexually transmitted diseases, a key indicator of sexual activity, Qi and other health experts said.

Since then, the government has conducted studies on AIDS, launched testing programs, ordered blood screening in large cities and prohibited people from giving blood outside their hometowns.

The State Council, China's Cabinet, is studying an ambi-

tious five-year plan for fighting AIDS that the ministry drafted with WHO's help, the experts said.

Much of the plan, a copy of which was seen by The Associated Press, concerns stemming the spread of sex-related AIDS.

The main strategy focuses on AIDS counseling for high-risk populations: prostitutes, drug addicts, homosexuals, long-distance truck drivers, patients with sexually transmitted diseases and migrants, especially women.

The plan lists cleaning up the blood supply as the second priority.

Drug use is growing in Chinese cities and with it the fear that the AIDS virus will be spreading among needle-sharing addicts. But health officials believe that is a lesser threat.

"China is the first country to have policies and plans in place before an epidemic," said Emile Fox, a WHO specialist who has set up AIDS projects in Rwanda and other African countries.

Although the State Council has not yet approved the plan after 11 months of study, Qi said the government fully supports his department's efforts. The real problem comes from local governments, he said.

"In 1993, we requested that (blood) screening be done in the big cities," Qi said in an interview. "But it is expensive. Local officials say they don't have a (AIDS) problem so they don't do it. And, even if you can afford the reagents, they're hard to find."

China's blood shortage is rooted in traditional attitudes toward family and health. Many Chinese believe blood is a precious, irreplaceable gift from one's parents

and donating it dishonors them and saps the body's vitality.

Shortages are compounded by endemic hepatitis, so many people cannot give or if they do, the blood is thrown out when screened.

Nowhere are the ravages of an AIDS epidemic expected to be more severe than in China's economically vibrant provinces where hygiene standards, even in hospitals, are low and mobility is high.

According to the ministry's draft AIDS plan, 120 million Chinese, mostly uneducated peasants, are roaming cities and towns looking for work. About half the nation's blood providers do so for money - 2.5 million to 3 million people - and "they often come from very poor rural backgrounds," it says.

Most prostitutes, most drug users and most patients with sexually transmitted diseases are migrants, the WHO expert said.

'Yes Minister' actor Paul Eddington dies at age 68

LONDON (AP) - Actor Paul Eddington, who entertained audiences around the world as a bumbling politician in the TV satire "Yes, Minister," has died of cancer, a friend said Sunday. He was 68.

Lady Caroline Marshall said Eddington, who had suffered from a rare skin cancer for many years, as well as diabetes, died Saturday night.

He had continued to perform on stage and television, concealing his illness until the tabloid press began to pressure him, suggesting he had AIDS. He made public his condition last year, joking that the ultraviolet light treatments for the disease left him looking tanned. "I look so fit people think I've been on holiday."

The tall, debonair Eddington achieved international success in the 1970s with "The Good Life," a popular TV series about a young couple farming their backyard in the London suburb of Surbiton. Eddington had a supporting role, playing their

neighbor Jerry Leadbetter, the long-suffering husband of Margo, the social-climber.

But it was the hit comedy series "Yes, Minister" and "Yes, Prime Minister" in the 1980s that brought Eddington TV stardom as the inept politician Jim Hacker.

Eddington's last two West End theater appearances were opposite Harold Pinter in a revival of Pinter's own "No Man's Land," for which he won an Olivier Award nomination; and then opposite Richard Briers in a revival of David Storey's 1970 play "Home."

He appeared on TV last week as Justice Shallow in a new BBC version of Shakespeare's "Henry IV."

Most recently, Eddington was heard playing Cassius from "Julius Caesar" on "The Prince's Choice," a recording and book released Nov. 2 of Prince Charles's favorite passages from Shakespeare.

On Oct. 30 Eddington, a staunch Quaker, gave a half-hour TV interview, speaking frankly of his illness and smiling despite the

discoloration of his face.

Asked how he carried on with the disfiguring skin cancer, he said, "There is no alternative ... I have got (it) so one gives a Gallic shrug."

He said his big break came as husband to Penelope Keith and neighbor to Felicity Kendal and Richard Briers on "The Good Life."

