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## Slay suspects yield

By Ferdie de la Torre  
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THE teenagers tagged as the suspects in the fatal mauling of a Filipino security guard at Nikko Hotel surrendered to the Department of Public Safety the other day.

Alex Agulto Camacho and Sidney Tenorio Camacho, both 19 years old and residents of San Roque, were charged with murder in the second degree and aggravated assault and battery.

The suspects decided to give up after they were informed Superior Court Associate Judge Miguel Demapan had issued warrant for their arrest.

Alex reportedly works at Camacho's Equipment while Sidney a student at the Northern Marianas College.

Alex is the younger brother of Alvin Camacho who was charged with murder in connection with the June 1995 shooting in San Roque but was later acquitted during a jury trial.

During yesterday's bail hearing, Associate Judge Timothy Bellas allowed the defendants to post a bail of \$50,000 cash or \$100,000 in property bond.

Alex and Sidney were represented by counsels Brien Nicholas and Assistant Public Defender Greg Baka respectively.

Bellas said he will set a daily curfew from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. for the suspects. The defendants

will also be required to stay away from Nikko Hotel in San Roque. Arraignment was set for

Dec. 16.

Court information showed that the mauling happened at Nikko Hotel where the victim, Bernardo M. Tique, was on duty last Dec. 1 at 8:15 p.m.

Police said Tique went to the hotel's poolside after he was informed that four men were swimming at a time when the pool was supposedly closed.

Tique told the four to leave the area. As he followed the four, Alex and Sidney punched and kicked him several times.

The victim fell backward, his

head landed on the concrete pool deck. Sidney then reportedly kicked the unconscious guard several times on the head and face.

Another security guard came to the rescue but was also assaulted, police said.

The 38-year-old Tique suffered a fractured skull, brain hemorrhage, brain swelling and lacerations.

Tique, who was employed by the Island Security Services, died as a result of the injuries Tuesday at a Philippine hospital.



Murder suspects Sidney Tenorio Camacho (middle) and Alex Agulto Camacho (right) being escorted by a marshal on their way to a court hearing yesterday.  
—Photo by Ferdie de la Torre

### Guard's slay gives CNMI bad image, laments Borja

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

ACTING Governor Jesus C. Borja yesterday said the death by mauling of the Filipino security guard is not only a "very sad" thing to happen, but bad as well for the CNMI's image.

"It's a sad situation when it happened, it's much sadder still with this death," Borja said. "(And now), how will our people be viewed by those people that are of the same ethnic backgrounds as the victim?"

However, Borja added that he is "happy that the police have expeditiously sought an arrest warrant and have arrested the suspects already." (See related story on page 1)

He said he remains convinced that the mauling was not racially-motivated.

"It just happened that the guards were of Filipino ancestry and they were there when the kids were there. (Were the



Jesus C. Borja

suspects) on drugs? I don't know."

Bernardo Tique, 38, died at a Philippine hospital where he was taken for treatment after getting severely beaten up last Dec. 1 following an altercation at the Nikko Hotel in Marpi.

Tique was employed by the Island Security Services.

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### Tenorio slams feds during RP rites

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio, in a speech yesterday on accepting the American Hero Award in Manila, said the only thing "taught" by bureaucrats from the United States federal government to the Northern Marianas was government bureaucracy.

"Their message was 'Don't

farm. Don't fish. We will take care of you and give you all that you need," Tenorio said.

Eventually, he added, the people of the NMI "believed that everything—both good and bad—happened to them. With all those government handouts, they began to believe in their own inferiority."

"I reject this," Tenorio said. "I reject the poverty mentality. I believe in the inherent worth of

every individual, and I especially believe in the strength and capability of my own people."

He said the NMI can create its own wealth without federal handouts.

"And I believe that the best way to do this is through the private sector. Free enterprise. Risk taking. Investment. Deregulation. Privatization. And

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### Weather Outlook



Mostly cloudy with scattered showers

### Pangelinan 'resigns' Public Liaison post

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio's special assistant for public liaison Ignacio O. Pangelinan has resigned from his post.

In a letter dated Dec. 2 to Tenorio, Pangelinan said he is leaving effective Dec. 6 to take advantage of "early retirement benefits."

"After much thinking of my plan, I finally reached my decision to take advantage of my early

retirement. I am glad to inform you that I have no regrets working under your administration," Pangelinan told the governor in his one-paragraph letter.

Under CNMI law, government employees who opt for early retirement are entitled to a bonus amounting to 30 percent of their mandated benefits.

Administration sources said Pangelinan has already reached

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### Anti-prostitution drive in Garapan nets 4 suspects

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

FOUR persons were arrested during a joint anti-prostitution drive conducted by the Immigration Division and the Department of Public Safety in Garapan area Tuesday night.

Police said arrested was Yin Long Shen and his three female companions.

Shen was charged yesterday with promoting prostitution and illegal possession of a controlled substance (marijuana) before the Superior Court.

The three women were report-

edly released pending investigation of the case.

According to a complaint filed by Assistant Atty. Gen. Ross M. Buchholz, Shen "engaged in conduct designed to facilitate an act of prostitution in the second degree."

Shen allegedly offered one or more women to engage in sexual conduct.

The defendant was also allegedly found in possession of less than an ounce of marijuana when he was arrested.

A bail hearing was set yesterday. No other details about the operation were available as of press time.

# Malaysia: 'Isolate Israel'

By KELLY OLSEN  
JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)- Criticism of Israel at a meeting of the world's Muslim governments intensified Wednesday with a Malaysian appeal to isolate the Israeli government until it makes progress on agreements for Palestinian self-rule.  
Foreign Minister Abdullah Badawi, speaking at a meeting of the 54-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference, complained that Israel

was suffering no consequences for delaying its pullout from Hebron, the last West Bank city occupied by Israeli soldiers.  
Talks on the pullout, which was to have happened last March, have stalled because of Israeli concerns about security for 500 Jewish settlers who live among the town's 130,000 Palestinians.  
"This is not because Israel is invincible, but that we are weak because of

the disarray among us," Badawi said in a speech.  
"Indeed, as long as the Palestinian problem remains unresolved, it is the policy of Malaysia not to have any relations with Israel. To this end, we urge OIC member states to do likewise," he said.  
Malaysia has never had diplomatic ties with Israel, but Jordan, Morocco and other OIC members have been begun forming relations, ending decades of hostilities with the Israelis.  
Criticism of Israel has been a common theme at the otherwise low-key annual meeting of foreign ministers from Muslim governments representing some 1.5 billion people across Europe, Africa and Asia.  
The Organization of the Is-

lamic Conference was founded in the 1970s primarily to press for a settlement to Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories captured in wars with its Arab neighbors.  
Other members include Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Turkey and Gambia.  
Jordanian envoy Khaled Madadha agreed with Badawi's appeal for more international pressure on Israel, but said it was up to individual governments whether to withhold diplomatic recognition.  
"The Malaysian minister thought this might constitute pressure on Israel. But we have a (peace) treaty, so I cannot decide for others what to do," said Madadha, who is Jordan's state

secretary for foreign affairs.  
Resolutions being considered by the conference call on Israel to give up occupied Syrian and Lebanese territory and East Jerusalem, claimed by the Palestinians as their capital.  
Israeli-Syrian peace talks stalled in February. Tensions between the two countries have escalated since hardliner Benjamin Netanyahu was elected prime minister in Israel's May election.  
Israel's deputy military chief warned Tuesday that the army was ready to repel any attack.  
Other resolutions condemn Israel for opening an archaeological tunnel near holy sites in Jerusalem that sparked Palestinian protests and three days of gun battles in September in which 79 people were killed.

## 2 convicted killers executed in the US

By SONJA BARISIC  
JARRATT, Virginia (AP)- A man who pleaded guilty to murder after his public defender promised he wouldn't be put to death has been executed by injection, hours before another man was executed for killing a cellmate.  
In Virginia, Larry Stout pleaded guilty to murdering Jacqueline Kooshian during a \$1,200 robbery at her dry-cleaning shop. Mrs. Kooshian, 40, was the mother of two children.  
Stout later argued that he didn't mean to kill her, and that the stabbing was only a reflex reaction to Ms. Kooshian throwing her hands into the air.  
"My lawyer didn't put on no defense for me," Stout said last month. "My lawyer told me if I pleaded guilty I wouldn't get the death sentence. He

said, 'Own up to the crime and be a man.'"  
Five months after pleading guilty, a judge sentenced Stout to death. Early Wednesday in Potosi, Missouri, Richard Zeitvogel, 40, was executed by injection for murdering a cellmate in 1984.  
Zeitvogel, who also had been sentenced to life in prison for fatally stabbing another inmate in 1981, strangled Gary Wayne Dew so he could join a gay lover on death row, prosecutors said.  
Zeitvogel, who had spent 22 years in prison, was originally sentenced for his role in a rape and burglary.  
He said Monday that he accepted his fate: "I'm ready to go."  
His lawyer had fought the execution, saying Dew's killing was in self-defense.

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## US weapons sale announced

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. Defense Department has informed Congress it intends to sell South Korea \$624 million in weapons, including the first-ever sale of Multiple Launch Rocket Systems to the Asian nation.  
MLRS are surface-to-surface missile systems intended to counter North Korean artillery.  
"This sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security

of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country," the Pentagon said in a statement.  
"This is the first sale of these surface-to-surface missile systems to Korea, and it will enable the Korean Army to...counter hostile long-range artillery and rocket systems" and enhance the Korean military's ability to cooperate with U.S. forces stationed in South Korea, the statement said.

The sale includes 29 MLRS launchers, 271 rocket pods, 168 reduced range practice rocket pods, 29 vehicles to carry the launchers, 11 Army tactical missiles and launch assemblies.  
The package also includes 200 radios, 300 night-vision goggles and recovery and transport vehicles.  
The primary contractor is Lockheed Martin Vought Systems of Dallas, the Pentagon said.

## Official: Army ready for war with Syria

JERUSALEM (AP) - In the latest sign of escalating tensions with Syria, Israel's deputy military chief said Tuesday that the army was ready to repel any attack and that Syria's leaders knew their country would face great harm if war broke out.  
The comments by Maj. Gen. Matan Vilnai came following media reports suggesting the army was poorly organized and equipped after years in which war appeared distant.  
"I am telling you with full confidence that the Israel Defense Forces is ready for war," Vilnai said on Army Radio. "All of our enemies understand this very well."  
Israel-Syria peace talks stalled in February, and tensions between the two countries have escalated since hardliner Benjamin

Netanyahu was elected prime minister in Israel's May election.  
Unlike his dovish predecessors, Netanyahu resolutely opposes Syria's demand that Israel return the Golan Heights, occupied since 1967. In recent months there has been widespread speculation that Syria might even attack Israel to break the deadlock.  
But Vilnai said Syrian President Hafez Assad "has no illusions about what would happen if he begins to fight us... He knows he would get hit. He knows he has difficulty in assessing how hard he will get it."  
Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said Tuesday that Israel continued to seek the renewal of peace talks. But he emphasized that it would not give any prior commitment on a Golan pullout, as Syria demands.

## Hong Kong panel elects first post-colonial chief

HONG KONG (AP) - Shipping magnate Tung Chee-hwa won a majority of votes from a China-organized committee Wednesday to qualify as Hong Kong's first post-colonial leader.  
His victory became definite when he topped the 200-mark in voting by the 400-member Selection Committee. His two rivals lagged far behind.

The votes were being called out one by one after the secret ballot ended, and the session was broadcast live on TV and radio.  
Shanghai-born Tung, 59, will take the title of chief executive of a semi-autonomous Hong Kong government, succeeding the last British governor when China recovers sovereignty over the colony on July 1.

# Shoda issues 'gun policy'



Carlos Shoda

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff  
COMMONWEALTH Ports Authority Executive Director Carlos Shoda has prohibited off duty personnel from carrying a gun.

## Off-duty personnel not allowed to take guns out

The directive, contained in a memorandum dated Nov. 29, was issued amidst an ongoing police probe on a reported assault incident involving CPA security head Joseph Reyes and a still unidentified woman which happened last Nov. 10.  
Reyes was reported to have mauled and kicked the woman inside his car, then parked in front of a Garapan nightspot.  
Responding police found a bag containing Reyes's gun in the car.

while off duty, are prohibited from carrying any firearm or handgun pursuant to the deputization made by the Commissioner of the CNMI Department of Public Safety," a copy of memorandum read.  
"Port security officers shall carry their duly deputized firearm or handgun while on duty only. When going off duty, an officer's firearm shall be unloaded and stored in a secure, safe and locked space within the security office," it further stated.  
Monitoring is now also being done through a log to ensure compliance.  
There apparently is no existing CPA regulation on the matter. Shoda's directive takes effect "until such time the CPA Board of Directors

adopts a policy" on the matter.  
Police, Rosario said, is still probing the incident.  
"This [incident] is a matter between him [Reyes] and the police. We are still awaiting the result," he said.  
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## Castro orders new law firm for Webster

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff  
SUPERIOR Court Presiding Judge Alejandro Castro has issued an order replacing the counsel of Larry Hillblom's estate Special Administrator William I. Webster.



Alejandro Castro

Castro substituted the law firm of White, Pierce, Mailman & Nutting with the Guam-based professional corporation of Klemm, Blair, Sterling & Johnson.  
Lawyer Richard W. Pierce of White, Pierce, Mailman & Nutting represented Webster as special administrator in the probate hearings.  
David J. Lujan, counsel for petitioner Kaelani Kinney, has assailed Webster's alleged below par performance, saying the estate finds itself in a financial nightmare because of the special administrator's shortsighted financial decisions.  
Lujan stated in his earlier motion that Webster lacks control on costs and the "shameless" amounts of attorneys' fees incurred during his administration.

The brothers of Hillblom also assailed Webster and his attorneys for allegedly receiving exorbitant fees out of the late businessman's \$450 million assets.  
Terry Hillblom and Grant Anderson said they are witnessing the destruction of the estate under the control of "outsiders."

