

# 'Ban poker on Rota'

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A BILL prefiled in the House of Representatives Thursday would ban poker machines on Rota.

Rep. Vicente M. Atalig (R-Rota), said he has to introduce the legislation because poker machines are already "draining Rota's economy."

He called the popular and highly-addictive gaming machines "pernicious family-destroying devices."

A lot of Rota residents, he said, are spending most of their money on the gambling machines instead

## *Poker machines causing social ills, says Atalig*



Vicente M. Atalig

of putting it in the bank or patronizing the island's business establishments.

"Families are being affected, especially poor families. Poker addiction is the number one cause of family disputes," Atalig said.

However, he added that though he believes that a lot of Rota's residents would like to ban poker machines on the island, he has to "go to the people" first to get their

opinion on the bill.

"If I feel I have the people's support I'll really push for it," he said.

There are at least 60 poker machines on Rota, owned mostly, according to Atalig, by L&T Enterprises.

The law provides that Rota, Tinian and Saipan are each "entitled" to have no more than 200 poker machines.

Atalig's bill states that "though popular with many and profitable to their owners, poker machines have had serious and irrefutable (bad) effects on the values and society of the CNMI."

"Addicted parents," the bill noted, squander their meager wages on poker machines while their children "go without proper nourishment, suitable clothing, or an acceptable level of parental supervision and guidance."

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## Students' access to on-line pornography worries PSS

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
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WHILE CNMI students are having more access to high technology such as the Internet, parents, teachers and education officials are facing a bigger responsibility to ensure students are getting only the proper information they need.

Smut programs exist in the cyberspace, and Education Commissioner William Torres is worried.

"Their (students') access to pornographic materials should be prevented," says Torres, who envisions a sophisticated public school system with each classroom having at least five computers all hooked up to the Internet. He hopes to see this in two years.

So far, two public schools in the CNMI, the San Vicente Elementary School and Hopwood Junior High, are hooked up to the Internet.

Censorship may be one of the options to protect school children from "cyberporn." This can be done through inserting a certain type of software that would detect keywords and block reception

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Governor Froilan C. Tenorio bows as he greets Shikuo Gakuen leader, Rev. Teruhiko Kawakami, during annual prayer ceremonies for Japanese war dead held last Saturday at the Banzai Cliff. Photo by R.H. Arroyo

## HANMI urges hotels to offer retirement benefits

THE Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands is encouraging its member hotels to offer retirement plans as a way to get employees to make a long-term commitment to the CNMI tourism industry.

This issue came up at a recent meeting of the association, following the release of 1995 Census statistics that showed that more than 40% of the commonwealth's indigenous citizens work for government and less than 5% for hotels.

"We see retirement plans as an important employment benefit that will encourage more local people to look to the hotels as an attractive career option, instead of automatically going to the government as the preferred job choice," said Ron Sablan, president of the association.

Sablan is general manager of the Pacific Gardenia Hotel in Chalan Kanoa.

"These plans can also benefit non-resident workers, by providing an opportunity to build up tax-deferred savings that can earn high interest rates," he said in a

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## Kinney seeks reduction of salary for Hillblom estate administrator



Kaelani Kinney

By Ferdie de la Torre  
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KAELANI Kinney has sought a reduction of William I. Webster's monthly fees from \$70,000 to \$17,500 for alleged below par performance as special administrator for Larry Hillblom's estate.

Kinney, through counsel David J. Lujan, said the reduction is more than justified as Webster has not shown himself to be an exceptional administrator.

"The estate finds itself in a financial nightmare because of Webster's shortsighted financial decisions which is now forcing the estate to sell assets at a firesale," said Lujan in Kinney's position.

Lujan said Webster lacks control on costs and the "shameless" amounts of attorneys' fees incurred during his administration.

Kinney's lawyer said Webster will now have the full backing of a financial institution and any potential liability will be to the executor not him (Webster).

The special administrator and his expensive advisors, Lujan said, have shown a lack of courage in making the hard decisions re-



William I. Webster

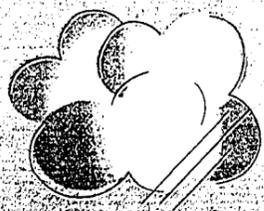
quired to correct the problems leading to the estate's financial problems.

Lujan said Webster's present salary amounts to \$840,000 per annum, exclusive of costs.

In contrast, the Guam lawyer explained, estate executor Bank

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## Weather Outlook



Partly cloudy with isolated showers

# Lee offers to visit China

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - President Lee Teng-hui on Sunday made another offer to visit China on a "mission of peace," but said not getting a response from Beijing was preventing improved ties.

Lee told a visiting U.S. Senate delegation he was willing to meet

the leaders in Beijing, and Chinese leaders would be "welcome at any time" if they wished to visit Taiwan.

"However, the Chinese Communists' lack of any response whatsoever to this friendly suggestion, even after half a year, is truly regretful," Lee was quoted

in a release from the Presidential Office.

An exchange of visits was first proposed by Lee in early 1995, and reaffirmed in his May 20 inaugural address.

Lee told the American senators he was the "actual promoter" of exchanges between the two sides.

After years of hard work, the two sides had created a channel for semiofficial talks laid out the historic 1993 meeting between Taiwan's top negotiator Koo Chen-fun and his mainland counterpart Wang Daohan, Lee said.

Beijing unilaterally suspended further talks after Lee made a private visit to the United States in June 1995, a move China saw as evidence that Taiwan was moving away from eventual reunification with the mainland.

"Beginning last year, the Chinese Communists have regretfully completely terminated the Koo-Wang talks, and closed the



Lee Teng-hui

door of negotiations," Lee was quoted as saying.

Lee also thanked the delegation for the U.S. government's decision to dispatch two aircraft carriers to the Taiwan Strait during threatening Chinese military maneuvers near the island in March.

Staged during Taiwan's first ever direct presidential election, the Chinese maneuvers were seen

as aiming to intimidate support for formal independence on the island.

The six-member delegation is led by Thomas Daschle, D-S.D., the Senate minority leader, and includes John Glenn, D-Ohio, Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., Byron Dorgan D-N.D., and Dirk Kempthorne R-Idaho. The delegation arrived in Taiwan after visits to China and Hong Kong. On Saturday, they met with Foreign Minister John Chang, and breakfasted Sunday with Chang King-yu, chairman of Taiwan's top China policy making body, the Mainland Affairs Council.

After that meeting, Feinstein told reporters the United States was hoping for a resumption of talks between the two sides.

"I think the U.S. very much wants to see the issue settled peacefully by the two parties," she said. "We believe there is a one China, and it is up to the Chinese to see how that evolves."

## Singapore's rulers meet to chart out political direction

By KENNETH L. WHITING  
SINGAPORE (AP) - The inner circle of Singapore's ruling political elite met Sunday to discuss strategy for an upcoming election although a lack of opposition candidates ensured a victory.

The closed session was expected to include a pep talk by Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong on campaign plans by the entrenched People's Action Party.

The PAP has 75 seats in Parliament and is in no danger of being defeated by a fragmented opposition, which controls four seats. Two are vacant.

The Singapore Democratic Party and other opposition groups have already announced plans to use the same by-election strategy of the last balloting in 1991.

The combined opposition deliberately fielded candidates for fewer than half of the 81 seats, returning the ruling People's Action Party to power on nomination day through 41 walkovers.

In that election, the opposition told voters they should feel free to elect some opposition members to Parliament while being assured the PAP would still have control.

Parliament's full five-year term expires Jan. 5. Balloting must take place by April. Like British prime ministers, Goh has the advantage of being able to choose the election date.

A younger group of voters who

grew up during the long economic boom will be casting ballots for the first time. The electorate includes 1.84 million people and officials said about 216,000 will be first-time voters.

Sunday's PAP meeting bore no resemblance to Western-style party conventions with their confetti, colored balloons, sprightly music or other hoopla.

White was the dominant color with all present garbed in the standard party hue, as is the custom.

The PAP is not built on the democratic principles and thousands of ordinary members were not allowed to attend the one-day gathering. The rank and file cannot call their leaders directly to account.

The 16-member Central Executive committee, or the party's inner circle, is filled by members of Goh's cabinet, chosen by the few hundred "cadres" with voting power.

Former Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, who stepped down six years ago, installed the cadre system in 1957 to block an attempt by communist infiltrators to seize control of the party machinery.

Founded in 1954, the PAP tried to set up an alliance with the communists to push for an end to British colonial rule. While most such alliances have ended with the communists swallowing the moderates, Lee defeated them.

Singapore became a self-governing state in 1959 with Lee as prime minister.

## Palestinians go back to work after Israel lifts restrictions

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) - Palestinians applied for new permits to enter Israel on Sunday after the Israeli army announced a further easing of restrictions that have barred many from their livelihood for months.

Israel announced Saturday that 15,000 additional Palestinians would be allowed into the Jewish state Sunday, but in the early morning, only a few laborers had heard the news.

Only about 15 Palestinians were lined up at the Palestinian Labor Ministry in Gaza to fill in applications to get the new entrance permits necessary to work in Israel.

Khaled Abdullah Ghani, a father of five from the Gaza Strip town of Dir el Balah, said he heard

the news on the radio.

"I think the Israeli government step is a good one, but it is not enough," said Ghani, a construction worker who has worked in Israel for 15 years.

Ghani, 39, urged Israel to allow Palestinian workers to sleep at their workplace to save hours of travel every day.

"Nobody my age will plan any attacks," Ghani said. "We need to build trust between us and them. We were and are still really committed to peace with Israel."

Palestinians have estimated that

the Israeli closure costs their fledgling economy \$ six million daily.

Israel imposed the closure last February after a series of suicide bombings that left 63 people dead. Since then, the closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip has been periodically eased and tightened.

Last week Israel allowed 35,000 Palestinians to enter.

