

# Food stamp cut soon

By Jojo Dass  
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A REDUCTION in the number of individuals benefiting from the federal government's food stamp program is expected early next year, the Variety learned over the weekend.

Thomas A. Tebuteb, Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary, said the cut will come as a result of the US Welfare Reform Act which was signed by President Clinton several months ago

to save on federal welfare expenses.

He said the federal government's regional office is analyzing sections of the act to determine which provisions are applicable to the CNMI.

Tebuteb, citing a "trend" in the US mainland, said the DCCA may soon have to cut back on food stamp beneficiaries and assist "able-bodied" holders in finding jobs.

He said his office has began

coordinating with the Department of Labor and Immigration in a bid to find jobs for these recipients.

"There may be a cut [in the number of beneficiaries]. What we are looking in the future is a start in cutting back [the number of food stamp holders]," Tebuteb told the Variety.

Tebuteb said the food stamp program covers approximately 1,000 households with some \$200,000 spent monthly on 4,000 holders. The program is set to



Thomas A. Tebuteb

receive \$5.1 million from federal government for fiscal year 1997, it was learned.

Guam has recently been feeling the effects of the act with local officials cutting welfare benefits to 3,900 non-US citizen beneficiaries beginning January 1 next year.

A halt on food stamp applications has also been imposed by Guam authorities.

There are about 15,500 Guamanians receiving \$1.8 million in welfare every month. The cut-back will reportedly result in sav-

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**AUTOGRAPH, PLEASE.** Nancy Bo Flood, author of the Fulcrum Publishing's newly released title 'From the Mouth of the Monster Eel,' signs autograph during her book launching held Saturday at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. 'From the Mouth' is a collection of folklore from different parts of Micronesia. Photo By M.C. Munar

## Region's legal minds gather today for judicial conference

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
Variety News Staff

JUSTICES, judges and lawyers from different parts of Micronesia gather today for the opening of the three-day annual Pacific Judicial Conference to be held at the Diamond Hotel in Susupe.

The conference, according to a press release earlier issued by the Supreme Court, is part of the legal community's "continuing legal education" through dialogues among Pacific Judicial Council's member countries and islands states.

The conference is also aimed at reviewing court rules as well as doctrines *vis a vis* cultural customs and traditions, according to the court's press release.

Participants, moreover, will deal with public education in "areas of substance abuse, domestic and community relations and

judicial administrations."

About 30 delegates are expected to participate in the conference—the second major regional event staged on Saipan following the 36th South Pacific Conference

held early last month.

This is, however, the first time for Saipan to host the council's annual conference since its establishment in 1991.

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## DPW set to pave Kagman roads



Edward M. DL Guerrero

THE DEPARTMENT of Public Works will begin the groundwork for the paving of Kagman roads shortly before Christmas, it was gathered.

The road project was finalized three days after Gov. Froilan Tenorio, together with his cabinet men, met with Kagman residents at a village center last Tuesday.

Unpaved roads and drainage problems were among grievances raised by the close to 50 residents who came for the meeting. Other

problems include those on power and water supply and the transfer of a delinquent juvenile center and prison facilities elsewhere.

DPW Secretary Edward M. DL Guerrero said government will be spending \$600,000 for the project. He said the Kagman road project has been shelved for some time for lack of funds. He also stressed that the DPW will pave the roads "with or

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## PAL to resume Saipan flights, says Governor

By Zaldy Dandan  
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NOW IT'S Philippine Air Lines, and not Grand Air, that may soon re-open a Saipan-Manila route.

Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio said Friday that he will meet with PAL officials in Manila to discuss "arrangements."

"I've heard good news from them," he said.

"They're interested in coming over here and they want some kind of an agreement with one of the commuter airlines.

"I think something's going to work out pretty good, pretty fast."

Last October, Tenorio said that Grand Air, a newly-established airline company in the Philippines, is "very interested" in opening a Saipan-Manila route.

Tenorio said he has also met with PAL officials in Manila, but his discussions with Grand Air's chairman and president



Froilan C. Tenorio

were "better."

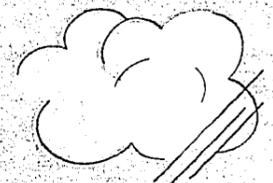
The governor has also met with officials of China's Civil Aviation Administration and Travel Bureau to discuss the possible opening of a China-Saipan direct air route.

In an interview last August, the governor said he will ask PAL to resume its direct flights to Saipan.

He said the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS)

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## Weather Outlook



Partly cloudy with isolated showers

# US warns Milosevic

WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States warned Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic on Thursday against resorting to violence to crush the massive wave of protests against his autocratic rule.

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said the head of the U.S. diplomatic mission in Belgrade had delivered a "stiff message" to Serbia's leader "on the issue of the inadmissibility of the use of force against the people in the streets who are protesting peacefully."

More than 100,000 people marched through downtown Belgrade

# Palestinians seeking timetable for further Israeli withdrawal

JERUSALEM (AP) - The agreement on an Israeli troop withdrawal in Hebron is complete, but the signing is being delayed by a dispute with the Palestinians over a further Israeli withdrawal in the West Bank, Israel radio reported Sunday.

However, Israel army radio said the two sides still disagree over the security arrangements for the Israeli withdrawal in Hebron.

The Palestinians are demanding a

timetable for an Israeli withdrawal from rural areas in the West Bank. This was promised by the previous Israeli government in the interim agreements on Palestinian autonomy, signed in Oslo, Norway.

Israel army radio reported that the Palestinian demand, which came directly from PLO leader Yasser Arafat, was delivered to Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu by the American Ambassador Martin Indyk.

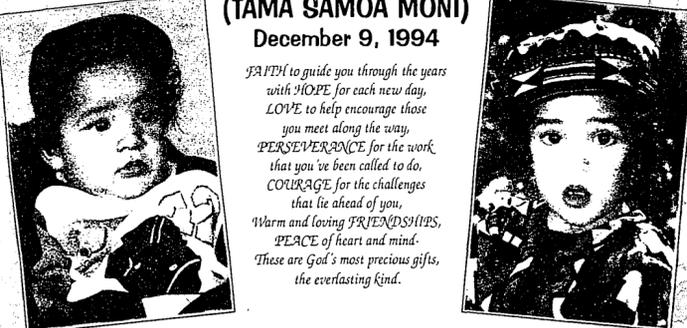
Israel has already withdrawn from all the Palestinian cities in the West Bank except Hebron. According to the interim agreement it is also to withdraw from rural areas around the cities in three stages. The first stage was to have taken place on Sept 7, with the second and third stages after six months and a year.

The Palestinians say they do not trust Netanyahu to carry out the further withdrawal, and their suspicions have been heightened by his proposal that the two sides proceed directly to the negotiations on a permanent settlement.

The Palestinians are demanding a commitment from the Israelis to carry out the further withdrawal, with specific dates. Israel refuses on the

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grounds that the timetable would influence the negotiations on the permanent peace settlement which are to follow the redeployment.

About 500 Jewish settlers live in Hebron, surrounded by 130,000 Palestinians. The Palestinians have rejected an Israeli demand that their police in the areas adjacent to the Jewish enclave be armed only with pistols, instead of assault rifles. Arafat, in his message to Netanyahu, demanded that the Palestinian police be allowed to carry assault rifles, army radio said.

Last week, Netanyahu said it was time for a meeting between himself and Arafat to settle the disagreements and sign the agreement on Hebron. The Palestinian reaction was cool, and Netanyahu's office is still waiting for a reply, the newspaper Maariv reported Sunday.

Israel's Channel 2 television reported Friday that the United States has suggested a compromise in which Israel, in addition to its withdrawal in Hebron, would pull its troops out of the nearby village of Halhoul. In return, the Palestinians would be more flexible over security arrangements in Hebron.

# Former cultist insists gas attack orders from guru

By P.H. FERGUSON  
TOKYO (AP) - A key figure in Japan's doomsday cult said Thursday he had "no doubt" that orders for nerve gas attacks came from guru Shoko Asahara, despite attempts by Asahara's lawyers to show someone else could have been responsible.

Defense lawyers say prosecutors have yet to prove that Asahara ordered the gas attack on Tokyo's subways March 20, 1995, which killed 12 people and sickened thousands.

Ikuo Hayashi, a former top official of the Aum Shinri Kyo cult, has testified that chief cult scientist Hideo Murai told him to release the gas. Murai pointed to the sky and said the order came from "on high," Hayashi said.

In Thursday's court session, Asahara's lawyers grilled Hayashi, suggesting Murai might have been acting on his own without the cult leader's knowledge or approval.

Impossible, Hayashi responded. "That was the way we spoke," said Hayashi, a bespectacled, soft-spoken former doctor. "There was no doubt as to who was meant."

Murai was stabbed to death in April 1995.



Yasuo Hayashi, center, sits in a plane bringing him to Tokyo after he was captured on the resort island of Ishigaki. After 20 months on the run, the senior doomsday cult member accused of planting lethal nerve gas on Tokyo subway killing 12 people, was arrested. AP Photo

# Tenorio acts on budget today

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff  
GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio on Friday said he will sign—and line-item veto portions of—the \$204,981,600 fiscal year 1997 budget bill today.

(The bill does not include the Public School System's funding of close to \$42.5 million, which was appropriated out of a "piecemeal" budget passed last month.)

Among the provisions he said he will veto are the \$1.1 million funding for renal and bone marrow transplants and the \$19,000 for Sen. David M. Cing's (D-Tinian) legal fees.

"It seems that I can not avoid line-item vetoing some of the (provisions)," Tenorio said.

As an example, he said that the budget bill allotted funds for specific medical referral programs, when it should be the medical referral committee deciding on how much the programs need.

**Chief executive tells where he'll item-veto**

"What if it (would cost) more than (what was appropriated)? Does it mean that we do not spend more than that. (Of course) we should spend more if it's needed."

Tenorio added that the budget's medical referral provision did not clearly define who qualifies for the program.

The Attorney General Office's (AGO) budget, however, will not be line-item vetoed despite Tenorio's earlier "complaint" that the Legislature reduced the office's funding by half a million dollars.

"I don't think a line-item veto on the AGO's budget is going to help," he said. "I guess I just have to approve it and find another \$500,000 somewhere, and submit additional funding for AGO."

Tenorio said he needs to have the best AG staff he can get.

"At the risk of repeating myself, (the) one agency that I feel should be fully staffed competently is AGO. I wonder if the Legislature, (particularly) the Senate, is trying to give me the message that they don't want a competent AGO in this administration."

"(Maybe they want us to) lose cases. I do know that some legislators are involved in litigation (against the administration) and they better not be doing this because they don't want us to do a good job litigating these cases." He said he will try to "find" \$500,000 from additional revenues and submit a revised AGO budget to the Legislature.

There are at least \$5 million in additional revenues identified by his administration, he said.

At the same time, Tenorio said the government should not pay Cing's legal fees.

Section 530, subsection (d) of the budget bill states that Cing's \$19,000 legal fees was incurred for "a public purpose."

Cing, together with Rep. Joaquin G. Adriano (R-Tinian), sued the governor last year over capital improvement funds. The court ruled in favor of Tenorio.

The original budget bill, which the governor branded as "not balanced," was vetoed early in October.

**ConCon delegates to hold first-ever reunion today**

Third Constitutional Conventions.

The drafting of a CNMI Constitution was mandated by the Covenant signed between the United States and the Northern Marianas officials.

According to the *History of the Northern Marianas Islands* written by Don Farrell, the drafting of the Constitution was marred with walk-outs and threats of boycott.

After the birth pangs, the Constitution was signed by the delegates on Dec. 4, 1976.

Concon president Lorenzo Guerrero, during the signing ceremony described the event as an "eventual day" that "marks a giant stride towards full attainment of our long cherished desire to be part of the political family of the United States."

The Constitution was ratified by 93.3 percent of the people who voted in general plebiscite held on March 6, 1977.

The second convention in 1985 entered 44 amendments which formed part of the current Constitution.

The Third convention, which convened in June last year, came up with 19 amendments but none of them got the voters' nod during the ratification exercise held last March.

# Inos petition to intervene in 'Rota squatters' suit rejected

By Ferdie de la Torre  
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THE SUPERIOR Court has denied Mayor Joseph S. Inos' petition to intervene into the government's lawsuit against six alleged "squatters" on Rota.

In a four-page order, Associate Judge Miguel Demapan ruled that Inos' presence in the suit is unnecessary because his interests in enforcing the action are already being represented by the Attorney General's Office.

Demapan said in 1990, defendants Vivencio Anglo, Celso Catindig, Nestor Jingco, Ronico Pelen, Aquilino Semana, and Donicio Semana began occupying the land in question with the approval of former Rota Mayor Prudencio T. Manglona.

