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Yamashita, the Nipponese general who triumphed in Malaya and Singapore and bragged that he would crush any attempt McArthur made to return to the Phillipines, is said to be trapped in northern Luzon, still surrounded by his favored few. Japanese prisoners who risked being machine-gunned down by their companions before surrendering, told of him still living in comparative luxury with American chocolates, cigars and whiskey while his bedraggled and starving troops hope for his suicide or surrender.



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North Central, MCI show future of cyberspace in rural PA

By MICHAEL J. HERZING Daily Press Staff Writer

DuBOIS — Dr. Fran Grandinetti, superintendent of the Ridgway Area School District, paused self-consciously, then looked around at those standing with him.

"I keep thinking I have to shout to Pittsburgh on this thing," he said.

That's because Dr. Grandinetti, who was standing in the middle of the Washington Lincoln Room at the DuBois Ramada hotel, was carrying on a conversation with Jim Brown of RoData Corporation, who was sitting in his conference room in downtown Pittsburgh.

But they weren't talking over the phone, they were having a face-to-face conversation. They both smiled and extended their hands in a cyber-handshake.

Brown was demonstrating a technological process more and more businesses are turning to these days — videoconferencing.

With videoconferencing, real-time video and audio can be sent over digital telephone

lines, allowing people in cities across the country or around the world to meet with another as if they were standing in the same room.

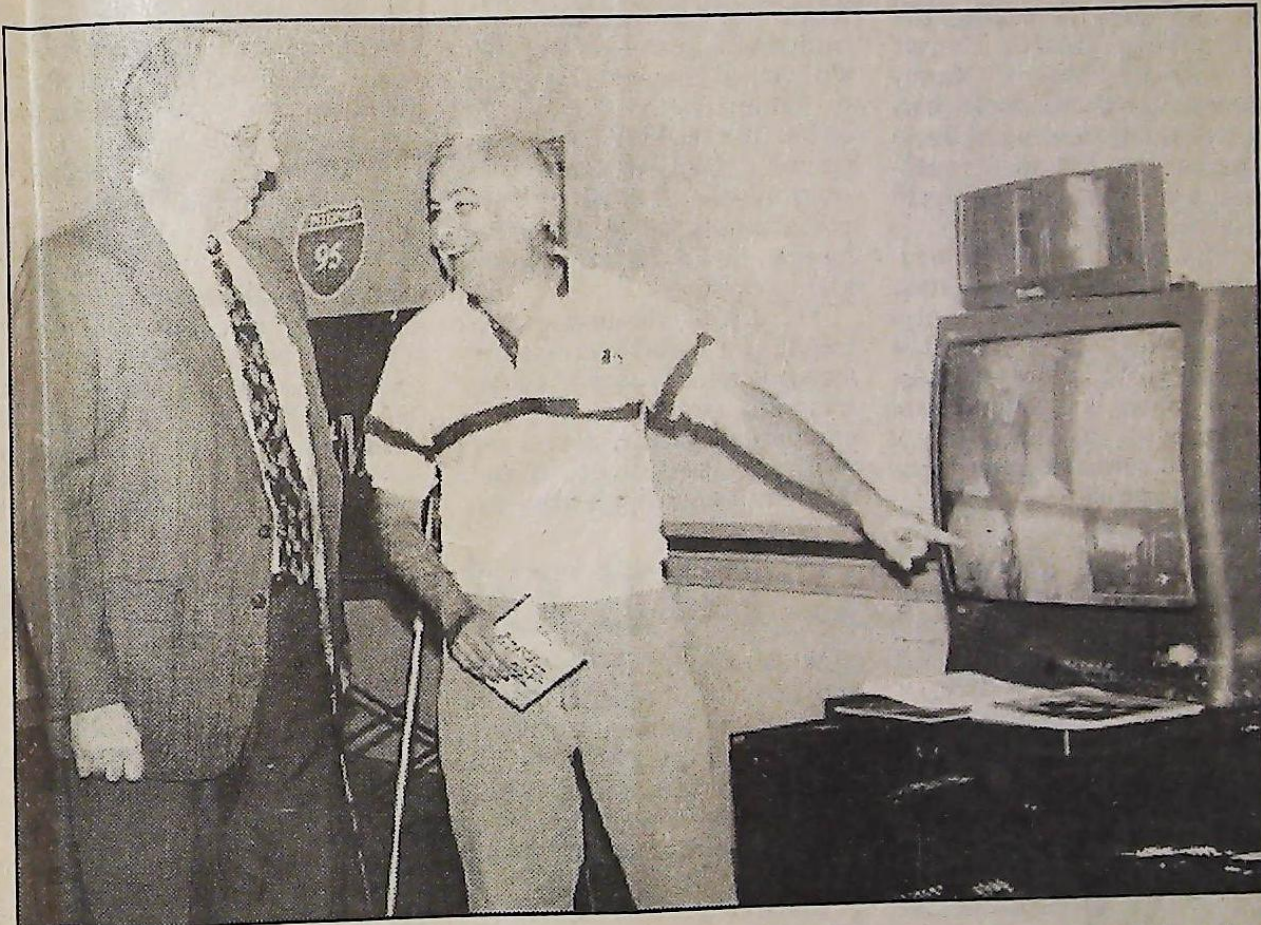
Brown's demonstration was part of a technology fair held Friday in DuBois that was sponsored by MCI and the North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission. The fair highlighted two of MCI's front-line technologies: internetMCI and videoconferencing.