On Saturday, Israel announced that at 4 a.m. Sunday (0200 GMT), 8,250 Palestinians from the West Bank and another 7,250 from the Gaza Strip would be given work permits.

## Chirac arrives in Japan

TOKYO (AP) - French President Jacques Chirac arrived Sunday for a six-day visit, his first since becoming president, to promote bilateral ties.

During his visit, he will meet Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, Emperor Akihito and business leaders.

Talks with Hashimoto will center around how the countries will expand economic cooperation and promote cultural exchange between the two nations.

They will also discuss international issues, including the United Nations, disarmament and aid. They are also expected to agree to hold a summit every year, the Foreign Ministry said.

Chirac is viewed in Japan as generally friendly to Japan and eager to strengthen ties between the two nations.

Much has been made in the Japanese media of Chirac's plans to go see a sumo wrestling tournament in Fukuoka, southwestern Japan.

"The strengthening of Japan-French ties will help increase the chance of mutual



Jacques Chirac

cooperation between Asian and European countries," said an editorial Sunday in the Yomiuri national daily.

Chirac and Hashimoto, who have also met at the Group of Seven summit in Lyons, France, earlier this year, will agree to 20 areas in which both sides hope to enhance bilateral cooperation, the Foreign Ministry said.

Chirac, who succeeded Francois Mitterrand in May last year, was to depart Friday after touring Fukuoka Thursday and Friday.

# 'Anicia has to go'--Governor

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff  
GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio on Friday confirmed that he wants Anicia Q. Tomokane out of the Marianas Visitors Bureau.

Tomokane, the Marianas Visitors Bureau (MVB) managing director, "won't listen" to him, Tenorio said. "I was elected to, among other things, come out with policies on tourism. I put Anicia there. She has to listen to my ideas on how to run the tourist office, on what direction (MVB) should take. And it also means she has to listen to my ideas on the organization (of MVB)."

"If she won't listen to me then she has no business staying in my administration."

Tenorio said it was up to the MVB board of directors to decide whether or not Tomokane stays as managing director, but he admitted that he has told the board that Tomokane is not listening to his ideas and not conforming to his policies.

"I'm not happy with the direction the tourist office is taking so therefore I feel the board should do something about it," Tenorio said.

Asked whether his pushing for Maggie Camacho's appointment as MVB deputy managing director and Tomokane's apparent refusal to hire Camacho was one of the main reasons behind his displeasure, the governor said yes.



Froilan C. Tenorio



Anicia Q. Tomokane

"Anicia's position is it's either Maggie or she. Remember I'm not putting Maggie to replace her. I just wanted her to have a deputy because I have had problems with her whenever she's off-island and I couldn't find her," Tenorio said.

Tomokane, when asked for a comment, denied opposing Camacho's appointment.

On her "non-availability" when the governor needs to talk to her, Tomokane said that whenever she's off-island she sees to it that information on her whereabouts are to be made available to the governor.

Asked if she would resign instead of waiting for the board to fire her, Tomokane said "Whatever has to be has to happen."

(Tenorio, Tomokane and Camacho

attended Friday's Shikogakuen peace ceremony in Marpi, but neither of the three appeared to have acknowledged the presence of the other.)

She said if ever she leaves MVB she may just enter politics or go into a business venture.

The Variety learned on Thursday that Tenorio has asked the MVB board to terminate Tomokane's appointment within 30 days.

Tomokane confirmed the report and said she was "disturbed" that the governor gave that instruction in her presence and before other people during a board meeting on Wednesday.

She added that the meeting last Wednesday "could have been better spent" working on Camacho's appointment.

## Close to a thousand people join rally against domestic violence

By Jojo dass  
Variety News Staff  
A BIG crowd of schoolchildren and parents, mostly tourists, on to their feet. Shouting "batteries" against child abuse, battering and molestation, marching kids and their parents urged other adults to refrain from committing acts violating children's basic rights.

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establishments along Beach Road, momentarily holding awed spectators, mostly tourists, on to their feet.

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Jenny Mafnas, program manager of

the Criminal Justice Planning Agency who was among rally organizers, said the march was a culmination of a series of activities raising the people's consciousness on the ill-effects of domestic violence to a child.

Domestic violence, according to the CJPJA, persists because it is more of a spill over from an older generation to the new one.

Last Friday's rally was organized by the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Committee to which the CJPJA is a member of.

Other organizers include victim advocates and representatives from various private organizations on domestic violence concerns.

"If he is not happy with me, what can I do? Tomokane said in an interview Thursday with the Variety. "But what I can say is we here at the MVB, including my board of directors, were doing a great job," she said.

Tomokane just got a renewed

two-year contract from the board last Oct. 16.

Although the board expressed some concerns on how the MVB was being run, particularly on the administrative aspect, it recognized Tomokane's "flair for promoting the CNMI."

## Camacho willing to work as Tomokane's deputy

By Rick Alberto  
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THE person caught in the controversy surrounding the threat of termination to the Marianas Visitors Bureau managing director said she's willing to assist in managing the operations of the tourism-promoting agency.

"I think the governor wanted a deputy to help the managing director. The job is overwhelming, and he felt that help is needed," Maggie Camacho, administrator of the Scholarship Office, told reporters Friday.

Tenorio on Wednesday asked the chairman of the MVB board, Antonio Guerrero, to give Tomokane a 30 day's termination notice.

Tenorio was reportedly displeased with the delay in the processing of Camacho's work contract some of whose provisions Tomokane reportedly objected to.

In an interview Thursday, Tomokane said she and Guerrero were working on Camacho's contract.

Tenorio had recommended Camacho as deputy managing director, a position which is not provided for in a reorganized MVB.

In the reorganization of the MVB, the board approved that instead of a deputy, two persons would be appointed with one of them overseeing the marketing activities and the other the administrative functions of the MVB.

But according to Tomokane they



Maggie Camacho

gave into Governor Tenorio's desire to have a deputy managing director.

Camacho said she was willing to work with Tomokane as deputy. "I've always wanted to work with anybody who is my supervisor. After all, we're supposed to work together for the betterment of the Commonwealth."

Camacho said she had always felt "positive about the whole ordeal." "It's just unfortunate that it had to come to that," she said.

When asked if she asked for the job or the governor offered her the job, Camacho said, "I don't think I want to say anymore. At this point in time I really can't say much."

Camacho reportedly was due to sit as deputy last September, but Camacho said "it was up to the managing director to hire me...it's at her discretion."



Japan Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, center foreground, and his newly appointed cabinet members pose for photographers November 7, at the prime minister's official residence in Tokyo. Hashimoto was formally re-elected prime minister Nov. 7 retaining the leadership of a minority government. With Hashimoto at left is Seiroku Kajiyama, chief cabinet secretary and Hiroshi Mitsuoka, new finance minister, right. AP Photo



Miyoki Hill performs a skit about violence in family during Friday's vigil at the American Memorial Park.



Gregorio T. Camacho kindergarteners show off the handpainted poster they specially prepared for Friday's rally.



Rally participants from Oleai Elementary makes a statement against domestic violence.

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## Problematic Fujian Gangsters

EVERY now and then, we hear on television or read in the newspapers of Chinese nationals brutally beaten or murdered by their own countrymen or Fujian Gangsters. We wonder in awe and fear who could have committed such heinous crime against innocent garment workers. Next, we read of the arrest of their own countrymen for alleged extortion and the subsequent killing because the prey never relented to the predator's demands. Juan and Pedro Malas engaged in some lively exchange why the commission of heinous crimes in some enchanted island paradise.

"It is very frustrating being bankrupt even on an island whose people are compassionate and generous to someone in need".

"I think Chinese Fujians have always been troublemakers even in their own country. They can be reckless in what they do in order to live, including extortion and they'd muscle-in at any cost."

"But I can't understand why would they go after their own people if they are gainfully employed here."

"That's exactly the problem, they are not employed, but runaways after the expiration of their contracts."

"I think their employers have offered them renewals, but some preferred chancing breaking out on their own at any cost to avoid returning home."

"Perhaps they dread the thought of life in the old country after they've tasted freedom and all that comes with living in a democratic society."

"Why then would they kill their own countrymen?"

"Desperation to make ends meet. Unfortunately, their activities often cross with the ways of the laws here."

"You see, this is the first time that mainland Chinese have learned the essence of freedom which includes the freedom to keep everything you've earned rather than returning certain percentage to cover for communal obligations."

"What do you mean communal obligations?"

"It's part of the socialistic form of government. You pitch-in so that your family is provided the basic necessities of life like housing, food and clothing."

"That is quite similar to food stamps in the US or even here."

"There's a difference though. In their case, what their families receive comes from money earned by a member of the family. In the US, food stamps comes from the taxes paid by other members of society."

"Well, the other aspect in this entire equation is their having tasted the sweet honey of freedom in a democratic country. It's too good to give up now and would do anything to stay behind!"

"Are you saying that they have developed a strong personal sense of what freedom is all about and perhaps they're willing to don the role of 'juvenile representatives' of democracy?"

"If you could call it that then that's what it's all about."

"But they can't just abandon the requirements of the law. Like any foreigner, they must comply with labor and immigration policies. They can't just bluff it for it is illegal to do so."

"I'm convinced it's a cop-out in the sense that they've used up all their savings and have no way of returning home as bankrupt illegals, not to mention the humiliation of returning home empty handed while others go back with over \$10,000!"

"I think they should be arrested and deported without any further due in that if we were in their shoes in Beijing, deportation is the only answer."

"I would have to agree with your view. In the first place, they've opened themselves against the requirements of the law and therefore, they voluntarily become public charges and as such, we the tax paying public pay for their use of public services over and beyond our obligations."

"I know what you mean and how unfortunate that when push comes to shove, I'm not prepared to be levied additional taxes to pay for their charges."

