

# Borja: Time for RP-CNMI talks



Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja delivers speech during yesterday's festival.

By Ferdie de la Torre  
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LT. GOVERNOR Jesus C. Borja said yesterday it is time for the Philippine and CNMI governments to start talking and working together for a lasting and productive relationship.  
Speaking at Sunday's Pistang Pinoy celebrating Philippine Independence Day at the Pacific Gardenia, Borja underscored the importance for the two governments to acknowledge the mutual benefits derived by the contract workers in the Commonwealth.  
"I am hopeful that we will be at the table negotiating our differ-

ences rather than leaving all our contract workers agonizing about whether they'll be able to stay here," the lieutenant governor told hundreds of Filipinos who attended Sunday's event.  
Borja's remarks came at a time when the Philippine government has stopped sending certain workers to the CNMI.  
There is also a current plan by the CNMI government to cut off renewals for female, non-professional workers here in apparent retaliation for the Philippine ban.  
The deployment of certain workers to the CNMI was ordered suspended following accu-

sations that the Commonwealth government has not done enough to address abuses allegedly committed on Filipino workers here.  
According to Borja, the problems started when existing labor abuses were magnified "one-hundred fold," and CNMI efforts to correct them were not given the same amount of publicity.  
"But I want to tell you that I have not given up hope," said Borja.  
"It is time for our two governments to start talking and working together. We both have to acknowledge the benefits that are derived by you, the workers,"

Borja told the large Filipino crowd.  
Last year, Borja went to Manila and signed an agreement with the Philippine government that calls for both governments work together to resolve the labor prob-

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Second Lady Mary Anne Borja and Philippine Consul Renato Villapando listen to Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja's speech during yesterday's Filipino food festival and bands showdown as part of the 97th Philippine Independence Day celebration held at the Pacific Gardenia's Sunset Bar and Grill.

## Guerrero sees no need to ask for House seat

By Rafael H. Arroyo  
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FORMER Congressman Crispin I. DL. Guerrero on Friday said he doesn't mind Governor Froilan C. Tenorio's recent remarks about him but maintained it is his constitutional mandate as governor to come up with his appointment soon.

Guerrero is in line to fill in the vacancy in the House of

Representatives caused by the untimely demise of Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas last month.  
Under the Constitution, in the event of a vacancy in the House caused by death, sickness or other disability of a member, the governor is to appoint the unsuccessful candidate with the most votes garnered for any precinct during the last congressional elections.  
This is if the remaining term of office is less than half of the leaving member's term.  
Guerrero placed seventh during the last congressional elections for an election precinct that had only six House seats.  
According to figures released by the Board of Elections, Guerrero garnered 1,169 votes to be the unsuccessful candidate with the most votes during the 1993 precinct 3 race. Democratic candidate Juan B. Tudela

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Crispin I. DL. Guerrero

## HANMI pleads Governor not to cut renewals

By Rafael H. Arroyo  
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THE HOTEL Association of the Northern Mariana Islands (HANMI) has written Governor Froilan C. Tenorio asking him to reconsider his plan not to renew all Filipina non-professionals after their employment contracts expire.  
In a letter Friday, HANMI president and Hyatt Regency Saipan general manager Clifford Grauers told the governor the latter's proposed reciprocal ban would cripple the tourism industry aside from causing undue hardship for both hotel employers and their affected employees.  
"We urge you to consider the substantial negative impact this would have on our Common-

wealth economy," said Grauers told the governor.  
"Most particularly, it would cripple the industry that is helping the island move toward self-sufficiency—tourism," he added.



Clifford Grauers

Tenorio last week said he is planning to initiate reciprocal action to the expanded worker ban imposed by the Philippine government since June 1, 1995.  
The expanded ban, ordered by



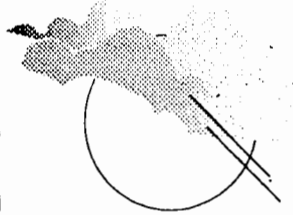
Froilan C. Tenorio

acting Philippine Labor Secretary Jose Brillantes, covers any newly-hired Filipina workers, except professionals.  
The new order amended the already existing suspension on the deployment of new Filipino workers belonging to the categories of domestic workers, farmers and nightclub workers.  
In retaliation to the Filipina worker ban, the governor last week said his government would by regulation also restrict the same category of workers from the CNMI.  
Specifically, he said Filipina workers, except for professionals, currently in the CNMI would not be allowed to renew their contracts upon expiration.  
Worried about the harsh effects

Tenorio's plan may have on the hotel industry, Grauers asked the

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## Weather Outlook



Partly cloudy with isolated light showers



# Bomb kills 27 in Medellin

By CHRIS TORCHIA  
BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) - A powerful bomb ripped through a street party in the northwestern city of Medellin on Saturday, killing at least 27 people and wounding 217 others, a Red Cross spokesman said.

Police arrested a suspect carrying five tins of gunpowder, but the mo-

tive was not immediately known for the attack one block away from a police barracks.

Police Col. Victor Manuel Paez said a 10-kilogram bomb filled with shrapnel was placed beneath a bird sculpture by internationally known artist Fernando Botero in Medellin's San Antonio park.

Red Cross officials were treating the injured and ambulances were rushing victims to nearby hospitals. Red Cross spokesman Carlos Vicente Pena told local radio that at least 27 people were killed and another 217 wounded, and authorities said the number of casualties was likely to rise.

Police speculated the bomb was planted by leftist guerrillas, who have been fighting the state for decades. The attack came one day after

police arrested Gilberto Rodriguez Orejuela, who with his brother leads the Cali drug cartel that supplies 80 percent of the world's cocaine.

Authorities have feared that arrest and other recent raids on Cali hide-outs and properties, could prompt violent revenge attacks by drug traffickers.

The cartel is based, however, in Cali, and has less influence in Medellin, 240 miles (390 kilometers) to the northeast.

Medellin was the home of drug kingpin Pablo Escobar, who waged a decade-long war against the state before security forces killed him in December 1993.

For years, Colombia endured bombs, assassinations of police and civilians and other terrorist attacks. The violence dwindled with Escobar's death, as the Cali traffickers who replaced him prefer to bribe and intimidate authorities rather than use violence.

# Top nuclear diplomats of US arrive in Tokyo

TOKYO (AP) - Two senior U.S. diplomats arrived in Tokyo on Sunday after reassuring South Korean officials that Washington is not making reckless concessions in nuclear talks with North Korea.

South Korea's full cooperation is important because it is the only country willing to pay the roughly \$ 4 billion it will cost to replace North Korea's old Soviet Union-era nuclear reactors with newer ones less adaptable to atomic bomb production.

U.S. Ambassador-at-Large Robert Gallucci and Assistant Secretary of State Winston Lord flew to Tokyo from Seoul, where they had tried to reassure South Korean leaders who had criticized a tentative agreement announced Saturday between the United States and North Korea on implementing a 1994 accord to dismantle the North's nuclear program.

South Korea believes the United States gave too much away in Saturday's deal. Details of the agreement have not been announced and it is unclear how much work still needs to be done on it.

The United States has said North Korea has diverted enough fissionable material from its nuclear power plants to build at least one nuclear weapon.

In Japan, Gallucci and Lord plan to meet Vice Foreign Minister Kunihiko Saito and other officials on Monday before departing for Washington the same day.

Japan is one of several countries supplying North Korea with fuel oil to make up for the energy lost when by the questionable power plants were shut off.



President Clinton exchanges a high-five with an unidentified graduate at the Air Force Academy. Clinton delivered the commencement address and congratulated each of the 987 graduates. (AP Photo)

# Sablan guilty of assault

By Ferdie de la Torre  
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"THEY find me as their sacrificial lamb...I am not guilty!"

This was the reaction of the visibly disappointed Congressman Benjamin A. Sablan shortly after the Superior Court handed the verdict Friday, finding him guilty to the charges for slapping a Filipino farmer.

Sablan said the government prosecuted him at the time when negative publicity about the labor situation in the CNMI has painted the Commonwealth a "bad picture" internationally.

"If this is the case...so be it. If I am the sacrificial lamb...so be it. All I can say is, I didn't slap anybody," the congressman told reporters outside the court.

During a two-day bench trial, Special Judge from Guam Benjamin Cruz found Sablan guilty to one count each of assault and battery, and disturbing the peace filed by the Assistant General's Office.

The AGO filed the charges against the Saipan lawmaker based on the complaints filed by Roberto Clemente.

Clemente, 32, lodged a labor complaint in the Department of Labor and Immigration against Sablan's elder brother George

## Solon sees himself as the 'sacrificial lamb'

who employed him as a farmer, on alleged non-payment of wages. George and Clemente were scheduled to appear on November 18, 1994 at the Labor Office to sign the settlement but the former could not make it because of a heart ailment.

Clemente said he was inside the office of Santos to attend the hearing on that day when Sablan arrived on behalf of George.

The farmer claimed Sablan yelled profanity at him and slapped him on the left jaw, causing him to fall down and feel dizzy.

Sablan, chairman of the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism deliberating on an omnibus labor reform bill, was among several witnesses summoned by the prosecution and defense during the trial in connection with the alleged assault case.

In reading the verdict, Cruz pointed out that based on the testimonies presented by the prosecution, there was circumstantial evidence to prove that Sablan was guilty to both charges.

The special judge cited the testimonies of Clemente, labor investigators Alfred Pangelinan and

Simon Santos Jr. which were supported with the medical findings by a Commonwealth Health Center doctor.

Pangelinan told the court he saw Sablan slapped Clemente on the left jaw with an open hand so he immediately grabbed the congressman to pacify him.

On the other hand, Santos testified he heard a sound that appears to be a slapping sound. When he turned around he saw the farmer on the floor covering his left jaw with both hands.

Cruz pointed out that the testimonies of the witnesses called in by the defense lawyer Patricia Halsell were persuasive considering they were not around when the assault occurred.

The defense witnesses include House Speaker Diego T. Benavente, Department of Public Safety Jose M. Castro, David Sablan, and Senior Labor Enforcement Officer William Anthony Jones.

Sablan said the case was presented in the court and the judge obviously saw something different based on the facts.

In this case, the lawmaker claimed he was only judged by one person (referring to Cruz) and he would just let the community judge him.

"I can still stand up straight. I can still walk around in the community and show my face," he said.

Non-resident workers particularly Filipinos need to be respected because of their contributions to the CNMI economy, he added.

