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Schools open today

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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VACATION is over.

Students will wake up early today, grab their notebooks and bags, and head for day one of school year 1996-97.

This year's student population is about 8,000 in public schools, and 2,000 in private schools, according to Education Commissioner William Torres.

Schools to open today are those implementing the single-track schedule. These are the elementary schools of Koblerville, Oleai, Tanapag, San Antonio, William Reyes, GTC, Rota Elementary/Junior High, and Tinian Elementary/Junior High.

Torres said Garapan Elementary School was scheduled to start implementing the multi-track system this school year, but school

administrators requested that it be postponed for another year.

"The parents, staff and teachers of the school said they could live for another year of overcrowding," Torres said.

The multi-track system is the Public School System's temporary setup to alleviate the congestion problem at Marianas High School, San Vicente Elementary School and Hopwood Junior High.

Overcrowding in all public schools throughout the Commonwealth remains a problem for PSS,

Torres said, but solution is afoot.

The Commissioner said Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio has proposed to appropriate CIP funds to build emergency classrooms.

Torres earlier asked the governor to declare a state of emergency for PSS in the wake of shortage of classrooms, but the governor declined the request.

"Although the governor did not declare a state of emergency," Torres said, "he acted in a manner that defeats the need to declare a state of emergency."

While PSS is awaiting the Legislature's approval of the governor's proposal, Torres said, the Department of Public Works has started reviewing proposals from 13 bidders.

Meanwhile, the long-delayed Tinian High School project will finally open next week. Ribbon-cutting for the new facility is set on Aug. 20. The transfer of chairs, desks, and all other equipment from the old school will start tomorrow.

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Tenorio disapproves of NMI part in APEC meet



Froilan C. Tenorio

By Rafael H. Arroyo
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio does not approve of Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja's at-

tempt to gain observer status for the CNMI in the upcoming Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation conference slated in Manila later this year.

In an interview, Tenorio said participation in the Manila conference, even as an observer, may be infringing on the jurisdiction of the US with regards to foreign affairs.

He, however, pointed out he has nothing against the Lt. governor for trying to become a participant in the regional meeting.

"In any international organizations where the US government is a member, we should not be a member. It is very clear in the Covenant that foreign affairs us under the

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Senate President Jesus R. Sablan greets a supporter with a kiss during yesterday's gathering at the Royal Taga Beach Club as former Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio (right) looks on. Tenorio and Sablan have started their Republican campaign for governor and Lt. governor, respectively.

Photo by Raffy Arroyo

Taiwan firm eyeing golf course project on Tinian

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

TINIAN—A group of investors from Taiwan is interested in putting up a golf course and condominium complex on the island,

Mayor Herman Manglona said Friday.

"Investors from other places have growing interests in our island," Manglona said. "Tinian used to be an uninteresting place, now it's moving as the next Hongkong in the Pacific."

The mayor said World Corp. vice president Manny Sablan has brokered to invite the Taiwanese group.

Manglona, however, could not give details.

"The group is coming over to meet with us at the end of the month," Manglona said.

In a separate interview, meanwhile, Sen. Esteven King appealed to his colleagues in the legislature not to "disrupt these investments opportunities for Tinian with the Chinese ban bill."

King was referring to a proposal to prohibit the entry of citi-

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Override try fails in House

Speaker: 'Wining and dining' of members pays off for governor

By Rafael H. Arroyo
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio retained control over the management and disposition of public lands after the Legislature failed to overturn his veto of a bill that would have reestablished a Board of Public Lands.

The override attempt on Senate Bill 10-14 succeeded in the Senate during a session Friday with a vote of six yes and three abstentions. But when the measure went to the House, the override attempt only garnered 10 votes, two short of the required two-thirds vote.

Three members voted against the override—Reps. David M. Apatang, Rosiky F. Camacho

and Dino Jones; two abstained—Jesus T. Attao and Ana S. Teregeyo; and two voted present—Reps. Jesus T. Attao and Oscar M. Babauta.

House Speaker Diego T. Benavente quickly attributed the failed override attempt to the recent efforts by the Democratic governor to obtain allies in the House.

He said the Administration's "wining and dining" of certain House members may have produced the intended results.

Disposition and management of public lands used to be under the Marianas Public Land Corp. but the latter was abolished by Tenorio early in his term through Executive Order 94-3.

After that, MPLC's functions

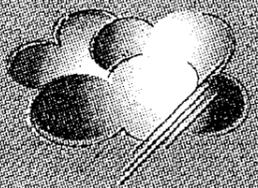
were transferred to the Department of Lands and Natural Resources with the governor taking on the powers of the defunct

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Diego T. Benavente

Weather Outlook



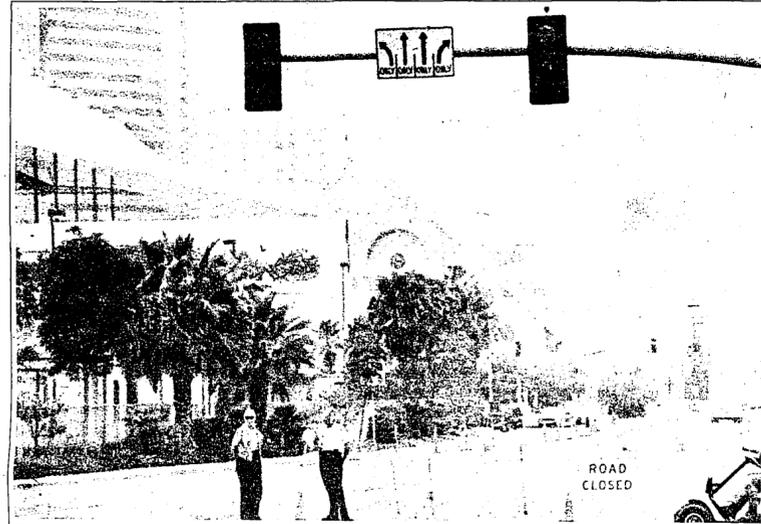
Mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers

Outage hits west coast

By CAROLINE LANGIE
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Power has been restored to most of the millions of people in the West who lost electricity Saturday afternoon in an outage that affected service from Canada to Mexico and as far east as Texas. Air conditioners were knocked out in 100-degree F (38 C) weather, hospitals and airports went on emergency power and traffic was snarled as signals stopped working. Los Angeles put police on tactical alert. Power returned to most areas within three hours. California Gov. Pete Wilson said nine states were affected: Arizona,

California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas and Washington. Even parts of neighboring Mexico and Canada reported effects. The outage that struck the utility grid linking power systems across the West began shortly before 4 p.m. local time (2000 GMT). It appeared to be intermittent, however, affecting some areas with others getting power back quickly. It was the second widespread outage to hit the West in as many months. Among the areas struck by the outage was San Diego, where 2,000 delegates are gathered for the Repub-

lican National Convention. Lights flickered at the San Diego convention site, but power was otherwise unaffected at the convention center. But a third of the city - 500,000 customers - lost power, and some arriving delegates found themselves stuck in hotel elevators. Utilities were unsure about what caused the blackout. Dulcy Mahar, a spokeswoman for the Bonneville Power Administration in Portland, Oregon, offered a possible explanation, saying the outage could have been triggered by a fire that knocked out a major power line to the state.



Traffic control officers K. Gowers, far left, and J. Drysen, right, observe vehicles driving near the San Diego Convention Center, left rear. The San Diego city police are enforcing a roadblock along Harbor Drive until the Republican National Convention ends Aug. 18, to secure the area in front of the Convention Center. AP Photo

Iran, Turkey okay gas deal in defiance of US sanctions

By YALMAN ONARAN
TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - Turkey and Iran agreed Sunday to a \$20 billion gas deal that defies newly tightened U.S. sanctions prohibiting foreign trade with Tehran. Iranian and Turkish officials have initiated the agreement, said Ugur Dogan, Turkey's deputy energy minister. He did not say when the final draft was completed, but said it will be officially signed in Tehran on Monday by Turkish Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan and President Hashemi Rafsanjani of Iran. Erbakan, the leader of Turkey's Islamic party, arrived Friday on a three-day official visit that has drawn sharp criticism from the United States. The United States is pushing to

isolate Iran economically and politically for alleged involvement in international terrorism. The United States for years has barred American companies from trading with the Persian state, and last week tightened the sanctions to include foreign firms that invest \$40 million a year in Iran and Libya. But many U.S. allies, including Turkey, a member of NATO, have refused to comply. Russia and Europe also have rejected the new sanctions. The 22-year agreement calls for oil- and gas-rich Iran to sell 4 billion cubic meters (140 billion cubic feet) of gas a year to Turkey beginning in 1998. Mustafa Murathan, director of Turkey's state-owned oil and gas com-

pany, BOTAS, told reporters in Tehran on Sunday that Turkey could help finance the Iranian side of the project which will require the construction of pipelines. He would not give details. But Turkish Energy Minister Recai Kutan said Iran would invest \$300 million in the project. Turkey has allocated \$1.2 billion for the pipelines. Kutan said 270 kilometers (170 miles) of the pipeline would be built in Iran, and 1,100 kilometers (682 miles) in Turkey. The United States and the West have carefully watched Turkey since Erbakan came to power in June. He has formed the first Islamic-leaning government in Turkey since the modern secular state was founded after World War I.

Court orders benefits be given to partners of gay state employees

By WILLIAM McCALL
PORTLAND, Oregon (AP) - A judge ordered the state of Oregon to offer health insurance to the partners of gay state employees, saying failing to make the same benefits available to gay and heterosexual couples amounts to discrimination. Judge Stephen Gallagher ruled

that the Oregon Employees' Benefit Board violated the state constitution by denying spousal benefits to three lesbian couples who have all "enjoyed a long-term and committed relationship identical to marriage." "It is beyond debate that invidious and virulent discrimination has been, and is, directed toward and

suffered by the lesbian and gay men communities in this state," he wrote in his Thursday opinion. State Representative George Eighmey, who is gay, Friday called the decision "a big step in the right direction which will, by its impact, require the Legislature to seriously look at how we provide benefits to our employees."

House OKs \$32M CIP bill



Ana S. Teregeyo

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff
THE HOUSE of Representatives passed unanimously on Friday a bill appropriating \$31.867 million for capital improvement projects (CIP). House Bill 10-277, introduced by House Ways and Means Committee Chair Ana S. Teregeyo (R-Saipan) and co-sponsored by the rest of the 18 representatives, was approved on first and final reading. The bill now goes to the Senate. For Saipan, the projects mentioned in the bill include the following:
 * Dumpsite assessment and slope

stabilization of Puerto Rico, and the design and construction of Kalabera sanitary landfill.
 * Road paving and drainage in As Matuis.
 * New police and fire station for Tanapag.
 * Construction of the offsite

drainage system at Chalan Monsignor Guerrero.
 * Design and construction of 60 new classrooms.
 Of the \$31.867 million for CIP, \$19.12 million came from Covenant funds which was matched by the CNMI with \$12.747 million of

local funds. The local funds came from developer infrastructure tax revenues (\$1.5 million), non-resident worker fees (\$2.7 million), Commonwealth Development Authority loan interests (\$3 million) and available general funds (\$5.547 million).

Tenorio says he will continue to oppose casinos for Saipan

By Mar-Vic C. Mumar
Variety News Staff
CASINO gambling is likely to take center stage in the political landscape when gubernatorial election campaign starts moving. Gubernatorial aspirant Pedro P. Tenorio vowed Friday to block any plan to put up a casino business on Saipan. Tenorio, known for his staunch anti-casino crusade during his two consecutive terms as governor from 1981 to 1989, said "I will continue to go against casino gambling."

Tenorio was referring to Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio's earlier announcement of a plan to put up casino on Saipan. "Casino gambling was supported by the people of Tinian through a referendum," Tenorio said. "That's the wish of the people of Tinian and I have no other choice but to support them. But here on Saipan, I would not support any legislation (to legalize casino gambling) without going through a referendum," the former governor said. Tenorio was guest at Friday's newsmakers' forum organized by the Society of Professional Journalists where he discussed his positions on social and political issues affecting the Commonwealth. Tenorio is one of the two Republican aspirants for governorship. He is pitted against another former gover-

nor Larry I. Guerrero. The Republican primary is set in November. Political observers, predicting a three-way race, talk of the possibility of Guerrero running as an independent candidate if he lost the primary. Tenorio is not perturbed, however. "I run based on my chances of winning," he told the SPJ forum. Asked who he considers the stronger rival between Froilan Tenorio and Guerrero, Tenorio replied: "Let's just wait till the primary is over."