"Wait a minute. Maybe the guys have decided to live-out a plot they've planned for a book on 'Terror In Paradise'."

The two friends talked well into the wee hours of the morning exchanging that infectious yawn and stretches. They agreed that Chinese illegals are in violation of immigration and labor laws and it boggles the mind why would they venture into heinous crimes beyond the original violation. Said Pedro Malas: "Hey, think of it as a window of opportunity to retain Chinese laborers for commercial farmers and fishermen here. They benefit, we benefit and everybody benefits". Indeed, it's a window worth exploring. After all there are 1.6 billion Chinese who need jobs and who must also work to provide for themselves.



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## U.S. government is vulnerable in cyberia

WASHINGTON — The federal government's honeymoon with the information superhighway may be coming to an end—and taxpayers will pay the price.

Federal agencies have invested great time and resources in recent years to explore the possibilities of the Internet and other computer technology. The results have been mostly positive: less paperwork, improved organization, better communication and a general increase in efficiency. But there is a dark side.

With the growing dependence on computers, federal agencies are becoming increasingly vulnerable to what the Pentagon brass calls "cyber-intrusion"—online attacks by hackers with bad intentions.

An estimated 500,000 "outside intruders" will crack Defense Department computer systems this year alone. At a minimum, these hackers will cause tens of millions of dollars in damage. But experts warn that they could also pose a grave threat to national security by potentially hindering the military's ability to carry out important missions.

The Pentagon is not alone. The Internal Revenue Service can't guarantee that confidential taxpayer information isn't being "manipulated" by hackers. Congressional investigators call IRS computer security programs "cumbersome" and "virtually useless."

The IRS has been under fire lately for its bungling of a multi-billion dollar effort to streamline and modernize the tax system. IRS officials had hoped to introduce a program this year which would have allowed taxpayers to file returns directly to the IRS via a home computer.

But the program was scrapped after auditors found that built-in security measures were lacking. As a result, private financial information that taxpayers give to the IRS would have been vulnerable to anybody with a computer and a modem. This is becoming a common refrain throughout the federal government.

According to a recent report issued by investigators at the General Accounting Office (GAO), 10 of the 15 largest federal agencies have "serious information security problems." Even worse, these government outfits often don't even realize that they're under attack. Investigators estimate that less than 1 percent of the cyber-crime perpetrated against Defense Department computers is detected. The Defense Department declined to comment.

At a recent Senate hearing on security in cyberspace, Deputy Secretary of Defense John P.

White admitted that the Pentagon "has not yet institutionalized the basic culture and the basic approaches necessary to deal effectively with these challengers." He called for "more effective use of existing security tools, such as passwords" and a greater "encryption of information."

Many defense employees choose simple passwords that are easy to decipher. They then compound their mistake by casually sharing passwords with friends and relatives. The Pentagon has yet to experience a major crisis due to cyber-intrusion. But the hundreds of thousands of attacks have not been completely harmless.

The GAO report, reviewed by our associate Aaron Karp, claims that hackers have "shut down (Defense) systems and corrupted sensitive data." Investigators charge that such attacks could affect "Defense's ability to execute military operations and protect sensitive information."

The GAO admonishes executive branch departments for not devoting sufficient resources to information security, citing "weaknesses that essentially preclude any agency from reasonably ensuring the integrity, confidentiality, and availability of critical and sensitive computerized data, such as taxpayer information and federal financial records."

Investigators are particular critical of the Office of Management and Budget which oversees information security for the executive branch: "OMB's oversight efforts were uneven," the report reads, "and OMB generally did not proactively attempt to identify and promote resolution of fundamental security program weaknesses that are likely to be at the root of these problems."

In a letter to the GAO, OMB Deputy Director of Management John A. Koskinen said that while some of the report's points were "meritorious, we must nevertheless disagree with its overriding tone." Koskinen doesn't think that it's time to panic quite yet. "While we are certainly open to suggestions for improving our oversight activities," he wrote, "we do not believe that significant expansion of OMB's activities in the information security realm is warranted at this time."

Unfortunately, cyber-intrusion appears to be a problem that will get worse before it gets better—if it ever does. "Information security is not a problem we will ever solve," White conceded at the Senate hearing. "We will never be able to declare victory and move on. We will make significant strides, but the penetrators will keep catching up."

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Asked on Atalig, Inos, Cing 'defections'

# 'I love that,' says Tenorio



Froilan C. Tenorio

By Zaldy Dandan  
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SENATORS Ricardo S. Atalig, David M. Cing and Rota Mayor Joseph S. Inos have two things in common.

All three are Democrats, and all have said that they will support the Republican Party's gubernatorial candidate in 1997.

Atalig and Inos, moreover, are switching to the G.O.P.

For the CNMI Democratic Party's titular head, however, nothing could be better than the three's "defection."

"That's good, I love that," Tenorio on Friday said.

"I like for these people to get out of the Democratic party because they don't belong in the (party) anyway."

Inos, he said, has always been in the Republican Party.

"I wish him luck against (former lieutenant governor) Benjamin Manglona."

Inos and Manglona are the two leading candidates for mayor of Rota in the 1997 election.

Inos and the governor, who said he will submit his letter of candidacy today, have been considered "sworn political enemies" ever since Tenorio blamed the Rota mayor for the bad press the island got over alleged labor



Joseph S. Inos

abuses, and for allegedly wanting to be "governor of Rota."

Inos, on the other hand, has accused Tenorio of being "dictatorial."

Cing, who supported Tenorio in 1993, has been at odds with the governor since last year over the issues of Tinian's casino and infrastructure needs.



David M. Cing

The Tinian Democrat's support is considered one of the main reasons why the ticket of former governor Pedro P. Tenorio and Senate President Jesus R. Sablan won handily on Tinian during the recently-held Republican Party gubernatorial primary.

Atalig, for his part, said he is switching to the Republican Party



Ricardo S. Atalig

because he has always considered himself to be a Republican.

He said he originally intended to run as a Republican in the 1993 election, but the then Rota party leadership blocked his candidacy.

Atalig is also supporting the Tenorio-Sablan tandem in 1997 "because they are supportive of Rota's development needs."

## DOLI eyes RP help in search for underaged bar workers

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff

THE DEPARTMENT of Labor and Immigration is seeking the assistance of the Philippine Consulate in tracking down more minors hired as nightclub dancers and waitresses.

This after the ongoing search for minors employed in nightclubs has yielded nothing so far.

In a recent interview, Danny Aguilar, Assistant Attorney General who also is the DOLI chief legal counsel, said work is still being done in tracking down these underaged illegal workers.

"I'm going to take a step further and ask the Philippine Consulate in helping us in terms of research," Aguilar told the Variety.

DOLI's campaign against coddlers of underaged nightclub workers was launched last month after a 15-year old girl sought help from the Philippine Consulate office regarding unfair labor practices of her employer.

The DOLI has begun a search on other nightclubs known to be hiring underaged workers. The operation has been unsuccessful so far with at least five clubs searched and no underaged girls found.

"We have checked. There are reports that there are minors in these nightclubs. We're still doing further work on some clubs where there are suspected to be minors," said Aguilar.

"It's going to take a little more research," he added.

Aguilar said the inspections were being done in such a way that the conduct of business is not disrupted. Taken as a "primary focus," he stressed is whether the operators are violating any labor rules.

# Free diabetes tests a big hit

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff

THE FIRST two days of the four-day free diabetes tests launched by the Department of Public Health Services were successful as residents trooped to the two test stations to know if they are afflicted with the silent killer.

The DPHS, according to diabetes specialist David Touhey-Mote, has decided to launch the free diabetes tests, done through a special eye drop, for the needed data on the extent to which diabetes has affected the Saipan populace.

The two test stations -- the G.T. Camacho Elementary School in San Roque and San Antonio Dispensary near the Saipan Mayor's Office -- was reportedly crowded with eager "examinees" shortly after it opened at 8:30 am Friday and Saturday.

The test stations will again be open to interested persons this Friday and Saturday, Mote said.

Diabetes, a disease developed through a high blood sugar count, is a fatal one noticeable only on its advanced stage, according to doctors.

Studies have raised the possibility that women are more prone to acquiring the disease than men.

A recent survey showed that 52 per cent of Carolinian females belonging to the 45 to 64 age group have the disease. Only 45 per cent of Carolinian males belonging to the same age group have diabetes.

The survey also showed that 30 per cent of female Carolinians belonging to the 65 and above age group has diabetes as compared to the 24 per cent of the males belonging to the same age group.

Furthermore, the same survey showed that 28 per cent of the Chamorro women and 22 per cent of the males belonging to the 45 to 64 age group have it.

About 47 per cent of these women and 29 per cent of the males belonging to the 65 and above age group are also afflicted with the disease.

"Now what possibilities does this figure show? For one, it may point to women being more prone to diabetes than men," said Mote.

"Women tend to gain weight as they grow old after having babies.

And we all know that diabetes sets in when there's obesity," he explained.

Mote said there are plans to establish this possibility through another research.



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## Businessman sues over 'unpaid' \$120,000 loan

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

AKOREAN businessman has sued a man before the Superior Court for alleged non-payment of a \$120,000 loan.

Han-Yoon Ko, through counsel David A. Wiseman, sued Lee Geon Seong for breach of contract and unjust enrichment.

Ko said Seong borrowed him the money on May 31, 1995.

Pursuant to the terms of the parties' agreement, Seong was to pay for the entire loan by May 31, 1996.

As of filing the complaint, Ko said the defendant failed and refused to repay the amount.

As a result of Seong's failure to make payments in accordance with the agreement, defendant has materially breached the contract, stated the complaint.

Seong has received money from Ko without performing any services or giving anything of value to plaintiff, the complaint said.

The complaint said that to secure the repayment of the money given to defendant and by plaintiff, the parties, executed document mortgage agreement.