## Borja proposes revival of 'traditional justice system'

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
Variety News Staff

LIEUTENANT Gov. Jesus Borja proposes the revival of a "traditional justice system" where disputes can be resolved without having to go through the maze of court litigations.  
Borja, a former Supreme Court chief justice, said the old system could be an alternative to the "infamous lawsuit" which, he said, always "leaves people bitter against one another."



Jesus Borja

"It is time that the judiciary not only talk about alternative dispute resolution, but that it takes some concrete steps in finding and implementing another alternative to the infamous lawsuit," Borja said at the Pacific Judicial Conference at the Diamond Hotel ended yesterday.  
Quoting from the Constitution Day speech delivered earlier by former government official, Borja revisited the old justice system in the Northern Marianas where disputing people were summoned by a senior member of the family or community to resolve their differences.  
"The resolution of the dispute would involve both parties giving in just a little," Borja said. "The result would be peace and harmony once again in the family and in the community."  
While noting the importance of preserving custom and tradition within the legal system, Borja deplores that the Commonwealth seems "to be moving away from it at fast pace," and has become "a very litigious society."  
"It cannot be disputed that the outcome of a lawsuit leaves

people bitter against one another, not only between or among the litigants but also between and among the witnesses. And the bitterness stays for a very long time," Borja added.  
Borja proposes that a study be conducted to determine the "value" of the old justice system.  
"Should it be adopted or adapted to modern life? What should the modifications be? Would it foster peace and harmony to people who are in disagreement, sometimes passionately? These and other questions must be asked and answered," Borja said.  
He proposes that the Court form a committee— composed of judges and respected members of the community— that will study and make recommendations to the chief justice on possible alternatives that could be taken.  
"I encourage those of you who still maintain traditional dispute resolution options in your courts to strive to keep them," he said.  
"As for those of us who have wandered too far from our traditional systems, to work toward resurrecting them of a modified version in tune with the times."

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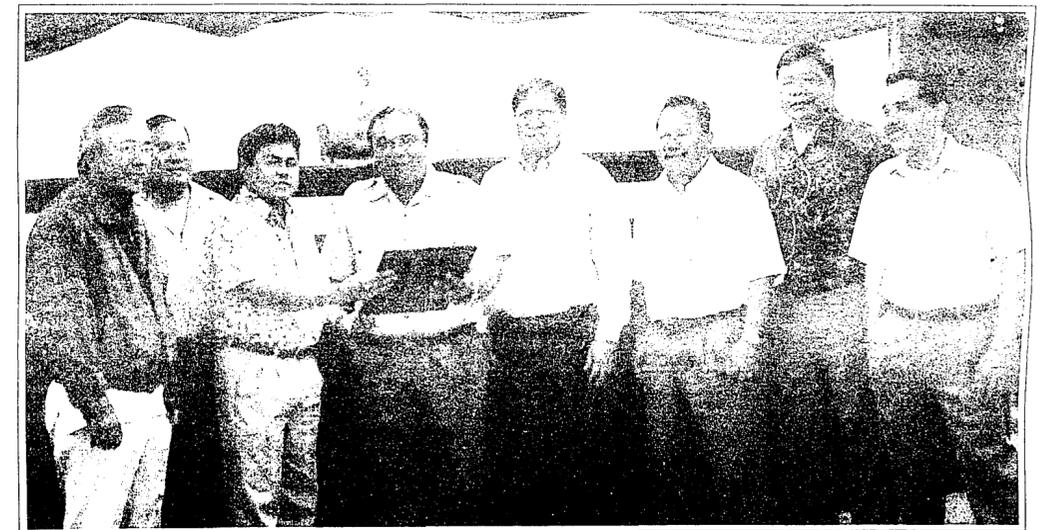
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## Christmas craft exhibit opens

ANYONE having trouble finding that unique gift for Christmas, need not fight through crowds of shoppers or agonize over catalogs.  
The Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture invites everyone to visit the Christmas Crafts Exhibit on display at the Arts and Culture Gallery located by the Capitol Hill Post Office.  
A news release from CCAC said the annual exhibit features Christmas, traditional and contemporary crafts and artwork. It also includes a variety of items ranging from Palauan storyboards to shell wreaths to pottery to paintings, created by the islands' foremost artists.  
The exhibit which opened Tuesday December 10 will be open until Saturday, December 14. Exhibit hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on Saturday.



JOB WELL DONE. Calisto Reyes, Boy Scout coordinator for 20 years, receives a House resolution of appreciation Tuesday on the occasion of his retirement. On hand to honor Reyes are, from left, Reps. Pete Reyes, Crispin I. Deleon Guerrero, and Heinz S. Hofschneider (handing the framed resolution), Boy Scout district committee chair Associate Justice Ramon Villagomez, and Reps. Manuel A. Tenorio, David M. Apatang, and Joaquin G. Adriano. Photo by Rick Alberto

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## Nuebo na prineponen sisteman edukasion

Guaha nuebo na programan edukasion mapropopone as Governor Froilan C. Tenorio "nai kada saina siña hana" eskuela patgonña maseha mano na eskuela guine. Iproposito i para u fan manae' kada familia \$200 pesos ya siha u diside i eskuelan famaguon niha. Kao eskuelan publiko osino praibet (private), i \$200 debi u ma'apase i eskuela.

Este programa ha sede i saina muna' eskuela patgonña gi ayo na eskuela "nai mas kualidat i leksion eskuelante. Pot ihemplo, siña i saina ilegña na San Vicente i mas kualidat gi klase siha ni mamafanagae famaguon. Libre hao muna' eskuela patgonno sin un machanda.

I sistema kulan mauleg na medida osino sensura gi detetminasion kualidat maestro yan maestra gi maseha mano na eskuela. Pot ihemplo, yangin mampos tagpapa' i numeron estudianti gi Hopwood Junior High School, un' indikasion na buente guaha fundamento na finato guihe na eskuela. Siña ha' ti man sen kualidat maestroña na megai na famaguon man hanao guato gi otro eskuela guine. Estague' "nai siempre u mentalo" i administrasion eskuela para una' guaha mas adelanto gi kualidat maestro yan maestra siha.

Mauleg na sistema sa' siempre tanae' apotunidat kada patgon rumisibe kualidat na ineyag gi klase siha ni ha nesosita para preparasionña gi kareña mona. Lao hu sesiente na siempre ha' guaha fina' inkubakao gi tutuhonña este na programa. Pot ihemplo, yangin megai mumalague' San Vicente na eskuela elementario, pues motmut siempre estudianti ayo na eskuela ke otro siha. Un' buruka para administratod edukasion yangin taiguine humyoñg ya ni uno mumalague' malag otro eskuela.

I punto gi nuebo na programan edukasion i para u manae' kada estudianti pareho prebilihio gi mas kualidat na finanagae gi mas mauleg na eskuela. I direcho siempre u pareho para todos estudianti kao riko osino mamoble mañainamo. Propio na programa sa' este lokue' na eskribiente ha chage pinadesen chinanda pot ti siña i mañainaho ha kubre i apas eskuelan praibet. Ayo mina' hu supopotta este i nuebo na sisteman edukasion.

Siña ha' guaha dididi' ginadon pot bandan relihion sa' u makontra lai Constitution pot relihion gi uson salape' publiko. Lao ti hu ekspepekta na u dañgkulo este na asunto sa' i punto pot kualidat edukasion famaguon gi pareho na eskalera para todos ti pot relihion. Dimalas sa' guaha siha eskuela guine inepepera nu i Katoliko, Protestante yan otro relihion siha. Taya' interesta i kao enfin gaige lokue' giya siha kualidat na maestro yan maestra "nai siña mamafanagae famaguon gi hilo' kualidat na ineyag.

## Hiniyoñg Sakan

Kulan naturat na sinesede gi kada para hiniyoñg sakan, guaha siha giya hita manfinatoige pininite yan chinatsaga "nai ma'agañg nu i Saina uno gi familia para i taihinegok na deskanso.

Ha gomgom hit este na ekspirientia sa' makone' uno gi hihot giya hita. Esta i estaoña ennao na chetluta osino sainata, ti pareho yan "nai brabo antes ya sesso man daña hit. I man mames siha na memorias ha tutuhon mañaguhulo' gi halom hinasota pot ennao na prohimo. Mafatto un' didog na minahalañg "nai ta renueba hagag pasuta yan i chetluta.

Huñgan tat ti tuho' lagoña "nai matto tatte manmames siha na memorias gi manmañge siha na okasion yan chetluta osino sainata. Lao este na gotpe debi de tana' fan pasifiko hit ya tatayuyute i prohimo puede u gaige gi grasian i Saina yangin dispues madisponegue'. Taya mas ke fuetsan tinayuyot ya solu ayudo para i dimalas na parentesta.

Guaha lokue' "nai ta malefan ñaihon na i matai ni tafafana" un' estao yan finapos na ni uno gi entre hita para u soplu. Todos siempre u fan hanao. Ayo na rason na mauleg deste pago un' prepara hao para yangin matto ennao na haane "nai para un' asoda" yan i muna' huyoñg hao. Na magof este na haane sa hu los utimos para un' alie' yan i Saina.

I taotao tres eskalera ti u mahñao gi haañña: Mafañago, para u lala' yan u matai. Sumen naturat na pasu gi todo taotao este i tres na eskalera. Ayo mina' chatkomprende'yo' gi ayo siha i sumasañgan na man maa'ñao man matai. Afañielos, ti kombene na un' maa'ñao u malie' yan i Sainata. Hoñgeyo', nu uno i soplu pues egaga' ya un' tutuhon preparasionmo para ayo na haane. Si Yuus Maase!

STAHER



JACK ANDERSON and MICHAEL BINSTEIN  
**WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND**

## Congress seeks info on counterfeit bills

WASHINGTON — The federal agency that's supposed to be combating counterfeit currency abroad now finds itself in a battle at home.

Congressional investigators have been trying for months to find out how much counterfeit American currency is circulating abroad. But the U.S. Secret Service is slamming the door on its congressional overseers.

An unreleased "status briefing" by the General Accounting Office—the investigative arm of Congress—finds that the Secret Service "will not provide access to... its assessment of counterfeit activity abroad other than its detection statistics."

The Sept. 13 briefing paper was handed over to members of a House Banking Committee panel that's investigating the spread of "supernotes"—near-perfect counterfeit dollars that some believe are spreading rapidly throughout the former Soviet Union. The brief arrived after the GAO was stonewalled for months by the Secret Service and its bosses at the Treasury Department.

Judging from the brief, the GAO has even had trouble getting the Secret Service to confirm or deny information that was obtained from outside sources. "Much of the information we (GAO) have obtained is subject to verification by the U.S. Secret Service but this has not been possible," according to the brief.

A Secret Service spokesman denies that the agency has been unresponsive. "The Secret Service has been responsive to GAO's requests," the spokesman told us, "and we will continue to be responsive as we attempt to support their inquiry.... Some investigations are classified and that information is not going to be released unless the proper clearances are met."

An investigator for the GAO also denies that there is friction between the two agencies. "We're working with the Secret Service to get the information that we're asking for," the spokesman said. "We're not going to make a judgment on this relative to any other situation."

But Rep. Spencer Bachus, R-Ala., who chairs the subcommittee that's investigating the issue, would like more cooperation from the Secret Service. "To draft an effective solution to this problem, we must have all the facts," Bachus says. "To get the facts, we have to have the full cooperation of the Secret Service." Bachus has also written a letter to the Secret Service asking for more cooperation.

Congress has been given mixed messages about the proliferation of supernotes since they were first discovered in 1990. In public testimony,

administration officials have tried to minimize the threat of superdollars. Last February, for example, Theodore Allison of the Federal Reserve told Congress that his agency has found an average of only 55 counterfeits per 1 million \$100 bills that come in from abroad.

But private memos we revealed in September show that as early as 1994 Secret Service officials were asking for more resources to use in the fight against counterfeiting. In June of that year a memo from Secret Service Chief Eljay B. Bowron to Ronald K. Noble of the Treasury Department, spelled out the details:

"In (fiscal year) 1993, the United States Secret Service reported a total of \$1,049,000 in counterfeit notes detected in Russia, the first year that such information was disclosed by Russian authorities," the memo reads. "The Secret Service believes that this amount represents a small fraction of the overall counterfeit activity in Russia and neighboring Independent States.

"Secret Service intelligence confirms that Russian organized crime syndicates control the distribution of United States counterfeit currency throughout Russia, the Baltic States, Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Ukraine and traffic it into Western Europe."

Republican staffers in Congress, who've spoken on the condition of anonymity, suggest that the problem lies not with Secret Service field agents, but with the Washington bureaucracy. According to the 1994 memo, the Secret Service had only five agents working out of a Paris field office to combat counterfeiting in 60 countries. A request for two new agents in Russia is still under review.

"They did everything they could to dissuade us from holding a hearing," one investigator told us in September. "First they denied that supernotes existed. Then... they said only a few supernotes had been printed. Give me a break! You don't go to the expense of making intricate engraving plates to only print a few notes."

Others believe that the administration is keeping quiet out of concern for the dollar's stability. American dollars are by far the world's most popular currency, and the administration wants to keep it that way. If Russian citizens lose faith in the authenticity of their dollars, they could switch their holdings to other denominations.

## SVES kids launch drive for clean environment

FIFTH grade students of San Vicente Elementary School have launched a campaign for a pollution-free and healthy environment.

About 35 students of Beth Nepaial, through separate letters sent to the Variety, are seeking the community's participation in their campaign.

"I am writing because I want to ask the people of Saipan to stop doing the gruesome stuff they do to our environment," wrote Victoria Sanchez.

The students complain of people's improper disposal of garbage.

"I see some cans just lying around the (ground), and it's making the island dirty," said Brandy Reyes Camacho.

"Environmental issues are seriously affecting us today.... I read in the newspaper yesterday that hundreds of dead fish were found in Garapan beaches. The cause of "their death" can be connected to the

Puerto Rico Dump," wrote Anthony Agoun.

When will the Puerto Rico dump be closed? he asked.

"It is better to find the solution now or be sorry later," Agoun aid.

The fifth graders wrote down what they've learned from their class, and their ideas of keeping a healthy environment.

"In our class, we've been learning about reusing, reducing, recycling and how to keep our environment clean," said Johnny Arrida.

