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US Rep. arrives today

By Zaldy Dandan
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UNITED States Congressman Ralph M. Hall will arrive today for a four-day visit, the Administration said.

Hall (D-Texas), who visited Guam before heading to the CNMI, was invited by Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio to look into the Commonwealth's economic set-up.

The governor's Public Information Officer Mark Broadhurst yesterday said Rep. Robert E. Bud Cramer Jr. (D-Alabama), who was supposed to be with Hall, changed his travel plans.

"He told us he won't be able to make it," Broadhurst said.

Hall will be the first member of Congress since February to visit the CNMI.

Broadhurst said the congress-

man will meet with people from both the public and private sectors, and will be "briefed" on the CNMI by administration officials.

Last February, U.S. Senators Frank Murkowski (R-Alaska) and Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii) visited the CNMI on a "fact-finding" mission.

Congressional staffers and think-tank policy analysts have also visited the CNMI and were,

in general, impressed with the Commonwealth's economy.

Last week, a group of 14 staffers of Republican House members—including Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia) and Majority Leader Dick Arney (R-Texas)—visited the CNMI upon the invitation of the governor.

In a media conference Tuesday, delegation spokesperson Jeffrey S. Shockley said the delegation is "interested in the economy you got here," and will look into the CNMI's minimum wage and other labor issues.

Shockley, the legislative direc-
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Palau govt vows to build a temporary bridge in 6 mos.

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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A TEMPORARY bridge that will connect Koror and Babeldaob will be constructed in six months, Palau Vice President Tommy Remengesau vowed yesterday.

Remengesau said the Palau government has already commissioned a Japanese company to undertake the \$3.2 million bridge project.

"We're just waiting for Congress to appropriate the funds," Remengesau said in an interview at the Taga Royal Beach



Tommy Remengesau

where he hosted a thanksgiving party for the Palauan community

on Saipan. He was recently re-elected vice president of the republic.

The bridge project will temporarily replace the KB Bridge which collapsed last Sept. 26, killing two persons.

The disaster prompted the government to declare a state of emergency which has since been lifted.

Palau residents are, at present, going on inter-island trips through ferry boats.

"Building a temporary bridge will cost less than the cost of

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Lujan bares \$6M to \$8M more in 'Hillblom assets'

By Ferdie de la Torre
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DAVID J. Lujan, counsel for Kaelani Kinney, has disclosed the existence of \$6 to \$8 million additional assets recently discovered and due the estate of the late Larry Hillblom.

In court documents, Lujan told the Superior Court about a Dec. 7 disclosure by the California Attorney General that there remains \$16 million in the Hillblom trust fund and that the accumulating

interest for the estate would amount to \$6 million to \$8 million set for release in April 1998.

Kinney's counsel asked the court to tap Rexford Kosack as special master to conduct an investigation into the DHLI transactions of 1990 and 1992.

In his report, Lujan stated that in 1990, the old investors (Hillblom, Po Chung, Bill Robinson and David Allen) entered into a sale agreement with certain new investors (JAL Lufthansa and Nissho Iwai).

The old investors sold 12.5% of DHLI to the new investors for a sum which Kinney has yet to ascertain, Lujan said.

The Guam-based lawyer said the new investors were given a two-year option to purchase an additional 45% of DHLI.

In August 1992, Kinney's counsel said, the new investors exercised their option and purchased said additional 45% of DHLI.

As part of the purchase agreement, Lujan pointed out that the new investors persuaded the old investors to agree to a contingent liability of \$75 million reducible

Weather Outlook

Partly cloudy with isolated showers

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2 inmates found with 'marijuana'

By Ferdie de la Torre
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TWO inmates were allegedly found in possession of a controlled substance believed to be marijuana Friday midnight.

Public Safety Information Officer Sgt. Franklin Babauta said while a police officer was conducting a routine inspection at the Division of Corrections, he noticed two inmates acting suspiciously inside a cell.

The officer decided to search the inmates who then yielded possible marijuana, said Babauta without identifying the inmates.