"Defendant has no right entitlement or equitable reason to retain this sum and has failed to pay this money to plaintiff, although payment was duly demanded," said Ko in the complaint.

Ko asked the court to issue a decision finding Seong in default upon the terms of the parties loan agreement or in alternative, a rul-

ing declaring that that "defendant has been unjustly enriched through his receipt of money from plaintiff."

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# Gill: \$173K fee 'conservative'

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

LAWYER Cheryl M. Gill wanted to be paid \$173,139 for a "comprehensive revision" of the CNMI Criminal Code, documents obtained by the Variety show.

Gill, in a March 10, 1995 letter to an administration official, said the budget she is requesting for was "fairly conservative and bare bones."

She called herself "the best person" to revise the Criminal Code.

"(U)less you are planning to recruit for this position off-island, I believe that my education, training and experience as a prosecutor in the Commonwealth makes me uniquely fit for the position," Gill said.

Enclosed in her letter, was a two-page "problem statement" in which she noted that the 20-year old Criminal Code is no longer effective and is need of "broad" revisions.

"Effective law enforcement and



Cheryl M. Gill

criminal prosecution along with increased faith in the criminal justice system demands that the Commonwealth Criminal Code (be) revised," she said.

### Budget

In the budget she submitted, she proposed an attorney salary of \$50,000, and a fee of \$30,000 for one

paralegal.

Also listed in her budget were allowances for a support staff (\$18,000), office equipment (\$15,000), research services and supplies (\$12,400), office supplies (\$10,000), committee operations (\$7,700) and travel (\$5,000).

Personal insurance (\$3,920), contributions to the Retirement Fund (\$19,698) and Medicare (\$1,421) were likewise included.

### 'Mediocre'

However, critics of the draft Gill later submitted to the Attorney General's Office (AGO) said Gill was paid "a lot" for coming out with a "mediocre product."

The payment Gill actually received amounted to \$110,000, according to Rep. Stanley T. Torres the chair of the House of Representatives' Subcommittee on the Attorney General's Office.

Torres called the Gill draft "one expensive scrapbook."

He said most of the draft's provisions are "very insignificant amendments" and have "no significant difference" with the present code.

The contract for drafting a new code, Torres added, was not even opened for bidding.

"Lucky that Gill's fee (came from) federal money," he said.

'Not very good'

The former chief of the AGO's criminal division, Gill started work early last year on the proposed new code which she submitted last June. Gill has already returned to the mainland U.S.

Torres said even the administration knows that Gill's draft "is not very good."

"They have asked the House of Representatives to form a committee to review the draft before sending it to both houses of the Legislature for another review," he said.

A government lawyer earlier told this reporter that Gill's draft "won't do."

He did not elaborate.

## DFS Saipan adjudged as the most supportive of the arts

By Rick Alberto  
Variety News Staff

THE Duty Free Shoppers Saipan, Ltd., was named as the organization that gave the most support for the arts in 1996 during rites Friday for recipients of the 12th Annual Governor's Art Awards.

Olomwaay-Oram Music and Dance Group was awarded the Outstanding Performing Group.

Other major awardees were Florencia K. Seman, Outstanding Traditional Crafts person; Connie J. Adams, Outstanding Artist; and Virginia C. Avendaño, former reporter of the Saipan Tribune, Outstanding Literary-Media Artist.

Given special recognition for their support for the arts in 1996 were Micronesian Telecommunications Corp., Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, JC Tenorio Enterprises, Pacific Islands Club, and Pacific

Publication and Printing, publisher of the Saipan Tribune.

In the student division, eight were chosen first place winners:

•Francica Q. Tomokane, 12th grade, of Marianas Baptist Academy, for performing arts;

•Choi Yoon Jung, 12 grade, of Mount Carmel School, for visual arts;

•Aiko Gabaldon, 12th grade, of Marianas Baptist Academy, literary arts;

•Patrick Ayuyu, 12th grade, of Rota High School, visual arts;

•Shawclay DLC Taisacan, 12 grade, of Rota High, traditional arts;

•Travis M. Mendiola, 10th grade, of Rota High, literary arts;

•Shelwyn DLC Taisacan, 9th grade, of Rota High, performing arts; and

•Ryan B. Diaz, 11th grade, of Tinian High School, visual arts.

Second place winners were Erin Angela Camacho, 9th grade, of

Mount Carmel, performing arts; Michele Lin, 11th grade, of Northern Marianas Academy, visual arts; and Gabe K. Asper, also of Northern Marianas Academy, literary arts.

The awards are given by the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture annually to recognize the contribution of artists and business and organizations which have supported the arts and culture programs undertaken by the CCAC.

Commenting on this year's batch of awardees, CCAC board chair Carmen Gaskins said, "I think it's getting better and better every year. It gets even harder and harder to identify the excellence because there are so many who are excellent."

Gaskins credited the judges for "their diligent and hard work in selecting (the winners)."

## Man punches cop, is arrested

AN ALLEGED drunken man who demonstrated his kung fu skills along a road in Chalan Kanoa was arrested for punching a police officer before dawn Friday.

Public Safety Information Officer Sgt. Franklin Babauta said Yae Ho Choi, 42, of Chalan Kanoa, was arrested for assault on an officer, and obstructing justice.

Police officers on routine patrol spotted Choi standing along the

roadway "swinging back and forth."

The officers approached Choi but the latter started yelling profanities.

The officers told the Korean to move away to give way for the passing vehicles.

Choi held on the police's vehicle's window, punched an officer and the vehicle's glass window.

At the DPS Detention Facility, Choi allegedly demonstrated kung fu and challenged some prisoners and an officer to a fight.

In other police report, in San Vicente two vehicles which were parked at Larry Hillblom's apartment were burglarized by an unidentified person/s on Thursday.

Taken were a walkman, bag, car stereo, cassette player, and other items, police said. (FDT)

### OFFICE OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Civil Service Commission hereby gives notice that the Board will meet on Tuesday, November 19, 1996, Wednesday, November 20, 1996, and if necessary, Thursday, November 21, 1996. The Board will convene at 9:00 a.m. on all days at the Superior Court, Songsong Village, Rota, MP. Additional information concerning this meeting is available at the Commission's Office, Building No. 1211, Capitol Hill, Saipan. The Commission may also be reached at phone numbers 322-4363 and 322-6954 or fax number 322-3327.

#### AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. HEARING ON APPEAL OF TOMAS M. CALVO
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
  1. October 30, 1996 Memorandum From the Office of Personnel Management Requesting Amendment to the PSSRR, Part III.D.1.D.
- V. EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT
- VI. LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

/s/ VICENTE M. SABLAN  
Acting Chairman  
Civil Service Commission

### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND IMMIGRATION

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

On 21 August 1996, the fee for entry permits for non-resident workers was raised from \$25.00 to \$100.00. By emergency regulation, Governor Froilan C. Tenorio suspended the fee increase, effective 23 August 1996. For reasons of equity, the Secretary of the Department of Labor and Immigration (DLI) has authorized the Treasury to refund the additional \$75.00 applicants were required to pay between 21 August and 23 August 1996.

If you paid the higher fee, you should have received an authorization letter from DLI entitling you to a refund. If you have not received this letter, please bring your ORIGINAL receipt to DLI and ask to speak to Patrick Guerrero. DLI will forward all the receipts to the Treasury. You will receive your refund by mail from Treasury.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

1. This fee increase suspension applies only to non-resident worker entry permits filed between 21 August and 23 August 1996.
  2. You must bring your original receipt. Treasury will not accept photocopies.
  3. You must bring your receipt to DLI by 31 November 1996.
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/s/ THOMAS O. SABLAN  
Secretary, Department of Labor and Immigration  
Date: November 15, 1996.

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NMC RFP 97-140

### ARCHITECTURAL and ENGINEERING SPECIFICATIONS FOR A BUSINESS and TOURISM LEARNING CENTER

Northern Marianas College (NMC) is soliciting proposals from qualified Architectural and Engineering firms to develop construction documents and specifications for a Business and Tourism Learning Center to be located on the As Terlaje Campus, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas. Conceptual drawings and space programming plans for the project are available for review. Copies of these documents (cost \$5.00) and RFP guidelines may be obtained from the Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Grants, P.O. Box 1250, Northern Marianas College, Saipan, MP 96950, telephone number (670) 234-5498 ext. 1524 or fax number (670) 235-0915.

Interested parties must submit two (2) copies of their proposals in sealed envelopes marked NMC RFP No. 97-140 to the Procurement and Property Management Office, P.O. Box 1250, Building N, Northern Marianas College, Saipan, MP 96950 no later than 4:00 p.m., November 27, 1996. Respondent will be notified of the selection decision no later than two (2) weeks after the above closing date.

Northern Marianas College reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in proposals if determined by the College to be in its best interest. All proposals shall become the property of the NMC.

*/s/Felicitas P. Abraham*  
Administrative Vice President

*/s/John T. Flores*  
Procurement & Property Manager

By Rick Alberto  
Variety News Staff

SOME 200 Japanese pilgrims from the Shiko Gakuen Mission gathered at the Banzai Cliff Friday for the annual memorial rites for the Japanese soldiers who died in the last war.

The number was fewer than the 300 or more who came last year.

But last Friday more CNMI government officials came to attend the services. They were led by Gov. Froilan Tenorio.

Last Friday's rites were the 10th time the memorial services were conducted at the Shiko Gakuen monument in honor of the dead.

The pilgrimage was led by Shiko Gakuen Mission president Teruhiko Kawakami, who thanked the CNMI people for welcoming their group year after year.

The memorial rites ran for over three hours and were marked by chanting and singing, praying, dancing, offering of flowers and sake wine, and delivery of speeches, among other things.

They were capped by a procession to the cliff from where hundreds of Japanese soldiers plunged to their death into the sea.

