

# Demapan may run for governor

By Rafael H. Arroyo

SENATE President Juan S. Demapan last week indicated there is a possibility that he may opt to contest the Republican Party's endorsement as gubernatorial candidate for the next general elections slated for November this year.

In a February 25 letter to Commonwealth Republican Party Chairman Benigno R. Fitial, Demapan hinted indecision about his plans for the elections but otherwise showed interest on the Commonwealth's top executive post.

"While I have not decided yet to join the gubernatorial race at this time, I wish to open that option prior to the March 15 declaration of intent deadline,"

Demapan said in his letter.

Demapan wrote Fitial reiterating a proposal he made during a previous party meeting that it is incumbent upon the party leadership "to pursue a course of action with respect to party endorsement of candidates that will give our party the greatest strength to meet the opposition and win in the 1993 general elections."

To achieve this objective, the Senate president said the party leadership must allow anyone who subscribes to the party's principles to seek party endorsement by acclamation if sufficient slots are available at the party convention or through a primary where more candidates are seeking party endorsement to a lesser number of available slots.

As of late, only incumbent Gov-

ernor Larry I. Guerrero has submitted a letter of intent to Fitial to officially document his bid for reelection.

Party officials have given all interested candidates until March 15 to send in their letters of intent, after which the need for a primary may be known.

Sources in the Legislature have confirmed that Demapan is harboring gubernatorial aspirations and had in fact talked with a possible running mate in the person of House Speaker Thomas P. Villagomez.

Upon verification with Villagomez, the latter answered in the affirmative saying Demapan indeed approached him about the matter more than a month ago.

The speaker, however, maintained he is not interested in run-

ning as lieutenant governor and has made up his mind to seek reelection into the Ninth House of Representatives.

Pressed for comment on his supposed gubernatorial ambitions, Demapan neither confirmed nor denied he was running, but said his position would be known by middle of next month.

When asked whether the position of governor was an option he said "yes."

Demapan, who is a freshman senator representing Saipan, gained prominence when he joined a group of senators from Rota and Tinian in ousting then Senate President Joseph S. Inos in August 12, 1992.

He was then elected by the majority members of the Legislature's upper house to replace Inos, making him the first ever senator to assume the presidency in the first year of his first term.

Should he indeed run for governor, a three-sided primary may be up for the Republican Party - incumbent Governor Guerrero, versus Demapan and probable dark horse candidate Juan N. Babauta, the CNMI's incumbent Washington representative.

Babauta, who is said to have arrived over the weekend to announce his political plans for 1993, went public in December that running for governor might be one of his options.

Earlier this year, former Gov-



Juan S. Demapan



Juan N. Babauta

ernor Pete P. Tenorio who is touted to be the most formidable threat to the incumbent governor, ruled against a political comeback after being prevailed upon by his family and friends not to run again for governor.



GOVERNOR Larry I. Guerrero signs into law the proposed salary increases for Commonwealth judges in the presence of (left to right) Superior Court Presiding Judge Alex Castro, Supreme Court Associate Justice Pedro Atalig, and Congressmen Jess Mafnas, Pedro Guerrero and Mameito Maratita

## CPA asks to dismiss suit

By Nick Legaspi

COMMONWEALTH Ports Authority and its chairman, Jesus M. Guerrero, have asked the Superior Court to dismiss a complaint filed by Vicente N. Rivera and the Taiwan Marine Group, who lost in the bidding for the Saipan harbor improvement project in December 1992.

At the same time, Stephen J. Nutting, counsel for CPA and Guerrero, asked the court to impose sanctions against Rivera and Taiwan Marine for filing a frivolous suit. Nutting asked the court to order the complainants to pay for the attorneys' fees and costs incurred by CPA and Guerrero in defending themselves.

Rivera, in a complaint filed on Feb. 1, asked the court to void the

contract between CPA and Samsung Engineering & Construction Co. for the seaport project. CPA and Samsung have signed a contract to undertake the project for \$35.976 million.

In a motion to dismiss Rivera's complaint, CPA and Guerrero said the complainants failed to exhaust administrative remedies before going to court. As a result, the court has been divested of jurisdiction.

Rivera and Taiwan Marine filed a formal protest with CPA on Jan. 28. Three days later they filed the complaint with the court. Thus, the complainants "terminated and elected to forego their administrative remedies provided by CPA's administrative appeal regulations."

Under CPA regulations, a pro-

test may be filed with CPA and decided by the executive director. If the decision is not satisfactory to the complainant he can appeal it with the appeals committee of the CPA board of directors. If the decision is adverse, he can seek reconsideration. Rivera and Taiwan Marine did not utilize these procedures, according to CPA and Guerrero.

"In these circumstances judicial review is improper," the two CPA officials said in their response submitted to the court on Feb. 22.

CPA and Guerrero also denied that the award of the contract to Samsung was arbitrary and capricious. They said it would be difficult to find cases in which suit was brought over failure to pro-

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## Saipan lawmakers reject tax reforms

LAWMAKERS from the island of Saipan last Friday collectively vowed to reject any proposal by the executive branch with respect to tax increases and reductions on the percentage of tax rebates.

During its second regular session for 1993, the Saipan Legislative Delegation adopted a resolution urging the CNMI government to explore other revenue-generating alternatives instead of raising taxes and reducing tax rebates.

"We urge the governor to delay all efforts for tax increases at this time until several years down the road when the general economic condition in the CNMI starts to improve," the three-page resolution read.

Saipan Delegation Resolution 8-4 was authored by Senator Juan S. Torres, in reaction to a proposed tax reform legislation being worked on by the Depart-

ment of Finance and the Governor's Tax Task Force.

The reform measure is being touted to generate additional revenues through tax increases in certain items and through a lower tax rebate rate.

Presently, the CNMI tax system is described to be a bit too liberal as it allows for a 95% rebate of taxes on income earned generated from sources within the Commonwealth.

Such was an offshoot of an earlier arrangement allowed by the federal government in the 1980s to entice outside investors to invest into the CNMI.

Nevertheless, the delegation indicated its intention not to entertain any proposed changes in the present tax structure and urged Governor Larry I. Guerrero to refrain from proceeding with his proposed plan on taxes. (RHA)

## US economic allies offer support for Clinton's package

By Martin Crutsinger

LONDON (AP) - President Clinton's deficit-reduction program won a strong international vote of confidence Saturday, but America's major economic allies did not come forward with any new commitments of their own to bolster a sick world economy.

Finance officials of the world's wealthiest industrial countries did put aside for the day their substantial differences in such areas as trade in a show of unity for Clinton's package of \$325 billion in deficit reductions over the next four years.

Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen, who acted as the salesman for the plan during five hours of closed-door discussions, said he was extremely pleased with the level of support provided by finance ministers and central bank presidents from Japan, Germany, Britain, France, Canada and Italy.

"I will report to the president that we had a very positive first meeting, that we are moving in the right direction and that we have begun to lay the basis for a stronger world economy," Bentsen said, telling reporters the Clinton program had been "exceptionally well-received."

His views on the closed-door discussions were echoed by the other finance ministers, many of whom praised Clinton's program as a bold and politically courageous effort to address America's longstanding budget problems.

"It was the strong view of all those there that this represented a courageous step, was a significant step forward and would do much to sustain recovery in the American economy, and in the world economy," British Chancellor of the Exchequer Norman Lamont told reporters.

While Bentsen was selling the Clinton program internationally, the president was making his own pitch for domestic support. In his weekly radio address, Clinton told listeners that since he unveiled the program 10 days ago, the White House had been flooded with messages of support from people wanting to end "many years of drift, division and gridlock."

The response at Saturday's session of finance ministers represented a show of support for actions that US allies have long urged. For the past decade, they have blamed the ballooning US budget deficits for a host of problems from higher interest rates to

worsening trade frictions. Clinton on Friday said that now that the United States was getting its economic house in order, America's allies needed to do their part to promote global growth and stop working at cross purposes.

The administration insisted publicly that it had not come to London seeking specific commitments on policy changes.

But a senior Treasury official, speaking on condition that his name not be used, said that the United States would like to see Japan come forward with a bigger package of government spending increases to spur its flagging economy. He said that it would also be helpful to the world economy if Germany cut interest rates further.

The US official said that even though no commitments were made at Saturday's session, he still held out hopes that both countries would come through with additional economic stimuli by early July when the leaders of the seven nations will meet in

Tokyo for their annual summit.

But Japanese Finance Minister Yoshiro Hayashi, who like Bentsen was attending his first G-7 meeting, said that Japan has "no intention" of considering a bigger spending package than it has already put forward. German officials, however, left the door open for further reductions in their interest rates with some analysts forecasting that Germany's powerful central bank could cut rates as early as next week.

In addition to the finance ministers, the heads of the seven countries' central banks also attended the London meeting.

erman Bundesbank President Helmut Schlesinger said that his country had not been put "in the dock" by the other nations. Various finance officials said there was an absence of finger-pointing and blame that have characterized past sessions of the world's most exclusive economic club. US officials said that in addition to the specifics of the Clinton pro-

gram, America's allies also expressed support for Clinton's speech on Friday in which he pledged to work to lower trade barriers and conceded that many of America's international competitive problems were self-imposed and not a result of unfair foreign trade practices.

"There was a growing concern about protectionism in the United States and that speech did a lot to abate those concerns," the US Treasury official said.

