

Torres seeks governor's declaration:

'Emergency for PSS'

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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EDUCATION Commissioner William Torres has asked Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio to declare a state of emergency for the Public School System over the shortage of classrooms in the CNMI.

Torres, in an interview Friday, said the student population in the CNMI continues to grow at a "phenomenal rate" making it "almost impossible" now for public schools to accommodate more

enrolees.

"Because the demand continues to grow at a phenomenal rate, something drastic has to be done," Torres said. "The only way in my mind for the government to have undivided focus and interest in resolving the problem is to declare a state of emergency for PSS."

Article III section 10 of the Constitution empowers the governor to declare a state of emergency "in the case of invasion,

civil disturbance, natural disaster or other calamity....and (to) mobilize available resources to respond to that emergency."

Early last year, Tenorio declared a state of emergency on water.

Acting Gov. Jesus Borja last week declared a state of emergency on Rota in connection with the discovery of active ordnance in the waters off its coast.

A declaration of state of emergency for PSS, Torres said, would give the governor an exclusive

authority to tap federal funds to alleviate the the "chronic overcrowding at classrooms."

"If this situation is taken care of this month, then we will have sufficient fund for the construction of more classrooms," Torres said.

This year's PSS enrollment registered at 10,749.

Torres said that under "normal circumstances," enrollment rate increases between 8 and 10 percent yearly.

But for the next school year and the succeeding years, Torres said, PSS projects more than 10 per-

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William Torres



LISTEN. Taekwondo practitioners from the Korean Amateur Sports Association of Saipan receive last-minute instructions from their mentor prior to a martial arts demonstration Saturday during the kickoff festivities for the 1996 CNMI Tourism Week at the Marpi resort grounds. (Story on page 3.)

Photo by Rick Alberto

Mayor raps Borja over emergency declaration

By Rafael H. Arroyo
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ROTA Mayor Joseph S. Inos is not so happy with acting Gov.



Joseph S. Inos

Jesus C. Borja's declaration of a state of emergency on Rota after the discovery of active ordnance in shallow waters off its coast.

In a letter dated May 2nd, Inos said Borja should have given prior word about his declaration instead of just unilaterally coming up with the decision.

Borja declared a state of emergency for Rota's East Harbor after an underwater assessment conducted by US Navy and Emergency Management Officials yielded unexploded bombs.

The state of emergency, which

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Marshalls claims US assaults sovereignty

By Giff Johnson
for the Variety

MAJURO - The Marshall Islands government is backing a local company's lawsuit against the United States Army, calling U.S. discrimination at the Army's missile testing base at Kwajalein an "assault on the sovereignty of the Marshall Islands."

Filed May 1 before the High Court by assistant attorney general John Masek, the amicus curiae motion said that the Compact treaty and the Marshall Islands Constitution grants to the U.S. "no special privilege to discriminate against Marshallese contractors, and they (U.S.) have misused that....authority to implement a discriminatory and illegal bidder preference."

The U.S. is seeking to have the lawsuit brought by a Marshalls construction company dismissed for lack of jurisdiction, while the Marshalls company and government are seeking partial summary judgement on the merits of the case.

The issue is that the U.S. classified local construction company Pacific International Inc. as a "foreign" contractor so that it had to compete for Army contracts against American companies that received a 20 percent bid price preference.

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Lone Star warns Tinian may lose out to Guam as casino destination

By Rafael H. Arroyo
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THE PROVISION in the Tinian casino gaming act imposing an annual fee of \$500,000 on small casinos may be the reason why Lone Star has not reopened its mini casino on Tinian.

In a letter to Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission Executive Director Paul Palmer dated May 1st, Lone Star Chairman and CEO Paul J. Montle said the casino company could have already restarted its small casino on Tinian had the Commission acceded to "its earlier proposals."

Lone Star last year started the first-ever casino operation under the Tinian Casino Gaming Initiative. The mini-casino, however, stopped doing business late last year purportedly to assess its fi-

nances but with a "commitment to reopen early this year."

Up until now, Lone Star has yet to resume its operations, apparently waiting for the Commission to act on some "proposals" it made.

Neither Montle nor Palmer could be contacted for clarification about the proposals, yesterday being a Sunday.

"Since we have not heard from the Commission since January, or heard any response to our earlier proposals, we are completely in the dark as to why the TCGC does not care about having at least one operating casino on Tinian now," Montle said.

According to Montle, the Commission by now could have held a referendum and let the voters decide whether to repeal the

\$500,000 annual fee on small casinos.

"If they voted 'yes,' Lone Star

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Weather Outlook



Partly cloudy
with isolated shower

7 bombs explode in Bahrain

By **ADNAN MALIK**
MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) - Several bombs exploded in central Manama early Sunday morning, gutting two stores and damaging five others. The shops were closed at the time and no one was injured.

No group claimed immediate responsibility for the simultaneous detonations - at 2 a.m. - in the old section of Manama and a nearby district. But suspicion fell on opposition activists who have been waging a violent anti-government campaign for more than a year.

Witnesses said they heard at least seven explosions, but the exact number could not be

confirmed. Police had yet to make a statement.

Police Saturday night acting on a tip defused six small explosive devices planted at Yateem Shopping Center in Bahrain's capital. A seventh device later exploded there, but caused no damage, security sources said.

Just hours before that activists started small fires in villages outside Manama to mark the 40th day of Muslim mourning for a man executed for killing a policeman - the opposition claims the execution was murder.

Scores of police in riot gear blocked entrances to several villages, including Sanabis, Abu Sib'a, Daih and Bani Jamra - all

centers of dissent - as fire engines rushed to the scene, witnesses said.

The blockade was later lifted, they said.

The bombs gutted a toy shop

and a musical instruments store. Five other shops were damaged. Six of the shops are in the old part of Manama near its busiest area. Another is in the nearby Salmaniya district.

Nearly two hours after the bombings, smoke billowed from the musical instruments store and nearby toy shop as firemen hosed them down. One fireman said his shift Sunday was his busiest ever.

Gunman moved to prison after hospital receives death threats

By **GEOFF SPENCER**
HOBART, Australia (AP)

- Police moved the man accused of killing 35 people in a shooting and arson spree a week ago from a hospital, which has received death threats and a bomb scare for treating him, to a prison on Sunday.

Meanwhile, a newspaper reported that Martin Bryant, now 28, had been diagnosed two years ago as schizophrenic.

Melbourne's Sunday Herald-Sun said the diagnosis was ordered by a court, which wanted to determine if Bryant could handle a big inheritance.

The paper said the Tasmanian Supreme Court ordered doctors from the state's Health and Community Services to examine Bryant in 1994. They found he had a personality disorder and was psychologically unfit.

Money and other assets from the inheritance were put in the hands of a trustee on Bryant's behalf after the doctors said he would squander

the money on his own. The fortune came from an elderly female companion of Bryant's. She died in an auto crash in 1992. Originally her legacy was left to Bryant's father, who was to look after it for Bryant.

However, the father subsequently drowned in 1993. At the time, the auto crash was found to be accidental and the drowning a case of suicide.

Two days ago police said they were reexamining Bryant's links with recent deaths, but declined to say if they were the cases of the woman and his father. They also plan to reexamine details of several unsolved murder cases.

Bryant was moved Sunday from the Royal Hobart Hospital, which has received dozens of telephoned threats since it has been treating him for burns, to Risdon Prison, police said.

"It is hoped that hospital staff can now begin the task of concentrating on their normal duties and caring for the injured without the distractions of threatening calls that had

been made to the hospital," a police statement said.

Australia has strict laws limiting pretrial publicity, so police have refused to discuss details before Bryant goes to trial for the massacre of tourists and workers at Port Arthur, the historic site of a ruined colonial prison, 50 kilometers (30 miles) south of Hobart.

They accuse him of gunning down people ranging in age from 3 to 72 on April 28, then setting fire to an inn at the end of an all-night standoff with hundreds of officers the following day.

Three hostages had been inside the bed and breakfast. Their bodies were found in the charred rubble.

Bryant surrendered and dropped his high-powered weapons only after his clothes caught fire. He was hospitalized with burns to his back and buttocks.

Hospital officials said they have received death threats from people upset that Bryant is being cared for. Some have demanded that doctors and nurses stop treatment.

Fighting continues as US marines evacuate warlord from Liberia

By **JONATHAN PAYE-LAYLEH**
MONROVIA, Liberia (AP)

- Liberia's rebels, many of them teen-agers armed with machine guns, fought furious street battles as hopes for peace faded despite the evacuation of warlord Roosevelt Johnson.

The fresh violence came one day after U.S. Marines airlifted Johnson to Ghana for peace talks. But archrival Charles Taylor vowed not to abandon his forces to attend the talks. And Johnson's men continued to fight without him.

The warfare was the worst since a 10-day cease-fire crumbled on Monday. Two main bridges leading into the West African city were under heavy fire. Taylor's forces repeatedly shelled the military barracks that Johnson had seized and occupied for the last month.

"The fighting now going on is intended to diminish the ability of Johnson's men to make war," Taylor said at his headquarters in the suburb of Congo Town.

Taylor said he had no intention of joining Johnson in Accra, Ghana, for talks to be-

gin Wednesday on ending the six-year-old Liberian war. "I welcome the process to have General Johnson evacuated and hope that the electoral process will go on as planned in August this year," he said.

Taylor recently aligned his forces with warlord Alhaji Kromah, once a bitter rival. Both men sit on Liberia's governing council, which was seated Sept. 1 after international mediators brokered country's 13th peace accord in six years of civil war.

The council was designed to prepare Liberia for elections by August. Taylor said the council's civilian chairman, Wilton Sankawulo, would represent Liberia at the peace talks.

The U.S. State Department said Saturday that the failure of any faction leader to attend the peace talks would be regarded as "evidence of an unwillingness to support the peace process." The White House is sending U.S. special envoy Dane Smith to attend the talks in Ghana.

Johnson, who had been barricaded in the military barracks since April 6, was hustled in an armored convoy to the U.S. Embassy on Friday. A U.S. helicopter flew him to neigh-

boring Sierra Leone and onto Accra later that night.

Johnson's evacuation was the outcome of two days of diplomatic efforts involving U.N., U.S., and peacekeeping officials.

A truce negotiated on April 19 collapsed 10 days later. Efforts to start peace talks increased in urgency after Taylor on Thursday vowed an all-out assault on Johnson.

Johnson, a former Cabinet minister, was fired by the government and charged with murder in connection with clashes in March that violated an August 1995 peace accord.

His refusal to surrender sparked fighting that quickly spread into a city-wide spree of looting, shelling and gunfire. The United States military began evacuating foreigners April 10, and by Friday about 2,100 people had been flown to neighboring countries.

Hundreds of people are believed to have been killed in the latest outbreak of fighting in Liberia, which was founded by freed American slaves in 1847.

The six-year war had already claimed the lives of more than 150,000 Liberians and forced half of the country's 2.8 million people to flee their homes.

CNMI celebrates Tourism Week

Borja calls for promotion of the islands' treasures

By **Ferdie de la Torre**
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LT. GOV. Jesus C. Borja has called the people to help in promoting and preserving the "treasures" in the CNMI in order to make the strong growth of the tourism industry continues.

Borja said the weather, ocean water, beaches, tourist sites and the friendly and hospitable people, continue to attract increasing numbers of tourists.

"We must advertise these treasures, but also preserve them," said Borja in his opening remarks during Saturday's kick-off ceremony of the 13th Annual Tourism Week celebration.

The Lt. Governor underscored the importance of tourism to the livelihood and its impact on CNMI economy, saying the future of the Commonwealth depends on tourists.

"The construction that is on-going and being planned is directly tied to the tourist industry. Everywhere we look we see the effect tourism has on our islands," he said.

Borja said the CNMI must constantly strive to do the best to attract the best people to join the industry.

"Let's let our youth know there is a future for them in this industry—a rewarding for them in this industry—rewarding and challenging future," said the Lt. Governor.

Marianas Visitors Bureau Managing Director Anicia Tomokane said this week's events are their way of giving back to the people of the CNMI.

Tomokane said the beautiful islands and friendly people welcome increasing numbers of visitors every year so there is a need to build more hotel rooms to accommodate them.

The Managing Director claimed that majority of visitors rate the is-

lands' hospitality above average.

"They enjoy our hotels and restaurants. They absolutely love our beaches, and of course shopping and golfing, water sports and the sight of our breathtaking and natural beauty bring people back again and again," Tomokane said.

She cited that the latest visitor arrivals' statistics show that the industry continues its strong growth.

In March, Tomokane noted an increase of 14% in visitor arrivals compared to the same month in 1995.

Tomokane added that MVB has worked very hard to promote CNMI and has dedicated to make the islands as the best destination in the Pacific.

She expressed appreciation for the cooperation and spirit given by the industry representatives and the people's friendliness as well as the visitors.



