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Babauta withdraws

By Rafael H. Arroyo
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REPUBLICAN gubernatorial aspirant Juan N. Babauta has withdrawn from the 1997 race, opting to run for a third term as Washington Representative.

Babauta made this known in a May 30 letter to Republican Party Chairman Benigno R. Fitial saying he is bowing out in the interest of the party, specifically to avoid what could be a politically divisive primary.

Babauta months back had submitted a letter of intent to Fitial seeking the party's nomination for governor in the November elections next year.

His withdrawal, which was submitted a day before the deadline for candidacies set by the party,



Juan N. Babauta

narrows down the race for the Republican nomination to just between former governors Pedro P. Tenorio and Larry I. Guerrero. "I feel it would be in the best

interest of our party to promote harmony amongst the candidates and amongst our members," said Babauta in his letter.

"This is my way of contributing to the avoidance of a primary, thereby building on this harmony and the eventual success of the party," he added.

According to Babauta, he has watched and listened over the last few months as the party wrestled with the idea of holding a primary or not. He said he would like to be able to say "I had a small part in playing out this struggle to a peaceful solution."

It could be recalled that during the last gubernatorial elections, the Republican Party conducted a three-way primary between Babauta, Guerrero and then Sen-



Pedro P. Tenorio

ate President Juan S. Demapan for the nomination.

Guerrero went on to win the nomination but he lost to current Democratic Gov. Froilan C.



Larry I. Guerrero

Tenorio.

Political observers have attributed the Democrats' win in that election to the "deep wounds"

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Church joins as Guam debates death penalty

By Mary Rose S. Tigilo
For the Variety

GUAM - Guam's feisty prelate, Archbishop Anthony Apuron of the archdiocese of Agana, is leading strong moves by the island's predominantly Catholic community to block two separate bills calling for the imposition of death penalty.

This became apparent during the public hearing called by Senators Mark Forbes and Sonny Orsini early this week to draw out the people's opinion on the death penalty bill. This was the second time that the death penalty was proposed on Guam after its abolition in the late 1960s.

Apuron, in a testimony read by his spokesman Deacon Frank Tenorio, said the people of Guam are against the two bills.

Bill 515, which was introduced by Forbes, calling for the presentation of the death penalty issue to the people of Guam and for the implementation of capital punishment in cases of aggravated murder of children and peace officers.

Bill 520, introduced by Orsini, calling for the addition of a new article providing for the imposition of death penalty to the Guam Code.

Apuron said, "Important public issues should not be

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L&T, new mall plaintiffs agree to \$11M settlement

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE L&T Group of Companies and the plaintiffs in the taxpayer's lawsuit involving the lease of a public land in Navy Hill have reached a tentative settlement.

Steven P. Pixley, counsel for L&T, announced Friday that as part of the settlement, L&T will guarantee rental payments in excess of \$11 million to the CNMI government.

In addition, Pixley said in a press statement, that ownership

of the Pacific Mall facility will revert to the government at the end of the 25-year lease term.

The lawyer said the settlement has been reached after several weeks of extensive negotiations with the plaintiffs.

Pixley explained that the parties have filed a written request with the Superior Court seeking a schedule for a settlement conference to discuss the specific terms and conditions.

He said the exact terms of the prospective settlement will be disclosed to the public soon.

Rep. Stanley T. Torres and lawyer Jeanne H. Rayphand sued the government and L&T questioning the lease of land. The 38,574 sq. meters of land is located across Navy Hill Road where L&T is planning to build a shopping mall.

Torres and Rayphand said the people will lose \$15.8 million in the lease as the true value of the property was \$18.8 million.

The court disqualified Theodore Mitchell as counsel for Torres and Rayphand for

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NMC president, VP sued by ex-instructor

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

A FORMER lady instructor of the Northern Marianas College has sued the college's president and vice president for administration for alleged sexual discrimination.

Katherine L. Douglas filed her complaint with the District Court Friday, naming Agnes M. McPhetres and Felicitas P. Abraham, president and vice president respectively, the CNMI government, and the NMC as defendants.

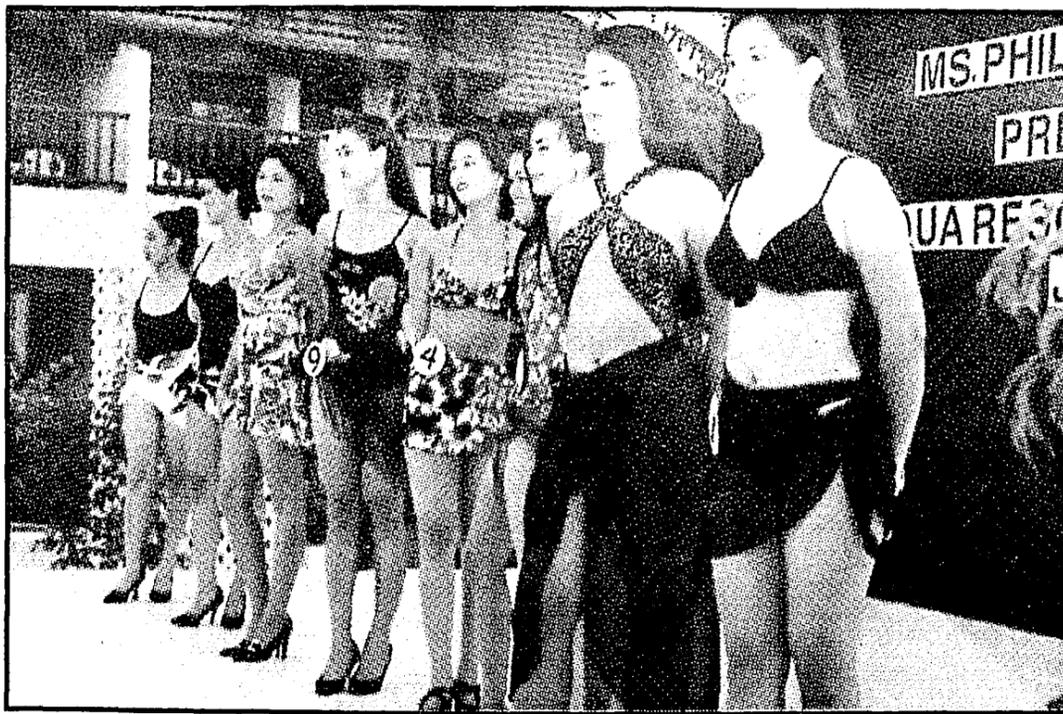
Douglas, a Caucasian US citizen suffering from muscular dys-

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Weather Outlook



Mostly sunny days and partly cloudy nights with isolated showers



PRETTY MAIDENS. Nine contestants for the 1996 Miss Philippines-Saipan pose for the cameras during Saturday's pre-pageant swimsuit competition at the Aqua Resort Hotel's pool side. Coronation will be on June 12 at the Ada Gym.

—Photo by Ferdie dela Torre

Netanyahu over Peres

By DIANNA CAHN
JERUSALEM (AP) - Delayed by a vote that long was too close to call and by the Jewish Sabbath, the winners in Israel's election - Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu and the religious parties - have just begun to celebrate. Netanyahu, who ousted Shimon Peres by 0.9 percentage points, was expected to make his victory speech Sunday evening in Jerusalem.

"We are happy because now Shas is the third-largest party in parliament," said David Carmeli, 18, a seminary student in Jerusalem. "There will be more power. Shas ... can make sure that the government will not pass anti-religious laws." Netanyahu, 46, spent the Sabbath quietly with family and friends. He was to turn to business Sunday, setting out his policies on security in his evening speech and trying to assuage concerns that a hard line on the Palestinians could endanger the peace process.

Netanyahu was elected after four bombings by Palestinian militants killed 63 people earlier this year, eroding Israeli support for more concessions to the Palestinians. Netanyahu has promised Israeli security will be his top concern.

He also has pledged to slow the pace of peace negotiations and back off some promises made by Peres. Those include withdrawing Israeli troops from the West Bank city of

Hebron and holding talks on Palestinians' claim to East Jerusalem, captured by Israel in 1967.

Palestinians vowed Saturday to cooperate with Israel's new hard-line prime minister, although they made clear they expect him to honor commitments made by his more peace-minded predecessor.

"Mr. Netanyahu is a political person, not an adventurer," said Marwan Kanafani, a spokesman for Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. "I think he will respect and should

respect the agreement which has been signed between the Palestinian National Authority and the State of Israel."

Netanyahu also planned to begin contacting potential parliamentary allies on Sunday.

He has 45 days to form a government.

Dan Meridor, a top Likud official, said the prime minister-elect was likely to ask Peres to join a Likud-led unity government.

Moshe Shahal, minister of inter-

national security under Peres, said he thought the different ideologies of the two parties precluded that possibility. However, news reports suggested Ehud Barak, a top contender to replace Peres as Labor Party leader, supports the idea.

Such a move would keep the Likud from bringing ultra-Orthodox and other religious parties into the government. Labor's strongly secular constituency fears the religious parties' influence is growing.

Lebanon, Syria to discuss ME peace in wake of Israeli polls

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) - The leaders of Lebanon and Syria were to meet in the Syrian capital Damascus on Sunday to discuss the future of the Middle East peace process following the election of Benjamin Netanyahu as Israel's next prime minister.

Official sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Lebanese President Elias Hrawi left for Syria at midmorning for talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad.

The Damascus talks are taking place against a backdrop of widespread apprehension in the Arab world that the election of the hard-line Netanyahu may slow or even

undermine the U.S.-sponsored peace process.

Lebanon and its mentor, Syria, are Israel's only neighbors who have yet to conclude a peace treaty with the Jewish state.

Egypt became the first Arab state to do so in 1979 and Jordan followed suit in 1994. The Palestine Liberation Organization signed peace accords with Israel in 1993.

Netanyahu, leader of the right-wing Likud Party, says he will not return the Golan Heights, which Israel captured from Syria in 1967, but has suggested that he might make some territorial concessions.

Israel and Syria began on-and-off

peace talks in late 1991 but made little headway toward signing a peace treaty. Lebanon's own peace negotiations with Israel are deadlocked pending progress on the Israeli-Syrian track.

Israel has occupied a south Lebanon border strip since 1985 to protect its northern towns from cross-border guerrilla raids. In April, it launched a 16-day bombing blitz against Iranian-backed guerrillas in Lebanon that left at least 165 people dead, mostly Lebanese civilians.

Lebanon says there will be no peace with Israel before it withdraws from the border strip.

Military promises to keep power in Burma



Aung San Suu Kyi

an idiot."

Suu Kyi, the 1991 winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, called for the army to retreat from politics at a party congress last week, her biggest challenge to the junta since her release from six years of house arrest last July.

In a speech Saturday to some 6,000 supporters - more than twice the number who normally gather outside her home for weekend rallies - Suu Kyi reported that authorities had freed more than 100 of the 262 opposition activists rounded up to prevent the congress.

But she said that more than 20 others had been sent to the capital's notorious Insein prison and were expected to face long prison terms on charges of violating national security rules.

"It will be a sign that there is no justice and no rule of law in this country," Suu Kyi said. "We look upon the international community to stand by us in asking for justice and democracy in Burma."

The regime carried out the arrests to halt a congress of Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy on the anniversary of the 1990 elections overwhelmingly won by the opposition. The junta, known as the State Law and Order Restoration Council, or SLORC, never allowed the Parliament to convene.

Suu Kyi scored a tactical public relations victory by holding the congress anyway.

Senior citizen line now being used to solicit telephone sex

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - A toll-free state hot line that used to give out information about speakers on senior citizens' issues now doles out information on another subject.

Calls to (800) ELDER67 are answered by a sultry voice that says, "Hi, stud. Are you looking for hot babes who are wild, willing and ready to please?"

It then directs interested callers to dial a 1-900 number, for a fee, to hear from the women.

Attorney General Betty Montgomery's office said Friday it has received about a dozen complaints on the switch.

"The attorney general does not want people calling for senior citizen information to listen to a message about phone sex," said Mark Weaver, deputy attorney general.

The line originally was set up four years ago by former Attorney General Lee Fisher. The number appears on several state publications and brochures for older Ohioans.

MCI, the long-distance company that handled the line, said last December it received a letter from an Irina Nikolalyko, who said she was an employee of the attorney general.

Outgoing HANMI president:

'Room shortage exaggerated'

By Rick Alberto
 Variety News Staff

THE hotel-room shortage in Saipan that officials want to address is "a little bit exaggerated," the outgoing president of the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands said yesterday.

Clifford Grauers, who is stepping down from his position in HANMI on June 13 when a new set of officers is elected, said the shortage is true only during the peak season.

"I think the shortage is being a little bit exaggerated," Grauers said in an interview. "The shortage exists in the peak season, but not in the off season, and the off season is much longer than the peak."