In addition to hearing Bentsen explain the US deficit-cutting package, the finance officials also talked over lunch about the growing economic difficulties in the former Soviet Union.

Canadian Finance Minister Donald Mazankowski said that there was general support for re-scheduling the old Soviet debt of \$75 billion at more favorable terms. US officials said this matter could come up when Russian President Boris Yeltsin meets with Clinton on April 4.



Koblerville Elementary held ground-breaking rites Friday afternoon, the second school in Saipan that received funding for five additional classrooms this month. Leading the ceremony are Governor Lorenzo Guerrero, Board of Education Chairperson Florence Hofschneider, Vice Chairperson Malua Peter, school officials and selected students.

## Hawaii solons proposed increase in cigarette price

HONOLULU (AP) Hawaii residents will be paying almost 50 cents more for a pack of cigarettes if the full House approves a bill passed by the House Finance Committee Friday.

The committee also passed a measure that requires all motorcycle and moped riders wear helmets while on public roads.

The smoking bill calls for almost doubling the state tax on cigarettes from 47 cents to 90 cents per pack. The 40 percent purchase price tax on other tobacco products would be unchanged.

The increase is expected to raise revenues by \$27 million a year on top of the \$21 million already collected annually, State Tax Director Richard Kahle told the committee.

The bill earmarks \$1 million of the increased revenues for the State Health Department to fund smoking prevention programs.

State Health Director John Lewin said he thinks the higher price of cigarettes will help deter

smoking in the Islands and generate more money to pay the medical costs of smoking-related ailments.

Lewin cited a \$229 million "negative impact" suffered by the state in 1991 from tobacco use.

Under the bill, the state would also start taxing the 20 million packs of cigarettes sold each year on Hawaii's military bases.

One-fourth of all cigarettes sold in Hawaii are sold at military PX's because of the on-base price of \$12 per carton compared to \$22 a carton off-base, Kahle said.

The committee's approval of the mandatory helmet bill contrasts the Senate's rejection of a similar measure.

The state must adopt a mandatory helmet law by September to keep \$3.9 million in federal highway construction funds. Without the law, the money goes to the state highway safety program during 1994-96.

Both bills were advanced to the full House for a vote.

## Workers demonstrate against government

ROME (AP) - About 100,000 workers carrying red flags and banners marched through the center of Rome on Saturday to protest rising unemployment and demand the resignation of Premier Giuliano Amato.

"This demonstration is for work and against Amato," said Massimo D'Alema, from the Democratic Party of the Left, the former Communist Party.

The government has not released recent unemployment figures, but the jobless rate stood at 11.3 percent at the end of last year.

Police estimated about 100,000 workers from throughout Italy participated in the march called by Italy's three largest labor

unions. The Italian news agency ANSA said the workers arrived on more than 500 buses and aboard numerous special trains.

Police Chief Fernando Masone said the demonstration was peaceful.

The workers denounced corruption scandals involving hundreds of millions of dollars in kickbacks to political parties in exchange for public works contracts.

Every major party in Italy has been tainted by the scandals, which have led to the resignation of three Cabinet officers. Some of Italy's leading businessmen also have been implicated.

"We have lost patience," read one banner carried by the dem-

onstrators. "Elections immediately," read another.

The workers also expressed anger at the economic policies of the government, which has sought to raise taxes and cut public spending to deal with Italy's economic crisis.

Amato, a Socialist, shuffled his Cabinet last Sunday after the resignation of two ministers because of scandals. But his four-party coalition government won a vote of confidence Thursday in the Chamber of Deputies. The marchers, however, shouted for the government's resignation.

"The Amato government must go: general strike," they shouted.

## CNMI judges get hefty pay raises

By Rafael H. Arroyo

GOVERNOR Larry I. Guerrero last Friday signed a bill that would provide for salary increases for judges of all Commonwealth courts.

House Bill 8-191, which was passed by both houses of Legislature, became Public Law 8-15 during signing ceremonies held at the governor's Capitol Hill office.

"In order for the Commonwealth to maintain a 'first class' judiciary, it must attract and keep the best judges available. To do this, it is desirable that salaries be comparable to opportunities in the private sector," said the governor in a statement after signing the new law.

The new law, which was approved by the House on January 13th and the Senate on February 18th, was enacted with the intention of making local judges' salaries comparable with their counterparts in other jurisdictions and to ensure that the Commonwealth would not lose its current judges to private practice.

Otherwise known as the Judicial Branch Compensation Act of 1993, the bill proposes a \$130,000 annual salary for the chief justice

of the Supreme Court, \$47,800 more than the present \$82,200; and \$126,000 for associate justices up \$47,000 from the present \$79,000.

On the other hand, the Superior Court presiding judge's proposed salary is \$123,000 per annum, up by as much as \$46,800 from the present \$76,200; while yearly salaries for associate judges was pegged at \$120,000 from the previous \$72,400, a \$47,600 hike.

"The judicial system in the CNMI is unique and complex such that our judges are faced with complicated issues which require special qualifications and knowledge," said the governor.

He noted that aside from the complexity of their responsibilities, judges live very restricted lifestyles and are most often faced with unusual community pressures.

Author Rep. Jesus P. Mafnas, who was present during the signing ceremonies Friday, praised the local judges for their patience, sacrifices, and their being sensitive to local issues.

He also expressed gladness over the signing of the new law, which is his first bill that saw enactment throughout his term as congressman.

The bill was approved despite last minute calls for a veto made by Rep. Pete P. Reyes, an outspoken critic of the NMI judicial system.

"I am wholeheartedly and steadfastly opposed to a pay increase for our judges. Without even considering the recent increase in the Judiciary's salaries Public Law 7-31 and the decrease in available revenues for the FY 1993 budget, my major concern is that pay raises should not be given to those who in my opinion are not serving the best interests of the people of the Commonwealth," said Reyes.

He added that CNMI judges have a record of leniency on criminals and have been imposing mostly light sentences and suspended sentences. Meanwhile, another bill that Guerrero signed into law was House Bill 8-196, which will allow the expenditure of \$250,000 from the Judicial Building Fund for the renovation of judicial facilities.

"This is necessary to allow the utilization of the amount to renovate and repair certain dilapidated areas in the existing facilities," said the governor, referring to Public Law 8-16.



Judge Alex Castro (right) and Associate Justice Pedro Atalig (center) get a congratulatory handshakes from the governor after the signing of the new salaries for judges.

## Woman nabbed for smuggle try

CUSTOMS authorities arrested a woman who allegedly tried to smuggle bullets through the Saipan International Airport, this was learned over the weekend.

Capt. Jose Mafnas of the Customs Canine Enforcement Services said Erlinda Deoro, 36, was arrested Thursday night when her baggage yielded 90 rounds of ammunition.

Deoro arrived via a Continental flight from Guam at about 9 p.m. The bullets were concealed in a box of powdered laundry soap, Mafnas said.

Fifty of the bullets are for .38-caliber pistol and the remaining 40 rounds of ammunition for .22-caliber rifle.

Charges against Deoro were being. Meanwhile, police officers collared a burglar after a brief chase in Chalan Kanoa before dawn Friday.

Edward I. Kapileo, was arrested about 50 meters away from Fishing Tackle store on Beach Road. Kapileo allegedly entered Fishing Tackle, took some items

and fled but a witness immediately called the police.

The items recovered from Kapileo were not indicated in the police report.

Also in the police report, a minor boating accident at Smiling Cove Marina slightly damaged one of the boats which figured in the collision.

The Department of Public Safety's Boating Safety Division said the accident happened when one boat approaching the dock bumped another boat which was anchored.

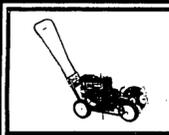
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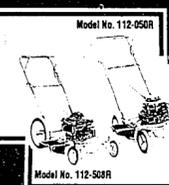
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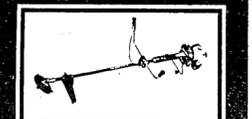
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# Blast would be largest terrorist attack in US

By Catherine Crocker

NEW YORK (AP) - If the deadly explosion at the World Trade Center was indeed a terrorist bombing, it would be the largest such attack in recent US history, security experts said Saturday.

Indiscriminate bombings in public places are well known in Europe, the Middle East and South America. But the United States, although not entirely immune, hasn't experienced an attack of the magnitude of Friday's explosion, they said.

"This certainly would be the largest bombing of this type in recent US history," said Brian Jenkins, senior managing director of Kroll Associates and a terrorism expert.

Officials said Saturday that terrorists may have been respon-

sible for the explosion. They gave no information as to possible suspects or a motive.

Mike Ackerman, managing director of The Ackerman Group, a consulting firm in Miami that specializes in terrorism, said he wasn't surprised by the timing of the blast, just a month after President Clinton's inauguration. "Historically, you have a testing of a new president. And this may well be that," he said.

"Those of us who have been watching the subject felt that eventually they (terrorists) were going to get here, and apparently that has happened. Our borders are very porous."

The experts reached by The Associated Press said they did not have enough information or preferred not to speculate about who might have been responsible for the blast.

However, Ackerman said it was unlikely that it was the Irish Republican Army or Palestinians - except, perhaps for a fringe group - because he said they had no reason to launch an attack on US soil at this time.

He also doubted a Croatian group was responsible, because "we have never really seen a Croat terrorist group."

In a news conference Saturday, Gov. Mario Cuomo noted that New York is not accustomed to thinking about terror attacks.