In Oct. 1992, the defendants signed temporary residential permits issued by the Marianas Public Land Corporation which authorize temporary shelters to be built.

Defendants admit that they understood that since 1992, they could only occupy the public land temporarily, Demapan's order stated.

On April 19, 1996, Division of Public Lands of the Department of Land and Natural Resources Director Bertha Camacho wrote to defendants, informing them that their continued occupancy of the land was unlawful.

Camacho instructed the defendants to vacate the land by July 15, 1996.



Joseph S. Inos

vention.

In analyzing whether a prospective intervenor should be granted permissive intervention, Demapan said the court's "look to whether the intervenor could contribute to a full development of the underlying issues in the lawsuit."

"Because petitioner has no legal interest in this lawsuit, other than the enforcement of Commonwealth law, his participation in this lawsuit would contribute nothing to the development of the legal and factual issues in this case," said the judge.

Inos' allegiances are confused in this matter because his stated position is contrary to that of the AG's and aligned with the defendants.

"It is unclear why petitioner has taken a position in support of the defendants and contrary to the policies of the central government," the judge said.

Demapan said the mayor's position in this case is further confused by the fact that Francisco Toves, resident Department Head for the DLNR in Rota, Inos' appointee, has withdrawn from the petition.

Toves stated that "he was cheated and victimized" by being included in the petition to intervene.

Toves further stated that "I have never supported the trespassers from the very beginning of the issues. Why should I support those who intentionally ignored my department instructions and or policies?"

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
Variety News Staff  
FOR THE first time in 20 years, all delegates to three Constitutional Conventions gather today to celebrate the CNMI's Constitution Day in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the 1976 Convention which produced the Commonwealth's maiden charter.

The ceremony, which will be held at Dai-Ichi Hotel, starts at 11 a.m.

Supreme Court Justice Ramon Villagomez, president of the Second ConCon, said today's gathering serves as the first reunion of all delegates to the First, Second and



Ramon Villagomez

# Stripper at DPS nabbed

A DRUNKEN man was arrested for allegedly taking off his shirt and pants at the Department of Public Safety Thursday night.

Kang Soon Park, 35, was apprehended for indecent exposure, according to Public Safety Information Officer Sgt. Franklin Babauta.

Babauta said initial investigation showed that police officers brought Park at DPS after he was found very drunk walking along a road.

At DPS, Park slept on the ground, prompting officers to wake him up.

Instead, the arrestee removed his clothes.

In other police report, two unidentified men punched a security guard for no apparent reasons at the parking lot of Mobil gas station before dawn Friday.

The suspects, described as locals, fled on foot.

Recently, two security guards were assaulted by four male teenagers at Nikko Hotel. One guard was seriously injured and taken to a hospital in the Philippines.

At Plumeria Resort, a 32-year-old man was arrested on Thursday for pushing several times a woman at the parking lot.

Arrested was Sakisy K. Taylor of Kagman.

The victim suffered scratches to her knees and elbows, police said.

No other details were given in the report. (FDT)



YEAH MACARENA. Grades school students take part in the Marianas High Schools workshop on performing arts held Saturday at Joeten Kiyu Library. Photo by MCM

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## W-2 Highway a Death Road

THIS Isn't the first nor the third time that someone is killed on W-2 Highway since it was turned into a four-lane artery several years ago. It is an artery that must have claimed more lives than all other roads on the island. It was opened into a four-lane road to ease traffic congestion. Evidently, it also resulted in more injuries and fatalities.

Political (not engineering) planners did the general public a disservice by making *fast lanes into turning lanes*. If you disagree, take another cruise along the same road because you'd see a sign that tells slow drivers to move into the right lane so to leave open the fast lane for those in a hurry. At the same time, this is the turning lane as well. There's a complete conflict in the purpose of the fast lane. Is anybody listening? Or is this scribe the complete asinine in this case?

A public education program on driving safety is in order. Emphasis should be given on all facets of defensive driving, including distance between vehicles, signaling—approximately how many yards from the point of making right or left turns—are you supposed to begin signaling so that the person behind knows with sufficiency that you're going off the main road.

I'm afraid too that many drivers have simply ignored the use of their signal lights as though it's a good joke on the public highways. No, amigo, you're leaving everything to stupidity and, believe it or not, you need not confirm it either. There's also a need to emphasize estimating approaching traffic. It's another joke that drivers use to force approaching traffic to forcibly slow down.

Driving is a privilege and lawmakers ought to begin considering denial of such privilege for shabu users, those caught driving under the influence, all automobiles that are unsafe at any speed, including crawlers wrapped in masking tapes; heavy equipment operators caught toying around with their new found toy employing the "I'm bigger" attitude, therefore, Mr. Small Guy must slow down, etc.

Above it all, please do something about "fast-turn lanes" at W-2 Highway. Not only have pedestrians been killed using pedestrian crossings, but motorists too who are victimized by pedal happy drivers who must have left their brains in the refrigerator at home or in their back pockets. For motorists who fail to surrender themselves to authorities in hit and run situations, amigo, you can run but you can't hide. Your conscience will eventually get the better part of you all the way to your death bed!

### Too many cars on a 12-mile island

The last I looked through statistics, there are 17,000-plus vehicles operating on the public highways here. That's a lot of cars for an island that stretches 12 miles long and five miles wide. I understand too that some 300 car units are sold monthly or about 3,600 per year. I'm afraid that by the year 2,000 this island would have required traffic lights on basically every corner of this tiny rock to facilitate traffic flow or congestion.

A number of issues would have become problematical when there are too many cars on such a small island. They are: 1.) Parking spaces on public or private facilities. 2.) Unbearable traffic congestion during peak hours. These two issues alone would require that we do certain things to resolve them: A.) Implement a mass transit system, including the dedication of a certain lane just for this mode of transportation to and from work. B.) Approve a law limiting car ownership to one per family. C.) Require that all evening outings to restaurants and bars be limited via the use taxi cabs to and from original point of origin.

Unless we employ political resolve to address this mounting problem here, complacency would have forced certain negative incidence on the public highways beyond our wildest imaginings. We would have duplicated the latest traffic fad in LA where frustrations have led to actual gunning down of motorists who have come in your way. And lest we forget, this island community has seen noxious growth in little or no social conscience among its younger people.

When parking space becomes a daily problematic reality in both sectors, it becomes mandatory that employees take the mass-transit system to work without a choice. Otherwise, many would be leaving their desks every two to three hours to relocate their cars elsewhere before they are towed away. Those who work in hotels—especially in the Garapan area—ought to know this problem by heart.

An open space area can't be created nor manufactured. Once a space is occupied for, i.e., the construction of a large building, that space is gone! As you begin to build upwards, parking space becomes a matter of necessity to address for both tenants and visitors. It won't be long from now when land owners near hotels in the Garapan area may simply dedicate building several flights of nothing but parking space to accommodate such need. And the land owner would be making a hefty fee annually.

It's about time that government planners and policy makers converge to begin addressing the merits of the mass-transit system and other appropriate laws to quell traffic congestion in paradise. And it should be done now rather than later. Thanks.



JACK ANDERSON and JAN MOLLER

## WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Mexico's culture of political corruption

MEXICO CITY—Every Mexican knows that their government is riddled with corruption. Oddly enough however, no high-ranking cabinet official—many of whom become quite rich while in office—has been officially charged with corruption or any other crime in decades.

Most of these corrupt officials are too embarrassed to stay in Mexico after their terms have expired. Often they'll flee the country in a self-imposed exile. For this reason, current office holders rarely investigate the shady affairs of their predecessors.

But some here believe it's time to start holding crooked former officials responsible for their unscrupulous behavior in office. Calls are growing louder for an investigation into suspected links to drug cartels by cabinet officials who served under former President Carlos Salinas. The allegations against Salinas—who is himself in voluntary exile—and his cabinet have centered on Emilio Gamboa, former secretary of communication and transportation.

Current President Ernesto Zedillo has been pressured by at least one federal legislator to investigate Gamboa for the source of his unexplained wealth. Public accusations against the former official have repeatedly been aired in reform-minded newspapers and magazines.

Knowledgeable intelligence and diplomatic sources provided additional information to our associate Dale Van Atta. Although Gamboa would not respond to our requests for an interview, he has previously denied any suggestions of impropriety.

Gamboa's chief accuser is Eduardo Valle, who was Mexico's chief counter-narcotics official in 1993-94. Valle, who is currently living in the United States, keeps his whereabouts secret out of concern for his safety. But he agreed to sit down with us to review his findings.

Poring over police and intelligence reports during his first days in office, Valle soon figured out that the only way the major drug cartels could enjoy their unfettered access to Mexico's airports and other drug trafficking routes was by gaining influence in the transportation ministry.

At first, Valle had no direct proof. Then he started examining the wiretaps that federal law enforcement officials had made of a

prominent drug cartel headed by Juan Garcia Abrego. That's when he made the connection.

The connection was Marcela Bodenstedt, who called Gamboa and one of his top aides regularly. A former television announcer and drug detective, Bodenstedt was also an alleged fixer and money launderer for Garcia Abrego, according to Valle and several Mexican media reports.

She has been portrayed by the Mexican press as an irresistible siren, the "Mata Hari of Mexico." Leaked transcripts of wiretaps to Reforma, a Mexico City newspaper, reveal that the second most powerful man in the Salinas administration, Chief of Staff Jose Cordoba Montoya, had a fairly interesting relationship with Bodenstedt.

In the transcripts, Cordoba Montoya coo to Bodenstedt on the phone, referring to her as "my little dear," while she calls him "my pirate." Pressed about this compromising relationship at a news conference, Zedillo refused to speculate on drug trafficking implications, calling it "a transgression ... that requires his (Cordoba Montoya's) wife's forgiveness."

Valle, however, believes the incident was more than an extramarital "transgression," and is in fact linked to the drug cartels. As evidence, he cites calls made by Garcia Abrego's people to Cordoba Montoya's phone in the presidential palace.

Cordoba Montoya has denied any connection to drug cartels. While serving as Salinas' chief of staff though, he was not considered a model of integrity. For instance, he claimed he had received a doctorate in economics from Stanford University and his staff referred to him as "doctor"—until a prominent Mexican magazine revealed that the claim was false.

Gamboa, who has an otherwise blameless record, has emphatically denied any drug cartel links, though he admitted meeting Bodenstedt at least once to discuss a painting she wanted to sell.

Mexico, current cabinet officials repeatedly stress, is not an easy place to determine the truth. High-level corruption is a fact of public life, yet it is very difficult to prove.

Certainly there are many honest people who work in the government here. Yet there are enough officials who look the other way when they see corruption—or who actively collude with the criminals—that justice may never be served.

## Governor to receive American Hero award



Froilan C. Tenorio

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff  
GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio is this year's American Hero awardee, it was learned Friday.

The governor, according to Public Information Officer Mark Broadhurst, will leave for Manila tomorrow to receive the award from the National Defense Council Foundation, a conservative Washington D.C.-based think-tank.

Tenorio was selected to receive the award for "exemplifying the American spirit of entrepreneurial capitalism in fostering and guiding the magnificent successful miracle in the Marianas."

Broadhurst said Tenorio was chosen "because he adheres to free market policies even under a lot of threats and commotion from some people back in the federal government, but

## Drug test for man who tore woman's shirt

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff  
THE SUPERIOR Court has ordered a drug testing to a man who was convicted for tearing a woman's shirt in front of his friend.

Associate Judge Timothy Bellas said George Sablan Norita shall undergo the drug test during the term of his probation.

Following a plea agreement, Bellas sentenced Sablan to 30 days in jail, all suspended for one year.

The judge asked Sablan to seek substance abuse counseling at the Commonwealth Health Center and perform 100 hours of community work service.

The defendant was also required to obtain family marital counselling from a certified therapist.

Sablan was charged with assault and battery. He and counsel Deputy Public Defender David Juarez entered into a plea agreement with the government.

He pleaded guilty to the charges. Court information showed that last Aug. 29, the defendant threw a chair to a woman and punched her numerous times on the head.

Sablan then tore off the victim's shirt in front of his friend, leaving her topless.

through thick and thin the governor has stayed the course."

The Foundation, Broadhurst added, has "called upon" the national public policy community to "strongly consider availing America of (the CNMI,) this most splendid territory as a true projection of American spirit and goodwill in the Asia-Pacific region."

The awarding ceremony will be held Wednesday in Manila with foundation chairman Dr. Milton Copulos presenting the award.

Foundation president Major F. Andy Messing Jr. (USAR, Ret.) will present the Freedom Award to Philippine President Fidel V. Ramos "for his role in promoting economic and individual liberty in Southeast Asia and his strong friendship with the United States."