The case was placed under further investigation, the information officer said.

In San Vicente, a fire reportedly caused by electrical short circuit hit an apartment Friday morning.

Police said the couple were in the kitchen drinking coffee at 5 a.m. when their daughter

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NEWEST LANDMARK. Hafa Adai Beach Hotel's annex, the Taga Tower, soars over the Garapan skyline. The new 18-storey building, which was inaugurated Saturday, brings Hafa Adai's total number of rooms to 436, making it the biggest hotel on Saipan.

Photo by RHA

Cing refuses to apologize, raps Tinian mayor anew

By Zaldy Dandan
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SENATOR David M. Cing yesterday said that he will not apologize to Tinian Mayor Herman M. Manglona who, he insisted, should instead stop hiring new full-time government employees if there is no funding available.

Manglona, on Thursday, said Cing (D-Tinian) and House Majority Leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) "unfairly" accused him of illegal hiring practices.

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David M. Cing

New Orleans mall tragedy

Wayward barge smashes shop, kills six shoppers

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - A grain freighter lost power and smashed into a crowded shopping mall as panicked holiday shoppers leapt into the Mississippi River and trampled each other in the rush to escape.

The Coast Guard initially reported that six people were killed in Saturday's accident. Hours later, the Coast Guard and Mayor Marc Morial said no deaths had been confirmed.

Morial said 60 people were injured trying to escape the Riverwalk mall, with only one hurt seriously enough to be hospitalized overnight. Another official at the scene said four mentally retarded children were missing.

The impact demolished parts of the three-tiered wharf, including sections of the adjoining Hilton Hotel, which fell onto the ship.



Former U.S. Vice President Dan Quayle, left, is welcomed by Taiwan President Lee Teng-Hui before a meeting at the office in Taipei last Monday. Quayle was in Taipei to address an annual meeting of the American-Taiwanese Economic Council.

(AP Photo)

Israeli planes attack guerrilla positions in Southern Lebanon

RASHAYA, Lebanon (AP) - Israeli aircraft attacked guerrilla positions Sunday at the northeastern edge of Israel's self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon, security sources said.

Three jets fired at least six air-to-surface missiles toward mountains near the villages of Ein El-Tineh and Mashghara, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

There was no immediate word on casualties from the morning attack.

Another jet returned 10 minutes later to fire two more missiles over the same area, the sources said.

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What remained standing appeared unstable and ready to collapse. Shoppers reported smelling gas.

Chunks of stores, restaurants, bars, as well as a parking garage and exercise room from a condominium that is part of the mall littered the river.

Ron Brinson, executive director of port of New Orleans, said rescue workers would search overnight for survivors trapped in the rubble and for victims, but added "we are very, very hopeful that when this is over, there won't be any victims."

One mall worker said the captain sounded the horn about three minutes before the freighter sliced bow-first into the second-story section of the 180,000-square foot (16,700 square meters), metal-and-glass mall that extends over

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She said the first casualties taken to hospitals were treated for possible heart attacks or injuries from trampling.

All witnesses confirmed that they heard the warning," Brinson said.

A group of Girl Scouts who initially had been reported missing were found safe, but four mentally retarded children could not be found hours after the accident, said City Councilwoman Peggy Wilson, who was at the scene.

Approximately 1,000 shoppers in the mall, which has 200 shops and eateries, and about 800 gamblers on the Flamingo Casino riverboat docked nearby watched in horror as the freighter cruised out of control, missing the riverboat and two other ships before crashing into the middle of the mall.

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FORUM

A Meeting Place For Our Opinions. . .And Yours. . .



by: John DelRosario

Importance of the Washington Group

We are being visited by various groups from Washington (Think Tank, US Congressional Staff and eventually members of Congress). These trips are basically familiarization tour of the Northern Marianas Islands aimed at educating influential policymaking groups who live at the center of power at our nation's capital. Is it worth our taxpayers' money? YES!