"This is a new problem," he said.

New Jersey Gov. James Florio agreed. "If we are entering into a new chapter in American society, one that we've been free from in the past ... we're going to have to start thinking about things like access to weapons and explosives and guns with a more focused attention."

The last time a bomb killed so many civilians in the United States was in 1975, when 11 people were killed and 75 injured in a blast in the Trans World Airlines terminal at La Guardia Airport.

The Wall Street area suffered an even more devastating disaster in 1920, when 40 people were killed and hundreds injured in a bombing that authorities concluded was executed by "anarchists" who fled to Russia.

That bomb was placed in a wagon on the street. Jenkins described it as a precursor of the car bomb, which has become popular among terrorist groups in the last decade. There has been speculation that the explosion in the parking garage at the World Trade Center was caused by a car bomb.

"Basically, they are used because of their explosive power," said Ackerman. "You can pack a lot more explosives into a car than

into a suitcase or an attache case," he said.

The Irish Republican Army started using car bombs in the 1970s, Jenkins said. Ackerman said other terrorists who have used car bombs include Hezbollah, the Iranian-backed Muslim fundamentalist group, and some Palestinian groups.

The parking garage at the World Trade Center would be "a natural place" for terrorists to place a bomb, said Joe Rosetti, vice chairman of Kroll.

The World Trade Center is one of the most prominent sites in New York City, the experts noted. In addition, they said, parking garages are usually unsecured places.

"If you are talking about a car bomb, then obviously it has to be some public space, accessible, where you can drive a car," Jenkins said.

## Industrial space in Honolulu limited

HONOLULU (AP) - A study conducted by a national trade group shows that Honolulu is not meeting its needs for industrial space.

The Society of Industrial and Office Realtors compared the rates and availability of industrial space in 1992 in major US cities. Honolulu's amount of land

zoned for warehousing, distribution and manufacturing facilities is 4.6 percent - the 10th lowest in the nation, according to the study.

Industrial rents in Honolulu ranged from around \$8 to \$12 per square foot per year. Rates on the outskirts of the city ranged from \$5.40 to \$11 per square foot per

year, Douglas Pothul of the commercial realty firm Monroe & Friedlander, said.

Those rates compare to Los Angeles rates of \$2.50 to \$7 per square foot, he said.

The amount of industrial space available is expected to rise by 18 percent over the next seven years, Pothul said.

## Lawmakers approve Hawaiian Air bailout

HONOLULU (AP) - The bill that would have the state bail out a troubled Hawaiian Airlines was given preliminary approval by the Senate Ways and Means Committee Friday.

Committee Chairwoman Ann Kobayashi said she kept the mea-

sure alive out of concern for the company's 2,500 employees.

Kobayashi said she did not know where the money was going to come from but stressed the importance of maintaining Hawaii's present interisland transportation system.

She would not give specifics of how the state would help Hawaiian, but said the bill would include instructions for the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism to assure any loans made could be secured.

# Court awards ex-senator \$.3M

THE DISTRICT Court issued a judgment on Friday requiring Bank of Guam to pay \$385,000 in damages to businessman and former Marshalls Sen. Chuji B. Chutaro and his wife Beverly in connection with a civil suit they filed more than four years ago.

Judge Alex Munson made the judgment two days after a jury issued a verdict in favor of the Chutaros and their firm Gushi Brothers Co. (GBC).

The Chutaros sued Bank of Guam in November 1988, accusing the bank's Majuro branch of, among other things, using pressure for them to pledge almost all of their properties in the Marshalls—then worth more than \$2 million—as collateral for a loan that required payment in two months.

They asked the court to award \$1.5 million in compensatory and punitive damages.

Included in the collateral were the former senator's interests in real property on Majuro and Mili Atolls, and buildings and equipment of the Chutaros' firm which included warehouses, retail store, a restaurant and a bakery on Majuro and a hotel and other buildings in Mili.

The suit filed in behalf of the plaintiffs by counsel Douglas Cushman alleged that representatives of the bank told the Chutaros

in August 1986 to sign a note that required the couple to pay a loan worth \$506,169 within August 24, 1986 to Oct. 25, 1986.

The Chutaros were made to sign the loan document after their company allegedly issued \$500,000 in checks without sufficient funds in said bank.

Bank of Guam has established a line of credit for the Chutaros which was secured by a \$100,000 certificate of deposit.

According to the suit, the Chutaros were made to believe that a lawsuit would be filed against them the next day if they refused to sign the loan documents.

The bank representatives allegedly told the Chutaros that the suit

would have adverse effects on the reputation particularly of Chuji Chutaro who, at that time, was senator in the Nitijela (Legislature) of the Republic of the Marshalls.

A month after the Chutaros signed the note, the bank allegedly compelled GBC to transfer \$50,000 from its operating account with the bank, to partially pay the loan.

Also in September 1986, the suit said the bank refused to pay certain checks, including payroll checks the Chutaros issued to GBC employees and checks issued to Mobil Oil Micronesia as well as to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, despite sufficient funds with the bank.

## \$75M project launched

SOME \$75 million worth of projects are being implemented by the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) as its share in stimulating the stagnant economy of the Northern Marianas.

This was disclosed by CPA Chairman Jesus M. Guerrero during the ground breaking ceremony Friday for the \$35.976 million Saipan Harbor improvement project, the largest and one of the most important projects in the history of the Commonwealth.

In his remarks, Guerrero said the harbor, which was completed by the Japanese government prior to World War II, played a vital role in the CNMI economy. "The cargoes that currently move through this port ultimately reach every corner of the Commonwealth and everyone is affected," he said.

"The Saipan Harbor must be

expanded and developed to continue to stimulate business and industrial development, thereby increasing employment opportunities and broadening the tax base of our government," Guerrero said.

The project will expand the berthing space at the harbor. Once completed, it will be able to accommodate at least four 400-foot long vessels at the same time. This will reduce the waiting time of ships which have cargo to off load in Saipan, resulting in lower prices of goods.

Guerrero said CPA started planning for the renovation and expansion of the harbor in 1985. It received a \$10 million grant from the federal government for the project. To raise the additional amount, CPA asked prospective contractors to finance or arranged for the financing for the

project. It did not work.

Guerrero said failure of that financing schemes proved to be a blessing in disguise because the final case of construction went down from \$53 million in 1990 to \$35.976 million under the contract awarded to Samsung Engineering & Construction Co. of South Korea.

In addition to the \$10 million federal grant, CPA is also receiving a \$13.5 million loan from Commonwealth Development Authority and \$13 million from the Retirement Fund.

The two-phase project is expected to be completed in 980 days. Phase 1 involves the construction of Baker Dock and includes dredging of the 13,000-foot long entrance channel and turning basin and relocation of the sewer outfall. (NL)

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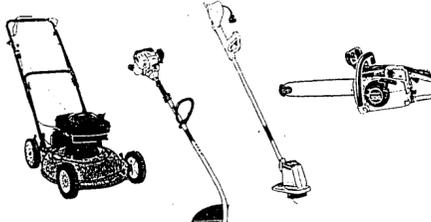
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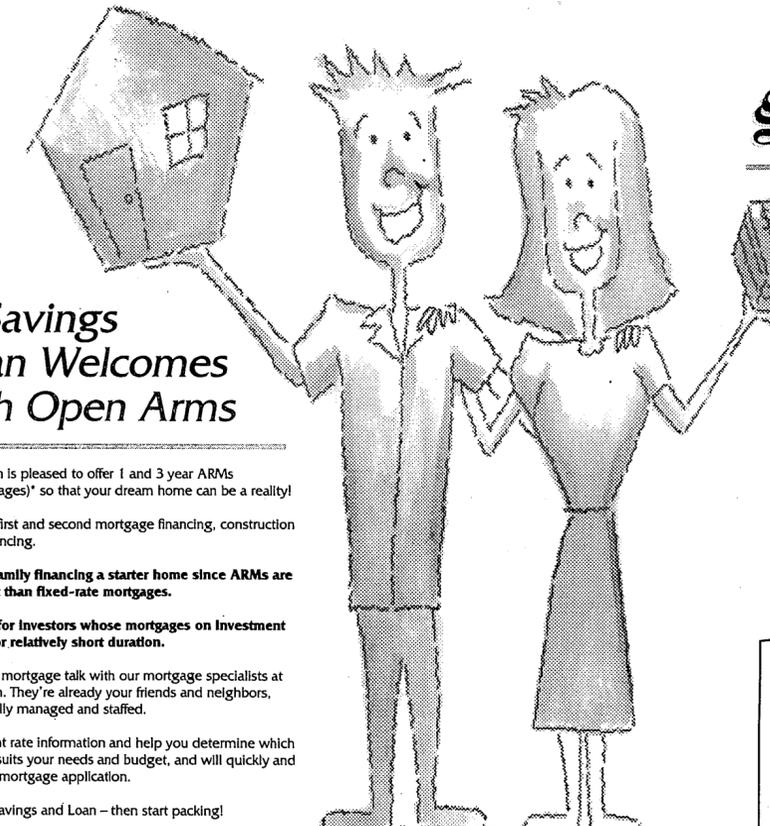
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**I. COMMUNITY PROJECTS AWARENESS**

**A. SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT PROJECT - March 1 - 4, 1993**  
Venue - All Public School System

L & T Group of Companies invited the different elementary schools in the C.N.M.I. to participate in the L & T Trash Day Campaign scheduled from March 1 - 4, 1993. Cash prizes shall be awarded to the schools with the cleanest campus, best landscaping and for the most trash bags collected. Awarding ceremonies shall be held on the 5th of March, 1993 at the school that will win the first prize.