As for "Yes, Minister" and "Yes, Prime Minister," he said he originally wanted to play the civil servant Sir Humphrey, whom he called "the Jeeves to Jim's Bertie Wooster" but he took solace in the fact that his character "does, after all, have the last line of every episode."

He said he wanted his epitaph to be, "He did very little harm," because, he added, "that's not easy: so many people do do harm."

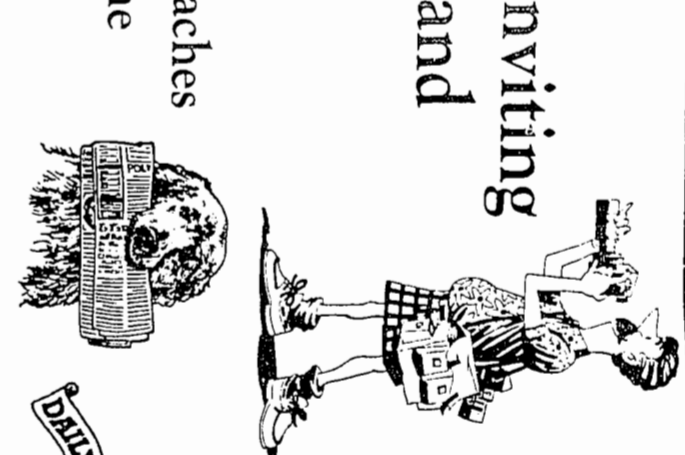
Eddington is survived by Patricia Scott, his wife of more than 40 years, and their four children.

No funeral details were announced.



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Lot Number 0051027, and containing an area of 1,014 square meters, more or less, as shown on Cadastral Plat Number 005101, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document Number 16706 on March 11, 1983, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The sale will be conducted on December 1, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. at NMHC's Central Office in Garapan, Saipan. The property is being offered for \$100,000.00. The purchase price shall be made in cash, certified or cashier's check by the highest qualified bidder, within 72 hours after the sale. The house will be sold as is, without any expressed or implied warranty.

NMHC reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place of sale for such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real estate in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

Interested individual(s) may contact Diana P. Crisostimo, Manager, Mortgage Credit Division, at 234-7689.

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The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) has for sale, a four (4) bedroom koblerville Turnkey housing unit, situated on Lot No. 0051524, containing an area of 748 square meters, more or less, for \$75,000.00 to eligible homesteader(s).

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Business & Trade

Daiwa girds for 'bank run'

By PETER LANDERS
TOKYO (AP) - Daiwa Bank braced for a possible run on deposits Monday in the wake of its stunning expulsion from the United States, but customers stayed calm and Daiwa stock rose on speculation it would benefit from a reported plan to merge with Sumitomo Bank.

Monday was the first day of business in Japan since the bombshell accusation by U.S. authorities on Thursday of a criminal cover-up by the bank of \$1.1 billion in bond-trading losses. Last Friday was a holiday in Japan. American authorities ordered Daiwa to close its U.S. operations within 90 days.

Attempting to calm fears that the bank could be shaky, Daiwa executives said Friday that a merger with the stronger Sumitomo was possible. Reports in the Japanese media suggested that the two banks have decided to merge if the details can be worked out.

The status of the merger talks remained unclear Monday. A Finance Ministry official denied a published report that the ministry had summoned executives of the two banks for discussions of a merger, saying the banks needed to talk between themselves first.

Meanwhile, Daiwa sought to reassure depositors that the bank was not in danger of failing. Employees were

ordered to come to work early Monday morning at 7:30 to get ready for a possible rush of customers and branches had extra cash on hand in case depositors tried to close their accounts.

But customer turnout was normal and Daiwa officials reported no major disruption.

Runs by panicky depositors forced Kizu Credit Union, a top credit union saddled with billions in bad loans, to shut down in August.

The Bank of Japan also tried to quiet fears about Daiwa. A source close to the BOJ, Japan's central bank, said Daiwa would receive special BOJ loans if it found itself facing a cash crunch on

the commercial market.

Talk of a Sumitomo-Daiwa alliance dominated the stock market, and many investors appeared to believe that Daiwa would get the better end of the deal.

After morning trading on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Daiwa shares were up 11 percent and Sumitomo shares fell 4.5 percent on a report that shares in the two would be exchanged in the merger at a rate unfavorable to Sumitomo.

A merger would create the world's

largest bank, but it remains unclear whether a combined bank would be able to deal more effectively with the huge bad loans held by both Sumitomo and Daiwa.