As for Gov. Tenorio's appointment of Pedro A. Tenorio as consultant on federal affairs, PP Tenorio is unfazed. PA Tenorio is PP Tenorio's former lieutenant governor, and some observers view his appointment as the Democratic Party's political strategy to win over the support of PP Tenorio's former protegee. "If he (PA Tenorio) can help with the administration, there's nothing wrong with that," PP Tenorio said. "Besides, I want to see people getting employed." The constitutional amendment that prohibits more than two office terms for a governor poses as a political challenge to PP Tenorio's candidacy. But PP Tenorio is not worried, saying the issue had been resolved by the Attorney General's Office through an opinion piece issued in 1988. The Attorney General opined that the constitutional ban on reelection

did not apply to PP Tenorio since the Constitution was approved in 1986, or during the middle of his term. "The Constitution cannot be applied retroactively," Tenorio said. Tenorio also said he does not believe in putting a limitation on the term of a public official, especially a legislator. "I hate to see good people leave their office," Tenorio said. "I hate to put a term limit on the legislature. If a public official is good why deny him another opportunity to serve?" Tenorio said some of the problems besetting the present administration were the same as the ones he dealt with during his term, especially the issue of labor and immigration. But unlike in the present administration, PP Tenorio said there was a better relationship between the Commonwealth and federal governments during his time. In contrast to Gov. Tenorio who hardly holds back harsh words against his political foes, PP Tenorio refuses to stir the pot. When asked to give his assessment of the present administration, he simply replied: "That is lonely office. You're looking out and people look at you from the outside," he said. Nevertheless, he looks forward to seeing himself back to that "lonely office." "I was asked to seek another term. People have encouraged me to run again and I leave (my political fate) to the people's decision."

Teno-Pepero campaign gathering at Royal Taga



Former Lt. Gov. Benjamin T. Manglona (left photo) urges support for Teno-Pepero as Teno's granddaughter, Sofia T. Sablan (center) also bats for the tandem. The GOP aspirants, Pedro P. Tenorio and Jesus R. Sablan (right photo) strike a pose with their wives, Sofia and Annie.

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Bomb scare in paradise

TWICE government employees had to evacuate their offices because of a bomb scare. It is the best thing to do rather than chance a real encounter with deadly explosives. Twice, too, nothing happened. But exiting the administration building was still the better alternative for no one knows if the threat was real or just the work of some nut or kid.

To mention the word "bomb" instantly revives news we've seen on television of an explosion at Atlanta's Olympic Village preceded by TWA's Flight 800. It certainly is scary chancing threats of deadly explosives. I am hoping that this form of terrorism isn't woven into the social fabric of paradise. It doesn't fit our lifestyle nor has it any place in an island community.

Whoever is responsible for the bomb scare ought to understand that not only did he forcibly disrupt normal working hours for government employees, but it also resulted in the denial of public services for the taxpaying public who are the losers in this case. In fact, the caller is a loser if in fact he is gainfully employed and a taxpayer, too. What a way to waste taxpayers hard earned income while simultaneously denying them the public services they so deserve.

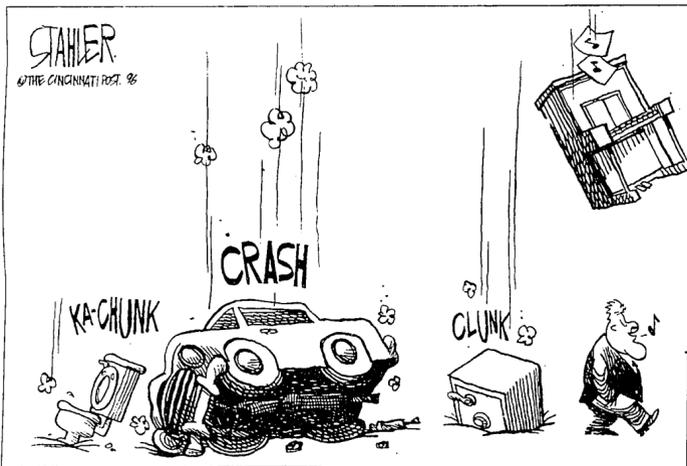
I became interested in the mentality of the caller. Why has he decided to engage in such non-sensical activity at the expense of the taxpayers? Is he gainfully employed? If not, does he want a job? If so, has he submitted an application for review? If not, why not amigo? A bomb threat is no laughing matter. Imagine if it were your life on the line. I'm sure you'd be fairly disturbed at the prospects of shrapnel penetrating your limbs, leaving serious injuries or permanent physical disabilities or psychological scars.

I know that terrorism has no place in paradise. But then this is paradise, isn't it?

Gone are the days when...

I read with interest Ray Mafnas' powerful observations about the good old days replaced by the pressures of modernity. I couldn't agree more with my partner in his assessment of how times are a changin'. If you will, Ray, may I add to your list of difficult transition and I'd like to dub it "Gone are the days when..."

- Kids have one set of parents. Today, the divorce rates are up and parenting has become a rough bumpy ride with destination unknown.
- You can leave your windows and doors open all night. Today, unsafe iron grills are replaced to keep the unruly from depriving you of your property.
- Young kids walk to the ranch after school and weekends to do meaningful chores. Today, it's bars and karaokes or school grounds where they congregate for shabu sessions.
- Hotel areas were once the domain of land crabs you can catch for a family meal. Today, it's being treaded by tourists and about the only thing close to land crabs are Maine Lobster which cost an arm and a leg in the hotels in the area.
- We need not worry about color coordinates in our ward robes. Today, it becomes a must or you'd be a laughing stock of sophisticated locals.
- You can go to your neighbor and borrow salt, sugar, coffee and shoyu. Today, we have food stamps to cover this inadequacy.
- We walk to class with empty stomach feeding our bellies with cold water from drinking fountains. Today, there's the school lunch program to pacify the gastric acid in your stomach.
- We can go net-fishing and still catch lots of fish, free! Today, we have to pay license fees for throw and pull nets. Ai, si pareko, she takes every juvenile piss she can pine. Regulation, anybody?
- We walk to catechism class with friends where dating is limited to holding hands to and from class or evening rosary at the Cathedral. Today, dating is: "Your condom or my condom?"
- School kids wrap their lunch with banana leaves. Today, it's zip-lock plastics or napkins or simply lining-up for your share under the school lunch program.
- We used to peep into bars closest to town to see what's happenin'. Today, we go right into private rooms where anything and everything is happenin'.
- We borrow a neighbor's telephone to make a call. Today, it's the in-thing to carry cellular phones so you can drive and talk at the same time.
- We collect tangantangan for our local kitchen and fill the kitchen with smoke daily, three times a day. Today, mom simply twists the knob on the stove to make breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- We used to take turns scrubbing clothes on weekends. Today, we dump them in the washer like there's no tomorrow.
- We'd take our chances making peep-holes in movie theaters. Today, we rent video cassettes with contents of violence and sex.
- We meet our parents and kiss their hands. Today, it's hugs and kisses which I despise given the biblical passage of Judas kissing Jesus. Remember?
- Well, sorry JR, we've made to the big times and like in a marriage vow, it's for better or for worse. My apology. I don't think it's getting any better. Is there a true leader in the crowd?



JACK ANDERSON and JAN MOLLER
WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Memo clears Clinton crony of conflict

WASHINGTON—A confidential government document reveals that the Justice Department and the FBI launched an intensive investigation of Clinton friend Harry Thomason, but declined to prosecute after failing to uncover evidence that federal conflict of interest laws were violated in connection with travelgate.

Nothing in the 24-page "prosecution memo," which we have obtained, supports suggestions by Rep. William F. Clinger, R-Pa., chairman of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee, that Thomason's close political ties to the Clintons influenced the career prosecutors who were exploring travelgate.

Justice Department officials also declined to prosecute Darnell Martens, a Thomason business associate. Seven longtime employees of the White House travel office, who were fired in the early days of the Clinton administration, recently filed a lawsuit against Thomason and Martens, who are accused of planting rumors of corruption and orchestrating the firings.

Former travel office chief Billy Dale was acquitted last year on charges of embezzlement, but has acknowledged innocently depositing travel office funds in his personal bank account, a move his lawyer called a "disastrous decision."

White House memos and other testimony obtained by Clinger's committee indicate that Thomason had urged the firings in conversations with senior White House officials. Attorneys for the fired workers claim in their suit that Thomason and Martens wanted to wrest control of the travel office, which handles press transportation, for their own aviation company.

Clinger spokesman Ed Amorosi charges a double standard in the way the Justice Department handled the Dale and Thomason investigations.

"(Clinger) would say that the contrast in the pursuit of the Dale indictment versus the Thomason (investigation) was quite different," Amorosi told us. "One was more aggressive than the other."

Thomason's attorney, Robert Bennett, has countered in court papers that Clinger and Dale have joined forces in a partisan effort to discredit President Clinton. Bennett cites their joint appearances at political press conferences and Dale's attendance at a Republican fund-raiser.

One of the most potentially explosive allegations leveled by Republicans has dealt with alleged White House or Justice Department stonewalling in the investigation of Thomason and Martens. Although Thomason's exceptional entrance to the Clintons was well-documented in the

prosecution memo, much of Justice's decision rested on the definitions:

Could Thomason be tagged as a government employee, or "de facto government employee," which are prerequisites for filing such cases?

Justice Department officials concluded that they "could not convince a jury or a court that Thomason's activities rendered him a government employee under the conflict of interest statutes, that he knew that he was an employee, and that he engaged in knowing or willful criminal conduct."

Further, the memo states that even if prosecutors could show beyond a reasonable doubt that either man was an employee for purposes of these statutes, "we are unable to demonstrate that they knew they were such employees."

"Our investigation disclosed that (Thomason) made no decisions concerning how the (1993 White House) inquiry was to be conducted and did not participate in the decision to terminate the (travel office) employees," the prosecution memo reads. "Simply put, Thomason had no official responsibility for handling this matter and only provided information and limited informal advice."

White House aide Rahm Emanuel asked Thomason, who is a Hollywood television producer, to come to the White House to "better use the White House for public relations events and improve the President's image." Thomason's application for a temporary "hard pass" to the White House in March 1993 had "RUSH-ASAP" handwritten at the bottom of the form. It also indicated his status was that of volunteer.

But the prosecution memo underscores there was "insufficient evidence" that he performed any federal function or answered to federal employees—two circumstances that might have compromised his volunteer status and made him more vulnerable to conflict of interest charges. The fact that Thomason had use of a desk, telephone and computer in the East Wing did not alter the department's view, since volunteers are often afforded work space elsewhere in the White House.

"As a close friend of the president and Mrs. Clinton, Thomason on occasion provided informal advice to the president," the memo reads. "He appears to have provided some thoughts concerning the president's first State of the Union address in February 1993 and offered guidance, along with actress Markie Post, about how best to stage presidential events and use the symbols of the presidency. This is the type of advice that presidents routinely seek from friends and informal advisers outside of the government."

CNMI gun control urged



Dino M. Jones

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

A BILL that would prohibit private ownership of firearms in the CNMI was filed on Friday by House Minority Leader Dino M. Jones (D-Saipan).

The bill, if passed into law, also bans the use of any firearm as "a pledge or pawn or in any other manner as security."

Exempted from the proposed law are guns for law enforcement, museums and shooting galleries.

The bill would provide a 90-day grace period for the surrender to the Department of Public Safety of all

privately-owned firearms ammunition. Firearm-owners are to be compensated "at no less than fair market value" of the firearms and ammunition.

CNMI laws penalize those found guilty of illegal possession of firearms with a fine of not more than \$5,000, or a jail-term of not

more than five years, or both.

According to the bill's "findings," firearms "present a serious threat to the safety and social welfare of the people of the Commonwealth."

"Although handguns are outlawed, persons may own rifles and similar firearms," section 1

of the bill said. "Historically, the two main reasons for gun ownership were for hunting and for slaughtering animals. However, relatively little hunting is done on the major (CNMI) islands, and facilities are now available for slaughtering."

"Firearms are no longer necessary..."