Grauers is also wrapping up his work as general manager of Hyatt Regency Saipan. He is leaving on June 15 for his new assignment, also as general manager, in Park Hyatt Tokyo.

Grauers cautioned against passing on the "opinion" to travel agents that "Saipan is full; please take your clients elsewhere."

"I think we have to be a little careful not to give that impression to our suppliers (of tourists), the travel agents," he said.

He said, though, that he agrees there is a need to build more hotel rooms, adding that Hyatt is itself adding more rooms as are the Marianas



HANMI's Clifford Grauers: Room shortage only in peak season.

Resort and Hafa Adai hotels.

"Other hotels are planning extensions, new hotels are coming," he said.

Grauers, who served as HANMI president for two years, wrote to Commerce Secretary Pedro Q. Dela Cruz in August last year that the Marianas Visitors Bureau had not been so effective as it should be.

Nine months after, Grauers more or less still holds the same view.

When asked if he still thinks the same, he said, "I'm afraid to say that I still think there's more opportunity for improvement."

Grauers thinks of himself as "someone from outside looking in to give some advice," as he thought of his role as HANMI president.

"We've had some discussions with Anicia Tomokane (MVB managing director) and the MVB

members, and I think it's good that people care and say things," he added. "We all benefit from little bit of criticism occasionally. I made my points, I made my suggestions. We did not always agree on which way to go in the future, and I think it has been a very healthy debate. As a result of that, we've got a very good tourism business here on the island."

Grauers noted some changes in the way the MVB has been promoting the CNMI since he aired his views. "The people in the MVB are working hard, and I think they should be given support by the industry."

We need them, they need us, and together we can make this

island an even better tourist industry."

Grauers stressed the need for continued and sustained promotional activities. "We must keep our presence in Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, the places where our tourists are coming from."

Grauers said he still had suggestions to the MVB on matters of promotions but that he would prefer giving them directly to the people concerned rather than through the media.

Grauers said he would still help promote Saipan in Tokyo.

"Part of my heart is still here in Saipan...and I'll still be supporting Saipan," he said, adding that he hopes to come back for vacation.

GST offers to do cable with MTC

GST TELECOM, Inc. has proposed to do its planned fiber optic cable project jointly with Micronesia Telecommunications Corp. (MTC) as a compromise to expedite the deployment and operation of the new system in the CNMI.

"The proposed joint venture presents a win-win opportunity for all parties involved with the fiber optic issue," said Dick Furnival, president, GST Net. "Most importantly, this proposal ensures that the people of the NMI will enjoy all the benefits of a technologically advanced system, including lower rates and better service," he said in a press statement.

Under the proposed joint venture, GST and MTC would independently own and operate 50 percent of the fiber optic count.

Each company also would be responsible for 50 percent of the cost associated with installing and maintaining the system, GST added.

The joint endeavor means GST and MTC would be sharing responsibility for:

- the installation of the submarine fiber;
- the cost of developing landing sites, including landing stations;
- a joint maintenance agreement to support the system; and
- all existing permits and access agreements.

To maintain each company's level of service and its own desired technology, each company would provide and operate its own electronics.

The Lease Space Agreement (LSA) in Tanguisson would be operated separately, said GST.

If MTC does not respond to the proposal by July 1, 1996, or choose not to accept the offer, GST has requested that its original submerged lands lease — with the three-year exclusivity clause, as submitted by Gov. Tenorio — be approved.

"GST would be proud to partner with MTC to bring the ben-



Jeffrey Mayhook

efits of advanced fiber optic technology to local customers," said Bill Martin, senior vice president, GST International.

"The joint cable system will ensure fair and open competition within the CNMI market," he added.

GST unveiled the proposed joint venture on Rota during the third and final day of public hearings before the Senate Subcommittee on Fiber Optic Issues on HB 10-226.

The center of the legislative debate over the fiber optic issue has been a three-year exclusivity clause included in GST's submerged lands lease.

GST has held the position that it needs the three-year moratorium in order to have a fair amount of time establish a customer base and returns some of its investment.

"With the proposed joint venture, GST will no longer need the moratorium to receive a return on our investment in the system," said Jeffrey Mayhook, general counsel for GST Telecommunications.

"At the same time, this proposed joint venture would allow MTC, which lost the right to provide a system in the request for proposal (RFP) process conducted by the Governor's office, the opportunity to build a fiber optic system," said Mayhook. (RHA)

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Car-riding thief strikes again

A CAR-riding snatcher grabbed a purse from a 46-year-old woman in Chalan Kanoa Thursday night.

Police said the victim was walking along a roadway when the snatcher on board the vehicle which passed by took her purse.

The woman claimed her purse contained an undetermined amount of cash.

Car-riding snatchers had victimized a number of tourists in Western Garapan area

over the past few months.

In other police reports, a 28-year-old man was arrested for allegedly striking a 37-year-old man with a piece of wood in a warehouse in Puerto Rico Thursday.

Edilberto M. Argana of Susupe was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon.

The victim was injured and taken to the Commonwealth Health Center.

An argument allegedly trig-

gered the attack, police said.

In Garapan, an unidentified person/s broke into a residence and stole an air-condition, a wall clock, and a piggy bank Thursday night.

Meanwhile, the Attorney General's Office charged a person who allegedly stole miscellaneous items worth \$50 from 123 Discount Store last May 10.

Ping Guo Li was charged with theft. (FDT)



PUBLIC PRESENTATION. Shown are four of the nine candidates who were introduced to the public at the American Memorial Park Saturday night during the opening of the 37-day-long Liberation Day celebration.

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Violence in Paradise

IT was a beautiful evening in paradise. I decided to revisit a certain place in Garapan where I used to hunt land crab some twenty years ago. The only difference today is that where my snickers used to get mushy, I could see tiny bright lights on my shiny shoes. What was once tañantañan has been replaced by cement walls guarding eateries, gift shops, karaokes and strip joints. I actually wanted to feel how a female tourist goes through the busiest street on the island—hotel street—a venue where purse snatching still occurs. I ventured into a water sports shop.

"Excuse me, how is this pair of swimsuit?"
 "I think that sells for about \$36 dollars, mam."
 "What about this panda bear, sir?"
 "I think it sells for about \$140, mam."
 "I'll take both of them".

The courteous cashier punched the price and bagged my stuff. I said good evening and headed out the door with bells tinkling behind me. The main and corner street was swarming with people. It's about ten in the evening as the night club girls wave their friendly palms in hopes that you'd venture into their smoke-filled karaoke club. I decided to take a bite and headed into a Japanese restaurant.

"This evening's special is coconut crab and you can pick the size on that corner, please".

"Give me a medium size crab and start cooking it. I'm starved".
 "Would you like anything else to go with it like sashimi and some beer?"
 "Let me have Kirin and sashimi with fresh daigo".

After dinner, I decided to head back to my hotel but changed my mind instead to see what else is happening around this rather well-lit part of the island. I started walking down the sidewalk to make a circle in hopes to identify the strange boomy sound and wild yelling that was coming from the southwest side of the block.

"Hold it! It's your purse or your life".
 "Excuse me, but I have my airline ticket and passport in it".
 "Never mind, just hand it to me, mam".
 "But I need some money for the next couple of days".
 "Listen! It's either your purse or your life".

I figure I had no choice. The young robbers were mean and nasty looking. I was sure that it was either my purse or they'd blow my brains all over the corner of the street. I chose handing over my purse. They instantly exited the place and there I was trying to figure out what just took place. I was robbed at gun point, bank-rupted by force and denied my essential travel documents. I flagged down a police officer making his rounds. As he started getting my statement and calling for assistance, we engaged in a rather interesting conversation.

"Sir, I can't believe this can happen in such beautiful island".
 "Sorry, mam, but I suppose this is Americana".
 "I don't understand what you mean Americana".

"Well, this island is inundated with rap music, karaoke, prostitution, strip shows, poker, cockfights, bingo, happy hour, drugs, violence on television reinforced with crazy music on radios here, you name it, we got it".
 "Don't parents discipline their kids?"

"Well, mama's gotta have her happy hour too, you know and papa has to party-up with the boys in a drinking session or something or other".
 "You know, firm discipline is necessary especially when kids are their tender age".

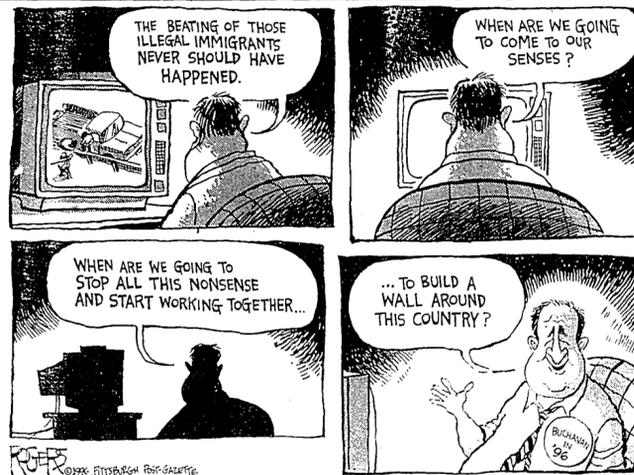
"We've given that to the maids and teachers at school".
 "But isn't it true that charity begins at home?"
 "I'd like to agree with you, but that has changed here especially in recent years".

"It's very sad that this should happen to such a small island".
 "Well, we may be small but there are certain activities that only happens in the ghettos that are now a part of the new culture, i.e., drugs, rap music, oversized wardrobes, among other modern day fads".
 "Saipan is a very beautiful island and you should keep it that way".

"Nice try mam, but I think the Yakuza has a role in what's happening out here".
 "What do you mean the Yakuza has a role in the islands".
 "You know, the criminal group from Japan going into legitimate business here".

"But I doubted that they are into drugs here, are they?"
 "Sure, just ask the courier girls who allegedly deal with our beach boys, they should know what's the spill and their role".

Imagine yourself as a tourist heading home with that experience. It must be a difficult feat trying to junk that from your memory lane. It's too painful and a life threatening encounter to quickly dispose of. Perhaps there's a need to revive our spiritual being in hopes that we awaken our sense of individual responsibility as parents. Hiring more police officers isn't the answer. It's a quick-fix and a convenient way to avert addressing our responsibilities squarely.



JACK ANDERSON and MICHAEL BINSTEIN
WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Study charges banks with nondisclosure

WASHINGTON—A draft copy of a year-long study commissioned by federal regulators reveals that many banks are ignoring government guidelines by steering consumers into mutual funds and other uninsured investments without warning of the risks. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. ordered the \$1 million study last year after receiving complaints that some banks were preying on consumers who could not easily distinguish between insured and uninsured investment products. Unlike conventional savings accounts or certificates of deposit, non-depository investments like mutual funds are neither insured by the government nor guaranteed by the financial institution. Banks are required to disclose this to prospective customers, yet evidence shows that's not always the case.

In the world of financial deregulation, banks are emerging as financial supermarkets, making forays into nontraditional areas of business such as the sale of mutual funds, stocks and annuities. At the end of the third quarter last year, for example, 2,134 banks nationwide had sold \$184.3 billion in mutual funds.

"Over the past few years mutual funds have become so hot that there may be a perception that you can't lose," one FDIC official involved in preparing the report told us.

Against this backdrop federal regulators worry that the lines between insured and uninsured products could get blurred, as consumers are lulled into a false sense of security seeing the FDIC's symbol of confidence emblazoned on a bank's front door. Only deposits up to \$100,000 are backed by the FDIC.

One of the central findings in the report, which is due to be released later this month, is that 28 percent of prospective bank customers surveyed were not informed about the lack of FDIC protection for these investments, and 30 percent were not advised about the lack of bank guarantees. An FDIC spokesman refused to comment on the report.

Although banks are supposed to ask about customers' finances and goals, the study found that only 42 percent of bank visitors were asked about their investment goals and tolerance for taking risks. It further reveals that customers who made on-site visits to banks were often directed to areas of the banks that were not physically distinct from

the deposit-gathering areas. The study, which was conducted last year by Market Trends Inc., is the largest of its kind ever undertaken. It involved the deployment of "customers" who contacted banks in person or by phone, adding up to 7,800 contacts at more than 1,000 FDIC-insured institutions. Four different lead-in shopping scenarios were employed for the survey, including, "I have recently inherited some money, and I want to invest it. What do you have that pays a higher interest rate than a CD?" CDs are federally insured.

Now the biggest question surrounding the survey is the timing of its release, which has become controversial within the FDIC. The actual survey was finished last October, but it has undergone months of internal review and what one source called "retabulation" within the agency.

A press release was drafted months ago under the name of FDIC Chairman Ricki Helfer. It accentuated the positive, avoiding language that might alienate the powerful banking lobby.