Copulos was one of the policy analysts who visited the CNMI last September. Copulos and the other policy analysts called the CNMI "an economic miracle" with a growth rate that surpasses even that of the mainland United States.

Copulos, during the visit, said he believes that the CNMI still plays a "pivotal role" in the region, and that a strong CNMI is an asset to the United States.

Meanwhile, another delegation from Washington D.C. will visit the CNMI next week, Broadhurst said.

The delegation will be made up of members of the U.S. House of Representatives and congressional staffers.

## Calonge gets appreciation plaque

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff  
OUTGOING Philippine Consul Generoso Calonge was given a plaque of appreciation by Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio Friday for his "contributions to friendship and understanding between the Philippines and the CNMI."

Calonge's term as consul ends in January. During his courtesy visit to the governor's office Friday, Calonge said he hopes his successor, Julie Heidemann, will "carry on" the "best of friendship" the Philippines and the CNMI currently enjoy.

He said when he first arrived in September last year, there was a

little "friction" and "misunderstanding" between the Philippines and the CNMI.

"(But) I sought to reverse the situation, and I think I did so," he said. Calonge, at that time assigned to Washington D.C., was about to be recalled to the Philippine Foreign Affairs Department home office in Manila when he was named the replacement of then consul Renato Villapando.

Calonge arrived on Saipan when a ban on Filipino farmers and women contract workers was in effect.

The ban was imposed after a Philippine fact-finding mission reported that close to 400 cases of labor abuse involving Filipino workers have yet



Generoso Calonge

to be solved. Calonge said the new system he set up has "addressed the problem."

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# Managaha to remain 'pristine'

By Rick Alberto  
Variety News Staff

THE waters around Saipan and Managaha Island will be classified as AA, which means they should be maintained in their "natu-

ral pristine state as nearly as possible."

This is embodied in the proposed revised CNMI Water Quality Standards, which is expected to take effect Jan. 15 next year.

The revised standards was published in the Commonwealth Register last Oct. 15. For a month until Nov. 15, the public was given the chance to make comments.

Last Nov. 6 a public hearing was

conducted, but only one reportedly showed up.

"I think the changes are very positive," Kathy L. Yuknavage said about the new standards.

Yuknavage said that previously Managaha was omitted among the areas when the waters surrounding them were classified into Class AA, A, 1 and 2.

"Managaha waters are classified as AA now," Yuknavage said. It is the objective that Class AA marine waters be always in their "natural pristine state as nearly as possible with an absolute minimum pollution or alteration of water quality from any human-related source or actions."

Other Class AA marine waters are those surrounding Rota, Tinian and Aguihan, and the northern islands of Farallon de Medinilla, Anatahan, Sariguan, Guguan, Alamagan, Pagan, Agrihan, Asuncion, Maug, and Farallon de Pajaros, except for waters delineated as Class A.

Class A waters are to be protected to maintain their use for recreational purposes and aesthetic enjoyment.

On Saipan, Class A waters are from Puntan Muchot to Saddok As Agatan as well as the coastal waters surrounding the Agingan Wastewater Treatment Plant, within a 1,000-foot radius of the outfall.

Other Class A waters are: for Rota—the East Harbor and the West Harbor; Tinian and Aguihan—the San Jose Harbor; and the coastal and oceanic waters surrounding Farallon de Medinilla.

According to the standards, any other use shall be allowed in Class A waters "as long as it is compatible with the protection and propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife, and with recreation in and on these waters of a limited body contact nature."

Classifications 1 and 2 are used for fresh waters.

All fresh surface waters on Saipan are classified as 1. This means these waters should be maintained in their "natural state as nearly as possible with an absolute minimum of pollution from any human-caused source."

Wastewater discharges and zone of mixing into these waters, just like for Class AA marine waters, are prohibited.

These waters are meant for domestic water supplies, food processing, the support and propagation of aquatic life, and recreational enjoyment including water-contact recreation.

All fresh surface waters on Rota, Tinian and Aguihan, and the Northern Islands are also classified as Class 1.

No fresh water water bodies are classified 2 in the CNMI. Class 2 fresh waters allow a zone of mixing.

## Man charged for 'assaulting' woman, cop

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

THE ATTORNEY General's Office has charged a man on Rota who allegedly assaulted a woman and a police officer.

Raymond Manglona Ulloa was charged with two counts of assault and battery, and resisting arrest before the Superior Court.

According to a complaint filed by Assistant Atty. Gen. Alan L. Lane, Ulloa assaulted a woman and Police Officer Albert T. Manglona last Nov. 24.

On the same day, Ulloa also "did willfully resist, delay and obstruct a law enforcement officer (Manglona), said the complaint.

The defendant was summoned to appear at Rota Superior Court on Jan. 3.

In other court story, Superior Court Associate Judge Timothy Bellas has handed a three-day jail term to a man who punched a woman.

Following a plea agreement, Bellas sentenced Benito A. Santos to 30 days' imprisonment, all suspended except the first three days.

Bellas, however, gave Santos credit 17 hours for time served in jail.

Santos was required to perform 37 1/2 hours of community work service and pay medical cost to the victim.

Santos was charged with assault and battery for punching a woman on the face and body without provocation on Tinian last Sept. 19.

The defendant and counsel Chief Public Defender Daniel DeRienzo entered into a plea agreement with the government represented by Lane.

Santos pleaded guilty to the offense.

The court accepted the agreement.



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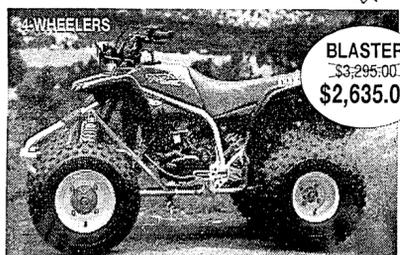
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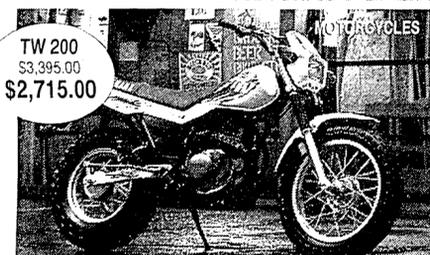
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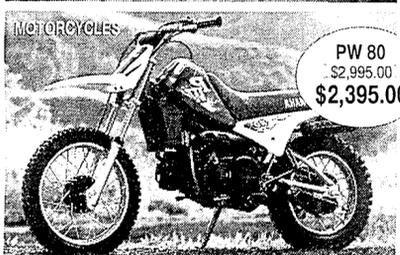
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## New lawyer Torres admitted to NMI Bar

ROBERT T. Torres, son of Dionicio and Merced Torres of Dandan, Saipan was officially admitted into the CNMI Bar last Nov. 20.

Judge Leland Nielsen of the District Court for the Southern District of California administered the attorney's oath of office on behalf of the CNMI Supreme Court, a news release said.

Torres graduated cum laude from New England School of Law in Boston, Massachusetts in May 1995 and was case and note editor for the New England Law Review.

He was admitted to practice in the state of Pennsylvania in

December 1995.

He holds a B.A. and M.A in English from San Diego State University. He served internships for the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division Staff Judge Advocate, and the U.S. District Courts in Saipan and Boston, MA.

Torres is presently assistant district counsel for the Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) in San Diego, CA hired through the Justice Department's Honor Law Graduate program.

Upon completion of his wife's studies on the mainland, Torres will return and commence his legal practice in the CNMI.



Judge Leland Nielsen administers the attorney's oath to Saipan son and new lawyer Robert T. Torres.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, are soliciting competitive proposals from licensed firms in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas for the procurement of a new vehicle with the following specifications:

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All proposals must be submitted, in duplicate, and sealed in an enveloped marked "RFP-Vehicle" to MaryLou Ada Sirok, Corporate Director, P.O. Box 514, Saipan, MP 96950 at the Garapan NMHC Central Office before 10:00 A.M., Friday, December 20, 1996, at which time and place, all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any proposal received late will not be accepted.

NMHC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in the best interest of the Housing Corporation.

**MARYLOU ADA SORIK**  
Corporate Director

## Daley chosen for Who's Who honors at Evangel

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Evangel College student Ronna Leen Daley has been selected for inclusion in the 1997 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. She is a senior with majors in criminal justice and sociology.



Ronna Leen Daley

Daley is the daughter of Ronald Daley of Columbia, Md., and Anna Ludwick of Saipan, Mariana Islands.

This honor is based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Forty-one Evangel College students were selected to join this elite group, which is comprised of students from more than 1,900 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign countries.

Evangel College is the national Assemblies of God college of arts and sciences, with an enrollment of 1,574 students from 50 states

and 15 countries. It is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM) and holds candidacy status with the Council on Social Work Education.

Dr. Robert H. Spence has served as president of the college for 22 years.

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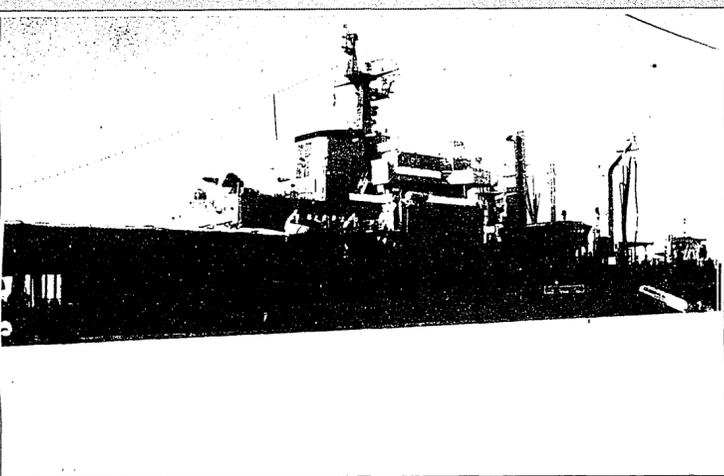
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**THEY'RE HERE.** The Roks Cheon Ji, a Korean logistical support vessel, along with two frigates are now at the Baker's Dock on a three-day official tour which forms part of its three-month midshipment training cruise. Photo by Jojo Dass

## Korean navy ships visit NMI

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff

THREE Korean warships — two frigates and a logistical support vessel — boarded by a total of 368 Naval Academy graduates on a midshipmen training arrived on Saipan last Friday for a three day official visit.

The warships are led by Rear Admiral Seung-Yull Oh who has also been a Commander of the Korean navy's Component Flotilla 5.

The cruise training tour was meant to provide the 51th Naval Academy graduates with hands-on experience in maritime globalization a practice done since 1945 using warships procured from the US.

It was not until 1987 when the South Korean government began making use of locally-made warships.

The three warships are supposed to dock in 12 countries around the world from Sept.

to Dec. this year.

The warships have previously docked in Vladivostok Russia; Manila Philippines; Singapore; Chittagong Bangladesh; Port Klang Malaysia; Jakarta Indonesia; Port Moresby Papua New Guinea; Sydney Australia; Auckland New Zealand and Suba Fiji.

Its next and last stop will be Kure Japan.

Among the three ships is the Roks Cheonji named after the lake located on top of Baikdu the highest peak in the Korean Peninsula. This ship is skippered by Capt. Ki-Joo Choi.

Also part of the fleet is the frigate Roks Chungnam named after the province located in the west coast of the Korean peninsula; and frigate Roks Chonnam named after a province in the south west corner of the Korean peninsula.

## Karidat raps Gabaldon for his harshly-worded letters

By Rick Alberto  
Variety News Staff

THE head of the social service organization Karidat has scored a prominent civic worker for his "un-Christian" criticisms of Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio.

Karidat Executive Director Angie V. Leon Guerrero, in a letter dated Nov. 19, told Guy Gabaldon that "over the past few weeks you have been sending to Karidat via fax rather disturbing and un-Christian like name calling or comments regarding our Governor Froilan Tenorio."

One of these faxed comments was entitled "Froilan the Nut" and proceeded to state that "Froilan has decreed that you start your prayers thus: In the name of Froilan, Juan Pan, and David Cahn—Amen. Let's give Froilan two terms: one in office—one in jail."

The faxed messages were written on a bond paper with the letter head Aguiuan Island Youth Camp (A Chris-

tian Crime Prevention Program).

Leon Guerrero, in her letter, said she found it "rather pathetic that someone who claims to be involved in a Christian Crime Prevention Program has portrayed nothing but bitterness and hatred...."

Another faxed comment by Gabaldon described the governor as a "madman" for hiring former Attorney General Sebastian Aloat as consultant for "over one eighth of a million dollars."