ARTIST'S TOUCH. Douglas Rankin shows how he prints his fishes on a T-shirt using banana-stalk cutouts. Rick Alberto

Saturday kickoff highlights

By **Rick Alberto**
Variety News Staff

"BRING the whole family and spend the kickoff activities with us!"

Thus read the whole-page advertisement of the Marianas Visitors Bureau which is observing the CNMI Tourism Week May 4-10. Who could have heeded this more than the MVB managing director herself? Anicia Q. Tomokane came to the Kan Pacific Grounds in Marpi Saturday, on the first day, with her brood of six, including her 1 1/2-year-old Frances Louise and 3-year-old Aaron James, who both romped on the greens as they followed their mom teeing off. Looking after her siblings was eldest daughter, Francisca. Anicia's special assistant, Rita, came with her daughter Dayna and MVB comptroller Lucy, also with her daughter Larissa. The two daughters were buddy-buddies in the public pool.

Those who did not come missed the fun and lots of activities like go-kart driving, swimming, park and ground golf, horseback riding, and hiking, all either free or at specially low rates. At about 2 p.m. Nancy Weil of the Governor's Office, came and observed that it seemed the crowd she expected was in the first anniversary bash of the PriceCostco.

The game booth of Japan Saipan Tour Association offered enticing prizes for players who could toss a big ring around a thin pole. For a dollar a player was given three rings.

Anicia bought 30 rings and got a small transistor radio and a cup, among other things. Her son Zenn, 13, won a Chevas and a perfume. Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture Public Information Officer Robert (Bob) Hunter's wife bought \$5 worth of rings, good for 15 tries. She was targeting the Chevas which was at the farthest distance from the player's end. Her will and determination was such that she successfully tossed the ring over the pole beside which the box containing the liquor stood. She and Bob walked back to the

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Lt. Gov. Jesus Borja and MVB Managing Director Anicia Tomokane lead the dignitaries in the ribbon cutting to kick off the 13th Annual Tourism Week.



CCAC Executive Director Margarita Wonenberg (right) and Arts Coordinator Sinforosa C. Pinaula oblige for a photo at their booth.



Miss CNMI International Katte Williams tries the ground golf.



A PRIZE AND A BUSS. Lily Jean Igisomar receives her stereo cassette AM/FM player and recorder from JSTA president Eiichi Izeki at the JSTA game booth. Rick Alberto

Iranian embassy attacked

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) - A rocket attack heavily damaged the Iranian Embassy in Kabul and slightly wounded two staff members during fighting between government and rebel forces, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

The state-run agency, monitored in Cyprus, said late Saturday that the two wounded employees were in "satisfactory" condition following the attack earlier in the day.

The agency attributed its report to Iranian Ambassador Gholamreza Haddadi, who also was quoted as

condemning any attacks on residential neighborhoods.

Despite kind hopes for peace talks in Afghanistan, government jets Saturday pounded rebel positions south of Kabul. The rebels responded with a series of rocket attacks on the capital, one of which damaged the embassy.

Afghanistan has been wracked by factional fighting since 1992 when once-allied guerrillas splintered and turned their guns on each other after ousting Kabul's communist government.

Public Notice

The Advisory Commission on Compensation of the Governor, Lt. Governor, Legislators, Justices and Judges, Resident Representative to the United States and Mayors, will meet on Thursday May 09, 1996, at 2:00 pm in the Governor's Conference Room, Main Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. Interested persons are welcome to attend. For more information, please call tel. 664-2282 or fax no. 664-2390.

Agenda

1. Call To Order
2. Adoption of Minutes
 - a. Minutes of March 14, 1996
3. Old Business
4. New Business
 - a. Discuss and finalize recommendations on compensation of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, justices and Judges, Resident Representative to the United States and Mayors.
 - b. Other Matters
5. Announcements
 - a. Next Meeting
6. Adjournment

Herman T. Guerrero
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Island needs Beautification

WITH the exception of places around the American Memorial Park and further south of beach road in Garapan, flame trees have been uprooted and replaced with cement slabs that now line the seaside of northern Garapan. It may look modern, but this is an island and cement slabs have robbed the place of its tropical character. It's become a miniature Ginza Area far removed from a natural island setting. It resembles an ugly metropolis!

Koblerville is another place where the entire main stretch is empty and lifeless as the telephone poles that line one side of the road. No wonder Air Nauru nearly landed one evening, its pilot thinking this must be the landing strip of Saipan International Airport. There must have been a full round of applause from telephone poles down below who were spared the Pay-Day Friday syndrome. I tried to organize some arbor project, but the backhoe would moan and groan until all its teeth are ripped off by the hard packed gravel of what was once the landing strip for both commercial and military airplanes.

The Northern Marianas College deserves commendation for its active role in planting permanent trees in its campus. I once walked between buildings and was pleasantly pleased with beautiful trees that serve as windbreakers and shades. I once dread going through the campus given that it once was a hospital which gives this scribe that very feeling especially the former morgue area. But it is a vibrant place treasured by young scholars with a mission. The trees and shrubs make a whole lot of difference in the ambiance of what was once the venue for sick people. Congratulations NMC!

It would do every department, agency, business and private resident a whole of good if you dedicate yourself to planting some trees and shrubs around your place. The NMC students and staff did it and I am sure you can too. The administration should do the same in and around the main building. The legislature needs to do its share. The only plants that stand in front of its building are ficus trees donated by Representative Heinz Hofschneider a year or so ago. Must get into it to spruce-up the place somehow. We need to plant flowers, shrubs and trees to reflect the natural beauty of these islands.

The Dump Attitude

My heart skips a beat whenever I see a civic group get together and walk several miles along some road to pick-up trash. This is a group of people who care about keeping the island "trash free" or clean. It must mean a lot for them to pitch-in and keep Saipan from looking like Smokey Mountain. And they deserve our applaud for their sense of community even in the midst of our new found fad—the dump attitude.

Perhaps we have gotten accustomed to "our right to choose"—advertisements—the net result being the gradual evolution of a highly commercialized lifestyle. You see ads about disposable diapers, paper products and other disposable consumer goods. I wouldn't doubt that down the stretch we would see a drastic increase in disposable partners or divorce rate. The dump or toilet tissue attitude is picking up momentum and unless you have your feet on the ground, you could just as well be the next victim of this new fad—dump attitude.

Certainly, we should applaud the efforts of families who use a certain beach on weekends who also make it a point to clean-up the place before calling it a day. How gratifying seeing family members pick-up trash in and around the vicinity putting them in trash cans chained to ironwood trees. If everyone can pitch-in, there's no need to organize civic groups to chase down plastic bags and other garbage hurled by some mindless and dumpy happy person. Evidently, penalties for trashing is steeper than traffic violations so watch how you hurl your garbage.

Keeping Government Offices Opened

Governor Tenorio issued a directive that all government offices should stay open for public service during lunch time. It's a good shift in policy. After all, it's the way to provide public service for busy people in both sectors. It's insinuating efficiency a step further from the conventional attitude "don't worry, this is the government". Well, we are the government who are paid by taxpayers to facilitate services needed by the general public be it a business matter or something or other. Must flush the lamañana syndrome somehow.

There's also a reason why I opted to sink my pen on this new policy. Last week, CUC had to implement power-shedding in order to fix a downed generator. It was comforting that DPS sent out its officers to direct traffic in intersections where traffic lights were disabled. The officers were there right before lunch time. At lunch time, they were all gone! And I was like: "Didn't the governor just issued a directive to ensure that government services continue even during lunch break?"

We're lucky that a nasty traffic mishap didn't occur in intersections where traffic lights were rendered dysfunctional as a result of police officers leaving the scene for lunch. The CNMI government may be liable if a serious auto collision occur because DPS was negligent of its responsibility in this area. If DPS disagrees, take a quick glimpse at the acronym DPS. Doesn't it stand for Department of Public Safety? I am sure DPS would agree that traffic safety is included among its other responsibilities to ensure the safety of the general public. Or are you excluded in the recently issued directive?

"It's the Government"

When something goes awry, I usually hear that instant chorus, "It's the government". Well, grow-up and take a closer look because the collective noun "government" is nobody else but yourself. You're as much a part of that equation as every body else. So quit whining and do something about it. And you must begin with yourself!



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Mexican bishop stands up for the Indians

SAN CRISTOBAL de las CASAS, Mexico — He is revered as a savior by Indian peasants whose hundreds of villages dot the mountains of Chiapas state in southern Mexico.

At the same time, for the same cause, he is denounced by government officials as El Obispo Rojo, the "Red Bishop." The implication is that his pursuit of equal rights for indigenous Indians is leftist — even Communist.

Samuel Ruiz Garcia, the Catholic bishop of this area bordering on Guatemala, is a lightning rod for both love and epithets. Word of his good deeds has spread around the world, and he has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Still, his advocacy on behalf of the armed, rebellious Indian peasants known as "Zapatistas" has made him the subject of intense Mexican government surveillance. U.S. intelligence sources tell us that the bishop's church offices have been wiretapped.

Considering both the reverence and the controversy, Bishop Ruiz is noticeably nonplussed by it all. During a recent interview here with our associate Dale Van Atta, he was optimistic about the prospects for peace in the region.

"Everything is going in a good way," he said "We are in the midst of a transformation here. We have more and more participation from (the Zapatistas) and the government. The Mexican population is in support of it. Of course, there are several groups that don't want the transformation, but they will be swept aside."

The bishop allows that if he had his wish, there never would have been an armed rebellion. But the Indians, who have been getting the short end of the stick in the five centuries since the Spanish first arrived, found that Mexico's long-time one party rule wasn't working for them.

So in January 1994, they came in from the jungles and took over three towns and this city before being beaten back by government troops during a 12-day battle that left at least 145 Zapatistas dead.

Ruiz says the bloodbath was almost inevitable. Not only had the Indians' land been taken, but they had been left illiterate, impoverished and diseased. "It was only natural that the Indians would break up through all this like a volcano, with an eruption," he said.

The bishop becomes animated while speaking of their lot. "Just an hour's drive from here," he says, "on a paved road, no less, is a community of Indians where 99.9 percent of the people have glaucoma.... In my diocese, we have an area nearly the size of El Salvador where more than 70 percent of the People have tuberculosis. This should not be allowed."

Stung by international criticism, the Mexican government negotiated with the Zapatistas during a yearlong truce. But the government broke it off in February 1995 to arrest several sympathizers and redeploy troops. Once again, though, Bishop Ruiz helped bring both parties back to the negotiating table.

The first of a series of accords was signed this past February, but the Zapatistas believe that some of the reforms promised will not be real until it is codified as part of the Mexican Constitution.

The Mexican government has poured millions of dollars into cosmetic and infrastructure improvements, but the lot of the Indians has not really changed. Sources here say much of the money went into the pockets of government officials and their private businessmen friends.

"Chiapas should not be poor," Bishop Ruiz says, shaking his head at the accusations of corruption. "We are rich in many things like cocoa production. The state is not poor—it is the system that runs it that is poor. For instance, our rivers produce more than a quarter of all Mexico's electricity, yet as much as 80 percent of our Indian population has no electricity!"

After more than three decades of championing their cause, Bishop Ruiz believes his patience and hard work will eventually pay off. One thing is for sure: His critics don't need to scour the writings of Marx or Lenin to uncover the Bishop's philosophical underpinnings. They need only new the portrait on his office wall, the one which most moves him.

It is a fanciful painting of the bishop and a revered predecessor, Bartolome de las Casas, the Spaniard who came here as a colonist and became the first bishop of Chiapas in 1545—and who spent his whole life fighting for Indian rights, which earned him the enmity and hostility of colonist landowners.

The more things change, the more they remain the same—even after 450 years.

Perez ordered reinstated

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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THE NATIONAL Labor Relations Board has ordered the Hafa Adai Beach Hotel management to reinstate union leader Vic Perez and 19 other hotel employees found to have been "unlawfully discharged" between September 1994 and March 1995.

In issuing the order, NLRB said Hafa Adai had engaged in "unfair labor practices" as it violated Section 8 of the National Labor Relations Act when it refused to renew the employment contracts of the 20 employees "who engaged in protected and concerted union activities."

Another violation of the law cited by the board was the management's "failure and refusal to pay the employees their accumulated vacation pay as provided for under the employees' annual contracts."

When reached for comment, Hafa Adai managers Mitzouki Okuda and Tadao Kunagai said they have not heard about the NLRB's decision.

"We have not received a copy of the NLRB's order," Okuda told the *Variety* in a brief telephone conversation.

The case was a consolidation of eight complaints separately filed between August and September last year by the Commonwealth Labor Federation on behalf of the workers.

CLF president and lawyer John

Cool said some of the workers are now temporarily employed in other companies, while others have gone back to the Philippines. Hafa Adai is one of the three companies in the CNMI where union initiatives have succeeded.

The NLRB's decision issued May 1, was the second defeat for the hotel management in its legal battle with the union.

The management contested the results of union elections last year but lost its bid. Earlier this year, the NLRB ordered the hotel management to engage in a collective bargaining with the union.