"Our study shows that many banks are fully complying with the disclosure guidelines and informing their customers of all the risks associated with these investments," the press release read. "However, the results also indicate that we must continue to make risk disclosure a top priority for the industry."

Some of Helfer's advisers believe she may be on the hot-seat unless she packages the survey and the press release with political sensitivity, particularly by speaking out on the need to cut back on bank examiner intrusion.

"We don't want demands for stricter regulation," one FDIC official told us. "You don't want to alienate the banks. Another concern is that you may give ammunition to critics of further deregulation.... The dilemma for the organization at the FDIC was what (the survey) says is you really need to be more vigilant ... and your supervisory apparatus has to be working right."

Before the release of the study was postponed earlier this year, a "six-point action plan" was drafted for Helfer to announce. It included requiring bank personnel involved in the sale of securities to take qualifying examinations—improving the training of bank examiners so investments are sold in a "safe and sound manner"; revising guidelines to ensure customers are matched with suitable investments— and broadening the publication of the FDIC's toll-free consumer complaint hot line.

Housing loan bill approved

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
 Variety News Staff
 BUILDING a home would be easy for each household in the CNMI if a bill authorizing the Marianas Public Lands Trust to secure loans for low-income families becomes a law.

The House of Representatives approved a related bill Wednesday.

House Bill 10-238 seeks to give low income families access to loans by authorizing the MPLT "to utilize its financial resources to secure and finance loans for single family homes."

Under the bill, the MPLT would be authorized to use up to \$10

million of its resources for the housing loan program.

In approving the bill, the legislators, noted that several low income families could not borrow money from banks because they do not meet the criteria for home loans.

"Further," the bill said, "these families generally have land obtained through homestead, and because of the restrictions on the sale of homestead property, special assistance is needed for these families to obtain financing."

Under the proposal, the government would be a party to any loan applied for by beneficiary, and would therefore "absolutely and unconditionally liable for perfor-

mance and payments due MPLT."

The bill provided that if payments on any loan are not made, MPLT may recover any amounts due by taking those amounts as an offset or credit against any credit the MPLT might otherwise owe the government.

"Should the capital of MPLT be called as a result of the default of the borrower," the bill said, "the loss of the capital shall be

viewed as a loss of income to be transmitted to the general fund, and the government shall have no expectation or right in the amount of the offset."

Among other bills passed by the House last Wednesday were:

- House Bill 10-172 which clarifies the restriction of public agricultural land lease;
- House Bill 10-233 which provides for the issuance of residen-

tial identification cards to CNMI residents;

- House Bill 10-229 which reprograms unexpended fund balances from a previous budget law for construction of drainage, road, paving, sewer distribution and traffic lights; and
- House Bill 10-174 which calls for direct-hiring on nonresident workers by the government. (See related story).

Bill to identify residents through ID card issuance

CNMI residents who don't have drivers' license would be required to carry residential identification cards with them if a related bill passed last week by the House of Representatives becomes a law.

House Bill 10-233 aims at devising a system to track and monitor the composition of population in the Commonwealth.

The bill, at the same time, would serve as a revenue-generating measure. Revenues to be collected from the issuance of the identification cards would be used to fund certain government projects.

Introduced by Rep. Melvyn Faisao, the bill notes that the current CNMI population is composed mostly of nonindigenous people and that majority of the population are alien workers.

Moreover, the approval of the Compact of Free Association, the bills says, contributes to the increase in migration of residents from the freely associated states into the Commonwealth.

The only identification system that

helps government monitor the population is the driver's license. But not all CNMI residents possess drivers' license.

The purpose of the bill "is to allow any resident of the CNMI who does not possess a valid CNMI driver's license to obtain a residential identification card bearing the name and address" and other personal data about the bearer.

The ID system, the bill says, "can readily assist the government with the development of Compact Impact data collection and policy formulation."

Under the bill, the Bureau of Motor vehicle would be responsible for the issuance of the residential identification cards.

Each applicant would be charged \$15 for the card except minors and senior citizens who would be charged only \$7.

Part of revenues to be collected from the charges would be used for the purchase of vehicle for the Department of Public Safety.



Melvyn Faisao

Ten percent of the revenue would go the CNMI Youth Congress; another 10 percent would be used to purchase instructional materials for the Public School System.

The rest of the collection would go to the Job Training Partnership Program, and road repairs on Saipan, Tinian and Rota. (MCM)

IT&E launching new Talaya 2000

THERE'S a brand new "frontier" that's just waiting to be explored by the people of Saipan and IT&E is going to help you explore it with a very special tool.

The "frontier" is called the Internet, a worldwide web of information that can be accessed from your computer, and the only tool you'll need to access this interesting and colorful world is TALAYA 2000.

TALAYA 2000 is IT&E's answer to Internet services like America Online and CompuServe. Only TALAYA is designed with the people of Saipan in mind. Named after the effective Chamorro fishing tool, Talaya, TALAYA 2000 is expected to become a "must have" communication tool that will eventually be used in every business office, classroom and household on the island.

Known as the most user-friendly, economically-attractive, and technologically-advanced Internet service available on Saipan, TALAYA 2000 is also Saipan's official provider of Netscape. Netscape, of course is considered the top Internet browser available worldwide.

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Teregeyo eyes Senate seat but may opt for a 4th House term



Ana S. Teregeyo

By Rafael H. Arroyo
 Variety News Staff
 REPRESENTATIVE Ana S. Teregeyo is seeking to run for a Senate seat in the next congressional elections but not if her candidacy would cause "complications for the Republican Party."

In a letter of intent she submitted to party chairman Benigno R. Fitial Friday, Teregeyo said that as much as she wants to represent Saipan in the Senate, she would settle for another term in the House of Representatives

if only to avert a divisive primary.

"I am mindful that there are several other members of the Republican Party who have indicated desire to run for the two available senatorial seats, a situation which may force the party to hold a primary election to reduce the number of candidates," said Teregeyo.

"As in the past, the conduct of primary elections has always caused divisions among the rank and file of the party, a situation that we must all prevent from occurring," the three-term congresswoman said.

According to Teregeyo, her three terms of office in the House has prepared her to take on greater responsibilities as senator in the 11th CNMI Legislature.

She, however, said she is prepared to vacate his Senate declaration and seek reelection as Precinct 1 representative to the lower house if need be.

"In the event, however, that the party decides not to hold a primary, then my declaration to run for the Senate shall remain in force," Teregeyo said.

Two Senate seats for each of the

three islands of the Commonwealth are expected to be vacated in 1997 when the four-year terms of six senators expire.

Among those whose terms are expiring are Saipan Sens. Jesus R. Sablan and Thomas P. Villagomez (both Republicans); Tinian Sens. Henry San Nicolas and Esteven M. King (both Republicans); and Rota Sens. Eusebio A. Hocog and Ricardo S. Atalig (both Democrats).

Villagomez has already submitted a letter of intent to Fitial seeking reelection under the GOP banner.

Sablan, on the other hand, has been named as possible runningmate former Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio who is seeking the party's nomination to run for governor.

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4 appropriation bills OK'd

THE HOUSE of Representatives approved last week four appropriation bills including two legislations that seek to reprogram unexpended funds from the 1995 budget.

House Bill 10-229 provides for the reprogramming of \$1.8

million of the funds originally expended for four major projects of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp..

These are the waterline projects in Chalan Monsignor, Chalan Kiya, Chalan Pale Arnold and Quarter Master

Road.

The bill seeks to divert part of the unexpended funds to road improvement projects in Puerto Rico, Navy Hill and Gualo Rai which has an estimated total cost of \$313,375; to the installation of traffic lights for Quarter Master

and Gualo Rai, in the amount of \$150,000; drainage for Precinct III, \$194,971; and sewer distribution in Precinct III, \$1,127,597.

House Bill 10-231 provides for diversion of \$280,000 unexpended funds originally allotted for Homestead waterline and Isley Booster renovation projects in Kagman II, to road pavement project in Precinct I of the Kagman II and III.

Another bill, HB 10-182, appropriated \$1,000 to defray the

expenses for the naming of the new justice building in Susupe.

The building was to be named Guma Hustisia Limwala Aweee, House of Justice,

A reprogramming of funds from Grant Pledge has been sought under HB 10-111.

The bill seeks to divert the \$53,191 originally appropriated for the construction of sports facilities in Koblerville Elementary School to fence construction around the school. (MCM)

Hawaii export assistance center serves local exporters

THE U.S. Department of Commerce recently announced the nationwide roll out of its Export Assistance Center Network.

The network, comprising nineteen U.S. Export Assistance Centers (USEAC) and sixty five district export assistance centers (DEAC), was developed over the past 24 months in an effort to provide for more efficient and complete delivery of export marketing and trade finance assistance to small and medium sized exporters.

The system is staffed by officers of the Commercial Service of the United States, augmented by the services of the Export-Import Bank (ExIm) and Small Administration.

These export assistance centers utilize an hub and spoke network to deliver "one stop shop" information and assistance on export related programs and services. The 19 U.S. Export Assistance Centers, or USEACS, which are located

throughout the U.S. in major Metropolitan areas, provide in one office location, information and assistance on all of the U.S. Department of Commerce, as well as information and assistance on the trade related finance programs of the Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Export-Import Bank (ExIm).

The 65 District Export Assistance Center, or DEACS, of which Honolulu is one, are linked to the 19 USEACS hubs by phone, fax, and e-mail and thus are able to utilize the expertise and resources of the larger USEACS.

The network was established by the Commerce Department to make it easier for U.S. businesses who want to export, or who are already exporting, to tap into the wide variety of export promotion programs and services provided by the federal government. One of those services, in-depth counseling, is

highly regarded by firms seeking to launch their export efforts, or to expand their overseas programs into new markets.

Supporting the domestic outreach activities of the Export Assistance Centers are the 134 overseas offices of the Commercial Service of the U.S., normally located in American Embassies and Consulates. These overseas offices conduct market research, identify agents and distributors, advocate on behalf of American companies, assist with dispute resolution and support a variety of trade events and missions that provide U.S. firms with a cost effective way to gain market exposure.

For further information about export assistance centers and the programs and services provided by them, local companies may contact the Honolulu Export Assistance Center at 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 4106, Honolulu; Phone 808-541-1782.

USDA sets sign up for Agri conservation program

A REPRESENTATIVE from the U.S. Department of Agriculture will be administering a local sign-up in the Marianas during the week of June 3, 1996, the USDA Farm Service Agency announced in a news release from its Hawaii office.

Farmers, ranchers, and other eligible producers can apply for federal C/S assistance to install various practices. Cost sharing is provided to encourage producers to install practices that helps prevent soil erosion and water pollution, project and improve productive farm and ranchland, conserve water used for agriculture, and preserve and develop wildlife habitat. Some of the various practices include: permanent vegetative improvement or establishment, field windbreaks, diversions, grazing land protection, and irrigation

water conservation, to name a few. The maximum amount producers can receive is up to \$3500 per person per fiscal year. The USDA may cost share up to 75% of the eligible costs, not to exceed the \$3500 limit. Other specific eligibility requirements will apply.

A sign-up is being scheduled on each island for the following day: Tinian — June 3; Rota — June 4, and Saipan — June 5.

Interested producers should file an application at the local Natural Resources and Conservation Service Office with the Farm Service Agency representative.

A FSA representative will be accepting applications from approximately 9:00 am until 4:00 pm.

If there are any additional questions, please contact the local NRCS Office on Saipan at (670) 233-3415 for more information.

CRM ready for lagoon plan

THE Coastal Resources Management said it welcomes proposals from qualified firm to develop an updated management plan for the Saipan Lagoon.

The updated plan should focus on resources management issues including how to best address water-craft user conflicts, the CRM said.

Interested firms were told to get from the CRM a copy of the preliminary scope of work document.

Firms based off-island were encouraged to tie up with on-island

firms "for cultural and use trends familiarity purposes."

The CRM identified a set of preliminary work tasks for prospective proponents, which includes conducting a needs assessment for the plan's revision, surveying shoreline uses and evaluating their impacts to the lagoon resources, and resurveying the lagoon fishery and sea cucumber resources and evaluating and documenting the causes and significance of any changes to them.

The proponents should also develop and conduct, together with the CRM, a public awareness campaign highlighting lagoon resource management issues.

The CRM also listed the qualifications of the contractors.

These include experience in developing Geographic Information Sys-

tem maps and data bases, in planning tropical lagoon fisheries, and in developing land use and coastal resources management regulations; have an understanding of Saipan development and water craft use trends; have skills in information collation, community interaction, facilitation, consensus building, and special area

management plan writing; and must be able to carry out project tasks within CRM's budget.

According to the CRM, contractual arrangements on the project shall be finalized before October and the project shall be completed before January next year.