CUC presses for immediate passage of tax exempt bill

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

THE COMMONWEALTH Utilities Corp. presses for the immediate passage of the fuel tax exemption bill, saying "rising fuel bills" have been compounding the utility corporation's financial predicament.

A press release from CUC said the corporation is being charged \$2.3 million dollars every month in fuel bills alone and the utility's current fuel budget "has been exhausted due to an unexpected increase from world suppliers."

"Our financial analysis indicates that we are spending \$400,000 extra each month in



Timothy Villagomez

tim would immediately improve," Villagomez said. Fuel tax exemption, he said, would save the corporation some \$4 million a year.

A bill filed in the House of Representatives proposes "to exempt sales of liquid fuel to CUC from the liquid fuel tax."

CUC, according to HB 10-4, is authorized to recover operating costs through rates charged to its customers for service.

But instead of passing the costs on to the customers, Villagomez said the utility agency is trimming down its expenses so it can recover from financial burdens.

"Utility employees," the CUC press release said, "have been told to postpone projects, eliminate non-emergency overtime and increase customer collections."

"It's always been my approach to tighten internal spending first, ask the customers to pay past due accounts, and then look at alternatives before raising rates or creating a fuel sur-charge," Villagomez said. "But these numbers paint the picture of an empty purse and unhealthy community utility."

diesel fuel" the press release quoted CUC executive Director Timothy Villagomez as saying.

CUC is subject to Liquid Fuel Tax which increases the corporation's fuel cost by 15 cents per gallon. Subsequently, additional fuel costs increases the cost of generating electricity.

CUC said it is paying the government between \$3.6 to \$4 million a year in fuel taxes.

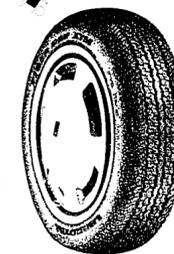
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House slams Grand Hotel



Maria T. Peter

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

A RESOLUTION citing Saipan Grand Hotel staff's "arrogant and rude behavior" and "double standards" in the treatment of guests was approved unanimously on Friday by the House of Representatives.

Introduced by Rep. Maria T. Peter (R-Saipan) and co-sponsored by the 17 other House members, House Resolution 10-52 "(Urges) the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands (HANMI) to inform and promote among its membership the importance of extending true hospitality and courtesy to all guests regardless of race, age, religion, gender, political affiliation or belief, marital status, handicap or place of origin."

nate incident" that happened in June of this year involving a visiting official from the U.S. Department of Education who checked in at Saipan Grand Hotel.

The official, upon returning to the hotel on her last day of stay, learned that her luggage and all her belongings would be removed from her room.

"She was locked out, so we asked the front desk people. They said, 'Well she didn't check out at 12 noon' so they have to do it. We thought they only locked the room but we found out that all her stuff was dumped into her luggage," Peter, in an interview with the *Variety*, said.

When the official complained about the incident, the hotel's staff and management, according to the resolution, "exhibited arrogant and rude behavior and even questioned with sarcasm the guest's ability to read."

Peter said she asked a Hotel executive if what happened was a case of discrimination—the official is Vietnamese-American—the executive allegedly said "No, it's (just) miscommunication."

When asked if Japanese guests are treated the same way, Peter said the executive answered "No."

"So I said, 'Who do you do it to?' He said, 'We do it to Koreans (and other nationalities).'"

Peter said she will ask House Speaker Diego T. Benavente (R-Saipan) to refer the incident to the House Committee on Judicial and

Governmental Operations.

"(The committee should) look into what's been going on. We're here but we don't know that these things are happening," she said.

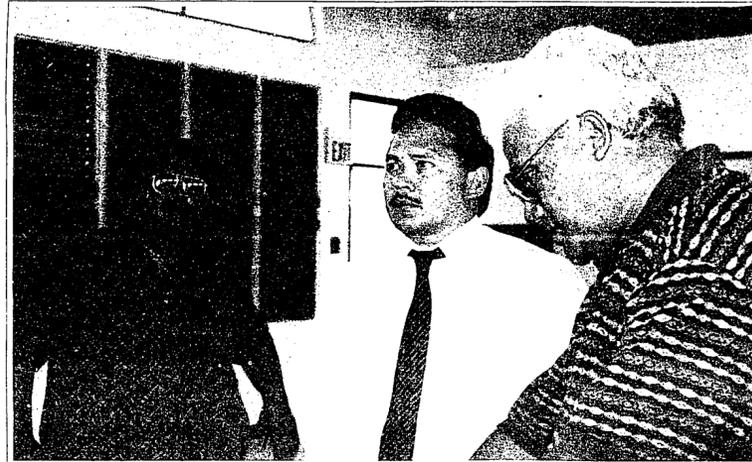
HANMI, she added, should be informed of such incidents.

"They have to do something

about this. This is a very bad incident, and embarrassing for us. The official, a 'teacher of the year' awardee (in mainland U.S.), was here because she was told that Saipan has friendly and hospitable people," Peter said.

Copies of the resolution were

sent to Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio, HANMI president Ronald D. Sablan and members, Saipan Grand Hotel president Masatoshi Hayashi, Marianas Visitors Bureau Chairman Antonio Sablan and Executive Director Anicia Q. Tomokane.



EXPRESSIONS SAY IT ALL. Education Commissioner William Torres (center) looks unhappy. In fact, he is not quite happy. He inspected Friday the surroundings of the new Tinian High School. After more than a year of waiting, the facility is done—but not completely done. Some works remain to be finished. Nevertheless, the facility will open next week. To his right is Pedro R. Guerrero, general manager of the contractor, Guerrero Brothers. Looking on is PSS liaison officer Henry Hofschneider. Photo by Mar-Vic C. Mumar



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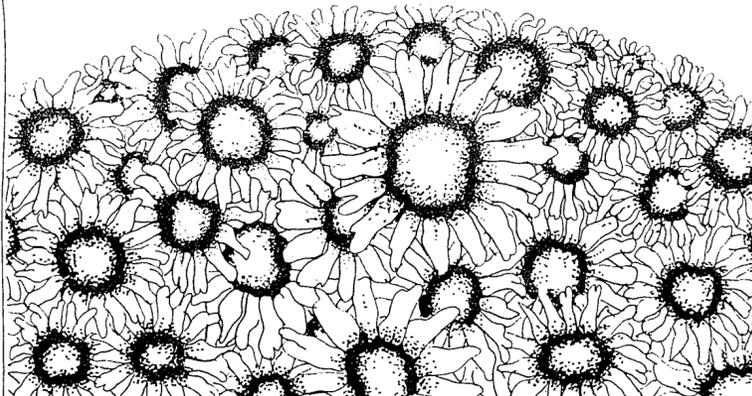
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Tourist fined \$50 for dope smuggle try

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

SUPERIOR Court Associate Judge Timothy Bellas has ordered a Japanese tourist who was found in possession of 13 sticks of marijuana to pay \$50 fine.

In a written order issued Friday, Bellas asked the tourist, Fumitoshi Unai, to leave CNMI in 48 hours.

The Attorney General's Office charged Unai with importation of a controlled substance and illegal possession of controlled substance (marijuana).

Unai, through counsel Ted Christopher, pleaded guilty to the charge of illegal possession of marijuana.

Assistant Atty. Gen. James Norcross agreed to dismiss the remaining charge without prejudice.

Bellas said upon Unai's departure, the dismissal will become with prejudice or the government could no longer file charges in connection with the case.



Fumitoshi Unai

CNMI Customs agents arrested the tourist upon his arrival from Tokyo on Wednesday at the Saipan International Airport.

The agents caught Unai with the marijuana sticks weighing less than once ounce which were placed in a pack of cigarettes.

MHS parents and guardians

MARIANAS High School would like for Parents and Guardians to know that the students have been given their Mid-Quarter Grade Reports, if the Parents and Guardians did not pick them up at the PTA meeting on Wednesday, August 7, 1996. Our plans are to encourage

Parents or Guardians to pick up both Report Cards and Mid-Quarter Reports at MHS according to published schedules. Otherwise, we plan on giving the Report Cards and Mid-Quarter Reports to your son or daughter the next day to take home, for each of the quarters this school year.



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Governor Tenorio Welcomes Educators and Teaching Professionals to Saipan, Tinian and Rota

On behalf of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation to each of our new teachers for accepting appointments with the Public Schools System and Northern Marianas College.

In what will truly be an experience of a lifetime, as educators, you will be asked every day to put your educational skills and creative talent to work in ways that may have once seemed unimaginable. For that, the Commonwealth is extremely grateful for *your* commitment.

Before I began my term as Governor, I decided that a top priority would be to make quality education available to everyone in the CNMI. However, because the Public Schools System is a fully autonomous government agency, I am limited by our Constitution on what I can do to make day-to-day and long term improvements.

But, I *am committed* to making our educational institutions in the CNMI the very best, and that is why you have been recruited. I applaud your decision to join and be a part of our island community!

I want to hear from you, and I hope that you will feel comfortable to share your thoughts, comments and suggestions with me. Please call my Office of Public Information, 664-2278, and tell us what we're doing right, and what we can do to make things better. That is *my* commitment to each of you.

I look forward to officially welcoming each of you to the Commonwealth tomorrow night at my official residence!

Froilan C. Tenorio
FROILAN C. TENORIO

Hawaii court refuses Marshalls case

By Giff Johnson
For the Variety
MAJURO-The Kwajalein Atoll Development Authority was successful in convincing a U.S. District Court in Hawaii to turn down a bid by Pacific Machinery of Honolulu to get the court to hear a lawsuit brought against the Marshall Islands agency.

Pacific Machinery had tried to get the Hawaii court to change its mind and hear their case against KADA and the Kwajalein Atoll Joint Utilities Resources (KAJUR) which operates the power plant on Ebeye Island in Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshalls, claiming that government interference undermined the independence of the courts in the Marshall Islands, and therefore Pacific Machinery could not get a fair trial here.

But in a recent ruling, the District Court turned down Pacific Machinery's motion for reconsideration, stating that the company had "not demonstrated interference with the Marshall Islands judiciary such that the RMI may be deemed an inadequate alterna-

tive forum."

The court, however, said it will allow Pacific Machinery to refile the case in U.S. District Court within one year if it turns out that the Marshall Islands courts are not an adequate alternative forum (to U.S. courts) for the company to bring its claims against the Ebeye agencies.

On March 6, the Hawaii court dismissed the lawsuit against KADA and KAJUR, which sought payment for an engine installed at the Ebeye power plant. The two Kwajalein agencies have refused to pay for the generator, claiming that it was faulty and has never worked properly.

The two agencies in the meantime have filed suit against Pacific Machinery in the Marshall Islands High Court demanding compensation for generator that has functioned poorly.

The Hawaii court said that Marshall Islands courts were the proper place for the case to be filed. On May 1, Pacific Machinery asked the court to reconsider

its ruling, citing "newly discovered evidence which clearly establishes a continuing pattern of interference with the independence of the RMI judiciary by the legislative/executive branches of the RMI government."

In counter motions, KADA officials said that the so-called "interference" was in fact proper action by the government according to Marshall Islands Law.

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tice Clinton Ashford, a Hawaii attorney, to a Hawaii judge in which Ashford said the reason for his resignation was "intolerable interference with the judiciary (by the Marshall Islands Cabinet) in a pending case."

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Pacific Machinery has not yet filed its claim against the Kwajalein agencies in the Marshall Islands High Court.

Tonga mulls passport sale

CANBERRA (PNS) — Australian officials are watching with interest plans by the Kingdom of Tonga to reintroduce the sale of passports to foreigners.

According to reports in the Tonga media last week, the kingdom is considering selling passports for twenty-thousand US dollars each, or half that for people who purchased passports under a similar scheme in the 1980s.

Under the previous arrangement, foreigners were able to buy a Tongan Protected Persons Passport.

However, this did not confer citizenship rights and the integrity of the information contained in the passport did not satisfy many countries, including Australia.

Pacnews Canberra Bureau says officers of the Australian department of Foreign Affairs and Trade will examine the new passports, if and when they are issued and a

judgment will be made as to their acceptability.

Hong Kong citizens, concerned about next year's handover to China, are expected to be major customers if Tonga goes ahead with its novel but lucrative revenue-raising scheme.

Tonga's Police Minister, Clive Edwards, who also looks after immigration matters, anticipates that Tonga could earn about 120-million dollars from the scheme.