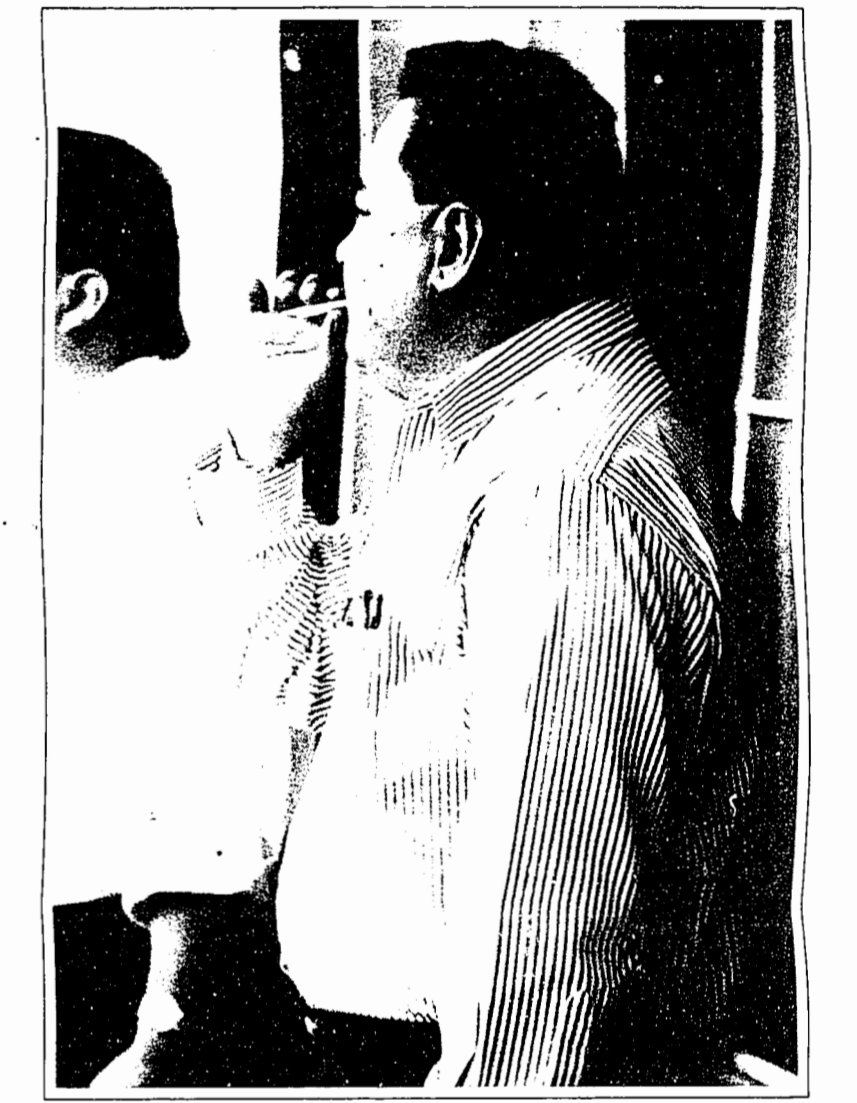
Cruz ordered a pre-sentencing investigation with the Probation

Office. The sentencing could be either in July or August.

Assault and battery, and disturbing the peace are both misdemeanor offenses. Under the CNMI law, a person found guilty to this offense may receive a maximum of not more than one year jail term, and \$1,000 fine.

For disturbing the peace, a person found guilty may receive a maximum of not more than six months imprisonment and \$500 fine.

Meanwhile, when asked to comment for winning the case, Assistant Attorney General Bruce Berline simply said: "It is a clear message to anybody that no matter who you are...you cannot break the law in the CNMI."



Rep. Benjamin Sablan smokes cigarette outside the court Friday after hearing the verdict finding him guilty to the charges for slapping a Filipino farmer.

# Man punches, robs lady in restaurant

A ROBBER punched a woman before taking her wallet containing money and checks at a Puerto Rico restaurant Thursday morning, the Department of Public Safety said.

Citing a police report, DPS Information Officer Cathy Sheu said the male suspect entered an establishment and ordered spicy food.

After ordering the food, the suspect suddenly punched a 40-year-old woman and grabbed her brown wallet containing \$100 cash, four personal checks and other items.

The robber managed to escape, the information officer told reporters during Friday's regular press briefing.

It was not indicated in the report whether the victim was an employee or a customer of the restaurant.

In other police report, an unknown responsible gained entry

at the Herman's Bakery located at the Airport Road Thursday morning and ran away the cash register and cigarettes.

In Dandan, a burglar broke inside an apartment and took \$550 cash, a passport and other documents belonging to a 27-year-old man.

In Garapan, an unknown person or persons entered an ice cream shop and got salt, can of spam, cigarettes and coins Thursday.

On the same day, an unidentified person broke into a residence by sliding the victim's door and grabbed \$700 travellers check, jewelry and other documents owned by a 54-year-old man in Sadog Tasi.

Meanwhile, a man sought police help after another man allegedly pointed gun at him then fired it at the car.

No arrest was made yet. (FDT)

# NMC sets workshops

THE Northern Marianas College Business Development Center is offering two consecutive evening workshops on June 14th & 15th for local small business owners and entrepreneurs at its Incubator facility located on the As Tenjaje campus, building T.

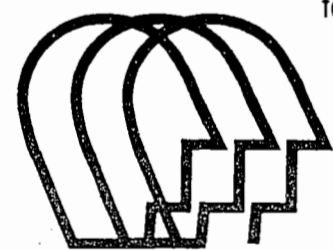
The workshops are FREE OF CHARGE and will address the following topics:

Wednesday, June 14th	6:00 pm-7:00 pm	Business Plan Preparation
	7:00 pm-8:00 pm	Personnel Management & Customer Service
Thursday, June 15th	6:00 pm-7:00 pm	Basic Accounting & Bookkeeping
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## Clinton backs engine sale to China

WASHINGTON—Two divergent priorities for the Clinton administration—promoting human rights abroad and boosting American exports—are crashing together in a controversial engine sale to China that has intelligence officials scratching their heads in disbelief. In this case, export dollars are apparently more important than human rights or arms proliferation concerns.

The case involves a Phoenix-based engine company, Garrett, which has been trying to sell the People's Republic of China dozens of its advanced turbofan engines since 1986. Officials at AlliedSignal, Garrett's parent company, say the engine technology is 24 years old and widely used in business aircraft around the world. Other companies also make similar engines, so the technology is hardly a state secret.

To a number of intelligence officials, however, the sale of these engines could enable the Chinese to upgrade its Silkworm missiles, which it has been selling without compunction to Middle Eastern countries like Iran and Syria.

The history of the sale is complex, and often classified, but we've put it together from sources and documents provided by congressional sources concerned about the sale.

Discussions between Garrett and the Chinese began in 1986, and a deal was concluded in 1987 to sell China an initial lot of 30 engines, to be used in a light military jet known as the K-8. In early 1989, the Department of Defense was informed of the initial sale, though at the time it slipped between the cracks. Despite the Bush administration's new restrictions on China after the Tiananmen Square massacre, which prevented the sale of military equipment, the deal continued to bump along. In May 1990, the Commerce Department granted the Chinese permission, in accordance with the original sale agreement, to export four K-8 trainers, with the U.S. engine inside, to Pakistan.

Eighteen months later, in November 1991, the Commerce Department gave Garrett permission to expand sales to China without additional export licensing. The Defense Department was not consulted.

All hell broke loose in July 1992, when, almost by chance, the Pentagon's top technology-proliferation experts read a classified cable between the U.S. Embassy in Beijing and State Department headquarters in Washington alerting them to the sale. The Pentagon demanded a series of closed-door meetings on the issue, and various agencies were asked to analyze the implications of the sale.

A month later, the CIA weighed in with the first classified report establishing that the Chinese could use the Garrett engines in a super-improved Silkworm missile. The report's implications were that the United States might be selling China technology that could seriously threaten the U.S. military from a third country.

The Defense Intelligence Agency weighed in with another classified report on Sept. 30 agreeing with the CIA that these engines could end up in the wrong hands. According to the documents, however, the sale progressed and four more engines were shipped to China in September and October of 1992.

Yet another classified study was completed Nov. 20, estimating the increased range and payload if the Silkworm was modified to suit an upgraded Garrett engine. Such an improved Silkworm, analysts warned, could have a minimum range of 332 nautical miles with a 1,000 pound payload, and a top range of 581 nautical miles with a one-pound payload. In other words, the Chinese could conceivably use the engines to develop a cruise missile capable of striking anywhere in Asia with a biological, chemical or nuclear payload.

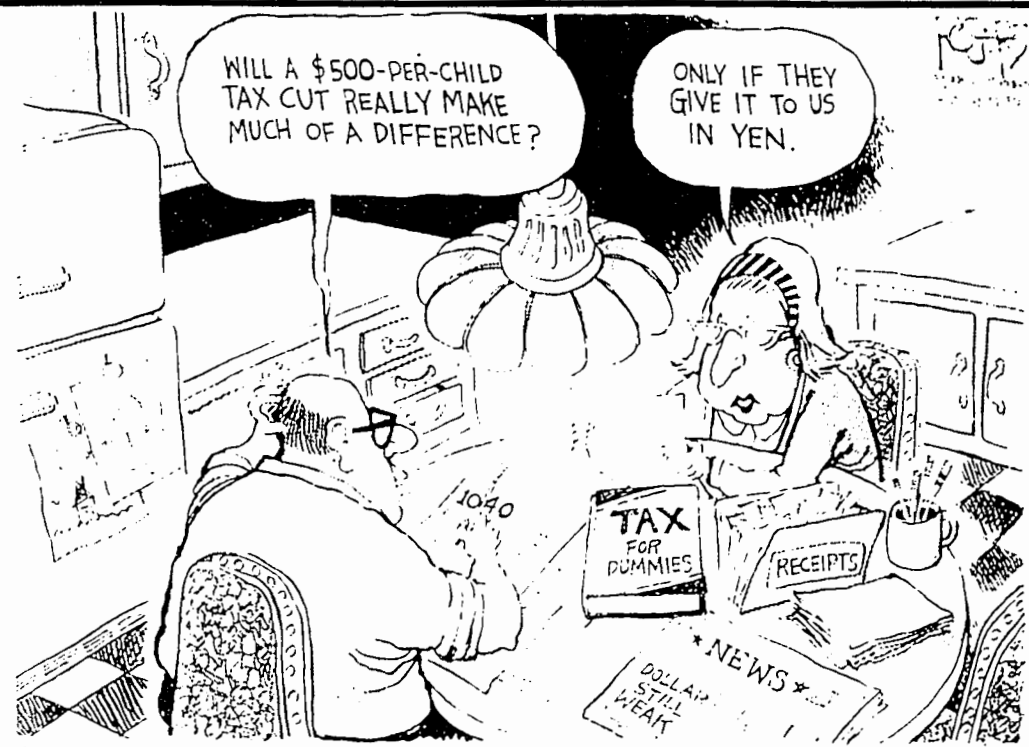
Other government agencies began to weigh in rapidly, again in confidential consultation. By the end of December 1992, the Bush administration had been warned against the sale by officials from the Air Force, Navy and Federal Aviation Administration. The backroom hand-wringing eventually scuttled a trade trip by then-Commerce Secretary Barbara Franklin, who wanted to promise the Chinese more Garrett engines as a parting present before the Clinton administration took office.

But the Clinton cabinet, led by Commerce Secretary Ron Brown, was eager to fulfill their president's desire to boost exports. AlliedSignal was looking at a half-billion dollar deal with the Chinese by late last year, which would have supported nearly 500 American jobs for up to 20 years.

Bowing to pressure from Commerce and AlliedSignal the Pentagon finally approved the sale—ignoring all previous warnings. The official tilt was identified in a confidential memo sent to the State Department on March 21 by Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Mitch Wallerstein stating that "Defense is prepared to agree with the AlliedSignal—and Commerce..."

Wallerstein even noted that the new justification for the sale would provide a basis for a Commerce classification which would allow sales of the engine to the PRC, including its military without prior U.S. government review and approval. "In a subsequent letter, the State Department happily endorsed the Pentagon's change of heart.

Thus, in the midst of Clinton's public concern about China's human rights record, a major military engine sale continues to gain momentum—one which many intelligence sources obviously believe will one day come back to haunt the United States.



## Family doubts RP maid's death in HK was suicide

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - The family of a Filipino maid who leaped to her death on May 25 from a building in Hong Kong wants the case investigated further, a newspaper reported Sunday.

The Philippine Daily Inquirer said relatives of Milagros Santos believe "something mysterious" was behind the suicide.

"She was forced to do it," the newspaper quoted Milagros' husband, Rodolfo, as saying.

Rodolfo said nobody even informed them of the tragedy, which they learned only from news reports. A Hong Kong news photographer took a picture of the maid moments before she leaped from the eighth

floor of an apartment building. The photo caption identified her as Milaflor Santos, and the picture was widely published in the Philippines.