Unlike the United States, where merged banks can achieve immediate cost savings by large-scale layoffs, Japanese companies generally don't fire staff even after a merger. They prefer to implement hiring freezes and buyout plans, or to persuade employees to leave by giving them nothing to do.

New BMW car model generates excitement

COLUMBIA, South Carolina (AP) - Months before it gets near the showroom, BMW's new South Carolina-built roadster is generating excitement among car buyers who just can't wait to get behind the wheel.

Dealers across the country already have 2,700 prepaid deposits for the car, which is being built at BMW's plant in Spartanburg County and is to arrive at dealerships in February.

BMW of North America announced last week that the car will sell for \$28,750 in the United States.

Last Thursday, the day after that announcement, Century

BMW in Greenville took five more deposits for the car, said Mickey Joy, the dealership's president.

The two-seat roadster market is now dominated by Mazda's Miata, which is \$10,000 cheaper than the BMW.

But BMW's Z3 could capture one-third of the market in its inaugural year, said Ron Clogg, manager of Automotive Forecasting Services for J. D. Power and Associates, which monitors the U.S. automotive industry.

Clogg predicts the Z3 will close in on the Miata in 1997, getting close to 45 percent of the market.



With bags of petitions in the foreground, members of the U.S. Public Interest Research Group rally on the steps of the Capitol Wednesday, prior to deliver the petitions to members of Congress that they believe would gut U.S. environmental laws. (AP Photo)

Asia business briefs

SYDNEY
SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - The Australian listed and Hong Kong-based construction and contracting company OLS Asia Holdings Ltd. says it has secured two contracts in the People's Republic of China worth \$2.09 million.

The contracts involve interior decoration at the Guangzhou Dong Jun shopping complex and refitting of a shopping arcade in the Shanghai Oriental Commercial Building.

Since incorporation in 1991, OLS has secured 54 contracts with a combined value of \$227.15 million.

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - South Korean newlyweds will join the ranks of their Japanese counterparts honeymooning in Sydney if a new tourism drive by the New South Wales government is successful.

Premier Bob Carr, in South Korea on the first leg of his eight-day investment tour of Asia, said the government would target Korean honeymooners in a drive to exploit the burgeoning Korean tourist market.

"Korea's honeymoon market offers enormous potential for NSW with 400,000 weddings a year and a grow-

ing middle class with high disposable incomes looking for holidays overseas," Carr said.

"Tourism New South Wales will be... using advertising along the lines of the highly successful program used to attract hundreds of thousands of Japanese honeymooners to Sydney."

Carr said 135,000 Koreans have visited the state this year, up from 90,000 last year.

TOKYO

TOKYO (AP) - Japan has resumed trade insurance covering Japanese exports and investment into Poland after more than four years of suspension, an official of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry said Monday.

Poland has begun fulfilling the three conditions for resumption: steady payment of the principal of its debt, maintenance of a good relationship with creditor nations and the International Monetary Fund, and stable economic performance.

The Japanese trade insurance for Poland was suspended in April 1991 due to Poland's increasing foreign debt.

Japan has yet to pick any specific

projects under the resumed insurance, the official said.

BANGKOK

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - Ripley's Believe It or Not has been such a success that its owners are planning to invest \$2.4 million to expand the amusement park housing the exhibit, a spokesman for Royal Garden Entertainment said Monday.

Ripley's is part of a \$4.8 million entertainment complex in the beach resort city of Pattaya, 110 kilometers (68 miles) south of Bangkok. It is owned by Royal Garden, which operates Marriott hotels in Thailand and is a subsidiary of Minor Group.

Ripley's opened in March 1995, and more than 600,000 people have visited the entertainment complex, the company said.

William Heinecke, chairman of Minor Group, said he expected the complex's revenues to reach \$3.6 million in 1995, and \$6 million in 1996. He added that he believed there was great potential for the amusement park business in other countries in the region, and Minor Group is considering expanding to Hong Kong, China and India.