They came up with these solutions:

- Business establishments, as well as the government, should put up a central recycling center where cans and bottles can be placed; and
- Consumers should reuse things that can be reused instead of throwing them away, or give them to companies that use recycled materials. (MCM)

## Anti-tobacco bill vetoed

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio on Monday vetoed a bill that would provide further deterrent for the sale of tobacco to minors.

Tenorio, in his letter to Senate President Jesus R. Sablan and House Speaker Diego T. Benavente, said he fully supports the bill's intent, but its penalty provisions "are so seriously flawed that I am compelled to veto" it.

He said he hopes that the Legislature pass an amended bill which he will then sign into law.

Tenorio cited as an example the bill's section 5 which would penalize an establishment owner for having a cigarette vending machine other than in a place where the minimum age of admission is 19 years old.

The fine of up to \$1,000 per day, Tenorio said, is "rather stiff."

There may be no proof that minors have purchased cigarettes from the vending machine, he said.

Tenorio added that there may also be a "proportionality problem" when section 5 is compared to section 2.

Section 2 would provide that persons who actually sell or give tobacco products to a minor without asking for the required ID is subject to a fine of no more than \$100 and imprisonment for up to 30 days, or both.

"It certainly seems that these penalties should be brought more in line with each other," the governor said.

If the bill's only "problem" have these sections, he would still signed it into law, Tenorio said.

But the bill has other "problems."

House Bill 10-72 would impose "too large" a penalty on

establishments whose sales clerks are to be caught selling tobacco to minors without asking for the required ID.

"This bill requires that all of the business's tobacco assets be seized pending trial," Tenorio said.

"That could well be interpreted to mean and include all stores and warehouses within the entire Commonwealth."

He said it would be much better to impose large fines and/or the possibility of the suspension or loss of the business license necessary to sell such products.

Section 3 would also provide that upon conviction (even if it was only the sales clerk who was cited), the entire inventory impounded is to be sold at auction.

"In the case of a small store, the...fine could be relatively small even if that store regularly sold tobacco to minors."

"On the other hand, a store such as Joeten or DFS which, by virtue of their size, who have a clerk inadvertently sell a pack of cigarettes to a minor, could be...fined hundreds of dollars."

"It does not make sense," Tenorio said.

Under the CNMI's constitutional system of due process, he added, a law cannot be enacted if it punished the owner of a business ("absent a conspiracy") for the criminal conduct of an employee.

At the same time, the governor commended the Legislature for addressing the growing health problems associated with our youth using tobacco products.

If properly amended, he said, the bill "could go a long way toward discouraging both adults and commercial businesses from giving and/or selling tobacco products to minors."

## Cing insists he won his lawsuit against Tenorio

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

NOT ONLY is Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio "vindictive," he also got it wrong when he said Sen. David M. Cing lost in the lawsuit he filed against the governor last year.

This according to Cing (D-Tinian) himself.

"The governor may have won the part that says I and (Rep. Joaquin G. Adriano) cannot sue him in our capacities as legislators, but we won in the rest of the complaint," Cing said.

He added that "just because the court says I can't sue the governor as a senator, it doesn't mean that I sued him for myself or for my family because I took legal action against him for the benefit of Tinian and its people."

The appropriation for the \$19,000 legal fee incurred by Cing was line-item vetoed by the governor Monday.

Cing said the line-item veto "unfair." "The governor creates a lot of chaos and he can go ahead because he has more than 28 lawyers, so he can commit nonsense. He just doesn't care. And he knows that we in the Legislature have only one or two lawyers."

On the governor's saying that Cing should have tapped the Senate budget for his fee, the Tinian senator said that the Attorney General's Office denied his request for funding.

Cing added that the legal fee, originally pegged at \$15,000, is now \$19,000 because of "interests."

"And it's going to grow bigger if it's still not paid," he said.

The \$19,000 appropriation, Cing in an interview Tuesday said, could have been "hidden" in one of the other sections of the fiscal year 1997 budget bill.

"But I preferred that it be clearly spelled out in the budget bill," he said.

With the line-item veto, Cing said he now has "no choice" but to rely on Senate Resolution 10-25 which instructs



David M. Cing



Froilan C. Tenorio

the Senate legal counsel to represent the Senate in asking the court to order the administration to pay for the senator's legal fees.

The resolution was passed unanimously by the Senate last Nov. 29.

Cing, in an interview during the session, told this reporter that the resolution is his "insurance" in case Tenorio vetoes the budget bill.

Tenorio on Monday signed into law the fiscal year 1997 budget bill while using his line-item veto powers on 21 sections including the \$19,000 for Cing's legal fee.

In his letter to Senate President Jesus R. Sablan and House Speaker Diego T. Benavente, the governor said Cing's lawsuit was "not brought on behalf of or for the benefit of the people of the (CNMI), and the people of the (CNMI) should not have to pay for it."

Tenorio said the funding should have been taken out of the Senate's budget. He also noted that Cing's original billing was for \$15,000.

"(Are Cing's lawyers) receiving a \$4,000 bonus in a losing case?" Cing and Adriano last year sued Tenorio for alleged unauthorized re-

programming of funds from the Office of the Tinian Mayor.

In his Dec. 17, 1995 ruling, Associate Judge Edward Manibusan found that the governor has no expenditure or reprogramming authority over the funds of the Tinian Mayor's Office.

However, Manibusan did not tell the governor to stop from exercising appropriation or expenditure authority over the funds, as Cing and Adriano asked the court to do. Manibusan called the request for injunctive relief "inappropriate and must therefore be denied."

"Plaintiffs have failed to demonstrate an impending risk that the governor will trespass upon the mayor's expenditure and appropriation authority. Thus their request for injunctive relief is denied."

But Cing insists that the main point of his lawsuit was that the governor has no reprogramming powers over the mayor's funds.

"And it is there where the court ruled in our favor," he said.

but the mayor has standing on this case, not me, but the rest of case I won.

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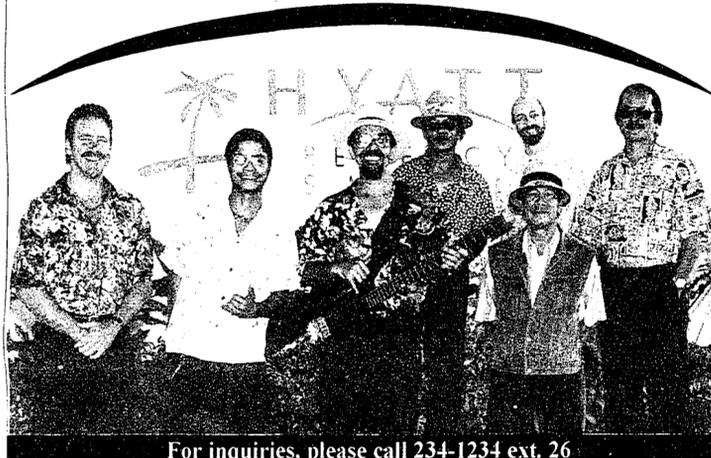


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THE PUBLIC School System is brushing for a new principal for the Marianas High School. Frances Sablan, who was MHS' acting principal for several months, retired last week. Margaret Dela Cruz, PSS deputy commissioner, said a special committee has started reviewing the credentials of the applicants.

Dela Cruz said several aspirants have responded to the PSS announcement for the position. She could not say, however, the exact number of applicants.

"We have started interviewing some of them," she said. Sablan temporarily replaced MHS principal Jim Feger who resigned early this year following his conviction in an assault case.

Feger, in resigning, told PSS

Commissioner William Torres he wants to concentrate on teaching. He is a Physical Education teacher.

Since Feger's resignation, PSS has not appointed a permanent principal. Sablan declined the position.

Dela Cruz said PSS is being careful in choosing a principal for MHS "because this is a very difficult position."

"MHS is not just a village school. It has students who come from all parts of the island," she said.

Feger is presently the acting principal of the only high school in the island.

"As in any other school, we have teachers and personnel who help in the administrative work, and Mr Feger is one of those do that," Dela Cruz. (MCM)

## Sablan raps Tenorio on veto of pay raises

SENATE President Jesus R. Sablan expressed disappointment over Gov. Tenorio's line item veto on Monday of a salary increase for CNMI government employees and a cost of living increase for retirees.

"I am disappointed by the Governor's insensitivity and lack of appreciation for the needs of our government employees who have not seen a wage increase in the past five years," he said.

"The rising cost of living affects everyone, and the Governor should not turn his back on their needs."

"If the Governor has so much money for travel, spending our tax dollars for groups of visiting think-tanks, for \$180,000

'Cadillac' attorneys, then I challenge the Governor to find the money to give our workers a modest pay raise," Sablan declared.

The Senate President said the Governor should remember that taxes were raised and the tax rebate was reduced, resulting in lower income for local families.

"This is another reason for finding the money," he said, "and I will appeal to every member of the Legislature to unite" and vote to override the Governor's line-item veto of the salary increase and cost of living adjustment for government retirees. In the event an override fails, Sablan said he will sponsor legislation to separately implement the new pay raise.

## Power parts supplier here to check CUC's power plant

By Rick Alberto  
Variety News Staff  
REPRESENTATIVES of a firm that supplies bearings for power engines of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. are here on the island apparently to avert a lawsuit the CUC has threatened to slap against the firm.

CUC Public Information Officer Pamela A. Mathis identified the firm, which is US-based but has an office in Hong Kong, as Golcens.

According to Mathis, the representatives arrived Tuesday from Hong Kong and inspected the power plant Tuesday morning.

The firm has been blamed as responsible for supplying the CUC with defective parts (bearings).

"The bearings that we ordered were not the bearings that they delivered," Mathis said.

The bearings were meant for Engines 1 and 8.

After the bearings were installed on Engine 8, Mathis said, the generator ran for about four weeks after which "it just died."

In the case of Engine 1, the bearings were not installed after CUC officials decided to have them inspected first.

This is the third trip made by the

company's representatives since August.

The breakdown of the engines because of defective parts have caused power outages on Saipan.

Rotated outages have been in place since Oct. 28.

The CUC has threatened to sue Golcens, and the current visit is apparently a move to appease the CUC management.

"They (representatives) are talking about ways to make CUC and Saipan customers happy, whether there's something that they can do short of lawsuit, and we're talking to them," Mathis said.

Mathis said before the option of filing a lawsuit is pursued, the CUC would like to talk with Golcens first.

But she stressed that "we do want the public to know that we will not tolerate any vendor sending us defective parts."

"Just because Saipan might be remotely located doesn't mean people can take advantage of people here," she said.

The defective bearings have been replaced, and Engine 1 has been put back in line under a limited 5 megawatts. Engine 1 has a 7-mw capacity.

## Elsewhere in the Pacific Official: HIV, AIDS carriers must not be given residency

WELLINGTON (PNS)—Western Samoa's health minister, Misa Telefeno Retzlaff, says people who carry the virus that can cause AIDS should not be granted permanent residency.

The minister says there could be an exception for people working for the government or diplomatic corps or for such people who undertake not to spread the virus, RNZI reported.

Retzlaff's comments come following conflicting accounts surrounding the way the authorities deal with a New Zealand HIV carrier last year.

The man had police outside his hotel room until he was deported. Police said he was removed from the country because he had AIDS but the head of the sexually transmitted disease clinic, Matatumua Dr Ata, said he

was a drug addict.

But police say the man had no criminal record in New Zealand. Two MPs have warned against the risk of tourists bringing in HIV but Misa says it's not possible or acceptable to require tourists to undergo HIV tests....Pacnews

## Miriung inquest findings not complete

PORT MORESBY (PNS)—Papua New Guinea's high commissioner to Solomon Islands Joseph Assaigo has described the findings of the coronial inquest into the assassination of Theodore Miriung as incomplete and untrue.

Assaigo released a statement from Honiara saying that the retired Sri Lankan judge Sutherlandingham con-

ducting the inquest should have had an open mind with the final conclusions arising from valuable evidences from the people of Bougainville, the BRA and Bougainville Transitional Government, the PNG Defence Force and the Resistance fighters, NBC reported.

Assaigo says to blame the PNGDF is easy, but must be con-

tended as totally unacceptable because there still remains unexposed evidence.

Assaigo strongly believes there is still more to be done in the investigations until the responsible assassins are found and be dealt with according to the laws of the country....Pacnews

## Concern over continued fighting in Bougainville

CANBERRA (PNS)—There is growing international concern in the region over the continued fighting on the Papua New Guinea Province of Bougainville.

This follows weekend reports in many regional newspapers of continued killings on the island and a call by Amnesty International for independent observers to be sent to Bougainville.

Last week the interim report of an independent coronial inquiry conducted by retired Sri Lankan judge Justice Suntheralingham found that members of the PNG Defence Force were involved in the killing of Bougainville Pre-

mier Theodore Miriung. Miriung had been leading talks with the PNG government in an attempt to bring peace to the island which has been wracked for years by secessionist violence.

The Bougainville rebel spokesman in Sydney, Moses Havini, also claimed last week that more than 20 innocent civilians had been killed in the province in the last week of November. The call by Amnesty International reflects regional concern that there appears to be little progress in efforts to bring peace to Bougainville....Pacnews

## Tonga to get equipment grant

NUKU'ALOFA (PNS)—The Tonga Broadcasting Commission will soon be receiving new equipment worth half a million pa'anga (US \$398,000) from the Japanese government.

A memorandum of understanding for the project was signed Friday by

the Tongan prime minister, Baron Vaea, and the Japanese Ambassador to Tonga, Jiro Koyahashi, Radio Tonga reported.

The grant is aimed at the promotion of cultural and educational activities through radio broadcasting in the Kingdom....Pacnews

## Solomon Isles' economy grows

HONIARA (PNS)—The Solomon Islands economy has actually registered positive growth in the last three years.

Despite the financial crisis in government, the value of Solomon Islands exports this year is expected to reach a record level of 163 million US dollars, an increase of 28 million dollars from the 1994 level.

Log exports account for half of this year's export earnings. Finance minister Edmund Andresen said the country's foreign reserves has also reached a record of around 35 million dollars this year. But speaking on the 1997 national budget now being debated by parliament, Andresen said the Solomon Islands economy is in a precarious situation and the positive growth cannot be taken as sustainable.