Santos, 34, was buried Sunday in her hometown in Talavera, Nueva Ecija, 100 kilometers (62 miles) north of Manila. The body was autopsied by the National Bureau of Investigation Saturday but the result has yet to be released.

Rodolfo said he believes his wife was the victim of a foul play, noting that a day before her death she called his sister, Adela, in Canada and told her "between sobs" that somebody wanted to kill her.

The husband also said a co-

worker of his wife's suspected that her employer gave her a drug hours before she leaped to her death.

Santos arrived in Hong Kong in January 1994 to work as a maid in the apartment of Man Mei Yee.

But Hong Kong authorities arrested her on May 18 after finding that she was being made to work at the Chan Bo Lau Restaurant owned by her employer, in violation of employment regulations.

She was granted bail but was told to report for more interviews on June 1. News reports quoted her as saying before the suicide that she did not want to appear before authorities anymore.

## Christopher upbeat on ME peace

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG  
SHANNON, Ireland (AP) - Striking an uncharacteristically optimistic note, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said Wednesday he saw "real momentum" in the Middle East peace process.

Christopher gave the upbeat assessment during a flight to Israel and the start of a five-day visit to the region.

"They seem to be in a problem-solving mode," Christopher said of the Israelis, Palestinians and Syrians. At the same time he conceded "there are substantial gaps and it will take a lot of work to overcome them."

Nonetheless, he said it was a "moment of real momentum in the peace process."

This is Christopher's 13th trip to the Middle East in an effort to help resolve differences between Israel and its two principal negotiating adversaries, the Palestinians and Syria.

In addition, the secretary of state

said he hopes to arrange a meeting in Cairo on Friday between Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

"There have been some difficulties between Egypt and Israel and I think that the three-way meeting might ensure that the parties are working together on the peace process," he said.

Israelis have complained they have received few benefits from nearly 20 years of peace with Egypt, a period they often describe as a "cold peace."

Egypt led an unsuccessful move to block indefinite extension of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty unless Israel agreed to become a party and disclose its nuclear weapons program.

Despite the Egyptian campaign, the treaty won indefinite extension at an international conference at the United Nations in New York.

Christopher said he expects military officials from Syria and Israel to open

discussions in Washington by the end of June on security arrangements for an eventual Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights. But he said no date has been set for the start of those discussions.

He said he expects to meet Saturday with Syrian President Hafez Assad, but cautioned against expecting any dramatic results from his trip.

"I don't hold out any great expectations for the tangible results. I think the results will have to be assessed as the days and weeks go on ahead," he said.

As for the negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians, Christopher said that Rabin and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat are "getting to know each other better."

"A key factor," he said, "is that Prime Minister Rabin feels that Chairman Arafat is doing a much better job on the issue of terrorism."

# Japan Community School celebrates

JAPANESE Community School held its annual Athletic Day event two Sundays ago, June 4, 1995 at the Diamond Hotel field.

Students from kindergarten to 9th grade students participated in various sport competitions. Students and their families numbering about 150 spend fun day there.

Friendly competitions started with greeting from their school principal, Shinji Kikkawa, Japanese Consul, Hirozo Ushida, and Japanese society club representatives, Minoru Harada.

After the speech, 150 participants separated into two groups, red and white teams. Each team's leader said their pledges and following competition began.

•Jumping Jump competition

(from elementary school children to adults)

•Train Game (toddlers to kindergarten students)

•Egg Throwing Contest (all participants)

•Three Legged Race (elementary to junior high school students) in the morning.

After lunch break, they resumed the games as follows:

•Quiz (all participants)

•Walking Race (elementary to junior high school students)

•Run (toddler to kindergarten)

•Ball throwing contest (elementary student to adult)

•Tug of War (elementary to adults)

•Paper Mache Blindman's Bluff.



Students of the Japan Community School line up in preparation for one of the games played at Diamond Hotel.

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lems in the Commonwealth.

The agreement also stated that if one government felt that the other was not fulfilling its promise, or was not doing enough, there would be communication and dialogue so that steps would then be taken to resolve the matter.

"I have to say, and I apologize if I hurt somebody by saying it, but I have yet to hear from the Philippine government that CNMI is not living up to its promise," Borja said.

Borja pointed out that although they were greatly disappointed by the two visits to the Common-

wealth by Philippine officials to look into the labor situation, the last visit (Gancayco Commission) has given him hope.

He said he is now awaiting word from the Philippine Government about the need to talk to resolve matters pursuant to the agreement that both sides signed.

"When all is said and done, the people of the Philippines and CNMI will have every reason to continue our lasting and productive relationship," Borja said.

Meanwhile, Borja on behalf of Governor Tenorio and Mary Anne Borja (his wife) offered greetings and congratulations to the Filipinos for their 97th anniversary of Philippine Independence.



Brown Syndicate Band entertains guests and Filipino community with songs during yesterday's Pistang Pinoy event held at the Pacific Gardenia.

## Erratum...

We would like to acknowledge an error in last Wednesday's Variety issue (June 7th, page 3), as brought to our attention by Retirement Fund Trustee Mike White. A photo caption had Mr. White being wrongly referred to as chairman of the Retirement Fund Board of Trustees when Mr. Dino M. Jones is the chairman. We regret the error.



"Bayan Muna, Kagalingan at Lakas ng Demokrasya"

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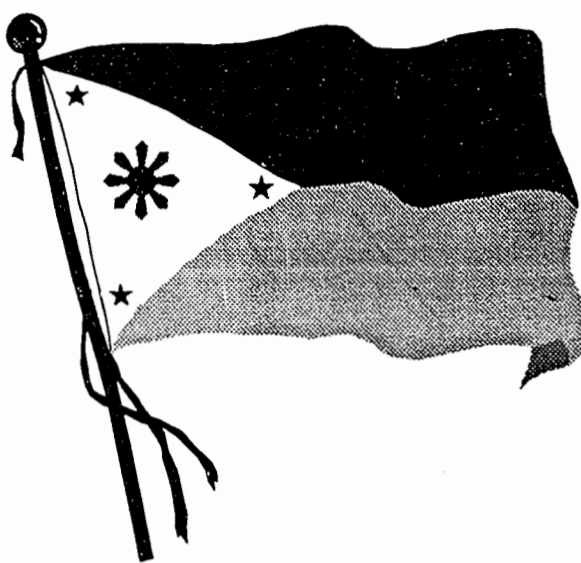
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From the Management & Staff of:



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was in eighth place behind Guerrero with 1,049 votes.

But in an interview earlier this month, Tenorio said he sees no need to rush the appointment of Guerrero into office.

"I know what the constitution says. It says I shall appoint him. In this particular case it does not say when I should appoint him. I mean I can take myself a year to make the appointment. But maybe I don't think it's urgent that a replacement be made. I think in honor of the late vice speaker, I don't think we should rush into replacing him I'm thinking more of the late vice than his replacement," said Tenorio.

In addition, he also said Guerrero should express his intention to serve as congressman.

"It is incumbent on his part to come and see me about it, to meet with us and tell us if he's inter-

ested. I want him to tell me face to face that he's interested," the governor stressed.

In an interview with the Variety Friday, Guerrero said he respects the governor's "no rush" statement about his nomination but said he does not believe he had to go and ask for the appointment.

"With all due respect, it is the governor's constitutional responsibility to fill in the vacancy. He owes it to the people," said Guerrero.

"I don't think I am required under the constitution to go to him and ask for the appointment," said Guerrero.

In an interview earlier this month, Guerrero had already indicated willingness to take up the remainder of the late vice speaker's term, which is about seven months.

The next congressional midterm elections is slated for November this year.

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governor to reconsider his plan.

"Many jobs currently filled by Filipinas are entry-level positions that locals do not care to apply for, such as waitresses, chambermaids and other jobs," said Grauers.

"This will mean that we will be forced to go to other countries for recruitment — in essence, simply trading Filipina workers for Thai or Chinese or other nationalities," said Grauers.

In addition, Grauers said the language skills of Asian workers that will have to be recruited will probably not include fluency in English, in stark contrast to Filipino workers most of whom already possess a good command of spoken and written English.

"We have spent a lot of time training our staff in the key Japanese and Korean phrases they need to cater to our guests. There will be a large communication gap whilst the new staff learn these languages," said Grauers.

According to Grauers, the cost of recruiting many new staff at one time will be an enormous financial burden.

"We fear that these costs will have to be passed on to guests, thereby reducing our competitiveness as a tourist destination," said Grauers.

In addition to a possible increase in room rates, the additional hiring costs may hike the cost of dining in hotel restaurants, making it virtually unaffordable for locals and unattractive for tourists.

If the current Filipina staff are not allowed to renew, Grauers said service standards in the tourism industry will definitely depreciate for several months because of a large number of replacement staff will need to be trained.

"While we may be able to find workers who have previous experience in other countries, it will take time for them to learn each hotel's internal standards and procedures," said Grauers.

As if to say HANMI's 15-member hotels are content with their current workforce, Grauers asked Tenorio not to push through with his plan.

"We in the hotel industry are very grateful to our Filipino staff members and the important role they have played in helping build the CNMI. We hope sincerely that an extended ban on their employment will not be necessary," Grauers told the governor.

Current figures indicate that out of some 2,300-strong hotel labor force, 75% are alien workers from overseas while the rest are local residents.

A big portion of the non-resident hotel workforce are Filipinos.

According to the hotel association president, in spite of the recent ban imposed by the Philippines, he does not see reciprocal action necessary.

"For the CNMI, very little will be gained from this ban, and a great deal of economic stability will be lost," said Grauers.

Other negative impacts cited by Grauers if the current female staff of hotels are not renewed and have to be replaced by staff or other nationalities, are:

- The small indigenous population simply does not allow for enough locals in the job market to fill all of the vacancies such a ban will cause;
- Potential investors will reconsider their investments when they see that the CNMI's labor situation is so unstable. If a supply of qualified labor cannot be guaranteed, and suddenly whole sections of the labor force are removed, Saipan will not be an attractive place for investment;
- More US mainland workers will be recruited to the island. Because they will be able to vote, the CNMI may see significant changes in future years, with the indigenous population losing the close control they now enjoy over governing these islands;
- Social problems will likely result as so many families, friends and co-workers will be suddenly uprooted and replaced by a large population of newcomers to the island.

**Taiwan's Lee ends milestone visit**

ITHACA, New York (AP) - Taiwan's president closed out his controversial visit to the United States at a relaxed pace Saturday, revisiting old haunts and rekindling friendships at Cornell University.

President Lee Teng-hui also took time out for politics. At a luncheon attended by former professors and classmates, Lee listened to videotaped messages of support from Republican presidential front-runner Bob Dole and 34 other members of Congress. Four congressmen greeted him in person.

He also attended a Cornell party at which he was presented a spoof award for being the alumnus who overcame the most obstacles to attend his college reunion. His plane departed from Syracuse shortly before midnight (0400 GMT) on its way back to Taiwan.

The four-day visit was private, but Taiwan sees it as a diplomatic breakthrough. The communist government in Beijing views Taiwan as a renegade province and has upbraided the Clinton administration for allowing Lee's visit. China has appeared concerned that the United States might be willing to accord Taiwan a bigger international role.

The United States restricted its ties with the Taipei government when it recognized Beijing in 1979. But, yielding to pressure last month from the Republican-controlled Congress, President Clinton allowed the visit, the first by a Taiwan leader.

Lee, 72, spent much of the last day of his visit reliving his student days at Cornell in the 1960s. "As I look back, even the arduous hours of burning the midnight oil have become sweet and refreshing," he said at the luncheon.

