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Filipina murdered

By Ferdie de la Torre
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LESS than two weeks after a Chinese national was killed, a Filipino woman was found murdered, her throat was apparently slashed by unknown assailant/s at a worker barracks in Gualo Rai.

Although the police have yet to release the woman's identity, the Variety gathered that the victim was Virginia Dejito Coria, 42, a cashier of K-Store.

Acting Public Safety Information Officer Sgt. Franklin Babauta said the police received Tuesday at 11:10 p.m. a call about a disturbance at K-Store located near Shell gasoline station.

Babauta said when police officers arrived, they saw the victim lying face down on the floor in a pool of blood along the hallway of a house just behind the store.

The officers sought assistance from medics. Doctors who were

brought to the crime scene pronounced the woman dead.

The information officer is asking anyone with information on the killing to call DPS. He said investigators are still looking into the motive behind the murder.

There was unconfirmed information that a struggle occurred in the barracks Tuesday at about 5 p.m., but neighbors simply ignored it.

No information was available



Virginia Dejito Coria

Six months ago, the establishment was rented by a Korean couple and was changed to K-Store.

Among the Pop's Foodmart employees, the Korean couple only "absorbed" Coria. She allegedly received \$300 monthly salary.

Coria was married to Danilo P. Coria of Sto. Tomas, Batangas in the Philippines. They have children back home in Mandaue, Cebu.

The victim, a member of Jehovah's Witnesses, arrived on Saipan on April 11, 1990.

Coria's brother, Felix Dejito, a farmer in Kagman, was "shocked" Continued on page 16



"Katrina" (left), the 15 year old waitress allegedly forced to dance nude, with Philippine labor representative Jesus B. Valera (middle) and Eva Marie Tamayo (right). The two women are among the five workers of Kalesa Bar who filed labor complaints against their manager.

Illegal immigrants use Saipan as jump-off point to Japan-- Sablan

By Jojo Dass
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A JAPAN-bound Filipino was nabbed entering Saipan from the Philippines using a fake Belgian passport while two others, which have earlier entered the island, were also refused entry by Japanese immigration agents for possession of similar travel documents.

The incident, according to Labor and Immigration Secretary Tomas O. Sablan, bolstered claims the island is being used by Filipino illegal immigrants as a jump-off point to Japan.

The secretary refused to identify the Filipinos, two of which are now under his custody, saying doing so might only jeopardize an ongoing probe on the matter.

"The incident has raised the possibility of illegal immigrants using Saipan as a jump-off point to Japan," Sablan told report-



Tomas O. Sablan

ers.

The incident too, has prompted the Department to step up its drive against illegal immigrants entering Saipan using fake passports.

Sablan said his office, aided by concerned US agencies, has now intensified training of immigration personnel on the detection of fake passports.

"It is very unique for us to find a Filipino using a French, a Dutch and a Belgian passport. They [Filipinos] don't look like Europeans to begin with," he said.

The Filipinos, all males, he said, were using French, Dutch and Belgian passports.

Sablan said the arrests began last Thursday with the one using a Belgian passport being the first to fall. He said the latter actually managed to elude Saipan immigration operatives and was able to spend the night in the island prior to his arrest at the airport just as he was about to leave for Japan the following morning.

His two other companions, Sablan said, were nabbed by Japanese immigration operatives shortly after arriving in Japan with the one using a fake French passport having been

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Borja not keen on PSS bid for fiscal autonomy

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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ACTING Gov. Jesus Borja is cold on the Board of Education's proposal to exclude the Public School System from the budget process.

Granting PSS fiscal autonomy would not guarantee a politics-free system, Borja said.

"(Board Chairman Don Farrell) is saying that if they had fiscal autonomy there would be less politics. I'm not sure if that's correct," Borja said. "The board is composed of several members. If they had fiscal autonomy, I'm sure there'd be infighting within the board as to how the moneys would be divided."

In a press conference Tuesday, Farrell said the education sector suffers because politics keeps interfering in the budget process.

On behalf of the board, he proposed that a constitutional provision that guarantees PSS 15 percent of the Commonwealth general revenues be made a permanent source of funding for the agency.

"I'm not sure whether that would answer the question. I'm trying to think of a situation where a government agency is given fiscal autonomy. There are pros and cons to such arrangement,"

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Abuse of a minor?

15-year old waitress claims being forced to dance nude

By Zaldy Dandan
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A FILIPINO woman who just turned 15 is claiming that the Kalesa Bar's manager forced her to dance nude despite her having a waitress's work permit.

"Katrina" (not her real name) is among the five employees of Kalesa Bar who filed labor complaints against their manager Eugene Zamora, a Philippine national.

The other four are June C. Garcia, 31, disc jockey; Carla de Leon, 28, waitress; Eva Marie B. Tamayo, 25, waitress; and Rito Aristores, 30-some, bar tender.

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Weather Outlook



Mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers

Hashimoto reelection seen

By PETER LANDERS
TOKYO (AP) - Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto's conservative party will do well in Sunday's election, winning about half of the parliamentary seats at stake, according to the latest polls.

If accurate, the polls published on Wednesday would likely mean a stable post-election government led by

Hashimoto - something welcomed by conservative businessmen tired of political turmoil. Japan has had eight different prime ministers since 1989.

The benchmark Nikkei Stock Average surged 2 percent Tuesday on early word of the Liberal Democratic Party's strong position in the election.

The LDP enjoyed a majority in

Parliament's powerful lower house for nearly four decades after its founding in 1955 before losing it in the last general election in July 1993.

Two anti-LDP coalition governments governed briefly after that election, but the Liberal Democratic Party has dominated the last two coalitions. LDP president Hashimoto became prime minister this past January.

All of Japan's leading newspapers - the Yomiuri, Asahi, Mainichi and Nihon Keizai - as well as the Kyodo news agency offered similar results in their polls.

Each showed the Liberal Democrats winning about half of the 500 seats at stake. Even if the party falls slightly short of 250 seats, analysts expect it will be able either to lure conservative legislators from other parties for a unilateral majority or to find a coalition partner.

The five polls, all conducted by telephone, surveyed tens of thousands of voters each. They did not offer margins of error but gave the results that showed a range of possibilities.

The Mainichi, for instance, said that the LDP would win between 232 and 260 seats. It said the leading opposition New Frontier Party would take between 127 and 155 seats.

Currently, the LDP has 211 seats and New Frontier 160.

Similar polls in past elections have generally proved accurate, although polling before last summer's vote for Parliament's less-powerful upper house slightly overestimated the Lib-

eral Democratic Party's strength.

Another wild card is Japan's new election system, which combines 300 single-seat districts and 200 seats allotted proportionally to parties based on a separate vote. The old system had just 130 districts with two to six legislators each, so the change required a complete redrawing of the nation's district map.

The results indicate a tough struggle for the New Frontier Party, a loose alliance of former LDP legislators, some trade unionists and followers of the powerful Buddhist group Soka Gakkai.

Many commentators have speculated that a poor showing could force New Frontier leader Ichiro Ozawa to quit. Ozawa's reform proposals - including his calls for a bigger role for Japan's military overseas - have shaped much of Japan's political debate over the past few years.

The other main opposition group, the new Democratic Party, is likely to improve only slightly on its current strength of 52 seats, according to the polls.



A security police officer guards Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, left, who is absorbed in chatting with a girl as he meets with supporters in Tokyo. Hashimoto, who is currently predicted to be re-elected as the prime minister, campaigns for his Liberal Democratic Party to recover a majority in the Oct. 20 Lower House election. AP Photo

Kurdish rebels close in on Irbil

By WAIEL FALEH
BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Kurdish rebels were reported on the outskirts of northern Iraq's capital Tuesday, but leaders said there were no immediate plans to retake the city lost six weeks ago to Iraqi-backed rivals.

The Patriotic Union of Kurdistan was in control of areas 12 miles (19 kilometers) southwest of Irbil, a faction spokesman told The Associated Press in Nicosia, Cyprus.

The PUK last week began a counter-offensive to retake territory lost to the rival Kurdistan Democratic Party, which had had support of Saddam Hussein's army. Saddam's involvement triggered American missile attacks in southern Iraq.

Since Saturday, the rebels have recaptured the region's second-largest city, Sulaymaniyah, along with several districts. And they moved closer to Irbil on Tuesday after overrunning Dibagah, a village 28 miles

(45 kilometers) southwest of the regional capital, said spokesman Lateef Rashid at PUK offices in London.

But Rashid said the PUK had no immediate intention to seize Irbil and there were indications it might be seeking help from noncombatant Kurds.

APUK-run radio station was broadcasting calls for the inhabitants of Irbil to revolt against KDP control, the London-based Arabic daily al-Hayat reported Tuesday.

That follows a report Monday that PUK leader Jalal Talabani said his fighters would rely on Irbil's residents to oust the KDP.

The London paper also quoted an unnamed PUK official as saying five Iraqi divisions were deployed around Irbil.

Iraq claims Iran is backing the PUK and has warned its neighbor to keep out of the latest fighting. The United States says both Iraq and Iran should

refrain from involvement.

Rashid, the PUK spokesman, said he had no reports of renewed fighting Tuesday between the Kurdish groups, which have been at odds for years.

They differ over the PUK's close links with Iran and what policies to adopt in dealing with the Iraqi government. The KDP favors an accommodation with Baghdad over Kurdish demands for autonomy.

The PUK was driven out of Sulaymaniyah, 170 miles (274 kilometers) north of Baghdad, on Sept. 9 in a KDP offensive that began 10 days earlier and brought most of northern Iraq under its control.

In backing the KDP, Saddam sent his army into the northern "safe haven" protected by U.S.-led forces. The United States responded with missile strikes against Iraqi military sites and a U.S. military buildup in the Persian Gulf region.

Court asked to stop California plan to deny prenatal care to undocumented

By JOHN ANTCAK
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Civil rights groups asked a federal judge to block California's plan to deny prenatal care to undocumented immigrant women.

U.S. District Court Judge Mariana Pfaltzer did not set a hearing date on the request filed Tuesday for a temporary restraining order, said Ann Bradley, spokeswoman for the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California.

The ACLU said the request was a response to comments last week by Douglas Porter, chief of the Medical program for the state Department of Health Services, that a halt to prenatal care for undocumented immigrants is "imminent."

Gov. Pete Wilson maintains the cuts are required under the new federal welfare reform bill signed into law by President Clinton.

But opponents accused the gov-

ernor of trying to use the welfare bill as a shield to implement elements of Proposition 187, a 1994 initiative aimed at combating illegal immigration which has been tied up in the courts since its passage.

The groups contend that barring prenatal care would jeopardize the health of pregnant women and their children - who are U.S. citizens at birth - and increase costs when the women are forced to seek emergency services.

Bob Dole gains as 'issues' candidate

By MIKE MOKRZYCKI
NEW YORK (AP) - Growing numbers of voters say Bob Dole has been better at addressing "issues that matter" lately, but the Republican is still seen as attacking President Clinton more than explaining what he would do if elected, according to a national voter survey released Tuesday.

The CBS-New York Times survey also found voters giving a rosier assessment to the tenor of this year's campaign compared with the 1992 race between Clinton and President Bush - at least before Dole on Tuesday stepped up his attacks on Clinton's ethics.

A third of registered voters said this year's race is more positive than past presidential campaigns, one in 10 said more negative. Four years ago a quarter of voters called that campaign more positive than in 1988, and slightly more said it was more negative.

Fifty-five percent in the CBS-Times poll said Dole is addressing the issues that matter to them, up from 40 percent in late September, before the first presidential debate. Sixty-two percent said that of Clinton, up from 56 percent.