**B. EMPLOYEES' ENVIRONMENT PROJECT - March 6, 1993 8 - 12:00 noon American Memorial Park**

Management and staff of L & T Group of companies both from garment and non-garment shall be participating in the community clean up campaign which will be held on March 6, 1993. They shall be gathering at American Memorial Park at 8:00 a.m. and to proceed down to Killili Beach along Beach Road. Free T-shirts shall be given to the participants.

**II. FUN RUN - March 6, 1993 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.**

American Memorial Park

To promote physical fitness, community cohesiveness, the L & T Group of Companies proudly sponsors a four-mile Fun Run on Marianas Sports Association. The race is open for the public and participants must converge at 6:00 a.m. at the American Memorial Park. The course runs along Beach Road and ends at the Mayor Ada Gymnasium at San Jose. Prizes, T-shirts and refreshments will be awarded to participants of all ages. Free pre-registration form are available at the L & T Group of Companies on Lower Base; Century Insurance Co., Ltd. at Chalan Kanoa; Home Improvement Center at Puerto Rico and Chalan Kanoa; Consolidated Transportation Services, Inc at Puerto Rico and at the Gilbert C. Ada Gym. For more information please call Bill Sakovich at 234-1001/2.

**III. GARMENT COMPANY OPEN HOUSE - March 12, 1993 3-5 p.m.**

L & T, Lower Base

To help foster a public-private sector partnership, the L & T Group of Companies enthusiastically invites the General Public to its Open House on 12 March 1993, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., at its garment company in Lower Base. Our guests will be treated to tours of our production facilities, served refreshments; and the first one hundred people to arrive will be given with souvenir mugs or T-shirts.

**IV. GOLF TOURNAMENT - March 13, 1993 6:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort

On March 13, 1993, the L & T Group of Companies will be sponsoring a contest of one of Saipan's favorite sports - golf. The 18-hole golf tournament will Tee-off at 6:45 a.m. at the Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort, featuring golfers from the C.N.M.I. and abroad. This event is expected to be a pinnacle point in L & T's anniversary festivities, as there will be copious amounts of fun, prizes and competition, preceding a warm reception the next day, March 14, 1993, at 6:30 p.m., at Hyatt's Gilligan's for the formal banquet and presentation of prizes. All interested parties should contact Joy Dayrit at 322-9006.

**V. L & T MINI OLYMPIC - March 14, 1993 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon**

Gilbert C. Ada Gym.

Another sports activity to be participated by L & T group of companies employees is the mini-olympic to be held on the 14th of March, 1993 at 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon to be held at the Gilbert C. Ada Gym. There will be two games to choose from: Basketball which is strictly a male event and volleyball which is a mix event.

**VI. L & T COMPANY PICNIC - March 14, 1993 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

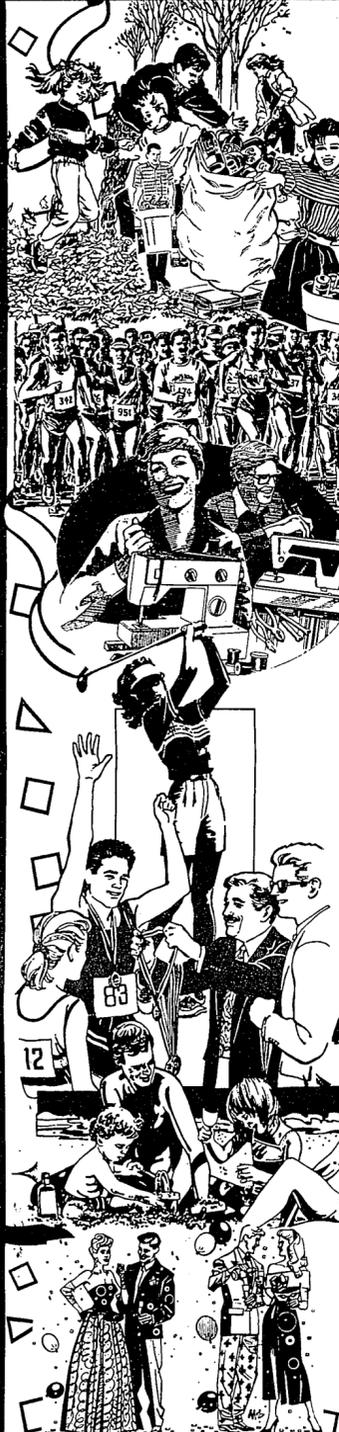
Killili Beach

On March 14, 1993, look for L & T Group of Companies who will be sponsoring a picnic for the hundreds of their company employees with food and fun at Killili Beach, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., there will be singing contests, socializing, relaxation, and an invigorated employee spirit.

**VII 10TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET - March 14, 1993 6:00 p.m.**

Hyatt Regency's Gilligans

L & T Group of Companies' 10th anniversary festivities will culminate with an appreciation banquet to be held at 6:00 p.m. on March 14, 1993, at the Hyatt Regency's Gilligan's. The banquet, which will feature dignitaries from the CNMI and from the company expressing their appreciation for the hard work and dedication from the employees for the past ten (10) years. In addition, there will be recognition awards for employees and certain government agencies.



## On meals audit: DOI used shotgun approach, says PSS

DEPARTMENT of Interior (DOI) reviewers used a "shotgun" approach in auditing meal records of the Public Schools System, Education Commissioner William S. Torres has said.

Torres' statement was made in reaction to a recommendation made by DOI reviewers that PSS repay over \$2.6 million in excess cash federal assistance to the PSS breakfast and lunch programs for fiscal years 1990 and 1991.

"The DOI reviewers, when they analyzed meal records used a shotgun approach, selecting just one month of data in a given fiscal year and multiplied them 10 times (the number of months in a school year) in computing their figures..." Torres said in a letter to House Speaker Thomas P. Villagomez and Senate President Juan S. Demapan.

Because of the manner DOI reviewers computed the meal figures, the result of their audit is "analogous to the saying that if one apple is bad, all apples must therefore be bad," Torres said.

The audit, Torres said, "grossly misrepresents" operations of the CNMI Food Service Program over the more than three-year period covered by the report.

Torres wrote to the legislative leaders Tuesday, the same day a news item came out in this newspaper about a recommendation made by Harold Bloom, assistant inspector general for audits.

Bloom recommended that the Board of Education, PSS' policy-making body, arrange for repayment of the excess assistance for students' meals.

PSS has been receiving such assistance from the Food and Nutrition Service of the US Department of Agriculture.

Torres said the DOI "assertions" that PSS received excess cash, "simply do not square with agreements signed between the CNMI government and the federal grantor—the Food and Nutrition Services.

He said the grant agency computed the grant amount for the meals and wrote the grant agreement.

The education commissioner likewise told the legislative leaders that the recommendation was not yet final.

The final determination of the recommendations contained in the DOI Inspector General report will be made by Sam Currie, inspector general of USDA for Region 9 in

San Francisco.

Torres said PSS has been talking to Currie on the issues raised following the DOI audit.

PSS has likewise communicated to James Blatner, program officer at the Food and Nutrition

Services which is giving the grant, to explain PSS' side.

According to Torres, the program officer "has been very receptive to and supportive of the PSS response" to the DOI report. The recommendation that PSS

repay the excess amount, would adversely affect the quality of the meals served and the capability of PSS to provide nutritious meals to the 9,372 school children, Torres said.

## Powerful senator renews call for territories reorganization

WASHINGTON (AP)—A powerful US senator says an interagency council should be established to coordinate federal policies with US possessions in the Pacific and Caribbean.

The proposal by Sen. J. Bennett Johnston, D-La., would shift some of the responsibilities from the Interior Department's Office of Territorial and International Affairs.

Johnston's legislation, introduced in the Senate Thursday,

differs from a House bill by Cong. Del. Ron de Lugo, D-Virgin Islands.

De Lugo would put territorial responsibilities at the White House, where a permanent staff would execute policies established under an interagency group in which Interior, State and Defense Departments would have prominent roles.

Johnston's bill calls for his proposed council to be headed by the secretary of Interior.

The senator, who chairs the

Energy and Natural Resources Committee, said he changed his bill after Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt said he would consider reorganization as long as the department's jurisdiction was not diminished.

Insular areas that would be affected by the legislation include Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the trust territory of Palau.

## CPA... Continued from page 1

cure a contract by a proposer who offered a higher bid than the winning bidder.

"It is usually apparent to such disappointed suitors that an administrative agency's decision to award a contract to the lowest cost responsible proposer can hardly be described as arbitrary and capricious," the CPA officials said.

In the seaport project, they said the CPA board reviewed the reports of the executive director and of the technical, financial and legal consultants who formed the site inspection committee and on that basis voted to award the contract to Samsung as the best bidder.

Nutting, in asking the court to impose sanctions against the complainants, said Mr. Rivera and his attorney have completely ignored one of the most rudimentary tenets of administrative law, the exhaustion of remedies doctrine. "They have blatantly misstated facts in their complaint and Mr. Rivera has attested to the veracity of the misstatements," Nutting

said.