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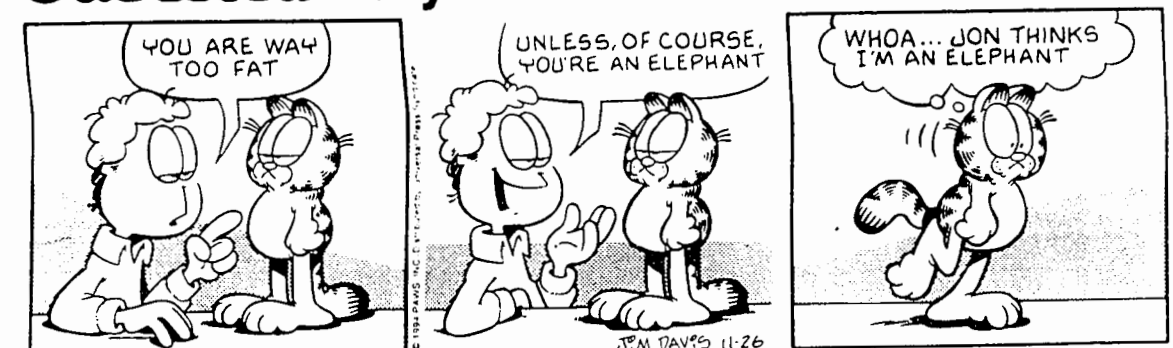
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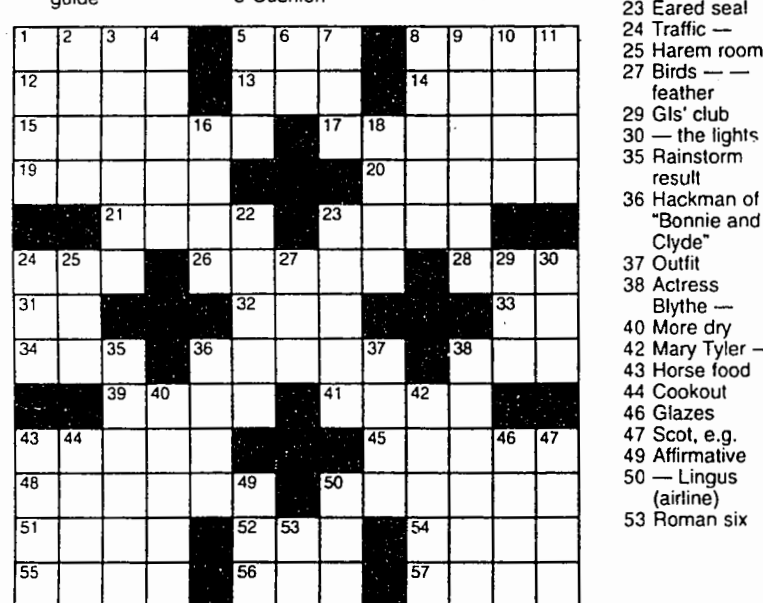
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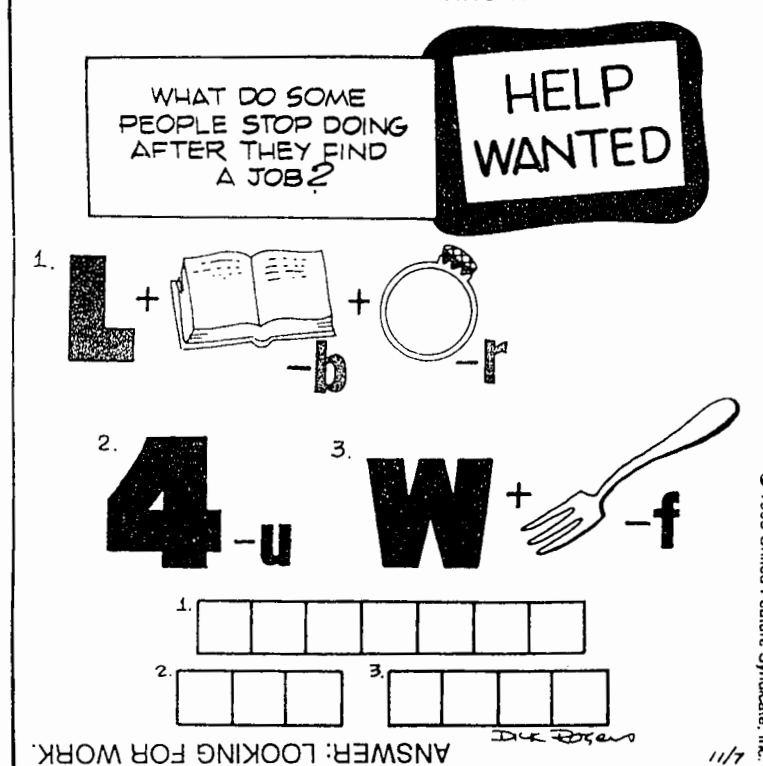
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Olympics pin collection a craze in Atlanta

ATLANTA (AP) — It used to be a guest room. Now the space in Bill Gornto's home is occupied by thousands of little metal Olympic mascots, torches, corporate logos and even an elephant from Thailand.