But half said Dole spends more time attacking Clinton, 40 percent said he explains what he would do if elected; 68 percent said Clinton does more explaining, 19 percent said more attacking.

Another national survey suggested that more Clinton supporters than Dole backers have reservations about their presidential choice.

Sixty-three percent of registered voters who support Clinton said that they back their candidate with reservations and 35 percent expressed no qualms, according to the ABC News nightly tracking poll Sunday and Monday. Among Dole backers, 51 percent had reservations, 48 percent did not.

However, the survey held evidence that the character issues Dole was



Bob Dole

trying to bring to the forefront on the eve of the second presidential debate aren't a top priority with most voters.

Asked if they had to choose, 75 percent said it's more important that a president "understands the problems of people" and 23 percent said that the president "has the highest personal character."

And a CNN-USA Today-Gallup tracking poll Sunday and Monday found 49 percent said the statement "cares about the needs of people" applies to Clinton, 33 percent said that of Dole.

Overall, 53 percent of likely voters in the ABC poll said they would vote for Clinton if the election were today, 38 percent favored Dole and 6 percent preferred the Reform Party's Ross Perot. Those numbers have changed little since early September in ABC polling.

ABC also found 50 percent of likely voters saying they favored the Democratic candidate in their congressional district, 44 percent the Republican.

That generic congressional question is only a general indicator for House races decided district-by-district.

The Gallup poll found Clinton at 51 percent, Dole 38 and Perot 5 - down 6 points for Clinton since he hit a peak in Gallup polling Friday and Saturday and up 4 for Dole.

Borja on limited entry for FAS citizens:

'It's a matter of necessity'

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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THE CNMI is willing to put at stake its relations with freely associated states by imposing entry restrictions on Micronesians if the federal government insists on not paying the costs of the Compacts of Free Association.

It's not a matter of choice, but a matter of necessity, according to acting Gov. Jesus Borja said yesterday.

"Much as we enjoy and love our brothers and sisters from



Jesus Borja

Jones blames PSS budget woes on 'mismanagement'



Dino M. Jones

By Zaldy Dandan
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HOUSE Minority Leader Dino M. Jones yesterday said that the Public School System's "budget crisis" may have been caused by "mismanagement."

"The Public School System (PSS) has been in continuing resolution from 1992, until (Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio) came (into power)," Jones (D-Saipan) said. "They managed to operate. Why only now (that this 'budget crisis' happened)?"

The former Board of Education's vice chair said "there must be a mismanagement of funds and in the setting of priorities."

Asked for a comment, PSS Commissioner William S. Torres said "it's a waste of my time to react or to comment on (what Jones said)."

Jones, who was visibly upset when he came out of yesterday's House

leadership meeting, said he supports "100 percent" PSS's budget.

He added, however, that if PSS would be given a "piece-meal" budget—as agreed upon yesterday by most of the House members—the budgets of the Departments of Public Safety and of Public Health Services should also be "taken care of."

"After all the police and the hospital are 24-hour operations," Jones said.

He said that during the meeting, he proposed giving acting Gov. Jesus C. Borja "unlimited" reprogramming authority to deal with PSS's budgetary needs.

However, the rest of the House members favored passing a piece-meal budget for PSS.

"A piece-meal legislation is not a temporary solution," Jones said. "It's a budget already. What (PSS) asked for is a temporary solution."

Torres and Board of Education Chair Don Farrell has requested Borja's help in securing PSS's at least 15 percent share from the expected general revenue of the CNMI.

The PSS officials request came after Tenorio's veto of the \$237 million proposed fiscal year 1997 CNMI budget.

The officials said PSS cannot operate on a continuing resolution because it did not have an appropriation under the fiscal year 1996 budget.

Tenorio line-item vetoed the fiscal year 1996 appropriations for PSS, which had already used the 1995 budget level during fiscal year 1996.

Farrell, in an interview, warned that "if nothing happens or if status quo remains," PSS will totally run out of money by December.

Woman stabbed in robbery

By Ferdie de la Torre
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A CHINESE woman was injured after she was stabbed with a knife by a man who allegedly robbed her in Gualo Rai Tuesday night.

Police said the victim, described as a 25-year-old Chinese of Gualo Rai, was treated at the Commonwealth Health Center for a stab wound to the lower back.

Initial investigation showed that while the woman was walking towards Rem Center, the suspect approached and grabbed her to the bushy area.

The suspect stabbed the woman during the struggle and took her wallet containing \$177.83 in check and \$64.99 cash.

The victim managed to get away.

Police described the suspect as skinny, with short hair, and about 5'6" tall.

The incident happened shortly after a Filipino woman was found murdered at a barracks in Gualo Rai. (See related story on page 1).

The robbery occurred near the barracks where the woman was killed, police said.

other islands in the Pacific, I think we have a greater responsibility to our own citizens here," Borja said.

Borja was reacting to a statement made Tuesday by Pohnpei Gov. Del Pangelinan that the CNMI's entry restriction plan "is causing unnecessary strains in the Federated States of Micronesia-CNMI relations."

FSM which is composed of Pohnpei, Kosrae, Chuuk and Yap, is one of the freely associated states with which the United States had forged the Compacts. The two others are Marshall Islands and Republic of Palau.

The Compacts permit citizens from these states unrestricted entry into the Commonwealth, Guam, Hawaii and

American Samoa. Borja said he met with Pangelinan on Tuesday, but the Pohnpei governor did not mention his worries about the possible straining of relations between the CNMI and the Micronesian states.

"He (Pangelinan) did not bring up the matter. I wish he did. I could have discussed the matter with him," Borja said.

He said the plan of imposing entry restrictions "is not a matter of wanting to do it, but having to do it because we're not getting the assistance that is promised to us by the US government."

Nevertheless, Borja remains optimistic the federal government would not waiver on its "obligation."

Richard Miller, an economist from the Department of Interior's policy division said last week, the federal government is not obligated to reimburse the CNMI, Guam, and Hawaii for the Compact impact.

"I'm still optimistic that the federal government will live up to its obligation but if not then I think we have to restrict the entry of (FAS migrants)," Borja said.

Borja said the Commonwealth government wants to avoid a situation wherein it would have to charge fees on Micronesian students in the CNMI.

"If we limit the entry then we wouldn't have to charge the students attending our public schools," Borja said.



Members of the House gather to discuss options pertaining to the financial difficulties being experienced by the Public School System due to the absence of a current year budget for the PSS.

Speaker assures Education Board gov't won't allow school shutdown

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff
GIVING the Public School System fiscal autonomy is not the solution to its present "budget crisis," House Speaker Diego T. Benavente said yesterday.

Benavente (R-Saipan) was reacting to the "request" of Board of Education officials that the Public School System (PSS) be allowed to manage its own financial affairs.

Education officials, at a press conference Tuesday, said they are "tired of politics" getting in the way of the education system.

"I understand the frustration because of the budget crisis," Benavente said, "(but) I don't think there's a need for (fiscal) autonomy."

He said PSS's budget crisis can be resolved through existing statutes and laws.

The Legislature, he added,

will deal with PSS's concerns without giving the agency full autonomy.

"I disagree that the system is not working. It is working. This Legislature will assist (PSS). Any legislature would come in and assist. We're not going to allow PSS to close down or go into a crisis where our students will suffer. We're not going to let that happen," Benavente said.

Education officials, he said, should not say that only the CNMI government has problems with its budget.

"Democratic systems everywhere (has this problem too)," Benavente said.

"The federal government (last year) didn't have a budget for a few months. Anywhere that has this system of government is going to run into something like this."

Board of Education Chair Don Farrell on Tuesday proposed that

PSS be given fiscal autonomy by amending Article XV of the Constitution either through a legislative or popular initiative.

Article XV of the Constitution guarantees PSS at least 15 percent of the general revenues of the Commonwealth.

The board wants this PSS budget provision to become a permanent funding source for the education agency.

The 15 percent share is at least 25 percent lower than the amount appropriated for PSS under the proposed \$237 million budget for fiscal year 1997 which was vetoed by Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio.

Under the vetoed bill, PSS was supposed to get \$42.5 million.

Farrell said PSS's political autonomy "is meaningless" because of the agency's continued dependence on the two branches of the government for its budget appropriation.

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Tinanom chaguan para ganansia

POT MAS ke sinkuenta años, manohge gi halom katma yan pagyo sin inigoñg, hapupulan sinison flores niha estake u fanoa, poduñg ginen i ramas ya dokku gi papa' niha.

Guiya este halom tano' 'nai seso i natibo man kasadules entre ayuyu, manog hatsado, binado yan hagon haya. Pago, klaro i lugat kulan hatdin ya gaige i turista na kumasadudules undikiki' na bulañ golf.

I ma'adelantan este siha na lugat dañgkulo na gasto. Entre \$90 milyon esta \$250 milyon na gasto, depende gi hafa gaige gi plano pot kuañon hotel yan otro siha fasilidat. I natibo ayo patteña i atkilon tanoña, chochu' yan kontribusion tax. I man inbesta, i ganansia ginen este na fasilidat tat komo apas huegon golf, kuañon hotel yan neñgkano' gi resturan.

Deste Saipan esta Luta, guaha nu este na fasilidat pot para tane' turista yan taotao tano'. Dispues de mahatsa i fasilidat ya un konsidera hafa achamegai ganansiaña yan pastahan guaka osino komo tano' kasadules, klaro giya hago mismo na ti tana' siña umadelanta este siha na lugat ginen finkasta mismo. Lao este na adelanto, ti manmalñño hit nu i tano' sa dispues de tetminon i atkilon, todo adelanto u saga para i natibo.

I manman inbesta gi este siha na tano' publiko yan praibet, ha ayeg tano'ta sa' fitme na pisun politika 'nai manotohge hit. Sen siña manmalag otro tano' 'nai manmaoffrerese dibadde tano'. Lao mas mangai konfiansa giya hita pot gumugupo i banderan Amerikano guine siha na islas. Dispues, mauleg i fasilidat publiko siha guine ke otro lugat.

Yangin ta konsidera na poble tano'ta gi bandan mina, megai nina' fan matman haf' taimano na taiguine adalentaña ekonomia. Dumaña i ayudo ginen lago, finkas Japones, yan mauleg na areglamento siha ginen hita mismo na fumelis todo kinalamntenta. Iya Marianas siña mausa kinalamntenta komo modelo gi otro siha gobietno siha gi halom iya Micronesia yan papa' apuya' tase.

I golf course ni talilie' guine biyon pesos na bisnis giya Japon. Sais años malofan, guaha mas ke onse (11) milyon na panag golf manmabende Japon. Mas kahulo' este na numero sa' famosu na huego gi halom Japones. Achogha' pago manutuhon, gigon matto siempre ha falague i golf course para u gando gi papa' somnag sa na' banidoso lokue' para siha yangin gai kulot dididi' lasasmo sa' todo siempre tumuño na ginen bumakasion hao.

Dañgkulo na ganansia tafatinas ginen halom tano' untiempo ni mabotdosa ya matanume chaguan. Bastara ke sumen guagan na huego Japon mina' ma'ayeg tanota sa' tres oras ha' ginen tano' niha. Sumen makat mamatinas oran golf giya Japon. Esta sais mesis tatte deste ke mamatinas i taotao kontrata 'nai siña gumando. I huegon golf un aktibidat na dinira un dia sa' chago' i fasilidat golf ya tinaka' 'nos kuantos oras estake para un fatto guato.

Ayo na megai na turista hachulele' mage panag niha sa' chadegña humugando guine ke mismo tano' niha. Lamegai na golf course esta \$1-milyon pesos i para un miembro solu. Estague' muna' mampos famosu na huego gi halom i man gai keble na taotague giya Japon. Hu chage gumando gi dos golf course 'nai \$1-milyon i apas miembro. Magahet na bonito plasetna ya todo setbisio para i miembro yan bisitaña, primera.