It should be understood that the last US Senator who championed our cause in the US Congress, Senator J. Bennett Johnston of Louisiana, retired last year. The legislature ought to adopt a resolution extending our profound sense of gratitude to this statesman for all his efforts for the islands while in office. This is one time when the purpose of a resolution would make its worth really count.

At the same time, the founding fathers of the Covenant Agreement have also since retired from public office. Across the pacific in the halls of the US Congress the membership has changed too from the old guards to new and younger congressmen whose agenda and focus are on domestic issues, specifically, issues that affect the livelihood and well-being of the people they represent in Congress.

With this mind-set, our interests within the realm of state or national level politics isn't even in the shopping lists of new members. In fact, most don't even know that there exist the Covenant Agreement and that while the territorial clause applies, Congress must always defer to the Covenant Agreement when considering legislation. More often than not, the anomalous relationship inherent in the agreement is the most misunderstood aspect of our political relationship.

Here at home, policymakers aren't necessarily equilibristic with the NMI obligations under the terms and conditions of the agreement. This intellectual draw back collides with another equally severe problem—failure of the federal government to intervene from the very beginning to ensure that the issues which now dog both governments are messed up beyond comprehension. Thus, the dysfunctional family in which both sides (NMI-US) is equally guilty of negligence. But this is water under the bridge and we must start anew in hopes that we can do better in fostering greater working partnership.

This bad blood clot needs removal and obviously some transfusion, too. We should give our gratitude to Governor Froilan C. Tenorio for his foresight in bridging the information gap between here and Washington. Some of you may have been critical of his policy, but believe it or not, it is the best thing that has happened under this administration for Governor Tenorio knows the power of proper information. And this information gathering can best be translated into friendlier and realistic policies towards the NMI through the Think Tank groups, Congressional staffers and members of Congress.

It should further be understood that Washington is the center of power where decisions are made that affect the entire global village, including the NMI. By "center of power", I simply mean Washington can either make or destroy you. It is, therefore, incumbent upon the NMI to initiate the familiarization tours of key people in Washington who influence key policy decisions one way or the other.

With appropriate information, they can certainly make a difference in how policies considered by Congress can help us achieve greater strides in the economic front and in strengthening our democratic institutions.

Yes, it costs a lot of money. But I don't suppose we have much choice given the relative inefficiency of our Washington Office in trumpeting the aspirations and needs of the islands outside the halls of the US Congress and the White House. As such, we are duped into believing that Interior's Allen Stayman is the next level of government we must adhere to beyond our popularly elected governor and legislators. No sir! Democracy is well and alive out here and if the Office of Insular Affairs wants to make a difference, it should be pushing for this group of Americans to be considered full fledged members of the American political family by being afforded the privilege to vote for their president and representatives in Congress.

I hope too that the rather rough waters that we have sailed through over the last five years have calmed down. If I may reiterate, both sides of the pacific should equally be held accountable for the dysfunctional family that we have since the inception of the NMI Constitutional government some twenty years ago. The parent-child relationship was founded on a "sink or swim" basis. Thus, all the confusion over how we were supposed to have ensured that we meet our obligations under the Covenant Agreement. Let's start anew in hopes that greater understanding is achieved between here and Washington. Yes, it is worth our money bringing our friends from the Washington Circle who make a difference in policy decisions. Thanks.



•COMMENTARY

BY REP. STANLEY T. TORRES

Public servants must protect people from tyranny'

Whenever I hear of private land problems, I start to feel goose bumps all over my head and body. It brings back frustrations and emotions stretching over fifty years.

It all started with the U.S. military occupation in July, 1944, a year before the war ended. Land records under Japanese times were straight, but the war changed all that. Unfortunately, some people got cheated.

The island natives, Chamorros and Carolinians, were told to look somewhere else because their land was needed for military needs; whether you liked it or not!

Then sometimes after you found suitable land for exchange, the paperwork would sit on someone's desk and collect dust. Years would go by, the stern and intimidating voice of a military official telling you to come back later. Then he leaves, only to be followed by another. But no action. You gave up something for nothing except a promise, a promise never filled.