The soldiers, rather than surrender to the Americans, committed suicide, believing it was the more honorable act.

At the cliff, the Japanese prayed and sang once more, and cried as they hurled flowers and holy water into the sea.

But the rites, according to Kawakami, were to soothe the souls not only of the Japanese soldiers but also of the Americans and CNMI citizens who lost their lives in World War II.

The prayers offered were also for world peace, he added.

In the afternoon of Friday the same mission held a tea ceremony and an ikebana (flower arrangement) demonstration at Hafa Adai Beach Hotel.

The following day, Saturday, the Shiko Gakuen Mission held another memorial service in Tinian.



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Application forms are available at the Saipan Seaport Office at Charlie Dock or at the Security Office on the First Floor of the Arrival Building at the Saipan International Airport. Applications must be accompanied by an updated police clearance. The deadline for submission of applications is 4:30 p.m., November 29, 1996.

For more information, please call the Commonwealth Ports Authority at telephone numbers 664-3550/51/52.

CARLOS A. SHODA  
Executive Director

## COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

### NOTICE OF CRM BOARD MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, through the Coastal Resources Management Division, are hereby giving notice that a CRM Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 1996, 9:00 a.m. at the Coastal Resources Management Office Conference Room located at the Morgen's Building in San Jose, Saipan.

#### AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pending Permit Applications
- IV. New Projects/Developments
- V. Other Matters
- VI. Adjournment

MANUEL C. SABLAN  
Director Coastal Resources Management

# Clint Eastwood and his enduring love for jazz

By CHARLES J. GANS  
NEW YORK (AP) - The lanky screen legend strode onto the Carnegie Hall stage at the close of a concert in his honor, stared at the audience, and declared: "I'm Clint Eastwood and I love jazz."

And then, taking the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to play Carnegie Hall, Eastwood sat down at the piano and played a credible down-and-dirty chorus of the blues "After Hours," before giving way to the pros.

For the jazz community - from young stars like saxophonists Joshua Redman and James Carter to octogenarian pianists Jay McShann and Claude "Fiddler" Williams - the recent concert was a chance to pay back one of the jazz world's leading patrons.

"I really don't feel that I've done anything for jazz except to support something that I love," the 66-year-old Eastwood said offstage. "I've done movies with classical music and bluegrass, you name it, but jazz is always the first love."

Audiences around the world know Eastwood for extending the boundaries of one original American art form - the Western. Less widely known is his devotion to that other original art form - jazz. Long before he first saddled a horse on screen, Eastwood dreamed of becoming a jazz musician.

As a teen-ager in Oakland, Cali-

fornia, in the 1940s, Eastwood learned the piano by playing along to the Fats Waller records his mother brought home.

"But I wasn't very disciplined when I was younger ... and didn't work at it rigorously," said Eastwood, who can be heard playing a Rodgers and Hart ballad in the piano bar in "In the Line of Fire."

After high school, Eastwood played semiprofessionally in Oakland bars, then got drafted into the Army and afterward moved to Los Angeles, where he attended college and studied acting.

"I got sidetracked and became an actor, and it ruined my whole career," he said. But he never lost his enthusiasm for jazz.

When he got a chance to direct his first feature, "Play Misty for Me" (1971), he cast himself as a jazz disc jockey stalked by a degrading fan obsessed with pianist Erroll Garner's ballad "Misty."

Over the years, Eastwood has used jazz-oriented composers such as Lennie Niehaus on his soundtracks, spotlighting such jazz musicians as trumpeter Jon Faddis and saxophonist James Rivers. Eastwood himself has written the themes for "Unforgiven" and "The Bridges of Madison County."

As executive producer, he arranged financing for the acclaimed documentary "Straight, No Chaser" on the

legendary pianist-composer Thelonious Monk.

One of the films closest to the director's heart is 1988's "Bird" about the self-destructive alto saxophonist Charlie Parker, who pioneered bebop.

"On 'Bird,' all the time he was thinking what would go well here or there," said Niehaus, the musical director for 12 Eastwood films.

"He's very easygoing and is very influenced by jazz" as a director, said Niehaus. "He lets everybody do their own thing. He's not going to say, 'I want it done this way or that way,' but instead, 'Let's see what you come up with.'"

The Carnegie Hall concert was recorded for release on Malpas Records, Eastwood's new custom jazz label distributed by Warner Records. Malpas's first release, "The Bridges of Madison County" soundtrack, shot to the top of the jazz charts last year.

"Bridges" features a cameo by 27-year-old Kyle Eastwood, who plays bass with James Rivers' band during the nightclub scene. The younger Eastwood also performed with his Los Angeles-based jazz quartet at the Carnegie Hall tribute.

"Both my father and my mother (Eastwood's first wife Maggie Johnson) took me to a lot of jazz shows," Kyle Eastwood said. "Music and film were definitely two of my passions, but I decided I liked music more."

Dad is obviously pleased with his son's ambitions.

"When he was very young I exposed him to jazz ... and he fell in love with it as I did," Clint Eastwood said. "Only he was very disciplined and practiced, so he's become quite good. I'm very proud of him."

# Arnold Schwarzenegger: A seasonal action hero?

By LYNN ELBER  
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Arnold Schwarzenegger may be a tough guy during the summer blockbuster movie season, but when the holidays roll around he turns into a pussycat.

Aiming to please family audiences, he seeks out lighter films - like this year's entry, "Jingle All the Way," about a dad trying to keep his promise to his young son and deliver the year's hot toy for Christmas.

Although comedy misfired for Schwarzenegger when he played a pregnant man in "Junior" - "I miscalculated," he says now - he's proven he's a hunk with a sense of humor in the successful "Twins" and "Kindergarten Cop."

He's got his own family to please, of course: wife Maria Shriver, the TV newswoman, and their three children.

Through action-adventure films including "Terminator," "True Lies" and "Eraser," the square-jawed former muscleman has become famous enough to be a one-name celebrity (provided it's said just right: "Ah-nold").

He's still entranced by moviemaking at 49, but he's also looking toward the future. The magic of body-building competitions vanished abruptly and the same could happen for

acting, he says. But for now, movie challenges still await him.



Former Sen. Bob Dole appears with David Letterman during the taping of the "Late Show with David Letterman" the Friday after his poll defeat against Pres. Clinton. AP Photo

# Thai election turnout heavy

By ROBERT HORN  
BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - Thais went to the polls Sunday amid allegations of vote-buying and violence to choose a new government after the last one collapsed under charges of corruption and incompetence.

Local papers were calling the campaign "the dirtiest in modern history." An election watchdog group said a record-setting 20 billion baht (\$ 800 million) had been spent on vote-buying.

Voter turnout was heavy in Bangkok and the surrounding provinces during the morning. The election has evolved into a neck-and-neck race between the Democrat Party of former Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai and the New Aspiration Party of Gen. Chavalit Yongchaiyudh.

The party that wins the most seats in parliament will try to form a coalition government. Neither is expected to win enough of the 393 seats at stake for a majority on its own.

The Democrats and New Aspiration were just two of 13 parties fielding 2,310 candidates in 76 provinces. With a population of 60 million, Thailand has more than 38.5 million voters, with 2.23 million first-time voters.

Polls will close at 3 p.m. (0800 GMT), but official results were not expected until late Sunday.

The largest concentrations of voters are in the provinces, where vote-buying and gunplay are common during elections.

PollWatch, an election watchdog group, estimated 20 billion baht (\$ 800 million) was spent on vote buying this election, an increase of 5 billion baht (\$ 200 million) over the last election in

July, 1995. There have also been more than a dozen shootings of canvassers, who line up votes for the parties. PollWatch is also investigating allegations that one general with close ties to Chavalit has been intimidating other parties' candidates.

Several polls have shown the

Democrats, whose slate is loaded with technocrats, pulling ahead during the final days of the campaign. But polls in Thailand are unreliable.

Thailand's economy has been faltering, with export growth plummeting to negligible levels and gross domestic product growth slipping. The technocrat

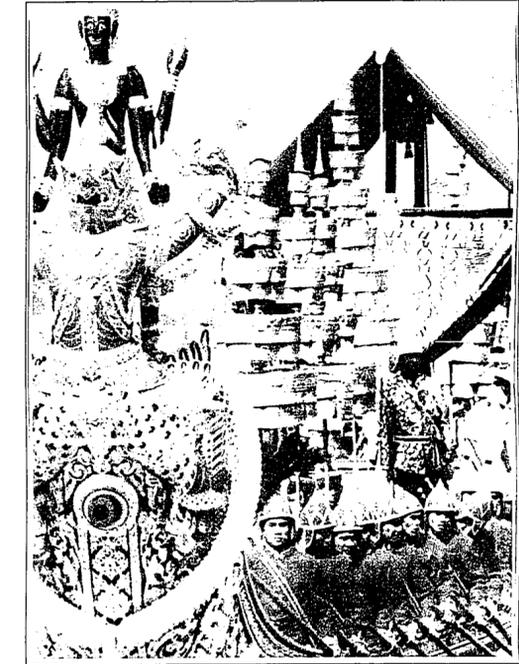
Democrats have become the darlings of the financial community.

Chavalit, by contrast, has pledged to bring in a "dream team" of outsiders to run the economy, an admission that investors and the public have little confidence in his own candidates.

Chavalit was expected to wait for the results at a supporter's house in Bangkok, while Chuan kept vigil at his home in the southern province of Trang.

Chavalit's New Aspiration was part of the previous coalition government of Prime Minister Banham Silpa-archa, which collapsed under a barrage of allegations of corruption and incompetence in managing the economy.

Dozens of lawmakers, some with questionable reputations, fled Banham's Chart Thai (Thai Nation) Party after the coalition breakup to join Chavalit's party.