Gabaldon went on to say that the Aguiuan Island Youth Camp had asked the governor for \$70,000 for use in "rehabilitating our troubled youth" but that Tenorio said the government had no money for the program.

"Whether we like it or not," Leon Guerrero told Gabaldon, "Governor Froilan Tenorio has been voted by the people to lead our Commonwealth for the time being. It is our civic responsibility as citizens of this Commonwealth to give him our due respect."

"We can air our grievances or opinions without having to be sarcastic or degrading," she added.

Gabaldon in the summer of 1995 helped Karidat by lending his aircraft and piloting it himself to transport participants to Aguiuan for a three-week youth camp.

# Road project begins January

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff

THE DEPARTMENT of Public Works is set to begin construction of the road from the Lower Base area to As Matuis next month.

DPW Secretary Edward M. DL Guerrero said the \$9.750 million road project the contract of which is entered into with a South Korean-based firm the World Corp. is seen to ease travel time from the San Roque area down to other population centers.

Funding for the project was

derived from the \$32 million capital improvement projects which was recently signed into law.

"Actual work or Phase Five of the project will start January" Guerrero said.

The Chalan Pale Arnold Phase Five spanning from the Saipan Ice Co. in Lower Base to As Matuis is one of three road projects entered into by the DPW with the World Corp.

The other two are the Cross Island Road Phases 1A and 1B.

Guerrero said these two

other road projects will take off also early next year.

The scope the World Corp.'s work include the reconstruction of existing roadway beds complete with asphalt concrete surfacing and paved shoulders on both sides.

Also included in the contract is the construction of storm drain

systems guardrails, traffic signs installation, and pavement markings; and the construction of concrete curb gutter and sidewalk along school areas among others.

The DPW is seen to be a very busy government office next year with several infrastructure projects taking off.

Among these are the \$ 2.3

million road paving and drainage construction in Matuis; the \$2 million offsite drainage system at Chalan Monsignor Guerrero; \$450 000 Garapan drainage system; \$100 000 paving of school parking lots and drop zones; and the \$100 000 Grace Christian School roads and drainage system.

## CUC's engine one back in service

THE COMMONWEALTH Utilities Corporation has completed on schedule its overhaul of Engine 1 in the Lower Base Power Plant, the utility firm disclosed in a news release.

CUC said it anticipated one of its primary engines would be brought back into production the first week of December to lessen the number of

scheduled power outages.

In October, CUC published a power outage schedule after two primary engines could not be used due to a manufacturer's defective part.

Although Engine 1 is back on line, it's still the "testing phase," running at about one half of its capacity — 3 of 7 megawatts. CUC said it will gradually increase the engine's capacity and

continue to run routine tests. For that reason, the utility is not receding its published power outage schedule.

With conservation and continued work at the power plant, officials are hoping to keep the lights on.

However, occasional outages may continue until engine 1 and engine 8 are running at full speed.

## Governor wants voucher plan to cover all students

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio, taking the risk of being questioned in court, said he wants to push through with a school voucher program that would cover all students in the Commonwealth.

"I think we have to come up with a system that treats everyone the same (way)," Tenorio told reporters Friday. "I suggested that rather than giving \$200 to the parents of students going to private schools, we will just give \$200 to everyone, so (that) if they want to go to public schools, then they pay that \$200 to public schools."

The voucher system allows parents to choose the school to send their children using the government money.

"I'm optimistic that we can do something like that over here. We need to try something different," Tenorio said.

The governor said the program is aimed at giving parents the opportunity to decide where to send their children "if they're not satisfied with public schools."

Clint Bolick, a voucher program expert, has warned the government that the system faces constitutional challenges, as it always did in the mainland United States.

Critics of the system, according to Bolick, believe the voucher system has the tendency to violate of the U.S. Constitution, specifically the provision that bans establishment of religion.

"Some people believe that when the government gives money and the parents use it in religious schools, that could violate the First Amendment," Bolick said in an earlier interview.

Bolick is vice president of the think tank group Institute Justice which visited Saipna last week.

Bolick's group specializes in cases that involve voucher program.

Bolick has said that since the CNMI and US Constitutions have identical provisions with regard to religion, the CNMI government also runs the risk of being challenged in court should it implement the program.

Nevertheless, Bolick during a meeting with Tenorio last week, assured the governor that any constitutional challenge related to the plan could easily be overcome.

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## MANILA NEWSBRIEFS (as culled by Philippine Consulate)

### Estrada to meet with King Fahd

VICE President Joseph Estrada last week left for a meeting with Saudi Arabia King Fahd to deliver President Ramos' letter seeking clemency for Filipinos jailed in the kingdom for various offenses. Estrada expressed optimism that the monarch would accede to the President's request especially during the Ramadan when King Fahd pardons offenders.

The DFA admitted encountering problems in learning of the plight of Filipino workers in the Middle East.

It said that the justice system there is "different" and strict, and that some who have been sentenced to death know of their fate only hours before the actual execution.

Citing government figures, Estrada said there are more than six million Filipinos working abroad, 4.2 million of whom are migrants.

Meanwhile, the Vice President asked Philippine Ambassador Roy Seneres in the United Arab Emirates to assist 13 Filipinos who were maltreated by their employers. Phil Star

### 'Growth won't imperil environment'

ECONOMIC growth will not be pursued at the expense of the environment, President Ramos assured last week.

He stressed that growth will not be fuelled by policies and programs that focus "on limiting the means by which our lifestyles and use of natural resources and energy may cause harm to the environment."

Speaking at the opening of the First World Conference on Green Productivity at the Shangri-La Edsa Plaza Hotel in Mandaluyong City, the President said the adoption of Philippine Agenda 21, which he described as "a responsive and living document," will ensure that the concept of sustainable development by the Brundtland Commission will be translated into action.

The Commission defines sustainable development as "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

By 1997, we would have incorporated sustainable development in our national planning and budgeting guidelines.

By the same year, we would have also integrated environment intelligence quotient tests for government career service officers and other personnel through our Civil Service Commission," the President disclosed. Phil Journal

### Ramos says he OK'd land deal

PRESIDENT Ramos said he has approved all real estate transactions entered into by the Public Health Estates Authority (PEA) under the "Boulevard 2000" project, including the land deal with the Amari Coastal Bay Development Corp. where the government allegedly lost up to P120 billion.

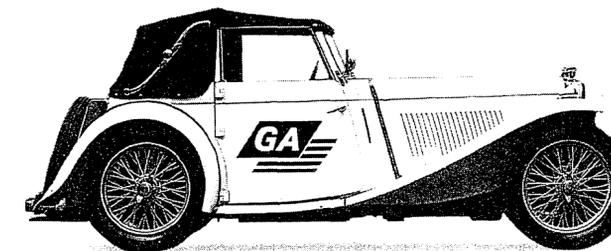
This developed as the Commission on Appointments (CA) postponed indefinitely yesterday action on the nomination of DOTC Secretary Amado Lagdameo Jr. who is under fire for his involvement in the real estate transaction.

Lagdameo was the PEA chairman when the land was forged with Amari.

President Ramos also advised Senate President Ernesto Maceda, who claimed that the government diverted about P40 million from the property development project to Lakas-NUCD campaign coffers, to carefully scrutinize election records before hurling such accusations. Phil Star



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# More Marshallese in US military

By **Giff Johnson**  
For the Variety  
MAJURO - Marshall Islanders taking the U.S. armed forces examination in 1996 set an all-time high for passing, according to figures released last week by the U.S. Embassy in Majuro.

The 1996 passing percentage is more than three times better than the passing rate of just 6.7 percent in

1987, the first year that Marshallese were eligible to join the U.S. armed forces. A Compact of Free Association between the two nations allows Marshallese Islanders to join the U.S. military.

A total number of enlistees for 1996 has not yet been provided. But in 1995, 12 Marshallese joined the military - the most ever in a single year, and more than the combined

total of the previous four years.

"The Army recruiting office attributes the increase in enlistments to their strategy of sending the 1994 recruiting team back to Marshall Islands in 1995," a report from the Embassy said.

Their familiarity with the country and use of previously established contracts made the task much easier and produced the improved results."

A total of 274 Marshallese took the armed forces exam earlier this year, with 53 -19.3 percent - making a passing grade.

This is up from last year's 12.5 percent passing rate (38 out of 303 taking the test).

Since 1987, a total of 43 Marshall Islanders have joined the U.S. military.

The report from the U.S. Embassy noted that the small pool of applicants and low number of enlistees mean sending a recruiting team to the Marshall Islands is not cost effective.

However, "this program does foster a sense of good will and mutual cooperation," the report concluded.

# Hundreds remember Pearl Harbor

By **BRUCE DUNFORD**  
**PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii**  
(AP) - Glenn Lane looked over

the glass-enclosed scale drawings of the USS Arizona and traced with his finger the path

he took when the Japanese sank the battleship in the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor 55 years ago.

Lane and 10 other Arizona survivors were joined by family members and relatives of other crewmates last week on what could be the USS Arizona Reunion Association's final organized trip to the memorial, built in 1961 to remember the 1,177 Arizona crewmen killed at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Donald Stratton, a survivor now living in Yuma, Arizona, said he has come every time since 1966 and plans to be back in 2001, regardless of the association's plans.

## US signals possible labor rights accord



Charlene Barshefsky

SINGAPORE (AP) - A U.S. trade official said Sunday that ministers gathering for a major trade meeting in Singapore may reach an agreement on the controversial issue of workers' rights.

Andrew Stoller, standing in for Acting U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky, told the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions he was optimistic that such an agreement will be reached at the World Trade Organization's ministerial conference starting Monday.

The declaration would likely stress the importance of fighting the worst types of labor abuse such as child labor, slavery, forced labor and discrimination, he said.

There was also a "good possibility" that a joint working group could be set up with the United Nations

International Labor Organization to discuss the relevance of working standards and trade, Stoller said.

The problem of exploited children, some as young as 5 and 6, and other forms of labor abuse in many developing countries have long been taboo in trade affairs.

Developing countries accuse Western powers of seeking to undermine the low wage advantage of poorer countries to protect their own markets from cheap competition.

The topic was not even allowed at meetings of the World Trade Organization some months ago. Bitter discussion on the issue torpedoed negotiations last month on a draft for the final declaration of ministers planned at the end of the Singapore conference.

Hard-line countries demanded that an invitation to the director general of the International Labor Organization Michel Hansenne to speak to the Singapore conference be dropped as he was likely to mention the subject in his speech.

The United States and Norway have led the call for the issue to be addressed at the meeting.

The United States would be lobbying hard during the five-day meeting for a full WTO working party to be set up to discuss the issue, Stoller said.

Southeast Asian nations, as well as Brazil, Mexico and Egypt and Australia and New Zealand are strongly opposed to the proposal.

Such nations fear "the possibility of trade sanctions on renegade countries," Stoller said.

"We were trying to fight the fire when she blew up," the 79-year-old Lane of Oak Harbor, Washington, said at the display at the Arizona Memorial. "It came back in a big ball of flame and I put up my arm and I guess it blew me into the water over here."

"Like a fool, I swam to the Nevada over here," Lane said. He ended up getting sunk twice in two hours because the sinking battleship Nevada was run aground to prevent it from going down and blocking the harbor entrance.

"Getting tossed into the water kept me from getting burned. Good thing I'm a swimmer or I'd still be out there now," Lane said during a visit Wednesday to the gleaming white memorial that straddles the sunken battle-

ship.

The 11 survivors and about 450 from other ships and military bases participated in ceremonies Saturday marking the anniversary of the Japanese attack that sank 21 American warships, destroyed 165 planes, killed 2,338 military personnel and civilians and plunged the United States into World War II.

During the ceremonies, the ashes of three Arizona crewmen who have died recently will be put in a turret hole of the battleship, joining the estimated 900 crewmen who re-

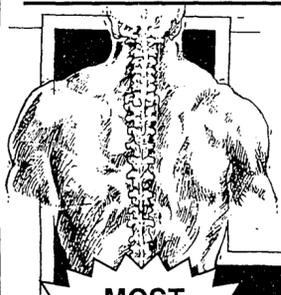
main entombed in the hulk.

Fewer than 100 Arizona survivors are still alive, and reunion coordinator Ruth Campbell said this could be the last such gathering in Hawaii. The reunions are held every five years.

After 55 years, said another survivor, Russell Lott, a 76-year-old retired heavy-equipment operator from Fort Dodge, Iowa, memories of the attack are still vivid: "It's like they used and iron and burned it in there."