Vanuatu Prime Minister admits his gov't still has done no work

PORT VILA (PNS)— Vanuatu's Prime Minister, Maxime Carlot Korman, admits that although his government has been in power for six months, it still has not done any work.

Carlot Korman told a news conference in Port Vila it was this total lack of activity that had caused him to reshuffle his cabinet earlier this week.

Carlot Korman laid the blame with the leaders of the Melanesian Progressive Party in his coalition government Finance Minister Barak Sope and Lands Minister William Edgel.

He said Sope had failed to prepare the 1997 budget for presentation to parliament, and he accused Edgel of forming a new urban land system without consulting cabinet.

Earlier this week, Sope was demoted to Minister of Commerce, Trade, Industry and Co-operatives, and Edgel was switched to Tourism, Telecommunications, Meteorology and Postal Services.

Carlot Korman said the reshuffle had nothing to do with the scam which has rocked the country over the government issuing letters of guarantee totalling 100-million US dollars to an

Australian businessman Peter Swanson who has been arrested by Vanuatu police and is now on bail.

The prime minister repeated a claim he made earlier that Swanson had lied to the government and had tried to defraud Vanuatu.

Carlot Korman said he would be prepared to testify against Swanson in court.

Carlot Korman also repeated his criticism of the Ombudsman, Marie Noelle Ferrieux, who first broke the news on the scam, and accused her of trying to jeopardize his government's relations with Papua New Guinea.

Valuable relics to remain in Solomons

HONIARA (PNS) — A Solomon Islands provincial official has denied that highly valuable relics from the wrecks of ships belonging to the 18th century French explorer La Perouse are to be repossessed by France.

The ships, the Boussole and the Astrolabe, sank off the island of Vanikoro in 1788.

However, many items were washed ashore and collected by the local people.

The survivors were reported to have later built a small boat and sailed away, never to be seen again.

Temotu provincial secretary

Peter Meioke says a memorandum of understanding will be signed next Tuesday between Temotu province and the Solomons Government on one side and the French Association of Maritime Museums for a number of the relics to be taken to New Caledonia for cleaning a-lid restoration.

Meioke says the signing will take place in the Temotu provincial capital, Lata, on Santa Cruz, and the relics will be returned to Lata.

He said the province would build a small museum at Lata to house the La Perouse relics and other items of cultural interest

PNG earned \$54M in tourism

PORT MORESBY (PNS) — The Papua New Guinea Tourism Promotion Authority (PNGTPA) says PNG earned 54 million US dollars from foreign tourists last year.

PNGTPA Research and Statistics Manager, Jimmy Yomapsi, told the National that over 42-thousand tourists visited PNG last year.

Yomapsi said tourism is now beginning to play a significant role in Papua New Guinea's foreign exchange earnings.

He said there is a great potential to further increase the level of earnings but local tourism operators needed to realize that this would depend entirely on the quality of service they were able to provide to foreign visitors.

Ramos fires chief of Pinatubo relief body

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — President Fidel Ramos fired the chief of the Mount Pinatubo rehabilitation project Sunday in anger over a collapsed dike that caused heavy flooding in towns east of the volcano early this month.

Ramos said he relieved Florante Soriquez after investigators found that a "megadike" built under Soriquez's supervision to protect against volcanic mud flows from

Pinatubo was "not properly built."

A 50-meter (165-feet) section of the structure collapsed at the height of monsoon rains, unleashing 2 million cubic meters (70 million cubic feet) of silt-laden floodwater into several villages in Pampanga province.

The 59-kilometer (37-mile) long, 10-meter (33-foot) high dike was built this year at a cost of 2.7 billion pesos (\$ 103 million)

to protect Pampanga towns against volcanic avalanches from Pinatubo.

Pinatubo's massive eruption in 1991 left large amounts of volcanic debris on its slopes. Debris washed off the mountain by rains have buried entire villages in recent years.

On an inspection trip last week, Ramos downplayed the dike damage as mere "tooth decay" that would not take long to repair.

But Public Works Secretary Gregorio Vigilar recommended Soriquez's ouster after investigators found that the collapsed portion had not been reinforced by steel pipes as prescribed.

The volcanology institute expects this year that 50 million to 100 million cubic meters (1.75 billion to 3.5 billion cubic feet) of debris will be washed down by rains east of Pinatubo and another 26 million to 46 million cubic meters (910 million to 1.6 billion cubic feet) on its western side.

Briton, 2 Filipinos killed by volcano

BACOLOD CITY, Philippines (AP) — Military helicopters on Sunday began bringing down the victims of Canlaon Volcano's eruption the day before. Rescuers said one Briton and two Filipinos were killed.

Among the 16 people rescued so far were three seriously injured Belgians who spent a cold night on the upper slopes of the 2,435-meter (8,035-foot) high volcano because they were too weak to climb down.

Police radio operator Chona Despicarreon said rescuers were still searching for other people believed missing on the mountain. The exact number of people was uncertain, but police said it was probably not more than 10.

Nine of the climbers were brought down Saturday night and seven others, along with the three dead bodies, were airlifted from Canlaon's crater rim down to Bacolod on Sunday.

Authorities earlier counted at least 26 people who were at the crater rim when the volcano puffed ash Saturday afternoon for 24 minutes, hurling big stones into its immediate vicinity and hitting the climbers.

Canlaon, on Negros island in the central Philippines, is 520 kilometers (320 miles) southeast of Manila, or 40 kilometers (25 miles) northeast of Bacolod.

Rescuers earlier identified the dead Briton as Gordon Cole and the two Filipinos as Noel Trajico and Neil Perez.

But it turned out that Cole was alive and among those rescued Sunday morning.

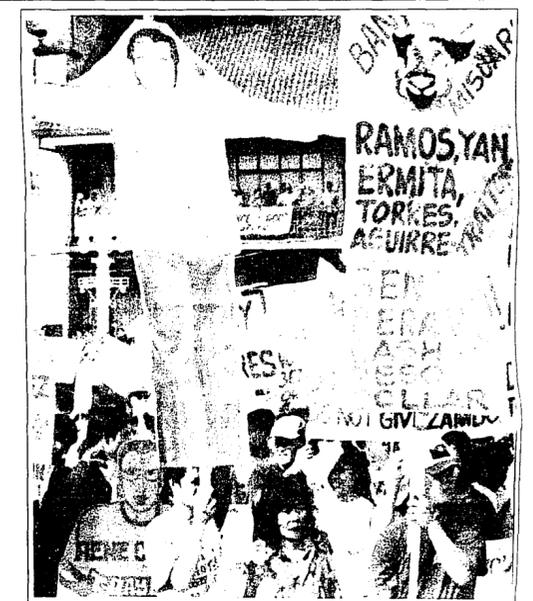
"It was my companion Julian who died. He died in my arms," Cole told reporters in a brief interview.

Cole said he only met Julian in a town at the foot of the volcano before they climbed with three Filipinos on Thursday.

The two Filipino fatalities were students of the University of St. La Salle and were hiking with 10 Belgians, two guides and seven other students, other officials said.

One the seriously injured Belgians, Frederick Carroso, was reported to have lost a lot of blood and was being treated at a Bacolod hospital, said Brother Rolly Dizon, president of the University of St. La Salle.

Dizon said the Belgians were in



Protesters display placards to show their opposition to the recent peace agreement between the government and the secessionist Moro National Liberation Front during a recent rally in Zamboanga City, 535 miles south of Manila. Three major cities in the south staged a simultaneous rally opposing the peace deal with Muslim rebels. AP Photo

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SECTION 8 HOUSING PROGRAMS

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation would like to invite all applicants, tenants and landlords of the Section 8 Housing or Voucher/Certificate Programs to a meeting to discuss Section 214 Consolidation and Streamlining of the Restrictions on Assistance to Noncitizens. The scheduled meetings will commence on August 13, 1996 up through August 19, 1996 and will be held at the various Section 8 Housing Subdivisions or designated locations in Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

Section 214 prohibits NMHC from making financial assistance available to persons other than United States Citizens, nationals, or certain categories of eligible non-citizens in HUD's Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Programs.

The meetings are scheduled as follows:

SECTION 8 HOUSING PROJECTS (ALL TENANTS AND APPLICANTS)

Section 8 Subdivision	Place or Meeting	Date	Time
Garapan Annex I and II	Garapan Annex II, Unit No. A-55	August 13th	6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Mihaville	Unit No. M-05	August 14th	6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Koblerville	Unit No. K-06	August 15th	6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Tinian	Basketball Court	August 16th	6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Rota	Unit No. R-01	August 16th	6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

SECTION 8 VOUCHER/CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS (LANDLORDS, TENANTS & ALL APPLICANTS)

Saipan Multipurpose August 19th 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Community Center in Susupe

NMHC will make necessary arrangements for person with disabilities or persons requiring an interpreter upon prior notification. If such arrangement is required, please contact Mr. Norman K. Pangelinan, Manager, Program and Housing at 234-6866/9447.

For further information regarding this notice, please contact Mr. Pangelinan at the NMHC Office in Saipan at 234-6866/9447; in Tinian, Frances H. Diaz, Field Office Representative at 432-9413; and in Rota, Charles A. Manglona, Field Office Representative at 532-9410 during regular business hours.

/s/MARYLOU ADA SIROK
Corporate Director

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for the CONVERSION OF THE RESTAURANT AREA TO A NEW HOLDROOM, AT SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, CPA Project No. CPA-SA-008-96 will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 1055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950, until 2:00PM, Friday, September 13, 1996, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of the renovation of the former restaurant area to a new Departure Holdroom, at Saipan International Airport, construction of new restrooms, addition to the concrete roof, and new interior and exterior finishes. Included will be the complete enclosure and air-conditioning of the new Holdroom space, complete with new plumbing, electrical, lighting and interior architectural finishes. Also, includes the installation of a complete fire sprinkler system, repair, refinishing and painting of the existing exterior beams columns, and walls all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within two months (2) from the receipt of bids. Depending upon availability of funds, CPA reserves the right to hold such bid in effect for three (3) months from the date of bid opening.

This contract is under and subject to Executive order 11246, as amended, of September 24, 1965, the Federal Labor provisions and the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) provisions as contained in the contract, specifications and bid documents.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the prevailing CNMI minimum wage rate in accordance with Section 70-24 of the specifications.

Each bidder must complete, sign and furnish, prior to award of the contract (CPA Project No. CPA-SA-008-96) the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause," a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities" (See Proposal).

Required Notices for All Contracts.

a. The bidder must supply all the information required by the proposal forms and specifications.

b. The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA), in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, hereby notifies all bidders that they (bidders) must affirmatively insure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for award.

The bidder's attention is invited to the fact that the proposed contract shall be under and subject to the equal opportunity clause as set forth in Part III, Section 302(b) of Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, to the contract and labor provisions as set forth in Section 152.55 and Appendix H, Part 152, of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the applicable provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) implemented by Part 21 of the Regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation. Also, the proposed contract will be subject to the Contractor's Certification of non-segregated facilities.

The apparent low bidder and any known first tier subcontractor will be subject to a pre-award, equal opportunity compliance review by representatives of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, before the award of the contract for the purpose of determining whether the bidder and/or his subcontractors are able to comply with the provisions of the equal opportunity clause.

Contract documents, including plans and specifications, may be examined at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, or can be obtained from this office upon the payment of THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) for each set of plan documents. This amount is non-refundable. Payment shall be made by check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING, at 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, August 28, 1996 to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Consultant, in writing, at least five (5) days in advance for answers at this pre-bid conference, with a copy of same mailed simultaneously to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Each prospective bidder shall file with the Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the above Saipan address, a notice of his intention to bid in a form substantially similar to that supplied herewith, not less than six (6) calendar days prior to the date herein above designated for opening of proposals.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in accordance with Section 3.2(7) of its Procurement Rules and Regulations, and to waive any defects in said proposals, or any of them, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its interest.

/s/ CARLOS A. SHODA
Executive Director

Date: 8/6/96



Two Chinese men carry supplies to an inflatable boat through chest-deep water at a store in Liuzhou in southern China's Guangxi province. Floods have killed more than 1500 people in China's southern provinces this summer. AP Photo

More than 200 killed in two days of flooding

BEIJING (AP) - More than 200 people were killed and about 100,000 left homeless in two days of flooding in southern China, it was reported Sunday.