In the morning, the Ivy League school's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences presented him with a Distinguished Alumnus Award. In the afternoon, he took a stroll around Beebe Lake, where he often went in search of solitude and inspiration while working on his doctoral thesis in agricultural economics.

This time, however, hordes of Taiwanese reporters and camera crews were in pursuit, scrambling to record his every word and gesture. "We have people at several places around the lake," said reporter Vincent Chiou of Taiwanese Television.

Lee was to attend an alumni reunion gathering on Saturday night before flying home from Syracuse.

On Friday night, Lee got a telephone call from George Pataki, and invited the New York governor to visit him in Taipei, a Lee aide said.

Earlier Friday, Lee spoke to nearly 5,000 alumni at Cornell, calling for high-level talks, possibly even a face-to-face meeting with Chinese President Jiang Zemin. He urged China "to end ideological confrontation and to open up a new era of peaceful competition."

"We believe that mutual respect will gradually lead to the peaceful reunification of China under a system of democracy, freedom and equitable distribution of wealth," he said.

"Communism is dead or dying, and the peoples of many nations are anxious to try new methods of governing their societies," he said, adding that everyone yearns for "individual freedom, social justice and a sense of directly participating in the destiny of their nation."

Taiwan officially regards itself as a part of China, temporarily separated from it.

Lee is the first native-born president of Taiwan, which has long been ruled by emigres from mainland China. The Nationalist Party moved its government to Taiwan in 1949 after the communist takeover of the mainland.

**Doomsday cult linked to mail bomb attack**

TOKYO (AP) - The doomsday cult accused of terrorizing Tokyo also sent a mail bomb to a city official who intended to disband the group, a news report said Sunday.

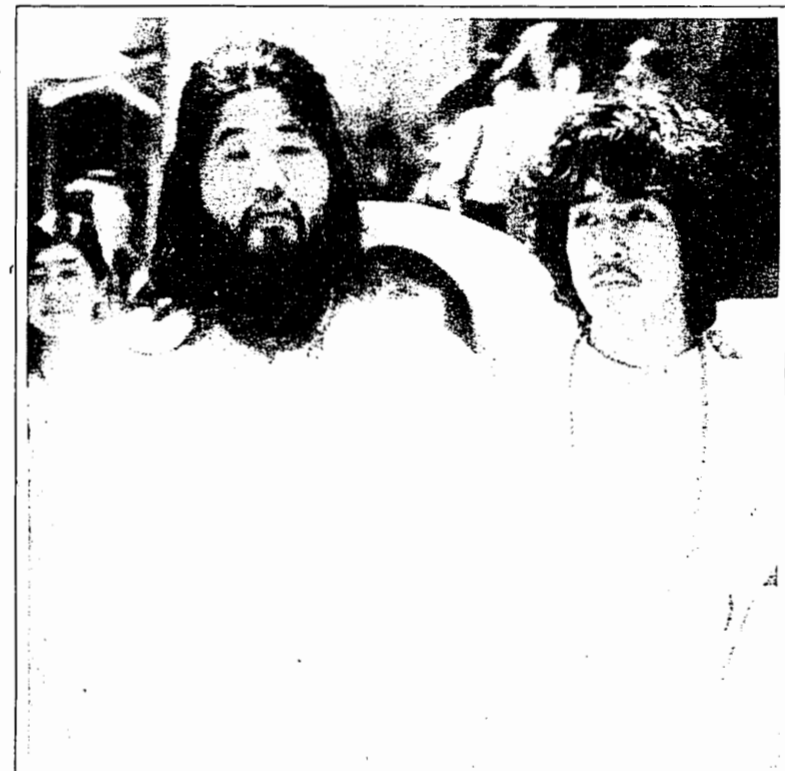
On May 16, the bomb was forwarded to his office concealed in a book. It exploded and blew off the left fingers of Aoshima's secretary, Masaaki Utsumi, when he opened it.

A senior member of the Aum Shinri Kyo cult has told police that its members manufactured and sent the bomb to the residence of Tokyo's governor, Yukio Aoshima, the newspaper Yomiuri reported.

Aum founder Shoko Asahara and 10 other cult leaders have been charged with murdering 11 of the 12 people who died after the lethal nerve gas sarin was released on Tokyo subways March 20, sickening more than 5,500 others. If convicted, they could face life in prison or hanging.

Aoshima, who had indicated he intended to ask a court to disband the cult, was newly elected and had not yet moved into the residence when the package arrived.

The Yomiuri report did not give the name of the cult member or the police officer who relayed the alleged confession.



Shoko Asahara the bearded semi-blind guru of the Aum Shinri Kyo sect, and his most loyal follower Yoshihro Inouye, right, are seen in this undated file photo. Closing a chapter on a national trauma, prosecutors last week charged the doomsday cult leader Asahara and half a dozen top lieutenants including Inouye with murder and attempted murder in the Tokyo subway attack in March. (AP Photo)

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# Vanuatu chief justice in hot water

An Australian judge in Vanuatu is accusing the country's chief justice of not acting impartially, RNZI reported Friday. Justice Robert Kent, who has resigned his post in protest, says the chief justice, Charles Vaudin d'Imecourt, once appeared in a northern region court on behalf of three men charged with burglary and won the case.

He says it's improper in any circumstance for a member of the judiciary to act on behalf of a party to litigation. Justice Kent says such conduct raises serious concerns about the independence of the judiciary.


Justice Kent says he raised his concerns with the chief justice and the Ministry of Justice in writing at the time, but neither has responded. Senior legal sources in Port Vila told Pacnews that any magistrate would feel intimidated to see the chief justice, who is also appeal court judge, appearing as defence council for the accused before him. They say in the case quoted by Justice Kent, justice was not only NOT done, but was seen to be NOT done.

They pointed out that it is against Vanuatu's laws for any member of the judiciary to practice as a lawyer even after retirement, alone when in office. The legal sources also revealed that the chief justice had been writing speeches for senior government politicians.

Last year, the opposition also accused the chief justice of bias. It happened when Vaudin d'Imecourt went on government-controlled Radio Vanuatu and accused the opposition of being "stupid" and "rubbish" because they boycotted the election of the president of the country.

The opposition demanded an apology and the chief justice was forced to apologize, again on Radio Vanuatu.....Pacnews

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# Niue's premier bids to salvage tourism

NIUE's premier, Frank Lui, is reportedly holding talks with Air New Zealand and Royal Tongan Airlines this week, in a bid to salvage the island's tourist industry, RNZI reported Friday.

This comes amid reports that the only carrier flying between Auckland and Niue, Air Nauru, will stop its weekly service from August, although Lui says nothing has been officially decided. The Niue opposition Peoples Party deputy leader, Sani Lakatani, says the government should have realized the service was going to be cancelled and done something about it....Pacnews

# Bosnian official fights media war

By LOUIS MEIKLER  
UNITED NATIONS (AP) - Bosnia's new foreign minister rushed past the Security Council chamber, gladhanded two ambassadors and headed for a TV interview, trailed by a reporter from *People* magazine.

Muhamed Sacirbey spent one of the first mornings on his new job doing what many say he did best as Bosnia's U.N. ambassador - making sure the views of his embattled government are heard.

As foreign minister, Sacirbey will be returning to Bosnia, the land he left when he was about 7 years old. But he plans to spend much of his time at the United Nations and in Western capitals, using his savvy and aggressiveness to push the cause of Bosnia's Muslim-led government.

His tough stance, straight-shooting attitude and unaccented American English - Sacirbey is a U.S. citizen and spent much of his childhood in Ohio - have made him popular in Washington and among many diplomats.

"Mo Sacirbey is as effective a spokesman and diplomat for his country as exists in the United Nations," said James P. Rubin, a spokesman for U.S. Ambassador Madeleine Albright.

"He knows how to frame an issue so that countries understand the plight of his people and he knows how to work the Security Council to obtain support for his people."

But Sacirbey's aggressiveness leaves some European diplomats cold, while others wonder whether Bosnians will warm to a man who spent most of his life overseas.

Many European diplomats bristle at his constant attempts to push them toward action in helping the Bosnian government in its war with ethnic Serb separatists. Some at the United Nations deride his flurries of press statements as "Sac-attacks."

"Some people think I'm a little too rough on Europe," Sacirbey said, without being asked. "But I don't like to be trampled on... We don't wish to be passive lapdogs. But sometimes I feel that's what is expected of us."

Sacirbey could hardly be accused of being passive.

In his three years at the United Nations, he became known for his ceaseless letters, statements to the press and interviews demanding help for the besieged Bosnian government.

In just two hours one recent morning after being appointed foreign minister, Sacirbey gave about a dozen interviews to the press before heading off to the United Nations where he was greeted with backslapping and congratulations from ambassadors.

"Because your house is burning, everyone seems to know you," said Sacirbey, who was named to replace Irfan Ljubijankic after he died when rebel Serbs shot down his helicopter.

In his folksy style, Sacirbey compared Bosnian Serbs to poker players with a weak hand.

"They are trying to bluff the West out of the game," he said, urging the United Nations to stand

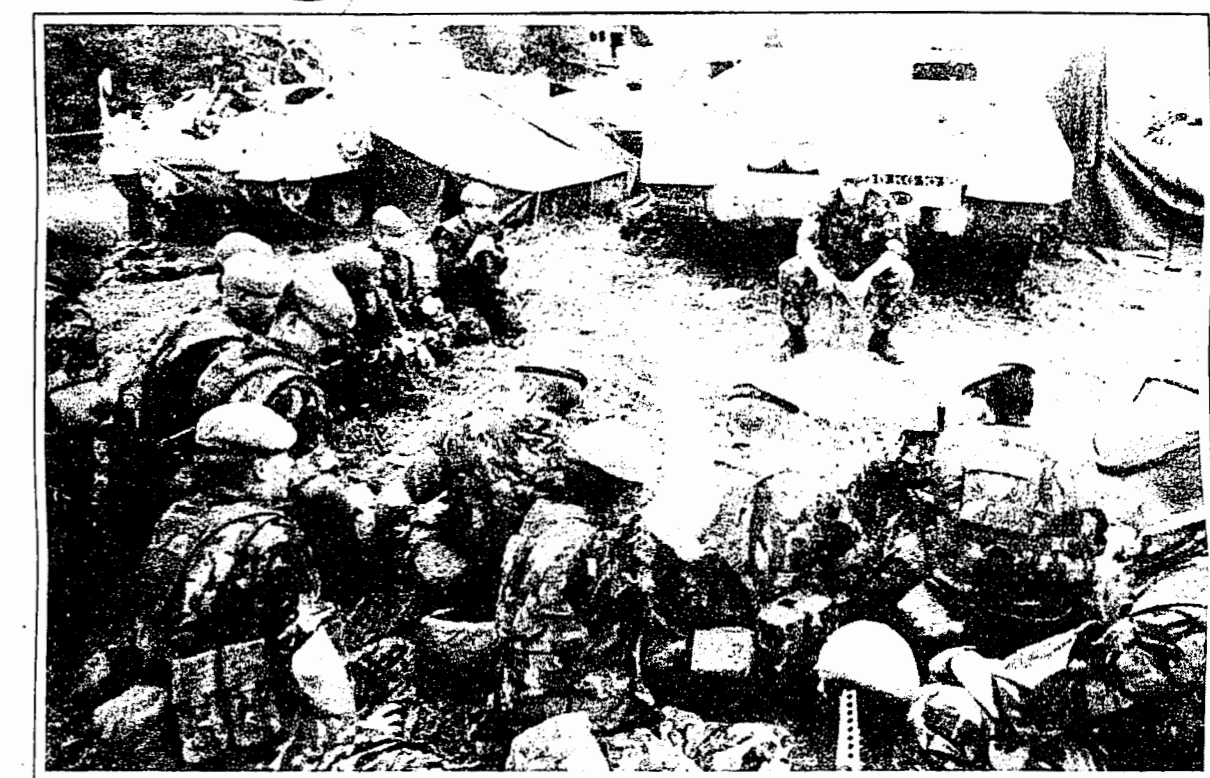
tough against Serb demands.