Seguroyo' na sumaga este na offfisio komo primera tane' para megai na turistan Japonese. Lao mas ha' pago ha espipaha lugat 'nai guaha milag hanom ginen botkan osino lugat ni ti inestotba nu ayo na adelanto i guaha gi mandañgkulo siha na siuda tat komo Tokyo, Osaka, Honolulu, yan otro siha siuda. Yan niha ayo i tai atifisio na lugat 'nai siña ha agradesse tinanom haddin osino sombra petmanente siha na tronkon hayo taimano iya Luta. Estague' i futuroñ industriar turista para iya Marianas.

Lao sumen namatman sa' maseha poble tano'ta finkas, kanaha' todo kinalamntenta gi bandan ekonomia adelantaño finaposta ke memegaina gi halom iya Micronesia. Fuera de iya Guam, Marianas segundo kinalamnten ekonomiaña gi halom pasifiko. Lao maseha ginen ta gacha' ennao na eskalera, ti debi tamatmane sa' guaha otro siha lugat 'nai siña hayute' salape' niha turista ginen Japon, Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan yan iya China.

Maseha kulan na'chaleg, pago ha' 'nai hulie' matanom i chaguan ya mama' ganansia gi ayo siha na tano'ta i hagas halom tano' 'nai sosobla tañgantañgan. Si Yuus Maase!



JACK ANDERSON and JAN MOLLER
WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

White House buying time for Mideast peace

WASHINGTON—A day before Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu shook hands with Yasser Arafat, a group of Palestinian Americans were given advance word of the scripted event during a closed-door meeting with National Security Council and State Department officials.

The secret White House meeting was one of four that have taken place on a biweekly basis at the White House between Arab Americans and White House officials. They were organized earlier this summer as a way to exchange information and ideas on how to revive the derailed Mideast peace process. President Clinton lent credibility to the back-channel diplomacy by attending the first session.

Although some of the participants vary, the agenda remains the same: how to rescue the Palestinian economy, where unemployment has soared to 60 percent, and revive the faltering peace process.

One of the main topics in these meetings has been the release of \$10 million in American aid to Arafat's Palestinian Authority. The funds have been blocked for months by Rep. Benjamin Gilman, R-N.Y., the head of the House International Relations Committee whose congressional district includes many ultra-orthodox Jews opposed to the peace process.

Administration officials have approached the impasse with Gilman gingerly, fearing he might seek reprisals in other areas of foreign policy. Gilman says he's opposing the aid because of Arafat's refusal to open up his financial records for congressional investigators.

At least privately, Clinton administration officials view the \$10 million as a way of buying time. A permanent solution is pegged to the success of the peace process and the full integration of the Israeli and Palestinian economies. But that can't proceed until after the American election and after the new Netanyahu government gets its sea legs.

One source estimates that it will take many months just for the new Likud negotiators to forge the kind of personal relationships with their Palestinian counterparts that are a prerequisite to successful talks.

American officials are wary about attaching too much significance to the 510 million for tactical reasons. Specifically, it could divert attention from convincing Israel to unseal the West Bank and Gaza Strip borders which were closed for security reasons. When open, the borders were crossed daily by up to 100,000 Palestinian workers, who earned a collective \$6 million a day

in Israel before travel restrictions were imposed.

"The current Israeli government wants the Palestinians to succeed economically because they don't want to see them go into riots," one close observer of the peace process negotiations told us.

An American official, ascribing a less-than-altruistic motive, suggests that Netanyahu wants "greatness," and knows that it will remain elusive for any Israeli leader as long as Palestinians are dwelling in squalid ghettos.

President Clinton has shown public and private signs of feeling Palestinians' pain. In July, Clinton noted their "desperate economic problems" and declared that the United States had an "obligation" to Arabs who had "stuck their necks out" for peace.

CLINTON VS. DOLE—Recent Republican polling data contains some good news and some bad news for GOP presidential candidate Bob Dole.

First, the good news: President Clinton is considered "unethical" and "shifty" by a key group of female swing voters likely to vote this year. Now the bad news: Dole is regarded as "Gingrich's stud" and "too rigid."

GOP pollster Frank Luntz's confidential findings came under the heading of "what women privately say about..." According to the data, all the respondents reject partisan politics and none intend to vote a straight-ticket, though the women consider themselves conservatives or moderates. No liberals were included in the poll.

"In short, this is our target audience," Luntz wrote in a recent report. What follows are among the words various women used to describe the main players this election.

Bill Clinton: "President, indecisive, experienced, vigorous, unethical, unprivileged, womanizer, liberal, narcissistic, dishonest, poor, fair, untrustworthy, sneaky, liar, learning, unscrupulous, wishy-washy, caring willy-nilly, waffle, untrustworthy, double-talker, good, scary, changeable, politician, slick, improvement, bumbling shifty, ambitious, empathetic, immoral."

Bob Dole: "Undecided, staid too rigid, sufficient friendly old, sincere, too old, motivated, weak insincere conservative, probing archaic, emphatic, knowledgeable, Gingrich's stud, arrogant, stagnant, trustworthy, aged, very good, over-the-hill, salesman, strong leader, undecided, stiff, stoic."

Perhaps not surprisingly, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton produced some of the most polarized reactions. She was variously called "Miss President," "scheming," "an enigma" and "serpentine"—as well as "intelligent," for equality" and "nice."

Back-to-back sessions today

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff
THE HOUSE of Representatives and the Senate will hold "back-to-back" sessions today to pass the fiscal year 1997 budget bill for the Public School System.

The House session will start at 9:30 a.m., while the Senate is expected to begin its session in the afternoon.

Both houses of the Legislature are expected to pass a "piece-meal" FY 1997 budget bill that would appropriate some \$42 million for the Public School System (PSS).

House Speaker Diego T. Benavente (R-Saipan) yesterday said that most House members preferred the drafting of a piece-meal budget for PSS instead of granting acting Gov. Jesus C.

Borja unlimited reprogramming powers.

Benavente said education officials will be consulted in the drafting of PSS's bill.

A Variety source, who requested anonymity, said Benavente also got assurance from the Senate that there would be no changes to be proposed by the senators once the House pass the bill.

The PSS officials have requested for "emergency funding" after Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio's veto of the FY 1997 CNMI budget bill.

Board of Education Chair Farrell, in an earlier interview, warned that "if nothing happens or if status quo remains," PSS will totally run out of money by December.

Both Tenorio and the leaders of



Diego T. Benavente

Legislature have said that PSS will not be "allowed to shutdown its operations."

Aside from the PSS budget bill, at least four other legislations will be prefiled and introduced in tomorrow's House session:

• House Bill 10-300, "A Bill for an Act to exempt sales of liquid fuel to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp..." filed by Rep. Heinz Hofschneider (R-Saipan) and three others.

• H.B. 10-301, "A Bill for an Act to increase the mandatory sentences for certain types of drug trafficking; (and) to establish mandatory minimum sentences for manslaughter..." filed by House Minority Leader Dino M. Jones (D-Saipan).

• H.B. 10-302, "A Bill for an Act to prohibit the issuance of driver's license to persons under 18 years of age unless they are either enrolled in school or have already graduated." filed by Jones.

• H.B. 10-303, "A Bill for an Act to synchronize public school hours..." filed by Jones.

PTA Council gets involved in pushing for PSS monies

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff
THE COUNCIL of Parent-Teachers' Associations yesterday urged all members and parents to urge government officials "not to sacrifice the education of our children for political compromise," in what appeared to be a snowballing protest against the recent veto of the bill appropriating \$42.5 million to the education sector.

Saying Gov. Froilan Tenorio's junking of the proposal "has put our children's educational need at risk," Thomas J. Camacho, CPTA Chairperson, in a letter sent to CPTA members.

He asked members to call acting Governor Jesus C. Borja, the Office of the Special Assistant for Management and Budget, House Speaker Diego Benavente, Senate President Jesus Sablan and other legislators to air their concerns.

"Call them and tell them not to sacrifice the education of our children for political compromise," Camacho said in his letter.

"Tell them that placing education as a priority is within the best interest of our children, grandchildren and their families. The power to deprive our children and grandchildren or to improve the quality of education is now completely in the Tenorio-

Borja Administration and the 10th Northern Marianas Legislature," he added.

"Parents, guardians, grandparents and teachers, I urge everyone to unite and voice our opinion about putting children first before politics!" he further said.

The move came at the heels of reactions over the budget veto which include a proposal made by the Board of Education asking the Legislature to remove the Public School System from the budget process and allow it to manage own affairs.

It also came following strong remarks made by BOE Chairperson Don Farrell who has reportedly hurled thick volumes of budget documents to the floor saying the development "make me sick!"

"They [Legislature] spend thousands of dollars and thousands of hours to prepare them [proposals]. Every year we sit at the Legislature and are asked questions. I'm tired of watching these for three years," he was quoted as saying.

The PSS, Farrell has warned, will consequently run out of money by Dec. 22 this year if the deadlock continues. Other dire results include unpaid teachers, ungranted housing benefits, unreleased bonuses and even mass lay off.

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Audit: CHC 'misled' the gov't

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff
THE Department of Public Health has reported that the privatization of the Commonwealth Health Center's laboratory operations resulted in annual savings of \$1.6 million.

That's a farce, according to the Office of Public Auditor.

On the contrary, the OPA says, CHC is losing about \$260,000 per year as a result of privatization. The report released yesterday by Public Auditor Leo LaMotte covers an audit of costs savings and other aspects of the CHC's five-year contract with the Clinical Laboratories of the CNMI for the operation of the hospital's laboratory unit. The contract's effectivity began on Dec. 11,

1995. DPH at the same time sold the CHC's laboratory equipment, supplies, and furniture.

Upon request of the House Committee on Health, Education and Welfare, DPH Secretary Isamu Abraham submitted an audit report prepared by the private accounting firm DeLoitte & Touche.

DeLoitte & Touche said that "the privatization of the laboratory will create real costs savings of approximately \$1.6 million annually aside from producing new rental revenue of the lease of the laboratory space."

But OPA's own audit found that the DPH's savings projection was wrong "because it did not take into account revenues while

being operated by CHC." "Our review showed that in privatizing, CHC is losing about \$260,000 per year or \$1.3 million over the five-year contract period," the report said.

After receiving the OPA's draft last August, CHC "made a new estimate showing annual savings of \$4,374 after including revenues lost."

OPA said the "correct may never be known because records are not available from which a completely accurate computation

can be made." But as far as OPA is concerned, the exactness of the figure "is not that important."

"What is important," the report says, "is that full disclosure be made prior to privatizing. It appears to us that revenues were ignored purposely to mislead government officials into believing that substantial amounts of money are being saved."

OPA has also found that the laboratory equipment was not sold at a fair market value. The equip-

ment that costs \$427,717 was sold for \$147,662.

In response, Abraham raised the following points:

- CHC's operations of the laboratory was not profitable as its recomputation still resulted in small savings;

- The privatization resulted in a total first year advantage of \$300,573 and;

- The findings of the OPA contained only soft figures and did not provide sufficient hard numbers.

DPS, MVB signs cleanup MOU

By Ferdio de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE DEPARTMENT of Public Safety and the Marianas Visitors Bureau signed yesterday a Memorandum of Understanding in connection with the DPS cleanup project.

DPS Commissioner Jose M. Castro and MVB Managing Director Anicia Q. Tomokane signed the MOU with Division of Corrections Director Jose C. San Nicholas and DPS Deputy Commissioner for Operations Lino S. Tenorio.