Atlanta Olympic officials say about \$ 10 million worth of 1996 pins have been sold already. Most are sprouting, and each week seems to bring a new swap meet, newsletter or Internet trading post.

Bowe-Holyfield bout's round by round account

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The round-by-round account of the heavyweight fight between Riddick Bowe and Evander Holyfield on Saturday night: Round 1 Bowe threw the first punch of the fight, a jab, and Holyfield came back with one. That's all it was in the first 30 seconds, a battle of jabs that didn't land.

Both men were chest to chest for the entire first 2:00. Bowe landed a right-left to the head. Although Holyfield was pressing Bowe against the ropes, Bowe was getting the best.

Round 2 Bowe opened the second round with a jab. The two did a lot of feinting in the center of the ring. Holyfield landed a right to the body, then Bowe got in two right uppercuts in a clinch and referee Joe Cortez finally broke them.

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Round 3 Bowe got in a jab to open the round again. Both had punches blocked, then both scored with jabs as the pace started to pick up.

Then they mauled. Holyfield's right eye was marked just above the brow and he appeared to be bleeding from the mouth. Holyfield went back against the ropes and Bowe landed two punches.

Round 4 Bowe got in a jab to open the round again. Both had punches blocked, then both scored with jabs as the pace started to pick up.

Both landed several punches to the head and body. After those flurries, they went into a clinch. Bowe got in a right uppercut to the head at 50 seconds.

Round 5 Bowe came back with a right to the head. The two tied one another up. Then they were right back chest to chest. After another clinch, Bowe landed a jab and missed with a right.

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Tin . . .

1996 Rochdale League (Team standings as of Nov. 6) Boys Division W L Pwipwis 5 1 Brotherhood 5 1 Home Boys 3 3 Tin Kun 3 2 No Probs 2 3 Blood Brothers 1 5 Cronics 0 4 Hot 96 0 0 Girls Division W L Loners 5 1 Sisters/Cousins 2 1 Wild locals 1 1 Mix Blood 1 3 Affairs 1 4 College/Village W L Buyaka 1 0 Hardkore 1 0 Home Boys 2 0 No Fear 0 1

New . . .

and Rodney Thomas ran for a season-high 108 yards for the Oilers. Cleveland owner Art Modell, negotiating to move his team, chose not to face the hostile crowd and missed a home game for the first time in his 35 years as owner.

At Atlanta, Jeff George threw for 362 yards and Atlanta built a 34-7 lead and then hung on. Alton Montgomery returned an interception 71 yards for the Falcons' first TD and Jessie Tuggle's interception at the goal line with 1:37 to play ended Detroit's last comeback chance.

Wild . . .

At Kansas City, Missouri, Steve Bono threw for 201 yards and a touchdown and Marcus Allen scored from a yard out as the Chiefs overcame their own mistakes to beat Washington.

SYFL . . .

1996 election of officers. He will assume office in January. Reyes will officially inform the SYFL board of his decision through a letter he will address to them soon.

He has been an active Republican Party supporter since 1960. He started his political life by being a member of the Young Progressive Party and later the Young Territorial Party.

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Tin Kun whips Blood Brothers

TIN KUN improved its record in the latest Rocball League standings after it defeated Blood Brothers, 34-24, yesterday at the Marianas High School Pugua Court in Susupe.

Tin Kun's victory was its third in five games, while the defeat was the fifth for Blood Brothers in six outings.

It was an upset victory for Tin Kun in three sets.

Down by four points at the end of the first set, 17-13, Tin Kun pushed back Blood Brothers

in the second set and maintained its lead up to the end of the game.

Tin Kun, led by Thompson Chipwelong and Oshiro Lorin, closed the second set with an 11-point lead that placed the team up by seven points ahead of Blood Brothers after two sets.