His family has long been active in Bosnian politics. After the former Yugoslav republic declared its independence in 1992, Sacirbey was the first ambassador appointed, even before emissaries to London or Washington. He now heads a foreign ministry with 30 missions.

Sacirbey, 38, is one step removed from the fighting in his homeland, a position that he concedes will be a weakness when he returns to Sarajevo in the coming weeks with his wife, Susan.

"I'll have a real disadvantage, of course, because I don't know the situation in Sarajevo that well," he said, sitting behind a large wooden desk.

On one corner of the desk is the scorched tailfin of a 120-mm mortar shell that Sacirbey said tore off the legs of a woman walking near him when he was in Sarajevo in April.



British U.N. Soldiers are briefed at the British U.N. base in Vitez, some 31 miles northwest of Sarajevo. The soldiers from the Devon and Dorset Regiment moved up to Vitez shortly after NATO air-strikes on a Bosnian Serb depot in Pale last month. (AP Photo)

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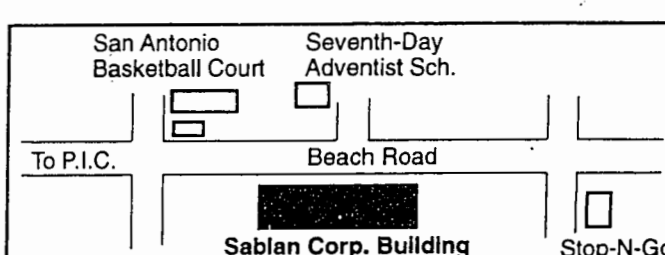
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# Keating not keen on presidency

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) - Prime Minister Paul Keating wants an Australian president to replace Queen Elizabeth II but he doesn't want the job.

"I would never nominate for it, not ever," he told the Australian Broadcasting Corp Thursday.

Keating has announced a detailed blueprint for the declaration of an Australian republic by

2001.

The British monarch would be replaced by a president who would assume her mostly symbolic role.

Keating said that under his plan, the position of prime minister, as the executive leader of the Government, will remain Australia's most powerful political job.

The proposal also states that politicians must leave office at

least five years before they can nominate for the presidency. Whoever gets the position will be chosen by Parliament rather than by voters.

Before he detailed his proposal

## PNG launches program to privatize gov't assets

THE Papua New Guinea government has announced a massive privatization program for its state

assets, including its national airline and postal service, RNZI reported Friday.

The transport minister, Andrew Baing, says they will be transferred to private ownership or their management contracted out by the end of 1995.

On Wednesday night, opponents had suggested that Keating might have been planning to become the president himself.

"This is not about me," he said. "This is about Australia be-

able to adequately represent the country we've become, the people we are and the clear notion that the head of state can only represent Australia well when that person is one of us."

Baing says the main motive for privatization is that more efficiency must be introduced into public enterprises.

Institutions to be privatized include Air Niugini, the Post and Telecommunication Corporation, the Papua New Guinea Harbors Board, the Papua New Guinea Electricity Commission and government-owned Kalang Radio.

Baing says the government has ordered the statutory bodies to furnish asset listings by the end of August so as to follow an assessment of potential value.

The prime minister, Sir Julius Chan, says the privatization of government assets will provide excellent opportunities for foreign investors...Pacnews

## Marshalls to build hotel in one-year

THE Marshall Islands has launched the construction of its largest hotel venture to provide adequate accommodation for the South Pacific Forum summit meeting in Majuro next year, RNZI reported Friday.

Government officials say construction has started although the contract for the project is still under negotiation.

A local construction company, Pacific International

Incorporated, and its joint venture partner, McConnell Dowell of New Zealand, have started landfill work in the Majuro lagoon.

The 10-million US dollar complex will be paid for by the Marshalls government and is to be built in just one year for the 1996 Forum meeting.

The 150-room hotel will more than double the city's hotel capacity and will allow Majuro to cope with the expected 400 delegates...Pacnews

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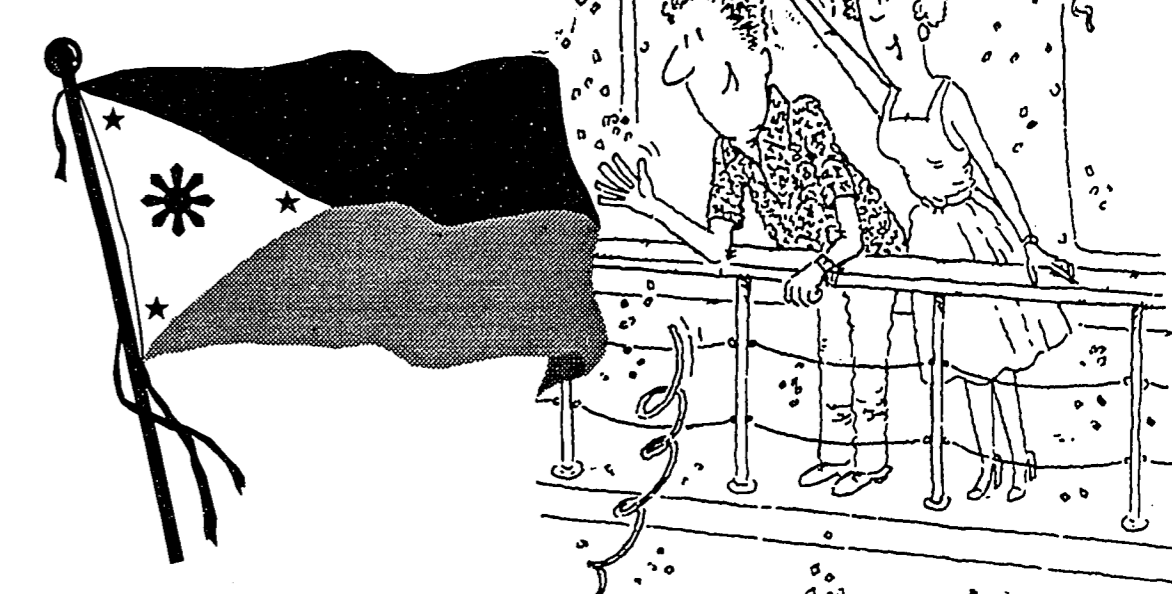
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## Dead babies' parents doubt explanations

By **SUSANA HAYWARD**  
DURANGO, Mexico (AP) - Gregorio Mendoza's baby boy lies beneath a fresh mound of earth and a plain wooden cross. No name. He died before he got one.

The Mendoza death and a rash of others like it, including some in which bodies suffered unexplained incisions, have raised suspicions of organ trafficking or other illegal activity at Durango's General Hospital. TV stations have broadcast exposes, while grieving parents stage noisy demonstrations.

At least 61 infants have died in the hospital since March. Some parents now refuse to go there. At rallies outside the state Public Health Ministry building, mothers from poor neighborhoods chant "punish the killers."

Many wonder if poor sanitary conditions in the salmon-colored, six-story hospital are allowing deadly bacteria or viruses to flourish. A special investigation was launched, and authorities said nothing sinister has been uncovered.

Mendoza, a 55-year-old unskilled laborer, said in an interview that the baby was dropped off in a blood-soaked sheet by a hospital worker who told him to bury it quickly.

"My baby was born healthy. He weighed 4 kilos (8.8 pounds)," he said. "But they never let me see him after he was born. My wife was not allowed to breastfeed. They said he was in delicate health but they never said he was serious."

For eight days, the couple tried to see him. Then he died.

Mendoza didn't want his wife to see the baby wrapped in the bloody sheet, so he arranged for some women from the neighborhood to clean him up. They discovered a deep four-inch incision across the back of his neck from ear to ear, a vertical and a horizontal cut across his abdomen and a 5-inch cut along his back.

Mendoza said neither he nor his wife were ever told the child needed surgery. Doctors who witnessed the tape said the incisions were different from those done in any autopsy.

The family called Channel 10, a local television station. It filmed the body, along with interviews with

Mendoza and the women. It then broadcast an expose suggesting wrongdoing at the hospital. A similar report was carried by a national TV network last week.

Mendoza wants the child exhumed, but has made no official request yet. He sits at home, inconsolable, belting down tequila in his hot, blue room. Most of the time when people knock at his door, he doesn't answer. He waits in silence for them to go away.

His wife has left to stay with her family, perhaps for good.

The case has created a storm of rumors, including one that baby's bodies were being dug up and carried off to hide evidence. The city assigned workers to the Mendoza grave to keep it from being disturbed until Mendoza decides whether to seek a court exhumation order.

Authorities have been quick to dismiss the television reports as sensationalism.

"We don't have the least evidence there is something similar to organ trafficking," Dr. Jose Narro Robles declared at a news conference. Mexico's undersecretary of health, he led an initial 10-day investigation into the deaths. A final case-by-case study will be finished at the end of June, he said.

Narro ruled out a virus or bacteria epidemic, although government investigators said they found some bacteria in the hospital.

He said most babies died because they were premature and because the women lacked pre-natal care.

Hospital records for the last three years were taken away by investigators, according to Marisa Rosio Maldonado, a nurse who has been denouncing conditions at the hospital for years. However, a report she prepared for a state legislator showed half of the 34 babies who died between March 30 and May 5 were premature by one month or less. Another 17 infant deaths occurred from May 5 to May 25, but no specifics about them were available. The government said it is investigating a total of 61 deaths.

The nurse's report, given to The Associated Press, was prepared for Dr. Guillermo Munoz Martinez, a physician and state legislator who leads the health commission in Durango state's congress.

"It got to where all of us nurses started getting suspicious," Mrs. Maldonado said in an interview. "These babies died after the doctors said they could go home the next day."

Munoz Martinez said the report showed one in three babies born at the hospital had died during the period in question - an extraordinarily high rate.

"They say there is bacteria in the hospital but they insist that the deaths of children is natural," he said. "When I learned of the 17 babies who died in the first weeks of May, I got chills. This is worthy of a horror movie."

Munoz Martinez said there was no reason for the Mendoza baby to be cut open "unless something was removed." He is not alleging any specific wrongdoing, but contends that the government investigation has not been thorough.

The state-funded hospital, with 120 beds, is the only recourse for the poor who lack insurance.

The building lacks air conditioning or ventilation, doctors and nurses said. Roaches and rats roam, including around the incubators of premature newborns.

Aging medical equipment is held together with tape. There is no incinerator to get rid of body parts, which are instead tossed into a garbage can.

Poverty is the common denominator of the parents whose newborns died. At least six women whose babies died complained they were first told the babies were healthy. Then, within hours or days, the infants died. The mothers were never allowed to be with the children.

## Barrels yield abducted couple's bodies

HOMESTEAD, Florida (AP) - Investigators following the stench of rotting flesh Saturday found the bodies of a wealthy Hungar-

ian and his girlfriend stuffed in 55-gallon drums in an irrigation ditch.

Detectives had been searching for the couple since Daniel Lugo, a personal trainer, confessed Thursday to taking part in their kidnapping, bludgeoning slaying and chain-saw dismemberment, police said.

Frank Griga, 32, and Krisztina

Furton, 23, were last seen May 24 with Lugo and two other men. Police said the motive in the slayings was greed but did not elaborate.

No charges have yet been filed.

John Ditmars, a spokesman for Metro-Dade police, said he didn't know if the bodies had been dismembered. The drums were found near Homestead, about 65

kilometers (40 miles) southwest of Miami.