That's what happened to the Muna family and part of their land they owned before the war, where a portion of the Pacific Islands Club now sits.

In the case of the Muna family, the military government purportedly exchanged the property with the widow without the heirs (children) having any knowledge of the exchange. It must be noted that the elderly lady could neither read nor write, and had no formal education whatsoever. She could only affix her signature to a document with her fingerprint. The military government had procedures at the time requiring all heirs to sign the exchange agreement and, in this case, did not follow their own procedures. For example, the elderly lady's signature appears in English when she could not write in English.

Many people have given up hope. Not the Muna's in Afetna. It's almost like a child being taken away from the mother. Paranoia sets in after being intimidated for so long (mina-ano yan espan-tao). But you never forget your child, just like you never forget your land that was taken away without any compensation.

PIC representatives asked why the Muna's concerns were not addressed during the original land lease agreement ten years ago, and why there wasn't any protest then. The answer is because the original lease was not well publicized, it was

almost a secret kept by MPLC that never got to the Legislature.

The Muna family's dilemma does not stop there. Injustices still continue today.

The father of the heirs, Vicente S. Muna, also filed a claim in 1948 for another property belonging to him in 1948. Not until May 1, 1996, did the current government furnish findings to the heirs for ownership of Garapan property in front of CHC. In their letter of determination, the government indicated that they do not know the exact location of the property although they are in possession of maps. Because the claim had been ignored, the Muna family was deprived of submitting a "War Claim" for damages to the property.

After meeting with the current government during the first week of June, 1996, the Muna family was told they would receive a response to the settlement within three weeks. As of now, no settlement has been offered. Past injustices continue instead of remedies for past injustices. The Muna family must now spend money for attorney's and appraisals to negotiate a settlement with the government, something that should have been cleared long ago.

A sad footnote to this story is that the oldest son applied for MIHA housing and was told he did not qualify. He died in 1992 while living in a tin shack in Koblerville and now his children find out some of the MIHA housing sits on his property.

Injustices still remain today. Although the former Marianas District Land Commissioner wrote the publication entitled "I Tanoh" in English and Chamorro with the intent to promote a better understanding of the purpose of the Land Commission Act, nothing has been done to help the Muna's.

It is up to public servants to protect people from tyranny, even if the injustice occurred long ago. We do not know many outstanding land claims are pending with the current government, however, the people should not give up hope but instead actively pursue their legitimate claims.

Ultimately, the courts will decide the Muna family issues, but that's why I voted no, against the lease extension.

Letters to the editor are welcome on any subject so long as they are hand-signed (no photocopied signatures please.) Letters addressed to other publications or to third parties are discouraged. Faxed letters are allowed, so long as there is a voice telephone number for verification, as are "Electronic mail". Letters endorsing particular political candidates are not encouraged and all letters are subject to editing for length and content. All letters remain the property of the Variety.

Palau VP eyes Compact forum

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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ISLANDS and states covered and affected by the Compacts of Free Association should find a venue where they could tackle the impact of the treaty, Palau Vice President Tommy Remengesau said yesterday.

"It can be regional or a government-to-government forum where we can discuss these problems," he said. "(The Compact) is a very touchy issue."

The Palau official noted that while his government understands the concerns of the CNMI and other affected islands, the Compacts with the United States have to be observed and implemented.

"We do have a treaty that spells out the benefits and privileges of our people, but we understand that the CNMI also has to look after its own interests particularly with regard to immigration," the reelected vice president said in an interview during an Thanksgiving party he

hosted yesterday for the Palauan community on Saipan.

The Compacts allow the unrestricted entry of Micronesians into the CNMI and other territories of the United States.

Micronesians include citizens from Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, and Marshall Islands.

The 1990 census showed that there were 1,620 Palauans who have migrated to the Commonwealth.