Thai oarsman position the Narayana Song Suban royal barge at the pier where Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej will embark before the start of the Royal Barge Procession in Bangkok. The event, in which more than 50 ornately decorated boats and hundreds of oarsmen in ancient costumes participated, celebrated the Thai monarch's 50th year on the throne last week. AP Photo

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# Refugees trek back to Rwanda

By HRVOJE HRANJSKI  
GISENYI, Rwanda (AP) - About 400,000 Rwandan Hutus on the Zairian side of the border waited for daybreak Sunday to resume their arduous trek back into their homeland and leave behind 2 1-2 years of exile and misery.

More than 200,000 refugees had streamed into this border town by late Saturday at a rate of about 10,000 an hour, the United Nations estimated.

A downpour Saturday drenched the 25-mile (40 kilometers) line of men, women and children making their way through green, winding hills from a now-deserted refugee camp in Zaire and over the border into Gisenyi.

The refugees' unexpected return has overtaken a ponderous international effort to assemble a military force to distribute aid and create safe corridors to allow them home.

Though an additional 600,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees remain cut off from aid in hills in southern Zaire, Rwandan leaders say there is no longer any need for military intervention, calling instead for aid in resettling refugees.

U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry said plans for a Canadian-led international force were still on, but that the United States and its partners in the force will

## 3 gang members get death penalty

BEIJING (AP) - Three members of a criminal gang were sentenced to death for robbery and hooliganism, a newspaper in Sichuan province reported.

The report from the southwestern province, which reached Beijing on Sunday, said a fourth gang member was given a death sentence that could be commuted to life in prison for good behavior after two years.

A fifth member was sentenced to life in prison, and three others were given 10- to 20-year prison terms, the Sichuan Daily News reported.

The gang members stole more than 800,000 yuan (\$97,000) and injured many people, including four who died as a result of serious injuries, the report said.

The Chengdu Intermediate Court handed down the sentences last Monday, the report said. Executions in China usually are carried out immediately with a shot to the back of the head.

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talk over the affect of the refugees' flight.

"It will not eliminate the need for humanitarian support, (but) it will substantially change the nature of that need," Perry said.

The refugees had fled Rwanda 2 1-2 years ago, fearing retribution after a Hutu-led government presided over the massacre of a half-million Tutsis.

Hutu militias in the refugee camps in Zaire virtually held the refugees prisoner until Thursday, when an attack by Zairian rebels sent the militias fleeing into the hills and the refugees hurrying home.

There was little sign of anybody seeking revenge against the ragged column of exiles.

Fellow Rwandans lined the route beyond the border, applauding and hugging the refugees as they lugged their tattered bundles on a 20-mile (30-kilometers) slog from the border at Gisenyi to a U.N. transit center.

"I'm not afraid," said Pierre-Celestin Muyandekezi, a returning farmer. "I'm very happy to be

in my country."

The Tutsi-led government that ousted the Hutu leaders after the 1994 genocide has promised to treat the returning Hutus well, and most refugees who returned earlier have been allowed to resettle peacefully.

Amnesty International, however, expressed fear that the newly returning refugees might be subject to arbitrary punishment in connection with the genocide, joining the 80,000 other Hutus already in crowded Rwandan jails awaiting trial in the killings.

U.N. envoy Raymond Chretien arrived Saturday in the capital, Kigali, for talks with Rwandan leaders.

"What is happening on the ground is changing quickly, and the force will have to adapt as well."

President Pasteur Bizimungu refused to meet with Chretien on Saturday. Rwanda also delayed permission for an advance team of Canadian troops to land in Kigali.

Rwandans in this lakeside border town watched the seemingly endless column of returning refugees with satisfaction.

"This resolves our problems," said

Emmanuel Mazimpaka, headmaster of a local high school. "We were worried the refugees would attack us from the camps. Now they are coming home to help rebuild the country."

Aid agencies set up tents to distribute water and high-protein crackers.

Overwhelmed by the force of numbers, volunteers sometimes had to use sticks to keep refugees in line. Mostly, however, aid workers were amazed by the orderliness of the return.

The U.N. World Food Program said it would feed the refugees for at least a month once they reach their homes.

Although the return eases the threat of a humanitarian disaster in the region, aid workers warn the crisis in central Africa is far from over. To the north, U.N. workers reported 40,000 Ugandans were forced from their homes by fresh fighting between the Zairian and Ugandan armies.

There is still the threat of more fighting in eastern Zaire, threatening the remaining 600,000 refugees. The Hutu militias took their guns with them when they fled into the hills, and Zaire's army has vowed to retake land captured by the rebels.

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# Russia's mission to Mars ends in failure

MOSCOW (AP) - Russia's celebrated mission to Mars failed early Sunday shortly after the rocket blasted off into space, the military space forces said.

The failure is a serious setback for the struggling Russian space program, which was counting on the Mars '96 probe to give it a new lease on life.

Space force officials refused immediate explanation of what went wrong after the four-stage Proton booster lifted off at 11:48 p.m. Moscow time (20:48 GMT) Saturday from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, the Interfax news agency said.

It was unclear whether the problem was in the booster rocket or in the spacecraft itself.

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"They are trying to show they still had the right stuff and they don't." The trip would have taken the Mars '96 spacecraft, which consists of an orbiter and four landers, 10 months.

With new evidence suggesting there may have been life on Mars, Earth's nearest planetary neighbor, interest in the Red Planet has never been higher.

A score of nations, including the United States, France and Germany, sent scientific instruments to Mars aboard the Russian spacecraft.

The United States plans 10 Mars missions over the next decade. The

first, the Global Surveyor, was launched Nov. 7, and on Dec. 2 NASA will launch its Mars Pathfinder.

Mars '96 is the first new spacecraft in a decade produced by the impoverished Russian space program.

Most of its efforts have gone into keeping the decade-old manned space station Mir aloft and regularly supplied with food, fuel and fresh crews.

The last Russian mission to Mars, like the last U.S. mission, also ended in heartbreak. Phobos-1 and Phobos-2, launched a few days apart in July 1988, vanished without a trace.

They were the first of what were to be three Mars missions; Mars '96 is the second and it is two years late because of money problems.

Scientists involved in the project say they doubt there will be any money for a third mission.

## Mild quakes shake Japan

TOKYO (AP) - An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude reading of 4.0 shook a chain of islands southwest of Tokyo early Sunday.

Another quake with a magnitude of 3.2 hit the same area, the waters around the Izu chain of islands, 190 kilometers (120 miles) southwest of Tokyo, about four hours later. There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries from either earthquake.

The first quake was centered at a depth of 10 kilometers (6 miles) beneath the seabed near Nijijima and Koju islands in the Izu chain, about 1 a.m. or (1600 GMT Saturday).

The second came at about 5 a.m. (2000 GMT Saturday), centered at a depth close to the seabed.

Earthquakes with a magnitude of 4 can cause moderate damage.

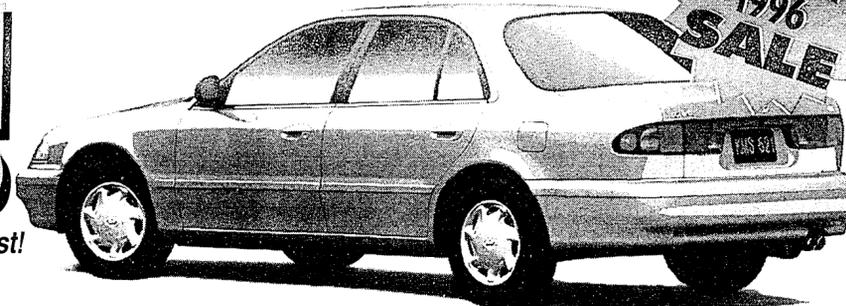
A Delta rocket roars away from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida carrying the Mars Global Surveyor craft on a NASA mission to map the Red Planet. AP Photo by: Red Huber

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The bill blames the machines for a "host of social ills."

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of programs deemed inappropriate for young Internet surfers. This is what the US Congress' Decency Act Ban is all about. It bans "obscenity and indecency" in on-line communications, and seeks to curb access to programs rated too "violent and sexually graphic for children."

Critics of the bill describe this as an attempt to restrict the Constitutional provision for "freedom of speech." Neither would computer experts in the CNMI subscribe to this kind of censorship.

"The Internet was designed with a wide access to information without any censorship. The US military had designed it that way," says Michael Murphy, the PSS computer coordinator who has prepared the Comprehensive Technology Plan for the Public School System.

He believes teachers' and parents' supervision would be a most acceptable way to keep kids away from pornographic materials in cyberspace. Another computer expert Michael Condon agrees.

"I don't think that censorship is appropriate. First off all, kiddie porn is only one percent of the total information available in the Internet, and 99 percent are useful information," says Condon, Information Technology Center coordinator of Joe-Ten Kiyu Library.

The public library has adopted the "Acceptable Use Policy" which sets certain "decency" standards, and seeks to prevent students' access to "inappropriate information."

But what is appropriate and inap-

appropriate? Rota, the CNMI's first senatorial district, is home to 2,561 people, nearly half of which are of Northern Marianas descent (1995 CNMI Statistical Yearbook).

"Even the Supreme Court could not define pornography, but the kids know what is appropriate or inappropriate for them," Condon says.

The library has 10 computer workstations, five of which are connected to the Internet. An average of 57 patrons use the Internet, according to Condon.

"We can't tell, however, how many of them are students," Condon says. Under the library's policy, computer users under 18 are required to have their parents sign an Internet Use Permission Form.

"Parents are advised that there are explicit materials and other information resources that they may find personally controversial or inappropriate," says Condon.

Anyone who violates the policy even for the first time automatically loses his or her privilege to use the network.

"We haven't had any problem so far. We have been vigilant. We monitor what the students are looking at," says Condon.

Using the blocking software is definitely a no-no for Condon.

A public library in Singapore, Condon said, uses the blocking software and is successful in curbing programs considered inappropriate for school children.