Hafa Adai later won a separate case at the Department of Labor involving the dismissal of Perez who led a strike that partly paralyzed the hotel operations in 1991.

The labor department had upheld the management's dismissal of Perez, prompting the union leader's self-deportation.

Perez has since returned to the CNMI, and now stands to benefit from the NLRB's latest ruling.

In its May 1 decision, the board ordered the hotel management "to offer these employees immediate and full reinstatement to their former positions."

If those positions no longer exist, the board said, the discharged workers should be placed to "substantially equivalent positions without prejudice to their seniority or other rights and privileges."

Hafa Adai was also directed to obtain from the labor department entry permits and work authorization for the employees concerned.

The order was issued by board chairman William B. Gould IV, members Margaret A. Browning and Charles I. Cohen.

Other components of the

NLRB's order against Hafa Adai include the following:
• Recall of any subcontracts for works formerly performed by employees whose contracts were not renewed for "discriminatory reasons;"

• Revocation of any rules prohibiting employees from discussing their terms and conditions of employment; and
• Revocation of all "unlawful warning notices" issued against affected employees.

•Commentary 'Labor complaint should only be the last resort'

By Eric Grégoire
Human Rights Advocate
Diocese of Chalan Kanoa

MAY is the month we celebrate the feast of Saint Joseph, the worker saint, and it is appropriate that we turn our attention to the workers in the Commonwealth. As the Human Rights Advocate for our Diocese, I have worked closely with both employers and employees in the CNMI for over one year. My experiences in this work have given me the opportunity to become familiar with the concerns shared by labor and management, as well as their misunderstandings.

We feel it necessary to help dispel some confusions surrounding the Commonwealth labor issue. By knowing the law, both civil and canon, the workplace can be made a safe and productive environment for all.

It is important to remember that both the worker and the employer have mutual rights and responsibilities towards one another.

•Workers have the responsibility to perform all job duties to the best of their ability.

•Workers have the responsibility to obey all CNMI laws.

•Workers have the responsibility to fulfill all obligations under a contract.

•Most importantly, workers must be honest and ethical in all dealings and relationships while in the Commonwealth, both at work and during non-working hours.

Too often the media focus only on the exploitation and abuse of workers while ignoring the cases when the employer is the victim. Employees must understand the importance of honestly dealing with the management if they are to receive the respect and dignity they deserve. Filing groundless complaints in order to extend the length of stay in the CNMI, and misrepresenting skills for employment are two examples of unethical and immoral practices some workers have employed.

Employers also have responsibilities and duties to their workers. We must all remember the rights of contract workers under the law.

•All workers are free to leave the workplace after duty. This includes maids as well, most of whom have contracts stating a 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. workday. If an employer requires you to remain past scheduled work hours, the worker is entitled to overtime pay.

•All workers, except live-in-house maids, are free to reside in the housing of their choice. Workers may refuse company-provided housing if they wish to live elsewhere. It is the responsibility of the worker to arrive on the jobsite at punctual time, however.

•Employers are responsible for 100 percent of any medical bills incurred at the duration of the contract. It is recommended that employers purchase health insurance for their workers in case of accident or illness.

If any provision in the contract is violated, such as illegal deductions or unpaid overtime, the worker has the right to file a complaint with the CNMI Division of Labor. Filing a complaint should be done only as the last resort after failing to work out employment problems.

Filing a complaint should never be used as a way to get even with an employer, or to prolong your stay in the CNMI. It is a prerogative of an employer to decide whether or not to renew a contract as long as it is done legally.

Through working together, understanding the law and respecting each other's rights, many of the labor problems we have experienced could be reduced.

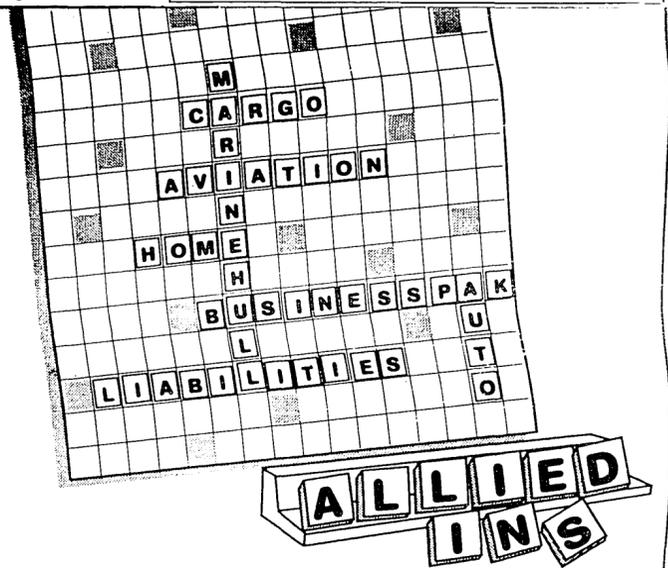
Those who have been victims of abuse are urged to contract the Diocese Human Rights Advocacy Office at 243-3000.

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Hillblom probate update

California AG allowed in

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff
THE SUPERIOR Court has allowed the California Attorney General to join in the probate hearings for the late multimillionaire Larry Lee Hillblom's assets.

In admitting CAG as an intervenor, Presiding Judge Alexandro Castro said Deputy Atty. Gen. Yoryios C. Apallas is now subject to provisions of all prior court orders relating to the probate.

In an order issued Friday, Castro said the blatant disregard of Hillblom's intent leads the court to conclude that a second eye to watch the management of the charitable trust will benefit the estate, even at early stage of the probate.

Under Hillblom's will, the late businessman left \$300,000 to each of his brothers, and the residue of his

estate to the charitable trust. Apallas asserted interest in the probate arising out of the charitable trust. Petitioners Kaelani Kinney and David Moncrieff opposed Apallas' intervention saying the charitable beneficiaries which CAG's represents have no direct claim or property interests in the estate.

The purpose of the trust includes, among other things, that the board of managers show particular attention to and benefit the research programs conducted by the University of California.

Although the Hillblom foundation was incorporated as a non-profit public benefit corporation last March 19, Castro said it does not possess any funds from the estate to distribute in accordance with its purpose.

Therefore, the judge pointed out, oversight of the trustees' manage-

ment would appear to be premature. Castro said, however, Peter J. Donnici was declared an interested party in this probate last Oct. 30 and has participated in all proceedings as chairman on behalf of the trust.

Castro said as chairman Donnici, prior to the establishment of Hillblom foundation, wrote a letter to House

Speaker Diego Benavente advising him that the trust would have millions of dollars available for uses within CNMI.

The letter, the judge said was presented to the legislature for consideration during the time it was conducting hearings on House Bill 10-147. The bill contains controversial amend-

ments to the Probate Code which, if passed, directly affect the ongoing probate hearings.

Castro emphasized that Article Fifth of the constitution states that "no part of the direct or indirect activities of this trust shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation."

GST signs services accord with Florida telecom firm

GST Telecommunications, Inc has entered into a cooperative services agreement with Intermedia Communications of Florida, a leading integrated telecommunications services firm.

According to a news release from the PIO, the arrangement will significantly broaden GST's service capabilities.

In announcing the deal with GST, Intermedia Chief Executive Officer David C. Ruberg said the agreement is initially for the provision of frame relay data services, such as Internet access,



Dave Ecret

long distance and local service. "Our opportunity to partner with GST is part of our strategy to partner with interexchange carriers, local exchange carriers and competitive local exchange carriers nationwide. Doing so further extends our network reach and broadens our ability to reach end-user, customers," Ruberg explained.

But according to John Warta, President and CEO of GST, partnering with Intermedia will broaden GST's regional coverage and the extended frame relay services will allow GST to be, "more competitive within our own markets."

Both companies have a similar end-user strategy, and we believe this is a solid platform to deliver additional value-added services to our customer globally," he said.

GST is awaiting the CNMI legislation approval of a submerged lands lease so it can lay a fiber optic cable network extending from Saipan to Guam that will put in place technology capable of putting the Northern Marianas within reach of the information superhighway.

The project will bring in more competition and lower long-distance rates for CNMI customers. Last week, the company began a similar project to connect all the Hawaii islands.

The lease has been approved by Governor Froilan C. Tenorio.

If local plans push through, GST's system will pave the way for increased competition, leading to new carriers that could dramatically reduce long-distance rates for the Northern Marianas. Dave Ecret, the Governor's Special Assistant for Telecommunications, said.

Despite its approval and transmittal to the House by the Governor more than three months ago, the lease agreement has yet to be acted on.

GST Telecommunications, Inc, of Vancouver, Washington currently operates networks in 14 cities in the western United States and Hawaii, with an additional six cities under construction in the San Francisco Bay area. The company provides a broad range of integrated telecommunications products and services.

Aloot asks court to clarify contempt order

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff
ACTING Atty. Gen. Sebastian Aloot has sought clarification from the Superior Court's order regarding the Attorney General's Office's role in prosecuting the criminal contempt against Rep. Stanley S. Torres and lawyers Theodore R. Mitchell and Jeanne H. Rayphand.

Aloot said as officers of court, AGO and its members stand prepared to extend any assistance to the court's request and is authorized under the law to preserve and protect the integrity of the judicial process and the orders issued.

However, the acting AG said the office is unsure whether the court intended that it should participate in the May 22 contempt hearing as an advocate for a contempt citation or whether the court intended to refer, as a separate matter, the individual's conduct for possible separate prosecution.

If the former case, Aloot explained that AGO will prepare a memorandum on the scope of the court's inherent authority to enforce its orders through criminal contempt on its own motion or through execution of previously issued contempt orders, with particular the conduct of Torres, Rayphand, and Mitchell.

Aloot said if the latter case the **NMI receives CPAC grant**

THE Consortium for Pacific Arts and Cultures (CPAC) has awarded \$30,000 to the Commonwealth Council on Arts and Culture (CCAC), toward participation in the 7th Festival of Pacific Arts, to be held in Western Samoa in September 1996.

The Festival is held every four years, and CPAC has helped to sponsor NMI's participation in the last several Festivals, including 1988's Festival in Townsville, Australia and the Festival in Rarotonga, Cook Islands, in 1992.

Funding has also been awarded to Guam and American Samoa toward the upcoming Festival, CPAC said in a news release.

CPAC is based in Honolulu, and serves its member territories of the Northern Marianas, Guam and American Samoa.

CPAC is a nonprofit, regional arts organization; one of seven such organizations throughout the U.S.A. and is funded, in large part, by the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, DC.

Pipeline update

CONTRACTORS for the Governor's Water Emergency Task Force installed another 2,490 linear feet of new water pipeline during the last week.

According to the inspector's report, the busiest construction site has been on Beach Road where more than 1,230 feet of 10-inch PVC pipeline was buried.

In the Kagman II Homestead, contractors installed 1,160 feet of new pipeline as well as meters.

Meanwhile, the Chalan Kiya water project is nearing completion, with 100 feet of 10-inch pipeline being installed through May 3.

13th Annual AG's Cup slated May 17

THE Thirteenth Annual Attorney General's Cup Speech Competition will be held Friday, May 17, 1996 at 9:00 a.m. at Courtroom "A" in Superior Court in Saipan. The AG's office announced Friday.

Students from Marianas High School, Mount Carmel High School, Marianas Baptist Academy, Rota High School, Northern Marianas Academy, Grace Christian Academy, and Tinian High School will be competing for cash prizes, the AG's Cup trophy and the honor of being the best public speaker among Commonwealth high school students.

The topic that students will address this year is one of particular relevance:

Should the laws of the Commonwealth be changed to permit a wider scope of firearm ownership and possession in keeping with the U.S. Constitutional provision and the tradition of American society? Why or why not?

Come by Courtroom "A" on Friday morning, May 17, 1996 and see how the best and brightest tackle this difficult question," the AGO said in a news release.



Sebastian Aloot

Public Service Recognition Week kicks off today

LUIS S. Camacho, Director of Personnel, Office of Personnel Management, Office of the Governor, announced that Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW) will begin its week-long festivities with a "Kick-off" ceremony on Monday, May

6 at 9:00 a.m. in front of the Administration Building, Capitol Hill.

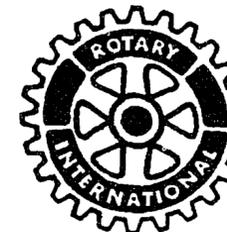
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A motion of no confidence

FIJI'S main opposition National Federation Party has decided to file a motion of no confidence in parliament against home affairs minister Paul Manuelli for his role in the debacle of the financially plagued National Bank of Fiji.

The Daily Post reports opposition and N-F-P leader Jai Ram Reddy was expected in Suva today to finalize the contents of the motion which is expected to be tabled when parliament resumes on May 13.

Last week Reddy asked prime minister Sitiveni Rabuka to sack Manuelli from cabinet saying the rot in N-B-F started during his term as the bank's chairman and the period he was the finance minister in the Rabuka government after the 1992 general election.