Tin Kun widened its final match-lead by 10 points after closing the third and last set by a three-point advantage, 8-5.

Nine aces, six kees, and two goals were scored in the game, with Jackson Soichy of the Blood Brothers as the heavy hitter with three aces and two

goals.

Chipwelong and Lorin were the big hitters for Tin Kun with five aces and one kee between them.

Today, No Problem will play against the Cronics team. Wild Locals will face Mix Blood tomorrow, while Hot 96 will

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Palau Slowpitch Softball League

Wild Thing, Koror Tigers share lead in Division B

DIVISION B of the Palau Slowpitch Softball League started to polarize between losers' and winners' groups as three teams sustained second defeat in a row with Wild Thing and the Koror Tigers emerging as early leaders.

Wild Thing and Koror Tigers scored their second victories by defeating China Town and OK's Marlins respectively, in the sixth and fourth games.

Wild Thing 4, Chinatown 2

Wild Thing edged Chinatown, 4-2, when Giovanni Mira Homered and Jay Techur walked and later scored.

Tigers 12, Marlins 11

For the second week in a row, Koror Tigers won its game in its last at bat and the Marlins lost its game in the last inning.

Junior Martin maintained his al-

most perfect batting. He went 4-for-4 for Koror Tigers as 1994-95 league Most Valuable Player Payton Sakuma went 2-for-3 with a homerun and a triple.

Waves 16, OK Goods 6

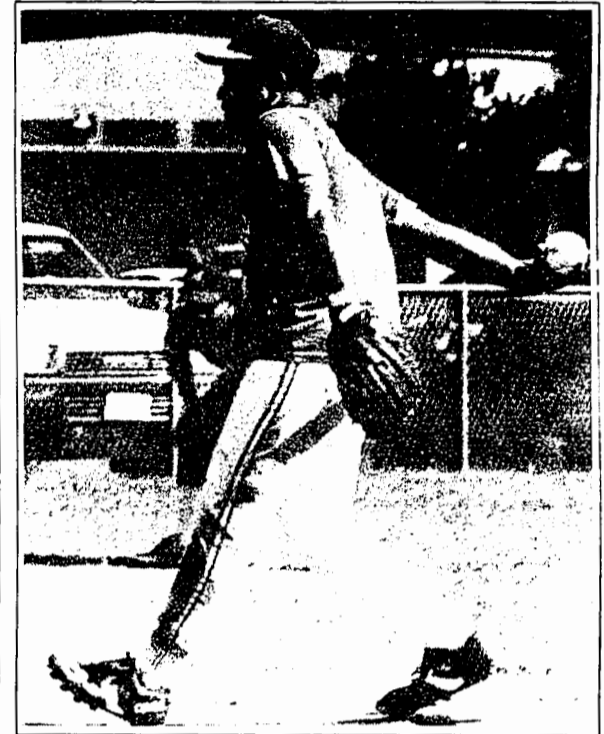
In the first game, Saipan Steve-dore Waves defeated O & K Goods, 16-6. The Waves won by a sixth inning shutout victory due to the 10-run-mercy rule.

Mike Muna went 3-for-3 with five RBIs and Nick Guerrero went 3-for-4 including two over-the-fence homers and five RBIs to win their first game of the season.

Kabekel 8, Aschoschoo 7

In game two, Kabekel won over Aschoschoo by a mere run. Bart Jackson went 3-for-3 and scored times, while Steve Coleman went 3-for-4 to help Kabekel win its opener game in the league.

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Saved! A China Town runner slides to secure third base (left photo) while Wild Thing's pitcher (right photo) winds back to deliver a ball during last Sunday's Palau Men's Slowpitch Softball games at Koblerville Ballfield. (Photos by Sony Daleno)

SYFL prexy prepares to face new role

SPORTS and civic personality Karl T. Reyes is about to face a new role in the community.

After a hectic schedule during the campaign period for legislative elections, the electorate from San Antonio, San Vicente and Koblerville decided to let the Saipan Youth Football League president to represent them in Congress.

It will be Reyes' first public position

after serving as constitutional convention delegate in 1985.

Aside from the SYFL, Reyes is also a regular bowler and was a former softball and baseball player.