Tomokane said MVB donated tools for the DPS continuing efforts to rehabilitate selected inmates who are part of the cleanup

project. The managing director said the equipment will be used to assist in the maintenance at Obyan Beach, Laulau Beach, Tank Beach, Marine Beach, Tanapag Beach, Wing Beach, and Suwaso Beach.

Under the MOU, the DPS shall maintain use of the tools in their rehabilitation efforts.

The tools include two bush cutters, three machetes, wheelbarrow, four gas containers, two water jugs, two chainsaws and two rakes.

The DPS shall obtain permits from the Division of Environmental Quality, Coastal Resource Management Office, Historic Preservation Office, and affected government agencies for improvement

projects. DPS has launched a cleanup project at the Laolao Bay with the assistance of some inmates.

Inmates have been volunteering to clean the bay's beach side by collecting garbage and cutting trees and grasses.

Tenorio and Major Sandy Tudela who are supervising the cleanup said they are conducting the project for the safety and security of tourists, local fishermen and picnickers.

Tomokane hailed the DPS project as she underscored the need to continue the inter-government agencies partnership in realizing goals for the good of the Commonwealth.

Borja honors firms employing PWDs

ACTING Governor Jesus Borja yesterday asked employers to have a change of attitude towards hiring Persons With Disabilities saying such would open the gate of realization on the handicapped's contribution to economic growth.

Speaking before representatives of about 60 establishments awarded for employing PWDs and other delegates during ceremonies held at the Dai Ichi Hotel, Borja implied that attitude problem is the real handicap in allowing PWDs a share in the mainstream

employment arena. Most employers have been known to frown on the idea of hiring PWDs citing the latter's supposed limitations in terms of productivity.

The ceremonies, organized by the Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council, was also meant to entice more employers into hiring PWDs.

The GDCC, in coming up with the said ceremonies, also sought to express that hiring PWDs is now a "plus factor" to firm own-

ers who do so. Among establishments cited for employing PWDs include this newspaper, the JC Tenorio Enterprises, the Dai Ichi Hotel, and the Continental Micronesia.

Hundreds of PWDs, according to Labor and Immigration Secretary Tomas O. Sablan, are now dispersed into various sector among which include the manufacturing industry, wholesale and retail trade an even tourism.

These are mostly the deaf and paraplegic, Sablan said.

The ceremonies, Sablan said, was the first thus far.

He expressed optimism more employers will soon start employing PWDs thereby giving these once ignored sector a fair share in the labor employment market.

NMC to host meeting on MA program at San Diego

NORTHERN Marianas College will host a meeting for anyone interested in obtaining a Masters Degree from San Diego State University.

The MA's will be offered in Educational Leadership, and the program is tentatively scheduled to begin in January, 1997.

Anyone seeking more information is invited to attend a meeting today Thursday, October 17, at 4:30 in Room A-8 on the NMC campus.

Stiff requirements blamed for rise in number of live-in couples

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff
A LOT of couples among natives of the Philippines in the CNMI have been forced to live together without the benefit of marriage because of "stringent" requirements imposed by the consulate, several contract workers say.

Bert Aninzo of Island Management Services complained that just getting a birth certificate and an affidavit of civil status, two documents needed to get a certificate of legal capacity to contract marriage, entails going through five government agencies.

"They (consulate) make it hard for us who want to marry," he told the Variety. Aninzo was reacting to a finding of the local Roman Catholic Church that a high 78 percent of surveyed parents were not married in church. Forty percent of those polled were cohabiting without the benefit of any form of marriage.

Aninzo, 28, said that up to now he could not wed his girl friend because of the "hassles" involved in producing "authenticated" birth certificate and "authenticated" affidavit of civil status.

Chamber set to hold forum

THE SAIPAN Chamber of Commerce will hold a forum to launch a comprehensive economic study entitled "Commonwealth 2000".

The Forum will be on next Friday, October 25, 1996 at the Charley's Cabaret area of the Pacific Islands Club from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon with the famous PIC buffet luncheon following.

Admission is \$515.00 for Chamber members and \$20.00 for non-members.

The grassroots efforts is open to anyone in the community who is concerned about the areas focus of this study and the quality of life we enjoy in the CNMI.

According to a news release, even non-Chamber members may participate - government agencies, private sector businesses, and individuals at large are welcome and encouraged to attend this morning forum to hear about the scope of the project, share their thoughts and opinions - and to get involved further, if they wish.

The areas that the study will focus on are: Banking & Finance, Economic Development, Social Issues (Health, Education & Diversity) and Environmental Issues.

Volunteer task forces have formed to concentrate on these issues and answer the question: "What is the Status Quo on this issue?" "What would be our best vision for the CNMI's future on this issue?" and "What suggestions can we offer to make this vision a reality?"

Individuals interested in attending need to simply call the Chamber office at 233-7150 (fax:233-7151) by Wednesday, 10/23/96, to let them know how many people to prepare for.

Warring lawyers in mall case to face off in court



Ted Mitchell Jeanne Flayphard David Banes Steve Pixley

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff
THE WORD war will continue, but this time it goes beyond press releases, nasty correspondences, and legal briefs.

And it promises to be a show. Ted Mitchell vs. L&T Lawyers David Banes and Steven Pixley face to face.

The Supreme Court has scheduled for Nov. 15 oral arguments between the parties involved in the Pacific Mall case. The high court's action was in response to Banes' request.

Subject of the arguments is the appeal filed by Mitchell, Rep. Stanley Torres, and Jeanne Rayphand, who are seeking the reversal of the Superior Court's order that virtually dropped all of them from the case.

Torres and Rayphand were replaced as plaintiffs. Mitchell was disqualified from representing the plaintiffs.

L&T lawyers have tried but failed three times to block the plaintiffs' appeal at the high court.

The case stemmed from the taxpayers suit filed by the three against the government and L&T in connection with the lease of a prime land in Lower Navy Hill, where the Pacific Mall is to be built.

Ever since the case was filed, the parties involved in the case have been engaged in trading nasty letters, press statements and name-calling.

The oral arguments will be held at Courtroom A of the Superior Court. The high court did not set the time of the hearing.

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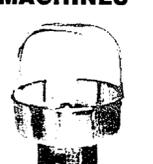
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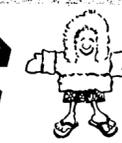
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RP eyed as foreign retirees' haven

MORE and more foreign retirees have found the Philippines an ideal haven in spending their retirement years. Philippine Retirement Authority (PRA) chief executive officer, Vermette Umali-Paco said at least 4,323 foreign retirees from 61 countries have already signed up with PRA, the government agency tasked to assist foreign retirees desiring to retire in the country. Most of the retirees, the lady lawyer said, come from Asian neighbor countries like Japan, Hong Kong, China and Taiwan even as there are many others from Australia, Great Britain and the United States. Under the PRA program, foreigners desiring to spend their retirement years in the Philippines have to enroll with the Agency, after which they become eligible for Special Resident Retirees' Visas (SRRV), a multiple entry visa type with no restrictions on foreign travel. *Philippine Journal*

Central Bank still optimistic

ALTHOUGH the stock market continues to suffer from the flight of foreign funds, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) still believes the appetite for higher interest rate gains will keep these monies in the Philippines. In an interview, BSP head for treasury Sergio Edeza said the "healthy difference" between local and foreign interest rates will "give" no reason for investors to go out" despite the sustained drop in the local equities market. *Business World*

Gov't sets off to replenish OPSF

THE GOVERNMENT is allocating some P2.3 billion (\$90 M) from next year's budget to cover the deficit in the Oil Price Stabilization Fund (OPSF). The Department of Finance (DOF) said this planned realignment become necessary following the closure of all other potential revenue sources for the depleting funds of the OPSF.

Sources said Finance Secretary Roberto de Ocampo will try to convince Budget Secretary Salvador M. Enrique Jr. to back the budget realignment when Cabinet Cluster B or the economic cluster meets today, October 15. Sources also pointed out this is going to be a tough assignment for De Ocampo knowing the budget secretary's stand on subsidies to the oil sector. *Philippine Journal*

Palace seeks good ties with Senate

EXECUTIVE Secretary Ruben Torres said Malacanang will discuss with the new Senate leadership the need to preserve the existing system of cooperation between Congress and Malacanang in tomorrow's Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council meeting. "We will see how this can be ironed out," Torres said. He was referring to an announcement over the weekend by Senate President Ernesto Maceda (NPC) and Senate President Pro-Tempore Blas Ople (Laban) that the Senate will draft its own agenda instead of allowing Malacanang to decide on which bills should get Congress priority. Maceda, with the help of Laban senators led by Sen. Edgardo Angara, ousted last Thursday Sen. Neptali Gonzales as Senate president. *Malaya*

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Village being built in RP for asylum-seekers

PUERTO PRINCESA, Philippines (AP) - Work began Tuesday on a replica Vietnamese village to house asylum-seekers from Vietnam who have opted to remain in the Philippines after the United Nations stopped funding their refugee camp. Vietnamese volunteers wearing colorful headaddresses lighted incense to lead other asylum-seekers in a two-hour ground-breaking ceremony at the site on the outskirts of Puerto Princesa on Palawan Island. By December, about 300 temporary bunkhouses housing some 1,000 asylum-seekers are to be built on the 8.2-hectare (20-acre) site, bought with 7 million pesos (\$269,000) given by Vietnamese living in Canada and the United States. Volunteer engineers and architects of Vietnamese descent have arrived from Canada to help the asylum-seekers build their new homes, which officials hope will become a tourist attraction. The Philippine government plans to transfer the refugees to the new site, about 580 kilometers (360 miles) southwest of Manila, by the end of the year because the military will use the refugee camp they are now occupying. Most of the Vietnamese in the camp left their homeland after the Communists defeated the former South Vietnamese government in 1975. But they were denied asylum in Western nations and do not want to return home. Puerto Princesa Mayor Edward Hagedorn said he has urged the Vietnamese to replicate their native style of houses so that "when tourists come here they will see a real Vietnamese community." Palawan Bishop Pedro Arigo said

he hoped the new home for the Vietnamese would be considered "a shining monument to the hospitality and the Christianity of the Philippines." Christian leaders persuaded President Fidel Ramos to allow the asylum-seekers to stay in the Philippines despite the cutoff of funding. However, those being allowed to stay do not include 339 who left Vietnam under a U.S. "Orderly Departure Program" for Vietnamese whose fathers were believed to be American servicemen, and their relatives. They were denied entry to the United States after a re-examination of their papers when they arrived in the Philippines for training showed the documents were incomplete or fraudulent. The Philippines says the United States must take responsibility for that group.