The two other opposition groups, the Fiji Labour Party and the Fijian Association have told the Daily Post they will support the motion. Fijian Association chairperson Adi Kuini Vuikaba Speed has called for the sacking of ministers who are involved in the N-B-F scandal saying she is surprised they owe a few million dollars to the bank. Acting Fiji Labour Party president

Krishna Datt has also expressed his party's support for the motion if it is tabled by the N-F-P. Last night information minister Ratu Tavai said government is unaware of the opposition motion. Meanwhile, the Fiji Bank Employees Union has re-iterated its call for its members to refuse and redundancy package offered to them by the N-B-F management. Union executives this week travelled throughout the country to meet N-B-F workers and prepare them for a strike if the management goes ahead and implements the plan which will make more than 300 employees jobless.....Pacnews

Marshall's gov't backs firm's suit vs US Army over contracts

THE Marshall Islands government is backing a local company's lawsuit against United States Army over contracts for the US military base at Kwajalein atoll.

The company, Pacific International, says the US has classified it as a foreign contractor, RNZI reports. This means it has to compete for army contracts at the atoll against American companies which are given a 20 percent bid price preference. P.I.'s owner, Jerry Kramer, says he believes the company has therefore lost out on jobs worth more than 10 million US dollars.

It claims that a law passed after the Compact Treaty between the two countries was implemented, allows the US to classify Marshallese contractors as foreign companies. But the Marshall Island says the US mistakenly seem to believe that US law supersedes when the atoll is still sovereign of the Marshalls and has never been ceded, annexed or alienated...Pacnews

Rabuka threatens to tighten media laws

FIJI'S prime minister, Sitiveni Rabuka, while re-iterating his commitment to media freedom, has threatened to introduce laws to safeguard confidentiality and privacy. Radio Fiji reports that according to Rabuka the free flow of information cannot be allowed to become the pretext for character assassination, denigrating communities and violating privacy. Addressing a World Press Freedom Day luncheon hosted by the

Pacific Islands News Association at Suva today (Friday), Rabuka, while recognizing the media's role in a democratic state, believes "we must not be slaves to definitions of media freedom and democracy propagated by the western world". Rabuka believes the indigenous communities of the South Pacific who have been developing their traditions for the last 300 years, would have refined it had their progress not been disrupted and constrained by what he terms as the "machinations of foreign colonial domination which shackled the natural march of our history".

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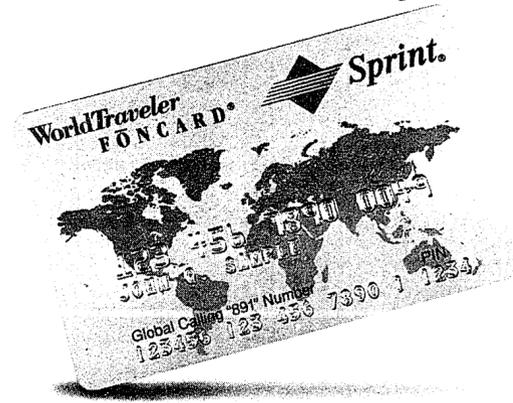
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He says the region's communities have their own forms of consultations of reaching consensus on the conduct of their affairs, including matters governing the communities and the nations. Rabuka adds the traditional community oriented values should be recognized and enshrined in the laws that are promulgated...Pacnews.

New Marshalls envoy to US meets Clinton

By Giff Johnson For the Variety NEW Marshall Islands Ambassador to the United States Banny deBrum presented his credentials to U.S. President Bill Clinton at the White House Wednesday (May 1, Majuro time), and told the American President that this mid-Pacific nation needs U.S. medical and financial assistance for the islanders exposed to U.S. nuclear tests of the 1950s. At the ceremony in Washington, both leaders reaffirmed the close ties between the U.S. and the Marshalls, with deBrum adding that it "is the fervent desire of the Marshall Islands to continue to strengthen and maintain our unique relationship." DeBrum took the opportunity to thank Clinton for releasing thousands of previously secret nuclear test documents to the Marshall Islands and said that the Marshall Islands is relying "upon the continued willingness of the Government of the United States to recognize lingering environmental and health consequences resulting from the United States' nuclear test program." The U.S. exploded 67 nuclear weapons in a testing program that spanned 12 years in the Marshall Islands.

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GMHV honors NMI counterparts



GUAM Memorial Hospital Volunteers and CHC volunteers oblige for a photo with Guam First Lady Gerry Gutierrez (center, front row).

MEMBERS of the Commonwealth Health Center Volunteers' Association were honorary guests during the Annual Membership Tea Party of the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers (GMHV), last April 16.

Gerry Gutierrez, First Lady of the Government of Guam, hosted the event at the newly renovated Government House.

The tea party is an annual function of the GMHV organization to promote programs and fundraisers offered by the volunteers. During this function, the volunteers take the opportunity to recruit new members to their organization, the Association said in a news release.

The CHC volunteers who attended were Rose Davis, Kim Prinz, Rita Tenorio, Frances Hill, Susan Schwarz, Lupe Sabino, Annie Ostendorf. Not pictured are Amparo Tenorio, Michelle Jongman, and Andrea Jongman.

The CHC Volunteers' Association is the sister organization to the GMHV organization formed on September 26, 1986. The CHC Volunteers' Association currently has twenty active members although additional membership is being encouraged.

The members of the CHC Volunteers' Association are energetic people who donate their time and effort to many non-profit projects in order to raise funds for hospital services.

The projects recently range from serving the CHC Volunteers' Association

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Gift Shop, to selling tickets for the San Francisco Opera, among many others.

Services to the Commonwealth Health Center include donations of clothing for needy patients, to purchasing vital equipment for the hospital, plus much more. All profits from projects are donated to the hospital for improvement of health care services for the people of the CNMI. In May, 1996, the volunteers will donate an Audiometer and Tympanometer worth over \$10,000.00.

These equipment will enable the Audiology Department to assess the hearing disorders of children and adults with greater accuracy and efficiency.

In addition, the volunteers eagerly await the arrival of the Fiberoptic Bronchoscope, an equipment worth over \$22,000.00, and extremely critical in the detection and diagnosis of lung disorders and lung disease.

This equipment may also be used to dislodge and retrieve objects blocking patients' airway passages.

The CHC Volunteers Association will be celebrating their 10th Anniversary in September, at which time they will honor the sponsors, contributors, and volunteers of the Association. Please watch for upcoming events and fundraisers.

Your support is deeply appreciated and much needed.

For further information about the Anniversary events, or to sign up as a volunteer, please call the CHC Volunteers' Association Gift Shop at 234-8950 extension 2908.

Local funding sought for disabled students

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

DISABILITIES Council officer Thomas Camacho has asked the House of Representatives to appropriate local funding for students with disabilities.

Disabilities-related programs in the CNMI are federally funded under US related laws.

Camacho, who is also president of the PTA Council, is also seeking the formulation of a local counterpart of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

"Lack of understanding to the sensitivity and needs of our students with disabilities and attitude hampers opportunities available to these children," Camacho told oversight hearing conducted last week by the House committee of health education and welfare.

Camacho said that while there exist federal laws and assistance programs for the disabled, many concerned students fail to

get the benefits due them.

"For example, programs, services, activities equipment, buildings and facilities are still not readily accessible or available to individuals with disabilities," Camacho testified.

Compounding the whole situation, according to Camacho, is the "disabled-unfriendly" structure of buildings at school sites where barriers hamper the mobility of the disabled.

Camacho also asked the committee members to look into the problems surrounding the Special Education Program.

Special Education coordinator Barbara Rudy earlier told the House hearing that PSS is need of 18 Special Education teachers.

"We need to evaluate why Special Education Program have the most problem with teacher retention," Camacho said.

He asked the committee members to "look into the recruitment process, salaries, benefits and lack of support by Special Ed Coordinator to Special Education Teachers."

Sabana plan hearing

THERE will be a public information meeting on the Sabana Protected Area Management Plan on Tuesday, May 7, at 6 p.m. at the Roundhouse in Song Song, Rota.

Everyone is invited to par-

ticipate and express views, according to Eric Gilman, Special Assistant for Environmental Policy and Research, who coordinated the committee that drew up the plan and is facilitating the project.

As mourning ends in Indonesia

Questions about Suharto remain

By KENNETH L. WHITING
JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - A one-week mourning period for the death of President Suharto's wife is over, but many Indonesian flags remained at half staff in her honor Sunday and many questions remain.

One of the biggest is whether the 74-year-old Suharto will seek another five-year term - as expected before his wife's death - or

step down after 30 years in power. Parliamentary elections are scheduled next year and the president and vice president will be chosen in 1998.

Siti Hartinah Suharto, 72, died of a heart attack on April 26. Widely known as Tien, she was married to Suharto for 48 years and was regarded as the closest friend and political adviser of the longest-serving ruler in Asia.

In a speech released Friday, he said "I beg the blessings of all Indonesian people in continuing to fully perform the state duties that have been thrust on my shoulders."

That served to quell the immediate speculation that her death might compel him to reconsider his political future, but leads to an even bigger question: who might eventually succeed him?

Suharto has been in control for so long, and his influence is so vast, that the succession question casts a shadow over every important issue in the world's fourth most populous country.

In apparent good health, he turns 75 in June at the peak of his power. He was last "reelected" unopposed in 1993 by the People's Consultative Assembly, in theory the country's top policy-making body.

In fact, Suharto rules through cabinet ministers and department heads directly responsible to him.

Since there is no obvious successor, much interest is focused on the vice president, who would take power if Suharto died in office.

Gen. Try Sutrisno, former armed services chief, now holds the mostly ceremonial position. Try, 60, is the sixth vice president to serve under Suharto, and none of his predecessors were awarded a second term.

Sudomo, chairman of Suharto's Supreme Advisory Council, appeared to undermine Try's prospects for reelection a year ago when he said that the president prefers a civilian as his next vice president.

Potential vice presidential candidates among civilians include Research and Technology Minister B.J. Habibie and Information Minister Harmoko.

Others include Siti Hardjanti Rukmana, 47, Suharto's eldest daughter. Known as "Tutut," she is the only one of his six children to have emerged as a political figure as a vice chairman of the ruling Golkar party.

Nourished by privileged access, Tutut and her brothers and sisters are all involved in business and several have built conglomerates that reach into most major sectors of the economy.

The son of a poorly educated farmer, Suharto enjoys a reputation for personal integrity.

But his children have been accused of taking advantage of the family's name and connections to enrich themselves through government contracts and official mo-

nopolies. Some diplomats said that by arranging for Tutut to be nominated as vice president, Suharto could try to avoid political uncertainty and protect his family.

On Thursday, the leader of the opposition Indonesian Democratic Party suggested that Tutut be named as official escort to her father on state occasions.

The suggestion seemed ironic, coming from Megawati Sukarnoputri, daughter of the late President Sukarno. Suharto helped push Sukarno out of office in 1966.

Who succeeds Suharto may be less important than how it happens, since Indonesia has yet to experience a peaceful political transition in 50 years of independence.

The career soldier rose to power after crushing a communist-backed coup against Sukarno in 1965. In the turmoil that accompanied Maj. Gen. Suharto's takeover about 300,000 people, mostly ethnic Chinese, were killed.

His achievement since then has been to weld together a country as broad as the United States, while creating the economic foundation for a modern society in a land of 190 million people that range from an American-educated elite to near-stone age tribes.

Suharto led the recovery from economic collapse at the end of the Sukarno era, developing an infant base behind a wall of protective trade barriers.

At the same time he started an agricultural revolution which turned Indonesia from the world's largest rice importer to self-sufficiency in the staple food by 1984.

His supporters say that the authoritarian nature of Suharto's rule contributed to the stability that allowed the country to prosper.

Stability has come at a price, however. Most political activity has been stifled or, as in showcase elections every five years, carefully controlled.



Indonesian President Suharto, left, cuts a coconut placed atop the grave of his wife Siti Hartinah Suharto in a traditional farewell ceremony after her burial in a family graveyard in Solo, central Java last Monday. Mrs. Suharto died Sunday in Jakarta from a heart attack. AP Photo

East Asia eyes drug control pact

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - Agreements aimed at curbing production of heroin and methamphetamine and reducing local demand for drugs in one of the world's worst narcotics-producing regions are to be signed Wednesday in Rangoon, Burma.

The accords crown a meeting on regional collaboration by senior anti-drug officials from Burma, Cambodia, China, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam and the United Nations Drug Control Program.

"East Asia still faces huge drug

problems and considerable joint efforts will be needed to turn the tide," said Vincent McClean, regional director of the U.N. program.

The gathering follows up an agreement in Beijing last year to collaborate on anti-narcotics enforcement. Foreign donors hope success will curb drug exports to their countries.

The accords include a \$ 1.5 million project, funded by the United Nations and Britain, to cut demand for drugs among people

in the East Asian highlands, where much of the world's opium is grown.