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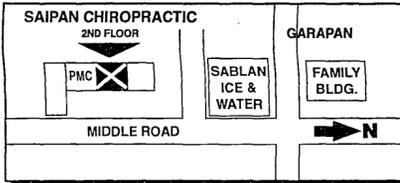
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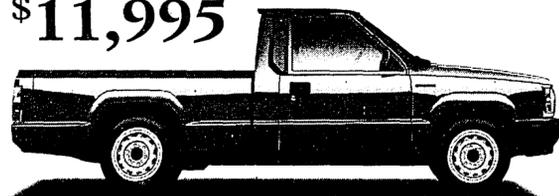
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## Amnesty wants observers sent to strife-torn islands

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (AP) - The human rights group Amnesty International on Sunday called for observers to be allowed on the strife-torn island of Bougainville after Papua New Guinea soldiers were accused of massacring 11 unarmed civilians.

People who said they had survived an attack on Mokakuru village on the island's southwest told "The Australian" newspaper that soldiers and pro-government civilians killed villagers while they slept on Dec. 1.

The allegation is the latest in a series levied against Papua New Guinea troops, who are fighting secessionist rebels on Bougainville, about 1,200 kilometers (800 miles) northeast of Port Moresby.

Last week the rebels claimed nine people were killed in a mortar bomb attack as they prayed in a church in another village on Nov. 28.

The Papua New Guinea government and the military have yet to

comment on the allegations.

Amnesty said in a statement that foreign observers should be sent to the island to investigate human rights abuses by both sides.

To date, the Papua New Guinea government has barred access to the island for most outsiders.

"Unless the authorities allow access to Bougainville for independent human rights observers and unless mechanisms are set up for investigating any allegations of violations and holding those responsible to account, the people of Bougainville will continue to be defenseless against further killings, disappearances, arbitrary arrests and ill treatment," it said.

No official casualty figures of the eight-year guerrilla war have been published, but some observers estimate more than 1,000 people have been killed in the violence.

Both the rebels and the military regularly accuse each other of atrocities.

## Western Samoan PM speaks on leadership

APIA (PNS)—Western Samoan prime minister Tofilau Eti Alesana told parliament Thursday (Samoa Time) that the only way one of the paramount chiefs (matai) can again become prime minister, is to win the country's trust as a leader of a political party.

He said the chiefs called 'Tama-a-aiga' were no longer being picked out of respect by members of parliament as in past years, when political parties did not exist.

Tofilau said since independence in 1962, prime ministers were Tama-a-aiga, but in 1976, the first non-Tama-a-aiga, Tupuola Efi, became prime minister, after the introduction of two sides in the house.

Tofilau said in 1979, their Human Rights Protection Party was formed with non-Tama-a-aiga, Vaai Kolone, as leader who eventually became prime minister in 1982.

Tofilau later succeeded Kolone as prime minister.

## France to send another nuclear waste shipment

MELBOURNE (PNS)—France is to send a second shipment of highly radioactive waste to Japan early next year.

The first shipment early last year attracted protests from countries along the route and from environmental groups, Radio Australia reports.

The French state-owned nuclear power company, COGEMA, says it will announce when the nuclear waste

reprocessed in Cherbourg will be shipped a day or two before its departure.

The company says it will also make public the route of the ship one day after its departure, and when it will arrive in Japan one week before the scheduled date.

The radioactive waste has been reprocessed from spent nuclear fuel from Japanese power stations.

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## Albright choice not too popular at UN

By **ROBERT H. REID**  
UNITED NATIONS (AP) - During four years as U.N. ambassador, Madeleine Albright won a reputation as a vigorous promoter of U.S. goals. But her hawkish views and strident style made her one of the U.N.'s most controversial envoys.

"She has a very open and engaging personality that makes it very easy to work with her," Chilean Ambassador Juan Somavia said after reports that President Clinton named Albright as the first female secretary of state.

British Ambassador John Weston said he had "grown to like her enormously and respect her professionally very greatly."

But asked about claims that her style was too tough, Weston replied: "Look, I've just told you she's a friend of mine. I admire and respect and like her and am going to leave it at that."

Even Albright's critics applaud her energy and the zeal with which she has pursued U.S. policy goals at the United Nations, including the campaign for reforming the 51-year-old organization.

But they claim she favors "sound bites" which play to a domestic American audience. She has been particularly visible on some issues, such as U.S. policy toward Cuba,

which are unpopular internationally. While the U.S. position on Cuba plays well in parts of the United States, it is viewed in the Third World as dictating to other nations whom they may trade with.

Certainly she doesn't mince words.

After Cuban pilots shot down two planes operated by a Cuban-American exile group, Albright fumed that "frankly, this is not cojones, this is cowardice," using a Spanish slang word for testicles.

Of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, she said: "The extent of the brutality of Saddam Hussein seems to hold no bounds."

She stood fast in the 15-member Security Council and cast the lone vote against Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali on Nov. 19.

Last year, Albright and Boutros-Ghali openly traded harsh words after Albright pressured the U.N. chief to withdraw his recommendation that the world body have no peacekeeping role in eastern Croatia.

Supporters say those criticisms are unfair, and that Albright has used the media to generate interest in the United Nations and international issues among a U.S. public which cares little for world events.

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## 17 North Korean defectors to arrive in Seoul Monday

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Seventeen North Koreans who defected to Hong Kong via China - 16 members of a single family and a policeman who helped them - are to arrive in Seoul on Monday, officials said.

The North Koreans will be allowed to live in South Korea permanently, intelligence officials in Seoul said Sunday.

It was the largest single defection of family members from the communist country since the 1950-53 Korean War. In 1987, 11 members of a North Korean family defected to Seoul by boat via Japan.

The North Koreans, including 12 adults and five children, arrived in Hong Kong on Nov. 23 by way of China after defecting in mid-October. Among them is a pregnant woman.

South Korean newspapers quoted them as fleeing Hong Kong officials that they fled because they were hungry.

The 16 family members were identified as relatives of a Korean-American man living in New York. The man, Choe Yong-do, 79, said he bankrolled and helped organize the defections.

Using money from Choe, his family members in the North bribed a policeman to lead them out of the country.

Meanwhile, South Korea's

Yonhap news agency reported that two more North Koreans, currently being housed at the same Hong Kong refugee camp as the 17 defectors, are also seeking political asylum in South Korea.

Yonhap said the two - Yu Bong Nam, 35, and Jun Gwang Chul, 29 - identified themselves as intelligence officials assigned to work out of China.

The Agency for National Security Planning, South Korea's main government intelligence agency, said it could not confirm the report.

About 150 North Koreans have defected to South Korea in the past two years. All complained of hunger.

South Korean officials say that as many as 2,000 North Koreans are believed to be wandering in China and Russia after escaping their country.

North Korea, a hard-line Stalinist country, is suffering from acute shortages of food and fuel, following devastating floods this year and last.

The Koreans have been divided into the communist North and the capitalist South since 1945. Their border is sealed with nearly 2 million troops deployed on both sides.

## Memo: Swiss gov't made 'phony' docs for Germans

NEW YORK (AP) - The Swiss government made "a considerable profit" in the years after World War II by providing German nationals with phony documents needed for them to flee to Argentina, a 1948 confidential memo alleges.

"There may be a possibility (that) Swiss government officials could have helped prepare false travel documents," U.S. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato said Thursday after releasing the memo.

The three-paragraph memo, found in the National Archives by D'Amato staff researchers, indicated that the temporary residence document necessary to board a flight out of Switzerland was available for 200,000 francs.

"It would seem ... that



Alfonse D'Amato

too many questions were not asked German nationals in Switzerland ... provided these German nationals wished to recede to another country, preferably Argentina," the memo said.

The Germans were then able to fly to Argentina via KLM, the Dutch airline.

A confidential informer with connections in the Swiss and Dutch governments "told me frankly that the Swiss government was not only anxious to get rid of German nationals ... but further that they made a considerable profit in getting rid of them," the memo reads.

The Feb. 4, 1948, memo was sent to an unidentified U.S. embassy official in the Netherlands by Major Tom M. Carruth, an assistant military attache.

Swiss officials have said repeatedly that an independent investigation of allegations involving the country's role with the Nazis will be conducted next year.

Attempts in Zurich to reach Swiss officials for comment Thursday were unsuccessful.

## VMI accepts its first four female cadets

LEXINGTON, Virginia (AP) - Virginia Military Institute has accepted its first four female cadets, three months after its governing board reluctantly voted to bow to a U.S. Supreme Court ruling requiring it to admit women or lose state funding.

The four women and the 94 men accepted to VMI thus far have until Feb. 15 to make up their minds.

Superintendent Josiah Bunting III didn't release the women's names Saturday. But Lauren Wagner of Richmond told The Roanoke Times that she was among those accepted.

Ms. Wagner is a lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol. Her mother is attorney Eileen Wagner, who in 1993 filed a friend of the court brief on behalf of the Virginia Women Attorneys Association arguing that the school should not be allowed to remain state-supported and all-male.

In June, the Supreme Court ordered the school to admit women. After contemplating going private, the board voted in September to comply with the court's order.

Lauren Wagner said she was offered an Institute Scholarship, which would cover all of her expenses - room and board, tuition, study abroad her junior year and spending money.

However, she also has been nominated for an appointment to the Air Force Academy and will go there if accepted because she plans a career as a pilot, she said.

Overall applications are up 35 percent this year, VMI spokesman Col. Mike Strickler said, with 342 men and 15 women seeking admission.

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## Joint study on the environment

# S. Korea, China to test Yellow Sea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - China and South Korea agreed to conduct joint environmental inspections and work together to improve the environment, the Foreign

Ministry said Thursday. Two joint surveys on contamination of the Yellow Sea, which lies between the two countries, will be conducted next year, ministry spokes-

man Suh Dae-won said. The agreement was reached during the third round of talks by the joint environmental cooperation committee, held for two days in Seoul.

The two sides also agreed to further study the effects of acid rain on forests, he

said. Noting the increasing incidents of oil spills in the Yellow Sea, Seoul also suggested that both sides conduct regular joint exercises on oil spill cleanup.

Beijing said it will consider the idea, Suh said. Beijing invited South Ko-

rean firms to participate in its river water purification projects and requested aid for the project.

Seoul is to consider to the request, he said.

Pollution of the Yellow Sea and acid rain, which affects both nations, have been an increasing concern.

## S. Africa to host energy conference

By DONNA BRYSON GOA, India (AP) - South Africa was chosen Sunday to host next year's International Energy Conference, meaning the problems of developing countries will continue to be a major focus of talks between oil producers and consumers.

South Africa was unanimously elected the next host as this year's three-day conference concluded at the Indian seaside resort of Goa. Delegates to the Goa meetings, the first in Asia, had discussed how the region's appetite for fuel, growing along with its economies, could put new pressure on oil supplies.

The environmental threat posed by increased use of fossil fuels was also raised.

Giovanni Toniatti, Brazil's secretary of mines and metallurgy, said industrialized countries were called on to lead research into cleaner sources of energy. In the meantime, he said, poorer countries like his own would continue to depend on cheap sources of energy like oil to fuel development.

Lord Fraser, Britain's minister of state for trade, had called on Asian countries to increase their oil stockpiles as a cushion against shortages and price hikes.

Such issues were expected to come up again next year in

Africa, said Rilwanu Lukman, a Nigerian who heads the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The Goa conference was the fifth in an annual series meant to allow oil ministers and industry experts to exchange ideas informally. Saturday, Venezuela echoed an earlier call from Norway to consider taking the next step - establishing a formal, policy making body.

Norway was chosen Sunday to chair further discussions on the suggestion in preparation for next year's meeting.

Oil producers were cool to the idea, likely worried that an international energy organization would try to limit their ability to control output and set prices.

Others questioned whether talks would be as effective if officials were under pressure to produce global policy.

"The way it's working now, the exchange of ideas is free, and the agreements are bilateral instead of universal," said Toniatti, from oil-importing Brazil.

Beyond an agreement for Indian civil servants to study policy making in Britain, few concrete deals emerged from the Goa meetings.

Representatives from 42 countries and international organizations met in Goa.

### CPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## NOTICE OF MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, through the Commonwealth Ports Authority Board of Directors, hereby give notice, that the regular meeting of the CPA Board of Directors will be held on Monday, December 16, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. at the CPA Seaport Office Conference room, Charlie Dock, Puerto Rico, Saipan.

The following items are on the agenda for the above-referenced meeting:

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
  1. Call to Order
  2. Roll Call
  3. Adoption of Agenda
  4. Adoption of Minutes (November 8, 1996)
- II. CORRESPONDENCE
- III. COMMITTEES REPORT
  1. Finance Committee
    - a. Adoption of Financial Statements
  2. Seaport Facilities Committee
  3. Airport Facilities Committee
  4. Other Committee (if any)
- IV. EXECUTIVE REPORT
- V. OLD BUSINESS
  1. Jack Atalig's Relocation
  2. Taxi Operator Dress Code
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
  1. Bid Award - Parallel Taxiway A
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT(S)
- VIII. (Executive Session) LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.