Filipino women display protest placards as they stage a roving picket outside a Manila hotel where a three-day conference on the role of women for the APEC was held. The protesters assailed at the APEC allegedly for not paying attention to the women's issues. The Philippines hosts the 4th summit of APEC leaders next month. *AP Photo*

Squatters hit RP gov't for their eviction due to APEC conference

By CLARO CORTES
MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Germiniano Gonzales, a 17-year squatter being forced from his shack, has been offered a new place to live. Trouble is, land is scarce and the new spot is under 3 meters (10 feet) of water. "We either build houses on stilts or we have to learn how to breathe under water," he says of the government land offer. Gonzales, along with 1,200 other families who live on a stretch of reclaimed land in Manila Bay, have been told they must leave the squatter community by the end of the month. The residents charge that the government plans to tear down the shantytown to beautify the city for a summit of Asia-Pacific leaders in November. The reclaimed land lies near the convention center where senior officials of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum are to meet. Gonzales, a construction worker with a family of seven, says the Public Estates Authority has offered the squatters a new housing site in nearby

Paranaque. While the location is acceptable, the site, a former salt farm, is 3 meters (about 10 feet) under water, he says. Salt farms are low-lying areas that are flooded periodically by the ocean. Over time the water evaporates, leaving the salt behind, before it floods again. Cristy Mortel, project manager of the estate authority, says other available resettlement areas are farther away. "We don't want a confrontation with the squatters. We want this to be a peaceful agreement between us and them," she says. A decade after the Philippines' "people power" revolution promised economic justice and land reform, Gonzales is one of nearly 3 million people squatting on public or private land in Metro Manila, a staggering one-third of the capital's population. That fraction is likely to climb to half by the year 2000 as poor people continue to pour in from the countryside, researchers at the University of the Philippines say. Past government efforts to solve the squatter problem have had little impact. Only 44,717 families were resettled during the decade before Fidel Ramos became president in 1992, and many of those returned to their old sites because they found their resettlement areas too far from jobs and other necessities. Ramos says 66,000 squatter families will be moved this year from unsafe areas. But thousands of squatters have demonstrated in recent weeks against the evictions, saying the real motivation is a beautification campaign for the Nov. 25 APEC summit, to be attended by the leaders of 18 nations. "They are being removed to show the APEC delegates that the Philippines has solved its problem of poverty, but everything is just window dressing," says Renato Constantino Jr., leader of the leftist Sanlakas workers' alliance. "People still live in abject poverty." The government denies the evictions are related to APEC preparations. Local officials, however, have told slum dwellers that they are under pressure from Ramos to clear squatter colonies before November.

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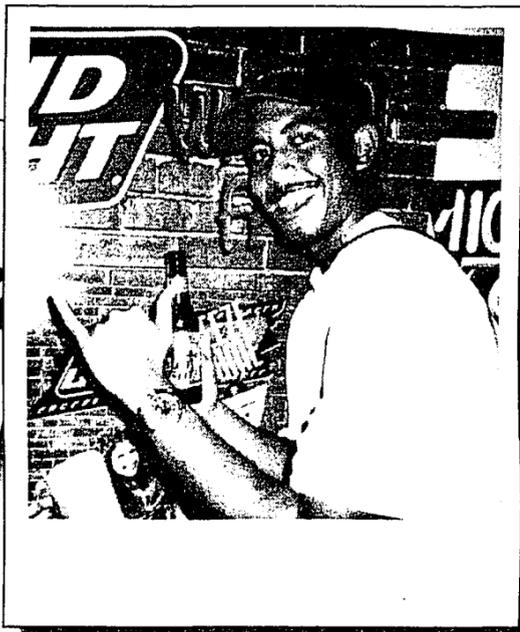
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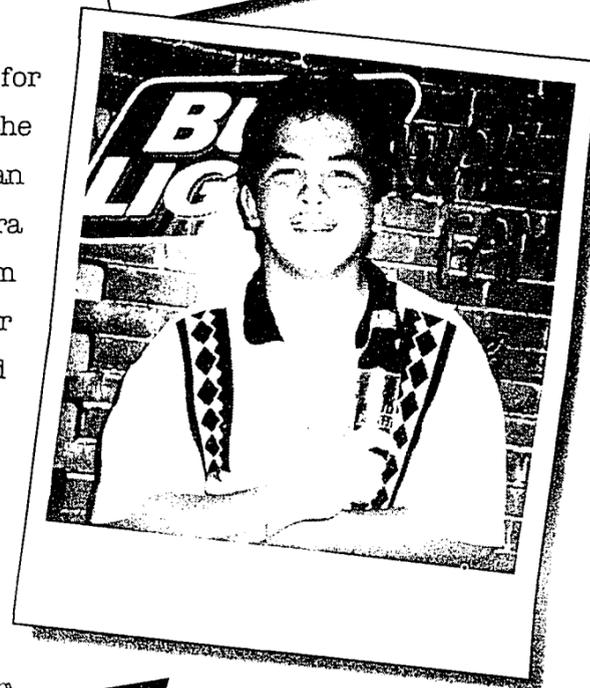
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No snub for President Clinton

By ALAN THORNHILL
CANBERRA, Australia (AP) - Prime Minister John Howard will make sure President Bill Clinton gets to address a joint session of Parliament when he visits Australia, despite the objections of his Senate president.
 Sen. Margaret Reid, an arch-conservative, says it is wrong to give Clinton the honor of speaking at a joint sitting of Parliament, as President George Bush did in 1992. And she says it was wrong that Bush got the privilege.
 "In my view (that) should not have occurred, that it was not our custom for visiting heads of state to address the joint sitting in the House of Representatives," she

US leader to address parliament, says Australian PM
 said in a letter to Howard.
 Reid wants Clinton's address, set for Nov. 20, to take place in the Great Hall at Parliament House, not in the chambers of the House of Representatives.
 A U.S. Embassy official, Sheila Austrian, said: "The schedule is still so much in the planning stage that it would be premature to comment."
 Clinton is due to visit Australia from Nov. 19-23 with First Lady Hillary Clinton, prior to attending the summit of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum leaders in the Philippines.
 Reid put Howard in an embar-



Bill Clinton

Congress in 1988.
 U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who was then commander in chief of allied forces in the South West Pacific, also addressed Parliament during World War II on the dangers then facing the nation.

Chinese-born MP makes debut visit to parliament

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) - Pansy Wong made history Tuesday, walking into New Zealand's Parliament House as the first Chinese ever elected as a legislator.
 The 41-year-old Shanghai-born, Hong Kong-reared accountant became the first Asian elected to Parliament when she won a seat in last Saturday's general election.
 Wong on Tuesday attended her first caucus as a member of the National Party, the governing party until the election. It is now seeking to recruit coalition partners to retain its hold on power.
 "Very inspiring to be here. It has been a very busy and non-stop day," she said.
 "I've already been made to feel part of the team - very much so. Everyone has been very welcoming," said the country's first Chinese legislator.
 Looking forward to getting down to work, Wong had no doubts over her career change from accountant to legislator.
 "I'm really glad I've been able to meet people in the New Zealand Asian community, and Asian professional groups as well. It has been a very rewarding experience," she said.
 Wong, educated as an accountant at Canterbury University in the southern city of Christchurch, is an MP for her adopted city for the next three years.
 Her success came after an election campaign marred by racism and a bitter debate over Asian immigration.
 Wong, whose family has lived in Christchurch for 22 years, said most New Zealanders welcome Asian immigrants and investment - and have been open to her own political career.

Representatives, a party official said on condition of anonymity.
 Howard said the decision would not necessarily set a precedent for future visiting heads of state, adding such decisions would be made on a case by case basis.
 Australia's Labor opposition has attacked Reid.
 "It will send a very poor signal to perhaps our greatest ally," a spokesman for Labor leader Kim Beazley said.
 "We cannot allow procedural pretensions of one parliamentary office bearer to derail an occasion such as this," said the spokesman, John Flannery.
 The invitation to Bush came from then-Prime Minister Bob Hawke, of the Labor Party. It reciprocated Hawke's invitation to speak to a joint session of the U.S.

"I look different. I sound different. So people know who I am," she said. "I have turned it to my advantage in my campaign."
 But anti-Asian feeling was stirred up by nationalist New Zealand First Party leader, Winston Peters, a high-profile, charismatic indigenous Maori lawyer and legislator.
 Peters wants to cap immigration numbers to at 10,000 a year, down from last year's record high of 57,000, many of them Asians.
 He has dismissed claims by critics that he's anti-Asian or racist.
 "I would ask them to examine the immigration policies of Asia and if they know of a more liberal one than New Zealand First's, let us know what it is," he said.
 National's caretaker Prime Minister Jim Bolger and opposition Labor Party leader Helen Clark have defended Asian immigrants.
 "Personally, I value the diversity and interest they have brought to our society," Clark said during the campaign.
 Both New Zealand First and the National Party named negotiating teams Tuesday to work over the next few weeks to seek to reach agreement on a coalition. Clark's Labor Party will also enter negotiations with New Zealand First.
 Peters has been cast in a king-making role after his party performed strongly in Saturday's election, lifting its vote from 8 percent to 13 percent and increasing its representation in Parliament from five seats to 17.
 Those 17 seats are needed by both National and Labor if either is to form a stable governing coalition in coming weeks.
 Bolger made no comment after leaving National's caucus meeting earlier.

Leaked military secrets probed

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Prosecutors said Wednesday they were investigating alleged leaks of highly sensitive military secrets to the news media, including selected targets in North Korea to be bombed in case of war.
 They said the Defense Ministry was helping the investigation, launched earlier this week, into two local newspapers which reported the confidential information last week.
 The Chosun Ilbo, a major national daily, reported last week that South Korea has nearly completed developing its own unmanned reconnaissance planes.
 The deployment of the planes, called unmanned aerial vehicles, or UAVs, in military parlance, are expected to be deployed as early as 1999, it said.
 Another daily, the Joonggang Ilbo also reported on a list of 12 North Korean targets set by South Korea for bombing in case of war.
 The investigation is considered an indirect confirmation of the reports.
 The leaks were suspected to

have been made by someone connected with the National Assembly's Committee on National Security and Defense.
 The leaked data had been part of confidential information given to the committee as part of ongoing parliamentary inspections, officials said.
 Divulging military secrets is punishable by a maximum of seven years in prison.

Koreans learn how to treat alien workers

By PAULINE JELINEK
SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - With their own countrymen less willing to do the dirty work of their booming economy, South Korean businessmen are slowly, sometimes painfully, learning the lessons of working with foreign labor.
 The investigation is considered an indirect confirmation of the reports.
 The leaks were suspected to
 other sailors were tossed into the sea to die by mutinous Chinese crewmen. Police said the mutiny erupted after the captain beat a Chinese worker for not doing his job.
 Corporal punishment was accepted in the workplace in Korea in the 1960s and '70s, but it diminished after many of the nation's industrialists and students went abroad in search of profit and education and learned more about other cultures.
 That sophistication, however, is not always found in smaller firms, where a majority of foreigners are employed in South Korea.
 And it shows up overseas, where conflict from racial and cultural differences has earned Korean bosses a harsh reputation in places ranging from Vietnam to Pakistan to Guatemala.
 But business and government leaders are beginning to realize that Korean managers need better training on dealing with foreign workers if the country's economy is to continue growing.
 Rapid economic development in recent decades has lifted wages, education levels and expectations in this nation of 44 million people, leaving fewer people willing to do what Koreans call the "3-D" jobs - dirty, difficult, dangerous.
 To find workers, South Korean businesses have turned to other nations.
 In some economic sectors such as fishing, textiles and manufacturing, acute labor shortages have forced companies to violate a law requiring them to limit foreigners to a maximum 50 percent of their staffs.

Taiwanese county chief jailed on corruption raps

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - The head of Taiwan's southern Pingtung County, on trial on corruption charges, has been taken into custody and faces suspension from his post, police said Tuesday.
 Wu Tzer-yuan, 51, was jailed Monday night by a court in the southern Taipei suburb of Panchiao. Earlier, he had been free on 1 million Taiwan dollars (U.S. \$36,000) bail.
 The court cited the seriousness of his case and concerns he would conspire with others to fix testimony. The charges carry a sentence of up to 10 years in prison.
 The provincial government said Wu would be suspended from his position as soon as the court's official notification is received.
 The governing Nationalist Party said it was considering whether to suspend him from membership.
 Wu was charged in April with taking a 6 million Taiwan dollar (U.S. \$218,000) bribe in awarding contracts for construction of a pumping station while serving with the provincial government in 1992.
 He has denied any impropriety.
 Wu's lawyers said he was going on a hunger strike to protest his detention.
 Nine others have been implicated in the case, one of many scandal-plagued public works projects being investigated.
 The pumping station in Panchiao failed to function when Typhoon Herb churned into the island in August, leading to serious flooding.
 Wu's detention came amid a crackdown on corruption and the underworld, which already has netted several lower-level elected officials, including the vice speaker of another county's council.
 A graduate of the police academy, Wu was lauded by the Nationalists for winning back Taiwan's southernmost county from the main opposition party in the 1993 elections.
 Taiwan's press widely heralded Wu's detention as a sign of an increasingly independent judiciary.
 "The legal system is more and more brave, and is causing the Nationalists more and more headaches," the mass-circulation United Daily News said in an editorial.