Lugo, extradited from the Bahamas, and the two other men were charged Thursday in the kidnapping and attempted murder of an Argentine man held in a warehouse for a month, forced to sign over his assets, forcibly intoxicated and left to die in a staged fiery auto accident. The man survived.

## Man accused of hiring man to kill his family

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - A 19-year-old man with money troubles tried to use his wedding ring as a down payment to hire a hit man to kill his pregnant wife and their 8-month-old son, authorities said.

Travis L. Moscrip promised to deliver the rest of the \$2,000 fee when he got the payoff from his son's life insurance policy, authorities said.

The hit man was an undercover Marion County sheriff's deputy. Moscrip had told a friend he was looking for a hit man; the friend called police, authorities said.

Moscrip was charged with two counts of conspiracy to commit murder. He was being held Saturday in lieu of \$50,000 bail; a trial was set for Aug. 21.

Chief Deputy Mike Hoaks said investigators do not know why Moscrip wanted someone to kill his child and wife, who is five months pregnant.

Moscrip told the undercover deputy Wednesday that he was broke and "peeled off his wedding ring" to seal the deal, Hoak said. Moscrip was immediately arrested.

If convicted, he could get up to 50 years in prison on each count.

## Flood victims clean up as waters recede

MEDICINE HAT, Alberta (AP) - As flood waters subsided, residents of this river town spent Saturday cleaning silt and sewage from their backyards and basements.

More than 3,000 people had evacuated their homes before the river crested at 9.8 metres (32 feet) above normal on Friday night.

Torrential rains and melting snow in the Rocky Mountains early last week swelled rivers across southern Alberta. Provincial environment officials said it was the worst flooding in 100 years.

Sewage treatment plants in Medicine Hat and Lethbridge were flooded, forcing raw sewage into the river.

The water caused millions of dollars in property damage, and in Medicine Hat, more than 1,300 homes were flooded.

"Medicine Hat is still in its recovery stage but the cleanup stage is under way everywhere else," said George Hennecke, a spokesman for the provincial agency co-ordinating emergency services.

The Saskatchewan provincial government has said it will compensate flood victims.

## Polynesian Airlines to get \$5M in gov't subsidy

FIGURES in the latest Western Samoa budget show that the national carrier Polynesian Airlines, is to receive 5-million US dollars in the 1995/96 financial year, RNZI reported Friday.

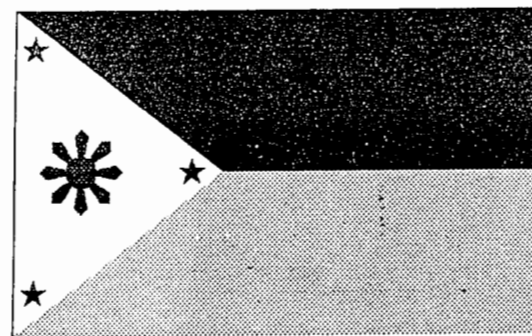
In the budget, which was handed down by the finance minister, Tuilaepa Sailele, the money is said to be used for efficient management but critics are reported to object to continuing subsidies to the airline.

The allocation to the carrier has been cut by nearly a quarter but apart from departmental budgets the sum is still the largest given to any organization. It amounts to more than six per cent of the country's total budget.

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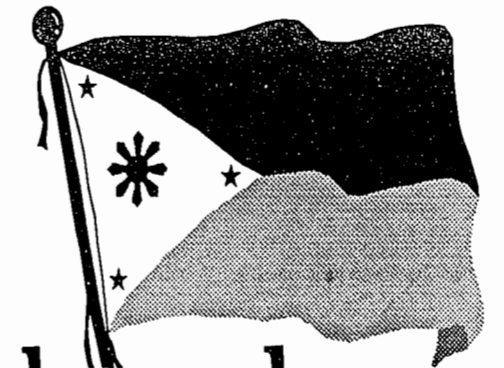
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# Showbiz agency 'war' gets hotter

By JOHN HORN  
BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) - The polished marble facade of the mighty Creative Artists Agency is as shiny as ever. But the near-departure of CAA chairman Michael Ovitz for MCA Inc. may have put hairline cracks in the foundation.

After nearly two weeks of negotiating, Ovitz and new MCA owner Seagram Co. were unable to come to terms on a lucrative package that would have brought the talent broker and several top lieutenants over to run the entertainment conglomerate.

MCA sources said Ovitz didn't like the financial terms - close to \$250 million - while CAA insiders said Ovitz and his CAA co-founders ultimately felt more loyal to the agency and its clients, which include Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg.

Whatever the real reason, Ovitz's serious contemplation of the MCA offer proved that the 48-year-old agent, considered one of Hollywood's most powerful players, is restless and his days at CAA's helm could be numbered. His near exit will likely make CAA's star clients nervous because the agency's management is now unstable by default.

"I think they're going to have a lot of work to do," said one senior studio executive. Added a rival agent: "How does Ovitz ever get to say, 'I'm never leaving' anymore? Some people are going to be (angry) over it. There's bound to be fall out."

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MCA's future, meanwhile, is bright but unclear. No single name has emerged on the shortlist behind Ovitz. Bronfman, whose Seagram took control of MCA Monday for \$5.7 billion, has spoken highly of Terry Semel, Warner Bros. chairman and co-chief executive officer. Semel issued a statement, however, saying he was under contract "and is looking forward to enjoying yet another record-breaking year with the company."


Whoever is named to replace MCA President Sid Sheinberg and Chairman Lew Wasserman will inherit a fairly healthy entertainment conglomerate.

Detailed MCA earnings released this week showed the company's music and theme park units are generating strong cash flow, but the Universal Pictures movie division's profit margins are lagging. Universal's "Casper" has performed strongly in its first two weeks, and June 30's "Apollo 13" with Hanks is expected to be popular, too.

But the July 28 release "Waterworld" has been criticized in a flurry of news stories for its record budget, reportedly \$175 million. Some have predicted that the film cannot possibly make money.

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# China puts lid on vegetable prices

BEIJING (AP) - A top Chinese official said excessive increases in food prices have affected people's living standards and could lead to social instability, the official Xinhua news agency reported Sunday.

Vice-premier Li Lanqing ordered urban mayors on Saturday to dampen rises in vegetable and other non-staple food prices, Xinhua said.

China's government last year imposed price controls on grain, pork, edible oils and other basic foodstuffs. It has also been trying to hold down the cost of certain non-staple items, often referred to as a "vegetable basket" of goods.

The government wants to hold inflation to 15 percent this year. Although it showed signs of easing in the first quarter, March's inflation was 21.3 percent higher than a year earlier.

Li said mayors should set aside funds to ensure low prices, draft plans to keep supply abreast of demand and monitor market prices.

# Economists say China must trim trade surplus

BEIJING (AP) - China's trade surplus could begin to affect exports if it is not trimmed, the official English-language China Daily reported Sunday.

Boosted by a 53-percent burst in exports, China rang up a \$8.8 billion surplus in the first four months of the year, causing foreign exchange reserves to swell to \$60 billion, the newspaper said.

Qiu Xichun, a senior government researcher, said relaxation of import controls last year should begin to pare the surplus.

Another economist the newspaper did not name said the surplus and reserves were lifting the value of the yuan, which if not halted, could raise the price of exports, making them less attractive.

"China will not seek a one-way trade surplus," Qiu said. "We advocate a virtual balance between exports and imports."

# Prisoners write gov't asking for amnesty

A GROUP of prisoners in Papua New Guinea has written to the government demanding an immediate amnesty for all criminals, media reports said Friday.

In a petition to prime minister, Sir Julius Chan, 35 inmates from Buimo Jail in Lae have given the government 14 days to meet their request. They say if their demand is not met, they will pursue other options.

The letter was inspired by the government's controversial decision last month to pardon all who committed crimes during the six-year secessionist war on the island of Bougainville.

The government and the Bougainville transitional government have yet to agree to the details of the amnesty...Pacnews

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# Mexican governor takes the jump

By EDDIE PELLAS ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico (AP) - If anyone ever tells Gov. Gary Johnson to go take a flying leap, he can say, "Been there, done that." The 42-year-old Republican kicked off a national hang-gliding competition Saturday by soaring from 3,172-meter (10,400-foot) Sandia Peak,

which looms above Albuquerque. Johnson's 15-minute, 1,220-meter (4,000-foot) descent through clear skies ended with the governor and his tandem pilot landing on their feet in a field at the edge of town. Tough? Naw. "The morning I announced I was going to run for gover-

nor, I couldn't walk. I was so drained emotionally and physically," said Johnson, elected in 1994. "Compared to that, this is a piece of cake." Johnson, known for his 5 a.m. workouts, is a triathlete and mountain climber and flies his own airplane. This, however, was his first time hang gliding.

How was it? "Great, unbelievable, fabulous," he said. "Everyone should try this." But Tourism Secretary John Garcia was concerned about his ambitious outdoor agenda, which has included

climbing Alaska's Mount McKinley and parachuting. "We never know what he's going to try next," Garcia said. "Last time, it was a helicopter flight. The pilot let him take the controls and half the staff was up there with him throwing up."

## Movie Review Unknown creature in 'Congo'

By DOLORES BARCLAY NEW YORK (AP) - The greedy head of the communications conglomerate TraviCom has decided to mine rare, blue flawless industrial diamonds in the remote Virunga Volcano region of Zaire-Rwanda-Uganda. He sends in a team to locate the diamonds, which would be used to create a tool that would allow the corporation to dominate not only communications but weaponry.

But the field expedition including the CEO's son - is wiped out by an unknown creature, seen only in flashes on a satellite message. That's the set-up for "Congo," based on the Michael Crichton thriller, but any thrills quickly dissolve to silliness in this Frank Marshall film, written by Academy Award-winner John Patrick Shanley ("Moonstruck").

The project's supervisor, Karen Ross (Laura Linney), is ordered in to investigate. She piggybacks a ride with primatologist Peter Elliot (Dylan Walsh), who is going to the volcano area to return his experimental gorilla army to her home. Army, who has learned sign language, is able to wear a computerized glove that allows an electronic voice to "speak" for her. Meanwhile, a hustler named Herkemer Homolka (Tim Curry) latches onto the expedition. His goal: to find the lost city of Zinj and claim its treasures.

Once in Africa, the group gets picked up by guide Monroe Kelly (Ernie Hudson), who seems to have some sort of CIA or mercenary training.

After dodging rebels' bullets and watching as the plane of another TraviCom expedition is shot down, they escape, finally stumble upon the

lost city and discover what killed the other expedition. "Congo" is about as stereotypically Hollywood as you can get, right down to the fake gorilla and the truly awful Eastern European accent used by Curry. There's also a dumb and gratuitous racial reference uttered by Hudson: "I'm your great white hunter though I happen to be black." Duh.

The movie even comes equipped with a "himbo" - the Peter Elliot character, who really gets the idiot prize. This guy stumbles through the bush like he's strolling around in the mall. When unknown creatures slaughter members of the expedition one by one and Ross hands Elliot (who also can't fight) a gun, he refuses to take it and says, "I don't believe in guns."

If "Congo" has any redeeming values, its the breathtaking scenery and the strength of the female lead, who emerges as the hero of the movie without the usual emotional breakdown or relying on the "strong" males who surround her. Ross is a survivor, resourceful and clear-headed.

Joe Don Baker co-stars as R.B. Travis, the evil CEO who would rather lose his son than a flawless diamond. Grant Heslov appears as Elliot's hyper partner Richard. Allen Daviau is to be commended for his photography. "Congo" was shot on locations in and around Los Angeles, including Hidden Creek Ranch in Simi Valley, as well as the lush rainforest of Costa Rica.