"But they have limited information as well. We're not interested in doing that. We prefer the Acceptable Use Policy and monitoring the kids."

"It's a matter of classroom management. If the teacher can't control what's in their classrooms, they shouldn't be teachers. Most schools in the CNMI have an acceptable use policy," he said.

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group at the last general membership meeting.

Kimura told the hotel association members that retirement plans can actually save money for businesses by reducing recruitment costs.

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The purpose of the association is to support and encourage cooperation among its member hotels through the sharing of ideas and community programs.

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Lujan stressed that to allow Webster to continue his present salary is to waste estate funds which the court is mandated to protect against.

Meanwhile, Lujan also requested the court to appoint Rex Kosack as special master again for the purpose of investigating Hillblom's assets (Danao International Holdings, Ltd.) in Vietnam and other companies worth \$80 million which are "constantly in jeopardy of being lost."

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TO: ALL PERSON AND CREDITORS having interest or claims against the Estate of JUANA TAITINGFONG CAMACHO. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Mr. Joseph Camacho, of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, has filed a petition in the Superior Court seeking to be appointed the administrator of the estate of, JUANA TAITINGFONG CAMACHO deceased. Petitioner's attorney of record is G. Anthony Long, Esq., Long & Brown, Attorneys at Law, A.A. 1797 Box 10001, Second Floor, Lim's Bldg., Obeai, Saipan, MP 96950. The hearing on said petition is set for November 19, 1996 at 1:30 p.m.

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/s/CLERK OF COURT

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In the Matter of the Adoption of MEGAN MAE SCHORTSMANN, A Minor Female Child.  
By: JIMMIE LEE ELLIS, Petitioner.  
Adoption Action No. 96-110

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Judge: Manibusan

Notice is hereby given that a verified petition was filed in the above-entitled court for the adoption of Megan Mae Schortsmann by Jimmie Lee Ellis, petitioner. The original of which is available for review at the Office of the Clerk of Court at Saipan, Saipan. A hearing of the above-entitled matter will be held on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1996 at 1:30 p.m. at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.  
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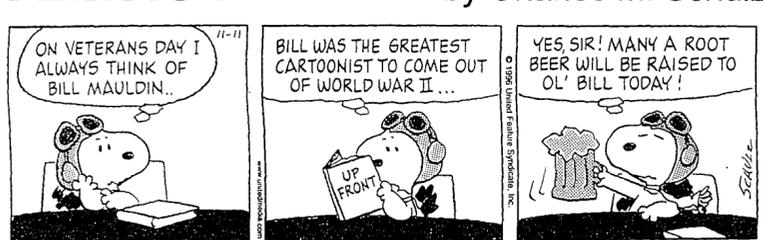
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By Stella Wilder

Born today, you always do what you are told until you are in a position to turn the tables and tell others what to do. This is not to suggest that you are a glutton for control, but you enjoy calling the shots whenever possible. If you are not involved in something, though, you are perfectly willing to let others go about their business without your advice. You always seem to have something up your sleeve which often yields a handsome payoff for yourself and those working with you. Whenever you hit the jackpot you tend to be generous.

You can be overly emotional at times, but you rarely let your emotions affect the way you do business. The same cannot be said for your personal life, which seems in shambles at times because you let your heart rule your head. Fortunately, you have a knack for getting yourself out of personal trouble.

Also born on this date are: Francois Voltaire, author and satirist; Goldie Hawn and Marlo Thomas, actresses; Stan Musial, baseball player.

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.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 18 SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — It's time to play "grown-up" — even when others insist on being childish. It's up to you to act responsibly.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Beware of financial ventures which seem risky. Calm waters and smooth sailing awaits you if you remain cautious.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — You may be feeling shaky today. Find solace with loved ones. That's not asking too much of them; never think so.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — You mustn't behave too aggressively today when trying to prove your point. It's a better idea to communicate subtly and with understatement.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Accept any gifts you are offered in a sincere and gracious manner today. Now is no time to overanalyze positive developments.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Open your mind today and enjoy

new experiences in a way you hadn't anticipated. Someone close to you will lead the way.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Double-check your work today. Avoiding mistakes will push an important project forward. Measure twice, cut once!

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — Avoid long-term travel plans today. Short trips are likely to prove much more fruitful and far less risky.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — The needs of others must take precedence today. Putting yourself in another's shoes may help you in the bigger picture.

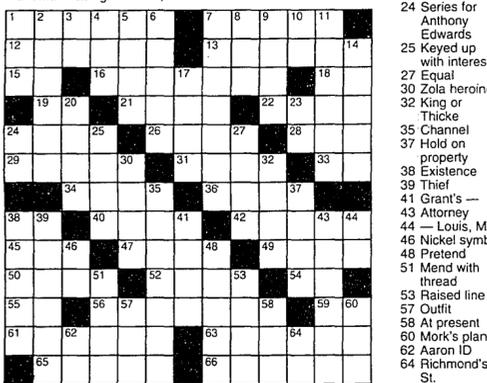
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Make plans today for the coming weekend. Early preparation can assure you of the most fun when the time comes.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Trust your instincts today. Follow your own path with confidence — but be careful to remain aware at all times of the feelings of others.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Patience and understanding are essential to a profitable day, particularly when working on a project with peers.

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College football

Notre Dame routs Pittsburg

NEW YORK (AP) — Lou Holtz still won't say when he's leaving Notre Dame, but the Fighting Irish sent Pittsburg packing in the second quarter. Allen Rossum scored on punt returns of 55 and 83 yards, and Aubrey Denson added a 74-yard return for a score in a six-TD second quarter Saturday as No. 14 Notre Dame (7-2) routed Pitt 60-6.

Holtz, meanwhile, said he would discuss his future early next week. "I am the head football coach at Notre Dame and proud of it," he said. "We don't know what the future holds. Nobody does." The Irish (7-2) are still in the running for one of two at-large berths in the bowl alliance and could end up in either the Fiesta or Orange bowls with wins against Rutgers and Southern California.

No. 13 Northwestern 27, Purdue 24; and No. 12 Tennessee 55, Arkansas 14. In later Top 25 games, it was No. 2 Ohio State at Indiana, No. 25 Southern Mississippi at No. 3 Florida State, No. 9 Kansas State at No. 6 Colorado, No. 6 North Carolina at No. 24 Virginia, No. 8 Alabama at Mississippi State, No. 10 Brigham Young at Hawaii, San Jose State at No. 15 Washington, No. 17 LSU at Mississippi, No. 21 Virginia Tech at No. 18 Miami, No. 22 Army vs. No. 19 Syracuse, Georgia at No. 20 Auburn and Colorado State at No. 23 Wyoming.

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with 17 flags for 147 yards in a 28-21 win over Vanderbilt. No. 5 Nebraska 49, Iowa St. 14. At Ames, Iowa, Scott Frost threw for two TDs and ran for two more, and Ahman Green rushed for 214 yards and a TD in three quarters as the Cornhuskers (9-1, 7-0 Big 12) held Troy Davis to 138 yards. Davis needs 40 yards next week against Kansas State to become the first major-college back to rush for 2,000 yards. Iowa State (2-8, 1-6) lost its sixth straight game.

Four... Continued from page 20. Robert Perez took the solo lead in his bracket by whipping Terry Huber. Perez now has 5.5 points out of possible 6 while Huber

absorbed his second setback. Jun Ramos whipped Clinton Cody while Michael scored a stunning victory over Dee Rosario. There was no winner in the Edgar Sogue and Moronni Babauta encounter as both players failed to show up for the game.

DFS... Continued from page 20. Clippers and the Jets and the Nite Busters drew their match at 2-2. In the team categories, Budweiser almost scored a sweep by topping the high scratch game, high scratch and high handicap series.

series erased the previous marks set by the Clippers at 861 and 2, 455 pins. Joeten Enterprises averted a Budweiser sweep by knocking 1,021 pins in the high handicap game.

The team composed of Diana Camacho, Cathy Muna, league president Rita Palacios, Martha Rehucuer, Stephanie Sablan, Margaret Tenorio, Tilde Verdaguer and Emi Williams, racked 863, 2,529 and 2,979 pins in the three events. Budweiser's scores in the high scratch game and high scratch

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Production... Continued from page 20. to coast to an 86-65 win while Circulation won their opening game in the tournament by nudging Administration, 78-70 in the first game last Saturday. Circulation won its second consecutive match by outplaying the Art Hard Drives last Sunday encounter by 14 points, 84-70.

high 70 points as he single-handedly carried Circulation past their opponents. Circulation pounced on Administration's shallow bench to post 40-27 first half lead. Administration played the majority of the first half with only two players, Banny Younis and Jhun Torio, before Amir and Salam Younis came in late in the second half.

As expected, Melvin Villarin and Melchor Puri carried the fight for Production. The duo combined for 66 points, with Villarin tallying 45 markers. The Quota Boys never recovered from a 54-26 halftime deficit as the Destroyers literally blew them out of the court.

With a complete lineup, the Administration managed to come closer but Circulation leaned on Ranola to bail them out of trouble. Alex Cayading, Yulo Cardenas and Tony Santos added two points or more for Circulation.

Jun Carandang, Egay Geronimo and Tristan Timbol added a combined 24 points in Production's winning cause. Ferdie dela Torre topscored for the Quota Boys with 44 points but the inability of Raffy Arroyo and Erel Cabatbat to provide a solid scoring sock spelled the big difference in Editorial's defeat. Arroyo was good for only eight points while Cabatbat added a paltry 11 markers. Jojo Dass added two points.

In the lone Sunday encounter, Circulation dealt the Hard Drives their second setback. The game was dominated by Circulation right from the start. Ranola led his team gain with 57 points, Cardenas added 15 while Greg Esteves scored 10 points.