8 executed for various crimes in China

BEIJING (AP) - Eight people guilty of corruption, economic crimes, theft and pimping have been executed, the latest to fall in a national anti-crime campaign, official media reported.
 Huang Sheng'on, general manager of the Qingyuan City Real Estate Co. in Guangdong province in south China, was convicted of taking bribes of more than 2 million yuan and 2 million Hong Kong dollars (worth a total of about \$500,000) when handling land use rights in 1992 and 1993, the People's Daily reported.
 In two separate cases in east China, Ni Xinzhou of Shandong province and Zhou Chuangzeng of Jiangsu province were found guilty of cheating on tax receipts, causing a total of about 14 million yuan (\$1.7 million) in losses of state property, the report said.
 The three were executed on Tuesday after a final ruling by the Supreme People's Court. Executions in China usually are carried out by a single gunshot to the head.
 In Shanghai, four people were executed on Monday and Tuesday after they were convicted of theft, the Xinmin Evening News reported Tuesday.
 In the southern city of Zhaoqing, Huang Sansheng was executed on Oct. 9 for running a prostitution ring out of a beauty parlor, the Yangcheng Evening News said Tuesday. Two accomplices were given life sentences.
 Police arrested Huang after two young women brought in from the countryside refused to work as prostitutes. They were beaten and on April 21 one jumped from a third-story window, injuring herself seriously, the newspaper said.



An Auckland resident walks past a wall of election posters October 9, during the last week of campaign before New Zealand's federal election which took place last Saturday. AP Photo

Death and Funeral Announcement

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RD 102-2L	Lab		Sat	TBA		Staff
RD 102-3	Advanced SCUBA	4	MW	08:00-10:55AM	M-1	W. Bone
RD 102-3L	Lab		F	08:00-11:55AM		W. Bone
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Lebed defends peace plan

By SERGEI SHARGORODSKY
MOSCOW (AP) - Russia's national security chief Alexander Lebed defended his Chechen peace deal behind closed doors in parliament Tuesday, telling lawmakers there was no possibility of a military victory over the rebels. "Such conflicts are either resolved in 42 hours or are fought for 40 years," Lebed said, according to legislators present at the session.

The largely hard-line State Duma, parliament's lower house, convened the secret hearings on Lebed's demand after many lawmakers assailed the peace agreement earlier this

At closed-door hearings of Russian parliament

month and Interior Minister Anatoly Kulikov said it amounted to "high treason." As part of the August deal, Russia agreed to withdraw its troops, and the issue of Chechnya's political status was put off for five years. Politicians in Moscow have since criticized the provision as vague and dangerous and insisted that the separatist republic remain part of Russia.

Reporters were barred from the four-hour session. Lebed arrived through a back door and

left without comment.

Lebed reportedly blamed Kulikov and the Moscow-installed Chechen leader, Doku Zavgayev, for prolonging the war. But there were no surprise revelations from the security chief, and some legislators, including Kulikov, said they saw no reason for making the hearings secret.

"I was not afraid of Lebed's accusations. I knew all about them," said Kulikov, whose dismissal was demanded by Lebed for failures in Chechnya.

Kulikov told reporters he was happy that the Duma once again reaffirmed that "Russia's territorial integrity must be a priority."

But Ramazan Abdulatipov, a lawmaker from the republic of Dagestan that borders on Chechnya, said the hearings

showed the lack of any clear policy regarding Chechnya.

"Endless calls to preserve Russia's territorial integrity at all costs fail to convince anybody any more. Instead of realizing the tragic situation in Chechnya and the Northern Caucasus, we see some petty fights," he said.

Lawmakers at the session, however, described the atmosphere as calm, and said many questions focused on Chechnya's postwar revival. Lebed said he had a draft law worked out giving Chechnya a special economic status.

"I had an impression that he has a program of action," noted centrist legislator Nikolai Gonchar.

President Boris Yeltsin on Monday appointed Lebed to head a commission to handle

Chechnya's postwar revival. Russian and rebel leaders agreed earlier this month to set up the joint commission, which will deal with all aspects of a peace settlement, including troop withdrawal and economic restoration.

Lebed's deputy Sergei Kharlamov, a commission member, plans to leave for Chechnya Wednesday to negotiate with the separatists.

Rebel plans to hold elections in January 1997, soon after the Russian forces leave, will be on the agenda.

The idea won support from some regional leaders in the Russian northern Caucasus who also are on the board.

Earlier, there was talk of setting up a coalition government, something provided for in the August accord.

But the rebels are determined to exclude Zavgayev, the Moscow-backed leader, and his closest aides.

Ouster of child slay prober spurs protests

By RAF CASERT
BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) - Belgians took the streets Tuesday, staged wildcat strikes and voiced their outrage in newspaper articles over the dismissal of the chief judge investigating a murderous child sex ring.

Judge Jean-Marc Connerotte's lead role in the case had restored some credibility to a justice system criticized for bungling the investigation of Marc Dutroux, a convicted child rapist.

The Supreme Court decided to drop Connerotte from the case Monday, saying he could no longer be impartial because he

had attended a fund-raising spaghetti dinner last month for families of missing children.

On Tuesday, hundreds of workers from a Volkswagen auto factory on the outskirts of Brussels were reported marching on the Justice Palace after striking. Bus drivers, firefighters and steel workers also called strikes in support of Connerotte.

Even the state railroad got involved, offering reduced fares for people traveling to a demonstration planned for Sunday in downtown Brussels. Before the ruling, some 300,000 people had petitioned the court to retain the judge.

Connerotte became a national hero in August after his investigators rescued two children from a secret dungeon on Dutroux's property, found the bodies of four kidnapped young girls and uncovered a child pornography network.

In Belgium, an investigating judge collects evidence in criminal cases and prepares it for trial.

Most newspapers said Monday's ruling would erode public confidence in Belgium's justice system, plagued by bungled cases and rumors of a cover-up to protect powerful people.

French journalists go on strike

By JOSEPH SCHUMAN
PARIS (AP) - French journalists shut down some of the country's biggest news organizations in a one-day strike to protest plans to repeal their special 30-percent tax break.

The only morning newspapers to appear in Paris Wednesday morning were the left-wing Liberation and the communist L'Humanite. The strike had shut Le Figaro, Le Parisien and

France-Soir. Le Monde, an afternoon paper, was not affected. Many regional newspapers also were forced to close.

Service of the French news agency, Agence France-Presse, was cut back severely Tuesday, and all-news radio France Info was forced to replace some programs with music.

Most television news programs went on as usual, although France 2 cut its news-

cast short.

The tax break was started in 1934 to help journalists who bought their own pens and paper. Prime Minister Alain Juppe wants to eliminate it as part of an effort to slash France's budget deficit and qualify for a European common currency, set to debut in 1999.

Reporters covering the National Assembly have threatened to boycott lawmakers who

vote to repeal the tax break, which also benefits 115 other professions. Parliament's majority leader has said he would sue journalists if they make good on their threat.

About 1,000 striking journalists rallied outside the National Assembly Tuesday as legislators began debate on the 1997 budget.

Olivier Nouaillas, a writer for La Vie magazine, said Juppe wants to punish journalists for

unfavorable coverage. Juppe's office said the protests will not affect its plans to repeal the break, which could force newspapers to raise salaries.

Juppe's reforms already have sparked strikes and protests in dozens of sectors, from education to transportation to the defense industry, and a nationwide general strike is planned for Thursday.

Reports: New anti-gun laws mulled after school massacre

By MICHAEL WEST
LONDON (AP) - The government is expected to announce plans for tough new anti-handgun laws when a report on the Dunblane school shooting massacre is published Wednesday, news reports said.

The national news agency Press Association said Prime Minister John Major's administration has opted for a total ban on members of the public owning any handgun above the smallest .22 caliber.

"It is an unrivaled opportunity for us in Britain to get away from the American gun culture," said legislator Hugh Dykes on Tuesday before publication of the Dunblane report by senior Scottish judge Lord Cullen or announcement of the government plans. Dykes is a member of Major's governing Conservative Party.

Ann Pearson of Dunblane's Snowdrop campaign that collected 750,000 signatures on a petition calling for a total handgun ban including .22 weapons told Independent Television News Tuesday night: "It's time they went. The price has been paid too many times in blood. You can't bring a murdered child or mother back."

But Conservative legislator, Walter Sweeney, said Tuesday a handgun ban would be unfair to law-abiding gun owners, and Guy Savage of the Shooters' Rights Association said in a BBC interview shooters were being unfairly blamed over the Dunblane killings.

The Dunblane kindergarten massacre in Scotland occurred March 13. Armed with two .357-caliber Smith and Wesson revolvers and two 9mm Browning pistols, 43-year-old bachelor Thomas Hamilton killed 16 children, their woman teacher and then himself.

Obsessed by guns, the resentful outcast ran a boys' club until parents drove him out. They accused him of pedophilia but a police investigation failed to turn up any evidence against him.

Amid national anguish together with outrage that Hamilton, a member of a target shooting club, held all four rapid-fire handguns legally under police license, the gov-

ernment ordered Cullen to investigate and report.

The judge said when appointed his report would concentrate on control of possession of firearms, school security and supervision of adults working with children.

Unlike the United States, gun ownership in Britain is not seen by many as a major civil rights issue and the country has some of the toughest

firearms controls in the world. All handgun and rifle owners must have a license issued by a chief police officer. The police licenses go only to people considered no threat to the public who have a good reason to own a firearm - such as membership of a target shooting club. Illegal possession of firearms can lead to jail terms up to life.

Owners of shotguns used for shooting game birds and farm vermin also must have a police license.

Fully and semi-automatic rifles were outlawed after gun enthusiast Michael Ryan shot 16 people and then himself to death in August 1987 at Hungerford 60 miles (95 km) west of central London.

Out of a population of 58 million people, Britain has 896,000 licensed handgun and

rifle owners and 2,118 target shooting clubs. But criminals and others are thought to possess many thousands of illegally-held weapons.

In 1994, the latest year for which complete figures are available, a total of 75 people in Britain were slain by guns. By comparison, the United States, with 4 1/2 times the population, had just over 200 times more gun homicides that year - 15,456.

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when he learned about the incident yesterday. The killing is the third homicide case in the CNMI so far this year.

Last July 1, a 60-year-old Japanese woman was robbed and murder-

dered inside her residence in Aetnas.

Two teenagers were arrested and subsequently sentenced to seven years' imprisonment.

Last Oct. 7, a Chinese man was found dead behind the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery, apparently struck in the head with a concrete block by unknown assailant/s.

The case remains unsolved.

Borja . . .

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Borja said.

Nevertheless, Borja said he is "willing to consider" the BOE's proposal.

"I don't have a problem with studying the matter to see if it can be done," Borja said.

Borja considers as an alternative

the implementation of the \$42 million PSS allotment in the vetoed budget legislation for fiscal year 1997.