The European Union, meanwhile, will finance a \$ 1.5 million program, based on a U.N.-Thai pilot project, to tighten controls over chemicals used to make heroin and methamphetamine.

Officials also will discuss rising drug abuse among the poor, such as migrant workers and slum dwellers, the increasing threat of synthetic drugs, and money laundering.

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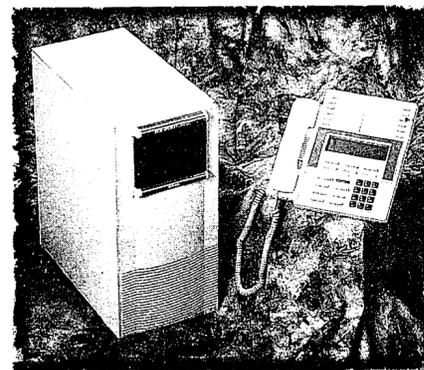
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NZ offers free birth control

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) - Free oral contraceptives are being offered to all New Zealand women under a government plan to cut the country's abortion rate. In some cases, poor women will have the costs of doctor consultations for contraceptive pill prescriptions waived. Other women will pay just dtrs US dtrs 2 (3 NZ dollars) for each prescription for the pills, which will be supplied free under a government subsidy scheme.

One brand of each form of oral contraceptive pill will be fully taxpayer-subsidized. Announcing the measure, Health Minister Jenny Shipley said Thursday it was part of a strategy aimed at cutting the rate of abortion and unwanted pregnancy.

This political tactic seems to have disarmed the usual

critics of birth-control programs. Although the proposal has been working its way toward adoption for weeks as part of the government's new budget, not even the Roman Catholic Church has spoken out against the concept.

It is expected to go into effect in a few weeks, when the budget is adopted.

But Shipley delayed plans to allow pharmacies to supply "morning after" pills over the counter without medical oversight while she seeks further medical advice. But the move is still expected to be adopted within six months.

Some 13,000 pregnancy terminations are carried out in New Zealand each year, a country with 3.6 million people.

There are 221 abortions for every 1,000 live births, up from 202 a year ago.

Nearly 40 percent of all children are born to unmarried women, and some legislators blame social welfare support systems for these trends.

Government and independent studies have shown the children of single parents are the least privileged, often bought up in poverty, with the worst health, education and social skills among the country's youth.

The country's Abortion Supervisory Committee has consistently urged the need for easier access to contraception,

combined with an education strategy to prevent unwanted pregnancies.

New Zealand Family Planning Association welcomed the measures, particularly those targeting high-risk women, and providing more sex education for teen-agers.

"Many conservative elements want the abortion rate in New Zealand to drop. This package ... will help that to occur and I hope they will welcome it," executive director Sue Ineson said.

She said the "morning after" pill was an essential part

of the abortion reduction strategy.

Leading anti-abortion legislator and Cabinet minister John Banks said the "package is a small step in the right direction."

"I totally support any program which breaks down the barriers to contraception and contraceptive advice," he said, adding New Zealand's abortion rate is "at an all-time high and an international disgrace."

He said more money and effort was needed to provide sex education and advice in the country's schools.

Experts panel says treatment still not certain for jaw pains

By PAUL RECER WASHINGTON (AP) - Pain in the jaw is a worldwide problem, and medical science is still uncertain how to fix it. But thousands of Americans have suffered surgery "disasters" that left some unable to chew or even talk, a panel of experts said. A committee selected by the National Institutes of Health reported that medical

science is so uncertain about how to treat jaw pain that the disorder has not been accurately diagnosed or described - and no one is sure if it should be treated by doctors or dentists, or both.

Combating jaw pain is a billion-dollar industry in the United States alone, according to figures from the National Institute for Dental Research.

"Not only is there not good

agreement on what to call it, there also is no common understanding of what (jaw pain) represents," said Judith E. N. Albino of the University of Colorado Health Science Center, Denver, who was the chairman of the NIH committee.

"We're dealing with problems that have no clear diagnosis," she said.

Jaw pain is classified under a generalized title

Sailors flee Taiwanese ship claiming they were beaten

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) - Eleven Chinese sailors fled a Taiwanese fishing trawler anchored in Wellington Harbor, saying they were beaten and whipped for more than five months at sea.

The sailors are being sheltered by the International Transport Workers Federation. The ship's agent, Timaru-based fishing company Sanford South Island Ltd., is arranging for them to go home.

Police are deciding whether to lay charges in relation to assaults alleged to have happened while the ship was anchored in Wellington. Other assaults claimed by the sailors are outside New Zealand police jurisdiction, on the high seas.

International Transport Workers Federation spokeswoman Kathy Whelan said the 11 crew arrived at the office Tuesday asking for help and refusing to return to the ship. They had been searching for

the Chinese Embassy.

The crew had joined the trawler De Fu 12 in mainland China on Dec. 17. The remainder of the 30 crew were Filipino and the ship's officers were mostly Taiwanese.

Their tales of abuse were horrifying, Whelan said. "They say they were beaten constantly by the ship's officers and that the beatings began from day one, for no apparent reason."

They alleged beatings with sticks and being struck with whips embedded with fishhooks. Most had injuries and three were treated at Wellington Hospital.

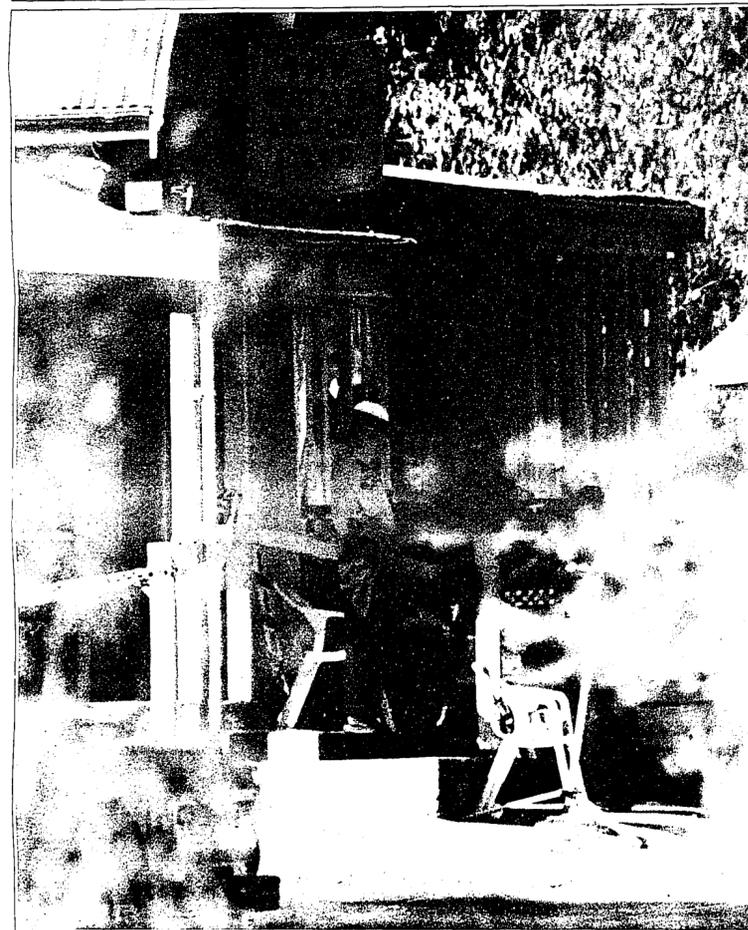
The crew turned down an offer by the ship's agents to transfer to another vessel, Whelan said.

"They ran away and hid when told they were going to be put on another ship. They had been told while at sea they would be thrown overboard by the officers if they went to another ship."

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Police can be seen at the entrance of The Broad Arrow Cafe, last Monday, in the Historical site of Port Arthur in Australian state of Tasmania. A lone gunman slaughtered at least 32 people in the cafe and nearby pub the day before. Police arrested the man after the guest house he was barricaded in caught fire and forced the man out. AP Photo

More tobacco industry lawsuits

BRIAN BERGSTEIN CHICAGO (AP) - Tobacco companies are about to be named in at least 10 more lawsuits by state governments hoping to recoup the Medicaid costs of smoking-related illnesses, a state attorney general said.

"And then we have five states that are seriously considering it," said Mississippi Attorney General Mike Moore, whose state was the first to file such a lawsuit in 1994. Seven others have sued since.

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CCAC booth sporting a smile. But the biggest winner was housewife Lily Jean Igisomar, of San Jose, who got the three-piece AM/FM stereo dual cassette player/recorder. The prize was presented to her by JSTA president Eiichi Izeki with a bonus kiss.

The prizes were actually all donations from JSTA members and the proceeds were to be donated to the Commonwealth Health Center Volunteers, which is raising funds to buy an X-ray machine costing \$120,000.

Kudos should go to all those who participated in the kickoff festivities, including the sky divers from Tandem Skydive and food booth holders. The Scouts from the Post 906, sponsored by the Law Enforcement Explorers, whose advisers are Ernie Dela Cruz, Sgt. Edward Manalili and Sgt. Franklin Babauta, also sold foods. Also seen in the Scout booth was the indefatigable Scout Coordinator, Calistro (Carl) Reyes. Other Scouts who joined in the festivities were a group from San Roque Elementary School.

The cha-cha contest was judged according to audience reaction. Anicia and Rita and CCAC Executive Director Margarita DLG. Wonenberg did not win, as the MVB and CCAC groups were outclipped by the Scouts, the Saipan Amateur Volleyball Association, and the Saipan Aikido Association, whose entries emerged first, second and third place winners, respectively. The first-prize-winning couple received, according to emcee Jack Diaz, \$100 minus \$50, the second prize, \$150 less \$115 and the third prize \$200 minus \$175. He did not say if the deductions were for tax.

Providing live music to the kickoff activities were the Saralu Crew, the Olomwaay/Oram Musical and Dance Group led by MVB's musician par excellence Gus Kaipat, and the Island Cruisers Live Band. The taekwondo demonstrations by members of the Korean Amateur Sports Association and aikido demonstrations by the Saipan Aikikai also held the audience spell-bound. Artist Douglas Rankin showed how he did his banana-stalk prints on T-shirts that could cost more considering his stature and personal touch.

Officials from 30 states met Friday to exchange data on pending lawsuits and to consider suing if they hadn't already.

Some have held back out of concern that the litigation could drag on, drain their budgets and saddle their states with an anti-business image.

"If you're going to do battle with the devil, you're going to have to stick with it and it takes an awful lot," acknowledged Minnesota Attorney General Hubert Humphrey III, whose case may go to trial next year.

Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan, who recently returned dtrs 6,500 in campaign contributions from the tobacco industry, said he remains undecided.

"I'm here to listen to states that have already filed, to hear their legal theories and ... how that might relate to our own state," Ryan said.

Pennsylvania Attorney General Tom Corbett questioned whether his office had the resources and expertise to handle a lawsuit. He was skeptical about a settlement in March between five states and the Liggett Group, the nation's fifth largest tobacco company.

The agreement calls for the company to pay the states a total of \$ 10 million plus 2.5 percent of their annual profits over the next 25 years.

"One of the first things that jumps out at me is that the amount of money is dependent on the tobacco industry's profits," Corbett said. "Doesn't that make me a joint venture with the tobacco industry?"

Moore said a number of doubts

were raised two years ago when he pioneered the concept of suing the tobacco companies to recoup smoking-related Medicaid costs.

"When we first filed our case, people said all kinds of things to me: 'It's a frivolous lawsuit. You don't have a chance. ... It's going to get thrown out of court the first hearing you have.' Well, we've won every hearing we've had."

Minnesota, Florida, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Texas, West Virginia and Maryland have filed similar lawsuits since. New Jersey and Connecticut say they plan to sue.

Companies named in the lawsuits include Liggett, the American Tobacco Co., Brown and Williamson Tobacco Corp., Philip Morris USA, United States Tobacco Co., Lorillard Corp. and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

Police charge suspect in the murder of a Canadian girl

ABBOTSFORD, British Columbia (AP) - Police charged an Abbotsford man on Saturday with murdering a teen-age girl and attempting to kill her friend.

Terry Driver was arrested in court Monday on murder and attempted murder charges in the death of 16-year-old Tanya Smith and the beating of Misty Cockerill, also 16.

Since the October attack, police have received taunting

phone calls which they believe the killer made. Authorities have also blamed the killer for writing profanities and threats on Smith's gravestone, digging it up and leaving it on the hood of a car.

The 34-year-old Driver was arrested Friday after he went voluntarily to the police station with his lawyer for an interview.

Neighbors say Driver, whose

father is a retired Vancouver police sergeant, is a printer and is married with children.

Smith and Cockerill were attacked by a man with a baseball bat as they walked along a city street in October. They were badly beaten, but only Smith was abducted.

She was also raped and her body was later found in the Vedder River, several miles from Abbotsford.