Torrential rains and raging rivers have inundated Fujian province since Tuesday. The province is about 1,500 kilometers (950 miles) south of Beijing.

At least 233 people were killed and 284 missing, the official Xinhua News Agency reported Sunday.

The report added that some 70,000 homes were destroyed. Economic damage was esti-

mated at about \$ 200 million.

Hardest-hit was Changting county in Longyan prefecture, where most ground transportation, telecommunications, electricity, and water supplies have been cut off.

Longyan is about 300 kilometers (200 miles) southwest

of the provincial capital of Fuzhou.

Military units have been dispatched to region to help with relief efforts, the report said.

More than 2,000 people have been killed by massive floods since seasonal rains began in late June.

S. Korea not willing to help North feed itself

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - In spite of reports of a growing food shortage in flood-hit North Korea, South Korea said Wednesday it currently has no plan for helping its impoverished neighbor.

"Any consideration for possible aid will be made only after a comprehensive report by an international aid organization and request for help," a Unification Ministry official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

South Korea's continuing hard-line stance is part of its hopes for forcing North Korea to make political concessions in return for economic help.

Already suffering from the results of last year's floods, North Korea was hit with floods again this year.

North Korea, through its official Korean Central News Agency, said the latest floods killed 116 people and caused damages estimated at \$ 1.7 billion.

"We need humanitarian assistance from the international community," the agency quoted an unidentified Foreign Ministry official as saying.

On Tuesday, an international Red Cross official said after touring the North's affected regions that the communist country will face a shortfall of as much as 20 percent of its grain production this year.

The rains had flooded a vast amount of farm land and destroyed irrigation works in the country's main western rice belts, he said.

The shortfall complicates the reduced output resulting from the widespread destruction of arable farmland following last year's floods, reportedly the worst in a century.

Some 500,000 North Koreans are already dependent of foreign aid for subsistence.

South Korea gave North Korea 150,000 tons of free rice last year.

Earlier this year, it again gave the North \$ 3 million to help feed flood victims, but has withheld large-scale aid.

In return for the large-scale aid, Seoul wants North Korea to agree to improving inter-Korean ties and opening new Korean peace talks.

In April, the United States and South Korea jointly proposed that North Korea join them and China in opening four-way talks on drawing up a new peace system to replace the armistice that ended the Korean War in 1953.

North Korea has yet to officially respond to the four-party proposal.

There are reports that the United States wants to use food aid as an incentive for North Korea to come to the conference this year.

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Crackdown urged on rioters

By ALI KOTARUMALOS
JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - Thousands of government supporters took part in a rally Sunday where speakers called on President Suharto and the military to punish anyone respon-

sible for last month's riot. Organizers said the gathering was a response to rallies held outside the headquarters of pro-democracy leader Megawati Sukarnoputri before a raid by security forces July 27

that sparked violent protests. Top military figures attended the hour-long rally Sunday morning outside a stadium near the Jakarta Police Command. The crowd was filled with the yellow shirts of Suharto's ruling Golkar Party and uniforms of about 50 other groups, most linked to Golkar.

Organizers said 50,000 people attended, but the number appeared to be closer to half that figure.

Also Sunday, news reports said the military's chief of general affairs, who some sources said was blamed for failing to anticipate the riot, has lost his job: The reports said Lt. Gen. Suyono confirmed Friday he was being transferred to an administrative post, but wouldn't

say why. Harianto Badjoeri, a chairman of a Golkar youth group, read out a statement at the rally Sunday deploring the violence that killed at least three people and calling for "stern action" against those responsible.

The government claims leftist subversives incited the riots, but others have said frustration at poverty, corruption and efforts to remove Megawati as leader of her party fueled public anger.

The police raid July 27 broke up a sit-in by Megawati supporters who refused to hand over the party headquarters after she was ousted as party leader in June at a rebel party congress organized by the military.

"This rally reflects spontane-

ous support for the government," said Badjoeri, a businessman who was the rally's chief organizer. "They are also the people power."

The statement called on the government to ban the Democratic People's Party, a tiny, unauthorized leftist group whose leader is wanted on charges of inciting the violence.

Badjoeri gave a copy of the statement to Jakarta Gov. Suryadi Sudirdja to deliver to Suharto.

Also on hand were Lt. Gen. Syarwan Hamid, chief of political affairs for the military, and Jakarta military commander Maj. Gen. Sutyoso.

"Thank the armed forces for restoring the situation," read one banner held up by the crowd.



Lawyer of deposed opposition party leader Megawati Sukarnoputri wave to supporters before attending a trial at Central Jakarta District Court. Megawati is suing the military and government for supporting a rebel party congress that overthrew her from the Indonesian Democratic Party. The hearing was postponed to Aug. 22 because the head judge was at home with a toothache. AP Photo

Indonesian village left without men due to illegal logging drive

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - A village in eastern Java has been without men for a week after they all fled for fear of arrest in a police crackdown on lumber theft, a newspaper said Sunday.

The village of Sidorejo is now known as "Trembini," af-

ter a village in a Javanese puppet story that has no men, the newspaper Kompas said.

It didn't say how many people live in the village 700 kilometers (430 miles) east of Jakarta.

Three people have been arrested on charges of plundering teakwood from a government

or buying stolen wood, Kompas said. Police have confiscated 800 felled teak trees and cut trunks.

"Some of the houses had to be demolished because all of their wood components were from illegal teakwood," a police official was quoted as saying.

Navy destroys rebel boats; four to six guerrillas killed

By DEXTER CRUEZ
COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) - Naval gunboats destroyed two Tamil rebel boats, killing between four to six guerrillas in a skirmish in northeastern Sri Lanka, military officials said Sunday.

One sailor was injured in the attack when naval gunboats on patrol confronted nine rebel boats off the Mullaitivu coast on Saturday, officials said. The other seven rebel boats escaped.

In a separate incident Saturday in eastern Ampara district, one Sinhalese civilian was killed and two more injured when rebels threw a hand grenade at a home after attempting to attack a police post in the region, officials said.

In northern Sri Lanka, the military continued to consolidate positions and mass troops Sunday for the final push into the rebel stronghold of Kilinochchi, which has been under siege for 16 days, officials said.

Over the past five days, both sides have brought in new troops to replace the dead and wounded and stockpiled ammunition, said the officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The military says soldiers on Wednesday reached within 1,000 meters (yards) of Kilinochchi. The rebels Saturday disputed the claim, saying the troops were still pinned down in Paranthan, a town captured on the first day of the offensive.

"For the past six days the military has been making a des-

perate bid to break out of Paranthan ... Effective resistance that has been put by the LTTE (rebels) have thwarted all attempts," said a rebel statement from their London office.

The military says at least 388 people, including 66 soldiers, have died so far in the battle for the northern town, the largest held by the guerrillas since the fall of their headquarters in Jaffna city last December.

Independent reports of the fighting were not available because the government has barred journalists from the area, and communication links were destroyed by fighting years ago.

The rebels say they have killed at least 100 soldiers in the offensive, while losing 51 fighters.

The town is deserted except for its fanatical defenders. Residents fled when the offensive began, and the guerrillas moved their administrative offices into other jungle towns months back.

The rebels claim 30 civilians have been killed by the military's aerial bombing and shelling.

They have appealed for international help to stop what they called the slaughter, starvation and forced exodus of Tamil civilians.

The military says it has targeted only rebel installations.

The guerrillas are fighting for a homeland in the north and east for minority Tamils, accusing the majority Sinhalese of discriminating against them.

The war has killed more than 45,000 people, since it began in 1983.

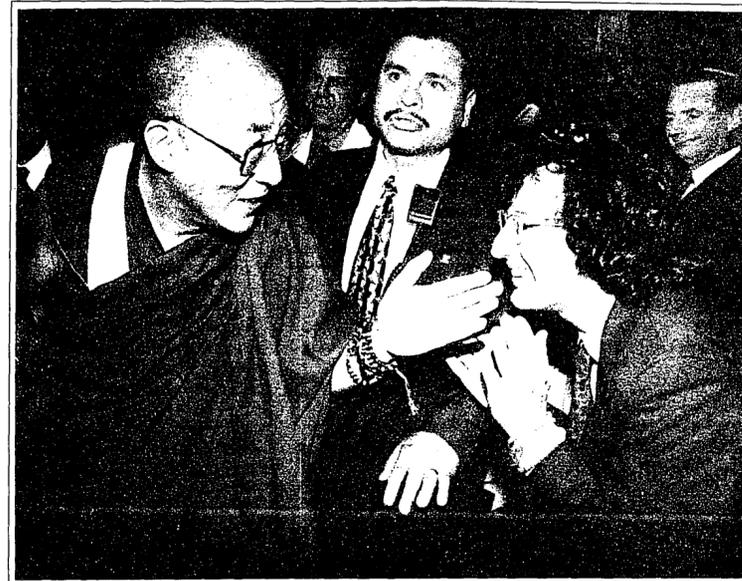
Volcano in central Java spews hot air; villagers told to be on alert

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - Lava has begun to flow from the Mt. Merapi volcano in central Java, prompting an alert for nearby residents to prepare for possible evacuation, the official Antara news agency reported Sunday.

Merapi, which killed 60 people in a 1994 eruption, began spewing hot gases Friday, prompting some people living nearby to flee. The nearest village is 6 kilometers (3 1/2 miles) away.

Lava from the 3,000-meter-high (9,800-foot-high) volcano has flowed to within 3 1/2 kilometers (2 miles) of the Boyong, Bebeng and Krasak rivers, Antara reported.

The volcano is 360 miles (575 kilometers) east of Jakarta. In its most destructive eruption this century, Merapi killed 1,300 people in 1930.



The Dalai Lama, left, is greeted by Stewart Richlin, right, one of the guests on his arrival at the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles last week. The self-exiled leader of Tibetan Buddhism was in Southern California as part of a three-day religious seminar. AP Photo

Russell stars in 'Escape from L.A.'

By BOB THOMAS
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Since a big earthquake in the year 2000, Los Angeles has been an island detached from the rest of the United States. Now, in 2013, the repressive federal government uses L.A. as a place to dump undesirable, sort of a reverse Ellis Island. What a place. It makes the L.A. of "Blade Runner" look like Walt Disney World.

This sorry city is the locale for most of John Carpenter's "Escape From L.A." and it's the ideal playground for one-eyed Phissskin ("Call me Snake"). The president of the United States (Cliff Robertson) forces him to undertake a mission impossible: to invade the island and bring back the President's defected daughter and the gadget she stole. It looks like a pocket radio, but it really

could shut down the world's power. Carpenter and his star, Kurt Russell, follow up their grungy 1981 "Escape From New York" (in 1997, the Big Apple was a maximum-security prison). That film produced an abundance of action thrills on a modest budget.

This time, the pair availed themselves of Paramount's deep pockets. The result is heavy on stunts (75 stunt players in the credits) and ruined cityscapes, and light on credibility. It doesn't seem to be designed as a spoof, but it can't be taken seriously. Mostly, it resembles a computer game.

Los Angeles is now ruled by a Penuvian revolutionary, Cuervo Jones (George Corraface), a ringer for Che Guevara. He is planning an invasion of the mainland, another reason why the president is edgy.

Snake is bedeviled by Cuervo's trigger-happy gunmen, as well as Korean and Latino street gangs. Constantly on the move, Snake uses every form of locomotion, including a vintage Cadillac convertible, a surfboard (on a post-earthquake tsunami) and a hang-glider.

The final shootout takes place in a certain rundown theme park in Anaheim ("They lost it all in Paris," someone explains). If Snake seems in a hurry, it's because he has been injected by a virus that will be deadly within eight hours unless he returns for the antidote.

"Escape From L.A." is a Paramount release of a Ryder Entertainment film. It opened in the United States on Friday. Running time: 100 minutes.

A new dictionary for the media generation

By TED ANTHONY
NEW YORK (AP) - Quick, convenient e-mail is the medium of choice when 11-year-old Valerie Lampert of Randolph, Massachusetts, wants to communicate with her grandfather in New York. "Why don't you E that to me?" she tells him. Grandpa appreciates the saying. "E that," Richard Weiner marvels. "I love it."

It's more than familial pride. Weiner has just completed the significantly updated second edition of Webster's New World Dictionary of Media and Communications, and new ways of using the English language are his biz ("business," as in "show biz").