As congressman, he said in an interview yesterday, he will look into all available sports programs and work on the idea of putting them under one

legislative concern.

Reyes said he will continue working for SYFL only up to December, although the next SYFL election of officers is still middle of next year, to avoid any conflict of interest.

This early, Reyes said he will decline nomination to the SYFL board in the

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New kicker leads Jets to win over Rams

DOUG BRIEN, in his first game with New Orleans, kicked four field goals Sunday to lead the Saints to a 19-10 victory over the St. Louis Rams.

Brien, signed last week to replace struggling Chip Lohmiller, field goals of 35, 26, 47, 42 yards for the Saints (3-6) and drew standing ovations with every kick. Cut by San Francisco, he replaced Lohmiller, who was 8-for-14, including missing five field goals and an extra point in two victories.

In Sunday's other early games, it

was Oakland 20, Cincinnati 17; Houston 37, Cleveland 10; Minnesota 27, Green Bay 24; New England 20, New York Jets 7; Atlanta 34, Detroit 22; and Kansas City 24, Washington 3.

In later games, it was Buffalo at Indianapolis, Pittsburgh at Chicago, Carolina at San Francisco, Arizona at Denver, New York Giants at Seattle and Miami at San Diego.

Philadelphia plays at Dallas on Monday night. Jacksonville and Tampa Bay had the week off.

Raiders 20, Bengals 17

At Cincinnati, Harvey Williams ran for 134 yards and Oakland sacked Jeff Blake four times. Blake's 4-yard pass to Carl Pickens with 35 seconds left and his option run on the 2-point conversion moved Cincinnati within a field goal, but Derrick Fenner recovered the onside kick to end it.

Oilers 37, Browns 10

At Cleveland, Chris Chandler threw for two touchdowns and ran for another

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Fired baseball manager back in Japan

TOKYO (AP) — Manager Bobby Valentine said Monday he is as perplexed as fans are angered about his firing by the Japanese professional baseball team he led to its best finish in 10 years.

"I want to get some answers as to why that decision was made," Valentine said at a news conference several hours before he planned to have dinner with Chiba Lotte Marines general manager Tatsuro Hirooka.

The Marines finished the 1995 season in second place in the six-team

Pacific League, their best finish since 1985.

Valentine rejected team officials' explanation that cultural differences between Japanese and American baseball led to his firing. Instead, he said, it was a lack of communication with Hirooka that let differences in personal style sour the relationship.

"I truly believe that if we were able to do it again we'd have better communication," he said. "I think that during the season we spoke seven times, and we both agree that it's not enough."

Valentine, who formerly led the Texas Rangers, became the first manager to move from an American to a Japanese team when he joined the Marines for the 1995 season. The team had finished fifth for two consecutive years.

Valentine denied reports of disagreements with Hirooka on how hard players should train, but said Hirooka's assistant, Masuichi Takagi, and third base coach, Shozo Eto "gave improper information to the general manager."

Davenport quits Advanta

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Fifth-seeded Lindsay Davenport withdrew Sunday from the Advanta Championships because of a sprained back.

Davenport was seeded third in last week's Bank of the West Classic in California, but defaulted her semifinal match because of the back injury.

Qualifiers Meredith McGrath, Anne Miller and Caroline Vis and

lucky losers Nicole Pratt and Larisa Neiland joined the 28-player field for the \$1.8 million Advanta Championships, which starts Monday at the Philadelphia Civic Center.

Top seeds Steffi Graf, Conchita Martinez, Mary Pierce and Gabriela Sabatini have first-round byes.

Mary Joe Fernandez, defending champion Anke Huber, Chanda Rubin and Natasha Zvereva are seeded sixth through ninth.

Packers lose four starters to Minnesota in NFL loss

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Green Bay Packers lost four starters, including Brett Favre and Reggie White, during Sunday's 27-24 NFL loss at Minnesota. Then they lost Sean Jones in the locker room after the game.

Jones, who collided with White on the play on which White sprained his knee, became badly disoriented after the game. He did not respond to repeated questions from team officials, and had to be taken out on

a stretcher, still wearing his full uniform.

The team said later that Jones suffered a concussion and was expected to be released from the hospital Monday.

White and Jones collided trying to sack Warren Moon with 7:40 left in the game and the score tied 24-24. Jones slammed into White's knee, and both players stayed on the ground for several minutes.

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