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Drugs, migration sour US-Mexico ties

By NICK ANDERSON
MEXICO CITY (AP) - More than two years after Mexico and the United States approved a historic free-trade treaty, cross-border conflicts over drugs and migrants are straining the new era of neighborly goodwill.

With U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher expected Monday in Mexico for two days of high-level talks, U.S. and Mexican officials insist their ties are deeper than ever.

They lament that cooperation on issues such as investment, health, tourism and the environment goes unnoticed, while illegal immigration and drug trafficking dominate headlines.

"We don't want this meeting to dwell on the themes of drugs and border incidents because that is not, at bottom, what our relation... is about," Mexico's foreign minister, Jose Angel Gurría, said in a radio interview.

But diplomats will be hard-pressed to divert attention from the controversies.

Mexico has come under intense criticism for failing to curb the drug trade.

U.S. officials estimate as much as 70 percent of South American cocaine passes through Mexico, which also is a major producer of marijuana and meth-

amphetamine.

On March 1, the Clinton administration declared Mexico an ally in its war on drugs. It cited such actions as the January arrest and deportation of Juan Garcia Abrego, reputed leader of the notorious Gulf cartel, now awaiting trial in Texas.

But critics in the U.S. Congress charge that President Clinton should have sanctioned Mexico for lax enforcement.

At an international anti-drug conference in Mexico last month, Thomas Constantine, chief of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, raised a furor by declaring that Mexican financial institutions were deeply involved in laundering drug profits.

Mexico's government denounced the remarks, calling them baseless and counterproductive.

Passions over immigration also flared last month after a helicopter news crew videotaped sheriff's deputies in California beating illegal Mexican immigrants.

Two subsequent crashes in California involving suspected illegal immigrants and U.S. authorities added to the tensions.

This year, opposition Republican presidential candidates in the United

States have attacked illegal immigration and drafted laws to curb legal and illegal immigration.

Meanwhile, Mexico complains that its migrants get no credit for their economic and cultural contributions.

Still, some analysts say relations are good, merely seeming weaker in comparison with the heady first days after

the North American Free Trade Agreement was launched in 1994.

"Christopher should try to rebuild some kind of positive background music," said John Bailey, professor of government at Georgetown University, "as these specific issues don't get magnified. They're normal frictions."

Mexico is also trying to rebuild its economy after a steep recession last year triggered by a December 1994 devaluation of its currency.

Officials here boast that the country has used only \$ 13.5 billion of a \$ 20 billion bailout package the United States arranged. Loan repayments are on schedule.

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ementary School, Torres said, these schools still could not cope up.

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The situation in these schools, Torres told the governor, "will require an accelerated school classroom construction program."

He suggested the construction of pre-engineered steel built-in classrooms.

"Prefabricated classrooms will be done in 60 to 90 days at lesser costs," Torres said.

In a May 2 memorandum to Tenorio, Torres identified the following schools under a tight situation: Marianas High School, Hopwood Junior High School, Garapan, GTC, San Antonio, Koblerville, San Vicente and Oleai elementary schools.

Torres said PSS had tried to solve the overcrowding problem by implementing the multi-track system.

But even with the implementation of the multi-track system in Marianas High School, Hopwood Junior High and San Vicente El-

ementary School, Torres said, these schools still could not cope up.

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also covers Northwest Rota, immediately rendered the affected areas off-limits to all water activities, including boating, fishing, diving, swimming, sailing water skiing, etc. due to the risk the bombs may pose.

This order was to stay until Navy and EMO officials were through detonating the ordnances in place.

But according to Inos, there should have been prior warning about the declaration.

"Your declaration is the real bomb," Borja told the acting governor. "It explodes with near catastrophic results for our economy."

Since Borja's declaration will result to the closure of Rota's shoreline and will have immobilized the island's

east harbor, Inos said the chief executive should have consulted him first.

"You gave us absolutely no prior warning of your intent. You don't consult with me though I have constitutional and statutory responsibility to meet a local disaster emergency," Inos further told Borja.

Mayor Inos said article VI, section 3(f) of the Constitution designates the mayor as the principal local official for coordinating activities with disaster control for the mobilization of resources and meeting emergency conditions.

He also implied that consultation with the mayor is imperative as 1 CMC §5108 also designates mayors as "the principal local officials re-

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High Court dismiss PII's action on the grounds that the U.S., as a government, cannot be sued for its activities at Kwajalein and also that U.S. law allows it to give American companies preference over Marshallese companies for projects in the Marshalls.

The U.S. argues that it bid preference is not a "commercial activity" but rather a governmental act of state that cannot be reviewed by the court.

"Under its position, the United States could prohibit all contractors on Kwajalein from ever employing Marshallese laborers on their jobs, by calling such conduct 'procurement decision making,'" said PII's motion.

The U.S. position is that even blatant discrimination is not something that the High Court has jurisdiction to review, PII's suit said.

"Nothing in Marshall Islands law, American law, nor international law prevents a court from safeguarding its citizens against violations of their constitutional rights within their own homeland," the PII motion said, adding that the essence of sovereignty is that a country has the power to protect its people from foreign powers within its own borders.

"The United States apparently has mistaken gunboat diplomacy for international law," said the PII motion.

much whether the U.S. government would classify or allow U.S. contractors to be classified as foreign within the U.S., the AG said.

Moreover, Masek said that the Compact is crystal clear in allowing local contractors to compete equally for work on Kwajalein because the intention of the drafters was to encourage economic development in the Marshalls.

The U.S. has responded to the suit by saying the problem should be sorted out by negotiation.

But the government's motion dismissed this idea, saying that despite repeated attempts for negotiation initiated by the Marshall Islands, U.S. officials "repeatedly have refused to discuss the matter, feigned ignorance on the subject, expressed sympathy yet failed to take any action, or do anything in any way to constructively address the concerns of the RMI."

The Marshall Islands and PII have been left with no choice but to go to court, the government said.

Pacific International Inc. also filed a related motion this week stating that while the U.S. "may do what it wants within its own borders, it cannot export discrimination to the Marshall Islands."

The U.S. is attempting to have the

Mongolia quake toll rise to 18; 300 hurt

By CHARLENE L. FU
BEIJING (AP) - The death toll from a major earthquake Friday in the industrial city of Baotou, Inner Mongolia has climbed to 18, state television reported Sunday.

And at dawn Sunday, Baotou was hit by a magnitude 4.3 aftershock, the largest of the more than 400 aftershocks that have rocked the area since Friday morning's 6.4 magnitude quake, China Central Television reported.

At least 315 people were injured, 33 of them seriously. Earlier reports said most victims were hit by falling debris. Six died in a gold mine near the quake's epicenter, just north of Baotou, about 540 kilometers (340 miles) northwest of Beijing.

Rescue officials told state media that some 200,000 people were affected by the quake, about one-tenth of Baotou's population.

Fifty-thousand homes were damaged and 90,000 people were homeless, the report said.

Video footage showed smashed walls, cracks in ceilings and gaping holes in roofs.

The reporter said many residents were living in emergency "earthquake

tents" because they feared aftershocks could cause further damage to buildings already weakened by the earthquake.

Other footage from state television obtained by The Associated Press showed makeshift tents of canvas and plastic sheeting lining the roads. Inside, heavy cotton quilts were stacked up on cots. At the disaster relief center, rescue workers manned phones inside a canvas tent.

The state television report said life was returning to normal.

Baotou's iron and steel works, the region's largest enterprise and situated just 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) from the quake's epicenter, resumed normal operation at midnight. Gas, electricity and water supplies had been restored.

"In some areas of Baotou, if it were not for the 'earthquake tents,' it would be hard to believe that this was an earthquake disaster zone," a reporter at the scene said over state television. He said he even saw a couple getting married Sunday morning.

Baotou, a city of more than 1.3 million people, is a major railway artery and commercial center along the Yellow River. It also is a key

industrial city, with major iron and steel, cement and textile factories.

Ding Jianhai, head of the State Seismology Bureau's Analysis and Prediction Center, said that because the quake was centered 33 kilometers (20 miles) beneath the earth's surface, it was felt throughout much of northern China, including Beijing, but caused comparatively little damage.

China's seismologists have predicted a period of intense seismic activity over the next few years, and Friday's was the third major tremor to strike the country this year, following quakes in southwestern China's Yunnan and in Xinjiang, in the northwest.

The Feb. 3 magnitude 7 Yunnan quake killed at least 304 people and left 3,775 people seriously injured. The magnitude 6.9 quake that struck March 19 in Xinjiang, a much less densely populated area, killed 24 people and injured 40.

Seventeen tremors measuring more than magnitude 5 have hit China so far this year. Six measured greater than magnitude 6, already higher than the usual three to five that hit China annually.

Scrubland fire contained, but new fire threatens many homes

TONTONATIONAL FOREST, ARIZONA (AP) - A fire that has blackened 61,000 acres (24,700 hectares) of scrubland was fully contained Saturday night while a new fire threatened other homes in Arizona.

The larger fire, which began April 27 in the Tonto National Forest about 35 miles (55 kms) east of Phoenix, had stopped growing and could be out by Monday evening, said Tonto National Forest spokesman Dave Killebrew.

Meanwhile, a fire burning pine and brush began Saturday afternoon and threatened homes and a power line on the outskirts of the northern Arizona city of Flagstaff.

The fire spread across 150

acres (61 hectares) and forced 10 to 15 families to evacuate. Towering clouds of dark gray smoke could be seen from the city.

"We haven't lost any homes, but the fire's come close," Coconino National Forest spokeswoman Sonya Tena said.

The cause wasn't immediately known.

PRESS RELEASE

The year 1996 is not just another year of volunteer community service for the dedicated members of the Commonwealth Health Center Volunteers' Association. On September 27, the volunteers will celebrate ten remarkable years of service and contributions to the Commonwealth people. The 10th Anniversary celebration promises to be the best project yet sponsored by the Volunteers' Association. In recognition of the volunteers, sponsors and contributors, a Dinner-Dance fundraiser is currently being planned. All members of the Commonwealth Health Center Volunteers' Association are asked to participate in planning the events for September 27.

In order to ensure the success of this gala event, the CHC Volunteers' Association invites members to meet at the CHC Cafeteria on Tuesday, May 7 in order to help coordinate the event that will celebrate the success of the CHC Volunteers' Association in our community. The following names are listed as members of the CHC Volunteers' Association:

Honorary: *Sophia P. Tenorio, Mathilde V. Guerrero, Grace Tenorio, Charlene Tenorio, and Maryann P. Borja*

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The members mentioned above are kindly encouraged to meet on Tuesday, May 7, at the CHC Cafeteria, at 6:30 pm. If you are a founding member of the CHC Volunteers' Association or a former volunteer and your name is not listed above, please let the Association know. We apologize for inadvertent omissions, but welcome all former and current volunteers in the upcoming meeting. All students who participated in the CHC Volunteers' Association projects and activities are warmly welcome to attend the meeting on May 7th. The upcoming 10th Anniversary of the CHC Volunteers' Association will be here in no time, and all your help is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan P. Schwarz or Kim Prinz at the CHC Gift Shop at 234-8950 extension 2908 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Si Yulus maase, ghlissow, and thank you. We look forward to seeing many volunteers in the meeting.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
CIVIL ACTION NO. 96-505
 IN RE ESTATE OF JOSE C. TOMOKANE, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that Maria DLG. Tomokane of Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, has filed a petition in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Commonwealth Superior Court to be appointed as administrator of the estate of Jose C. Tomokane, deceased. The attorney of record is JUAN T. LIZAMA, P.O. Box 1508, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The hearing on the petition is set for 18th day of June, 1996, at 1:30 p.m. at the Commonwealth Superior Court in Saipan. All interested persons should appear at this hearing.

All persons having claim against the estate, or against the deceased should file their claim with the Clerk of Court of the Commonwealth Superior Court within sixty (60) days after the first publication of this notice. Dated this 2nd day of May, 1996.
 /s/ Dep. Clerk of Court
 Commonwealth Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
CIVIL ACTION NO. 96-506
 IN RE ESTATE OF MARIA CEPEDA DLG. CRUZ, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that Maria DLG. Tomokane of Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, has filed a petition in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Commonwealth Superior Court to be appointed as administrator of the estate of Maria Cepeda Dlg. Cruz, deceased. The attorney of record is JUAN T. LIZAMA, P.O. Box 1508, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The hearing on the petition is set for 18th day of June, 1996, at 1:30 p.m. at the Commonwealth Superior Court in Saipan. All interested persons should appear at this hearing.

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/s/ EDWARD B. PALACIOS

PUBLIC NOTICE 4/30/96

The Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) will reconvene its meeting of March 28, 1996 on Tuesday, May 7, 1996 following the meeting of the DCD Board of Directors at the CDA Conference Room, Wakin's Building in Gualo Rai, Saipan.

General matters will be discussed.
/s/ Juan S. Tenorio
 Chairman, Board of Directors

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

This is to inform all interested Bidders, that the dates for opening of bids and preproposal conference for West Tinian Air Terminal Air Conditioning and Renovation, CPA Project No. CPA-TA-001-96 has been postponed until further notice.