- Rick Alberto

Employers' Council forms AIDS policy

EMPLOYEES afflicted with HIV or AIDS should not be fired from their job nor discriminated against for reasons of their health condition, according to the Employers Council, a business organization composed of top business executives from Guam and CNMI.

"Employees who have AIDS may continue to work as long as they are medically able to meet acceptable performance standards," the Council stated in the May 29 issue of its biweekly newsletter, *The Management Report*.

At the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's workshop on management-labor relations held last week, the council's executive director, Bill Gibson, read management policies recommended in the newsletter, which include matters related to the employers' treatment of their workers.

Although the rate of AIDS cases in the CNMI is relatively insignificant compared to several other parts of the world, the council sees the need to prepare employers for any eventuality.

Reading from the council report, Gibson said that employees afflicted with the disease "not only need medical attention but also emotional support as well."

"There is no cure for AIDS and this fact can create great despair for people who have the disease. None of us should add the weight of insensitivity to their burden," Gibson said.

Employees with AIDS, it was suggested, should be encouraged to inform their supervisors of their condition "so that we may deal with them in a way that will ensure that no violation of employee's rights will occur."

"Where there is a question about an employees' ability to perform their assigned duties," Gibson said, "a medical examination will determine fitness for duty."

Webster stays off issue of sanctions against executor



William I. Webster

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

LARRY Hillblom's estate special administrator William I. Webster does not want to be involved in the issue concerning remedies or sanctions against the suspended executor Bank of Saipan.

Webster, through counsel Richard W. Pierce, said he has no intention of suggesting his agreement or disagreement with the court's orders or to engage in the debate on whether the executor should, or should not, be removed and under what conditions.

The intent is to assist the court in preserving the assets of the estate, said Webster in his comment on remedies or conditions submitted to the Superior Court Thursday.

Presiding Judge Alexandro Castro affirmed the report of Special Master Rexford Kosack that the executor violated its duty of loyalty to the estate due to conflicts of interest and self-dealing acts.

Castro asked all interested parties in the probate to submit proposed remedies on how to deal or sanction the suspended executor.

Petitioner Kaelani Kinney has recommended the permanent removal of BOS as executor and its counsel Carlsmith law firm.

On the issue of the special administrator's future role, Webster has expressed willingness to consider whatever role the parties or the court might ask him to play after the completion of his obligation on Aug. 31.

In his comments, Pierce said

Webster, who is independent from the persons interested in the estate, is familiar with the complex estate and the litigation issues.

Pierce, however, pointed out that the special administrator takes no position as to the specific proposals made by the various parties.

Petitioner David Moncrieff and California Attorney General (CAG) have both suggested the retention of Webster in some capacity.

Moncrieff has recommended to make Webster as a court appointed expert to assist a replacement executor.

Moncrieff also wanted Webster to stay as a special administrator until the DHLI and DHLIC loans are repaid and a new executor is on board.

CAG has asked the retention of Webster to adjudicate the "insider claims."

During Friday's hearing, Joe Waechter, the executor's representative, took the witness stand and defended among other things, the deals, which the court found grounds for violation of his duty of loyalty to the estate.

Education in the CNMI must be a community priority

The state of our Public School System today warrants immediate attention. It has to be upgraded in every facet - from more qualified teachers to better classrooms and support facilities.



FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK
I MANEHAHANTE PARA HAMYO/LEADERSHIP FOR THE PEOPLE

While attending the 50th Golden Jubilee celebration of William S. Reyes Elementary School in Chalan Kanoa last week, school teachers there expressed concerns about the deteriorating condition of many of their classrooms. I personally toured part of the school - it is from this same institution that I graduated valedictorian in 1952- and I was saddened to witness the conditions of the infrastructure that we expect and trust to educate our children everyday.

I know the same goes to all of our present school buildings. And the problem does not end there. Overcrowding is another problem that must be addressed immediately.

Admittedly, the buildings are better than they were when I was a student. But

compared to the US mainland and other US territories, our school classrooms and related facilities are sorely inferior.

All of this reflects on our students' academic performance. On comparative tests, our students are consistently scoring in the bottom of SAT and other exams as compared to their mainland counterparts. Things have to improve if we are to give our children real opportunities to be competitive with their regional counterparts and those from the 50 states. They are, after all, the future leaders and caretakers of these islands.

Although we demand a

lot from the teachers and staff who operate our schools, we often fail to provide them with the necessary resources to ensure the success of our most important resource - our children. And those who are in charge are not always accountable for their actions. So I told members of the media that the sorry state of our public schools could prompt me to seek a seat on the Board of Education. It is no secret that I am not satisfied with the performance of some of our current board members.

I have gone on record that I don't support an elected board of education. The idea of an elected board was so they would be non-

partisan in their quest for an improved public school system. But as you know, simply being elected makes it impossible for a board member to be non-partisan. Because these are the very people responsible for creating and enforcing education policies, they have to be held accountable for their decision on where or how public funds are expended. This is the only way we can be sure that money is being expended to truly improve the Public School System.

As an example, the commissioner has requested a declaration of a state of emergency to allow the building of up to 120 new classrooms over the next six

months. This is to address the present overcrowding and to relieve the situation when school resumes for the new fall term later this summer.

But I find it astonishing that education officials failed to communicate with legislative leaders with oversight over our public education system. Rep. Maria Peter, who heads the House Committee on Health, Education and Welfare, recently reported that she was equally surprised to witness the condition of many of our classrooms after her own investigation. She said she had not heard directly from PSS officials about the extent of the problem before her tour of some of the public schools.

The Public School System is the largest recipient of public funds. My Administration has always been supportive of PSS's needs. But it is not enough for us to just give money to education officials. They have to be accountable as to how that money is spent. We need to make sure that money received by PSS goes to priority programs and projects that will truly have a positive affect on the education of our children. Anything short of that is a failure by us as a community to ensure the future security of our children and this community.

The greatest gift we can leave our children is to provide them with an environment conducive to better education. And we can start by making sure that people running our Public School System make it their priority as well to improve the system.

This has always been and will continue to be a priority of my Administration. And this is reflected in my efforts to increase their budget every year. As the world continues to advance technologically, we must prepare our student to meet the challenges of tomorrow head on. Failing to do that is putting the future well-being of the Northern Marianas in jeopardy.

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Students, teachers enjoy National Headstart Day

STUDENTS Enrolled in the Public School System's Headstart program were the center of attention last May 24th at the annual celebration of National Headstart Day.

This year's ceremony, held at the American Memorial Park pavilion in Garapan, featured a few speeches and a lot of entertainment from groups of young students from Saipan's Headstart centers.

The Headstart program is a fed-

erally funded child development program designed to help children between the ages of 3-5 get a "head start" toward a successful education. There is a particular emphasis on children from low-income families.

The PSS runs Headstart centers on Saipan, Rota and Tinian. On Saipan, there are Headstart centers in the villages of Tanapag, Garapan, San Jose (Oleai), Susupe, San Vicente, Dandan, San Antonio and Chalan Kanoa.

Rockefeller grants up

THE Rockefeller Foundation is soliciting proposals to provide grant support for initiatives that engage communities around issue of race and ethnicity and that stimulate public exploration of differences.

According to a news release from the CNMI Humanities Council, funds may be used for relevant cost: for materials and supplies; for artists' fees; for meetings of community activists, advocates, service providers, policy analysts, community builders, dancers, poets, actors, musi-

cians, videographers and other artists; for video or other equipment; for staff or special advisers; in short, for any legitimate expense.

Successful applicants will focus their projects around understanding, communicating, and transforming the racial and ethnic dimensions of these larger issues.

Grant amounts will range from \$10,000 to \$50,000, depending on scope and need, to be used over a 12-18 month period. For more information, contact the CNMI Council for the Humanities at Tel #235-4785.



Students from the Garapan Headstart center perform a group dance during last Friday's National Headstart Day celebration at the American Memorial Park pavilion.

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MTC welcomes its new GM

MICRONESIAN Telecommunications Corporation (MTC) announced over the weekend the appointment of Del E. Jenkins as general manager. A 19-year veteran of GTE, Jenkins succeeds Rob Enfield, who recently completed a two-year assignment on Saipan.

Enfield left Saipan to assume a new post at GTE corporate headquarters in Dallas, Texas, as a Saipan release from MTC said.

Jenkins came to Saipan after completing a four-year assignment in Venezuela, where he was director of operations for public communications, serving a consortium of telecommunications companies. Managing 435 employees, he was responsible for the planning, installation, maintenance and operations of 60,000 pay phones throughout the country.

He also successfully completed a project to install 13,000 "intelligent" pay phones in just six months. The achievement earned Jenkins' team



Del E. Jenkins

the "President's Gold Leadership Award," the highest honor given out by GTE and its affiliated companies worldwide.

A graduate of the University of Missouri, Jenkins holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications.

He began his career with GTE in Iowa as a management trainee, working his way up through many different corporate departments, including: facilities, supply, transportation, installation and maintenance, outside plant, trouble reporting centers, and business office, working with both residential and corporate customers.

In 1986 Jenkins set up a new office for GTE in St. Louis, Missouri to compete in the business telephone systems market.

As regional manager of operations for major markets, he managed the highly complex installation of large PBX systems for two major universities: a 3,000-line switch at the University of Missouri, St. Louis and a 1,500-line switch at Lincoln University, Jefferson City.

Jenkins' first week on the job at MTC was a hectic one, with three public hearings on the undersea

fiber optic cable project topping the list of pressing matters.

"The issue with the fiber optic cable comes down to allowing MTC to compete with any other vendor and letting the market place determine who will be successful," Jenkins said.

"My responsibility is to continue to lead MTC to be a world class provider of telecommunications services. I feel that it is our obligation to provide high quality services at low, competitive prices. All I ask is that we be allowed to compete in the marketplace."

"I am very excited about this new assignment on Saipan, being in this part of the world, experiencing this culture. MTC is recognized as a leader in telecommunications in the Pacific. I intend to continue the long term commitment MTC has made with the Commonwealth," said Jenkins.

MTC's new general manager will be joined on Saipan by his wife Pamela, daughter Shannon, and twin boys: Zachary and Nathan. He plans to enroll all three children in Mt. Carmel School. Jenkins says he is looking forward to playing golf on "some of the most beautiful courses in the world" here on Saipan, and learning how to scuba dive.

Group exhorts locals to take up medicine

A GROUP of volunteers has formed a steering committee for the purpose of encouraging the study of medicine among the permanent residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). The members of this committee are: Dr Larry Hocog, Dr James Hofschneider, Dr Ben Aldan, Lt Governor Jesus C. Borja, Magdalena C. Camacho, Agnes Mc Phetres, Ned Arriola, and Ramon G. Villagomez. If any permanent resident of the CNMI is interested in studying medicine or becoming a medical doctor, the committee wants to hear from that person.

Member of the Committee are concerned that the CNMI lacks local medical doctors. From the time that the Northern Marianas Islands became a Commonwealth in 1978, it has been hiring physicians from off-island on two-year contracts and have either been renewing those contracts periodically or replacing them continuously with other medical doctors from off-island. Those doctors and the CNMI people do not get to know each other very well. The CNMI had spent thousands and thousands of dollars on recruitment expenses and housing. To rectify the situation, the Committee feels that it must produce medical doctors from among the CNMI people.

To accomplish the goal, the Committee plans to do the following:

1. Identify all potential medical students from the CNMI
2. Assist such students with plans to enter medical school even if they are currently at the high school level or college level. For example, the Committee could suggest courses that would better prepare the students for medical school.
3. Assist the students in taking the MCAT and applying to a medical school or pre-med program, and in seeking financial assistance.
4. While the students are enrolled in medical school, arrange to bring them back to the CNMI during the summer or the regular semester to work at any of the hospitals in the CNMI as part of their training and education.
5. Assist the new doctors in obtaining employment in the CNMI.

If any CNMI permanent resident is interested in becoming a medical doctor, he or she is urged to write to the Committee and give his/her current transcript and a short statement as to why he/she wants to become a physician. Further information may be obtained from Dr Larry Hocog and Dr Ben Aldan at telephone no. 234-2901 or Dr James Hofschneider at telephone no. 234-8950, or any of the Committee members.

Marshalls hotel venture makes debut

By Giff Johnson
For the Variety

MAJURO - The Marshall Islands government's first venture into the hotel business will make its debut in time for the South Pacific Forum, which is being held in Majuro during the first week of September. Some 200 Pacific International Inc. construction workers have been working overtime since early this year to complete the new, 150-room hotel that will officially open for business in July.

The hotel will make more than double the supply of hotel rooms available in Majuro.

Outrigger Hotels of Hawaii is managing the hotel, and has hired about 100 staff to operate the facility that overlooks Majuro's lagoon from Delap Island in the downtown section of the capital.