He said in order to achieve sustainable growth in the economy, structural issues and resource management concerns needed to be addressed....Pacnews

## Fiji hopes for more tourists

SUVA (PNS)—The Fiji Visitors Bureau (FVB) expects to obtain strong growths out of Japan and North America in 1997. Speaking at the opening of the Fiji Visitors Bureau Industry Meeting in Suva Friday, Tourism Minister David Pickering said the Japanese market was adversely affected by the Moruroa tests last year, but the industry was confident of regaining ground and improving numbers, the Daily Post reported.

Pickering said Continental Europe and the United Kingdom have been identified as having great potential but are currently hindered by a lack of seat capacity out of Europe. He said to achieve the targets in all Fiji source markets, the FVB is committed to carry out innovative advertising and promotional campaigns focused on their strengths and addressing the opportunities that have been identified....Pacnews

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# Radio facilities open at NMC

By Rick Alberto  
Variety News Staff

TWO state-of-the-art communications facilities were inaugurated yesterday at the Northern Marianas College campus in Saipan and Tinian, making the college two more giant footsteps ahead in the "forefront of education."

One facility was for distance education which enables students in the NMC's Tinian campus to attend live classes on Saipan without going off island.

The other was a public radio station, the KRNM FM 88.1.

Distance education via satellite, which many people here thought was a crazy idea when it was first brought up for the CNMI five years ago, will offer eight courses starting spring, or January next year. These courses would not have been normally available on Tinian campus.

During the interactive introduction of the technology attended by at least two legislators and NMC officials on Saipan and college staff on Tinian, NMC Tinian campus administrator William M. Cing said even if only one or two students will enroll in any of the eight courses it won't add to the cost since the courses are anyway offered on Saipan.

With students or professors not having to travel to Saipan or Tinian to attend or conduct classes, the "cost savings are obvious," according to acting Gov. Jesus C. Borja in his remarks yesterday.

During an interactive class, Saipan and Tinian students and the professor can see and talk to each other through a monitor.

Borja said the technology would also benefit those with disabilities and therefore can't travel to Saipan.

He also cited other possibilities offered by the technological innovation, such as government leaders conducting meetings "without the time and expense of travel."

"Adult workshops and continuing education programs can now be made available to our citizens in Tinian. And the development of this program may prove of value to PSS (Public School System) in terms of student interaction and instructional support," he said.

The NMC distance education program plans to reach out to Rota and other parts of Micronesia in the future.

Public announcements and special and seasonal programs of the Land Grant extension

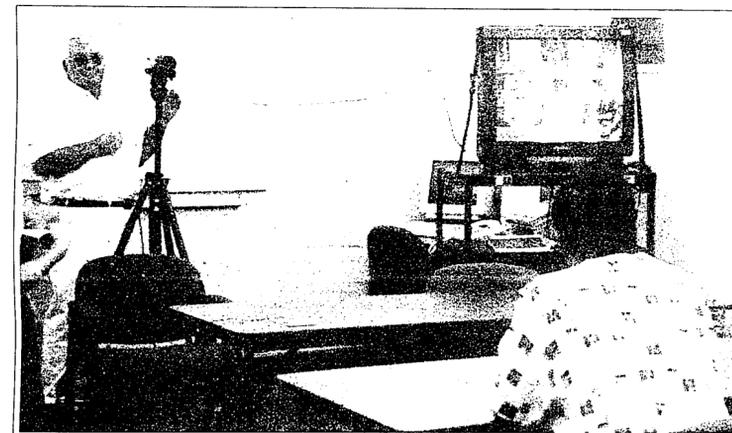
service, the Adult Basic Education Department, and Continuing Education will also be broadcast over channels 98 (Saipan) and 97 (Tinian) during the night and other non-instructional hours.

NMC President Agnes McPhetres said the realization of distance education is a demonstration of the college's "commitment to stay in the forefront of education."

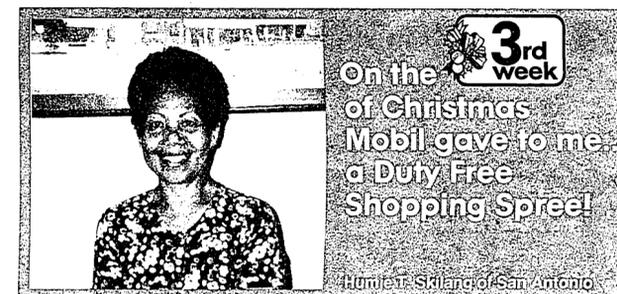
The radio station started airing yesterday. It aired the dedication ceremonies live.

McPhetres said the station will offer a "broad range of programming options."

Programs produced by the National Public Radio in the United States and the British Broadcasting Corp. as well as locally will be the station's main fare.



INTERACTIVE. Guests led by acting Gov. Jesus C. Borja (seated) and NMC officials and faculty (not shown on photo) listen to NMC Tinian Campus Administrator William M. Cing (on TV monitor) speaking live from Tinian during the inauguration yesterday of NMC's distance education facilities.



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# RP official: Tap nuclear power

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - The Philippines, which mothballed an unused nuclear plant because of widespread opposition, must begin tapping nuclear power if it wants to be competitive in the 21st century, the foreign secretary said.

Foreign Secretary Domingo Siazon told delegates at the second Philippine Nuclear Congress late Tuesday

that the Philippines must safeguard its economic turnaround that ended the country's reputation as the "sick man of Asia."

"We now have better opportunities than at any earlier time to make use of these advances to promote the progress and well-being of our country," Siazon said. But he said other economies are also improving and competition is

becoming fiercer.

Accepting the reality of nuclear power as a source of relatively inexpensive energy is one way of meeting the challenge, he said.

The Philippines has rejected efforts to operate its only nuclear power plant even at the height of a crippling power crisis in 1993.

The power plant, built by the ad-

ministration of ousted President Ferdinand Marcos, was mothballed in 1986 under President Corazon Aquino, Marcos' successor.

The plant, built in a seismically active area in Bataan province, west of Manila, was found to have numerous defects and has never been used.

In May, the government picked local subsidiaries of British-based Royal Dutch-Shell and U.S.-based Occidental Petroleum for a contract to convert the plant into a gas-fired facility.

The decision to convert the plant followed an out-of-court settlement last year with the plant's builder, U.S.-based Westinghouse Electric Corp.

The converted plant, expected to start commercial operation in 2003 or 2004, could run on either liquefied natural gas or gas from the Malampaya offshore gas field in the southwest Philippines.

The Philippine Nuclear Congress was attended by workers at the Philippine Nuclear Research Institute and physics researchers.

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### RP workers in Taiwan plant fall ill

MORE than 20 Filipinos employed in a Philips factory in Taiwan have been hospitalized in the past four months after being afflicted with a chemically generated disease believed to be caused by the factory's poor working conditions.

According to reports from the International Alliance of Filipino Migrant Workers (Migrante), over 20 OCWs have been affected by the ailment since August.

They reported one Filipina worker died from complications brought about by the malady.

In a letter to President Ramos, the OFWs, presently confined at Taipei's Veteran's General Hospital for toxicoderma, said Philips management and a Taiwanese broker have been sending ill-stricken workers back to the country for treatment.

They urged Mr. Ramos to conduct an inquiry and to immediately suspend the deployment of workers to Taiwan until medical authorities conclude the cause of the disease and recommend remedial action. Business World

### Counter-petition against Ramos extension

A GROUP of congressmen launched last Tuesday a signature campaign to counter the constitutional amendment drive of the group calling itself the People's Initiative for Reform, Modernization and Action (PIRMA).

Rep. Tessie Aquino Oreta of Navotas-Malabon and the Ninoy Aquino Movement-Social and Economic Reconstruction through Volunteer Effort (NAM-SERVE) are spearheading the signature drive against the signature amending the Constitution.

In related developments last Tuesday, President Ramos need not sign anything as a "gimmick" to prove his sincerity that he will step down from office when his term ends in 1998, Presidential Assistant on Political Affairs Gabriel Claudio said. PIRMA convenors said they are willing to meet with President Ramos to explain their motives but warned the Chief Executive they will not stop their campaign. Philippine Star

### DFA warns travelers about Ebola

THE DFA has warned travelers headed for South Africa against the danger of contracting the deadly Ebola countries. A DFA statement issued last Tuesday said the advisory stands despite assurances from South African health authorities there is no danger of an outbreak.

It added health officials in South Africa have already designated hospitals to deal with Ebola victims and launched an information campaign to identify its symptoms.

The DFA noted Ebola is "among the deadliest disease known at present and has been known to cause death within 48 hours of contamination.

Ebola, named for the river in Zaire where it was first seen, belongs to a family of viruses that cause hemorrhagic fever disease marked by uncontrolled internal bleeding. Philippine Star

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# Karidat X'mas project launched

By Rick Alberto  
Variety News Staff

NINE companies and the civic organization Rotary Club have so far responded to Karidat's "Sharing the Spirit of Christmas" fund-raising drive, which was launched Tuesday at the Afetna Square.

Karidat is a local non-profit, social service organization which offers counseling services and provides material help to needy individuals including disaster victims.

The fund raiser is the first ever put up by Karidat which intends to make it an annual affair.

This year's activity invited busi-

nesses to sponsor a school which may either decorate a Christmas tree or mount a display of a scene like the Nativity at the grand lobby of the Afetna Square.

The displays will compete with one another for prizes, and the entry fee is \$500.

Karidat executive director Angie Guerrero said they're still open to more entries from sponsoring firms.

The nine companies that will put up Christmas trees or displays, together with the schools they're sponsoring are:

- Duty Free Shoppers Saipan, sponsoring the Garapan Elementary

School;

- Tan Holdings, Sr. Remedio Child Development Center;
- Blossom's Floral Depot, Mount Carmel School;
- Bank of Saipan, San Vicente Elementary School;
- Microl Corp., Oleai Elementary School;
- T&E, William S. Reyes Elementary School;
- Saipan Shipping Co., Inc., Koblerville Elementary School;
- Henry K. Pangelinan & Associates, Inc., Tanapag Elementary School; and
- Sablan Shop and Save, San Anto-

nio Elementary School.

Rotary Club will sponsor San Roque Elementary School.

Guerrero said the displays will "allow us to give our community the opportunity to see the splendor of Christmas and the many ways in which it is celebrated around the world."

The award ceremony will be on Dec. 17 at 4 p.m.

Guerrero said the entries will be judged for their creativity (attractiveness of display, color presentation, and overall balance) and originality (use of materials, uniqueness, and preparation time).



**X'MAS DISPLAY.** Rita Hocog Inos points to the entry of the Mt. Carmel School in the First Sharing the Spirit of Christmas Fundraising Project of Karidat while Mrs. Paz C. Younis, of Gregorio T. Camacho School looks on. (Photo by Erel Cabatbat)

## Drug treatment program sought

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
Variety News Staff

THE CNMI government is planning to include drug treatment in the Commonwealth Health Plan, addiction specialist Joseph Kevin Villagomez announced yesterday.

Villagomez, speaking at the Pacific Judicial Conference, said the plan is part of a comprehensive drug treatment program being developed by the Department of Health's Division of Men-

tal Health and Social Services, of which he is the head.

The plan, he said, is aimed at securing availability of drug treatment to all CNMI citizens "when they need it."

"We must work to make our system of treatment more responsive to the need," Villagomez said. "We must ensure that our treatment capacity is sustained at levels such that addicts who seek treatment are not denied it."

While pursuing the treatment program, Villagomez said, there is also a need to beef up the prevention efforts.

Villagomez also urged the government to impose another tax increase on liquor and cigarettes, to help discourage vices among people. Revenues that will be generated from an excise tax imposition, he added, should be directed to the drug rehabilitation and treatment program.

"We should seriously look at the unpopular issue of increasing the taxes charged to liquor and cigarettes and have some of this money targeted to treatment and prevention efforts," said Villagomez, director of the Department of Public Health's Division of Mental Health and Social Services.

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Application forms are available at the Security Office, First Floor of the Arrival Building or at the Administration Office, second floor of the Arrival Building at the Saipan clearance. The deadline for submission of applications is 4:30 p.m., December 27, 1996. For more information, please call the Commonwealth Ports Authority at telephone number 664-3500 or 664-3501.

/s/REGINO M. CELIS  
Airport Manager

## Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities

December 3, 1996

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The CNMI Council for the Humanities invites the general public to attend a grant writing workshop. The workshop will focus on how to prepare a grant application for a humanities project. The public will also have the opportunity to review the Council's program and make comments and suggestions. The workshop is free and open to everyone. Place, date, and time as follows:

Tinian	December 11, 1996 - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	NMC Campus Room E
Rota	December 12, 1996 - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Art Gallery Building
Saipan	December 17, 1996 - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Conference Room

For more information, please call ron Barrineau at 235-4785.

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Sealed proposals will be received until 3:00 P.M. on Friday, December 13, 1996 at NMHC's Office in Garapan, Saipan, at which time and place all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. The proposal documents shall be signed by the owner or authorized agent of the firm, and shall be enclosed in envelopes which shall be sealed and clearly labeled, "HAZARD INSURANCE PROPOSAL". Insurance companies shall be responsible for the placement of its firm's name and address on the outside proposal envelope.