"I'd like to see the original budget and see whether it can be passed without changes in the legislation," Borja said.

A piece-meal budget bill that seeks to uphold the \$42 million appropriation for PSS budget is set to be introduced at the House of Representatives today.

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The complaints include illegal salary deductions and unpaid wages and overtime.

In "Katrina's" case, however, Zamora may also face "abuse of minor" and falsification of document charges.

Asked for a comment last night, Zamora said if "Katrina" were really 15 years old "Why did she claim she was older?"

Zamora, in a phone interview, said that he did not force "Katrina" to dance nude.

"She was the one who said she

wanted to earn more money. She even signed a letter saying so," he said in Filipino.

The Philippine government's labor representative Jesus B. Valera yesterday said that a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agent based on Guam has already "expressed interest" in the case.

Valera said he only found out about "Katrina's" true age when he was reviewing the documents of the five employees.

He said he "immediately referred" the case to CNMI authorities.

"The CNMI government authorities are on top of this case," Valera said.

Illegal . . .

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sent back to the island.

The third, a fake Dutch passport holder, he said, was sent back to the Philippines.

Sablan said the fake French passport holder facilitated documents for all three of them.

He added initial investigation has revealed that the Filipinos have spent a sizeable sum of money for the fake passports. He refused to divulge more however.

Sablan said the two Filipinos will be charged with violation of CNMI immigration law.

"I will let the court decide on the fate of these two," said Sablan.

Sablan said the incident was the first involving fake European passport holders.

CNMI immigration operatives have, in the past, encountered about 20 incidents involving Filipinos trying to reach Japan through Saipan using fake US passports.

The arrests and subsequent deportations, he said, came at the

height of the 1991 Mt. Pinatubo eruption in the Philippines.

He failed to say exactly how many Filipinos were denied entry to Saipan due to possession of the bogus passports.

The passports, he said, were either sold by US servicemen who were also living inside the US bases in the country or left behind when the latter and their families hastily left.

"Way back at the height of the Mt. Pinatubo eruption, a lot of the passports were either sold by US servicemen to Filipinos living at the [US] bases or left behind," he said.

"A lot of people also bought them [passports] in the open market," he added.

An illegal immigrant who wish to enter any country of choice has a better chance of success using fake US and European passports, it was gathered. Saipan's choice as a jump-off point to Japan, Sablan said, was precipitated by the island's proximity to the said country and its political union with the US.

Nearly 30,000 Ecstasy pills seized at airport

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - Authorities on Tuesday announced their biggest drug seizure on Bali this year - 29,295 "ecstasy" pills hidden in luggage that arrived from the Netherlands. No arrests were reported.

Indonesia has been cracking down on trafficking in the drug, which combines the effects of psychedelics and amphetamines and has been blamed for two deaths. The Netherlands is a major source of the drug.

Also Tuesday, the governments said it has ratified the 1971 U.N. Conven-

tion on the Use of Psychotropic Substances, which calls on countries to take steps against the misuse of such drugs.

The "ecstasy" seized Monday in Bali was in three suitcases unloaded July 12 from aircraft of the national flag carrier Garuda Indonesia, said Mardjoko, chief of customs at Bali's Ngurah Rai airport.

Bottles of pills were labeled cat vitamins and hidden behind 231 compact discs that authorities believed were intended to deflect X-rays.

"We held the luggage after nobody claimed it, and we decided to open it Monday when we X-rayed the suitcases and found something suspicious," Mardjoko said.

In May, customs officials found 20,781 ecstasy pills hidden in a sound system brought by an Indonesian from Amsterdam.

Since then, authorities at Bali's airport have foiled eight smuggling attempts and seized 65,580 ecstasy pills and 2.5 kilograms (5 1/2 pounds) of hashish.

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05 CARPENTERS-Salary:\$2.90-3.25 per hour
03 ACCOUNTANT-Salary:\$3.05-3.50 per hour
05 TOUR COUNSELOR-Salary:\$3.05-3.50 per hour
05 ELECTRICIANS-Salary:\$2.90-3.25 per hour
10 MASONS-Salary:\$2.90-3.25 per hour
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01 CARPENTER-Salary:\$2.90-3.15 per hour
02 ELECTRICIAN-Salary:\$2.90-3.05 per hour
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01 BAKER-Salary:\$3.05-3.25 per hour
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01 ACCOUNTANT-Salary:\$700.00-900.00 per month
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01 MERCHANDISE DELIVERER-Salary:\$3.14 per hour
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01 KITCHEN HELPER-Salary:\$3.05 per hour
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By Stella Wilder

Born today, you will not always put your needs first because you have a tendency to concentrate on the needs of those around you. At times, you will be characterized as a philanthropist and you will strive to improve the lives of your friends. At other times, however, you may seem to be nosy, intrusive and eager to take part in the lives of others merely for the vicarious thrill. You can decide which quality will show through more clearly, but you should make an effort to present yourself in the best-possible light.

To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide. FRIDAY, OCT. 18 LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Compatibility should not be a major issue today, but you must be willing to let someone else have his or her way. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You may feel threatened by someone who has come into your life recently. Take care not to overreact. You may find a new best friend. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Take a close look at the financial trends that affect your everyday affairs. You may have to find a new way to save money. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Taking a realistic look at your current situation will make you aware of the adjustments you will have to make by the end of the day. Try to be honest. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You may have many friends, but today, you will have to do the more difficult things independently. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Your passions may get out of hand at this time, so buckle down and do what you must to control

your volatile instincts. ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you act in a predictable way today, someone close to you may seek companionship elsewhere. Try something new! TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You may not understand exactly how your behavior affects the behavior of someone in your inner circle. Try to be more observant. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Unusual occurrences can be explained today, but it may take time. It may not be necessary for you to be at someone else's beck and call after dark. CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Do not give in to the temptation to take the easy route today, because it will inevitably contain more obstacles. It will be safer to do it the hard way. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Someone you know well will criticize you more than usual today. You may want to keep your distance at this time. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Timing will be extremely important today. You must wait patiently at certain times, and be willing to act impulsively at others.

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CLOSERS

COLUMN CLOSERS BY SARAH JOHNSON

It takes more than two tons of rock to produce less than an ounce of gold.

Although Aristotle declared that dolphins were mammals in the third century B.C., it has taken biologists 24 centuries to come to that conclusion.

If anything proves that critics should be taken with a grain of salt it's that Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was reviewed disdainfully in the Chicago Times in 1864 as being "embarrassing... dish-watery utterances."

Charles Dickens maintained that a good night's sleep was only possible if one's bed pointed due north. He thought that in that position, the earth's magnetic currents would flow through the sleeper in a straight line.

A bamboo plant can grow at a rate of three feet a day.

The famous Tarzan yell from the movies was created by recording a yodel that Johnny Weissmuller learned as a child from his father. The yodel was then sped up and played backward.

Ransom paid for the release a victim of kidnapping is tax deductible.

The reason that there seem to be few smiling faces in old photographs is because the first cameras didn't have shutters. Subjects would have to stand perfectly still for several minutes.

Earth Tip: Plant a tree. If 100,000 people planted a tree this year, by the year 2010 those trees would be absorbing over a million pounds of carbon dioxide.

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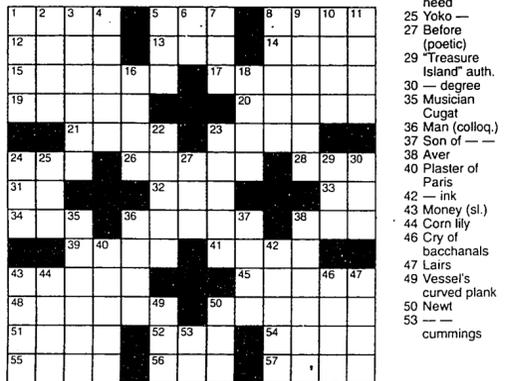
When someone recounts a mishap with the words "I thought," you can bet your bottom dollar that's what he didn't do.

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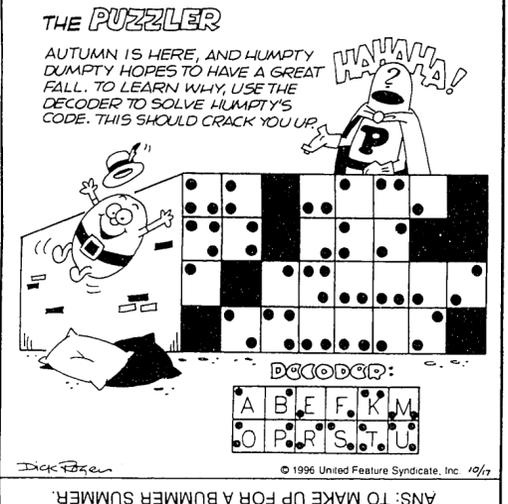


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LA defender out of MLS' Finals

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) - Los Angeles Galaxy defender Dan Calichman's hopes of playing in Major League Soccer's championship game were dashed Tuesday when the league announced that he would not be allowed to play. Calichman received his third yellow card of the playoffs during the Galaxy's 2-1 shootout victory over the Kansas City Wizards last Sunday. The victory gave the Galaxy the Western Conference championship and a berth in MLS Cup '96 against Eastern Conference-

champion Washington D. C. United on Sunday. League rules mandate that players receiving three yellow cards during the playoffs must sit out the next game. "I hope someone in the MLS front office will change it," Calichman said after practice Tuesday. "I really don't know what my chances are. I think they're going to look at the rules again and terminology and decide if it says what it says and I am going to have to sit." The Galaxy coaches have yet

to decide on a replacement for Calichman, who played in the league's All-Star Game. Los Angeles has allowed three goals in five playoff games, including two shutouts. The Galaxy practiced for about an hour Tuesday at the Rose Bowl without coach Lothar Osiander or starting goalkeeper Jorge Campos. Osiander was in Northern California, moving back from his temporary Southern California home, according to a team official. He will re-join the team Wednesday for its flight to Bos-

ton. "This is not unusual," Calichman said. "Today was just a day for players to hang out. In Europe and other countries, the head coach doesn't show up a lot of the time. The trainers train the team. It's not uncommon and we feel fine with it." Campos was in Mexico City, preparing for Mexico's World Cup qualifying game against Jamaica on Wednesday. Campos will fly to Boston on Thursday. The Galaxy will be facing

Washington for the fourth time. Los Angeles won the first two meetings, 2-1 in Washington, and 3-1 at the Rose Bowl. The United won 3-1 at Washington. A victory Sunday would make the Galaxy the fourth first-year Los Angeles soccer team to win a championship, following the United Soccer Association's Wolves in 1967, the North American Soccer League's Aztecs in 1974 and the American Soccer League's Skyhawks in 1976.

Bland bags 4th Senior title

NAPA, California (AP) - Defending champion Lee Trevino overcame back spasms while shooting a 64 to tie with Bobby Strobe, who eagled the final hole Saturday at the Transamerica Seniors tournament. Strobe, winless on the tour, carded a 67. He and Trevino stand at 135, a stroke ahead of Tommy Aaron after three of four rounds at the \$700,000 tournament. Strobe, who has eight top-10 finishes this season, sank a 40-foot eagle putt to complete his three-birdie, bogeyless round. "It was pretty straightforward today," said Strobe, who first played on the Senior Tour in 1995 via qualifying school. "I was never

playing bogey golf. I was surprised, though. I was just trying to get close. But the Mex (Trevino) is the best." Trevino, who had an opening-round 68, played sporadically on the PGA Tour beginning in 1967. He never finished higher than tied for 31st in a regular tour event. After undergoing several therapy sessions earlier this week, Trevino discovered a problem with a neck muscle and his right shoulder blade that prompts his spasms. To help alleviate the condition, Trevino has altered his stance and has stopped practicing.