In a declaration accompanying the motion to dismiss, Nutting cited statements made by Rivera in an interview with Marianac CableVision which was telecast on Feb. 9, as follows:

"I know for a fact that two board members did not attend the meeting. I know for a fact that Mr. Flemming was in the States and that Nick Sablan was never informed."

"I read body language and I could tell that the bid was already awarded to somebody before that bid, or bidding was opened..."

Nutting, in his declaration, said: "While I am not competent to testify as to Mr. Rivera's abilities to read body language, I know his representation of the 'facts' are in blatant disregard for the truth. All seven of the CPA board of directors, including Mr. Flemming and Nick Sablan were in attendance when the board decided to award the contract to Samsung Engineering and Construction Co. Ltd. by a vote of 5 to 1 with one member abstaining."

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## Condonation of CUC, MIHA debts to CDA urged, defeated

SENATOR Juan S. Torres last Friday introduced a resolution that seeks condonation of all current financial obligations of Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and Mariana Islands Housing Authority to Commonwealth Development Authority.

Saipan Legislative Delegation Resolution 8-5, which asks CDA to forgive all obligations due from CUC and MIHA drew lengthy arguments during the delegation's second regular session but got defeated after Saipan lawmakers voted to a deadlock on the matter.

The measure was eventually referred to a committee composed of Reps. Ana S. Teregeyo, Jesus P. Mañas, Diego T. Benavente, and Pete P. Reyes and Senators Jesus R. Sablan and Torres for further study.

"I do not see why we can't help two of our agencies which have been experiencing difficulties. If we do not have the necessary cash infusion to help them, then this is the best thing we could do," said Torres, as he defended his resolution on the floor.

The measure, which was seen by many as a very radical request, met stiff opposition mostly from members of the House leadership on account of the magnitude of amount being considered for condonation.

Voting for the measure was 7-7, with 2 members opting not to vote in the affirmative nor in the negative.

CUC currently owes CDA some \$50 million accumulated through several loans over the years, including a \$30 million debt used to finance power projects and whose

payment needs to commence this year.

On the other hand, MIHA owes CDA less than \$10 million representing the unpaid balance of a loan MIHA made for a housing project in Garapan. The housing agency has since been declared in default of the loan, even as CDA has already paid the principal source of the loan which is Bank of America.

Both MIHA and CUC have been experiencing tremendous financial difficulties casting doubts on their ability to repay such obligations.

MIHA's financial problems partly attributed to the absence of any appropriations from the Legislature to reimburse MIHA on infrastructure expenses it incurred on several of its housing projects.

Lawmakers who voted in favor of Torres' measure argued that the CNMI government should have shouldered these expenses as they have hampered MIHA's function of providing housing assistance to CNMI citizens.

CUC, since its inception, was said to have inherited a substantial amount of financial obligations coupled with a poor record upkeep to aggravate its financial woes.

It was also noted that when CUC began operations, the Commonwealth was undergoing an unprecedented economic growth, which forced CUC to upgrade its power, water and sewer systems to meet the growth demand.

"CUC and MIHA will continue to experience financial problems unless their financial obligations are settled. If we do not do any-

thing now, there is a chance we may have these two vital government agencies go down the drain," said Torres.

During the floor debate, Reps. Herman T. Guerrero raised concerns whether Torres' measure would be in conflict to the provisions of the grant pledge agreement executed by the US and the CNMI governments in the late 1980s to govern the second financial assistance package under section 702 of the Covenant.

The grant pledge agreement called for CUC's full cost recovery until it eventually becomes a self-sustaining government corporation.

Torres felt that his resolution would not violate the agreement because "it has expired upon the expiration of the second multiyear financial assistance package in fiscal year 1992."

But Torres added that even if his measure may be against past agreements, the CNMI should have the benefit of the doubt.

"We are seeing our Covenant being eroded by the misinterpretation of some of its provisions by the U.S. If they can interpret it the way they want, so should we," said Torres.

Also Torres said a condonation of the debts will benefit all CNMI residents preempting an impending rates increase for CUC and by effecting a more capable housing program.

"Payment of these debts would just mean additional funds for CDA to loan out its applicants. This means only a few selected ones are to benefit," argued Torres.

## G-7 Treasury ministers happy after get-acquainted session

By Dirk Beveridge

LONDON (AP) - Top economic officials from the world's seven richest industrial countries endorsed President Clinton's deficit-cutting strategy but reached no fresh agreements Saturday on reviving the sluggish world economy.

"There are no easy solutions, no quick fixes," said Britain's top treasury official, Chancellor of the Exchequer Norman Lamont. "If there were, everybody would be implementing them already."

Although the treasury ministers and central bankers from the Group of Seven nations talked of free trade and addressing the problem of unemployment, Japan's Yoshiro Hayashi and Germany's Theo Waigel said there had been no demands for specific actions to stimulate their powerful economies.

The meeting was intended to be a get-acquainted session with the new US treasury secretary, Lloyd Bentsen, who got his job as Clinton took power in January,

and Hayashi, who was installed late last year in a Japanese government shakeup.

Lamont said that all six of America's big trading partners gave "a very strong welcome" to Clinton's deficit-cutting proposals, which include a combination of spending cuts and tax increases designed to improve the stumbling US economy.

"I think it was the strong view of all those there that this represented a courageous step, was a significant step forward and would do much to sustain recovery in the American economy, and in the world economy, and to provide stability in the years to come," Lamont told a news conference.

Bentsen said he was pleased with the reaction to the Clinton economic plan, but cautioned that world economic growth will need help from all of the big industrial powers.

"My colleagues around the table recognized that while the United States is prepared to lead, we alone cannot guarantee prosperity for the world," Bentsen told reporters.

Italian officials, speaking privately, said there was "gentle pressure" on Japan to do more to stimulate its economy.

French Economics Minister Michel Sapin said he hoped the "parallel" growth initiatives of the United States and Europe will extend to Asia. While he avoided direct criticism of Japan, Sapin said he thought the Japanese delegates were receptive to that wish.

"Everywhere, in all countries, we need to stimulate growth - in a non-inflationary way of course," Sapin said.

Canadian Finance Minister Donald Mazankowski said the seven had agreed to make "a concerted effort to bring unemployment down."

Germany has been pressured by its partners to lower interest rates, which other European nations believe would hasten an economic recovery, but no commitments came out of Saturday's session.

"We don't discuss things in detail or timing on interest rates" Lamont said.

## Court calendar

**JUDGE PEDRO M. ATALIG**  
**March 3**  
**9:00 A.M.**

CUC vs. Francisco F. Babauta  
 Eulogio R. Camacho, et. al. vs. Tony C.P. Ng & Isi Int'l.  
 Town House, Inc. vs. Joseph Reyes, et. al.

**March 4**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
 Kim vs. Seo Kyung R.

**JUDGE MIGUEL S. DEMAPAN**  
**MARCH 1**  
**9:00 A.M.**

AG & Ino vs. Dennis V. Lacaste  
**1:30 P.M.**  
 AG & Ino vs. Qing Hua Weng  
 AG & Ino vs. Alfredo A. Leuterio

AG & Ino vs. Saturnino Galaurang  
 AG & Ino vs. Jeffrey T. Tulad  
 CNMI vs. Herminigildo V. Endaya  
 AG & Ino vs. Pablito C. Yumul  
 AG & Ino vs. Xue Feng Mu

**March 2**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
 CNMI vs. Maurino Ichikawa  
**1:30 P.M.**  
 Estate of Gregorio R. Sablan  
 Estate of Anselmo Celis Iglec

**March 4**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
 CNMI vs. Patrick Dowai  
 CNMI vs. Charlie T. Camacho  
 CNMI vs. Riumud, Alfonso F.  
 CNMI vs. Brando B. Biou  
 CNMI vs. Shireo Kepichin Louis

CNMI vs. Ralph Sablan  
 Mettao  
 CNMI vs. Marcelo I. Kileleman  
 CNMI vs. Felipe T. Mendiola  
 CNMI vs. Pedro Moses  
 CNMI vs. Redson R. Herwin

**1:30 P.M.**  
 CNMI vs. Joseph L.J. Villagomez  
**March 5**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
 CNMI vs. Renato C. Cunanan  
 CNMI vs. Lansang Arurang  
 CNMI vs. Felino B. Guevarra Jr.