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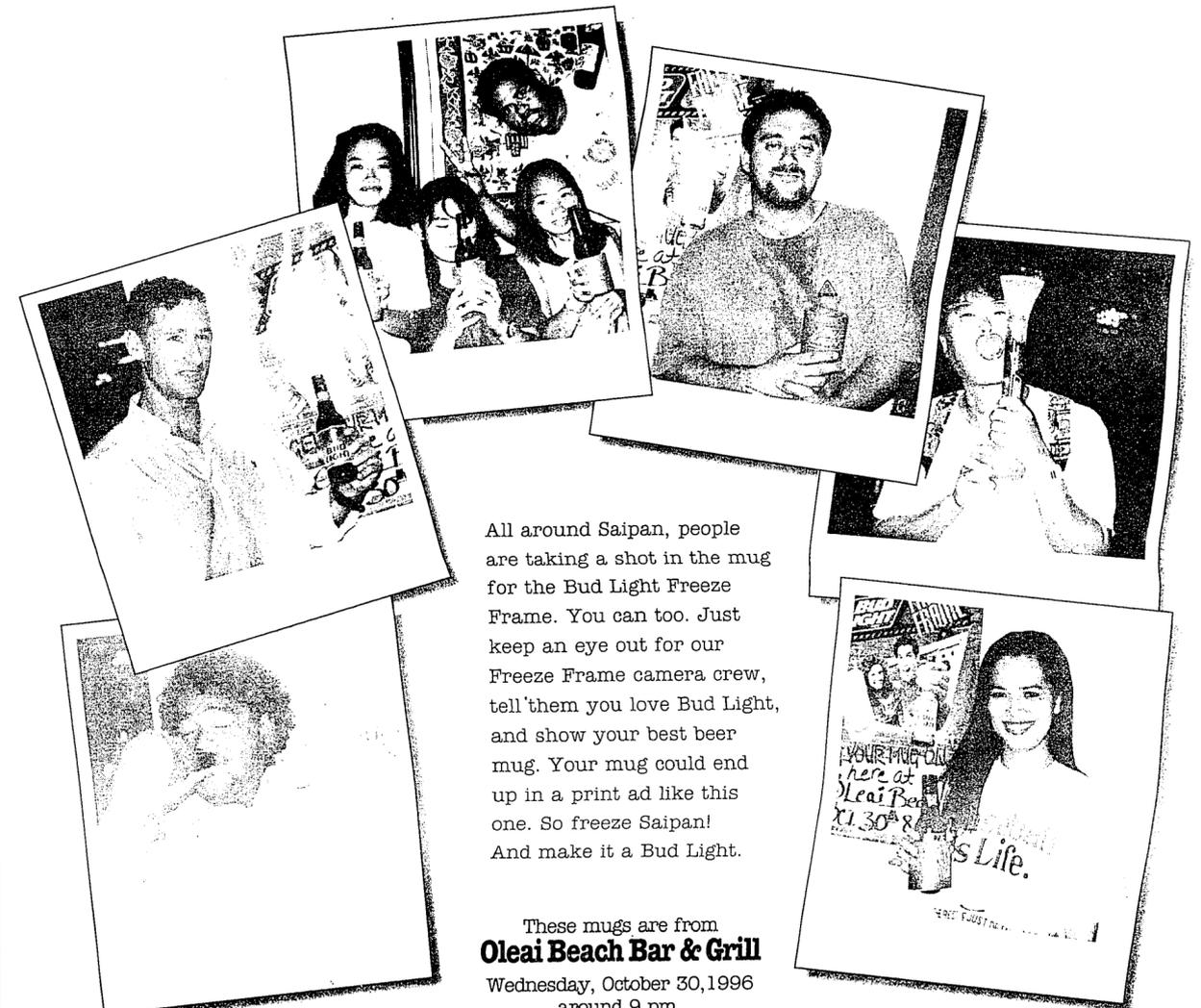
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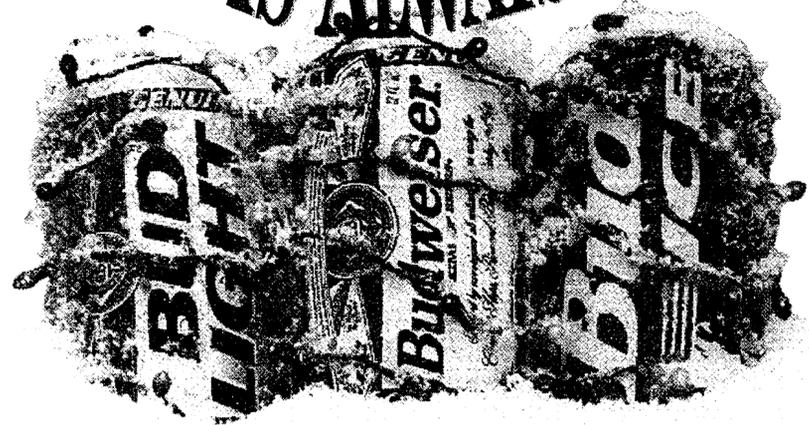
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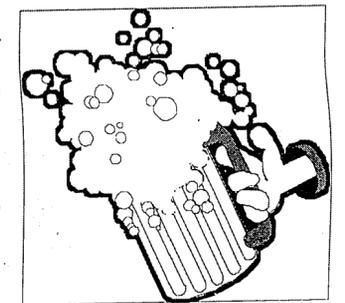


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# Boy Scouts revise gay policy

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** - Boy Scouts officials in the San Francisco area have quietly adopted a gay policy that is more lenient than the organization's national guidelines.

Homosexual members or leaders are opposed by the national Boy Scouts organization, and it has allowed gays to be expelled.

The policy of the Bay Area Council of the Boy Scouts does not call for expulsion unless the

Scout or leader engages in public homosexual conduct or advocacy.

The new policy attempts to better define "gray areas" in the national policy, said Steve Barnes, a former military man who took over last year as chief executive officer of the local council.

"This is a very difficult issue," Barnes said. "What we've done is define where and when we'd take action. ... If you come into our program and you are interested in

conduct or advocacy, then we will not retain you." National Boy Scouts guidelines require would-be leaders to submit to investigations including criminal background checks, Barnes said.

The revised Bay Area guidelines forbid Scout officials from investigating a member's or a leader's sexual orientation.

"The Boy Scouts of America does not ask prospective members about their sexual preference,

nor do we check on the sexual orientation of boys who are already in scouting," the local council's policy says.

"The Boy Scouts of America has always taught youth the traditional values of scouting families. Accordingly, we do not allow for the registration of members or leaders whose whose public conduct or advocacy does not suggest these traditional values," the policy says.

In 1992, the United Way cut off nearly \$500,000 in annual funding to seven San Francisco Bay area councils because of the Scouts' anti-gay policies. Several major corporations also cut off funding.

A number of board members worked to define the policy,

which was passed in an August meeting and marked "confidential (and) not intended for public release." The San Francisco Examiner reported on the policy Tuesday.

A spokesman at Boy Scouts headquarters in Irving, Texas, said the national policy is unchanged and referred questions to the local chapter.

Barnes said each council is allowed to set policies independently.

"We've communicated with the national office that this is our policy interpretation, (and) they said, 'OK,'" he said.

The Scouts board hasn't decided whether to reapply for United Way funding, Barnes said.

# US, EU okay info-tech deal

**By CAROLYN HENSON SINGAPORE (AP)**-The United States and the EU have clinched an agreement on what a free trade deal in information technology should look like, a senior U.S. trade official said Wednesday, and now the two are lobbying key Asian nations to come on board.

The agreement has not been announced because the two sides want to build support for it among other World Trade Organization members before going public.

He said U.S. delegates to the WTO conference met late Tuesday with representatives of around 35 countries to discuss the pact which would remove tariffs from computers, software and some 300 other information technology products by 2000.

Acting U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky and the European Union's Trade Commissioner Sir Leon Brittan are currently meeting to discuss the language of a possible global IT pact and other outstanding trade issues.

Washington and Brussels had been haggling over the range of products to be included in the deal. The EU wants to include photo-copiers, graphics monitors, fiber optic cables and capacitors, which together account for some 25 percent of its exports.

A senior EU official, who briefed a reporter on condition of anonymity, said it was likely an agreement between key countries would be struck by the end of the week and would likely include a political commitment



Charlene Barshefsky

to keep the deal open until Easter to give more countries, particularly in Asia, a chance to sign on.

The emerging pact affects an annual market estimated at some \$600 billion.

Japan is the world's largest exporter, with shipments of some \$107 billion in 1997. The United States runs a close second with exports of \$98 billion, according to WTO data.

And the EU, Singapore, the host of the ministerial conference, South Korea, Malaysia, Taiwan, China and Mexico also are major suppliers of computers, semiconductors and related equipment.

Delegates appeared less optimistic of success in some other areas of discussion at the ministerial talks.

Ministers Wednesday were working on several thorny, unresolved issues such as studying the possibility

The inclusion of basic labor standards - such as denying child labor and ensuring the freedom to form unions - in the 128-nation WTO is being pushed by many WTO developed countries, but has cut a bitter rift between rich and poor nations with developing countries.

Pakistan's trade minister, Akram Munir, said late Tuesday that the topic was not one that "indicates imminent compromise."

It is not certain if a paragraph will be included in the final ministerial declaration that states the labor-standard question will be looked at by the WTO.

Many developing countries argue that the International Labor Organization is the only proper forum for such discussions. The ILO, however, has no way to enforce any agreements, whereas the WTO can sanction countries which break WTO rules.



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## Study finds no overall safety benefit from anti-lock brakes

**WASHINGTON (AP)** - Cars with anti-lock brakes are more likely to be involved in fatal crashes than cars without them, according to an insurance institute study released Tuesday.

Cars with anti-lock brakes are especially more likely to be in crashes where no other car is involved but a passenger is killed, the study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety said.

"These findings add to evidence that anti-lock brakes aren't producing overall safety benefits," said Brian O'Neill, president of the Arlington, Virginia-based institute that is backed by insurance companies.

The study found a passenger had a 45 percent greater chance of dying in a single-vehicle crash in a car with anti-lock brakes compared with riding in the same car with old-style brakes.

The passenger's chance of dying in a car with anti-lock brakes increased by 65 percent when the car was on wet pavement - a surface anti-lock brakes are supposed to handle better, the study said.

The increased risk of death for any passenger in a car with anti-lock brakes during a multiple-vehicle accident is 6 percent, the study said.

The institute based its results on nearly 1,000 fatal crashes from 1986 to 1995 in the government's Fatal Accident Reporting System, which accumulates data on all crashes reported in the United States.

Last year, the head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Dr. Ricardo Martinez,

warned that drivers unfamiliar with anti-lock brakes may think the brakes are not working and, as a result, take a foot off the pedal or turn the steering wheel too much if the car starts to slide.

An agency study found drivers with anti-lock brakes were more likely to run off the road, leading to a death inside the car more often than cars with old-style brakes.

However, that study also found that on wet roads cars with anti-lock brakes had fewer fatal crashes in multivehicle accidents than those without anti-lock brakes.

Several weeks after last year's government traffic study, two auto industry associations released a study they said showed vehicles with anti-lock brakes have fewer accidents and injuries than those without them.

The study showed a lower overall accident rate of 9 percent to 10 percent for cars with anti-lock brakes. But that study, conducted by Failure Analysis Associates, found no measurable difference in fatal crash rates.

Anti-lock brake systems are designed to prevent a vehicle's wheels from locking to give the driver better control during emergency braking on slippery roads.

When the anti-lock brakes engage, the brake pedal sometimes vibrates as the system works by pumping the brakes faster than is humanly possible. Many who learned to drive with old-style brakes were taught to pump the brakes themselves - an action that works against the anti-lock brake system.

## Clinton names deputy chief of staff to head Voice of America

**WASHINGTON (AP)** - President Clinton appointed his deputy chief of staff, Evelyn Lieberman, to head the Voice of America.

She will be the first female director of the international broadcast operation since its founding in 1942 at the height of World War II. If confirmed by the Senate, Mrs. Lieberman will succeed Jeff Cowan as VOA chief.

The job will be Mrs. Lieberman's fourth government position since the beginning of the Clinton administration.

Mrs. Lieberman, 52, was previously assistant to the chief of staff in the office of first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, deputy White House press secretary and deputy for operations to White House chief of staff Leon Panetta.

## Common stance sought on China's entry to WTO

**By CAROLYN HENSON SINGAPORE (AP)** - Four main trading powers - the United States, European Union, Japan and Canada - sat down Tuesday to try to reach common ground on China's entry to the world's largest trading bloc.

"What we are looking to do is get over some of the political hesitation and logjams that have slowed negotiations to the point where they have stalled in the last few months," said EU trade spokesman Peter Guilford. In Beijing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Shen Guofang said politics rather than economics was keeping other countries from supporting China's entry into the World Trade Organization.

The EU is trying to win support among the four powers for a "phased-in" approach to China's accession where Beijing would have to make an initial down payment of market opening concessions and commit itself to others later.

When EU trade chief Sir Leon Brittan visited China last month, Beijing gave "a strong political signal" of support for a new negotiating approach, Guilford said.

Getting an agreement from the four powers would be a "major breakthrough" in the negotiations, he noted.

Acting U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky repeated what the United States has said for past year: that China needs to agree to concessions in order to

join the WTO.

"We've told the Chinese many times we'll be flexible and pragmatic, but it must make commitments and do a number of things immediately on accession," she said.

China tried over the last decade to join WTO's predecessor, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and later the WTO.

At issue has been China's insistence that it should be treated as a developing country and thereby benefit from lenient terms of entry.

WTO members disagree, pointing to expectations that the Chinese economy will overtake America's in the next century.

Chinese spokesman Shen said the country is "completely qualified to enter the World Trade Organization."

"The most important obstacles still are political reasons and also the excessive demands placed on China," he said.

Developing countries joining the WTO have 10 years to cut the value of their export subsidies by 24 percent and the volume of their subsidized exports by 14 percent. Developed countries have to cut 36 percent and 21 percent respectively over six years.

The Chinese economy will need to change significantly to comply with global trade rules, the WTO says.



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# NBC to expand in Japan

TOKYO (AP) - The U.S. television network NBC plans to boost its presence in Japan, the president of NBC Asia said Tuesday. S.K. Fung said NBC programs will be seen in Japan next year, although it remains to be decided whether they will be shown on conventional commercial TV, cable TV, or by satellite.