More than any other dictionary, perhaps, his is a telling bellwether of how fast American English is changing as humanity wades deeper into the Information Age. It may simply be a 678-page list of words, but it tells the story of the 20th century - and the 21st.

The underlying principle: Mass media is both the carrier and the source of new terms.

"We live in a media culture. You cannot look at the television and not be aware of what's behind the scenes in media," says Weiner, 69, a longtime public relations man who began his lexicographer's labor by collecting media terms on paper scraps.

"So," he says, "the specialized language of newspaper reporters and others in the communications industry is becoming the language of the general public."

Consider that, disregarding "E" entirely (one wonders, though, how the present participle would be expressed - "Eing?"), electronic mail just became "e-mail" within the past 10 years or so. And where a "blurb" began as a short lump of text, today authors and actors "get blurred."

Many everyday words - born of the media, advertising and entertainment industries - are still barely toddlers.

There's "fax," which survived a happily brief and clunky incarnation as "telefacsimile." And "FedEx," now occasionally a verb, which has become so well-known that Federal Express Corp. changed the name of its shipping service to the shorter version in 1994. And "newsmagazine," "tabloid TV" and "cyberspace," all less than 15 years old.

"Our language is expanding as well as changing, and I think that's terrific," Weiner says. "Now, not just people in the communications industry but everyone of all ages, starting with children, now use terms like 'fast forward' and 'zap' - things that started as specialized terms."

This isn't shocking, considering how the walls between media and culture are falling. The Internet allows

anyone with a dlr\$ 9.95 monthly account to carry a message to the world via the World Wide Web.

The appetite for all news, all the time has become voracious enough to give birth to MSNBC last month, and Fox will soon follow suit. And fictional accounts of journalism - "Mary Tyler Moore," "Murphy Brown," "Broadcast News" and "The Paper" - continue to glamorize the profession for the public.

Politicians, journalists and actors trade places daily, blurring the line between media and celebrity. Consider Pat Buchanan's decision to leave CNN's "Crossfire" for the campaign trail. Look who replaced him: Former White House Chief of Staff John Sununu.

So if life imitates art imitates life, language naturally comes along for the ride. And more quickly: Weiner added or updated more than 3,000 entries since the first edition in 1990.

"Today, if somebody comes up with a new phrase or word, it is spread instantly," says Allan Metcalf, executive secretary of the American Dialect Society. "Instead of weeks and months, now it takes milliseconds. It doesn't mean these terms will last forever, just that they're suddenly here."

Allene Grognet, vice president of the Center for Applied Linguistics, sees television and the computer as the two major reasons that language has changed faster in the past 30 years. The computer, she says, affects it in two ways - by being a widely used machine and by connecting people via modems and the Net.

"It is obvious that the mass media has affected English a great deal over the last 30 years," Grognet says. "And it will continue and grow very fast as computers and the Internet grow very fast. They are the new generation of affecting the English language."

As for Weiner, whose granddaughter knows how to work the VCR better than he does, his dictionary is an attempt to keep up with the vocabulary of an increasingly complex world - from "adult contemporary" (a format of radio stations that emphasizes current popular music but not hard rock) to "zine" (a special-interest publication, generally produced by amateurs).

"We still live in an age in which people have a high respect for media, or if not that, at least a focus on it," Weiner says.

"And I think that it can be a good thing. I think that as a result of our global media society, people are more knowledgeable about more different fields than ever before."

Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission
 Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan
NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND ALL BUSINESSES

This is to inform the general public that the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission is compiling a list of Tinian based companies and individuals that can provide immediate and competitive goods and/or services during the construction phase of the Tinian Palace Casino Resort.

If you wish to be included on our list of prospective casino service industry providers then please send your name, contact point, a brief description of the goods and/or service you can provide during the construction phase and a copy of your business license (if any) to the executive director, TCGCC, 2nd floor Villagomez Bldg., on or before August 31, 1996.

This information will then be forwarded to HKE's contractor "China Huashi Enterprises" and JCT and Associates, the consulting engineers and construction manager of this project.

You will later be contacted by one of the above companies for further discussion. The gaming commission can not guarantee a commitment from either party. Pricing and costs will not be included on this list, that is between you and the contractor.

At a later date the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission will be issuing Casino Service Industry Licenses to those businesses or individuals receiving a commitment for services. The TCGCC is the sole authority for issuing Casino Service Industry licenses pursuant to the Casino Gaming Control Act of 1989 and only TCGCC is authorized to handle the applications for service providers both during the construction phase and after the Casino and Hotel are built. Applications will be available at future date to be announced.

Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter.

/s/Paul Palmer
 Executive Director

DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

CARMEN TAIANO DINAULA
 (Better known as "Carmen Apu")

was called to her eternal rest on Monday, August 5, 1996 at the age of 70. Last respect and viewing is at 9:00 a.m. August 13, 1996, at San Vicente Church and burial will follow at 4:00 p.m. at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Survived by her former spouse: Roman Lairopi

Survived & predeceased by the following sons daughters and their spouses: Jesus & Dolores (Deceased) P. Garrido Antonio & Isabel P. Mareham Vincent P. Mareham (Deceased) Edward E. & Dolores B. Pinaula Thomas R. Pinaula Alicia T. Pinaula & Vincent A. Tenorio Aquilino P. Lairopi Rila P. Lairopi Juan P. Lairopi Rosalia P. & Ted L. Bagwell Margarita P. & Kenneth Woodard Bernadita P. Lairopi & Frank Bagatoro Ursula P. & Thaduis Townsend

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Also survived by great-grandchildren, grandchildren & numerous cousins, nephews and nieces.

Blind climber reaches the top of 'El Capitan'

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, California (AP) - A blind mountain climber has scaled El Capitan, a 3,200-foot (975-meter) granite monolith towering above Yosemite Valley that has challenged generations of adventurers.

Erik Weihenmayer, a Phoenix elementary school teacher, reached the top at mid-afternoon Friday to cheers from about 20 people, including three sighted climbers who reached the top ahead of him.

Weihenmayer, 28, said he made the four-day climb "to show potential rather than limitations. If you could climb El Capitan, you can do anything."

It was not the climber's first adventure. Weihenmayer hiked through ice and snow on Mount McKinley for 19 days last year. On this climb, photographs of his progress showed up on the Internet.

"I was amazed at the stuff he could do and how fast he could do it," said Hans Florine, who accompanied Weihenmayer on his El Capitan climb. "Every challenge I put out for him, he would rise to the occasion."

World's oldest living twins mark natal day



Gin Kanie, left, and Kin Narita, Japan's oldest living twins, celebrate their 104th birthday on the island of Hachijo in the Pacific. The silver-haired twins, who live in Nagoya on the mainland, attended a birthday after setting a baby horse mackerel into the sea. AP Photo

Strong quakes rattle Northeastern Japan

TOKYO (AP) - A string of strong earthquakes rattled northeastern Japan early Sunday, rattling windows and leaving four people with light injuries.

Two people were hurt by falling objects, one suffered minor burns on his feet when hot water was spilled on them and another cut her hand by jumping from bed with a start and putting her hand through a window, police said.

The strongest quake, centered near the town of Kurikoma, about 600 kilometers (375 miles) northeast of Tokyo, had a preliminary magnitude of 5.9, the Central Meteorological Agency said.

The area was hit by a series of many small quakes overnight beginning just after 3 a.m., of which about 50 were strong enough to be perceptible to humans, the agency said.

A relatively strong one with a preliminary magnitude of 4.7

hit at late morning, and another with a preliminary magnitude of 4.8 hit in the afternoon.

Rail service on three local lines was reported disrupted but later restored.

The quakes were centered about 10 km (6 miles) below the earth's surface.

Earthquake-monitoring authorities have been watching the area carefully because it has been the center of greater-than-usual seismic activity for the last several months.

Freighter catches fire; all 26 crew rescued

TOKYO (AP) - Fire broke out in the engine room of a Liberian-registered freighter off the coast of northern Japan early Sunday, and all 26 crew members were safely evacuated to a passing ship, maritime police said.

Fire-fighting ships from Japan's Maritime Safety Agency were dispatched to put out the flames on the abandoned California Hermes, a 38,913-ton ship, an agency official said.

The vessel was adrift in the Pacific Ocean about 580 nautical miles off the eastern coast of Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost main island, the official said.

No injuries were reported among the 26 crew members, who were rescued by the freighter Bohol Sampaguita, the official said.

Body of ex-ski champ found in car's trunk

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) - A former speed-skiing champion was found dead in the trunk of an abandoned rental car at a Vancouver market.

Terrance Watts, 41, had been missing since Monday after failing to return from a business meeting. Police found the body late Friday.

Watts was a noted speed-skiing racer in the 1970s and 1980s, winning a world championship in the sport in 1985.

In the mid-1980s, police arrested Watts during an undercover drug operation. He later was acquitted of charges.

A former Vancouver resident, Watts recently had worked to help develop mining projects in South America and had apparently moved to Venezuela, said Mark Rohan, a former speed-skiing teammate.

Conserve Water

Populist takes power as Ecuador president

By CARLOS CISTERNAS QUITO, Ecuador (AP) - Abdala Bucaram, a populist who calls himself "the scourge of the oligarchy," took office as Ecuador's new president promising equality in the small Andean country.

After taking the oath of office Saturday and donning the red, blue and yellow presidential sash, Bucaram criticized Ecuador's wealthy elite.

"Today is a historic day when the poor accede to power. It is the first day of... a government of the people and the last day of dominance by the oligarchs," he said in a 90-minute speech before a Congress packed with cheering supporters.

The oligarchy, Bucaram said, was "a cancer" that was the cause of "all Ecuador's ills."

The 44-year-old Bucaram replaced the 75-year-old President Sixto Duran-Ballen, a conservative who stepped down after a four-year term

plagued by corruption scandals. Bucaram defeated rightist candidate Jaime Nebot in a July 6 runoff election for a four-year term.

He has sought to attract foreign investment and win the support of the business sector by adding economic advisers from banks and large companies to his administration.

But his explosive outbursts against political foes have made many Ecuadoreans nervous, and his generous campaign promises of public housing, lower prices on basic goods and free medicine have made some investors uneasy.

Reflecting uncertainty over his economic policies, the Central Bank announced shortly before the inauguration a change in the range within which currency traders could buy and sell U.S. dollars, a move some equated to a devaluation of the sucre.

In the last few weeks, there has

been a heavy demand for dollars, forcing the Central Bank to sell \$80 million of Ecuador's reserves to stabilize the currency.

Earlier Saturday, Bucaram attacked the outgoing government for the decision to change the currency trading "band."

He said that although Duran-Ballen was "a respectable man, a good man, a gentleman, it is undeniable that he has been a disaster in the management of economic policy."

Bucaram won the presidency on his third try, after finishing second in 1988 and third in 1992.

Twice in his political career he fled to Panama to escape prosecution - on charges he insulted the armed forces and misused public funds while mayor of Guayaquil, Ecuador's largest city.

He was able to return to Ecuador in 1988 and 1990 after receiving amnesty from Congress.

Man digs out a spectacular shrine from limestone cliff

By MARTHA MENDOZA OJO CALIENTE, New Mexico (AP) - Ra Paulette can't stop digging.

For almost two years now he has scooped, sanded, brushed and swept away a huge outcropping of sandstone in northern New Mexico, creating a magical, swirling, echoing shrine he calls Windows in the Earth.

"It's a living thing. I didn't know what it was going to be when I started. It's almost like being Doctor Frankenstein," he says.

The ceilings stretch more than 20 feet (6 meters) high, and the intricate web of small niches and rooms could make up a small house.

"I don't want to live there," says Paulette. "I want to make this place available for personal experiences. It's made to provide an emotional opportunity for people."

For some it's a hallowed place, a refuge from the mad world, a sanctuary for prayer and meditation. Others view it as a work of art, an amazing result of one man's creativity and labor.

"I felt the builder put so much of his soul and heart and mind into it, and I loved his spiritual expression. I felt so much peace," says Junko Fletcher of Arlington, Virginia, who was brought to the shrine by a friend this year to celebrate her 71st birthday.

"The first thing that came in my mind was what a perfect place to meditate. I just didn't want to leave," she says.

Peter Gregory of Albuquerque says his reaction was more aesthetic than emotional.