/s/ Carlos A. Shoda
 Contracting Officer for CPA

At the movies Sitcom star plays title role in 'The Pallbearer'

By DOLORES BARCLAY
NEW YORK (AP) - Meet Tom Thompson, a dull, nerdy-looking guy who lives with his mother and can't seem to find a job. Actually, you probably won't want to meet Tom - he's that boring.
 But at least one character in Matt Reeves' "The Pallbearer" finds him simply scintillating and that's the vamp queen Ruth Abernathy (Barbara Hershey), whose son has just died.

Ruth asks Tom (David Schwimmer), who she thinks was her son's good friend, to be a pallbearer and to otherwise "help out" - a request that takes on interesting ramifications as the movie progresses.
 But there's one big problem: Tom doesn't have even the slightest glimmer of an idea who was the guy was. His friends, played by Michael Rapaport, Toni Collette, Bitty Schram and Michael Vartan, think he's nuts when he agrees to carry out the mother's wishes. And they're no help, either: They also have no idea who the dead kid was. When Tom checks the yearbook for clues, across from the guy's name is just a blank square.

But Tom's mind veers away from matters funeral when his pals throw a party and invite Julie DeMarco (Gwyneth Paltrow), his high school crush.
 Tom and Julie get together, of course, in what has got to be one of the most awkward date scenes on film. And it's somewhat sweet to watch two adults tip-toe around a man's apartment because they don't want to awaken his eccentric mother (Carol Kane).

It's also sweet when Mom decides to entertain Julie by wedding her body to the fledgling couple on the sofa. Sure, it's bizarre and you wonder about Tom, but it makes for a cute moment.
 Meanwhile, Ruth ups the ante: Tom now must give the eulogy. This turns out to be one of the highlights of the movie, a rib-cracking laughfest. Then Ruth drops the shoe - and the other shoe, and her dress and everything else. Yes, you get the picture.
 Dimwit that he is, Tom goes along with the seduction, jeopardizing his budding romance with Julie.
 Reeves, who wrote "The Pallbearer" with Jason Katims, has crafted a bunch of characters we don't really care much about. They're nice, but they're all fairly vapid.
 But the screenwriters make up for it with Ruth Abernathy, and Hershey certainly steals the show as Ruth. She's a delightful seductress who adds the only spark in the movie. Check out her tacky '50s look of matador pants and three-inch heels. The lipstick is so, so, the glare even more so. You don't want to mess with this woman.
 Paltrow is lovely and lithe, but still gives off such a waifish air that doesn't give you much to hold onto. It would be interesting to see what this young actress could do with a well-developed, meaty role.

Rapaport, a dynamic young actor, is wasted in this movie. He's miles above Schwimmer and Vartan, but has little to do. Collette, fresh from the very wonderful "Muriel's Wedding," also isn't allowed to stretch.
 Schwimmer, who shot to TV stardom in the sitcom "Friends," holds little fascination. He's perfectly cast for the role of Tom, but hardly a compelling presence.
 "The Pallbearer" makes a perfect date movie for TV fans, and probably will perform smashing when it hits video stores. It was produced by Jeffrey Abrams and Paul Webster.

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Tinian would now be reopened paying wages, taxes and old trade payables," Montle told Palmer.
 He added that Asian players will choose Guam over Tinian "more certainly than they now choose Las Vegas over Mesquite, Nevada."
 "If there is a sincere interest in seeing a casino reopen on Tinian, we will send a representative there next week to meet with the commission and the governor," said Montle.
 "As the pioneers who directly infused over \$3 million in taxes, wages and purchasing into Tinian and the CNMI last year, we think we are at least due the courtesy of a prompt reply," he told Palmer.

Montle said the latter could become a more viable casino destination if it legalizes casino gaming.
 According to the Lone Star CEO, the major US casino operators are currently all focused on the prospect of the Guam gaming referendum passing this year.
 "If it does, we very much doubt that Tinian will ever see a hotel casino resort developed, as the other tourist amenities available on Guam will give it an insurmountable competitive lead," Montle stressed.
 He added that Asian players will choose Guam over Tinian "more certainly than they now choose Las Vegas over Mesquite, Nevada."
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01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary:\$700-\$800 per month
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01 OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR-Salary:\$1,700-\$1,900 per month
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01 BARTENDER-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
 01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary:\$600-\$900 per month
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01 COOK-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
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 01 COOK HELPER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
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 Contact: A & J ENTERPRISES, INC. Tel. 322-4740(5/06)M223743

01 TRAVEL COUNSELOR-Salary:\$2.75-\$3.05 per hour
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05 COMMERCIAL CLEANER-Salary:\$2.75-\$3.05 per hour
 08 KITCHEN HELPER-Salary:\$2.75-\$3.05 per hour
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 02 BARTENDER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
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01 GIFT SHOP SUPERVISOR-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
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01 TRAVEL COUNSELOR-Salary:\$1,500 per month
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01 SALES SUPERVISOR-Salary:\$3.25 per hour
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 01 WINCH OPERATOR-Salary:\$2.75-\$3.15 per hour
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01 ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN-Salary:\$1,500 per month
 Contact: DECISION SYSTEMS CORP. SAIPAN Tel. 233-3500(5/13)M223938

01 HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR-Salary:\$3.50 per hour
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 01 COOK HELPER-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
 02 WAITRESS-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
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 01 PROJECT MANAGER-Salary:\$850 per month
 02 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-Salary:\$650-\$700 per month
 10 ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN-Salary:\$2.75-\$3.05 per hour
 03 ARCHITECT-Salary:\$800 per month
 03 ACCOUNTANT-Salary:\$650-\$750 per month
 05 PAINTER-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
 05 STEELMAN-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
 01 CONSTRUCTION FOREMAN-Salary:\$800 per month
 20 CARPENTER-Salary:\$2.75-\$3.05 per hour
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01 COOK-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
 01 COOK HELPER-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
 02 WAITRESS-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
 01 BARTENDER-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
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 01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary:\$3.50 per hour
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 01 TRAVEL COUNSELOR-Salary:\$2.75 per hour
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01 ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN-Salary:\$1,500 per month
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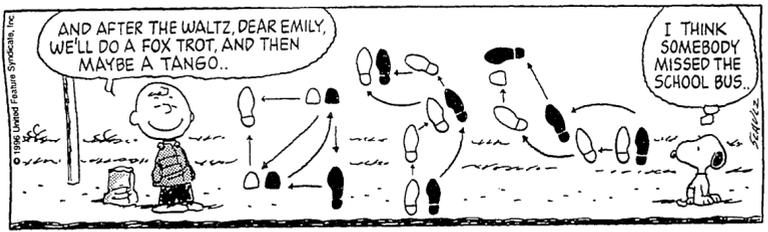
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STELLA WILDER YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

your daily guide.

TUESDAY, MAY 7
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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Today, you may have difficulty when trying to communicate with someone who tends to intimidate you. Just try to do your best.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) — This will be a good day to stay out of the way. If you can focus on private affairs, you will have a higher rate of success.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Give yourself more time to accomplish routine tasks today. You may encounter more than one unexpected obstacle.
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The federal government owns nearly 83 percent of the land in the state of Nevada.

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On average, adults have about one nightmare per year.

In Revolutionary times, the saying "lock, stock and barrel" referred to an entire gun.

Famed comedian Bob Hope was once a boxer.

More last names in the United States start with the letter S than any other letter, followed by B, then M, then K.

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Ice cream was first advertised in North America in the *New York Gazette* in 1777.

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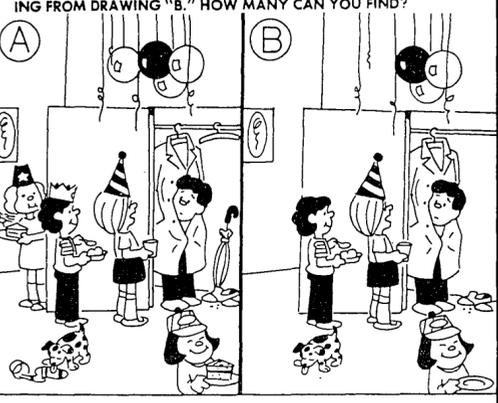
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Mariners snap Indian win streak

SEATTLE (AP) — Edgar Martinez hit two home runs, giving him 100 for his career, and the Seattle Mariners stopped the Cleveland Indians' five-game winning streak.

Darren Bragg, called up from the minors earlier in the day, led off the first inning with a home run as the Mariners ended a three-game losing streak.

Martinez hit a solo homer in the first inning and a two-run shot in the sixth, both off Albie Lopez (1-1). He has eight multi-homer games in the majors, two this season.

Paul Menhart (1-2) allowed seven hits, including Julio Franco's homer, in 5 1-3 innings. Cleveland's Sandy



Hawaii-born sumo star Akebono, 26, the first foreigner ever to reach the highest rank in the ancient Japanese sport, smiles to reporters in Tokyo after he was granted Japanese citizenship. The decision to grant Akebono, born Chad Rowan in Honolulu, Hawaii, was announced by the Ministry of Justice Monday. He became sumo's first non-Japanese Yokozuna, or grand champion in 1993.

Alomar extended his hitting streak to a career-high 17 games.

Angels 5, Twins 2

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — Jason Grimsley took a no-hitter into the seventh inning and finished with a three-hitter, leading the California Angels over the Minnesota Twins for their fifth straight win.

J.T. Snow and Garret Anderson hit consecutive home runs and Chili Davis later homered as the Angels won their ninth in a row at home.

Grimsley (2-1) had retired 12 straight batters when Greg Myers sliced a broken-bat double down the third-base line with one out in the seventh. Myers hit a solo home run with two outs in the ninth.

Grimsley, making only his third start of the season, struck out five and walked three in his first complete game since June 11, 1994, while with Cleveland.

Frank Rodriguez (2-3) went six innings.

DETROIT (AP) — The Texas Rangers became the first American League team in 79 years to pitch consecutive one-hitters as Roger Pavlik held Detroit to a fifth-inning home run in a 3-1 win over the Tigers.

A day after Texas' Ken Hill one-hit Detroit, retiring the last 26 batters he faced, Pavlik set down 14 straight Tigers before Mark Lewis hit a two-out homer in the fifth on Saturday.

Hill and Pavlik enabled the Rangers to become the first AL team to pitch back-to-back one-hitters since the Washington Nationals one-hit the Chicago White Sox in consecutive games in 1917.

Pavlik (4-0) faced just 28 batters — one over the minimum — and retired

the last 13. He struck out seven and didn't walk a batter in winning his fourth game in his fourth attempt.

Kevin Elster homered for Texas, which matched the 1976 and 1989 Rangers for the best 30-game start in club history.

Greg Gohr (1-4) gave up three runs and nine hits in 6 2-3 innings as the Tigers lost for the 14th time in their last 16 games.

Red Sox 8, Blue Jays 4

Red Sox 8, Blue Jays 7, suspended game

In Boston, the Red Sox won two games after winning just six of their first 25.

Former Boston pitcher Frank Viola (0-2), coming back from a severe elbow injury, allowed four runs in the first inning of the regularly scheduled game. After Toronto cut the lead to 5-4, Bill Haselman hit a three-run homer, his first of the year, in the eighth.

Tom Gordon (2-2), exiled to the bullpen after pitching poorly, got the victory in his first start in 10 days despite allowing 10 hits in 5 1-3 innings. It was Boston's fourth straight win.

In the completion of the suspended game, Boston survived homers by Alex Gonzalez and Joe Carter and a two-run single in the ninth by Shawn Green. Two rain delays lasting 3 hours, 43 minutes Friday night led to the suspension with the Red Sox ahead 6-1 after six innings. American League rules prohibit any inning from starting after 1 a.m.

Orioles 10, Brewers 5

In Baltimore, Brady Anderson homered for the fourth time in three games and Roberto Alomar hit a grand slam.

Anderson's major-league

leading 15th homer sparked a four-run first inning. It was the sixth time this season that Anderson opened the Oriole first inning with a home run, breaking the team mark set by Don Buford in 1971. Baltimore lost the other five games that Anderson led off with a homer.

Alomar's second career grand slam made it 10-2 in the sixth.

Jeffrey Hammonds also homered for the Orioles, who have won two straight after losing 11 of 14.

Mike Mussina (4-2) allowed two earned runs and 11 hits in 6 2-3 innings to end a two-game losing streak.

Milwaukee got a run in the first on an RBI single by Kevin Seitzer, but the Orioles countered with four runs against Steve Sparks (1-4).

White Sox 11, Yankees 5

In New York, Frank Thomas drove in the tying run during a four-run eighth inning and Harold Baines hit a grand slam in the ninth as Chicago rallied to snap a four-game losing streak.

Baines hit his 11th career grand slam and drove in five runs.

Bernie Williams hit a solo homer and Mariano Duncan had two RBIs for the Yankees, who had their winning streak ended at five games. It was the first loss for the Yankees in 15 games this season when leading after seven innings.