NBC has been airing its CNBC business channel in parts of Asia for 1 1/2 years, and started an NBC general channel in Asia earlier this year. Fung said the broadcasting NBC wants to bring to Japan includes the entertainment and general information programs of NBC, the business and financial

programs of CNBC and National Geographic programs. Last week, NBC and National Geographic, a magazine publisher and maker of documentaries, announced a joint venture which is aiming to start National Geographic channels around the world. Before entering the Japanese

market, NBC needs to study the "fast changing methods of distribution," Fung said. As examples of change, Fung mentioned the start of PerfectTV in October and the future launch of DirecTV and Japan Sky Broadcast (J Sky B). PerfectTV is Japan's first digital satellite broadcasting service. It had about 60 channels in October, and plans to have more than 100 soon. DirecTV, set up by a unit of Hughes Electronic Corp. of the United States and six Japanese

companies, is expected to start broadcasting in 1997 with around 100 channels. J Sky B, a joint venture between Rupert Murdoch and Japanese software wholesaler Softbank Corp., plans to have at least 150 channels eventually, starting operations in 1997. "The market is set to explode for digital, satellite as well as cable television broadcasting," said Bryan McGuirk, a vice president and director of distribution at NBC Asia.

## Controversial Van Gogh fails to sell

PARIS (AP) - Expensive fake or masterpiece, a controversial landscape possibly painted by Vincent Van Gogh failed to fetch its 32 million franc (\$6.4 million) asking price Tuesday evening. The "Jardin d'Auvers," praised by most scholars as the real thing but doubted by a single critic, failed for the second time in four years to make it off the

auction block. Critic Jean-Marie Tasset last summer produced research showing that "Jardin" once belonged to the brother of a known copier of Van Gogh's works. The world's leading Van Gogh scholars insist - repeatedly - that Van Gogh made the small landscape in the creative frenzy leading up to his suicide in 1890.

But the asking price seemed too much for the slightly questionable landscape. Jacques Tajan, the French auctioneer handling the sale at the Hotel Georges V, said he hoped the government would step in and buy the painting and display it in a museum. "It would seem to me a good thing for France," he said.

## Dollar goes down in tight range New York trading

By STEVE SAKSON  
NEW YORK (AP) - The dollar fell moderately Tuesday as some traders took profits from Monday's rise and others held off buying ahead of U.S. inflation statistics later in the week.

Traders said the dollar remained in a fairly tight range with little news to justify big moves.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 113.41 Japanese yen, down from 113.51 late Monday. The dollar was changing hands at 1.5524 German marks, down from 1.5575.

Monday's rise was largely a recovery from the sharp fall Friday spurred by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan's question on whether U.S. stock markets were irrationally high.

Tuesday saw dollar trading detach from the stock market, which pushed higher for a second day in a row.

John Hazelton, chief currency trader at Manufacturers and Traders Trust Co. in New York said traders are uncomfortable holding large dollar positions after last week's dip, accounting for the fact that Monday's rise wasn't sustainable.

"The bullish tone is abating a little bit as some of the buying demand gets met," he said.

"We're definitely in range trading," said Ralph Delzeno, vice president, foreign exchange marketing at

the First National Bank of Chicago. "The market continues to buy dollars on dips."

The U.S. government will release the November producer price index on Wednesday and the consumer price on Thursday. Economists are anticipating a moderate 0.3 percent growth rate in both figures, but some market participants were hesitant to buy before the numbers, said Tom O'Malley, senior foreign exchange analyst at Technical Data Co. in Boston.

Patrick Brodie, a trader with Sumitomo Bank Ltd. in New York, said the dollar's fundamental strength in recent months helped it brush off Friday's losses and stabilize.

"If the market were really that fragile, I think we would have seen it turn a lot lower on (Greenspan's) comment. Overall the dollar still looks healthy going into year end." Dollar traders have said some of the currency's strength stems from a feeling that European currencies should remain weaker as the continent approaches its single currency system - in order to protect exports.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Friday: 1.3256 Swiss francs, down from 1.3283; 5.2470 French francs, down from 5.2590; 1,531.50 Italian lire, down from 1,532; and 1.3577 Canadian dollars, up from 1.3551.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.6537, up from \$1.6469.

## Australia's export earnings from mineral sector drop

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) - Export earnings from Australia's mineral and energy sector fell 1.7 percent to \$7.2 billion in the three months ended Sept. 30 from \$7.5 billion in the previous quarter, according to figures released on Wednesday.

The Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics said earnings fell largely because of "easing prices for metals and reduced export volumes" for other minerals.

Falls were concentrated in alumina, aluminum, coal, copper and gold. Higher earnings were recorded for iron ore, diamonds and liquefied natural gas.

## With Iraqi oil set to flow

# Crude, oil prices tumble

By CLIFF EDWARDS  
NEW YORK (AP) - Most energy futures prices tumbled Tuesday, with Iraq's imminent return to world oil markets coming just as U.S. inventory data was expected to show supply tightness for heating oil and unleaded gasoline appears to be easing.

On other markets, wheat and coffee futures rose sharply.

American oil refineries are producing distillate and unleaded gasoline at near-peak efficiency, while warm weather over much of the eastern half of the country appears to have curtailed demand.

Now Iraq as early as Saturday could begin selling about 580,000 barrels a day of crude oil to world markets over a six-month period to buy food and medicine. On Tuesday, it began testing a key pipeline to be used for shipping the oil.

"The reality of this Iraqi oil sale

is finally setting in," said Gerald E. Samuels, director of trading at ARB Oil Inc. "While supplies are tight right now, people are starting to look at the larger picture that they won't stay that way."

American Petroleum Institute weekly inventory data was widely expected to show sharp builds in supplies of crude products over the past week.

Those perceptions were reinforced by comments from Charles DiBona, president of the industry-sponsored institute. DiBona, in comments to reporters at the API's Washington headquarters, said that barring unforeseen circumstances, U.S. heating oil supplies will be sufficient to meet demand this winter.

Heating oil and other distillate supplies as of last week were 12.1 percent below levels of a year ago. But the industry is producing 300,000 to 400,000 more barrels a

day of distillates than at this time last year and can boost production even further if needed, DiBona said.

Distillate stocks rose a sharp 2.107 million barrels to 122.17 million barrels, the API later reported. That exceeded expectations, as did gasoline's rise to 194.607 million barrels, up 5.97 million barrels. Crude supplies also rose against expectations to 300.6 million barrels, as refineries produced at 94.2 percent of capacity.

Crude for January delivery on the New York Mercantile Exchange fell 88 cents to \$24.42 a barrel; January heating oil fell 2.51 cents to 69.62 cents a gallon; January unleaded gas fell 2.02 cents to 66.86 cents a gallon.

January natural gas futures rose 17.4 cents to \$3.396 for each 1,000 cubic feet ahead of colder weather that was expected to boost demand in key heating regions this week-end.

Wheat futures prices rose sharply on the Chicago Board of Trade amid hopes for new export business from Russia.

Russia's agriculture minister, Viktor Khlystun, said his country planned to purchase 4.5 million to 5 million metric tons of milling-quality wheat from the United States or Canada in the coming months.

While Russia sometimes does not follow through on such statements, investors took that country's purchase overnight over 10,000 tons as a sign it means business, said analyst Don Roose at U.S. Commodities Inc. in West Des Moines, Iowa.

"This is the first time we've seen them come in the market for quite a while, and they have the potential to be a major player," Roose said.

Also supporting the market was influential private forecasting firm Sparks Cos., which revised its U.S.

winter wheat acreage estimate downward.

The Memphis, Tenn.-based firm said farmers planted only 51 million acres, down from its previous estimate of 51.8 million acres. March wheat rose 5 cents to \$3.7925 a bushel.

Coffee futures prices surged on New York's Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange as continued strong roaster buyers raised concern about the availability of quality coffee stocks.

Exchange stocks rose by 2,000 132-pound (59-kilogram) bags to 2,321 bags on Monday after holding steady for two consecutive weeks, but there was concern about delays in classifying 11,750 bags sitting in other warehouses, analysts said.

The active March contract rose 2.60 cents to \$1.082 a pound; while the December contract representing cash markets soared 4.65 cents to \$1.17 a pound.

## Hyundai car plant begins work in India

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - Korean automobile giant Hyundai is to make 120,000 passenger cars in its plant in southern India, work on which formally began Tuesday.

Tamil Nadu state chief executive Muthuvel Karunanidhi laid the foundation stone for the 14-billion-rupee plant (\$389 million) in Irungattukottai village near the state capital, Madras.

Hyundai Accent cars will roll out of the factory from October 1998, United News of India news agency reported.

Karunanidhi hoped Madras would become the Detroit of India, what with other automobile manufacturers already setting up shop in the southern metropolis, UNI said.

Ford Motor Co. and Mitsubishi have already tied up with local industrialists to set up car plants in Madras, home to thousands of automobile component factories. Ashok Leyland, which makes buses and trucks in Madras, plans to expand its business here.

India's vehicle market is expected to top 1.2 million units by the end of this decade, more than double the 560,000 car and truck sales projected for this year.

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## DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

# "Jose Barcinas Sablan"

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**March 01, 1918 - December 04, 1996**

was called to his eternal rest on Wednesday, December 04, 1996, at the age of 78.

Predeceased by his parents:  
Enrique DeLeon Guerrero and Martha Taisacan Barcinas

Brothers/Sisters: Anselmo B. Sablan, Pedro B. Sablan, and Antonia S. Concepcion  
Children: Victorina C. Sablan, Clotilde C. Sablan and Juan Bermudes

His spirit and memories will live within the hearts of his family which include his:  
Wife: Luise Taitano Concepcion

Children/Spouses: Maria S. and Merle Frink, Soledad S. and Herman Manglona, Enrique Sablan and Remedio Santos, Fermina Ada and Anselmo Iglecias, Jose Jr. and Magdalena T. Sablan, Rosa S. and Juan C. Cruz, Moses and Linda A. Sablan, Julita S. and Baldobino M. Taisacan, Remedio S. and Bernard Lekka, Clotilde S. and Joseph Torres, William Sablan and Maria Santos, Patricia S. and Antonio Balajadia, and Oscar Sablan and Teresa Cabrera.

Also survived by: 64 grandchildren and 48 great grandchildren.  
Brother/Sister: Antonio B. Sablan, and Luise S. Mendiola

He will also be missed by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.  
Nightly rosary is being said at San Vicente Church, 8:00 p.m.

Last respects may be paid on Thursday, December 12, 1996, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the San Vicente Church. Christian mass will be offered at 4:00 p.m. at San Vicente Church followed by burial at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

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# Arrests made in search of bomber

PARIS (AP) - A week after the deadly Paris subway bombing, police in the French capital and its suburbs rounded up and arrested a dozen people in pre-

dawn raids Tuesday.

Authorities said the arrests were made both in Paris and in the heavily immigrant suburbs ringing the city.

A police source, speaking on customary anonymity, said an anti-terrorism unit led the operation and that it was in connection with the Dec. 3 bomb-

ing that killed four people and wounded dozens more.

RTL radio said the dozen or so people arrested were suspected of having ties to Algerian Islamic extremist groups, including some based in Belgium.

France Info radio said no arms or documents were seized by police in the course of the operation.

No one has claimed responsibility for the attack on a crowded rush-hour train at the Port-Royal station in the heart of Paris. Investigators are said to be focusing on Algerian Islamic militants as the prime suspects.

Roland Jacquard, director of the International Terrorism Observatory, said French authorities were working to disorganize the Islamic extremist networks operating clandestinely in France.

"This type of operation isn't necessarily meant to find those guilty" of Tuesday's bombing,

he told France Info. "It lets them surround the fundamentalist movement and maybe come across notebooks with addresses or interesting lists."

Europe 1 radio, meanwhile, reported that the Paris anti-terrorist judge leading the bombing investigation was heading to Italy on Tuesday. It did not say what leads he might be following up there.

The Armed Islamic Group, a violent armed faction fighting to overthrow the government of Algeria - a former French colony - claimed responsibility for most of a wave of 1995 bombings that killed eight people and wounded 160.

Investigators have said the bomb used in the latest bombing - a 13-kilo (28-pound) gas canister packed with nails - was nearly identical to those used in last year's bombings.

Hundreds of extra soldiers and police have been patrolling public places in Paris and in other major cities.

## Report: Zairian President Mobutu to return home early next week

PARIS (AP) - Zairian President Mobutu Sese Seko, convalescing in France from prostate cancer surgery, plans to return to his embattled homeland early next week, a radio station reported Tuesday.

Europe 1 radio said one of Mobutu's closest advisers announced that the ailing leader would return to Zaire at the beginning of the week. The station did not name the adviser.

For over a month now, Mobutu has been recuperating from prostate cancer at his Riviera villa near Nice.

His aides have been saying for weeks that it was merely a matter of days before his return to Zaire.

He has been out of Zaire since August, and has watched from abroad as the central African nation struggles to contain a rebellion and a refugee crisis.

There were signs in recent days that the 66-year-old president's health was deteriorating, and some who have seen him recently had raised doubts that he would ever go back to Zaire.

U.N. envoy Raymond Chretien, who met with

Mobutu last week for the second time in a month, said only that he "seemed very lucid, very aware of what has been going on in his country."

Recent successes by Tutsi-led rebels battling Zairian troops have prompted Zairians and international observers to take more seriously rebel leader Laurent Desire Kabila's vow to topple Mobutu's 31-year regime. Mobutu arrived in France on Nov. 4 after spending several months in Switzerland following cancer surgery in August.

## 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 Rebuenog, Step-father: Juan Pua**

Pedro S. Rebuenog - 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 C. Lifoifoi  
Raymond c. 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

Paterno S./ Liz Hocog  
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

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

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.



## Strikes in petroleum refineries spread in French city

PARIS (AP) - Petroleum refineries were idled across France on Tuesday as a strike by unionized workers protesting planned layoffs gained strength. The French Democratic Labor Confederation said workers at least five refineries remained on strike and that others at a sixth planned to walk out later Tuesday.

Strikes were planned at still more refineries later in the week as unionized workers protest the planned layoffs of about 1,500 workers and press for new hires to improve working conditions.

Refineries currently operating at "technical minimum," which means only ensuring the safety and potential restart of the refinery, include British Petroleum France's Lavera and Dunkirk facilities, Shell's Berre L'Etang and Petit Couronne refineries and Total's Gonfreville facility.

Workers at Total's La Mede refinery planned to join them later in the day, the union said.

Upcoming strikes include a call for a walkout at Exxon's Port Jerome refinery from Thursday through Saturday, and at Mobil's Gravenchon refinery from Wednesday through Friday.