"Our goal at MCI is to become not just a long distance phone service provider, but really a full-service information provider," explained MCI's Michele Thomas.

MCI's foray into the new "cyber" technologies has positioned it well to do just that. The MCI network now serves as one of the six or seven major backbones networks for the Internet in the United States.

And North Central's partnership with MCI has positioned it to offer many of the new technologies like Internet access and videoconferencing

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CYBERTALK — Ridgway Superintendent Dr. Fran Grandinetti and St. Marys Supervisor of Secondary Education J. Paul Robertson talk via PictureTel videoconferencing technology to Jim Brown, of RoData Corporation. Brown was in his office in downtown Pittsburgh, Grandinetti and Robertson were at a technology fair in the DuBois Ramada.

Photo by Herzing

Goodwill Store, a bargain hunter's paradise, now open

By JILL GOLDEN Daily Press Staff Writer

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Billed as the *Bargain Hunter's Paradise*, the local Goodwill Store celebrated its grand opening Friday with lots of fanfare, prizes and merchandise specials.

The store is located in the G.C. Murphy building on Erie Avenue.

"Goodwill is the area's best kept secret. We can give the consumer more for less, and we're unique in what we have to offer," says Guy Robison, retail programs coordinator for Goodwill Industries of North Central, Pennsylvania. He is based in DuBois.

"Most of the donated items are one of a kind," he says. "Consumers can purchase slightly-used quality clothing for far less than it can be purchased in a full-line department store."

To back up his claim, Robison randomly selects several items off the racks in the local store and announces: London Fog dress shirts for men, \$3.30; blouses for women, \$3.30; a beautiful hand-sewn kimono from Seoul, Korea, \$7.89; children's shoes, 99 cents; Nikes for less than \$10.

"Also, a new part of the retail program," explains Robison, "is we are offering new goods for sale, not just donated items as in the past."

"Currently, we have about eight different lines of new merchandise," he continues. "We have ready-to-assemble furniture, fashion sunglasses and earrings, girls 100% cotton underwear, socks for the entire family, corrugated storage boxes and reading glasses."

Robison admits that the non-profit Goodwill stores once had a stigma about them; that the stores were only for the needy or less fortunate.

"Our customers are everybody," he says. "If somebody doesn't have a large budget to buy their children back-to-school clothing, they can come here and purchase items that are just as good as a rack item from a department store for far less."

The decision to open a store in St. Marys was made after restructuring the agency over the past year, and the closing of the local store at the St. Marys Plaza in July 1994.



GOODWILL TO BENEFIT COMMUNITY — The new Goodwill Store in the G.C. Murphy building on Erie Avenue will benefit the community, says Goodwill retail programs coordinator Guy Robison of DuBois, shown above with local store manager Cheryl Smith. The store celebrated its grand opening yesterday with many in-store specials.