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period and built as much as a 17-point lead. The Warriors got close with a 15-2 spurt to trail 107-103 on Latrell Sprewell's 3-pointer with 1:07 to go, but that was it for the Warriors as Matt Maloney sank a jumper, Marlo Elie hit four straight free throws and Drexler added a layup with 6.5 seconds left.

Florida was flagged 14 times for 144 yards in penalties a week after being hit with 17 flags for 147 yards in a 28-21 win over Vanderbilt.

At East Rutherford, New Jersey, Kendall Gill scored 32 points to lead the Nets and rookie coach John Calipari to its first win of the season. Kerry Kittles finished with 19 points, Robert Pack added 16 and Jayson Williams had 18 rebounds for New Jersey. Dale Ellis led the Nuggets with 27 points and Antonio McDyess added 23.

At Dallas, John Stockton scored 23 points, including two free throws with two seconds left, as Utah escaped with a victory over Dallas. The Jazz led by 14 points after three quarters, but the Mavericks came back with a 30-8 run to go ahead by eight points with 1:54 left.

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CLOSERS COLUMN CLOSERS

The basic monetary unit of Poland is the zloty, and its chief fractional unit is the grosz. Indonesia is the world's largest Muslim nation. The next millennium starts at the beginning of 2001, not 2000. When famous World War I spy Mata Hari was executed by a French firing squad, she wore a dress specially tailored for the occasion.

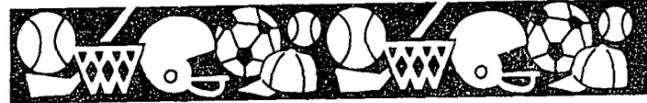
The ancient Greeks considered 6 to be the perfect number, as it is the sum of all of its divisors except itself (1, 2 and 3). On average, a square inch of human skin consists of 19 million cells, 60 hairs, 90 oil glands and 19 feet of blood vessels. In some areas on Mars the temperature reaches about 80 degrees F in the afternoon. In 1789, Morocco became the first country to recognize the United States as an independent nation. Nellie Taylor Ross of Wisconsin was the first woman governor in the United States; she took office in 1925.

During the Thirty Years War (1618-48), about 60 million people died of smallpox in Europe. © 1996 NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN. An idealistic Shakespearean lecturer named Jane Wirgman is attempting to sanitize the language of inmates at England's Norwich prison by teaching them epithets from the Bard. Prisoners there have reportedly begun calling one another "thou crusty botch of nature" and "thou odiferous stench." Don't be too quick to rejoice if you see the light at the end of the tunnel. It might be an oncoming train. It's not the good, old days we miss — it's the bad, old nights.

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# SPORTS



## National Basketball Association

# Bulls extend win streak

CHICAGO (AP) - Michael Jordan, held to two points in the first 21 1/2 minutes, finished with 25 as the Chicago Bulls remained unbeaten with a 97-69 victory over the undermanned Atlanta Hawks.

The Hawks, who were without starting guards Mookie Blaylock and Steve Smith, had their lowest point total Saturday night since scoring 68 against Cleveland on Jan. 26, 1995.

Dennis Rodman added 15 rebounds for the Bulls, who take a 10-0 record into a seven-game road trip.

By the time the defending NBA champions return to the United

Center on Dec. 5, they might own yet another league record - the longest undefeated streak to start a season. Washington set the mark with 15 in 1948 and Houston tied it in 1993.

### Knicks 82, Timberwolves 79

At New York, the Knicks nearly allowed the Timberwolves to go two games over .500 for the first time in franchise history, but Minnesota went without a basket for more than 5 1/2 minutes in the fourth quarter and lost.

The Timberwolves, who have been in the league for seven dismal seasons, had a chance to tie at the buzzer, but Tom Gugliotta

missed a 3-pointer from the right corner.

Patrick Ewing led New York with 26 points and 15 rebounds, and John Starks scored 11 of his 13 points in the final 12:01 of the game.

The Knicks beat Minnesota for the 11th straight time.

### Bullets 106, Celtics 92

At Landover, Maryland, Washington held Boston scoreless in the final six minutes and kept the Celtics winless on the road.

The Bullets, who trailed by 12 in the third quarter and by five at the outset of the fourth, closed the game with a 17-3 run. Boston

scored only 10 points in the final quarter.

Juwan Howard and Rod Strickland scored 19 each and Chris Webber had 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Bullets.

Dana Radja scored 26 for the Celtics, but none in the fourth quarter.

### Magic 92, Raptors 87

In Orlando, Florida, the Magic continued to adjust well to adversity, getting 25 points and 11 rebounds from Nick Anderson to beat Toronto despite the absence of Penny Hardaway.

Hardaway will undergo exploratory surgery on his injured left

knee Sunday and will be sidelined for up to six weeks. Anderson took up the scoring slack against the Raptors and made a clutch 3-pointer for 90-85 lead with 26 seconds to go.

Brian Shaw took over the starting point guard job and had 10 assists, while Rony Seikaly scored 17 points and grabbed nine rebounds.

Walt Williams led Toronto with 29 points, but just four of those came after halftime.

### 76ers 91, Heat 89

In Miami, Rex Walters made a 3-pointer with 33 seconds remain-

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POWER SWING— Jovie Omar, of team Sakau, hits the ball against the Oreos in yesterday's action in the 1996-1997 Palau Women's Slowpitch Softball League at the Koblerville Ball Field. Despite Omar's effort, the Oreos won their sixth straight triumph by beating Sakau, 9-4. (Photo by Erel A. Cabatbat)

## 1996 Budweiser Chess Cup

# Four share top spot

By Erel A. Cabatbat  
Variety News Staff

GLENN ORLINA brought down erstwhile solo leader Paul Elauria in 45 moves of a Queen's Pawn Opening as two more players began their march to the top of the team standings after six rounds of the CNMI Chess Association's 1996 Budweiser Cup Individual Chess Championships yesterday at Rambi's Restaurant.

In beating Elauria, Orlina hiked his total output to 4.5 points and to gain a share of the lead. More importantly, Orlina dealt Elauria's first tournament defeat.

Pol Mondez and Ely G. Buenaventura outwitted separate opponents to tie Orlina and Elauria on top the overall standings with identical 4.5 points.

Mondez stopped Ronnie Alfonso's bid in 72 moves of a Modern Defense while

Buenaventura scored the full point after Almer Santos resigned in 34 moves of a Pirc Defense. The Mondez-Alfonso game seemed to end in a draw but Alfonso opted to gamble for a win and missed several winning lines.

In another crucial matchup, defending champion John Villamin inched closer to the top by outlasting Junnel Lomantas. Villamin, who handled the black pieces, hacked out the victory in 55 moves on a King's Indian Defense. Villamin now has four points, just half a point behind the leaders.

Winston Abarca joined the day's winners by outplaying Jun Baja in 33 moves of a Bird's Opening. Rey Yana bounced back into the win column by whipping Manny Domingo in 26 moves of a complicated Gruenfeld Defense. The Gruenfeld Defense is a favorite opening by two of the games most brilliant players, Bobby

Fischer and Professional Chess Associations' World Champion Gari Kasparov.

Rey Villamor joined Yana in the 3.5 points bracket by stopping Peter Sibly while disc-jockey Carl Pogue beat Othello Gonzales in 44 moves of a Queen's Pawn Opening.

In the lone draw of the game, Marlon Yucampo halved the point with Ariel Urbano.

Jun Ocena, Vic Diamzon and Tom Canaveral had an easy time scoring the full point against their no-show opponents: Roel Bince, George Hanus and Joe Demapan.

In the Novice action, George Eamilao brought down previously undefeated Nick Cayetano while Cliff Aldan won over Fred Rubiego. Junn Fernandez won his match against Sixto Igisomar and Conrad Escoto bested Alfred Romulo in the Group A action.

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## 1996 Palau Women's League

# Oreos nail 6th straight win

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THE TOURNAMENT'S hottest team continued to dominate the opposition as the Oreos scored their sixth consecutive win by thrashing Sakau, 9-4 in the second game of the 1996-1997 Palau Women's Slowpitch Softball League yesterday at Koblerville Ball Field.

With Emy Quitugua going perfect, 3 for 3, at bats and Annie Emiliano having another excellent afternoon, the Oreos dealt Sakau its third loss of the season. Quitugua scored two rbis while Emiliano accounted for two runs, one rbi and one homerun. Brenda Haddox also went 2 for 3 for the winning team. Bertha Sablan paced Sakau's losing bid by swinging a triple and scoring a run.

Jennifer Germance racked her sixth win in seven starts while

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## PRODUCTION CIRCULATION SCORE 2nd CONSECUTIVE WINS

Team Standings	W	L
Circulation	2	0
Production	2	0
Editorial	1	1
Administration	0	2
Art	0	2

THE PRODUCTION whipped defending champion Editorial while Circulation scored two wins in two days to share the top spot in the Younis Art Studio-Marianas Variety 3 on 3 Interdepartment Basketball Tournament.

The Destroyers used a 10 to nothing blitz in the opening two minutes against the Quota Boys

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## Women's Thursday Night League

# DFS Saipan burn lanes

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DFS SAIPAN went undefeated last week to gain the top spot in the Women's Thursday Night League at the Saipan Bowling Center.

DFS, with a league's best 16-4 win loss mark, routed Kan Pacific Pool. Kan Pacific dropped to fifth in the overall standings with a 12-8 slate.

Oriental Hotel remained in second spot after being held to a draw by J. G. Sablan Enterprises. Oriental totes a 14-6 mark while J.G. Sablan improved to sixth with a 9-11 tally.

Budweiser jumped from fifth into solo third after winning three of out four matches against Jaridon while JTG Enterprises whipped Miller Lite with the same score to move by two notches in overall team standings. Budweiser hiked its slate to 13-7 while JTG now has 8.5-11.5 record.

In other matches, Joeten Enterprises scored a 3-1 triumph over the

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