Workers for Elf Aquitaine staged a 10-day strike at three refineries. That walkout ended late last week.

**DRIVE CAREFULLY**

# New coalition govt for New Zealand

By RAY LILLEY  
WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) - Winston Peters, an outspoken critic of immigration and foreign investment, was named deputy prime and given a top economic post on Tuesday in a coalition deal that saved the political skin of incumbent Prime Minister Jim Bolger.

More than two months of political uncertainty ended when Peters announced that his small, populist New Zealand First Party would form a new coalition government with Bolger's conservative National Party instead of the opposition Labor Party.

The decision followed weeks of private horse trading after an Oct. 12 inconclusive election result gave neither National nor Labor a clear majority, but instead handed the balance of power to New Zealand First.

Both sides made coalition offers to Peters who assumed the role of kingmaker.

His decision to join ranks with National rather Labor saved Bolger's six-year reign and dashed the ambitions of Labor leader Helen Clark, 46, who had hoped to become New Zealand's first woman prime minister.

Bolger, 61, said Peters, a 50-year-old high profile part-Maori legislator and former rival, will be treasurer in charge of the government's budget and expenditure.

The two men have buried a longtime animosity to govern New Zealand together.

A new Cabinet will be named on Wednesday when joint policies will be set out. No comment was made on whether any changes would be made to New Zealand's intake of Asian immigrants.

During the election campaign Peters criticized newcomers who he claimed had not made a solid commitment to New Zealand. He denied claims that he was singling out Asian immigrants or that he was racist. Nevertheless it became a major election issue and one over which he clashed repeatedly with Bolger.

Financial markets reacted calmly in the hours after the coalition was announced, although some analysts questioned how long the new partnership would survive given past animosity between Bolger and Peters.

A jubilant Bolger said the coalition would blend National's free market economic strategies with softer social policies espoused by New Zealand First.

As sign of change to come, Bolger announced the widening of the government's target ceiling for inflation from 2 percent to 3 percent - something that Peters has long demanded as way of encouraging exports and jobs.

Clark, who accepted her defeat calmly, described the outcome as "a huge lost opportunity for New Zealand."

She said Labor will move a vote of no confidence in the new coalition government soon after Parliament convenes on Thursday.

October's ballot was the first held under a complex proportional representational system designed to give smaller parties a greater say in politics.

Without enough seats of their own to govern in the 120-member Parliament, both National and Labor separately courted New Zealand First, which held the balance of power.

Seventeen New Zealand First legislators as well as a group of party officials took almost nine hours on Tuesday to choose between proposals presented to them by Labor and National.

Peters told reporters afterwards that his party had reached an "massive consensus" to back National.

"It is New Zealand First's view that the people of this country want political stability, economic growth and innovative social policies that address the outstanding problems in our society," Peters said. Peters said some changes would be made to economic policy on tax, inflation and economic growth.

Under National, and an earlier Labor government, New Zealand has been transformed

from one of the western world's most protected economies to one of its most liberalized.

However, the transformation has hurt many ordinary voters and Peters said that the coalition would strike a new balance.

"The New Zealand people have had enough of radical change," he said.

Bolger and Peters are one-time

bitter political opponents who have now put longstanding differences aside.

Peters, once a high flier in National ranks, formed New Zealand First after he was fired from Bolger's Cabinet in 1993.

The 59 days between the election and Tuesday's announcement was the longest period of political uncertainty in New Zealand his-

tory. During that time, Bolger acted as a caretaker prime minister unable to make major policy decisions.

In the election, National won 44 seats, Labor 37 and New Zealand First 17 in Parliament. Three other minor parties also won seats, but none were powerful enough to tip the balance.

## Death and Funeral Announcement

# JUAN ("John", "Jujang") ATALIG SABLAN

Juan Atalig Sablan, son of the late Consolacion Hocog Atalig and the late Benigno Olupumar Sablan, was called to his eternal rest on Saturday, December 7, 1996, at the age of 60, on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.



### PREDECEASED BY HIS:

**Son:** Benigno Skilang Sablan  
**Parents:** Consolacion Hocog Atalig and Benigno Olupumar Sablan  
**Brothers / Sisters:** Herman, Vicente, Micaela S. Demapan, Gregorio, Elias, Jose, Eulogio and Maria.

### SURVIVED BY HIS:

**Wife:** Agnes Skilang Sablan  
**Children / Spouses/(Grandchildren):** Henry (John Henry, Jason Hanalei, Joshua Howard, Jake, Shayna) and Lisa Rios (Henry Rudimch, Benigno Sengai, Gregory)

Gerald and Aesuk (Miso, Roseanna, Christina)

Michael and Juanita (Stephen, Zachary, Adam)

Virginia (Matthew Jujang) and David Onerheim

Catherine and Charles Cepeda (Cyji Ann)

Daisy

### Brothers / Sisters / Spouses:

Isidro and Angelina, Manuel and Delgadina, Congresswoman Ana S. and Joaquin Teregeyo, Carmen M. (wife of Vicente), Ana A. (wife of Herman), Mary K. (wife of Gregorio), Gregorio Demapan (husband of Micaela)

John is also survived by numerous loving nephews, nieces, uncles, aunts, cousins and relatives.

Rosary is being said nightly at 8:00 pm at the Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Funeral and burial to be held on Monday, December 16: 8:45 am, Depart CHC for Multi-Purpose Center; 9:00 am - 11:00 am, State Funeral Service; 11:30 am - 12:15 pm, Rosary and Responso at Mt. Carmel Cathedral; 12:15 pm - 2:45 pm, Public Viewing; 3:00 pm Mass, followed by Christian Burial Service. Family contact may be directed to the following fax number: (670) 288-7186.

## Woman jailed in Vietnam returns home to California

FOLSOM, California (AP) - A Folsom woman detained for two months in Vietnam for distributing religious materials is back in California.

Man Thi Jones was fined \$1,000 by Vietnamese authorities and told to leave the country last week. The 54-year-old nurse is a native of Vietnam and a naturalized American citizen.

She walked into the waiting area at San Francisco International Airport after a 15-hour flight, threw her arms around her husband and sobbed uncontrollably for several minutes Monday night.

Jones expressed fear that she would not be allowed to return

to Vietnam and said she was concerned about the fate of family members she had left behind.

"They brought them in for questioning," she said in a barely audible voice. "I don't know what will happen to them."

Jones was accused of distributing biblical tape cassettes in her native Cham language to relatives near the coastal town of Phan Rang, about 200 miles (320 kilometers) northeast of Ho Chi Minh City. She had made the tapes with the help of Sacramento's Capital Christian Center.

Jones also distributed pens with Christian crosses on them.

# 'Terrorism contrary to Islam'

By KELLY OLSEN  
**JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)** - Algeria, which is fighting a bloody civil war with Islamic radicals, used a meeting of Muslim diplomats Tuesday to denounce the forces of "extremism and terrorism" as a violation of the "authentic spirit of Islam."

Algeria didn't ask the Organization of the Islamic Conference for help fighting its insurgency, and officials of the 54-nation group said they wouldn't get involved without an

Algerian appeal.

At least 50,000 people have been killed in the 4 1/2-year-old guerrilla war, which erupted in 1992 after the army cancelled elections that radicals were expected to win.

Algeria "has resolutely engaged itself in the struggle against terrorism, a phenomenon contrary both to its culture and its values that have the authentic spirit of Islam," Algerian diplomat Lahcene Moussaoui said in a speech to foreign ministers from OIC countries.

Participants in the meeting include officials from Saudi Arabia, Turkey,

Indonesia and other Islamic governments representing 1.5 billion people across Africa, Europe and Asia.

The group signed up its first government in the Western Hemisphere late Monday when Suriname, a small country on the northeast coast of South America, became a member.

The officials have distanced themselves repeatedly during their five-day conference that began Monday from radical violence that they say has stained the image of Islam.

"It's this deformed image of Islam ... that the Algerian people rejected" by voting for a president last Novem-

ber and a constitutional referendum last month, Moussaoui said.

The election last November gave a five-year term to the candidate installed by the army. The referendum, which the government says was overwhelmingly approved, gave it new powers to fight the radicals.

The OIC has increasingly been

playing a role as a peacemaker, including mediating an end to a Muslim rebellion in the Philippines last month.

But although officials of the group expressed concern about the scale of the Algerian violence, they said they wouldn't try to intervene in what they regard as an internal problem.

## NGOs condemn WTO

By VIJAY JOSHI  
**SINGAPORE (AP)** - Two prominent rights groups Wednesday condemned the World Trade Organization for not taking a firm stand on labor standards even as Malaysia warned that the issue is no business of the because it helped create the current competitive global environment "in which poor countries must compete with one another for investment by offering ever cheaper labor."

Meanwhile, "millions of workers endure appalling working conditions and an unfair share of the fruits of the economic growth," the statements said.

Developing countries say that la-

bor issues should be left to the ILO, and accuse the West of pushing for a link in the WTO to eventually frame trade rules to block cheaper imports from poorer countries, where labor standards are generally far lower than the West.

Millions of children are forced to work in many poor countries. Forced labor also is common in Burma. In Indonesia, independent labor unions are banned.

The issue is so sensitive that many developing countries are not even willing to have the subject mentioned in the final WTO declaration expected to be issued Friday by the ministers.

## Tenorio...

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the efficiency and discipline of the free market place."

Tenorio said that low taxes, market-based wages and the open movement of labor and capital from abroad have led to the NMI's high standard of living and economic success.

"High taxes, an arbitrary minimum wage and restricted immigration can only lead us back to dependency on the U.S. government," he said.

However, the NMI has still "a long way to go" to reach its "full economic potential."

Tenorio said that if the award he received "lets out people know and lets Washington, D.C. know, that we are on the right track, it is most welcome indeed."

The governor, according to Public Information Officer Mark Broadhurst Friday, is this year's awarded for "(exemplifying) the American spirit of entrepreneurial capitalism in fostering and guiding the magnificent successful miracle in the Marianas."

The award was from the National Defense Council Foundation, a conservative Washington D.C.-based

think-tank.

Tenorio was selected to receive the award, Broadhurst said, "because he adheres to free market policies even under a lot of threats and commotion from some people back in the federal government, but 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 was held yesterday in Manila with foundation chairman Dr. Milton Copulos presenting the award.

Foundation president Major F. Andy Messing Jr. (USAR, Ret.) presented 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.

## Pangelinan... Continued from page 1

more than 20 years of government service, mostly as a teacher in the Public School System.

Pangelinan was hired by Tenorio as his special assistant for political affairs early into the latter's term. His office, whose main function is to advise the governor on political and community-related issues, has recently been renamed Public Liaison Office.

Although he said in his "resignation letter" that he merely wants to

take advantage of early retirement, there were those who said Pangelinan's decision may have been sped up by the observation that his office has been "under-utilized."

Sources said the Public Liaison Office should have been the appropriate office to take a lead role in preparations for the recently-started village meetings with the governor.

It was not immediately known whether Pangelinan was involved in the meeting.

## Guard's... Continued from page 1

Last Oct. 15, another Filipino national Virginia Coria was murdered. No arrest has yet to be made.

"We're deeply concerned about the safety of our workers here," Philippine Consul Generoso Clanog said Tuesday.

"We think it is the responsibility of the government—both the local and US—to ensure that aliens can work safely here."

Tique's death brings to five the number of homicide cases in the CNMI for this year.

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- 03 ELECTRICIAN-Salary:\$3.05-4.00 per hour  
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Carmen Wabul Nekafes and Felomena Wabul Muna, Plaintiffs,  
 vs.  
 Concepcion W. Moteisou, Heui Sang Lee, and Hyun Soo Lee, Defendants.  
 Civil Action No. 96-1043

### SUMMONS

To: Defendant Heui Sang Lee and Hyun Soo Lee

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon the Law Offices of O'Connor, Dotts & Banes, whose address is Post Office Box 1969, 2nd Floor, Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950, an answer to the Complaint which is herewith served upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated this 13th day of September, 1996.

/s/JOVITA C. FLORES  
 Clerk of Court

Note: Any answer that you wish to file must be filed and served with the Court and then on Plaintiff's counseled by no later than January 16, 1997 (21 days after the final publication date of this notice)

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# STELLA WILDER YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

Born today, you will enjoy a remarkably early start to a lucrative career. Whether or not this career is a lasting one will depend solely on your staying power and your willingness to make sacrifices when necessary in order to take the fullest possible advantage of the opportunities presented to you. There will be no room for errors later on, so you must make sure to learn from your mistakes when you are young. Do not be fooled into thinking that you are invulnerable or invincible. In fact, you have just as many weaknesses as the next person. You will want to stress your individuality very early in your career. You know that you can make it on your own, and this strength will bring you great rewards, and perhaps a little heartache as well. Remember, everyone gets lonely sometimes. Also born on this date are: Gustave Flaubert, author; Tracy Austin, tennis player; Bob Barker, T.V. personality; Connie Francis, singer; Cathy Rigby, gymnast and actress; Frank Sinatra, singer and actor. To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your birthday and

read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide. **FRIDAY, DEC. 13 SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Many people will pay close attention to everything you say and do throughout this busy day. Remember, you will be on display. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — You mustn't let the expectations of others dictate what you will or will not do today. Follow your instincts and be true to yourself. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — The news you will receive today may force you to reassess your role at the workplace. The solution to a major problem may be at hand. **PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Make an effort to emphasize only what you absolutely have to address today. Do not try to beat around the bush at any time. **ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Your financial status has been fluctuating wildly lately, but today you may hit on a scheme which can have you living it up very soon. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — It will be time to let go of some of your prejudices today. They are holding you back and keeping you from making connections with others.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Someone may try to get ahead of you in line. Keep your eyes open and your wits about you all day long. You might have to fight. **CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — You may be causing problems for yourself today. Tell yourself to snap out of it and get on with the things that matter. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Love will be in the air, but will it find you? You won't be able to answer that question until you grasp the meaning of a riddle. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — It is time for you to have a little more fun. Treat yourself as well as you treat others. Take this opportunity to satisfy a craving. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — You may experience a sudden slowdown today, as a result of an energy loss that cannot be pinpointed. You will have to work hard to stay involved. **SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Additional knowledge can serve you well today, provided you keep it in its place, and assign it its proper value. Make sure to prioritize at this time.