"I didn't feel any otherworldly experience at all. I just admired it as a beautiful, very impressive piece of art," he says. "The carvings in the walls are exquisitely done. It's an amazing feat just to hollow out the mountain, let alone to finish it so wonderfully."

Every bit of the cave is finished

with scallops, molded curves, smooth ledges, inlaid stones, narrow pods and crusty ledges. There are small mirrors inlaid that look like glistening pools and a small inlaid table and shelves in one corner.

Then there's the Luminous Egg Chamber, a dark, egg-shaped cavity large enough to stand inside.

"I'm still working on that," says Paulette. "When I'm done, you'll sit in the middle of a fog of light in an egg, up on a pedestal with doors. Light will come in from above, but it will look like it's coming from below as well."

Paulette, who turns 50 this month, dug his first limestone cave several years ago near Embudo. At the time, Paulette, who grew up in northern Indiana along the shores of Lake Michigan, was looking to create a

simple and peaceful place to live.

But word got out, and what began as a planned home underground soon grew into "The Heart Chamber," which attracted thousands of visitors from around the world.

"It was clear I couldn't live there," he says.

The cave was on public land and had been dug without permission. And, Paulette says, he feared it might collapse on a guest. So, using a shovel and buckets and a wheelbarrow, he buried the chamber and sealed it off.

Then he set off to find a new place to dig.

In June 1994, Paulette approached David Heath and John H. Johnson III and asked them if they would like to commission him to dig a shrine on their property near the Ojo Caliente Mineral Springs.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Office of the Public Auditor is soliciting proposals for a financial and compliance audit of the Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) and its subsidiary, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1996 in accordance with OMB Circular A-128 and applicable auditing standards. Proposals shall be submitted to the Public Auditor, P.O. Box 1399, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 4:00 p.m., September 9, 1996. Copies of the RFP package may be obtained from CDA at Wakin's Building in Gualo Rai. Inquiries may be directed to Mr. James H. Ripple, CDA Executive Director, at telephone no. 234-7145. The Office of the Public Auditor and the Commonwealth Development Authority reserve the right to reject any proposal in the interest of the CNMI Government.

/s/ James H. Ripple
Executive Director

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting proposals for the award of one (1) Restaurant/Snack Bar Concession at the Rota International Airport.

Proposal packages can be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 1055, Chalan Kanoa, Saipan MP 96950. The proposal packages cost \$30. Checks can be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The pre-bid conference will be held on August 16, 1996 at 2:00 p.m. at the CPA Conference Room located on the Second Floor, Rota ARFF Building, Rota International Airport.

Proposals will be received by the CPA until 2:00 p.m., Friday, September 13, 1996 in order to be considered for the award. All proposals will be publicly opened on September 13, 1996 at 2:00 p.m. at the Office of the Executive Director, Second Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals in accordance with Section 3.2.(7) of its Procurement Rules and Regulations.

Victor B. Hocog, Chairman
CPA Board of Directors

GIRL SCOUT COORDINATOR

NEEDED

A Girl Scout coordinator is needed to develop and coordinate programs for CNMI Girl Scouts; attend meetings of leaders and members; review and present Girl Scout plans and needs, and prepare and submit to the Special Assistant for Youth regular reports and summaries of Girl Scout programs and activities. Duties may also include other tasks as may be required by the Special Assistant for Youth. Must be energetic and self-starter. College graduate preferred with youth or community-related experience. For more information, call the Governor's Office of Youth Affairs at 236-2397, or visit their office at Afetna Square in San Antonio.

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Tenorio . . .
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jurisdiction of the US," said Tenorio Thursday.

"APEC is a foreign affairs matter and therefore, I don't feel that we should be participating in any capacity at all, even as an observer," he said.

Borja while acting governor last month wrote the US State Department asking whether the CNMI would be allowed to attend the conference as part of the US delegation.

He said the ability of the Commonwealth to attract foreign investors will be enhanced if it is included in the delegation and in efforts to promote US destinations for investment and tourism.

The lieutenant governor also wrote US Rep. Philip Crane, a member of the House subcommittee on Trade, informing him

of Borja's request for participation in the meeting.

The Manila conference, which is to be held in November, is to be participated on by APEC members, namely, the Philippines, China, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Taiwan, Australia, Canada, Papua New Guinea, and the US among others.

Asked how he reacted on learning about Borja's plans, Tenorio said he didn't mind.

"He had every right to do what he did. But I'm sure he knew my position in this matter and that is, I don't feel we have any right to be included in the US delegation," said the governor.

Meanwhile, Tenorio said himself may be going over to the Philippines to attend a reception being planned in honor of Philippine President Fidel V. Ramos by a US congressional delegation to

the APEC conference.

"I have been invited to attend that one. I want to make it very clear this is strictly the reception. If I go over there, it is because I was invited to attend the reception and not to participate in any way with the APEC," said Tenorio.

He said he will attend the event in as much as some members of the congressional delegation will be stopping by Saipan on the way back.

Schools . . .
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Torres said classrooms will be functional on Aug. 21.

Tinian High School has between 160 and 175 students, according to principal Jim Wedding.

"Thank God. Finally," Wedding said. "We're looking forward to it."

Wedding expects the moving process done within in three days. "By then, we'll be able to start school," said Wedding, who along with Torres inspected the site Friday.

Construction work, however, is not completely finished.

Fences will be built around the premises to isolate the remaining construction activities.

MGM film's future: 'All systems wait'

By JOHN HORNE
SANTAMONICA, California (AP) - "Wild Card" looked like an excellent match: Robert Altman, the witty maker of "The Player," directing Bill Murray, the wacky star of "Groundhog Day." With filming set to start in several weeks, the movie's producers started securing sets and hiring crew.

Then a French bank said, "Non!" and the promising MGM baseball movie - like almost everything else at the studio - slammed to a dead stop. Murray and Altman started looking elsewhere for work.

Last month's MGM sale to a group led by billionaire Kirk Kerkorian will surely revitalize the studio, which in the last six years has passed through four owners.

But until the \$1.3 billion sale actually closes, expected in early fall, MGM's well-regarded management team is stuck in celluloid limbo, with scores of movies ready to go, yet no authority to make them.

"Wild Card" and the Dustin Hoffman movie "Brave New World" are among the films MGM hopes to get in front of cameras.

"We have a lot of things at the starting gate, all ready to go," says Mike Marcus, who runs Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's MGM film unit. Marcus has not "green-lit," or approved, a new film all year. John Calley, Marcus' counterpart at MGM's United Artists unit, says he has been on an 11-month hiatus from making new movies.

"We are in position to get started again once this thing is concluded," Calley says. "The critical event is the company is no longer for sale."

The studio's release slate will be sparse through Christmas, bolstered mostly by movies produced by Rysher Entertainment ("Kingspin," the upcoming "House Arrest" and "Two Days in the Valley") and only distributed by MGM.

The studio may earn a small profit this year, but it is currently last among all majors in current market share, claiming 7.2 percent of all movie tickets sold.

There are few MGM releases set for early 1997 or next summer. When the French bank Credit Lyonnais prepared to sell MGM earlier this year, it stopped pumping new funds into the studio.

The bank, which took control of MGM when suspected swindler Giancarlo Parretti defaulted on loans, had little reason to invest in a property it was trying to unload.

"We got caught in the sale," says David Foster, who was going to produce "Wild Card," Altman's first major studio film since 1980's "Papye." "The bank said, 'Hey, we're selling the company. Why should we be spending money?' So ('Wild Card') just sat there."

Assuming the bank approves the sale to the Kerkorian-led investors in the fall, MGM plans to slowly restart its engines. Foster hopes to begin "Julip," based on the Jim Harrison novella, near year's end for MGM; the 18th James Bond movie should start filming for UA in early 1997; and MGM and UA say they have scores of good film scripts in the works.

Keith Samples, the chief executive officer of Rysher Entertainment, says

he is confident MGM can once again be an industry leader.

"I have a very positive feeling about MGM even though 'Kingspin' has been a little bit of a disappointment," Samples says from the set of the film "A Smile Like Yours," which he is directing. MGM was offered - but passed - on the Greg Kinnear film, which Paramount accepted.

"Just like any marriage, we've had our bad moments. But I have great respect for those guys," Samples says. Despite the "Wild Card" setback, Foster says he looks forward to working at MGM again.

Despite the movie shortage, senior MGM executives say they will not hurry to bring movies into theaters, a dangerous strategy made essential in the wake of Parretti's failed 1990 stewardship.

When MGM Chairman Frank Mancuso, Marcus and Calley arrived in 1993, they found the cupboards literally bare - with the clock ticking. Credit Lyonnais had to sell MGM by 1997 under US banking laws. In the rush to make MGM attractive to buyers, MGM either quickly picked bad projects or occasionally introduced movies clearly hurt by the 100 mph pace.

Michael Keaton's "Speechless," for example, arrived in 1994 despite a problematic script and a poor reception from test audiences. "If we had taken the time to reshoot the ending and market the film better, we might have done better on the movie," says Marcus.

Mancuso says MGM has learned from its mistakes. And with no sale pending, the "Gone With the Wind" studio can afford to be patient.

"There will be a period when we will be out of the market," Mancuso says. "But we're not going to race. When you try to fill some supply pipeline, that's when you make your worst mistakes."

"It was true of us in 1993. I think we made our worst mistakes early on. . . I don't want to rush into anything. I want to do this deliberately."

When MGM is fully operational, Mancuso says, the studio will annually release up to 15 films. He also hopes to exploit tie-ins with Kerkorian's MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas.

Mancuso notes that MGM's television and home video divisions are healthy, and that the studio is planning several direct-to-video children's animated films. Within a few years, he says, MGM may go public.

Meanwhile, MGM and UA are wooing back actors, writers, directors and agents. Not surprisingly, the creative community has generally avoided the studio for most of 1996. If MGM's buyer had been anyone other than Kerkorian, that might have meant the end for Mancuso, Marcus and Calley. No filmmaker wanted to make a long-term commitment with what could have been transitory management.

Kerkorian, of course, has owned and sold MGM before - twice, Mancuso says the real estate magnate won't meddle in MGM's operations, and Calley is convinced Kerkorian wants MGM to rear again.

"I personally believe in Kirk Kerkorian with great intensity," Calley says. "Look at his hotel."

It's the work of a builder, not a tearer-down."

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
ADOPTION NO. 96-84

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR THE ADOPTION AND CHANGE OF NAME OF
AIRA MAE R. MARKLEY, Minor Child,
By: **HOWARD ADAM MARKLEY, JR. and MENCHU RUIZ MARKLEY, Petitioners.**

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: Sept. 5, 1996
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Judge: Edward Manibusan

Please take notice that at 1:30 p.m., September 5, 1996, or as soon thereafter as can be heard, this Court will hold a hearing at the Superior Court House in Saipan for the specific purpose of:
1. Determining whether a decree of adoption of the minor child, Aira Mae P. Bustillo, should be granted to petitioners herein.
2. Affording any party adversely affected an opportunity to be heard.
Dated this 9th day of August, 1996.
/s/Deputy Clerk of Court Superior Court

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 13 LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Some people say you can never go home again, but today you can take steps to repair a key relationship.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The news you've been waiting for will come your way before the day is over. You may want to have someone else take the message.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Strategy will be important today, and you will have to use your wits if you expect to avoid the pitfalls that plague others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today, you will have to choose whether to remain true to your personal style, or to adjust to the desires of someone in authority.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — It will be your responsibility to take care of something today, and no one will step up to the plate for you. Do not get discouraged.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You can do things in a manner which will attract a great deal of positive attention today, or you can remain in the background.

You will know your place.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Now will not be a good time for jokes, and you must be willing to take your current responsibilities seriously.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — There is no point denying what others already know today. Take the time to reflect on your motives before you change your methods.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your opinions will change at this time, and it may be harder than expected to get in sync with those who work closely with you on the job.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today will be a good day to get things off your chest. Do not make the mistake of underestimating the power of the truth.

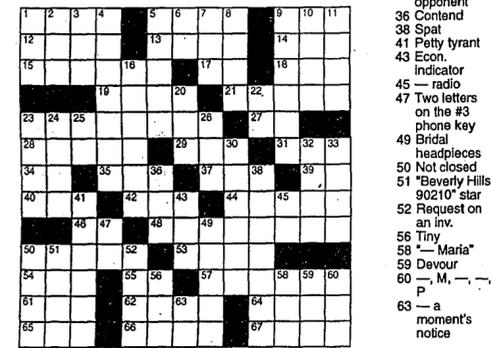
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CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Once others have things set up to your satisfaction, it will be your responsibility to get the ball rolling. Take the initiative!