Photo by Golden

Goodwill brings good news of donation center

By JILL GOLDEN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Goodwill means good news for the residents of Elk County.

Not only did a new Goodwill Store open on Erie Avenue this week, but a Goodwill Donation Center will open within several weeks at Wal-Mart.

The donation center will be a semi-permanent modular structure that will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, seven days a week.

It will be located in the Wal-Mart parking lot, and will be manned full-time.

According to Guy Robison, retail programs coordinator for Goodwill Industries of North Central, Pennsylvania, "The attended donation centers are a solution to removing all the donation boxes that we had. Also, the individual attending it will be able to issue tax receipts for the donations."

The first donation center with an attendant opened at the Wal-Mart in DuBois. "It's working very well," says Robison. "We have intentions of opening several more over the next 12 months in the surrounding communities."

Although Goodwill donations can also be dropped off at the store location on Erie Avenue during business hours, Robison believes the donation center will make it more convenient for a lot of people to simply go to the center in Wal-Mart.

"Currently, a truck is still parked in the Ames plaza every other Saturday from 1-7 p.m. to collect donations from St. Marys and the surrounding community," explains Robison.

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• **CLETE CRAWFORD**
55 ports of call, in 21 months. D.E. U.S.S. Forster.

On August 4th, the United States Coast Guard celebrated its 155th anniversary. Alexander Hamilton founded the branch under the Treasury Department in 1790. At that time it was called the U.S. Revenue Marines.

Lt. Gen. Albert Wedemeyer, U.S. commander in China announced plans this week for an all out offensive to free the Chinese port cities from their Japanese occupants. This is expected to mean an American landing soon somewhere on the Sino coast.

Australian troops supported by light naval units are continuing their reconquest of the Solomons and in Burma this week, British Tommies have killed 8,600 Japanese and captured nearly 1,000.



1st Sgt. BOB SALINE, Silver Star recipient awarded for wiping out a Nazi machine gun emplacement.

McArthur preparing for what he is calling the final phase of the war is amassing a huge invasion force on the islands surrounding the Japanese home islands. He has recently called for the 13th Jungle Air Force to move from the Phillipines to Okinawa and join four other Air Forces already there; the 5th and 7th make up General George Kenny's Far Eastern Air Wing, Doolittle's 8th Superfort Air Force is to start bombing operations this month, joining the 20th Superfort Air Force fielded in the Mariannas. General Carl Spatz retains command of all strategic air forces.

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Interviews with teens in treatment and recovering addicts will be published, as will interviews with young people and their views on the issue.

Each story will be accompanied with the logo above. Anyone who feels they may have a contribution to this series can call staff members at either newspaper.

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Johnsonburg man is sentenced for possession

By JOSEPH D. CRESS
Elk County Reporter

A Johnsonburg man was sentenced Thursday to two to four years in state prison on drug possession charges.

Senior Judge Paul Greiner made the ruling after Rick Servidea, 30, pled guilty to one count each of conspiracy to possess cocaine, possession of cocaine, possession of heroin, and possession of marijuana, according to District Attorney Vernon Roof.

The charges stem from incidents which occurred last August and Oct. 30, Roof said.

Servidea was due to appear in county court Thursday to seek a change of venue in his upcoming jury trial slated for next Tuesday, Roof said.

He noted the defense had filed the petition for a venue change based on allegations of publicity in the June trial of Rick's brother, Scott Servidea, may prejudice Rick's trial.

Following a two-day trial, a jury found Scott Servidea, 28, formerly of Wilcox, not guilty of a charge of possession with intent to deliver cocaine.

Roof said, rather than go forward with the petition, and the subsequent trial, he met with Rick Servidea's attorney,

Joseph Buckley of Brookville to negotiate a plea bargain. He noted he was ready to argue against changing the venue.

The Commonwealth weighed its evidence carefully and found serious concern with how the jury in the trial of Rick Servidea may interpret the testimony of a confidential drug informant, Roof said.