L&W...

Continued from page 20 ond spot in the overall team standings. Saipan Stevedore won its pairing against Duty Free Shoppers, 3-1. Saipan now has a win loss slate of 53-35, the same mark of Toshiba. Saipan, however, has a better pin aggregate to knocked Toshiba off second spot. Saipan has 64, 320 or 94 pins better than Toshiba. In the other pairings, Toyota dealt Toshiba a 3-1 beating; Toyota Enterprises blanked Kang's Auto Supply, 4-0; it was Marpac/

Chess...

Continued from page 20 Villamin tries to bounce back from his first tournament defeat in more than a year as he faces George Hanus. The reigning champion is expected to vent his ire against Hanus in their Sunday showdown after a shocking defeat in the opener. Marlon Yupangco, Almer Santos, Othello Gonzales and Joe Demapan try to keep pace with the leaders as they try to get the full point. The four

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Michelle over Marianas Seaside Racers, 3-1; and Halina's Kitchenette drawing with Wushin Corporation, 2-2. Wushin Corporation knocked the best output in the team high handicap game with 1,016 pins. In the individual performances, Wally Guerrero of L&W capped a blazing run for his team by topping three categories. Guerrero mowed 243 pins in the high scratch game; 643 pins in the high scratch series and in high handicap series with 700 pins. Joe Moody of Marianas Seaside Racers averted a Guerrero sweep when he rolled the best score in the high handicap game with 266 pins.

Lizama...

Continued from page 20 League. Aside from winning the coveted award, Lizama captured two more individual categories in the tournament. Lizama averaged 13.5 boards in 12 games to win the rebounding title and issued 5.9 assists per game to crown himself the assist champion of the same league. He led his team in reaching the semifinals. Burr, on the other hand, was cited because of her impressive performance in the annual Tinian Fun Run. Burr submitted a time of 45 minutes and 27 seconds to win the women's category and placed fifth in the overall standings. The two sports bodies likewise cited Associate Justice Ramon Villagomez and his son Solomon and the De Leon Guerrero brothers, Peter and John for their outstanding performances in the Budweiser Open Tae Kwon Do Tournament held in Guam early this month. (EAC)

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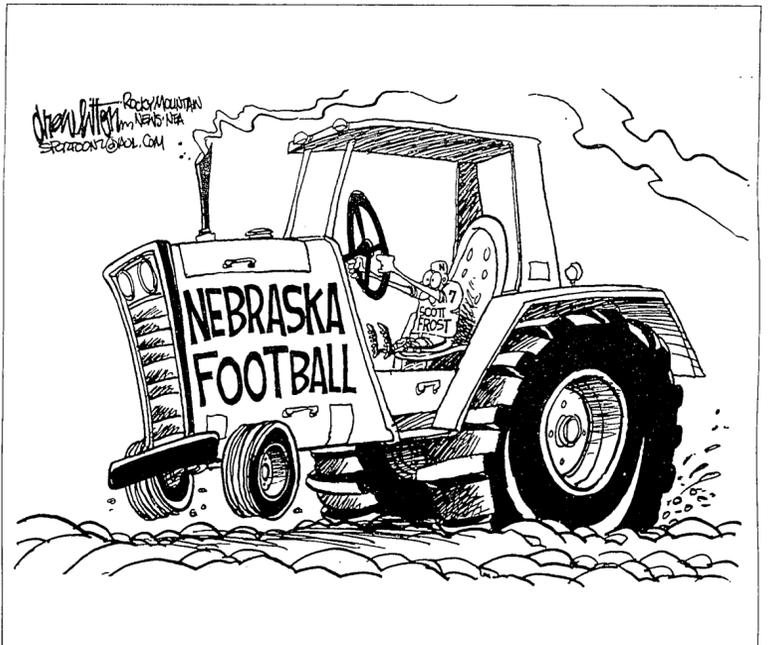
Continued from page 20 Grace Christian Academy has not yet played a single game. In a related development, William S. Reyes Elementary is officially out of the tournament. The boys' division games are being played every Tuesday afternoon through October 29. The girls' division games, on the other hand, are being played every Thursday afternoon until October 31.

Rahman...

Continued from page 20 head throughout the remainder of the round. Berbick offered no resistance and was fortunate to survive the opening round. With the exception of some left hooks to the body in the third round, Berbick was never in the fight. Berbick, based in Miami, fell to 45-9-1 with 32 knockouts. Berbick weighed in at 239 pounds (108 kilograms); Rahman 233 pounds (106 kilograms). The judges favored Rahman by scores of 99-89, 97-91, 99-90.

NY...

Continued from page 20 City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani watched the game's end and hugged his friends when Baltimore's Cal Ripken made the final out. "When I was a kid this happened every year," said Giuliani, who grew up as a taunted Yankees fan in the borough of Brooklyn, where the Dodgers were king, not the Bronx. "These are a lot sweeter now," the mayor said. "This team stands up to every Yankee team ever because of the guts they have. They have a lot of heart."



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SPORTS



L&W/Len's slams PSTC

By Erel A. Cabatbat

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THE PSTC Bowlers paid dearly for taking lightly the challenge of L&W/Len's as league leading

team lost all its matches against their seventh running rivals in the 22nd week of action in the Friday Intercommercial League at the Saipan Bowling Center.

The L&W/Len's, composed of Gene Borja, Jack Cruz, Joe Guerrero, Wally Guerrero, Mark Halstead, Dave O'Brien, Joe Sablan and Diego Villagomez,

blanked PSTC 4-0, in their lanes 3 and 4 match-up.

The team likewise racked the best scores in the high scratch game, high scratch series, and high handicap series categories for the week.

L&W/Len's rolled 917, 2,700 and 2,979 pinfalls in setting the near sweep for the week's high-

lights.

With the losses, PSTC's lead was cut into a precarious one game advantage going to the penultimate round of the tournament.

Saipan Stevedore was the biggest gainer of PSTC's slip as the team jumped from third into sec-

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EASY TWINNER —Edwin Bubos (3rd from left) of the Atlanta Hawks scores on a lay-up against the Chicago Bulls team in this bit of action during the championship game of the recently concluded 3rd Pacific Island Club Summerslam 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. Bubos' heroics, however, fell short as the Bulls eked out a 34-30 win.

(Photo by Erel A. Cabatbat)

San Vicente posts 1st win

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AFTER three tries, the San Vicente Elementary School scored its first victory in the season by edging Koblerville Elementary School, 8-6, in the lone encounter in the Public School System's Interscholastic Elementary School's Flag Football League.

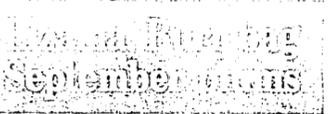
San Vicente, however, failed to make a twinkill as the KES' girls soccer team spoiled a double victory. KES made up for the loss of their boys team with a 1-0 win over their San Vicente rivals.

In the boys' overall team standings, Oleai Elementary still leads the six team pack with two wins and no defeat. Tanapag Elementary is second with 1-0 win loss slate. San Antonio Elementary is currently third with two wins against a single setback. San Vicente is fourth with 1-3 slate while Koblerville remain winless in two starts.

Garapan Elementary has not yet played a single game.

In the girls' category, three teams are tied in first place. Koblerville Elementary, San Antonio Elementary and Tanapag Elementary are in joint first with one win against no loss. San Vicente is fourth with 1-2 win loss slate while Oleai Elementary remain winless in two games. Garapan Elementary and

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THE NORTHERN Marianas Olympic Committee (NMOC) and the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association (NMSA) named Ray Lizama and Susan Burr as the top athletes for the month of September.

Lizama was voted the top male athlete for winning the regular season Most Valuable Player Award in the recently concluded 1996 Basketball Association of the Northern Mariana Islands-Miller Lite Men's Basketball

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Rahman beats Berbick

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey (AP)—Unbeaten heavyweight Hasim Rahman registered a lopsided 10-round unanimous decision over Trevor Berbick at Caesars Atlantic City Hotel Casino.

The 23-year-old Rahman, 18-0 with 15 knockouts, nearly stopped the former WBC heavyweight champion in the first round Tuesday night.

Rahman, of Baltimore, decked the 42-year-old Berbick with two booming rights to the chin seconds into the fight. He then wobbled Berbick with chopping rights and left hooks to the

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Chess tilt's 2nd round matches set

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OPENING day winners try to maintain their rousing starts while the losers try to barge in the win column as the 1996 CNMI Chess Association-Budweiser Cup Individual Chess Championship enters its second round this coming Sunday at Rambie's Restaurant.

The second round action in

the Veteran's Division pits Winston Abarca going against Ronnie Alfonso, Ely G. Buenaventura takes on Junnel Lomantas, Glenn Orlina squares off against Rey Yana, Manny Domingo faces Arnel Urbano.

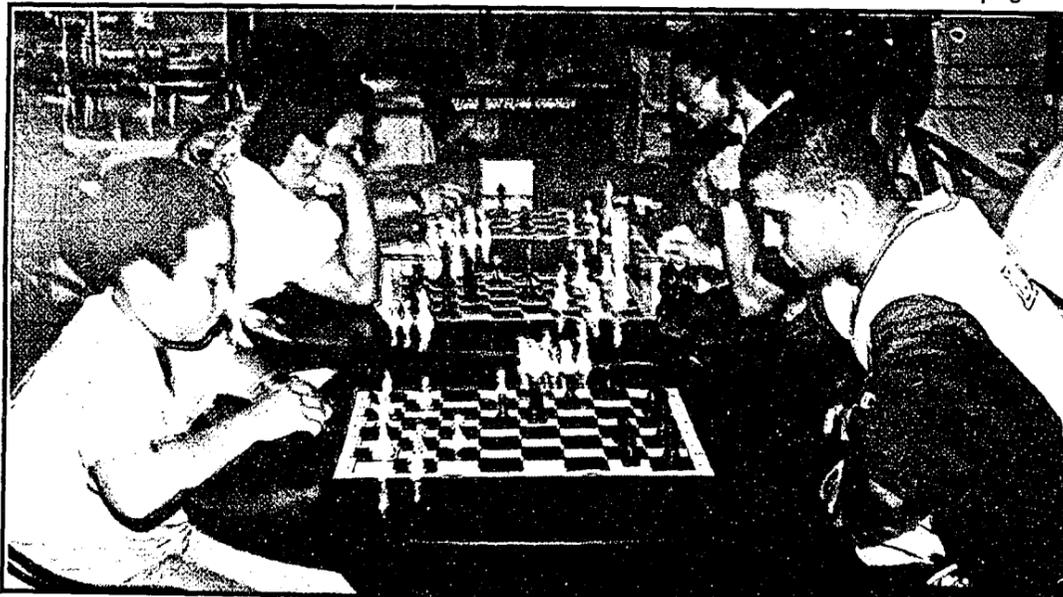
Paul Elauria, who made the biggest ripple in the opening round, seeks his second full point against the equally de-

termined bid Jon Baja.

Ten more players try to get on the winning track as they face each other in the other side of the draw. Roel Bince will face Vic Diamzon, Pol Mendez against Peter Sibly, Carl Pouge pits wits with Jun Ocena, and Tom Canaveral confronts Rey Villamor.

Defending champion John

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DAVID VS GOLIATH —Actually not quite as Morrioni Babauta (left) ponders his next move against his older and bigger rival, Dee Rosario, 16, during the opening round of the the 1996 CNMI Chess Association-Budweiser Cup Individual Chess Championships last Sunday at Rambie's Restaurant. Rosario won the game when his 13 year-old opponent resigned.

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