The CNMI has been complaining about the US government's failure to reimburse the Commonwealth for the costs of Micronesian migration.

A lawsuit against the federal government filed by Guam, CNMI and Hawaii, is now pending at the District Court of Guam.

To lessen the adverse effects of the Compacts, meanwhile, the CNMI government considers such options as restricting the Micronesians' entry and charging them for school and medical fees.

"We understand the concern of

the CNMI government, but I hope these problems do not escalate to appoint where it would badly affect our people," Remengesau said.

"The CNMI has been a good host to our people, and the two governments," he added, "have always enjoyed a cordial and mutually beneficial relationship."

Remengesau said his is willing to "work with the CNMI government on whatever concerns they have."

"The bottomline is that there's a treaty in place, and we would like to ensure that the terms and conditions under this treaty are implemented accordingly," he added.

Moreover, he said, a study should be conducted to determine the actual impact of the Compacts.

"Such impact study should be made available not only to Guam and the CNMI but also to us so we would know, for example, the kind of economic condition our citizens are experiencing."



Palau Vice President Tommy Remengesau and wife Debby during the appreciation party held yesterday at the Taga Royal Beach.

Sablan denies maneuvering in mayoral endorsement

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

DEMOCRATIC Party Chairman Benigno Sablan denied "political maneuverings" resulted to the official endorsement of Public Works Secretary Edward M. DL Guerrero as the organization's candidate for the Saipan mayoralty race.

"I don't think so, everybody debated the issue, I couldn't pick if there was a maneuver... there were no caucuses done before the meeting, if there were, then maybe I can see a pre-meditated move," Sablan said.

"Somebody [in the meeting] just stood up and made the motion... and it was perfectly alright and

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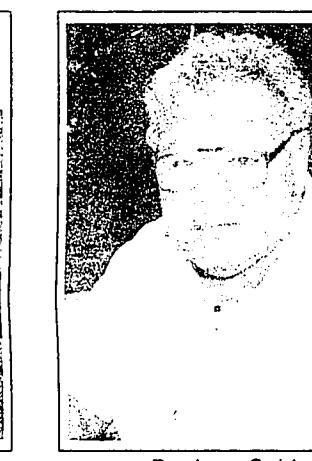
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Juan Borja Tudela



Benigno Sablan

within their duties to make certain changes [suspending letter of intent and Primary deadlines] accordingly," he added.

"As parliamentarians, they [CEC members] may amend, suspend, repeal, or do anything with the by-laws if it is in accordance with the by-laws," he stressed.

Sablan said the moves were apparently done to enable the party to remain on schedule with next

year's electoral exercise.

"The elections is fast approaching. We have to prepare. The Republicans were already done with their Primary. They're running on schedule," Sablan said.

Juan Borja Tudela, another party mayoralty aspirant who lost to Guerrero during the voting has alleged the latter, supported by other DPW staff, maneuvered to get the post.

Members of the party's Central

Executive Committee, during the meeting held last Dec. 5, moved to suspend the deadlines on the filing of the two aspirant's letter of intent and the schedule for the Primary. It then voted in favor of Guerrero who won against Tudela by nine votes.

Tudela said he "is a hundred percent" he will win the mayoralty race had he been chosen as the party's standard bearer because "I'm more experienced and popular in the community."

"I don't know if anybody can say that. I think that's being too over-anxious. You should let the people decide," said Sablan.

He said he is now conferring

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Lawyer justifies 'FBI help'

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

LAWYER Bruce Jorgensen on Saturday said that he is "encouraged" by the Department of Public Safety commissioner's statement that there is no "cover up" in the \$23,000 Tinian burglary case. He added, however, that the Federal Bureau of Investigation's help is still needed to solve the case, which occurred more than seven months ago.

"Given the fact that in more than 95.7 percent of the 1,057 Saipan burglaries reported during the last year, no arrest has been made, I think CNMI residents have little choice but to conclude that these crimes are not being adequately investigated," Jorgensen said.