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Movie advertisement for 'The Best Action Movie of the Summer by Far...' featuring Schwarzenegger in 'Eraser'. Shows showtimes: Thursday 7:00, Friday 7:00, Saturday 3:00, 7:00, 9:30.

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three boards. Ely G. Buenaventura Jr., Bob Catequista and Glenn Orlina Jr. breezed through their games against Peter Sibily, Carl Pogue and the tournament's lone woman player, Michelle Mendiola.

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The teams then drove to that location where they received another clue to a different site. The object of the event is for the teams to visit all 12 locations in the fastest time without exceeding the maximum speed limit. The 12 spots were Suicide Cliff, Grotto, Bird Island, Marine Beach, Ladder Beach, Mt. Tapochau, Lourdes, 13th Fishermen, Japanese Tank, Sugar King Park, Botanical Garden, and Esco's.

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MPLC board of directors, that is, having the final say on any transactions pertaining to public land. According to the speaker, there is a real need to take the authority over public lands out of the governor's hands.

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zens from mainland China. The bill is currently being reviewed by the Senate committee on judiciary government and law. Banning the entry Chinese nationals into the Commonwealth, King said, would kill all opportunities now pouring in to Tinian. Two investors from Hongkong are putting up casino facilities on Tinian, and patrons are expected to come from mainland China and Hong Kong.

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victim of a hard-luck first inning when the Dodgers got four unearned runs, set up by third baseman Lenny Harris' error. Hollandsworth doubled and scored in the second and hit a two-run homer in the sixth. He was moved to leadoff Friday, the seventh different player the Dodgers have used in that spot.

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ranked player in 63 minutes. Cheered by a supportive crowd at the Jack Nicklaus Sports Center, the Olympic gold medalist had an answer for every problem posed by the left-handed Austrian.

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CLOSERS

COLUMN CLOSERS BY SARAH JOHNSON In the days of old, hobos would leave coded messages for each other that would let subsequent transients know the disposition of the household. A plus sign meant that the location was a good place for a handout, while a number sign indicated that a police officer lived on the premises.

An entomologist who discovered a new species of moth guaranteed its name as the final entry in any dictionary by calling it Zyzzyx. Centuries before the discovery of penicillin, ancient Egyptians knew the healing properties of putting moldy bread over a wound. Golf balls are usually filled with a mixture of water or castor oil and silicone. To drill a well five miles deep, you would have to drill all day and night for 500 days.

The first aerial photograph was taken from a balloon during the U.S. Civil War. The average grizzly bear can run as fast as the average horse. There has never been a president of the United States who was an only child. Earth Tip: Turn off the tap on the sink when you're not using it. An average faucet pours out 4 gallons of water in a single minute.

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SPORTS



Yana shuts out Jet Holding

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff
IT WAS a round of sweeps. Yana Law Office scored its second consecutive shut-out yesterday, this time against highly-ranked Jet Holdings to keep the lead in the 1996 CNMI Chess Team Championship held weekly at Rambie's Restaurant. Playing white, Yana's team captain Rey Yana, Almer Santos and Lou Piliwale notched wins against Jet Holding's Roel Bince, Manny Domingo and Ed Benavente. Piliwale and Benavente arrived at an even endgame position with

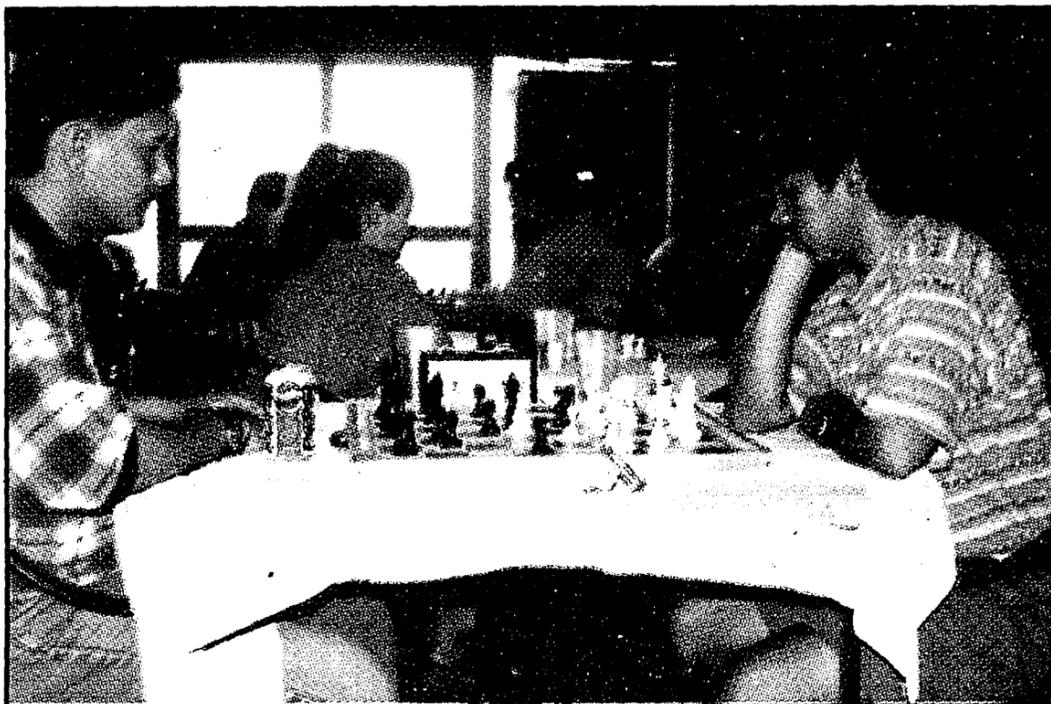
a possibility of draw, but an inaccurate move made by Benavente proved fatal. In other second round matches, Owens Enterprises' swept the Checkmate team on all three boards to secure second place with 5.5 points, half-a-point behind Yana Law Office. Playing black, Owens's Othello Gonzales, Ronnie Alfonso and Jun Ocena bested Checkmate's Roman Demapan, Joe Demapan and Mark Martinez. Saipan Shooting Range, now in solo third place with 5 points, almost had a sweep against Juan

C. Tenorio & Associates, with wins on boards 2 and 3. Saipan Shooting Range's Pol Mondez drew with JCT's Jun Baja, while Rey Villamor and Junnel Lomantas eked out victo-

ries against Noli Pamatmat and Vic Tiamzon. Tiamzon, playing the Caro-Kann Defence, had a winning material and positional advantage against Lomantas, but passive and

inexact play late in the endgame cost him the game. Coming from a 0-3 first round lost, Fortune of Essence routed Poor Pawns, winning easily on all

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Yana Law Office's board 2 player Almer Santos (left) waits contently for Jet Holding's Manny Domingo (right) next move. Yana won all three boards in their second round match Sunday. On the background is Poor Pawns' Michelle Mendiola and Essence of Fortune's Glenn Orlina Jr. Photo by Noli Pamatmat

San Vicente riders rule 1st annual JA road rally

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THE SAN Vicente team ruled Saturday's First Annual Junior Achievement Saipan Road Rally. The San Vicente Elementary School "riders", sponsored by the Pacific Financial Corp., bested 11 other teams as they finished the event after four hours and 10 minutes. The SVES team, composed of Erlinda F. Arriola, Cecilia H. Camacho, Joel Balgley, and Cheryl Soria, received a trophy and \$200 cash for registering the "Fastest Road Rally Time." Meanwhile, the Tanapag School led by Larry Babauta and Todd Sandvold, grabbed the second place. IT&E sponsored the team. The IT&E-sponsored team also received trophy for winning the overall "Best Barbecue" during the barbecue contest at the conclusion of the rally.

The road rally kicked off with 12 teams at 9:30 a.m. at the American Memorial Park Amphitheater parking lot. At the starting line, each team with up to four persons driving in one vehicle was given a riddled clue that describes a well-known

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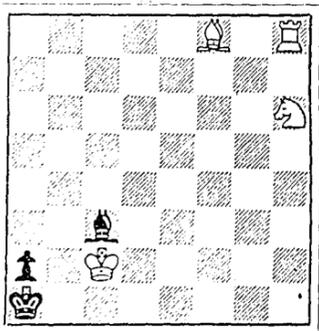
Seles advances to finals against Sanchez Vicario

MONTREAL (AP) - Top-seeded Monica Seles beat unseeded Yayuk Basuki of Indonesia 6-0,

6-3 Saturday night to advance to the championship match of the du Maurier Open tennis tournament.

Erratum

No excuses. The chess puzzle's diagram used in last Friday's "64" should have been this:



White to play and mate in three. Answers should be mailed to "64," c/o The Marianas Variety, P.O. Box 231, or faxed through 234-9271. Thanks to Peter Sibly and to the other "64'ers" who pointed out the error.—cd.

The defending tournament champion will meet the 1992 and 1994 du Maurier winner, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain, who eliminated Kimberly Po 6-0, 6-4. "It's just another match for me — nothing special," Sanchez Vicario said of the upcoming final. "I'm having a great tournament. I'll just play my game and see what happens."

They haven't met since Seles beat Sanchez Vicario in the final of the 1992 U.S. Open. Sanchez Vicario's only victory in 11 matches against Seles was in the du Maurier final at Montreal in 1992.

Sanchez Vicario has lost in the finals of her last three events — the French Open, Wimbledon and the Olympics.

Seles' victory last year in Toronto came in her first tourna-

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Colorado beats Atlanta, 9-7

ATLANTA (AP) - Andres Galarraga hit his second home run of the game in the 10th inning, sending the Colorado Rockies past the Atlanta Braves 9-7 for their fourth straight win.

The Rockies, 20-37 on the road, won their fifth in a row Saturday away from Coors Field. The Braves lost their third straight.

Galarraga hit his 33rd home run and Vinny Castilla followed with his 29th homer off Mark Wohlers (1-2). Galarraga, who set a career high for homers, drove in three

runs and leads the NL with 107 RBIs.

Ellis Burks hit his 31st homer for the Rockies, who used three Atlanta errors to score three unearned runs in building a 7-0 lead.

Atlanta overcame the deficit with a six-run outburst in the fifth inning, highlighted by Chipper Jones' homer, and Fred McGriff's 448-foot home run into the club level in the seventh.

Steve Reed (3-2) pitched two scoreless innings for the win and Bruce Ruffin got his 18th save.

Dodgers 7, Reds 5
In Cincinnati, Todd Hollandsworth, Los Angeles'

newest leadoff hitter, homered for the second straight game as the Dodgers beat the Cincinnati Reds.

Hideo Nomo (11-9) held the Reds hitless until the sixth inning, when they scored four times, three on Eric Davis' 20th homer.

Nomo allowed three hits, walked seven and struck out five in 5 2-3 innings. Todd Worrell pitched the ninth for his 29th save, striking out Reggie Sanders with the bases loaded to end the game.

Dave Burba (6-11) was the

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Agassi, Chang square off

MASON, Ohio (AP) - When Michael Chang outlasted Thomas Enqvist on in the semifinals of the ATP Championship, Andre Agassi got what he wanted.

Not because Agassi thinks Chang will be easy to beat in Sunday's final — just the opposite.

"It requires so much persistence" to beat Chang, Agassi said Saturday after handling Thomas Muster 6-4, 6-1 in the afternoon semifinal. "It requires that discipline, that focus,

that commitment. You have to dig down pretty deep. When you walk off the court, you're really good about it."

Chang advanced to his fourth straight ATP Championship final by finally overcoming Thomas Enqvist 6-1, 2-6, 6-2. It was the first time Chang beat the Swede after three losses.

That set up a rematch of last year's championship, won by Agassi 7-5, 6-2. Chang won the ATP title the previous two years.

"It's interesting because Andre and

I are so different," Chang said. "He's kind of a showman personality. In many ways, he's a charismatic player and person. People who don't know tennis still identify Andre. I tend to keep things on a more private level and am a lot more conservative."

Agassi was a picture of precision in dismantling Muster.

"I was working him left and right, hitting six and seven shots to get the one ball I was waiting on," Agassi said after beating the world's No. 2-

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