The Paramount Pictures release was produced by Kathleen Kennedy and Sam Mercer, with Frank Yablans as executive producer. "Congo" has a running time of 109 minutes.

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3 TRAVEL COUNSELORS - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$650-\$1,000 per month. Contact: WORLD WIDE CORPORATION dba World Tour and Travel, PPP 305, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 233-3600(6/26)/2952.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
**CIVIL ACTION NO. 95-745**  
PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL MARIANAS, INC., dba MIDWAY MOTORS, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
SUSAN M. LUKAS, Defendant.  
**SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file an answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to White, Pierce, Mailman, the Plaintiff's Attorneys, whose address is P.O. Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.  
Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
By order of the above court:  
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court  
Dated, this 6th day of June, 1995

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
**CIVIL ACTION NO. 95-485**  
IN RE THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR ANTHONY S. REYES, minor child,  
By: Manuela S. Reyes  
Petitioner  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
You are hereby notified that the above entitled matter has been set for hearing on the 22nd day of June, 1995, at the Superior Court in Tinian.  
Any person who may have any interest on the above-entitled matter may appear on the date and time set forth above.  
DATED THIS 5th day of June, 1995  
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
IN THE MATTER OF NO NAME, MINOR,  
BY TAE SOOK SHIN AND JIN SUK SON, Guardians/Petitioners  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
On the reading and filing of the verified petition of Petitioner "No Name", to Richard Hyungik Son, and good cause appearing therefore.  
It is hereby ordered:  
1. All persons who may be affected or prejudiced by the change of name appear in June on 29, 1995 at 1:30 p.m., to show cause, if any, why the petition for the change of name of the minor child should not be granted; and  
2. A copy of this order be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Saipan, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands for 3 successive weeks preceding the date set for the hearing.  
Dated this 7th day of June, 1995.  
/s/ Judge of the Above-Entitled Case

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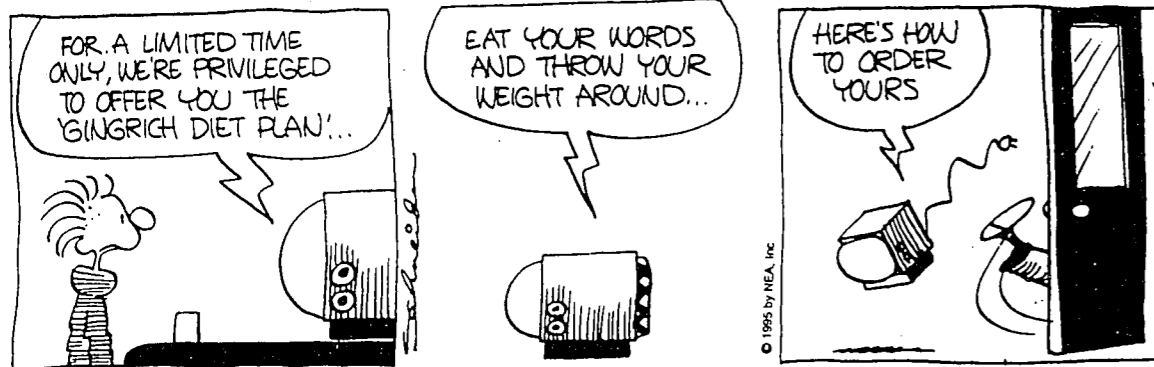
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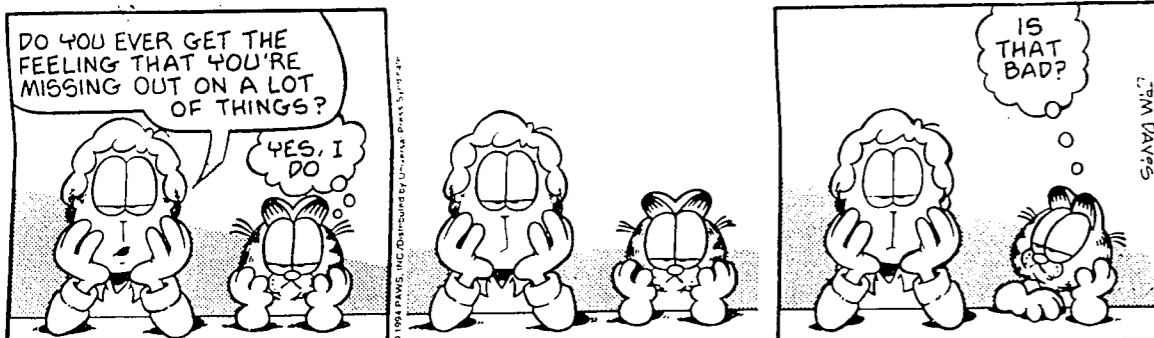
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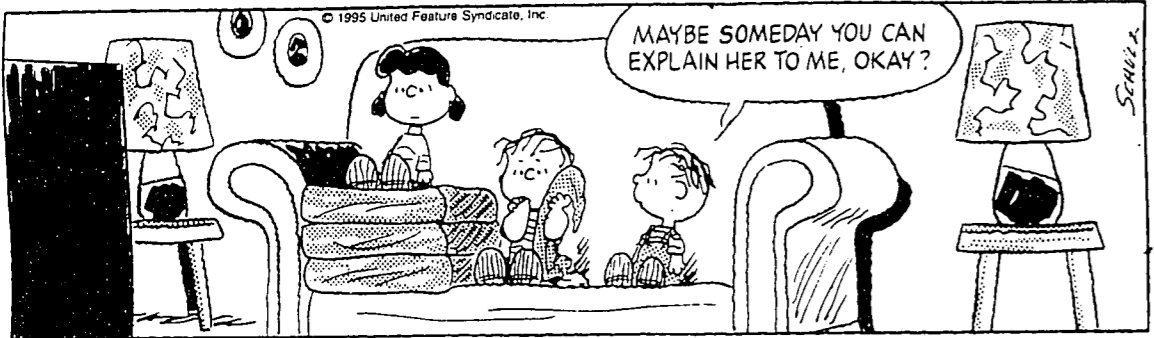
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STELLA WILDER YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

Born today, you are a very innovative individual. Your creative experimentation goes beyond just your work and includes your personal life.

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To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be

your daily guide.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13 - CANCECER (June 21-July 22) - It isn't what you will do at the end, when the chips are down, it's what you do today, at the very beginning, that will make all the difference.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Travel may take you further from home and further from your charted course than you had anticipated today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - There are certain times when you cannot remain neutral any longer, and today you will discover that, at long last, you must take sides.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - You can transform the routine into the new and extraordinary today simply by engaging your imagination and trusting yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - No matter how far-fetched your ideas may seem today, you should find acceptance and support if you take yourself and your project seriously at all times.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Your responses to some difficulties today will be telling. Try not to let others determine your

reactions. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - This will be a good day to show off just a little, letting others determine just how much star potential you really have.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Take care not to undermine your own efforts today, even unintentionally. Keep your motives and methods in sync.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) - Trust yourself to know the difference today between that which is good for you, and that which can prove ultimately disastrous.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Making the right decision today may be more difficult than you expected, though the price for making the wrong one may be quite low.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Giving up isn't in the cards for you, so prepare to keep up the good work, no matter how hard it may seem at the time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - A minor misunderstanding could reflect poorly on you today, but you can make amends quickly if you admit your own errors.

Among all the states, New Hampshire imposes the lowest tax on its residents, charging \$770 per capita. Alaska is highest, at \$2,730.

Clothes dryer lint filters that have not been cleaned are a common cause of household fires.

A new comic collection by John Kerschbaum, "If New York City Was the World," (Citadel, \$8.95) makes some clever observations about the Big Apple.

Aluminum is the second most abundant metallic element in the earth's crust.

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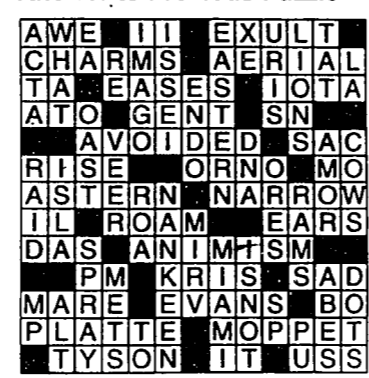
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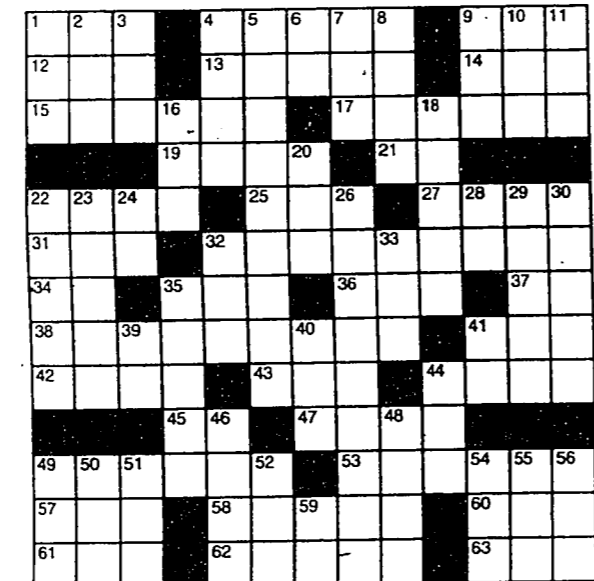
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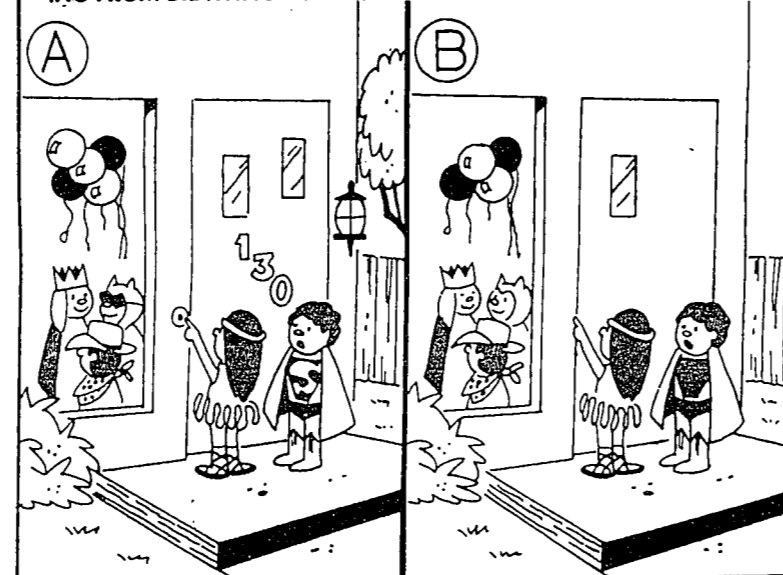
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Paraguay Major...

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bogeyed No. 17. Ikeuchi shot a 69 for the day and tied for second at 279 with Japan's Kazuhiro Takami of Japan, who shot a 70. Each collected 8.4 million yen (\$99,000).

Defending champion Yoshinori Mizumaki shot a 73 and tied for

fourth at 281 with Katsuyoshi Tomori, who shot a 67, the day's best score on the 6,949-yard, par-72 Shimamatsu course of the Sapporo Kokusai Country Club.

Major...

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time this season and the second time with Green opposing him. The knuckleballer, who has won only once in his last nine starts, allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings.

Orioles 6, Angels 2

In Baltimore, Jeff Manto of the Orioles tied a major league record by homering in his fourth straight official at-bat over three games. Manto's solo home run in the

second inning tied the record set by Johnny Blanchard of the New York Yankees in 1961. The home run gave Manto five homers in six official at-bats. He is the 24th player in major league history to homer in four straight at-bats.