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# Rwandan Hutus repatriated

By MATTI HUUHTANEN  
**KIGALI, Rwanda (AP)** - The estimated 640,000 Hutu refugees who flooded home to Rwanda last month neither faced nor caused many problems, the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights said.

"Overall, we think that the return of refugees has been made in an orderly and peaceful manner," Jose Ayala Lasso said Saturday at a news conference at the end of a three-day

visit. The refugees began returning home from 2 1/2 years in exile in eastern Zaire on Nov. 15 when attacks by Zairian rebels freed them from the control of Rwandan Hutu militias.

The Tanzanian government and the U.N. refugee agency has told another 600,000 refugees in camps in Tanzania to return home by Dec. 31. In Nairobi, U.N. High Commis-

sioner for Refugees spokesman Peter Kessler said by Saturday morning 1,118 refugees at Tanzania's Ngara camp had registered to return home.

Since the influx from Zaire, Lasso said his office has received reports of the slayings of four returnees plus two people associated with them, four in Gisenyi and two in Ruhengeri.

Also, four genocide survivors and two people associated with them were

killed in Gisenyi, a report by Lasso's office said.

Preliminary investigations indicate they were killed "to eliminate them as witnesses to acts the perpetrators committed during genocide," the report said.

Of the 640,000 returnees, only 162 were reported to have been detained, mainly on suspicion of being involved in the 1994 genocide, Lasso said.

More than 1 million Rwandan Hutus fled their country in July 1994, mainly to neighboring Zaire and Tanzania, after Tutsi-led rebels seized power. The Hutus feared retribution for a Hutu-led massacre of at least 500,000 minority Tutsis and some

moderate Hutus.

The Hutu detainees are crammed into prisons and detention centers that already hold 88,000 suspects, according to the International Red Cross.

"I think the people in prisons is one of the gravest problems we are facing in Rwanda," Lasso said. "It is necessary to take measures to diminish the pressure of people in prisons."

To reduce the number of prisoners, would mean "activating justice... and other mechanisms," Lasso said.

He did not, however, offer any proposals for improving the cash-strapped Rwandan judicial system.

Lasso said his staff in Rwanda will be increased from 120 to 300, with an annual budget of dfrs 29 million.



A group of Rwandan refugees try to hitch a ride on a truck at a way station near Luhondo, Rwanda. Hundreds of thousands of Rwandans have been travelling for days, mostly on foot, in order to their homes had left during the civil war in 1994. AP Photo

## UN probes reported links of peacekeepers to prostitutes

By IAN MADER  
**UNITED NATIONS (AP)** - Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali is trying to find out how many U.N. peacekeepers have hired child prostitutes during missions abroad, U.N. spokesman Sylvana Foa said Thursday.

Boutros-Ghali asked for an investigation within the U.N. peacekeeping agency following an August report that said peacekeepers had been involved in child prostitution in six of 12 countries studied.



Boutros Boutros-Ghali

The 95-page report, written by Mozambique's former First Lady Graca Machel, dealt broadly with how wars affect children and mentioned child prostitution briefly in one paragraph. It's only specific reference was to child prostitution in Mozambique.

"After the signing of the peace treaty in 1992, soldiers of the United Nations operation in Mozambique (ONUMOZ) recruited girls aged 12 to 18 years into prostitution," Machel wrote.

After an inquiry confirmed those allegations, the soldiers responsible were sent home, the report said.

It did not say how many soldiers were involved in any of the countries studied.

"In situations of armed conflict... the arrival of peacekeep-

ing troops has been accompanied with a rapid rise in child prostitution."

Foa said Boutros-Ghali was trying to determine the extent of the problem.

"Are these isolated incidents? Or is this something we have to face every time we have a peacekeeping operation?" Foa said. "This is serious. It's being taken very seriously. To put it simply: We ain't happy about it."

If peacekeepers are caught violating U.N. guidelines on prostitution or commit other violations, including black marketeering, they are sent home.

"We immediately repatriate those troops to their countries," she said.

"However it's up to the national authorities to take disciplinary action. The U.N. does not have - beyond sending them home pretty much in disgrace - we have no capacity to take disciplinary action."

## According to Pentagon UN confirms sarin at Iraqi weapons dump

By JIM ABRAMS  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** - U.N. investigators have confirmed the presence of the deadly chemical agent sarin at the site of an Iraqi weapons dump blown up by Americans during the Persian Gulf War, the Pentagon said Thursday.

"They drilled into a rocket and sarin spurted out of that rocket," Bernard Rostker, the Pentagon's coordinator for Gulf War illnesses, said. "So sarin was present, and they did find a cache of mustard gas."

The Pentagon has previously spoken of chemical agent canisters found by U.N. investigators at the site of the Kamisiyah ammunition depot, but the detail of sarin shooting out of one of the rockets provided graphic evidence of the chemical's presence.

Many Gulf War veterans blame chemical or biological weapon exposure for a series of unexplained illnesses with symptoms that include memory loss, joint and muscle pain, depression, skin rashes and chronic fatigue.

The Pentagon and the Department

of Veterans Affairs, after a slow start, have acknowledged a serious health problem exists and are conducting extensive studies. Other possible causes being examined include experimental vaccines, parasites, environmental pollutants, and stress and psychological factors.

The government thus far says it has found no evidence of a single "Gulf War syndrome." And until recent revelations that U.S. troops blew up the Kamisiyah dump in March 1991, the government had denied there was any evidence that Americans might have been exposed to chemical or biological agents.

Rostker said he had no doubt that there were chemical munitions at Kamisiyah. The bunker contained chemical munitions and "we destroyed the bunker," he said. "Well, I guess I have to conclude that there were chemical weapons that were destroyed. It is literally pieces of information like that that I have to put together and you have to put together."

At the same time, the Pentagon again denied that there has been any effort to conceal missing records from March 1991 that could show whether American officers were aware of chemical exposure at the weapons dump in southern Iraq.

The New York Times on Thursday, and The Birmingham (Alabama) News earlier, pointed out that military logs are missing from eight days during which troops destroyed the weapons cache.

"We aren't holding back anything," said Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon.

"We want to get to the bottom of this as quickly and as carefully and as accurately as possible. Our lives would be much easier if there were no facts unexplained. Life isn't always that easy."

Bacon pointed out that there is no mention of chemical exposures in field records from Kamisiyah that have so far been examined. The missing data are from computer logs at the Central Command headquarters in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

"We aren't shirking from any finding or any piece of information. But we have not been able to put together a completely comprehensive, seamless story of data for this period. And we may not be able to," Bacon said.

The Pentagon says there is no record of any soldier coming down sick after the Kamisiyah pit and bunker that contained chemical agents were detonated on March 4 and 10.

But the Pentagon is now asking some 20,000 troops who were in the vicinity of the detonations to contact officials with details of the events and any possible health problems.

Until the existence of the Kamisiyah chemicals was announced by the Pentagon last June, the military had denied the existence of any evidence that any Americans were exposed to Iraqi chemical or biological weapons during the war.

Many veterans have questioned why it took the Pentagon so long to reveal possible chemical exposure, and they say chemicals may be behind the chronic health problems still afflicting thousands of Gulf War veterans.

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# Asia's poor turn to self-help

By JOE McDONALD

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - A group of Indian women start a bank for the poor. Doctors in Indonesia organize a health care cooperative. A private group in Pakistan lays water

and sewer lines for 600,000 people. In cities and towns across Asia, community groups are organizing the poor to run clinics, sanitation and other services they can't get from governments that are overwhelmed by the explosive growth of urban

populations. "There is no other way. Governments alone cannot do it," Akhtar Badshah, an urban planner who has taught at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said Wednesday at a conference on the problems of urban Asia.

Crowded, polluted cities are a byproduct of the "economic miracle" that has brought many Asians greater prosperity than they have ever known.

Drawn by the promise of work, thousands migrate to giant cities like Manila, Bangkok and Bombay every day, swelling already crowded slums and raising demands for water and other services.

The population of greater Jakarta, home to 17 million people today, is projected to grow to as much as 35 million by 2010, when Asia is expected to have a series of cities with more than 30 million people.

Many local governments can't afford to expand water or power supplies, or even repair roads, prompting residents to organize to provide services that inhabitants of richer countries take for granted.

In many ways, they are imitating ancestors who for centuries formed village associations to operate irrigation systems, get crops to market or maintain the local temple.

"In some cases, it's governments trying and failing. In some cases it's government being incapable because our problems are so huge," said Badshah.

The Grameen Bank of Bangladesh,

one of the pioneers of the self-help movement, has become famous for financing small businesses that have helped thousands of families escape poverty.

Other efforts that help hundreds of thousands of others are less well-known.

A medical cooperative started by young doctors in the Mangerai district of Jakarta serves 150 poor families. On the outskirts of the city, another group helped 70 families uprooted by highway construction build new homes and start a soybean-processing cooperative.

"If you look, you will find solutions like this everywhere," said Prof. Johan Silas of the Institute of Technology in Surabaya, Indonesia.

In contrast to male-dominated Asian governments, many of the self-help groups are run by women.

The 220,000-member Self-Employed Women's Association of Ahmedabad, India, provides child care, legal advice, health care, low-cost pharmaceuticals and loans for families too poor to qualify for commercial financing.

The group's bank, started 20 years ago, has financed the creation of businesses that have given jobs to 26,000 women, said Ela R. Bhatt, founder and general secretary of the association.

For her efforts, Bhatt in 1977 received the Ramon Magsaysay Award, Asia's equivalent of the Nobel Prize. Despite its successes, she said the group's relations with the Ahmedabad

government have occasionally been strained.

"They want us to run a literacy program so they can say they are successful."

But if we ask for more space in the market or a bigger share of the city budget, they are most unwilling," she said.

Such groups are held up as role models by aid officials who want to instill creativity and initiative where official programs have become bogged down by cost or bureaucracy.

"Grameen and SEWA - groups like this have shown us the way," said Anupam Khanna, chief of the East Asian infrastructure division of the World Bank.

In the Pakistani port city of Karachi, the Orangi Pilot Project begun in 1980 has taken on the role of a public utility, laying water and sewage pipes for 600,000 people and supplying building materials for home improvements.

The water system cost about \$100 per household - just one-tenth of the price of the Karachi government system, according to Khanna.

Community groups also are touted as an alternative to turning over utilities and other public services to private companies, a growing trend that critics say could hurt the poor.

"Privatization of basic urban services ... renders public control and accountability more remote," said Anna Marie A. Karas, associate director of the Institute on Church and Social Issues in Manila.

## First Anniversary Rosary

We, the family of the late

**Christina Terry Taitano**



Invite all our family, relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the first anniversary of the passage unto eternal life of our beloved wife and mother.

Daily rosary will be said every night at 8:00 p.m. at the residence of Carmen T. Taitano (Agaga) in China Town, beginning December 6, 1996 to December 14, 1996.

On the final day December 14, 1996 rosary will be said at twelve noon, followed by mass at 6:00 p.m. at Kristo Rai Church. Dinner will be served at the above residence after mass.

## Death and Funeral Announcement



"A beautiful life that come to an end. He died as he lived everyone's friend. In our hearts a memory will always be kept, of one we loved, and will never forget"

**AUGUST PALACIOS CABRERA**

March 17, 1912 - December 01, 1996

of Chalan Piao, Saipan was called to his eternal rest on Sunday, December 01, 1996 at the age of 84 years, 8 months and 18 days.

In his death he now joins his mother:  
ANTONIA P. CABRERA



WIVES: Matilde Guzman Mesa Cabrera (Gu.); Estella M. Cabrera (Spn.) SONS: William (Bill) Edward (Ed) Saipan; George Cabrera (Guam) GRANDSON: Paul Virgil Cabrera Guerrero (Guam) AUNT & UNCLE: Nieves Cabrera (Spn.) & Jose P. Manibusan (Gu.) BROTHER-IN-LAW: Isidro Tudela & Manuel Blanco (Spn) DAUGHTER-IN-LAW: Fermina R. Cabrera (Spn.) STEP SON-IN-LAW: Hedwig Holschneider (Spn.)