The hotel is a showcase for PII's

"waffle-crete" concrete construction system. The fast-track construction project - five three-story buildings with 30 rooms each, a lobby/restaurant building, and dock, swimming pool, tennis court and related facilities - would never have been completed in less than one year without waffle-crete, according to PII owner Jerry Kramer.

"We couldn't have done it in the time allowed without the waffle-crete system," he said. "Not a chance. But with waffle-crete, we were able to do a lot of casting work during the design stage of the project that really speeded things up." Actually, erection of the three story buildings had to wait, at times, for foundation work and land-fill to be completed because of the quickness with which waffle-crete goes up.

Waffle-crete is a pre-cast cement system that, much like a Lego set, is

a series of interlocking pieces and can be erected in a matter of days once the casting is done.

Several years ago, Kramer astonished Majuro residents when PII erected a three story, 24-unit apartment complex using waffle-crete in just six days.

The hotel will be "substantially completed by July 10" - the turnover date set by the government, which is funding the hotel - and PII construction crews will be completing landscaping work and minor finishing items through the end of July, Kramer said.

In May and June, dozens of containers full of furniture, interior fittings and custom design items - in-

cluding marble that was cut and polished in New Zealand for the lobby floor - began arriving. But logistics remain a bane of existence in the Marshalls, and some needed supplies to complete the hotel rooms don't arrive until early July because of shipping schedules.

Nevertheless, Kramer said the hotel has moved along on schedule, thanks mainly to the fact that there was a large pool of skilled workers in the Marshalls that PII drew on. "We brought in a few key people," Kramer said. "But the vast majority were hired locally." Over 80 percent of the hotel construction crew is Marshallese, he said, adding this

showed that the Marshall Islands have skilled craftsmen available for construction work.

When construction kicked off last year, President Amata Kabua said he was delighted that this project would, for the first time, bring a first class hotel facility to Majuro for tourists and businessmen alike. Kramer is using superlatives to describe the new hotel.

"This is going to be an upscale hotel," he said. "There is nothing like this anywhere (in the former Trust Territory) except Saipan," he said. "I have no doubt, this will be one of the finest hotels in the Pacific Island area. We're very proud of the quality construction."

Women's group aims to send 2,000 children to schools

A WOMEN'S group in Papua New Guinea helping grassroots women in Goroka aims to send as many as 2,000 disadvantaged children to school by the year 2000.

The Goroka Community Outreach group is targeting especially children of single mothers, orphans cared for by grandparents and children or other disadvantaged families, NBC reported.

The group's coordinator Yalie Kawage said, her group decided to help the disadvantaged as part of efforts to help women.

It will pay school fees for the disadvantaged children up to grade six and find financial support to send those who pass to go on to high school.

Kawage said research by her group found that many women cannot afford to send their children to school because the fees are too high.

The group's major objectives include health awareness campaigns to help the disadvantaged women and their children to improve their living standards... Pacnews

Pohnpei welcomes new, and third, Korean ambassador

PALIKIR - Pohnpei (FSM Information Service) - President Bailey Olter welcomed and accepted the credentials of Ambassador designate from the Republic of Korea to the Federated States of Micronesia, Moon Byung-rok, in a ceremony held last week.

In his welcoming remarks, the President said he is pleased to accept Moon's Letter of Credence as the third Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea, to the FSM.

In doing so, may I be the first to congratulate you and wish you the best in your new assignment. We are indeed honored by the appointment of someone of your professionalism and caliber to serve as the ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia," Olter said.

Olter further said, Moon's appointment has reaffirmed the deep and enduring friendship in the bilateral relations between the two countries established five years ago.

"I wish to assure you and your esteemed government of our strong resolve to continue the task of strengthening and developing

our relations with your government for the mutual benefit of our two peoples. We look forward to working with you in promoting our relations between our two countries and our shared interest in furthering a peaceful, prosperous and clean Asia-Pacific," he told Moon.

President Olter added that FSM is grateful for supplies and equipment received from the Republic of Korea in support of Human Resource Development Programs.

"The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia will continue to look to the Republic of Korea for assistance in our nation-building efforts," President Olter concluded.

In presenting his Letter of Credence, Ambassador Moon also presented the Letter of Recall of his predecessor and stated, called the occasion auspicious, stating "I am privileged to convey to Your Excellency the warm greetings of His Excellency Kim Young-sam as well as his best wishes for Your Excellency's good health and for the ever-increasing prosperity of the Federated States of Micronesia."

"It is indeed a great honor for

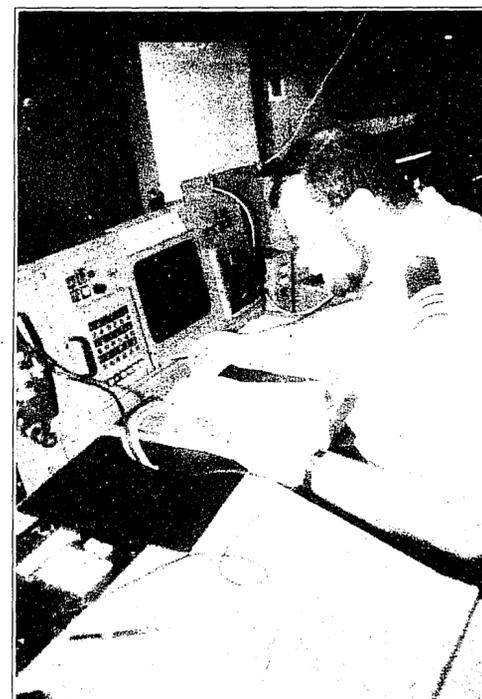
me to represent the Republic of Korea in your beautiful country, he said, adding, "...a nation with which the Republic of Korea enjoys such strong ties of friendship and cooperation since the establishment of diplomatic relations on 1991."

"The exemplary economic development of the Federated States of Micronesia under Your Excellency's outstanding leadership has become a matter of general admiration.

FSM has earned a reputation as one of the most dynamic and forward looking nation in the South Pacific and with her elevated national prestige, she is playing a vital role in the pursuit of stability and prosperity in this region," the Ambassador said.

"It is gratifying to note that the relations between our two countries over the past years have been greatly strengthened and diversified in many fields," he added.

Ambassador Moon said, "Our ties have been strengthened further through cooperation in the international forums. Your Government rendered its valuable support for non-permanent membership in the Security Council of the United Nations."



CANADIAN Lt. Cmdr. Bob Marsh works in the USS Princeton's operations center May 23 at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, during Rim of the Pacific (Rimpac) naval exercises off the waters of Hawaii. Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, Korea and the United States are participating in Rimpac, which includes 44 ships, 250 aircraft, and 30,000 personnel. AP Photo

Olter forwards bill on anti-laundersing

PALIKIR - Pohnpei (FSM Information Service) - President Bailey Olter has forwarded a proposed bill for Congress to consider during this current session which will require financial institutions to report to the Secretary of Finance, any transactions in excess of \$10,000. The provision is being proposed in order to prevent the use of financial institutions as safe havens for illegally obtained funds, President Bailey Olter said.

If enacted, financial institutions, banks included, will be required to keep records regarding the identification of customers and their cash transactions in excess of \$10,000 and report it to the Secretary of Finance.

This will undermine attempts at "money laundering" or getting illegal gains and "wash" it through a legitimate financial institution, Olter explained.

By establishing financial reporting procedures as proposed in the Bill, the FSM will have moved closer to the goals of the 1988 United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances.

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To bring order to chaotic city

Bangkok votes for governor

By JIRAPORN WONGPAITHOON
BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - With alcohol sales banned to enforce sobriety, Bangkok voted for governor on Sunday in hopes of bringing order to one of the world's most chaotic cities, choked with cars, construction and allegations of corruption.

About 3.6 million of Bangkok's 8 million people were eligible to vote. Based on past elections, turnout was likely to be under 40 percent. Unofficial results were expected after the polls closed at 4 p.m. (0900 GMT), with an official tally by 9 p.m. (1400 GMT).

From a field of 29 candidates, final pre-election polls showed three emerging as likely winners, led by Pichit Rattakul, an independent whose lack of experience in city administration some voters see as a plus.

The winner will become mayor of a city seen as both a success story and a disaster of Southeast Asia's economic miracle. Rapid industrialization has raised living standards while threatening the environment.

Pichit, 50, an earnest former member of Parliament, promised to put the environment first and make a long-needed mass transit system part of the city's exploding development.

Closely trailing was Chamlong Srimuang, 60, twice governor and one of Thailand's most colorful politicians, attempting a comeback after quitting the post in 1992.

A devout Buddhist who eats one meal a day and forswears sex, Chamlong became the leader of bloody pro-democracy protests in 1992 against a former army commander trying to appoint himself unelected prime minister.

The incumbent, Krisda Arunvongse na Ayuthaya, picked by Chamlong's Palang Dharma party to succeed him in 1992 but now dumped to make way for Chamlong, was trailing a distant third. Bars, restaurants and liquor shops were largely deserted as proprietors enforced a customary 30-hour ban starting Saturday on sales of alcohol to control tempers at polling stations.

Election monitors cruised the streets to prevent vote-buying, while sound trucks prowled beach resorts to urge Bangkok residents to cut short a long holiday weekend and come home to vote.

At polling booths around the city, Bangkok residents said they expected few real changes with a new governor but were enthralled by one of the tightest mayoral campaigns in memory.

"We have had a lot of governors in the past, but problems still remain," said Usa Thienhong, 32, a saleswoman. "However, I love and have confidence in the democratic system, so I go to vote."

Bangkok is the construction and manufacturing hub of Thailand, among the fastest growing countries in the world at 8 percent a year. The city swells with thousands of arrivals from the provinces each day looking for jobs.

The rapid growth has brought sudden wealth that Bangkok - just two decades ago a relatively quiet city best known for Venice-like canals edged by tropical greenery - has difficulty coping with.

Up to 500 new cars per day swarm onto already congested streets, bring-

ing horrendous traffic jams and air pollution levels 14 times higher than international standards.

Haphazard plans for an elevated train project now under construction are also bringing elevated highways that critics say will increase, not reduce, the number of cars.

India's industrialists welcome Gowda's new coalition gov't

By KRISHNAN GURUSWAMY
NEW DELHI, India (AP) - Industrialists on Sunday said India's new prime minister could speed up economic reforms, but worried over the influence of his disparate coalition partners.

H.D. Deve Gowda, a former chief executive of the southern state of Karnataka, became India's 12th prime minister on Saturday, with a Cabinet of 21 ministers from parties of different ideologies.

"We have found Mr. Gowda to be a great champion of the reform process. I think foreign investment will keep on coming, coming in greater amounts," said J.V. Shetty, chairman of the state-owned Canara Bank.

Gowda's record as chief minister of Karnataka particularly pleased many industrialists. Within a year of heading the state government, in 1995, he increased local and foreign investment eightfold to 302 billion rupees (\$ 8.3 billion).

As chief minister, Gowda also approved plans by a consortium led by Raytheon Corp. of the United States to build an international airport in Bangalore, state capital of Karnataka.

He began building a \$1.3-billion technological park in Bangalore, amended land laws to help foreign investors buy sites quickly and clamped down on farmers who destroyed Kentucky Fried Chicken's first outlet in India.

Businessmen and bankers also were particularly pleased over the selection of P. Chidambaram as finance minister. As Commerce Minister in the Congress government of Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao - which lost power - Chidambaram helped dismantle complex investment laws to lure foreign companies.

Chidambaram, who studied at the Harvard Business School and later became a lawyer, broke away from Rao's party because of differences over an electoral alliance with a re-

gional party in his home state. Gowda, who grew up on a small farm, raising rice and millet, is regarded as a pragmatic politician. Although he said his priorities would be in agriculture, social welfare and pro-poor programs, he vowed to continue Rao's economic reforms.

"The only fear is the influence of the leftists. But judging from what they have done in West Bengal, I think they will fall in line with liberalization," said N.G. Pillai, managing director of the private Times Bank. The communists have for 19 years ruled the state of West Bengal, of which Calcutta is the capital.

Gowda heads a 13-party coalition called the United Front and has the support of the Congress Party, both of which came together to keep out the rightwing Bharatiya Janata Party. The minority BJP government quit 13 days after it came to power.

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As third party presidential candidate

Ex-Colorado governor may run

By TOM RAUM

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Former Colorado Gov. Richard D. Lamm signalled an interest Saturday in becoming a third-party presidential candidate "un-

der the right circumstances" and only if billionaire Ross Perot did not run. Lamm would run under the new Reform Party founded by Perot, who was an unsuccessful presidential candi-

didate in 1992.

Moments after Lamm made the surprise declaration during a California Reform Party convention, supporters were circulating petitions to

put his name in nomination.

Lamm said there was not enough distinction between the two major U.S. parties, the Republicans and Democrats, and said it was time for a new third party to appear nationally.