CNMI vs. Kim Young Koo  
**JUDGE ALEX C. CASTRO**  
**March 1**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
 CNMI vs. Basilia F. You

**1:30 P.M.**  
**JUVENILE**  
**March 2**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
 CNMI vs. Alfredo E. Alcantara  
 CNMI vs. Gerald P. Kapileo  
 CNMI vs. Sekol Rebechong  
 CNMI vs. Carlo T. Sanchez  
 CNMI vs. Edgar T. Sanchez  
 CNMI vs. Edgar Saimon  
 CNMI vs. Henry I. Kapileo  
 CNMI vs. Juan C. San Nicolas  
 CNMI vs. Francisco M. Romolor

CNMI vs. Eduardo C. Cabanaro  
 CNMI vs. Antonio Reyes  
 CNMI vs. Samuel R. Omengkar

CNMI vs. Jan-Joo Park  
**1:30 P.M.**  
 In Re Estate of Amires, Aguida  
 CNMI vs. Patrick Shiro  
**March 3**  
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 Pacific Ent. vs. Fer, David  
 Avis Rent a Car vs. Dionicio S. Fitial  
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 J & G Co. Inc. vs. Merian T. Lizama  
 MTC vs. Maria Jocelyn M. Singh  
 Rosa S. Sorenson vs. Robert R. Long, et. al.  
 CDA vs. Guillermina C. Cepeda  
 Joeten Motors Co. Inc. vs. Dionisio R. Lizama Jr. et. al.  
 Joeten Motors Co. Inc. vs. Francisca T. & Ramon Sakisat  
 Joeten Motors Co. Inc. vs. Ramon Sakisat, et. al.  
 CUC vs. Cornelia Faisao  
 Hawaiian Rock Products, Inc. vs. Rufo T. Mañas  
 Pacific Electrical Supply Inc. vs. Rizaldino Domingo  
 Kirby Sales and Service vs. Isidro R. Lizama  
 Triple J Saipan vs. Tom Norwel Sam, et. al.  
 J.C. Tenorio Ent. vs. Northern Marianas Corp.  
 J.C. Tenorio Ent. vs. Green Park Ent.  
 Pacific Financial Corp. vs. Elaine S. Olopai  
 MTC vs. Roberto O. Lozano, Jr.  
 Nakamoto Ent. Ltd. vs. MPLC et. al.  
 MTC vs. Nenita V. Delos Santos  
 MTC vs. Jose M. Eugenio  
 Jennifer C. Mendiola vs. Joseph V. Ada  
 Dollar Rent a Car vs. Donald Flores  
 Enrique A. Santos vs. Jose A. Santos, et. al.  
 Town House, Inc. vs. Mark Suda  
 Pac. Int'l. Marianas Inc. vs. Basilius Ingais, et. al.  
 Pac. Int'l. Marianas Inc. vs. Judy S. Addy  
 Pac. Int'l. Marianas Inc. vs. Raymondo S. Fitial  
 Kirby Sales and Service vs. Agnes P. Deleon Guerrero  
 Bank of Hawaii vs. Maria C. Tagabeul, et. al.  
 Bank of Hawaii vs. Vicente A. Leon Guerrero  
 Filipinas, Inc. vs. Joaquin Reyes  
 Joeten Motor Co. vs. David C. Aguan  
 Joaquin L.G. Tudela vs. Duty Free Shoppers, Ltd. et. al.  
 Town House, Inc. vs. Robert P. Hilario, et. al.  
 Town House, Inc. vs. Servando Regis  
 Lorenzo Masga Ayuyu vs. Duty Free Shoppers, Ltd.  
 CNMI vs. Robert O. Romolor  
 CNMI vs. Kennedy Maulechong  
**10:00 A.M.**

CNMI vs. Joseph I. Norita  
 CNMI vs. Dominic F. Fitial  
**March 4**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
 CNMI vs. Wilfredo Imperial  
 CNMI vs. Marpol S. Agbayani  
 CNMI vs. Bernie Sabangan  
 CNMI vs. Reynaldo Ricamara  
 CNMI vs. Marpol Agbayani  
 CNMI vs. Marciano Martin  
 AG & Ino vs. Nancy A. Anglo  
 CNMI vs. Joseph J. Villagomez  
**March 5**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
 CNMI vs. Justin Rabauliman  
 CNMI vs. Alfredo L. Absenares  
 CNMI vs. Renato A. Cruzat  
 CNMI vs. Joseph I. Teregeyo

**ROTA**  
**March 4**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
 Mr. D'Ent. vs. James Kintaro  
**9:30 A.M.**  
 AG & Ino vs. Antonio R. Serrana  
 AG & Ino vs. Bartolome B. De Chavez  
 AG & Ino vs. Allan M. Bundalian  
 AG & Ino vs. Joaquin B. Robedillo

**JUDGE MARTY W.K. TAYLOR**  
**March 2**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
 CNMI vs. Alfred R. Flores  
**March 3**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
 CNMI vs. Frank O'Brien  
 Oliver  
 CNMI vs. Kennedy Baulechong  
 CNMI vs. Sylvano M. Alfonso  
 CNMI vs. Jess Magofna Sablan  
 CNMI vs. Jovito P. Legaspi  
 CNMI vs. Alex David Coldeen  
 CNMI vs. Eulalia J. Torres  
 CNMI vs. Edward B. Maomay  
 CNMI vs. Elmer C. Icalto  
 CNMI vs. Erlinda Jane Calvo  
 De Oro  
 CNMI vs. Astrologo, Julito  
 Ocata  
**10:00 A.M.**  
 CNMI vs. Chung Woon Soo  
**1:30 P.M.**  
 Francis Salas Songsong vs. Ricardo B. Songsong  
 Helen F. Sablan Basa vs. Thomas C. Camacho  
 Josephine D. Abad vs. Ricardo A. Manalo  
 Erica T. Besong vs. Darius Besong  
 Priscilla A. Castro vs. Hal John Cabrera  
 Peter H. Lizama vs. Sanae E. Lizama  
 Umayam, Rita B. vs. Umayam, Roberto  
 Rosita S. Quitugua vs. Reipin Iltipen  
**March 4**  
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 CNMI vs. Norita, Jospen I.  
 CNMI vs. Ilemelong Towai  
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 Herman's Modern Bakery vs.

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## MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

Maria Itibus Roligat



We, the family of the late Maria Itibus Roligat would like to take this opportunity to extend our deepest appreciation and gratitude to all relatives and friends for the consolation, kindness and support you've extend to us during the hour of our sorrow and grief. Special thanks also go out to all those who have contributed support in any form especially for the prayers. We just can't thank you enough for everything you've done for us; however, may our Lord bless you once again from all of us to all of you...

"Un sen dangkulo nasi Yu'us Ma'ase and Ghilissow Reemi".

From the Family

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## Death & Funeral Announcement

**MATILDE DELEON GUERRERO DELOS REYES**

BORN: September 11, 1945



Was called to her eternal rest on February 23, 1993, at the age of 47. She is pre-deceased by her father ANTONIO SABLAN DELOS REYES.

She is survived by her mother CARMEN DELEON GUERRERO DELOS REYES and her daughter AMPARO DELOS REYES TUDELA.

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Viewing will take place at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Bernard V. Hofschneider on Tuesday, March 2, 1993, from 5:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. the following day, March 3, 1993. Mass will be offered at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3, 1993 at the Chalan Kanoa Cathedral and Burial will follow immediately at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

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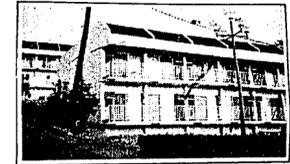
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**Bomb explodes at airport, injuring 25**

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP) - A bomb exploded Sunday at the airport of this southern Philippine city, injuring 25 people and devastating the terminal building, police said.  
The explosion occurred about 8 a.m. (0000 GMT) in the departure area, seconds after passengers had left the room to board a flight for Manila.  
Police found a second bomb three hours later at a souvenir shop inside the terminal. They detonated it in place after clearing the area, police and witnesses said.  
Four of the injured were in critical condition with extensive burns and shrapnel wounds, hospital sources said.  
No group claimed responsibility. Police offered two theories: a personal vendetta or an attack by Muslim extremists who have been fighting government forces on the nearby island of Basilan.  
Philippine Airlines canceled all

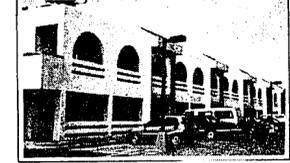
of the four remaining flights from Zamboanga scheduled for the day and sent airport staff home. Airline officials said the first explosion occurred as passengers on the Manila flight were standing on the tarmac outside the terminal.  
Passengers included the Apo Hiking Society, one of the country's best known musical groups, who had performed in the city the night before.  
Police also stepped up security throughout Zamboanga, including a sports complex where a national association of private schools was completing a week-long sports festival.  
"These are mad people who inflict injuries on hapless civilians," said Zamboanga Mayor Vitallano Agan.  
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**Airbus, Boeing orders at stake in corporate fight**

By Robert H. Reid

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Aircraft orders from Airbus Industrie and Boeing will be at stake when the board of Philippine Airlines meets Monday in the final stage of a bitter takeover fight within the flag carrier. On Saturday, PAL Chairman Antonio Cojuangco was ousted as chairman and president of PR Holdings, a consortium which bought 67 percent of the airline from the government last year.  
Cojuangco is also expected to relinquish the chairmanship of Philippine Airlines when the carrier's stockholders meet Monday. Cojuangco, a cousin of former President Corazon Aquino, will probably remain on the board of both the airline and the holding company, corporate sources said.  
Cojuangco's ouster follows a bitter corporate fight because of his decision to buy six Airbus 340-200s and four Boeing 747-400s for more than \$1.1 billion.

The airline has already paid the two manufacturers a total of \$87 million as a downpayment on the 10 planes.  
But Cojuangco's rival, Lucio Tan, objected to the refueling scheme, saying the planes were cost effective only on trans-continental flights and the company should concentrate on regional markets in East Asia.  
Although Tan has not explicitly promised to cancel the orders, his supporters say the corporate changes mean discussion will be reopened, possibly at Monday's board meeting.  
The airline would face penalty charges if the orders are delayed or canceled, corporate sources said.  
Tan's involvement in PR Holdings was kept secret when the firm purchased the majority stake in Philippine Airlines last year. Tan is a controversial figure here because of his close ties to the late Philippine strongman Ferdinand Marcos.