His peaceful spirit and memories will live in the hearts of his wife: Veneranda Cabrera

CHILDREN, SPOUSES AND GRANDCHILDREN: Herman Mesa Cabrera & Lucy Pangelinan (Gu.) \*Lucille P. & Ken Paulino; Cassandra & Daisy Pangelinan; Ordof, (Gu.) Donitila & Segundo Blas; Matilde Pangelinan; Julie R. Cabrera (Gu.) \*Pauline & Edward Flores; George (Jr.) CA; Gary; Arthur and Roland Cabrera (Gu.); Sabina I. Cabrera (Spn.). \*William (Jr.) Cabrera & Jane Kintaro; Charlotte & Manny Borja; Sylvia Cabrera & Carlos Sablan; Jessica Cabrera & Quin Aquino (Wa.) Joann Cabrera (Palau) and Florinda Cabrera (Spn.); Carla Agoon, Joseph Sablan; Rosemarie Mesa Cabrera-Barnes (Gu.); \*Tillie Guerrero Flores; Clark Cabrera Guerrero & Joyce Rivera (Gu.); August Cabrera & Ladonna Guerrero (Ca.); Kenneth Cabrera Guerrero (Gu.); August (Jr.) Mesa Cabrera (Gu.) \*Rodney; Heather, Marissa A. Cabrera (Ca.), Meleanie A. Cabrera & Tony Reyes (Spn.); Ian Lelever; Marilyn Mesa Cabrera-Manibusan & Joseph L. San Nicolas (Gu.); \*Pearl SN. & Roman S. Tudela (Gu.); Jason San Nicolas & EmJudy Santiago (Gu.) and Jolene Cabrera San Nicolas (Gu.)

CHILDREN OF EDWARD & FERMINA CABRERA (DECEASED) \*Edward (Jr.) & Anna S. Cabrera; Matilde R. Cabrera; Cynthia Cabrera & Norman Pangelinan; Michael R. Cabrera; Gary R. & Sonia Cabrera; Jolanda Cabrera & Arnel Ermitiano (Spn.) Additionally survived by: James & Grace Cabrera (Spn.); Velma Leo Flores; Freddie Mamayson; Evekyn Lacisina; Rey Mamayson; Liza Cabreba; Amy Holschneider (Spn.) and Maria Sultun SISTERS: Asuncion Cabrera Blanco & Rosa Cabrera Tudela (Spn.); AUNTS & UNCLES: Joaquina Cabrera & Felipe Sablan; Donisio & Dolores Cabrera; Lourdes Cabrera & Andres Borja

Rosary is being said nightly at 8:00 p.m. at San Antonio Church. Last respects will be held Tuesday, December 10, 1996 at San Antonio Church, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Mass for a christian burial will be offered on the same day at 4:00 p.m. and burial will follow at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

## Study: Brain chemical seen as cause of obesity

By PAUL RECER

WASHINGTON (AP) - Blocking a certain brain chemical can curb appetites, researchers find, giving a new clue on how to slim from grossly obese to merely chubby.

The work helps explain why a flawed "fat gene" turns middleweights into extreme heavyweights.

New research with mice that are genetically altered to be extremely obese shows that the weight gain is controlled, in part, by the action of a brain chemical called neuropeptide Y, or NPY, according to Jay C. Erickson, a Howard Hughes Institute resealeptin, an appetite-control protein.

Without leptin, the appetite is voracious and unending. Mice with a flawed OB gene eat without restraint and become grossly fat, sterile, diabetic and lethargic.

When NPY is genetically removed from this rodent breed, however, the mice slim down, become more energetic and can even reproduce.

The absence of NPY suppressed the appetite, Erickson said.

"NPY is the reason for about half of the obesity caused by a lack of leptin," said Erickson. "It is only part of the puzzle. There are other elements that stimulate the urge to eat. There are a half dozen other substances or even some genes that also contribute to obesity."

Erickson and two co-authors are publishing the results of the study on Friday in the journal Science.

The finding is important because it "establishes a direct link between some of leptin's effects and neuropeptide Y," said Dr. Jeffrey Friedman of Rockefeller University in New York, a co-discoverer of the OB gene.

Friedman said the relationship between chemicals that control body weight "is a complicated one" and Erickson's work links only two of the elements.

"Much is left to be done to identify all of the other components," he said. "The more we understand this, the more likely that some therapy will be developed."

Erickson and his colleagues genetically engineered mice to be doubly mutant, lacking genes for both leptin and for NPY. Another group of animals, called ob/ob mice, lacked the leptin gene but had the NPY gene. Another group of mice had normal genes. All of the mice then were allowed to eat as much as they wanted.

"Earlier studies had shown that the ob/ob mice had an excessive amount of NPY in the brain," said Erickson. "It contributes to the drive to eat. We wanted to see if removing that neuropeptide had any effect on appetite."

The effect was obvious af-

ter 16 weeks. The ob/ob mice, those lacking leptin but with NPY, ate 62 percent more than normal mice and were extremely obese.

The double mutant mice, those lacking both leptin and NPY, ate 35 percent more than the normal mice and were fatter than normal mice, but they were only about half as hefty as the ob/ob mice.

Oxygen use, a measure of metabolism, was also higher in the double mutant mice, said Erickson.

The researcher said it is not known how this fat gene research will ever be applied to humans.

"We don't know what NPY is doing in humans who are obese, so we can't necessarily extrapolate from the findings in mice to humans," he said.

Erickson said that most obese humans are not deficient in leptin, so there may be factors in human obesity that are not present in the leptin-lacking ob/ob mice.



An unidentified woman is arrested and dragged away from the front door of Macy's department store on Union Square by San Francisco police in San Francisco. The woman was one of at least seven arrested during In Defense of Animals' "Fur Free Friday" events, which included protesting the sale of animal fur at Macy's and other department store.

## Death and Funeral Announcement

**Adela Selepeo Lifoifoi**

was called to her eternal rest on December 4, 1996 at the age of 80.

In her death she now joins her  
**Husband: Alfonso Camacho Lifoifoi**

**Parents: Juana S Pua & Vicente Rebueng, Step-father: Juan Pua**

Pedro S. Rebueng - Brother (predeceased)  
Antonia S. Kani - Sister (predeceased)  
Damian S. Pua - (predeceased)  
Jesus S. Pua - Brother (predeceased)

*She is survived by the following:*

**Brothers:**  
Theodoro Selepeo  
Juan S. Pua

**Sons:**  
Joe & Amalia Lifoifoi  
Victor & Julita Lifoifoi  
Fermin & Rosita Lifoifoi  
Guillermo (Bill) & Fely Lifoifoi

**Sisters:**  
Marcelina Pua Taitano  
Ignacia (Kaling) Taisakan

**Daughters:**  
Rose & Jimmy Marquez  
Donata & Herman Taitano  
Maria & Fred Napo  
Bertha & James Phillips  
Ines & Stephen Nogis

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF ALL GRAND CHILDREN**

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Angel S. Hocog  
Josephine T. Lifoifoi  
Ignacia T. Lifoifoi  
Remedio L./ David Pangelinan  
Joseph T. Lifoifoi  
Adela Gracia C. Lifoifoi  
Guillermo C. Lifoifoi  
Raymond C. Lifoifoi

Mara SN. Lifoifoi  
Victoria Adela SN. Lifoifoi  
Anthony SN. Lifoifoi  
Allan A. Lifoifoi  
Kevin A. Lifoifoi  
Lina A. Lifoifoi  
Rodney Lifoifoi/ Julie Santos  
Joseph Lifoifoi/ Ann Juliette Lieto

Jimmy L. Marquez  
Gina L. Marquez  
Tina L. Marquez  
Christina L. Phillips  
Angelina L. Phillips  
Alfonso Lifoifoi  
Lori Lynn Nogis  
Johnny Taisakan

**GREAT GRANDS**

Carrie Lynn Hocog  
Paterno Jose Hocog  
Patty Beth S. Hocog  
Paterno S. Hocog, Jr.  
Amalia Adela L. Pangelinan  
Wilben Herman T. Lieto

Nightly rosary at 8:00 p.m. is being held at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lifoifoi at Tanapag. Last respect may be paid on Wednesday, December 11, 1996 at 3:00 p.m. at Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lifoifoi's residence in Tanapag.

Mass for christian burial will be offered at 3:00 p.m. at Santa Remedios Church on the following day, Thursday, December 12, 1996.

Interment services will follow at the Tanapag, Lower Base Cemetery.

# 'Multiracials' increasing in US

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID  
WASHINGTON (AP) - When people are allowed to classify themselves as multiracial only a few do so, but adding the extra category to census forms may help Hispanics pick a racial classification.

"Slightly more than 1 percent of those reporting a race identified as multiracial," the Census Bureau reported Thursday, following a test of new questions planned for the 2000

head count.

But among Hispanics, some 6.7 percent selected multiracial, sharply reducing the number who checked the category "other."

Of people who called themselves multiracial, about half wrote in they were a mix of two races and one-third reported a mix of one race and Hispanic origin, the bureau reported.

From less than a half-million in 1970, the number of children of inter-

racial families grew to an estimated 2 million as of the 1990 census. That led to proposals for the new category for people of mixed race to be listed in federal statistics, though some minority groups fear it would lead to a reduction in their numbers and, hence, political influence.

The final decision will be made by the Office of Management and Budget because a ruling on racial categories will have to apply to all federal programs. A ruling is expected sometime next year. In the meantime, the Census Bureau has been testing sample forms for the next count in 2000.

More than 80 percent of the people who wrote in details on the multiracial category included white as part of their background, which is consistent with other research on interracial marriages, the bureau noted. It estimated that 86 percent of children of mixed race have one white parent.

"About 30 percent of the writers involved an Asian or Pacific Islander response, about 25 percent involved a black response and about 7 percent involved an American Indian response," the bureau said.

# Food . . .

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The foodstamp program has been seen as a hindrance to productivity, Tebuteb has said.

He said most of the beneficiaries are employed persons who are not earning enough.

He said a certain "percentage" of foodstamp beneficiaries tend to "limit" their productivity for fear of losing the privilege.

# PAL . . .

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and Continental Micronesia won't allow transit passengers from China to pass through Guam, while PAL has a Manila-China shuttle service.

PAL used to have Manila-Saipan flights. The airline has been privatized some three years ago, but the Philippine government still own some shares in the airline.

Tenorio said Continental's "unwillingness" to make nonstop flights from Hongkong to Saipan has meant that the CNMI can no longer bring in mainland Chinese workers and tourists.

He said he's willing to find out what kind of conditions and con-

# DPW . . .

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Included in the project is the construction of a drainage system to address the problem of flooding in the said areas.

Guerrero said there are also plans to transfer the prison facility and the juvenile center.

The village meeting, more of which are scheduled to be held, has been perceived by some quarters as a move supposedly meant to give Tenorio a headstart in next year's gubernatorial race.

But Benigno M. Sablan, chairman of the ruling Democratic Party, said holding such meetings is an "must" for any governor.

"It is incumbent for any politician to visit the people. I can call it campaigning, I can call it village meetings. To be a governor, you have to be a politician. It [early campaigning] is inevitable. It is part of being a governor...you boost your chances," Sablan told the Variety.

# SAVE WATER!

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at the village meeting."

"There already was a plan to do it [road paving] but we had no money. There never was any appropriation for this," he said.

"We would have done it even if there was no meeting held," he stressed.

Funds for the project will be drawn from the \$32 million appropriated for capital improvement projects for FY 1995.

Tenorio signed the CIP bill, which has been pending for several months, into Public Law 10-38 late last November.

Roads to be paved, he said, are those in Kagman II as well as some portions of Kagman I.

"The groundwork," Guerrero said, "will start after two weeks."

# Region . . .

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Delegates include justices, judges, lawyers, law clerks, and judiciary officials from the CNMI, Guam, Federated States of Micronesia, Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, Marshall Islands, Palau, Hawaii, and Alaska. The federal district court is represented by Chief Judge Alex R. Munson.

CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Marty W.K. Taylor will

# HOUSE FOR RENT

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A 3-br, 3 bath, split level concrete house, and a 4-br, 3-bath, 2-storey concrete house in Fina Sis, MSV family compound. 24 hrs water. Utility not included. Deposit required Call 234-7723

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keynote the opening ceremony which starts at 9 a.m.

The first major discussion deals with "Codes of Judicial Conduct and Professional Responsibility" which will be delivered by Marla N. Greenstein, executive director of Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Other issues in the agenda include Attorney pro hac vice admissions, exclusive economic zones/fisheries, migratory fish, approach to rules of evidence, and controlled substances.

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## ATTENTION TAXI OPERATORS

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Applications and details are available starting December 1, 1996 from the Pacific Islands Club Security Desk located at the Employee Entrance. All Applications are due before 12:00 noon on or before Friday, December 27, 1996.