Manto walked in the fourth to keep the streak alive, but Angels starter Mike Bielecki (2-3) coaxed him to fly out to center on a 3-1 pitch in the sixth.

Ben McDonald (2-3) went eight innings for Baltimore, which has won eight of 11.

Brewers 6, Indians 1

In Milwaukee, Jose Valentin hit his first two homers of the year as the Brewers halted the Indian's seven-game winning streak.

David Hulse also connected for the first time this season, a three-run shot in the fourth inning that helped the Brewers coast off the Indians, who had won 12 of their last 13 and 14 of 20 on the road.

Cleveland mustered just three hits, all off starter Angel Miranda (3-2).

Valentin, who hit 11 home runs last year, hit both off Orel Hershiser (5-2). It was Valentin's first career multi-homer game.

Royals 8, Blue Jays 2

In Missouri, Kansas, Kevin Appier threw a four-hitter and became the first eight-game winner in the major leagues as Toronto lost its 15th in 22 games.

Appier (8-2) did not allow a hit until Roberto Alomar singled with one out in the fourth. He was leading 4-0 when Paul Molitor drove in two runs with a two-out single in the fifth. He then retired the final 13 batters.

Appier struck out nine and walked three in his second complete game. The Royals snapped a three-game losing skid.

The Royals got four runs in the first inning off Danny Darwin (1-6), who lost his sixth straight. The former Boston pitcher, who signed a free agent contract in April, gave up 12 hits and five runs.

Tigers 7, Twins 5

In Minneapolis, Todd Steverson hit his first major league home run, and Chris Gomez and Juan Samuel hit two-run shots.

Chad Curtis doubled and singled three times in support of Sean

Bergman (2-4), who allowed two runs and nine hits over six innings. Mike Henneman pitched the final 1 1/3 innings for his eighth save in nine chances.

Mike Trombley (0-1), making his first appearance of the season for the Twins, gave up four runs and seven hits in 4 2/3 innings.

Cardinals 7, Braves 3 In Atlanta, Ray Lankford's fourth consecutive hit off Tom Glavine - a two-run single - capped a four-run seventh inning that lifted St. Louis past Atlanta.

Morrison ...

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Morrison with a couple of lefts earlier in the round, but Morrison, his left eye and cheek reddened, continued his attack.

Ruddock knocked Morrison down midway through the first

round, and appeared to have the Kansas City fighter on the run several times. But Morrison, who has had a series of lackluster fights since he won the WBO championship from George Foreman in 1993 and lost it one fight later, wouldn't stay down.

Ruddock connected with several lefts and Morrison, whose conditioning has always been a problem, appeared to be weakening. He got caught in the corner where Ruddock's longer reach was an advantage, but escaped and caught Ruddock in the middle of the ring to land several punches at the end of the round.

The second and third rounds belonged to Morrison. He connected with a left hook and a left uppercut, and then drove Ruddock into the ropes with a combination.

Ruddock had Morrison on the run again in the fifth, but again Morrison recovered.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DPW95-RFP-00325. The Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division is soliciting proposals from qualified Architectural and Engineering (A & E) firms for the Saipan Street Naming and Property Numbering Project.

CLOSERS

Human sperm must swim the equivalent of about three miles upstream to reach their destination. Only 500 or so of the 20 million race participants make it near the egg.

Airplanes must avoid clouds that are made of volcanic ash. The microscopic shards of volcanic glass are not detectable by radar but can cause engines to fail.

A group of rhinoceroses is called a crash.

On the ACT college board test, which is scored from one to 36, males score an average of half a point higher than females. On the SAT, which is di-



# SPORTS



*Super middleweight title:*

## Duran KOs Martinez in 7th round

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) - Roberto Duran knocked out Roni Martinez with a flurry of punches in the seventh round Saturday night to win the IBC super middleweight title. Martinez, losing for the first time in 18 fights, had gone to his knees seconds before going down in a vicious combination from the charging

Duran, who improved to 95-12 with the 66th knockout of his career. Martinez's fall to his knees was officially ruled a slip and not a knock-down, but he appeared staggered as he came out of the corner. Duran, still punching hard at age 44, was on him immediately. Duran, the former middleweight

champion, kept Martinez at bay through the fight with a strong left jab. He drove Martinez into the corner with the jab, and then landed a strong combination that seemed to stun Martinez in the second round. Duran rocked Martinez with a hard left to the side of the head, and then landed another combination in the

fourth round. Duran was cautioned once for hitting below the belt, and Martinez thought there were other times. A timeout was mysteriously called in the fourth round when Martinez walked to his corner. The only apparent reason was to

change his mouthpiece. Duran was coming off two losses to Vinny Pazienza. The first was a controversial decision on June 25. Pazienza won a more convincing decision in a rematch in January. Duran had won six in a row until then since starting his latest comeback in 1992.

## Paraguay wins Tokyo Open golf

HIROSHIMACHO, Japan (AP) - Paraguay's Carlos Franco chipped in a 30-foot (9-meter) birdie on the 13th hole Sunday and ended with a one-shot victory in the 100 million yen (\$1.2 million) Sapporo Tokyu Open Golf Tournament. It was one of three birdies against three bogeys for Franco, who fin-

ished with a 10-under-par 278 after an even-par 72 final round for his second victory in Japan. He also won Japan's Gene Sarazen Jun Classic last August. Franco's 13th-hole birdie, after he had missed the green, put him one shot ahead of Japan's Shinji Ikeuchi. "I was lucky that I could make a

chip-in birdie. That relieved the pressure," said the 30-year-old Paraguayan, who received 18 million yen (\$212,000) for winning. Ikeuchi slipped further behind with bogeys on the 14th and 15th holes. He moved back within one shot with a birdie on the final hole after Franco

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## Morrison resurrects flagging career

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) - Tommy Morrison stopped Donovan "Razor" Ruddock with five seconds remaining in the sixth round to capture the International

Boxing Council's vacant heavy-weight title and resurrect his flagging career. Morrison (45-2-1) appeared tired in the fourth round, but came back

and knocked down Ruddock with a powerful left hook early in the sixth before finishing him off with a right-left combination. Ruddock, fighting just his second bout in two years, did not go down, but the fight was stopped. The first left hook toppled Ruddock, and referee Ron Lipton knew the Canadian fighter was in trouble. "His eyes went back into his head," Lipton said. "His eyes weren't even. He wanted to continue, but he was hurt."

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*Ol' Aces loses 12-point lead:*

## SNE/FT eliminates Ol' Aces

SNE/FT earned an upset victory and eliminated Ol' Aces in the Lite Basketball League playoff series after trailing by twelve points more than half way through the game Thursday night at the Ada gym in Susupe.

one time in the first half. SNE/FT cagers staged their first rally late in the first half and managed to narrow down the deficit by one point. Shortly after the start of the last half, Ed Cosino, Ray Lizama and Ric Alegre sparked another rally, this time to reverse the lead for good.

Ol' Aces suffered its second and last heartbreaking defeat in the playoffs after an impressive showing in the first half.

A good backing from the rest of the players gave SNE/FT its second win in the semis. The SNE/FT win strengthened anew the team's bid to advance and inch closer to the finals.

SNE/FT first staged a rally late in the third quarter.

SNE was earlier defeated by the Bud Light team.

In the first half, Aces coach Elias Rangamar set the stage for Tony Luzama and Junior Renguul in advancing their team up to 12 points at

## Sunrisers vs Sharks sudden-death tiff tonight

ANOTHER Team will try to strengthen its bid to advance closer to the finals, in another sudden-death tiff in the continuation of the Lite Basketball playoff series tonight at the Gilbert C. Ada gym in Susupe. Tonight's match-up will see another team getting eliminated in the playoff series. Both the San Vicente Sunrisers

squad and the Sharks dribblers have an even one win, one loss record in the playoffs. The two teams will clash tonight as the 1995 season reaches homestretch with barely a few games left before the finals. The Sunrisers team is under coach Pat Tudela, while the Sharks are headed by Cuci Alvarez. The winner will play Monday,

June 19th, with another team. In the second game, pennant winner Pepsi All-Star team will collide with Bud Light. Both teams marked the playoff series with two victories in a row, each without a loss. The Pepsi All Star team is headed by coach Tony Togolofoi and assistant coach Sonny Flores, while Bud Light is coached by Danny Cabrera.

## Mobil Games Facts and Figures

Francisco 'Tan Ko' Palacios  
For Variety Sports

Year	Site	Champion	Pennant	Sportsman	M.V.P	Batting	Runs	Doubles	Triples	Homeruns	R.B.I.	Earned Runs	Strike Out
1988	Saipan	Palau	Palau	Agat	No candidate	(600) Timmy Cordero (Guam)	(6) Mike Dunga (Guam)	(2) Mike Dunga (Guam)	(2) Tony Adelbai (Palau)	(1) Frank Kyoto Cris Pangelinan	(7) Patrick Sablan (Guam)	(1.56) Junior Rikrik (Palau)	(10) Ken Benavente (Guam)
1989	Guam	Guam	Guam	FSM Pohnpei	Patrick Sablan (Guam)	(615) Salesi Santos (Palau)	(5) Mike Dunga Ken Benavente (Guam)	(3) Greg Camacho (CNMI)	(1) Luke Tedtaotao Mike Dunga Salesi Santos Mlib Tmetuchel Jack Ito Tony Camacho	(1) Jesse Peterson Patrick Sablan Ken Benavente	(4) Luke Tedtaotao (Guam)	(0.8-inn) Patrick Sablan (Guam)	(15) Simion Martin (Guam)
1990	Guam	Palau	Palau	FSM (Kosrac)	Tony Adelbai (Palau)	(444) Carl Pecha (Guam)	(8) Felix Kyoto (Palau)	(2) Patrick San Miguel (Guam)	(1) Tony Adelbai (Palau)	(1) Ken Benavente Reno Celis Palau Felix Kyoto	(7) Roland Marin	(0.00)6-inn Junior Rikrik (CNMI)	(10) Tony Benavente
1991	Guam	Guam	Palau	FSM (Chuuk)	Rooney Perez (Guam)	(500) Tony Rogolifoi Patrick Sablan	(6) Felix Kyoto Julius Mesubed	(2) Ron Benavente Glen Palacios Gilbert Aguon Jesse Perez Felix Kyoto	(2) Greg Camacho (CNMI)	(1) Tony Rogolifoi Cris Pangelinan Gilbert Aguon Ron Ragunden Felix Kyoto	(5) Cris Pangelinan Tony Rogolifoi Gilbert Aguon	(0.00)12-inn Rooney Perez (Guam)	(17) Rooney Perez (Guam)
1992	Palau	Palau	CNMI	FSM (Pohnpei)	Larry Tochi (Palau)	(571) Ernie Lobaton (Guam)	(6) Greg Camacho Felix Kyoto (CNMI)	(2) Ben Mesa Frank Kyoto	(1) (James Ada)	(2) Gilbert Aguon	(7) Frank Kyoto (Palau)	(0.00)14-inn Larry Tochi (Palau)	(7) Tony Benavente (CNMI)
*(1) Greg Camacho, James Ada; Joe San Miguel, Frank Francisco, John Herrera, Ernie Lobaton, Frank Kyoto, Felix Kyoto, Ben Thomas, Kingston Anson													
1993	Pohnpei	Palau	Guam	FSM	Junior Rikrik	Felix Francisco	(5) Pat San Nicolas Felix Kyoto Frank Kyoto Rdialul Rumong Felix Francisco	(4) Frank Kyoto	(1) Greg Camacho Regis, Akitaya	(2) Greg Camacho Rdialul Rumong	(7) Mlib Tmetuchel (CNMI)	(0.00)7-inn Steve Coleman (CNMI)	(7) Steve Coleman (CNMI)

