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Noriega To Face Indictments

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Finally, Manuel Antonio Noriega has been brought to the U.S. to stand trial for drug trafficking charges. If found guilty, Noriega could face 145 years in prison and up to \$1.1 million in fines.

Even before the pre-trial action, problems have sprung up. One problem is finding an impartial jury. Noriega's defense attorney is expected to ask for a change of venue.

Another problem is the use of classified documents as evidence. Contragate cases were thrown out because defendants could not use certain documents to defend themselves.



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Experts expect the trial to be as much as a year away, and to draw a worldwide audience. "The whole world will be watching to see if America can give Noriega a fair trial and a fair chance to be acquitted," said prominent defense lawyer Gerry Spence of Jackson, Wyo (6A USA TODAY).

PA Abortion Law Under Fire

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Pennsylvania's tough abortion law (the USA's toughest) came under attack from the American Civil Liberties Union recently.

U.S. District Judge Daniel Hyett issued a temporary injunction in response to a legal challenge from the ACLU. The injunction blocks provisions requiring spousal notification, a 24-hour waiting period and informed consent procedures.

The remaining sections took effect on Jan. 16th. They were bans on abortion as a means of sex selection and abortion after 24 weeks, except to save the mother's life.

Niether side of the abortion conflict could claim victory, but the implementation of the law is yet another step toward overturning Roe vs. Wade.

Library Extends Hours

HAZLETON, PA - Jan. 9, 1990 ... The library at the Penn State Hazleton Campus will extend its hours of operation during the academic year to include Saturday afternoons from 1 through 5 p.m.

Library hours for the spring semester are:

Sunday - 4:00 to 10:00
Monday thru Thursday
- 8:00 to 10:00
Friday - 8:00 to 5:00
Saturday - 1:00 to
5:00