**Israel to publish first occupied territories budget in 15 Years**

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israel will publish a separate budget for the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip for the first time in 15 years, spokesman for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Saturday.  
"The budget for the territories is no longer a secret," Oded Ben Ami told The Associated Press. He said specifics were not immediately available.  
The US has charged in the past that previous Israeli right-wing governments have fudged spending in the occupied territories in order to cover up use of American aid dollars in the disputed lands.  
The Likud party, which dominated Israel's political scene from 1977 until Rabin's left-leaning Labor party

won power last June, was ideologically committed to incorporating the territories into Israel.  
It increased the amount of Jewish settlers to some 120,000 among the 1.5 million Arabs in the territories.  
Nonetheless, it refrained from outright annexation of the West Bank and Gaza, partly due to American objections to such a move. The United States supports some sort of self-determination for the Palestinians in the occupied lands.  
Rabin promised during his election campaign to transfer money the Likud spent in the territories to combat Israel's growing unemployment problem.

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# Afro-Cuban jazz king enjoys comeback in his 80s

By Anita Snow

NEW YORK (AP) - The bongos and congas are pounding, the trumpets and French horns are blaring, the audience is swaying and Mario Bauza just can't stop smiling.

Swinging her hips and crooning with Bauza to the rhythms of his 1940 hit "Tanga" is Graciela Perez, his sister-in-law and childhood friend from Cuba. Also on stage is Bauza's old compadre Rudy Calzado, a longtime fellow performer who was his roommate for several years after both men were widowed.

The king of Afro-Cuban music who worked with jazz legends Dizzy Gillespie and Machito during the 1940s and '50s has been rediscovered by a record producer from Germany, where Bauza's sound never went out of style.

Now at 81, he's enjoying a comeback.

The man who wears horn-rimmed glasses and a tuxedo with a red cummerbund for his rare performances has just finished cutting a second record for messidor musik of Germany. Re-

cently, he and his Afro-Cuban Jazz Orchestra were featured performers in New York during a musical celebration of Afro-Caribbean culture.

Bauza says performing and recording keeps him young and takes the edge off the sadness he feels each time he loses an old music buddy.

"Almost all of my music friends are gone now. Benny Goodman's gone. Machito's gone," he said in a recent interview. Gillespie, one of his closest friends, died in January at 75 from pancreatic cancer.

"But this music, it's like therapy for me," Bauza said. "The music makes me happy. It makes me jump. ... With this music, I am never old."

The roots of Bauza's resurgence can be traced to April 1991, his 80th birthday party performance at the Symphony Space theater on Manhattan's Upper West Side.

German record producer Gotz A. Wornor of messidor, already familiar with Bauza's work, happened to be in New York and stopped by. As soon as Bauza's band stopped playing, Bauza and

Wornor were talking about cutting a record.

Within months, Bauza and his Afro-Cuban Jazz Orchestra were in a New York studio, recording the album "The Legendary Mambo King Mario Bauza." It features his best-known work - "Tanga" - performed as a suite in five movements.

Arranged and conducted by another Afro-Cuban jazz legend - Chico O'Farrill - the suite draws on both Bauza's ethnic roots and his classical training.

Bauza's second album for messidor, recorded in New York in December, will feature mostly dance music - danzones, boleros, merengues. Still untitled, it's scheduled for release in late spring.

He was born in Cuba, where he studied classical music and played bass clarinet with the Havana Philharmonic. "Music has been my life since I was 14 years old," he said.

Bauza was just 16 when he first arrived in New York for two weeks to tour with Antonio Maria Romu's orchestra. He liked the

different sounds other bands were experimenting with, and he wanted to be part of the excitement.

"I said to myself, 'I have to come back to this country, to live, to play,'" Bauza recalled.

He emigrated to the United States in the early 1930s and within a few years was playing saxophone with Chick Webb's orchestra. Later, as the orchestra's musical director, he discovered a teen-age singer named Ella Fitzgerald.

Bauza hooked up with the Cab Calloway band in 1939 and introduced the group to Gillespie. Much of the legendary trumpet player's work was influenced by Bauza, who produced many of his recordings and infused his music with Afro-Cuban rhythms.

Latin rhythms suddenly were hot across the United States and Bauza and his musical buddies toured the country with various bands, playing the Palladium in New York City, the Latin nightclubs in Hollywood.

But in the 1960s and 1970s, the bongos and the timbales were silenced as rock 'n' roll swept the nation.

Although the sound of big band Afro-Cuban jazz waned in popularity, the rhythms lived on.

"Just listen to any rock 'n' roll or jazz music and you will hear the African rhythms," Bauza said. "They are all part of the popular music you hear today."

Bauza said that, as he grows older and as the world loses more of the Afro-Cuban jazz maestros, he feels compelled to continue practicing his craft, to ensure that the music - and especially the rhythms - that he loves never dies.

His orchestra is filled with young, classically trained musicians he hopes will carry his Afro-Cuban rhythms into the next century. He hopes his two recent records also will keep the beat going.

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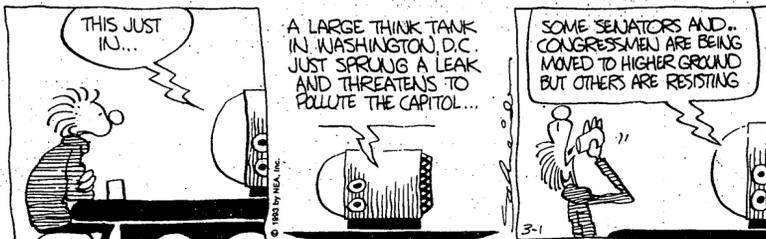
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By Stella Wilder

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — A look at that which is unusual, even threatening today may result in greater self-confidence.

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TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1998, a storm ravaged most of Europe, and damage to forests was enormous. In Germany, destroyed timber amounted to the total normally cut in one year.

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TODAY'S MOON: First quarter.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1969, New York Yankee great Mickey Mantle announced his retirement from baseball. Mantle hit 536 home runs during his career.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The act of writing requires a constant plunging back into the shadow of the past where time hovers ghostlike." — Ralph Ellison

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Dean Howells (1837-1920), novelist-

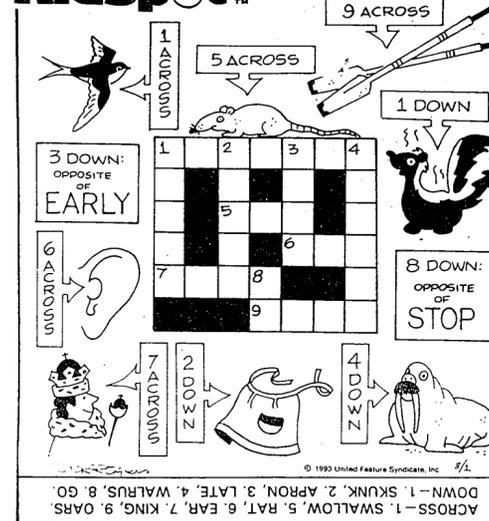
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Fernandez beats Sukova in Evert Cup

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) - Top seed Mary Joe Fernandez had three service breaks in the first set en route to a 6-3, 6-1 semifinal victory over No. 5 Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia in the Evert Cup on Saturday. No. 4 Amanda Coetzer of South Africa defeated Stephanie Rottier of the Netherlands, 6-4, 6-3 in the other semifinal. Fernandez led 2-0 when a fore-

hand error by Sukova gave Fernandez a service break. They traded service games before Fernandez led 3-2. She won the next two games to go up 5-2 before being broken at love by Sukova. Fernandez closed out the first set 6-3 when Sukova's forehand sailed long. Fernandez, a 21-year-old from Miami ranked seventh in the world, took a 3-0 lead

in the second set before wrapping up the match in 67 minutes. "This is the best I've played all week," Fernandez said. "I never know what to expect from her. She serves and volleys and comes in and she hits short balls. I was trying to return her serve away from her, get her off position." Fernandez faces Coetzer in Sunday's final for the \$75,000 prize. She has won both previous meetings in straight sets, although Coetzer has not dropped a set in five matches this week. Coetzer, ranked 18th in the world, traded breaks with Rottier to open the match. Then Rottier broke Coetzer again and held her own serve at love to go up 3-1. Coetzer won next two games to tie the first set 3-3. Rottier won another game before Coetzer reeled off three straight to win 6-4 in a set that had seven service breaks. Coetzer led 4-1 in the second set when Rottier closed to 4-3. Their match featured long rallies, with the ball crossing the net 40 times on one point. "Now that I'm in the finals, it'll be great for me if I win," Coetzer said. "I think I'm ready. I won a tournament this year (in Australia in January) so maybe I'm getting used to it."

Digital layoffs cloud Ireland's economic revival strategy

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) - When Digital Equipment Corp. announced last week it would stop manufacturing computers in Galway, not only did 780 of its 1,150 employees find themselves unemployed. The announcement was a blow to Ireland's development strategy, and a stinging loss in the competition among nations for scarce jobs. Galway Mayor Padraic McCormack said the ripple effects could wipe out another 1,000 jobs, adding to local unemployment that by some estimates is nearly twice the nation's official rate of 16.8 percent. "Yesterday was a black day," McCormack said in a telephone interview Friday from Galway, in western Ireland. "It was like a member of the family had died."

keep its manufacturing plant open in Ayr, Scotland. The extent of the British effort is not known, but McCormack said Britain employed politicians far more powerful than the Irish Industrial Development Authority, which has tried to save jobs in Ireland in recent months. "When IDA officials go over as opposed to ministers, it's like my 12-year-old son going instead of me," McCormack said. "He can say, 'My daddy will do this, but I can't do this.'" By the time Ireland began

intervening at a higher level, it was too late, he said. Most of the Digital workers have declined comment on their predicament. Hundreds are wondering what their severance pay will come to and how they can hope to keep up house payments.