Perot, whom associates suggested was encouraging Lamm candidacy, remained publicly noncommittal on a specific candidate but brought the house down as he told about 1,000 of his loyalists: "We can do it."

"Thank you for showing America that it is possible to create a new political party," he told the first state-wide convention of his fledgling party. "It usually takes two years (in California). You did it in 18 days."

"We'll learn a lot from this first meeting that we'll be able to pass on to the other 49 states," Perot said.

"We're creating a new party because a majority of the American people want a new party," Perot said. Lamm, a featured speaker at a Cali-

fornia convention of the party, told Perot loyalists they should not be afraid to take politically unpopular stands such as favoring cuts in the federal Social Security and Medicaid programs, which provide old-age, disability and medical insurance.

Democrats and Republicans have long suggested cutting Social Security would be tantamount to political electrocution.

Lamm has in the past brushed off such suggestions that he be a candidate. For the first time, he told reporters that such a campaign would definitely interest him, so long as Perot himself chose not to run.

Perot, who was Saturday's final speaker, has said he had no strong desires to run again himself but would accept his party's draft if no one else stepped forward.

And he was still the clear favorite of the crowd. His entrance into the hall was greeted by chants of "We want Ross, We want Ross."

But Lamm's emergence as a possible alternate candidate to Perot was favorably received by members of the audience and by Perot lieutenants.

Asked whether he was prepared to step forward and be that candidate, Lamm said, "Yes, under the right circumstances, if somebody showed me it would not embarrass the Reform Party."

Lamm's hour-long speech to about 800 Reform Party members was well-received. He was interrupted frequently with applause.

"He was terrific. He did very good. He had an extraordinarily attentive audience," said Russell Verney, national Reform Party coordinator.

Lamm said that, without scaling back both programs of aid to the elderly, the nation will be virtually bankrupt within a generation.

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"This is a new world of politics that needs new voices," Lamm told an audience of about 800 Reform members. "I appreciate Ross Perot going around the country raising some of the tougher issues."

Perot formed the party in September and is bankrolling an effort to get it on ballots for the November presidential election nationwide.

Organizing difficulties and state-law barriers are plaguing efforts by Perot's lieutenants to get the party on the ballot in most states.

And a new federal advisory opinion could all but assure that the only candidate legally positioned to be the party's nominee is Perot himself.

In an opinion made public Friday, Federal Election Commission staff said that if Perot runs as the Reform candidate, he would qualify for government money because of his showing in the 1992 election - unless he chooses to run with his own money.

But the opinion dodged the question of whether anyone else could qualify for similar financing as the Reform nominee.

Perot would qualify for about \$32 million, based on his 1992 votes.

Asked if it would make a difference if the election commission ruled he was entitled to money that would otherwise have gone to Perot, Lamm said "Yes, it would."

Boy rescued from bank vault

By DAVID KINNEY

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Fire crews drilled ceiling holes and dropped candy bars to a 3-year-old boy locked inside a bank vault Saturday before rescuing the child unharmed after four hours.

Landon Garcia's mother, Carolyn Garcia, a 29-year-old assistant bank manager, had found her son "monkeying around" inside the vault after bringing him along to her Saturday shift at the bank, a rescue worker said.

She told him to get out, but the

door closed automatically.

With the 6-by-6-foot (1.8-by-1.8 meter) vault time-locked until Monday morning, fire crews brought in hydraulic drills.

Eighteen-inch-thick (46-centimeter-thick) concrete side walls reinforced with steel hampered rescue efforts at first. Crews had better luck drilling holes in the ceiling, which was a third as thick.

They found Landon crying and frightened from the racket. Rescuers piped oxygen under the vault door, and dropped a water bottle and candy

bars from the ceiling holes.

After drilling two 12-inch (30.5-centimeter) holes in the ceiling, rescuers hoisted firefighter Mike Foley down into the vault in a harness.

"He didn't even look dusty," a plaster-smudged Foley said later. He said the boy was calm and handed him a key he had found.

"Hi Mom," Landon reportedly said as he was handed up to paramedics and his mother, before being whisked away to a hospital for examination.

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JUAN NEKAI BABAUTA

Dear Chairman Fitial:

I write to withdraw my letter of intent to run for Governor in the November 1997 general election for the following reasons:

1. I feel it would be in the best interest of the people to devote my full and undivided attention to serving the people of the NMI as Resident Representative by continuing to follow-up on important issues I have yet to accomplish.
2. I feel it would be in the best interest of our Party to promote harmony amongst the candidates and amongst our members. This is my way of contributing to the avoidance of a primary, thereby building on this harmony and the eventual success of the Party.
3. I want to play the role of contributing solutions to the problems facing our Commonwealth. I do not wish to be a part of the problem.
4. I want to give our two former Governors (Hon. Larry I. Deleon Guerrero and Hon. Pete P. Tenorio) the opportunity to seek the position of Governor.
5. As much as I want to seek the office of Governor, the early primary will result in a 1 1/2 year campaign for Governor, I am financially constrained and a campaign of that length would be a burden to my family and supporters.
6. Because it is critical that our Party win the next election, I want to serve as a peace maker helping the differing groups come together not come apart.
7. I want to continue my service as Resident Representative and feel that I have a greater and more challenging role to fill this capacity.

Mr. Chairman, I love the NMI - this is my home. I have watched and listened over the last few months as our Party has wrestled with the idea of holding a primary or not. I would like to be able to say I had a small part in playing out this struggle to a peaceful solution. This, I feel is in the best interest of the NMI.

I want you, the Party officials and members, and most especially, the people of the Commonwealth to know, that despite my withdrawal from the gubernatorial race, I will not give up my desire to see the CNMI move forward with objectives and goals to benefit all our people. I will seek ways to accomplish goals I've already set - and pursue the visions I have of the NMI - in the hopes that some day we can proudly say we are the community we want to be.

In closing Mr. Chairman, I hereby submit my intent to seek re-election as Resident Representative to the United States for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Thank you for your understanding. I look forward to working closely and cooperatively with the Republican Party in the upcoming elections (s).

Sincerely,
Juan N. Babauta
JUAN NEKAI BABAUTA

Report: Group doubts fair elections possible in Bosnia

NEW YORK (AP) - A group considering whether Bosnia is ready to hold democratic elections is seriously concerned over what it calls a lack of cooperation by Serbs and a series of human rights abuses, the New York Times reported Sunday.

Citing internal reports from the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, the Times said in its Sunday editions that officials were under pressure from Washington and other European capitals to declare Bosnia ready for elections by this fall.

The Times said it obtained the group's internal human rights reports for May from an official close to the

process but did not elaborate further.

The internal report from May 23 quoted the assistant justice minister of the Bosnian Serbs as saying the Serbs' self-declared Republic of Srpska opposed plans to train local election observers and would not help set up independent election commissions, the Times said.

An official with the monitoring organization said that on May 16 a makeshift explosive device was thrown at his car, leaving traces of dynamite, the Times said.

The May 22 internal reports said that opponents of Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic have been attacked, targeted with death threats and have been fired from their jobs,

the newspaper said.

Scores of Bosnian Croats and Muslims have been expelled in recent weeks from the northern region of Teslic, where they said they were harassed by Bosnian Serbs, including police officers.

NATO and U.S. officials on Saturday said the expulsions were a return to ethnic cleansing policies of the war.

The elections, tentatively set for mid-September, are considered crucial to peace in the region. A summit to begin in Geneva on Sunday is intended to set a date for the vote and clarify the fate of Karadzic, who has been indicted on war crimes.

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/s/ CARLOS A. SHODA
Executive Director
Date: 5/30/96

Against male action films

Movie bumper crop for women

By JOHN HORN
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Cy- clones, terrorists and Demi Moore nude. Could there be a bit too much testosterone in Hollywood these days?

Yes, say several filmmakers who consider women a target audience, not just the people tagging dutifully along with moviegoing husbands and boy-friends: A small harvest of new films is aimed at the 51 percent of the population not always served by the typically manly summer movies.

"People in Hollywood say, 'Girls don't go see movies,' so they stop making movies for them. And then it becomes a self-fulfilling prophesy: Girls don't go see movies because there aren't any movies for them," says Jim McKay, the co-writer and director of the independent movie "Girls Town" (opening Aug. 9), which follows three deeply loyal high-school classmates.

"But I think we underestimate people - and we are constantly underestimating the audience."

The summer movie avalanche began with two blockbusters - "Twister" and "Mission: Impossible" - stocked with lots of boyish action scenes and little empathetic female characters. Helen Hunt's starring role in "Twister" is overshadowed by funnel clouds, and Emmanuelle Beart is no more than a benchmark in "Mission: Impossible."

Since all but one of the major studios are run by men, it's not surprising that most of this summer's few women-oriented movies come from outside the studio system.

Three exceptions are "Moll Flanders" (June 14), MGM's account of a persevering orphan in 18th-century England; "Courage Under Fire" (July 12), 20th Century Fox's friendly fire drama that puts Meg Ryan in a Gulf War foxhole, and Paramount's "First Wife's Club" (July 26), an ensemble story of sarcastic ex-spouses.

Contrary to conventional wisdom, "Women make much more of those decisions about what TV shows are watched, what movies will be seen," says Ed Zwick, the director of "Courage Under Fire."

The movie explores not only battlefield heroism but also the emerging issue of women in the military (Shannon Faulkner won't be the last Citadel cadet) and the dynamics of male soldiers under a woman's command.

Co-starring Denzel Washington and featuring plenty of guns and ammo, "Courage Under Fire" will be marketed as a complex story with equal appeal for men and women.

"I think the studio will go to great lengths to describe it as a drama of character," says Zwick.

"It's not a war movie. It's much more than that," Zwick says, noting that in early research screenings women "are more connected" to the movie

than men.

Pen Densham, who loosely based his film, "Moll Flanders," on Daniel Defoe's novel, says he wanted to make a movie in which honesty can be chivalrous, where a difficult life journey can be spiritually uplifting.

"I don't want to make movies that are destructive. I can't make movies where you say this guy's a hero because he's killed 200 people," Densham says.

Women can be heroes without using violence to achieve that goal. Moll Flanders is a woman who does the best she can humanly do to love and protect the people around her."

Several of the films catering to women examine the real-life trials of adolescence and the promise (and disappointment) of young love. In place of car chases, exploding buildings and male-fantasy seductions, these films are about universal experience, not Y-chromosome pyrotechnics.

The well-observed script for McKay's "Girls Town" sprung from months of improvisation with young actresses.

Writer-director Todd Solondz's "Welcome to the Dollhouse" (opening wider June 7) portrays a wildly unpopular schoolgirl with you-were-there authenticity. And in the movie version of Joyce Carol Oates' "Foxfire" (July 26), five young women discuss their lives and futures with vivid candor.

"Do I think there is a very honest film about teen girls out there? I don't know, but there certainly is a need," says Paige Simpson, the executive producer of "Foxfire."

McKay says Hollywood's depiction of women never has been more farfetched.

"I went to see 'Mission: Impossible' and people were laughing when Beart was on screen.

You have a hard time believing they are still delivering up these scenarios," he says.

With most of the production money, media attention and advertising dollars focused on a handful of bullets-and-brawn blockbusters, the smaller films easily can be lost in the chaos. Sometimes, however, moviegoers - especially women - rebel against the Hollywood cause, seeking out those films that run against the summer grain.

Sony Pictures Classics introduced "Welcome to the Dollhouse" in seven theaters in New York and Los Angeles the same weekend "Mission: Impossible" debuted in more than 5,000 theaters nationwide.

The "Dollhouse" returns, while tiny in comparison, were nonetheless strong.

"We did the same thing in 1993, when we released (the strong women's film) 'Orlando' the same weekend as 'Jurassic Park,'" says Tom Bernard, the co-president of Sony Pictures Classics.

"So we decided to take on the movie that broke 'Jurassic Park's' record. I think people are looking

for an alternative."

MGM originally scheduled "Moll Flanders" for March, but sensed the film might do better going toe-to-toe with action films in the middle of summer.

After a barrage of "Twister," "Mission: Impossible" and "The

Rock," MGM decided, "Women might say, 'It's payback time. Now I get to see 'Moll Flanders,'" says Larry Gleason, MGM's distribution chief.

He estimated as many as three-quarters of "Moll Flanders" patrons will be women.

Producer Simpson hopes that "Foxfire" might appeal to an audience numbed by action films and bored by Olympic basketball, boxing and badminton. Says she: "Maybe not all of these kids are going to be glued to the television."

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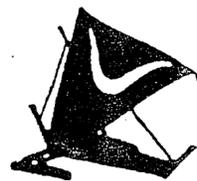
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Music market flooded with soundtracks

By DAVID BAUDER
ALBANY, New York (AP) - Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder duets with Pakistani singer Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan. Stevie Nicks gets back together - musically, at least - with Lindsey Buckingham. And comedian Jim Carrey warbles through Jefferson Airplane's "Somebody to Love."