He added the Commonwealth had agreed to reducing the two initial charges of possession with intent to deliver cocaine, filed against Rick Servidea, to charges of conspiracy to possess cocaine and possession of cocaine.

These negotiations resulted in Rick Servidea entering a plea of guilty to the four charges. The defendant was then sentenced by Greiner to four consecutive prison terms of six to 12 months each, giving a total term of 24 to 48 months, according to Roof.

Roof said he was satisfied by the outcome, noting Rick Servidea will be serving the maximum term he can get for drug possession charges.

He noted Rick Servidea also agreed, under the Forfeiture Law, to forfeit \$3,502 in cash to the district attorney's office drug enforcement fund. Police

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A popular British "Homefront" propaganda song that was already making the music hall rounds in 1939.

*"There'll always be an England-
While there's a country lane;
Where there's a cottage small
Beside a field of grain."
There'll always be an England-
While there's a busy street;
Wherever there's a turning wheel....."*

In the news papers on August 6, 1945 there appeared almost as an afterthought the brief insert that the United States had dropped a new kind of bomb on Hiroshima, reported as an important Japanese Army Base. In a White House news release President Truman said, "It is an atomic bomb. It is a harnessing of the basic power of the universe. The force from which the sun draws its power has been loosed against those who brought war to the Far East."



GEORGE BLESSEL delivering rations in Austria, 1945.

learn that Speer Carbon was also involved in the development and construction of some of the bomb components.

One of the largest groups of St. Marys men in months was ordered to report August 13 for pre-induction exams. From St. Marys; Cecil Rippey, Jr., Robert Farley, Robert Gahr, Norbert Bille, Norman Sennett, Harry Antonia, Charles Kemmerer, Michael Schatz, Merle Mertz, Jerome Hassenetter, Paul Walter, James Samick, Richard Foster, William Auman, Richard Schatz, Tom Herzing, Norman Friedl, Richard Yetzer, Joe



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Clinger defends EDA, previews its role in new government

Washington, D.C. — Congressman Bill Clinger (5-PA), has demonstrated that economic development and job creation initiatives will remain a priority for him as he works to make the Federal government smaller, more efficient and more cost-effective.

He took to the House floor to oppose a provision that would have eliminated funding for the Economic Development Administration (EDA), and to promote his efforts to eliminate the top-heavy Department of Commerce.

The amendment was offered during House consideration of the *Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1996*, the bill which provides funding for the EDA.

"I respectfully disagree with those who claim that the EDA has not accomplished worthwhile goals. It is not a boondoggle. It has helped to create jobs. Most importantly, it has not done so through handouts, but through a true partnership with state and local governments and the private sector," he argued.

In addition to his role as rural advocate, the Warren Republican is chairman of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, placing him at the forefront of the effort to downsize government. The Committee is currently coordinating efforts to eliminate the bureaucratic structure of the Department of Commerce, within which EDA is housed.

He said that the Commerce Department has become too bloated, noting that 60% of its activities are not focused on

trade or commerce. But he also stressed the importance of preserving its necessary functions.

"We are right on track to dismantling the sprawling bureaucracy of the Department of Commerce, but we must not turn our backs on its

worthwhile missions. It would be foolish to eliminate the EDA before it can be reformed and its functions relocated," Clinger explained.

Currently, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure is undertaking efforts to reform EDA and preserve its functions in anticipation of the elimination of the Commerce Department. Earlier this week, a subcommittee wrote legislation to recreate EDA in the form of regional commissions that coordinate federal, state and local resources to promote growth in the areas of greatest need. Clinger is vice-chairman of that panel and will play a key role in this effort.

"EDA has already taken a 21% funding reduction and will have to operate on a one-third staff reduction. It has taken its share of hits. Let's not hack this agency to death before we take steps to preserve its most worthwhile functions." Clinger urged. "Government is too big and costs too much, and we're making great strides to fundamentally change it. But we must do so in a way that is thoughtful and responsible."

Clinger was joined by an overwhelming majority in voting to defeat the amendment, which failed on a vote of 310-115.

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**T/Cpl. VICTOR ROL-
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Philippines following the
Leyte Gulf assault.