Matt Karchner (4-0), who relieved for starter Wilson Alvarez, picked up the win with 1 1-3 innings of relief.

Jeff Nelson (1-1) was the loser.

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frustrated Rockets, Clyde Drexler hit an apparent 3-pointer at the end of the third quarter, but referee Terry Durham ruled it went in after the period ended.

Then the Sonics really blew the game open.

They came out in the fourth quarter and scored the first 10 points, capped by an alley-oop dunk by Schrempf on a pass from Payton for an 83-59 lead.

The Rockets, who beat the Lakers 3-1 in their opening-round series, didn't get a basket in the final quarter until Sam Mack's 3-pointer 3:22 into the period.

In the second quarter, the defensive intensity picked up considerably. In the final minute of the first half, the Sonics were called for a 24-second violation and Payton forced Kenny Smith into an over-and-back.

For the period, Seattle was only 6-for-24 from the field, while the Rockets were 7-for-17. The teams combined for only 31 points.

Payton made two wide-open 3-pointers in the second quarter and had 19 points at halftime.

The Sonics led 29-28 after the first quarter as Payton had 13 points, including three 3-pointers.

The Rockets hit seven of their first eight shots, but were 5-for-15 the rest of the first quarter.

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Crestar Classic in 1988 near Richmond, Virginia.

One shot off the lead were Dick Hendrickson, who shot a 67, and Jack Kiefer, who carded a 68 on a day when gusty winds helped make scoring difficult.

Larry Laoretti was alone at 139 after a 68.

Palmer was among six players at 140. Also in that group was Brian Barnes, who struggled after opening with a 66 to share the first-round lead with Marsh. Barnes' 74 Saturday featured five bogeys and three birdies.

Defending champion Bob Murphy, who had a 74 Friday, struck back at the hilly layout Saturday with four consecutive birdies on the way to a 67 that put him in the group of six players at 141.

Gilbert, who began the day one shot off the lead, started his round with a birdie on the 378-yard (345.5 meters) opening hole and followed with an eagle on the 481-yard (440 meters) 2nd with a 30-foot (9 meters) putt from the fringe.

But he couldn't maintain the pace the rest of the way, when he had one bogey, one double-bogey and two birdies.

"It was one of those rounds where it really could have been a good round," Gilbert said, "but it really could have been a disaster, too."

Marsh also was unable to mount much of a charge, but he birdied two of his last three holes.

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I'd like to be on the clay courts right now, but it always takes time to adjust to the fitness and movement levels necessary. Hopefully next week will help," he said.

Chang will only play in Rome before the French Open, which begins May 27.

In the final on Sunday, Alami will play Nicklas Kulti of Sweden, who fought off a match point and outlasted second-seeded Richey Reneberg 6-7 (7-5), 7-6 (8-6), 6-2 in a 2-hour, 37-minute match Saturday night.

In Saturday's first match, Alami attacked Chang early in both sets. He broke serve in the opening game, then held for a 2-0 lead.

Chang, serving well below his usual 115-120 mph (185-192 kph) range and committing numerous groundstroke errors, managed to stay in the set with a break in the fourth game to even the set at 2-2.

Alami, using heavy topspin forehands and crisp volley winners, broke Chang again in the seventh and ninth games, then served to win the first set.

Alami broke Chang in the first game of the second set. Chang had a chance to draw even in the sixth game, forcing five deuces and three break points. But Alami held and the players stayed on serve thereafter. In the 10th game, Alami finished it with two volley winners and two aces, measured at 126 (201) and 116 mph (186 kph).



SPORTS



D-9ers advance to playoffs

By Ray D. Palacios
for the Variety
THE Saipan Softball Association Men's Fast-Pitch concluded its 1996 regular season last Friday with team Bud-Ice & Bank-of-Saipan/LiteBeer D-9ers advancing to the play-off with a 10-6 record respectively.
In the continuation of the ballgame between the red-Dog Seabees Four & D-9ers prevailed scoring three runs

in the top of the eight highlighted by Jess Peterson's two-run in-the-park homer to lead, 13-10.
Ben Sablan pitched the bottom of the eight, walked the first batter then got the next three batters to top up for the win.
In the second game of the night cap, team Bud-Ice secured the last slot for the play-off, slaughtering the Joeten Piaos in five

innings, 17-3. Paul Roberto & Ben Hocog each knocked in three runs and all nine players had at least one hit each.
Bud-Ice jumped on top 11-1 after two innings highlighted by Roberto and Clinton Ngraked's two rbi's. They went on & outscored the Piaos 6-2 in the last 2 1/2 innings to advance.
The Sablan Construction Is-

landers closed out the last regular season game stopping M.T.C. in five innings 20-9 behind Cris Pangelinan's two homeruns & six rbi's.
The Islanders blew a possible play-off chances forfeiting twice in the league & ended up in the

fifth place with an 8-8 record.
It was a four run ballgame after three innings of play, 7-3 in favor of the Islanders.
Cris Pangelinan then took over knocking in five runs as the Islanders exploded for thirteen runs in the next two innings for the win.

Sonics take Western semis opener against Rockets

By JIM COUR
SEATTLE (AP) - Through the first round of the playoffs for the first time in three seasons, the Seattle SuperSonics looked like a team that intended to make up for lost time.
Blanketing Hakeem Olajuwon with two and three defenders, the Sonics showed their regular-season domination of the Houston Rockets was no fluke with a 108-75 victory Saturday in the opener of their Western Conference semifinal.
Seattle, which was 4-0 against the Rockets this season, got 28 points from Gary Payton

and 17 points and 12 rebounds from Shawn Kemp.
Seattle outrebounded the two-time defending champions 52-36.
Sam Perkins added 17 points and Detlef Schrempf had 13 for the Sonics, who beat Sacramento in its first-round playoff series this year after being upset by Denver and the Los Angeles Lakers the previous two years.
Olajuwon was held to six points in 34 lackluster minutes by a defense that swarmed all over him in the post. It was his lowest playoff total, five fewer than he scored against the Lakers on April 29, 1990.

Robert Horry led the Rockets with 18 points, 12 in the first quarter.
After a first half that finished 44-44, the Sonics broke the game open in the third quarter, outscoring the Rockets 13-4 in the final 2:23 of the period for a 73-59 lead.
Nate McMillan and Perkins each had 3-pointers, Perkins and Kemp made fastbreak layups with Kemp adding a free throw after his and Payton capped it with a driving layup with 6.1 seconds left in the third quarter.
If that wasn't enough for the

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Chang upset in At&T

ATLANTA (AP) - Two-time defending champion and top seed Michael Chang fell victim to flashy, hard-serving Moroccan Karim Alami 6-4, 6-4 in the semifinals of the \$ 328,000 AT-and-T Challenge on Saturday.
Alami, the sixth seed, advanced to his first final of the year and second of his career.
"I was concentrating hard to play my game and have fun on court," Alami said following his best victory since defeating then-No. 1 Pete Sampras two years ago as a qualifier in Doha.
For Chang, who won in Atlanta in 1994 and 1995, the loss was a poor start to his clay court season. Following a second-round loss at Monte Carlo last week and the loss in Atlanta, he plans to take a few days off next week to nurse an injured right shoulder.
"I don't want to go out with excuses, or take anything away from Alami, but I have been having a shoulder strain this week and haven't been serving well," Chang said. "I'm definitely not where
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Marsh, Gilbert on top spot at Paine Webber

By JOE MACENKA
CHARLOTTE, North Carolina
(AP) - Larry Gilbert and Graham Marsh shared the top spot at the Paine Webber Invitational on Saturday, when the biggest stir was caused by the presence of Arnold Palmer on the leader board.
Gilbert, who shot a 2-under 70, and Marsh, who had a 71, were at 7-under 137 after two tours of the Tournament Players Club at Piper Glen.
Of the 15 players within four shots of the co-leaders, nobody was more conspicuous than Palmer, who at 66 has

lost some of his skills but none of his appeal.
Followed as usual by the largest gallery on the course, Palmer rewarded Arnie's Army with a second consecutive 70, leaving him three back heading into Sunday's final round of the \$1.8 million Senior PGA Tour event.
Palmer, who helped design the 6,774-yard (6,192 meters) Piper Glen layout, hasn't finished better than 34th in any tournament in the last two years, and he hasn't won since the now-defunct
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Saipan Little League Baseball

THE Koblerville Hustlers, after their defeat last Thursday, April 25, made a come-back last night with four runs in the first inning and three runs in the second inning. Hustlers bats remained

silent in the third and fourth innings.
Meanwhile, the Pirates made two runs in the first inning with Glenn Camacho and Craig Sanchez making the first two runs and in the fourth

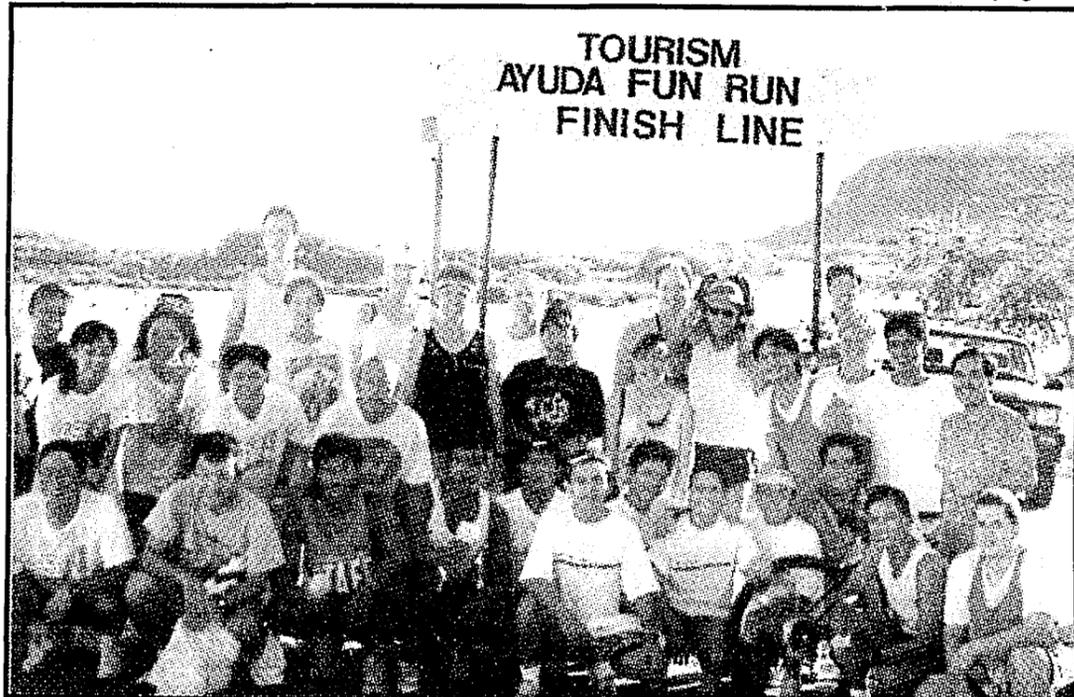
innings by the throwing errors of the second basemen to third moving John Flores to second. The Pitcher's wild throw the second scored Flores another run. For the Pirates, John Paul Flores strike out four batter walked three and giving up four hits. For the Hustlers, Jesse Celis struck out five batters, walked one and giving up three hits.

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Standings as of 4/27/96

| A-Division | | |
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| Team | Win | Loss |
| CUC High Voltage | 6 | 4 |
| CHC | 6 | 5 |
| Governor's Office | 5 | 2 |
| Retirement Fund Outlaw | 5 | 3 |
| DEQ | 5 | 4 |
| Legislature | 3 | 6 |
| D.O.F. (Finance) | 2 | 5 |
| Labor & Immigration | 2 | 5 |
| B-Division | | |
| Council Enforcers/Marpac | 8 | 2 |
| PSS Sluggers | 5 | 2 |
| DCCA | 5 | 2 |
| Fire 47 Tamers | 5 | 4 |
| Mayor's Office | 4 | 6 |
| DPW | 3 | 6 |
| NMC | 3 | 7 |
| D.L.N.R./Quarantine | 2 | 6 |

Thursday's Game: 5/02/96
6:00 p.m. DEQ vs Finance Postponed
7:00 p.m. Mayor's Office 9 vs NMC 5
8:00 p.m. Council 20 vs DPW 9
9:00 p.m. CHC 10 vs CUC 9
Saturday's Game: 5/04/96
6:00 p.m. PSS vs DLNR
7:00 p.m. Legislature vs Labor & Immigration
8:00 p.m. Governor's Office vs Retirement Fund
9:00 p.m. DCCA vs Fire Division



The participants in Saturday's Tourism Ayuda Fun Run pose for a group photo at the finishing line in Marpi. Stuart Smith won the first place in the men's category and ruled the overall standing. Nicole Forelli topped the women's category.—Photo by Ferdie de la Torre