For better or worse, each moment can be found this year on a movie soundtrack.

Soundtracks are the music industry's best new marketing tool. Record companies scramble to get

their hottest artists on soundtracks and, in a synergistic universe, movie producers want the big names, too.

Even movies that barely surface at theaters boast soundtracks, often with songs that never actually appear in the flick. It almost doesn't matter.

For music fans, the trend is both good and bad news.

A thoughtfully produced soundtrack can spotlight new artists or styles, and provide plenty of quality for the money.

"Dead Man Walking" and "Waiting to Exhale" prove that a good soundtrack can make a creative statement on its own.

"For the consumer, the soundtrack is proving in many respects a better buy than a lot of albums coming out

at this point," said Bill Stephey, president of the soundtrack production company Music in Cinema.

Bad soundtracks can be a dumping ground for music that artists don't think are up to the standards of their own albums, or have such jarring contrasts in styles that they were seemingly programmed at random.

"That's when you see Dionne Warwick and Ice Cube on the same soundtrack," Stephey said.

Looking for someone to blame for the proliferation? Try Coolio, Lisa Loeb, Bruce Springsteen and Forrest Gump.

Yes, the omnipresent Gump plays a role in music history, too. The soundtrack, a perceptive survey of popular music over two decades that meshed well with the movie, sold 3.8 million copies, according to SoundScan.

Music executives took notice. There's no easier money in the business than printing up new copies of old songs and selling them again.

Loeb's story was also instructive. As an unknown singer without a record contract, she scored when her song, "Stay," was placed on the soundtrack to "Reality Bites" and became a big hit in the summer of 1994.

It proved that exposure on a soundtrack can be crucial to a new artist looking to establish a career and has been tried many times since. Toni Braxton and Color Me Badd used the same route to success.

Springsteen revived his career by winning an Academy Award for the title song to "Philadelphia," itself a creative landmark. He followed with the title track to "Dead Man Walking," which was nominated for an Oscar.

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"The X Files" project contains two hidden tracks by Nick Cave that listeners can only find by scrolling their compact disc players backwards from the album's beginning for nine minutes.

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of its "Mortal Kombat" soundtrack. After three other record companies turned thumbs down on the movie, TVT put together a soundtrack in a matter of weeks, packing it with TVT-affiliated artists. It sold more than 1 million copies.

Those kind of payoffs keep record companies coming back for more.

"It's like going to Vegas," said Jonathan McHugh, director of film music for A and M. "You never know when you walk away from the table what's going to happen."

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Estate of RICARDO RASIANG MARCIANO, Deceased.
CIVIL ACTION NO. 96-636
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Hearing Date: June 11, 1996
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Judge: Demapan
TO: ALL HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES AND CREDITORS OF RICARDO RASIANG MARCIANO, DECEASED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that GORDON RICHARD I. MARCIANO has filed with the Clerk of this Court his Petition for Letters of Administration of the Estate of RICARDO RASIANG MARCIANO, deceased. The hearing on the Petition is set for Tuesday, June 11, 1996 at 1:30 p.m. at the Superior Court, Civic Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

For further particulars please refer to the Petition on file herein, or contact counsel for petitioner, Bruce L. Mailman of White, Pierce, Mailman & Nutting, Joellen Center, Susupe, P.O. Box 5222, Saipan MP 96950; telephone (670) 234-6547 and facsimile (670) 234-9537.

CREDITORS of decedent or of his estate are hereby notified that they must file their claims with the Clerk of the Superior Court within sixty (60) days of the first publications of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred.

DATED: May 30, 1996
/s/ Jovita Castro Flores,
Clerk of Court
by Deputy Clerk of Court

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Adoption of Francisca Therese Camacho Ito, Patrick Alexander Camacho Ito, and Andrew Joseph Camacho, Minor Children.
ADOPTION CASE NO. 96-34
NOTICE OF HEARING: PETITION FOR ADOPTION
Date: June 27, 1996
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: Courtroom B, Superior Court
Judge: Hon. Edward Manibusan
TO: THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND ALL OTHERS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Petition of Alexander M. Ito and Bernita Benavente Camacho Ito, for the adoption of the minor children identified in the petition and requesting termination of the parental rights of the minor children's biological father, will come before the Court for hearing on Thursday, June 27, 1996, at 1:30 p.m. at Courtroom B, Superior Court, Susupe, Saipan.
DATED this 29th day of May, 1996.
/s/ CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
by Deputy Clerk of Court

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Petition for the Adoption of WINDY RECEPCION CHUNG, Minor Child, by ROMAN S. DEMAPAN and ROSITA RECEPCION DEMAPAN, Petitioners
PETITION NO. 96-33A

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Petition for Adoption of WINDY RECEPCION CHUNG, minor child by Roman S. Demapan and Rosita Recepcion Demapan, has been set for hearing before the Commonwealth Superior Court, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, on the 20th day of June, 1996 at the hour of 1:30 P.M.

Any person who has any objection to this petition may file his or her objection with the Commonwealth Superior Court at any time before the hearing, or may appear at the time set for hearing to present such objection or interest in the above-captioned matter.

DATED this 30th day of May, 1996.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
PUBLIC NOTICE
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The Board of Directors of the Development Corporation Division (DCD) and Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) will reconvene their meeting of May 7, 1996 on Thursday, June 6, 1996 Beginning 10:00 a.m. at the CDA conference room, wakini's building in Gaulo Rai, Saipan.

General and Loan matters will be discussed.

/s/ JUAN S. TENORIO
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OPENING DATE: **JUNE 17, 1996** TIME **2:00 P.M.**
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/s/ EDWARD B. PALACIOS

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cided based upon a reflex action to a specific crime, as horrible as that crime may be."

The archbishop was referring to the murder and rape of a four-year old girl, Deanna Olley, which many people on Guam believe encouraged the senators to file the legislation.

Olley's body was found in a garbage can in her Yigo home last February. Historically, Guam had a death penalty law in effect until its abolition in 1967 by the 8th Guam Legislature. A similar bill introduced by former Sen. Jim Miles in 1967 was shelved due to widespread opposition to the bill.

Capital punishment had remained a relatively untouched issue on the island until recently, when Forbes and Orsini filed their bills.

Echoing Apuron's written testimony, Tenorio said, "Guam is predominantly a Catholic community. It is in our teachings that we have to love one another and not to hurt everything that has life. God is foremost in our

lives as followers of Jesus Christ. No matter how bad a crime is we just cannot take away someone's life."

Responding to a section of Bill 520 which states that capital punishment is a form of deterrent to crimes and a retribution to crime such as aggravated murder, Apuron said "statistics must be shown to prove that capital punishment is the most effective way to keep violent crimes from happening."

Meanwhile, the legislative committee on judiciary and criminal justice chaired by Sen. Mark Charfauros has continued to conduct a poll in Guam's villages.

An aide to Charfauros, Tom Camacho, said the current poll is necessary to ensure fairness on the action that the committee will take.

"Most of those that attended the public hearing were against the bill. The senator (Charfauros) just wants to make sure that the general public knows exactly what is going on before his committee takes action on the bill. A fair representation is important," said Camacho.

Camacho added that there is no definite cutoff dated for the opinion poll.

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YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

Born today, you will be on your own to fight for what you believe in, according to your own private game plan. You tend to feel restricted and hemmed in when you have to follow the rules set down by others. On the other hand, if the independent side of you is satisfied, you are perfectly capable of working with others. This is particularly true at the workplace, where your concerns are not as sharply focused and highlighted as they become on your own time. A true Gemini, you are likely to discover aspects of your complex personality that you do not fully understand — though you're not always willing to listen to the explanations others have to offer!

Much of your work has a raw, rough-hewn sort of texture, reflecting a hard-hitting honesty that you cling to in every aspect of your life. Though you have been known to embrace an occasional falsehood, your secret is that you learn to accept it as the truth if necessary. Is this dangerous? Only you can decide.

Also born on this date are: Robert Lansing, actor; Bill Moyers, journalist.

CLOSERS

The monetary unit of Turkey is the lira.

Texas has 254 counties, more than any other state; Georgia is second with 159 counties.

Only one out of four U.S. landfills monitors groundwater.

Winston Churchill's snore was once measured at 35 decibels.

The rate of on-the-job accidents is twice as high at night as it is during the day.

tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You may suffer somewhat as a result of a basic misconception today. See if you can't get closer to the truth — the short way!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You aren't likely to understand fully the consequences of your actions today, but in time, much that was confusing will be clarified.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A financial issue will spring to the surface today and demands the kind of attention you've been loathe to give it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Dot those i's and cross those t's today. Someone will be looking and you don't want to make any errors as a result of haste or carelessness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — What you seek is a common goal, and many others will work toward it with you at this time. Does it truly mean more to you than to them?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — The possibilities will be endless today, and you've only recently begun to dig beneath the surface and discover a wealth of new opportu-

A black child born in Washington, D.C., has a lesser chance of seeing its first birthday than a child born in Jamaica, Tobago or Trinidad.

Educator and agricultural chemist George Washington Carver was illiterate until the age of 20.

Almost everybody would say that here is the toughest substance in the body, but in fact your tooth enamel deserves that title.

The 1993 winner of the Newbery Medal, awarded to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children, was Cynthia Rylant, for "Missing May."

nities.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Simplicity will take its place today as one of the most important things you can work toward at this time. You mustn't neglect the basics!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Look at what others wear today and begin overhauling your own wardrobe. Work slowly and carefully to increase your personal impact.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You needn't work too hard to fit in today, but don't strive to remain separated and aloof either if it's not really working for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — A matter of policy and official documentation might arise today, and you may find yourself caught in the midst of a bureaucratic tangle.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — This will be a good day to give yourself more freely to someone who can make profitable use of much that you have to offer — including moral support.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Now is no time to repeat yourself. What you do and say should be original, and it should spring from your internal desires and rhythms.

New Jersey has more hazardous waste sites, 107, than any other state.

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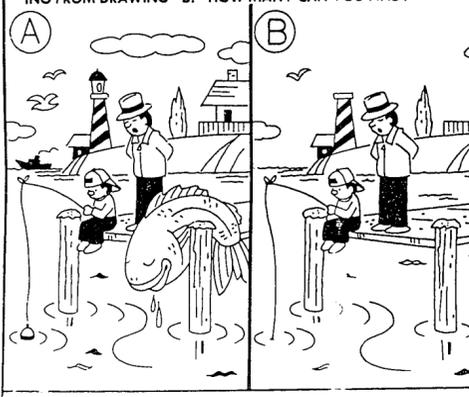
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Nelson retains WBC title

BOULDER STATION, Nevada (AP) - Azumah Nelson stopped Jesse James Leija in the sixth round Saturday night to retain his World Boxing Council super featherweight championship.

Referee Richard Steele ended the bout at 1:58 of the sixth because of two gashes above and below Leija's right eyebrow that Nelson, of Ghana, opened in the fifth round.

Familiarity . . .

Continued from page 20 happens, you'll have to think about it for the rest of your life." The Sonics are facing elimination for the first time this postseason, while the Jazz will be doing it for the fourth time - a total that includes Game 5 of the first round against Portland and Games 5 and 6 of this series after falling behind 3-1.

Still, it will be a game unlike any other team has ever played. Other than Perkins, the backup center for Seattle, none of the players or coaches has ever been to the Finals.

"I think it will be a great ending if we can go up there and get the last one on their court," Malone said. "If you listened to the people at the start of the series about how old we are, it was a quiet motivation for us. We weren't supposed to be on the same court as those younger guys. Now, all of a sudden we're right there. We like our chances."

Malone, as always, has been the main impact player for Utah, averaging 27.8 points and 12.8 rebounds. Horacek has been nearly as awesome, averaging 22.0 points, shooting 51 percent from the field and 52 percent from 3-point range.

Antoine Carr, Chris Morris and Felton Spencer have had a few good moments, but the main surprise for the Jazz - aside from Stockton's anemic offensive production - has been the play of small forward Bryon Russell,

who is averaging 11 points per game and has taken over the defensive assignment on Payton. For Seattle, Kemp has battled foul trouble in four of the six games but has averaged 19 points and nine rebounds while shooting almost 70 percent. Payton was played superbly in five of the six games, leading the team at 20.7 points per game, and Detlef Schrempf has quietly contributed 13.7 points per game.

McMillan's injuries have limited his minutes, and Vincent Askew has been a detriment in his place. Perkins has been a help when his 3-point shot is clicking, but he's a combined 4-for-16 on treys in Seattle's three losses.