It was a very casual and modest way of announcing that with that bomb war had been forever changed and limited and man had placed his future and the survival of the planet forever in jeopardy.

Reports of a German submarine still at large and shelling Russian shoreline installations continue to abound this week. Captured German Naval prisoners claim that there are numerous small German vessels staffed with Fascist "hold-outs" hiding among deserted islands and uninhabited shores.

Following the 20,000 ton of TNT effect on Hiroshima, there is much speculation that the next "Atom" bomb will be scheduled for Tokyo. Little confirmed information is available as to the actual full effects of the bomb but it is believed that most of Hiroshima's 318,000 population was wiped out.

Following President Truman's lifting of some of the super strict security that surrounded the Oak Ridge, Tenn. project, it was learned that Carnegie Tech honor student Ed Schatz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schatz of South Michael St. has been working on the new weapon. He is at the Army research station near Santa Fe, N.M. Weeks later the community would



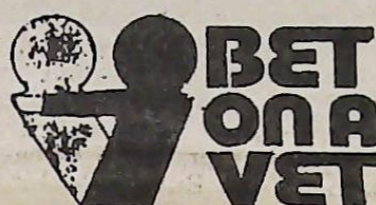
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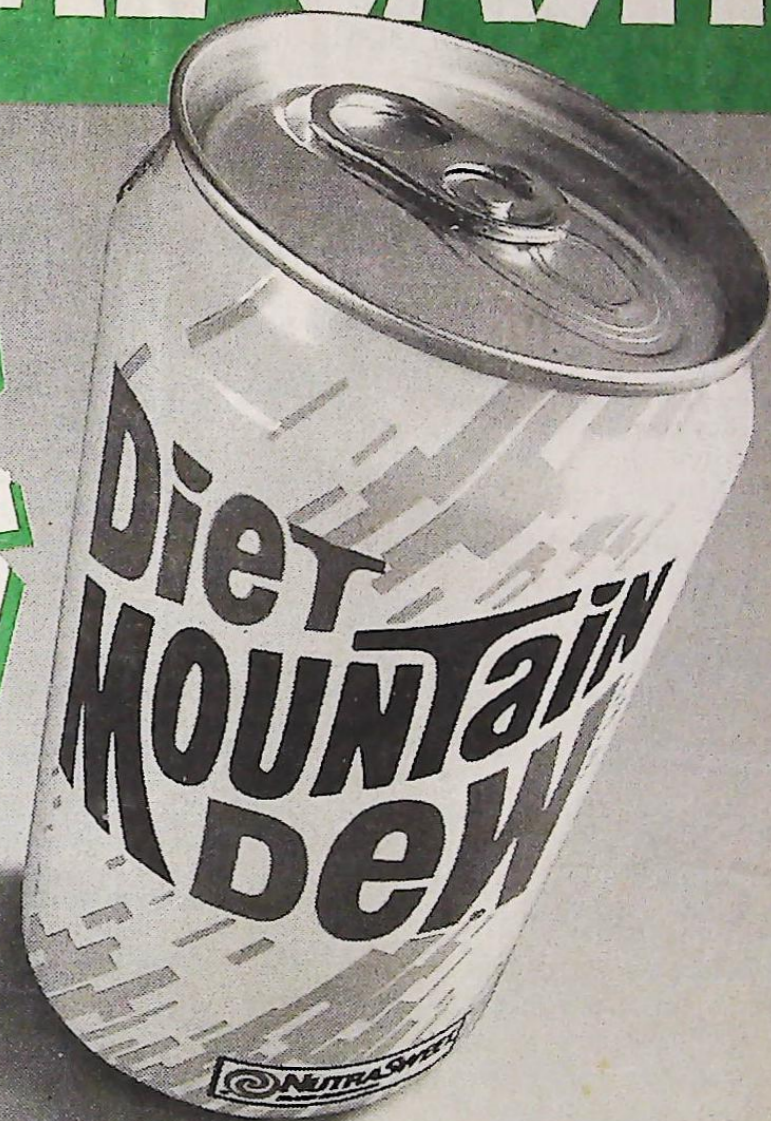
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