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

It is the policy of Northern Marianas College that equal opportunity be given to all qualified applicants without regard to age, race, sex, marital status, place of origin, religion, handicap status, political affiliation or family relationship. The College is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

POSITION TITLE: Accountant III  
PAY LEVEL & STEP: 26/01 to 26/08  
ANNUAL SALARY: \$19,428.24 to \$26,975.07  
LOCATION: Business Office; As Terlaje Campus; Saipan

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Fixed assets responsibilities:
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  - Files bid/purchase documents.

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### HOW TO APPLY:

Employment Applications form can be obtained at the Human Resources (Personnel) Office of the College, to be submitted to the same office, together with the official school transcript, diploma or certificate for all education and training claimed, and police clearance not later than the closing date of the Announcement.

Announcement No. 96-046  
Opening Date: November 26, 1996  
Closing Date: December 18, 1996

## PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 96-822

DIEGO B. SONGSONG Plaintiff, vs DOO YOUNG JANG and SEUNG HEE BYUN Defendants.

### SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

The Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to all the above-named defendants. You are hereby summoned to appear within twenty (20) days after final publication of this summons and completion of posting, and defend in the above-captioned action in the above-entitled court, and answer the complaint to Plaintiff, Diego B. Songsong, and serve a copy of your answer upon the Plaintiff's attorney:

LAW OFFICE  
ROBERT C. NARAJA  
A Professional Corporation  
P.O. Box 1960, Saipan MP 96950

If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you according to the reliefs demanded in the Complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said Court. The Complaint contains allegations in connection with certain facts, transactions, or events involving the leasing of Plaintiff's properties of which you executed the lease agreements.

Clerk of Court

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YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder
Born today, you are a formidable adversary. When you find your back against the wall, you will fight tooth-and-nail to protect your rights and the rights of others when necessary.

tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.
TUESDAY, DEC. 10
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Do not shy away from the unfamiliar or unorthodox.

any of your habitual excuses today. If you can't deliver the goods, you must be willing to pay the price.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The probability of falling in love all over again will be high today, especially if you've allowed yourself to get closer to that special someone.

CLOSERS

A group of kittens is called a kindyl, which is derived from the verb kindle, meaning to give birth.
The thickest part of the Antarctic ice cap — about 15,670 feet — is near the Russian research station Vostok.

Earth Tip: Throwing away two aluminum cans wastes the same amount of energy as filling one can with gasoline and pouring it on the ground. Aluminum is one of the most easily recycled materials and most neighborhoods are equipped to pick up your old cans.

Because founder Robert Baden-Powell believed in ambidexterity, the Boy Scout handshake is performed with the left hand.
Many Native Americans were quite fond of eating cicadas. The insects are delicious when dipped in batter and fried in butter until golden brown. Serve with cocktail sauce.

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

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Chong's . . .

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over Holiday Shop. KGC remained at sixth overall with an even 38-38 slate.

In the last pairing, Mean Machine also posted a 3-1 win against the Trash Kings. The wins, however, were not enough to propel Mean Machine from its 11th position with a 28.5-47.5 slate.

Munar . . .

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Espeleta defeated Gideon Williams in straight sets, 21-15, 21-6 to arrange a showdown with Santos.

After the successful tournament, MATTA is planning to hold a Saipan-Guam exhibition match next year. Terry Huber, MATTA president said that the association has helped the association to "establish new members and potential players pool that would comprise the Saipan

Aschoscho . . .

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one, 5-4. Donella, Ruslyn and Sarmia joined hands in giving Aschoscho a killing 9-1 blast to move their team within a point in winning the first set.

Table with columns: Pos, Tm#, Team, Won, Lost, Pct, TotPins, Ave, Gm, Ser. Results for Week No 19 of 24 12/04.

Villamin . . .

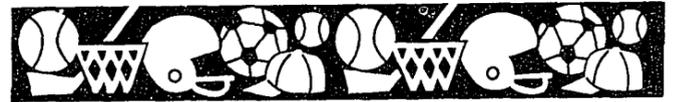
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Lomantas in 32 moves of a Trompovsky Attack; a 45 move draw between Ronnie Alfonso and Manny Domingo; and Peter Sibily outlasting Marlon Yucampo in 50 moves.

Office of the Secretary of Public Works. INVITATION TO BID DPW97-ITB-004. Includes details about the construction of the Beach Road Pathway and contact information for Edward M. DeLeon Guerrero.

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands STATE REHABILITATION ADVISORY COUNCIL PUBLIC NOTICE. Includes agenda items and contact information for Christine Matson.

WANTED LEGAL SECRETARY ENGLISH LANGUAGE TUTOR JAPANESE LANGUAGE TUTOR. Includes requirements and contact information for Randall Fennel.

# SPORTS



## 1996 Budweiser Chess Cup

# Villamin retains title

By Erel A. Cabatbat  
Variety News Staff

Final Standings

Villamin	7.0 points
Buenaventura	6.5
Mondez	6.5
Villamor	6.5
Orlina	5.5
Elauria	5.5
Santos	5.5
Baja	5.0
Alfonso	5.0
Domingo	5.0
Lomantas	4.5
Carl Pogue	4.0

DEFENDING champion John Villamin scored a scintillating win yesterday against Pol Mondez in their ninth round showdown to retain the title in the CNMI Chess Association's 1996 Budweiser Cup Individual Chess Championships at Rambi's Restaurant.

Villamin won the title after 36 moves of Sicilian Defense. Mondez, who needs only a draw to win the crown, played safe in the early part of the game. Villamin, on the other hand, was aggressive throughout the match.

Mondez gave Villamin the upper hand by playing passive.

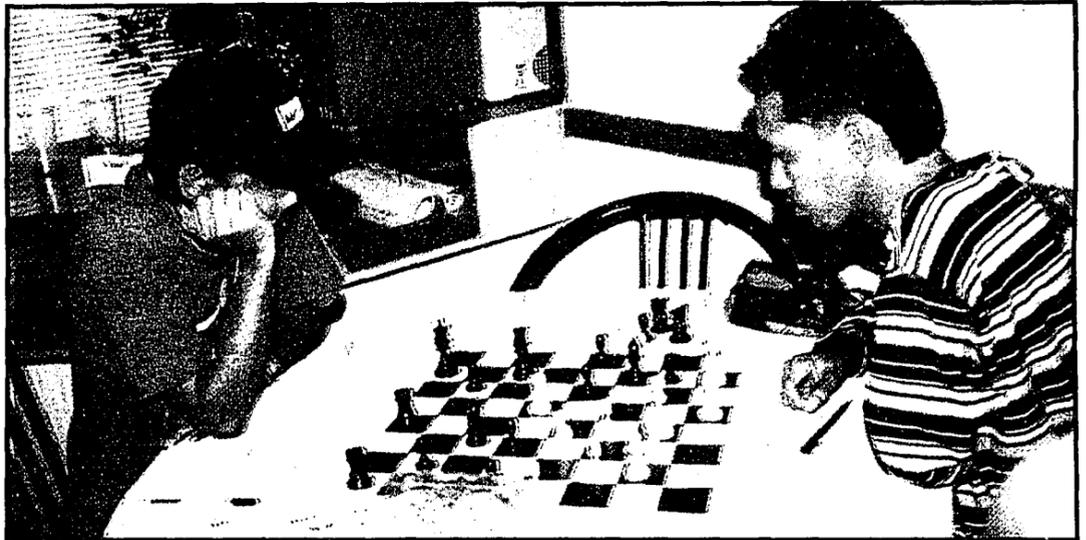
Early in the middle game, Mondez had several slim chances of scoring the win but he played passively and the defending champion denied him the upperhand.

Several moves later, Villamin gained the advantage. The defending champion made several brilliant moves in the endgame that left Mondez no choice but to resign or be mated.

Villamin's winning run made up for his poor start in the early rounds. Villamin, who was only able to score a point in three rounds, won all his six games for a rousing comeback. What made Villamin's successful title drive, was the fact that Villamin never led in the tournament except after the last round.

When asked for a comment regarding his successful title retention drive, Villamin simply smiled.

Ely G. Buenaventura won second place after winning with the black pieces against Jun Baja.



**SUCCESSFUL TITLE DEFENSE**-John Villamin (left) ponders his next move against Pol Mondez during their game in the final round of the CNMI Chess Association's 1996 Budweiser Cup Individual Chess Championship yesterday at Rambi's Restaurant. Villamin won the match to retain his title.

(Photo by Zaldy Dandan)

Buenaventura employed the Nimzo Indian Defense for the full point. Two more players actually finished the tournament with the same output as of Buenaventura. In the tiebreak, Buenaventura

edged Mondez by 2.5 points and Rey Villamor by 5.5 points. Mondez took third while Villamor eventually finished fourth.

Villamor ended his campaign by mating Almer Santos in 36

moves of a Caro-Kann Defense.

In the tournament's final round results include Paul Elauria's 32 move win against Rey Yana; Glenn Orlina winning over Junnel

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### Wednesday Pinbusters League

## Chong's Corp. back on top

By Erel A. Cabatbat  
Variety News Staff

CHONG'S Corporation routed F.T. Construction, 4-0 while UIC held erstwhile leader J's Restaurant, 2-2 as the two teams broke their two way tie for the lead going to the 20th week of the Wednesday Pinbusters League at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Chong's assumed the solo lead once more, after losing it to Century Travel in the 13th week of the tournament, after bowling a three-game series of 947, 926, and 996 for a 2,869 pin aggregate. F.T. could only come

up with 905, 856, and 951 for a 2,712 pin total.

With the sweep, Chong's hiked its record to a league's best 51-25 win loss slate. F.T. dropped to seventh with 37.7-38.5 mark.

In lanes 1 and 2 action, UIC got off to a hot start by rolling 1,006 pins as against J's Restaurant's 997 to win the opening game. J's, however came back with a strong second game out put to even the score at one apiece. UIC won the third game, 994-959 but J's got away with a draw by having a superior pin total, 3,005-2,954.

J's fell to second slot over-

all with 49-25 while UIC remained at tenth with a 30-46 tally.

Jaridon grabbed the third slot after posting a 3-1 win against Century Travel. Jaridon had games of 1,079; 949 and 942 for a 3,005 pin total for the winning performance. Jaridon improved to 45-31 or just a win up against their victims.

WST Enterprises retained the fifth slot after a 2-2 draw with tailender LVS Car Paints. Kautz Glass Company moved one notch higher by taking a 3-1 win

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### MATTA Islandwide Tilt

## Munar, Santos triumph

By Erel A. Cabatbat  
Variety News Staff

ROMMEL Munar and Joe Santos needed three sets to subdue separate opponents to win the championships in their respective divisions in the Marianas Amateur Table Tennis Association's (MATTA) Islandwide Table Tennis Tournament held last Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gym.

Munar defeated Jesus Santos in the final game of the 21-34 years old Open age bracket, 15-21, 21-18, 21-15 while Santos stopped Mario Espeleta, 16-21, 21-18, 21-14 to win the 35 years and above crown.

In other results, Victoria Santos routed Mindy Torres, 21-3, 21-4 to enroute to winning the 14 years and under division. In the 15-20 age group, Isaac Aguon overcame a first set loss to annex the crown by beating Donald Ludwick, 18-21, 24-22 and 21-19.

Santos was in the verge of winning the open bracket after whipping Munar in the semifinals, 21-9, 18-21 and 21-17. Due to the tournament's double elimination format, Santos, who suffered his first loss earlier in the tournament, had to beat Munar twice to win the crown. Before their game, Munar has yet to suffer defeat in their age category.

In the final game, Munar proved steadier than Santos in the homestretch.

Santos, after taking the first set 21-15, failed to break the strong defense put up by his opponent. Munar returned everything Santos threw at him. Munar's defense also proved decisive as the two players engaged in several long rallies in the game. Santos several service errors likewise enabled Munar several breaks in the last two sets enroute to winning the match. Eria Elliott bagged third place.

In the 35 years and above, Jose Santos overcame a shaky start before settling his game in his tussle with Mario Espeleta. Santos lost the first set 16-21 before staging a big comeback in the 2nd and final set. Santos walloped his rival, 21-18 and 21-14 for the title.

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### Youth Volleyball League

## Aschoscho prevails over GCA

By Erel A. Cabatbat  
Variety News Staff

ASCHOSCHO defeated Grace Christian Academy Eagles in straight sets 15-5, 15-6 last Friday to score their first win in two starts in the Girls' Senior Division of the Youth Volleyball League at

the Gilbert C. Ada Gym.

Aschoscho banked on Ruslyn, Sarmia, Malia in the opening set but not after several service breaks by the Angels. Aschoscho jumped to an early 2-0 lead before the Angels scored their first point of the match courtesy of Mae

Adams. In the return play, Malia rattled three straight points to give her team a 5-1 advantage. Megan Halloran kept the Angels in the thick of the fight by countering with three points as the Angels moved within

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