Utah has taken Seattle out of its running game, forcing a half-court tempo better suited to its older players. But the Jazz have also been plagued by problems at the free-throw line, especially Malone's 33-of-58 brickfest.

The Sonics have hurt themselves with their carelessness, turning the ball over 122 times and committing 155 fouls to neutralize their advantages in 3-point shooting (37-26) and free throws (74 percent-67 percent). But when Payton has played at his best, the Sonics have either won or had a chance to win in the end.

It has been a relatively clean series, too, with tempers kept in check and the main griping - aside from Malone's penchant for elbowing - concerning each team's flirtation with an illegal zone defense.

"They do a great job of disguising it, but it's a zone, a 2-3 zone," McMillan said.

of her contract to May 31. Douglas claimed McPhetres' and Abraham's not rehiring her was due to the fact that she was a female who got pregnant and went on a two-month maternity leave in late 1993, and to the fact that she is of Caucasian descent. She recounted that shortly after she was hired, she discovered she was in the family way. She informed her supervisor, Sarah Osborn, about this and that she anticipated a two-month maternity leave because of her disability.

Leija took the decision in 1994. Nelson, a 9-5 favorite, was much more aggressive this time.

"I went for an early knockout," said Nelson, who had predicted a first-round knockout prior to the bout.

Nelson (39-3-2, 28 KOs) knocked down Leija (30-3-2, 14 KOs) late in the first round with a looping right to the

Seles . . .

Continued from page 20 for the first time since winning her third straight title in 1992, has not lost a set in four matches. Seles missed nearly four months this year with an injury to her left shoulder but does not appear to have been hampered by the ailment so far in this tournament.

In other action Sunday, Graf was up against Mary Joe Fernandez. The 11th seeded American has never won a match with Graf in her 14 past meetings, including the finals of the 1993 French Open and the 1990 Australian Open.

two outs in the ninth inning, and Joe Carter hit a two-run homer with two outs in the 10th, lifting the Toronto Blue Jays over the Kansas City Royals.

The Blue Jays trailed 3-2 when Olerud, batting for Jacob Brumfield, connected off Jeff Montgomery for the pinch-hit home run of his career.

Carlos Delgado singled with two outs in the Toronto 10th and Carter hit the next pitch from Montgomery (2-2) for his 12th homer.

Tim Lincecum (2-1) pitched one inning for the win, the Blue Jays' fourth in five games. Kansas City has lost five of six. Johnny Damon, hit in the face by a pitch the previous night, hit a two-run homer for the Royals.

Indians . . .

Continued from page 20 pitcher Angel Miranda tried to pick him off. Order was restored after several minutes.

David Hulse's first RBI of the season capped a two-out, two-run rally in the seventh inning that won it for the Brewers. Ramon Garcia (1-1) got the victory and Mike Fetters got his eighth save.

Blue Jays 5, Royals 3, 10 innings. In Toronto, pinch-hitter John Olerud hit a tying home run with

Babauta . . .

Continued from page 1 caused by the May 29, 1993 primary. Smarting from that incident, party leaders have been trying to advocate selection by consensus and Babauta apparently felt it would be best to be the first to step aside.

"Because it is critical that our party win the general election, I want to serve as a peacemaker helping the different groups come together, not come apart," said Babauta. "I want to play the role of contributing solutions to the problems facing our Commonwealth. I do not wish to be a part of the problem," he added. As much as he wants to seek the office of the governor, Babauta said the early primary will result in a one and a half year gubernatorial campaign, one that may be financially burdensome for his family and supporters.

head. Only the bell prevented Nelson from pounding a groggy Leija.

The defending champion backed up and battered Leija in the second and third rounds. Leija won the fourth round and fared well in the fifth until he suffered the cuts late in the round.

Nelson went right for the damaged right eyebrow in the sixth and connected until

was taking on unseeded Gala Leon Garcia of Spain. Japan's Kimiko Date, the seventh seed, faced ninth seed Lindsay Davenport, who's been chosen for the U.S. Olympic team along with Seles.

Suumerhays . . .

Continued from page 20 and 13 for a one-stroke lead, but Bland got even with a birdie at No. 14. A bogey on No. 16, however, left the lead to Suumerhays.

Defending champion Graham Marsh and Isao Aoki each shot 69s on Saturday and were at 139, three shots off the lead, with John Paul Cain, who had a 70.

Kermit Zarley had a 68 and was at 140, followed at 141 by John Jacobs, who had a 69, and Bob Wynn, who shot 71. Ray Floyd shot a 69 and was among eight players at 2-under-par 142, six strokes off the lead.

Micronesia . . .

Continued from page 20 cific region. "No place else do you have a 'Catch-5' tournament (where fishermen compete to catch marlin, tuna, barracuda, wahoo and mahi mahi all in the same day), he said. "There's no other place in the world besides Majuro that you can go out and catch five different big time game fish in one day."

"I will not give up my desire to see the CNMI move forward with objectives and goals to benefit all our people. I will seek ways to accomplish goals I have already set — and pursue the visions I have of the NMI — in the hope that some day we can proudly say we are the community we want to be," Babauta said.

L&T has expressed willingness to settle the case by amending the lease contract to guarantee the government a minimum rental payment of \$10.8 million.

Pixley said L&T estimates that the actual construction of the \$26 million project will take approximately 18 months to complete. He said the unique shopping facility will bring world class shopping facilities to the CNMI.

In addition, the lawyer claimed that L&T is excited about its planned movie cinema complex which will provide a wide variety of first run movies to the people.

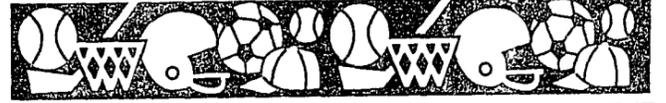
"This project will also generate substantial revenue for the CNMI government and attract tourists to this facility," Pixley added in a press statement.

L&T . . .

Continued from page 1 conflict of interests. The lower court then replaced Torres and Rayphand as plaintiffs with intervenors Alex C. Tudela and Nicolas C. Sablan. In a second amended complaint filed last April, Tudela and Sablan said the fair rental value of the property for the full term lease is \$13.5 million or \$349.98 per square meter.

The plaintiffs claimed that Gov. Froilan Tenorio leased the property to L&T for \$3 million or \$77.77 per square meter. The two new plaintiffs said the people in the CNMI will lose at least \$10.5 million in the full 25-year term of the lease.

SPORTS



Micronesia fishing tourney

By Giff Johnson
for the Variety

MAJURO - More than a dozen teams representing all corners of Micronesia are expected to compete in the fourth annual Mobil-All Micronesia Fishing Tournament in Majuro to be held on August 23-24.

"There are definitely going to be more fishermen this year than last year," said Marshalls Billfish Club President Harry Doulatram. "Saipan has never fished here before. This year, we're expecting two teams."

The win in last year's tourna-

ment by Palau's Vice-President Tommy Remengesau provided the All-Mike tournament with excellent publicity, and also will bring back Remengesau to defend his trophy, Doulatram said. A second Palau team is also expected to compete, as are two from Guam, Chuuk, and Pohnpei, according to Doulatram, who said that they have received pre-tournament confirmations from many fishermen who had not previously shown any interest.

Rounding out the fields will be teams from Kiribati, Nauru, Ebeye two from Majuro and possibly a

team from Kwajalein. The Marshalls Billfish Club - with sponsorship from Mobil Oil Micronesia - launched the tourney four years ago. But the first tournament had little publicity and only a handful of overseas fishermen. It has grown in popularity, however, and last year's win by the Palau team that caught a 374 pound marlin appears to have put the regional tourney on the map for good.

The fishing dates were moved up this year from the previous September/October tournaments to get better fishing conditions,

and also so as not to conflict with the South Pacific Forum that is happening from later August through the first week of September.

Dennis Reeder, the chairman of this year's All-Mike tournament, said the fishing should be better in later August and that with overseas media coming for the Forum the following week, the Billfish Club may be able to get some extra publicity for fishing in the Marshalls.

Mobil is the major sponsor of the international tournaments, its fourth year of sponsoring this competition, Reeder said. Many other businesses, both local and off-island, are donating products, cash and providing discounts for fishermen, he said.

"We've had fantastic support for the All-Micronesia," he said.

Reeder believes that the Marshalls are among the best sportfishing grounds in the Pa-

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MTC team members paddle hard during a raft race in Saturday's fun games at the Micro Beach.

Summerhays takes 1-stroke lead in Bruno's memorial

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama (AP) - Bruce Summerhays shot a 3-under-par 69 Saturday for a one-stroke lead over John Bland after two rounds of the Bruno's Memorial Classic.

Summerhays and Bland began Saturday's round as co-leaders after shooting 5-under-par-67s Friday and traded the tournament lead twice on the front nine Saturday on the par-72 6,967-yard (6,368-meter) Greystone Golf Club course.

Bland, who shot a 70 on Saturday, birdied the first hole to take the lead, but Summerhays birdied No. 2 and Bland bogeyed No. 3.

After Bland birdied No. 5, the two matched strokes the rest of the nine.

Summerhays birdied Nos. 12

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Familiarity breeds respect for Utah Jazz, Seattle Sonics

SEATTLE (AP) - There are no more secrets, no special weapons waiting to be employed in the Western Conference finals.

By now, the Jazz know the Sonics and the Sonics know the Jazz.

Seattle knows that Karl Malone's elbows will bring bruises along the baseline, that Jeff Hornacek's catch-and-shoot prowess in big games rivals Reggie Miller's and that John Stockton's assortment of injuries won't keep him off the court.

Utah knows that Gary Payton's ability to penetrate and hit his outside shot will make or break the Sonics' offense, that Shawn Kemp's energy level can get him into foul trouble and that Sam Perkins' vertical leap is exactly 1 inch (2.5 centimeters) high on his 3-point shot.

The teams that meet in Sunday night's Game 7 know each other as well as loyal television viewers know the plot line of that incessant McDonald's hamburger commercial.

Two weeks and six games have spawned a familiarity matched only by the respect the Jazz and Sonics have grown to feel for one other.

"Each team knows what one another wants to do, how each team gets into their offense, what kind of defense they play," Sonics guard Nate McMillan said. "Basically, it'll be more of who wants it more, who's playing smarter basketball, who's limiting their turnovers."

The Jazz and Sonics each ran through a final day of practice Saturday. For one of the teams, it would be the last time they did so this season.

"I'm sure this is the biggest game of everybody's careers. You go to the Finals or you go home," McMillan said. "And if something negative

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CNMI GOVERNMENT MEN'S SLOWPITCH

Softball League for 1996 Season

A DIVISION	WIN	LOSS
1. Governor's Office	6	8
2. Legislature Law Makers	7	7
3. Department of Finance	4	9
4. Retirement Fund Royal Crown	10	3
5. CUC High Voltage	9	4
6. DEQ	5	7
7. CHC Referral	9	5
8. Labor And Immigration	2	11
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1. PSS Sluggers	10	4
2. Council Enforcers	10	3
3. NMC Wendy's	5	8
4. DLNR Quarantine	4	9
5. Fire 47 Tamers	9	5
6. Mayor's Office	4	11
7. DCCA Double M	9	4
8. DPW	4	10

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6:00 p.m. Retirement vs Labor & Immigration
7:00 p.m. W.M.E. vs D.L.N.R. } 3 games
8:00 p.m. C.H.C. vs D.E.Q. } only

June 6th 1996

6:00 p.m. Council Enforcers vs DCCA } 2 games
7:00 p.m. D.O. Finance vs DEQ } only

Seles advances into French Open q' finals

By CHRISTOPHER BURNS
PARIS (AP) - Monica Seles, playing Magdalena Maleeva for the first time since the day she was stabbed three years ago, won 6-1, 6-1 on Sunday to move into the quarterfinals of the French Open.

Seles, sharing the top seed with defending champion Steffi Graf, totally dominated the 13th-seeded Bulgarian in a Center Court match lasting

just 52 minutes.

Seles hit numerous clean winners, including four aces, while Maleeva committed 20 unforced errors.

Seles was stabbed in the back by a German fan during a changeover in a match against Maleeva in Hamburg, Germany on April 30, 1993.

Seles, returning to the French Open

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Indians, Brewers in bench-clearing game

MILWAUKEE (AP) - A day after Albert Belle's violent forearm triggered a brawl, the Cleveland Indians and Milwaukee cleared the benches just seven pitches into Saturday's game, a 2-1 victory by the Brewers.

The ill feelings from Friday night's fight, precipitated by Belle's hit to Milwaukee second baseman Fernando Vina's nose, carried over on an early pickoff play involving Vina and Kenny Lofton.

This time, though, there were no punches thrown and no umpires thrown to the ground. Crew chief Joe Brinkman was slammed down by Indians pitcher Julian Tavarez on Friday night.

Lofton led off the game with a double, then gave Vina a shove after

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