Kasparov draws with Kramnik in Linares chess tournament

LINARES, Spain (AP) - World chess champion Garry Kasparov drew with 17-year-old Russian grandmaster Vladimir Kramnik after 19 moves Saturday in the fourth round of the Linares International Chess Tournament. The day's matches, mostly draws, left three players - Alexi Shirov of Latvia, Anatoly Karpov of Russia and Visuvanathan Anand

of India - tied for first place with 2.5 points apiece in the 13-round tournament. Russian Kasparov, who has completed one fewer game than the leaders, and Kramnik were in a seven-way tie for second place with two points each. The only victory on the day came when Evgeny Bareev of Russia defeated Yugoslavia's Ljubomir Ljubojevic in 36 moves.

Shirov drew with Dutchman Jan Timman in 21 moves, while former world champion Karpov and world's No. 3 Anand drew in 38 moves. Tournament director Luis Rentero said he would fine Kramnik, Shirov and Ukrainian Vassily Ivanchuk \$1,000 apiece for failing to play out their matches to 40 moves, as tournament custom dictates.

Airline says plane with 6 persons missing on domestic flight

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - A plane owned by Taiwan's domestic Formosa Airlines with six people aboard was overdue on a flight from Taipei to the offshore Orchid Island, airline officials reported Sunday. Two of the four passengers were Japanese nationals, identified as S. Aotani and K. Ikebe, the airline reported. The other four, including two crewmen, were Taiwanese. Officials said the 20-seat

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# SPORTS



## California Angels sale possible

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) - Jackie Autry, presiding over a baseball franchise that she says is losing millions of dollars every year, said Saturday she wouldn't be surprised if her husband sold the California Angels.

And Gene Autry admitted it's a possibility.

"Anything is for sale for the right price," she said. "If Gene did sell, I really wouldn't be surprised, because there are so many external pressures in baseball today, with Congress and the union and players and the media and fans, and sometimes you wonder why you put up with all this aggravation."

"I mean, why would anybody invest \$100 million just to be taken to task on a daily basis?" she said.

Last spring, she revealed that her husband, now 85, has given her complete control over the ballclub. But selling is a decision she couldn't make alone. "We get contacts (from interested buyers) all the time, and it's been going on since 1983, since Gene acquired 100 percent ownership of the Angels," she said, "and I'm sure it will continue on into the future." But Gene will make the decision when he is ready. I won't. He's the 100 percent stockholder, not me."

In a separate interview, Gene Autry suggested that a lot of the fun he once got out of baseball is gone.

"We lost about \$10 million last year, and I can't do that anymore," said Autry, who made his fame and fortune as a matinee-idol singing cowboy. "Maybe if I was still making movies, I'd say, 'OK, I'll make another movie.' But I can't do that."

"I'd hate to sell the club, but if someone came along with \$200 million, I could sell it," he said.

The last four major-league franchises that changed hands (Seattle, San Francisco, Houston and Detroit) sold for an average of \$103 million

apiece. A Southern California franchise would probably be worth considerably more than that.

The Autrys said they are not in negotiation with a potential buyer now.

"This year, there are going to be maybe five or six teams who will make a little money," Gene Autry said, "but there are an awful lot of teams that are losing money, and no one wants to lose money to keep a ballclub."

"I think it's time that the players and I don't blame the players for getting all that they can - but the players are going to have to come

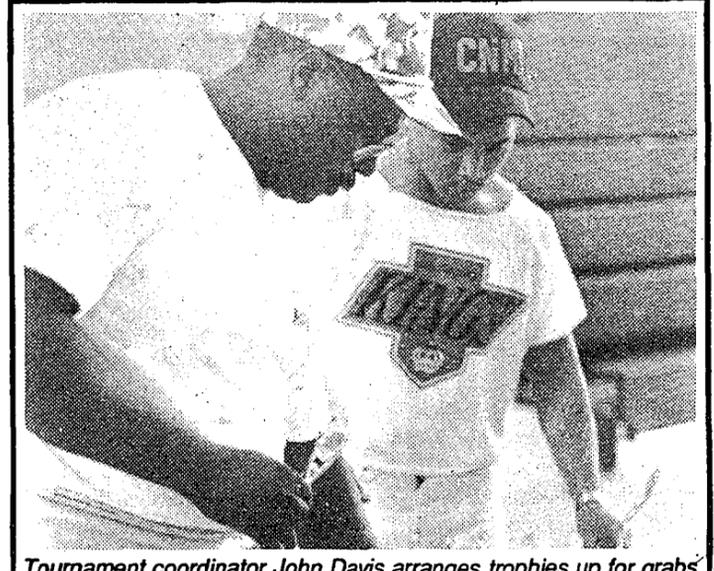
around, and the owners are going to have to review the payroll, or there's going to be no baseball. That's all there is to it," he said.

Losing favorite ballplayers like pitcher Jim Abbott because of failed contract negotiations has soured Autry.

"We've lost a few good ballplayers that we'd like to have kept," he said, "but they don't even talk to you anymore unless you talk about \$10 million to start with, and then you get up to \$25 and \$30 million. I might as well give them the ballclub and put on a uniform and go out here and try to play myself."



Davis briefs participants in the bench press competition which was sponsored by the L&T Group of Companies.



Tournament coordinator John Davis arranges trophies up for grabs during the NMI Bench Press Junior and women competition held at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium last Saturday.

## Fred Couples moves into 4-way tie for lead

By Ken Peters

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Fred Couples, bidding for his second Los Angeles Open victory in a row and third in four years, shot a 4-under-par 67 Saturday to move into a four-way tie for the lead.

The others at 4-under-par 138 through 36 holes at Riviera Country Club were Payne Stewart, with a 66; Marco Dawson, with a 67; and Donnie Hammond, with a 69.

After rain washed out Friday's round, the tournament at Riviera Country Club was shortened to 54 holes for the first time in the event's 67-year history. More rain was forecast as likely for Saturday, but the day was clear, with blue skies and puffy clouds.

Couples is hoping to become the first repeat winner of the LA Open since Arnold Palmer in 1966-67. There were only three others who successfully defended their titles: Mac Smith in 1929, Ben Hogan in 1947, and Paul Harney in 1965.

Couples admitted he felt some pressure when he began the tour-

namment this time.

"I was a little more into today's round than I was the first day," the 1992 Masters champion said after Saturday's round. "Since Riviera is my favorite course, I expected to do well."

"And everyone kept saying, 'You're going to repeat.'"

Couples, who had a steady round with five birdies, missed a chance to take the lead alone when he three-putted at No. 18 for his only bogey.

Hammond also bogeyed the final hole, scrambling and making a 4-foot putt to avoid a double-bogey.

"It's a good thing I made that one," he said. "A double-bogey sure wouldn't have helped."

Couples seemed confident as he looked ahead to Sunday's round.

"With only 18 holes left to play, I think I've got a great chance," Couples said. "It's going to be a logjam and somebody who's 1- or 2-under now can easily have a great round tomorrow."

Asked how he considered his

chances, Hammond smiled and said: "Very good. Riviera is one of my favorites; LA is in my top three favorite cities; and I'm feeling good."

Hammond said that, because the tournament has been short-

ened to 54 holes, there may be a logjam near the top of the leaderboard on Sunday.

"Anybody within even par has a chance if they get off to a good start on Sunday," Hammond said. "It's going to be bunched up."

Stewart said that, although Saturday's round was just the second of the tournament because of the rainout, "It's still Saturday; like in a normal third round, you wanted to put yourself in a position to win."

## Moorer takes 10-Round decision to keep title chances

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) - Second-ranked World Boxing Association heavyweight Michael Moorer remained in the title picture by wearing down James "Bonecrusher" Smith to capture a 10-round unanimous decision Saturday.

Moorer, 31-0 with 28 knockouts, capitalized on the tiring Smith to land several flush left crosses during the final three rounds. The 25-year-old left-hander also cut Smith's bottom lip in the ninth round and had his 39-year-old fellow American opponent wobbling in the final minute of the fight.

Moorer, who weighed in at a light 218 pounds (99 kilograms), rebounded from a slow start marked by Smith's clubbing counter rights. The momentum permanently turned after Moorer won a toe-to-toe exchange capping round three. The 246-pound (111.4-kilogram) Smith subsequently tired and Moorer racked up points.

Judge Vincent Rainone scored it 98-92, while Judges Eugene Grant scored it 99-91 and Al DeVito scored it 98-93, all for Moorer. The Associated Press scored it 98-92 for Moorer.

"I'm with new trainers (George

Benton and Lou Duva) who are teaching me to move my head more and avoid punches," said Moorer, who is based in Detroit. "I've gotten many knockouts, but I always got hit a lot. I was comfortable with the new style today but I couldn't cut loose the way I wanted to. He always tied me up."

Smith, 33-11-1 with 26 knockouts, held the WBA title in 1986 and was fighting for the first time since a June 1992 decision loss to Greg Page.

"This guy was second ranked in the world and I thought I fought well against him," Smith said.

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