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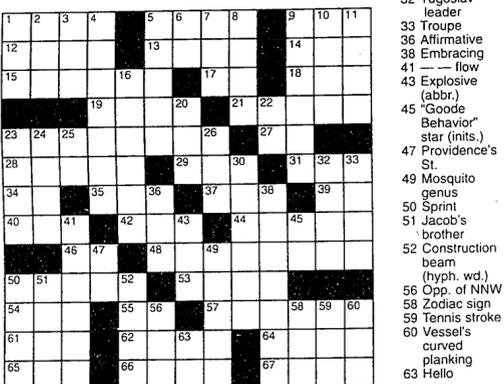
# DATE BOOK

Dec. 12, 1996  
Today is the 347th day of 1996 and the 82nd day of fall.  
**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1792, Ludwig van Beethoven received his first music lesson from Joseph Haydn. On this day in 1870, Joseph Rainey of South Carolina, the first black man to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives, was sworn in.  
On this day in 1957, Jerry Lee Lewis married his 13-year-old cousin.  
**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "With reasonable men, I will reason; with humane men, I will plead; but to tyrants I will give no quarter, nor waste arguments where they will certainly be lost." — William Lloyd Garrison  
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17 Jamie Lee's dad (inits.)  
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19 Trip to Mecca  
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22 Roman 51  
23 Outlet  
24 Racetrack term  
25 Roman 101  
26 Hockey org.  
30 Secret wedding participant  
32 Yugoslav leader  
33 Troupe  
36 Affirmative  
38 Embracing  
41 flow  
43 Explosive (abbr.)  
45 "Goode Behavior" star (inits.)  
47 Providence's St.  
49 Mosquito genus  
50 Sprint  
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# Another big deal for the Smiths

By RONALD BLUM  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — Forget about keeping up with the Joneses. General managers have to worry whether they can keep up with the Smiths. Randy Smith pulled off another big trade with his dad's team Tuesday, an afternoon that also saw reliever Mel Rojas get a \$13.75 million, three-year deal with the Chicago Cubs.

## JTG...

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ally finished ahead of Shirley's because of its superior pin total. EPC had a total of 55,742 or 666 pins ahead of Shirley's.

Due to its failure to sustain its hot streak going to the last two rounds of the tournament, Martha's Poker dropped to eighth.

IT&E, Kan Pacific, O' Dou's and Joker's round off the final team standings.

In the team all events, O' Dou's bagged league honors in the high scratch and high handicap games with 809 and 915 pins. EPC and Martha's Poker won the other categories. EPC had 2,264 while Martha's rolled 2,599 pins to win the high scratch and high handicap series.

In the men's side, Robert Talavera and Jess Rebusada bagged two categories each. Talavera's 276 and 287 proved to be the best in the high scratch and high handicap games. Rebusada racked 683 and 722 pins for the high scratch and high handicap series.

Diana Camacho, Luz Mendiola and Alice Guerrero topped the women's side. Camacho won two events, the high scratch game and series with 235 and 619 pins.

Mendiola won the high handicap game with 260 while Guerrero bagged the high handicap series with 698 pins.

Talavera bagged another title by finishing the tournament with a league's best 188.64 pin average while Rita Palacios took the women's crown by finishing with a 175.02 average.

## Junior...

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In the relays, the team composed of Jacoby, Robert, David and Josh clocked 3:54.54, good for 12th spot in the 4x100M freestyle while the girl's team of Audra, Xenavee, Tracy and Jessica finished 13th with a time of 4:40.33. Sakovich said the CNMI team did better than their South Pacific counterparts.

An entry from New Caledonia is only the medal winner so far in the tournament.

Aside from the swimming events, the games also feature competitions in gymnastics, athletics and games for the physically handicapped.

## Monthly...

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and the winner from the previous elimination tussle will tangle with the top seed for the championship.

A top prize of \$100, a trophy and a slot in the Bowler of the Year Tournament next year await the winner.

The qualifiers include Rosalinda Cal, Richard Sana, Jess Rebusada, Med Magtipon and Robert Talavera.

In the first game, Cal will face Sana with advancing and Robert Talavera. In the first game, Cal will face Sana with the winner meeting Rebusada. Top seed Talavera squares with the winner of the last elimination game for the title.

The December Bowler of the Month winner will join early qualifiers Roberto Eparwa (July), Jose Delacruz Tenorio (August), Simon Manacop (September), Kim Kang Hee (October), and November qualifier Pastor in the Bowler of the Year Tournament in July next year.

general manager, made a potential 10-player trade with the Houston Astros, where Tal Smith is team president.

Detroit's largest deal since 1957 saw the Tigers acquire center fielder Brian Hunter, shortstop Orlando Miller, closer Todd Jones and right-hander Doug Brocail for catcher Brad Ausmus, left-handers C.J. Nitkowski and Trever Miller, right-hander Jose Lima and infielder Daryle Ward. The Tigers also will get either another player or cash.

Two years ago, when Randy was GM of the Padres, San Diego made a 12-player trade with the Astros.

"I never talked to my father about this deal," Randy Smith said. "I've been dealing with Gerry Hunsicker, the Astros general manager) for better than six weeks on this thing."

Once again, Randy appears to have gotten the better of the deal. Last time, San Diego got Ken Caminiti, who went on to become the NL MVP this season.

In Hunter and Miller, Detroit got a pair of regular starters. The Tigers, coming off a 109-loss season, got a closer in Jones, who had 17 saves last season.

"We talked about trying to improve the major league club without mortgaging our future, and I believe wedid that today," Randy Smith said.

Meanwhile, Rojas signed just three days after becoming a free agent, getting a deal that gives him a \$250,000 signing bonus and \$4.5 million in each of the next three seasons.

Rojas, who turned 30 Tuesday, saved 36 of 40 chances last season, going 7-4 with a 3.22 ERA in 81 innings.

"We feel we have one of the best bullpens in the National League," said Cubs general manager Ed Lynch, who also considered signing World Series MVP John Wetteland. "We feel Mel is durable and successful at getting left-handed hitters out. He is a ground-ball pitcher, too. That's a

perfect fit for us."

Florida, which failed to sign Rojas, instead signed Dennis Cook for \$1.7 million over two years. Cook, 34, was 5-2 with a 4.09 ERA with Texas last season, appearing in a career-high 60 games.

"It gives us a chance to get a left-hander out there so that we can stabilize (the bullpen)," Marlins general manager Dave Dombrowski said.

Elsewhere, it appeared the Yankees were making moves to sign left-hander Mike Stanton, perhaps as soon as today, while still discussing contracts with two other free agent pitchers: Roger Clemens and David Wells.

And the Marlins were said to be pursuing outfielder Moises Alou, also among the 12 players who became free agents Saturday when service time from the 1994-95 strike was restored.

Cleveland kept its setup man, re-signing Eric Plunk to a \$5.55 million, three-year contract.

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# SPORTS



## Mixed Bowling Tournament

# JTG wins Adam and Eve tilt

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NEEDING just a win to clinch the championship, JTG Enterprises nevertheless pounded a 4-0 shellacking of Country House last Tuesday night to walk away with the overall title in the Adam and Eve Mixed Tournament at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Ahead by four wins going to the position round, JTG, composed of Vicky Butteris, Alice Guerrero, Jenny Palacios, Lucy Salas, Wally Guerrero, Mark Halstead and Frank B. Palacios, reasserted its dominance over their rivals by rolling games of 819, 792, and 793 for a three-game series of 2,404 pins. Country House could only muster games of 723, 676 and 770 for a 2,169 pin total. JTG's win was a replay of the penultimate round wherein the team hacked a similar 4-0 rout to grab the lead going to the last to round. This time, however, the winning margin was bigger, JTG won

Rank	Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
5	JTG Enterprises	65.0	31.0	67.71	55931	776	861	2483	
2	Country House	57.0	39.0	59.38	55644	772	875	2493	
9	CMPG	48.5	47.5	50.52	55004	763	883	2453	
8	Paras Enterprises	47.5	48.5	49.48	54767	760	851	2453	
4	E.P.C. Int'l	47.0	49.0	48.96	55742	774	892	2531	
12	Shirleys Coffee Shop	47.0	49.0	48.96	55076	764	881	2520	
3	V&J	47.0	49.0	48.96	54973	763	895	2471	
6	Martha's Poker	45.0	51.0	46.88	55264	767	882	2599	
1	I.T.&E	45.0	51.0	46.88	55149	765	883	2541	
7	Kan Pacific	43.5	52.5	45.31	51178	752	860	2486	
10	O'Douls	43.0	53.0	44.79	55493	770	915	2496	
11	Joker's	39.5	56.5	41.15	53740	746	861	2415	

by 235 pins compared to 87 advantage in the previous round. JTG finished the tournament with a run-away 65-31 win-loss slates. Country House came in eight wins behind for

second place. CMPG completed its late surge by subduing V&J 3-1 to bag the third slot. CMPG racked 780, 781 and 826 to end its campaign eight pins ahead

of V&J and a 48.5-47.5. Aside from JTG and Country House, CMPG is the only other team to register a winning mark in the 24 week tournament.

Due to its poor last round showing, V&J eventually fell to seventh overall with 47-49 record.

Paras Enterprises climbed to fourth by posting a 4-0 default win over Kan Pacific. Kan Pacific was not able to field in enough players prompting league organizers to award the victories to Paras Enterprises. Kan Pacific with a 43.5-52.5 record gave them the 10th spot in the final standings.

EPC International came in next at fifth with 47-49 slate. EPC, which was mired in the ninth slot before the final round, won all its games against O' Doul's for the remarkable last round surge.

Shirley's Coffee Shop, the team which hugged the cellar for the most part of the tournament, capped its amazing comeback by finishing sixth with a 47-49. Shirley's dealt Martha's Poker a 3-1 drubbing for its final matchup and tied EPC. EPC eventually

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## 1996 Pacific School Games

# Junior tankers swim well

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DESPITE strong opposition, the CNMI entries to the 1996 Pacific School Games in Perth, Australia are doing pretty well.

In a faxed message to the Division of Sports and Recreation, Saipan Swim Club president and coach Bill Sakovich said the island's junior tankers continue to lower their personal times in several events in their age

groups during the preliminary rounds of the swimming competitions.

Sakovich also added that the two teams CNMI entered in two relay events did well.

After Day Three of the competitions, Keoni Ichihara had the best time for the 200M freestyle among the Saipan entries. Ichihara swam the distance in two minutes and 30.93 seconds. Xenavee Pangelinan clocked 2:25.67 to finish 30th overall. Audra Winkfield had 2:27 good for 32nd while Tracy Feger timed 2:30.51 to come in at 33rd.

In the 100M backstroke, Josh Taitano submitted the best time of 1:07.39 to finish 27th overall. Jacoby Winkfield came in next with 1:08.68 for the 31st slot while Robert Jordan had 1:11.25 for the 36th best time.

David Palacios covered the 200M freestyle in 2:08.64 to arrive in 22nd position while Jessica Jordan finished 11th in her age group with a time of 2:23.97.

In 100M butterfly, Jennifer Pierce, Feger and Pangelinan arrived in 18th, 31st and 33rd places. Pierce submitted a time of 1:24.10; Feger, 1:18.99; and Pangelinan, 1:13.10.

Justin Pierce swam the 100M breaststroke in 1:16.23 to come in at 21st place. Taitano arrived 13th with 1:13.28 while Jacoby failed to qualify with 1:13.43.

Palacios clocked 31.64 seconds in the 50M backstroke to finish 20th while Jessica fared better in her bracket, coming in at 14th with 35.11 seconds.

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Flag Football—Players of Rota and Hopwood Junior High Schools try to catch the pigskin during the championship match of PSS Junior High Flag Football Tournament held recently. (Photo courtesy of PSS)

## Saipan Men's Slowpitch League

# Spec, Turtles win anew

By Ray Palacios  
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DFS Amigos 7, Town & Country Man Hoben, 0

The DFS Amigos improved to 8-11 with an easy 7-0 default win over the Town & Country Man Hoben.

Team Sofang, 7 Bud Light G-Force, 6

Team Sofang rode on Jordan Kosam's two rbi's upset Bud-Light G-Force in the second game 7-6.

Sofang jumped on top 7-2 after six and a half innings and held off a last inning G-Force surge for the win. G-Force failed to take advantage of the tying run on third and the winning run on first with one out for their seventh loss in eighteen outings. The win improved Sofang to 7-13.

Pac-Asia Taiskang, 7 Happy Market II Enforcers, 0

The Pac-Asia Taiskang improved their record to 11-10 with a 7-0 default win over the Happy Market II Enforcers.

The loss dropped the Enforcers to 11-7.

Pepsi Spec, 20 J.C. Fadang, 2

Payton Sakumahita two-run homer and Sherman Ngiraidong knocked in two runs as Pepsi Spec momentarily grabbed the solo lead in the "A" Division with a 20-2 record by stopping J.C. Fadang 15-5 in five innings. The win gave Spec a half game ahead of J.E.T. Turtles who are 19-2.

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## Kiddie rugby league eyed

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AFTER the highly successful Saipan Youth Football League Season, another league for youngsters is being studied.

Jim Hollman, president of Saipan Rugby Club, said that the possibility of holding a rugby kiddie league is on the works.

Hollman said that SRC, in cooperation with the Governor's Office on Youth Affairs, is eyeing the possibility of setting up a rugby league next year. "The league will aim to give youngsters, who are not into baseball, soccer or American football, another sporting alternative to spend

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THE SAIPAN Bowling Center will hold the finals of the December Bowler of The Month this coming Saturday, Dec. 14, at 1 p.m. at the bowling center.

The monthly bowling event, sponsored by SBC, FHP Health Care, B&K Enterprises and the Saipan Cable TV, features the top five bowlers who posted the best scores with handicaps in the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Leagues.

Tournament format calls for a step-ladder finals. Under the rules, the fifth qualifier will face the fourth ranked player. The winner will go up against the third best player for the right to challenge the no. 2 seed. The winner of the match between the no. 2 player

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