He alleged that criminals are not being prosecuted and CNMI law enforcement officials are either "unable or unwilling" to give adequate protection to burglary victims.

Castro, in an interview with the Variety, said the police is "doing a good job" on the Tinian burglary case in which Jose and Mary Charfauros lost jewelry valued at around \$13,000 and some \$10,000 cash.

Jorgensen is the couple's lawyer.

Loren Sutton, the Attorney General's Office Criminal Division chief, has said that the case is not the only one yet to be solved.

"Sometimes you just can't get the things you need (to solve cases quickly)," Sutton said.

He said that the police is so far doing a good job on the case.

"(However,) if Jorgensen talks too much he may screw it all up."



Bruce Jorgensen



Jose M. Castro



Loren Sutton

For his part, Jorgensen said he "does not agree" that the Department of Public Safety (DPS) is not prosecuting the suspects or taking other steps to solve the burglary case.

He alleged that the civil rights of his clients have been violated by the CNMI government's "misconduct."

The burglary, according to Jorgensen, was immediately reported to Tinian DPS officials including one who assured Mr. Charfauros that the suspect would be arrested and the case solved "this week."

DPS, he added, was given the "facts, evidence and names" seven months ago.

Jorgensen said Sutton should be "aware" that "on his watch, less than 5 out of 100 Saipan burglars" have even been arrested during the past year.

Ignoring the facts will not make those facts disappear. Misdirected hostility (from Sutton) at persons, like Mr. Charfauros, other victims, or myself, for citing facts as grounds for concern and FBI intervention will not make those facts disappear. Solutions are needed."

The suspects are said to be closely related to senior Tinian DPS officials.

The callers were also quoted

as saying that the jewelry stolen was being offered for sale on Tinian and Saipan.

Jorgensen said that all these information were then reported to various Tinian DPS officials including one who assured Mr. Charfauros that the suspect would be arrested and the case solved "this week."

Asked if some of the suspects are related to certain Tinian police officials, Castro said he expects members of the police force to do their work even if it means arresting their own relatives.

"If we can't do that then we have to resign from the police force," he said.

The officials reportedly said that an arrest would be made "soon."

During the following weeks, Jorgensen said, Mr. Charfauros was contacted by other Tinian residents claiming to know the identities of the suspects who had been "repeatedly overheard expressing their confidence that they would avoid arrest, prosecution and conviction for their crime."

He also stressed that Gov. Froilan Tenorio "still has the last say on this."

Tenorio may choose Camacho's replacement from Sablan's list or elsewhere, Sablan said.

Under his reorganization powers, Tenorio reserves the authority to appoint officials beginning from division directors and up.

Sablan said he prefers to have a DOLI official for the replacement since "what we need is someone who has knowledge of the Department's thrust and dynamism."

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DPHS eyes village clinics

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE DEPARTMENT of Public Health Services is planning to establish more primary health care outlets in other villages.

DPHS Secretary Dr. Isamu J. Abraham told the Variety that the health service offices would likely be in Agana, Tanapag and San Roque.

Abraham cited that in 1987, the Sanitation Unit was relocated from the Commonwealth Health Center to San Antonio to accommodate the growing needs and services of health care for women, children and infants at CHC.

In 1995, Abraham said the Sanitation Unit increased staffing and the office space was getting scarce.

Because of limited space, the



Dr. Isamu J. Abraham

children and infants for the most populated areas of Saipan such as Kolobville, San Antonio, Chalan Kanoa, and San Jose prompted DPHS to renovate the San Antonio public health clinic, Abraham said.

The need to provide health service for increasing adolescent/youth population, the secretary added, warranted the need to relocate the Sanitation Unit in San Antonio to Navy Hill.

Moving the San Antonio Sanitation Unit to merge with the Navy Health Sanitation Unit will enhance and improve the services to both the business establishments and the general public, Abraham said.

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The workshop will apply to all industries in the CNMI and it will be the last free workshop under a grant sponsored by OSHA and the Department of Interior that began 19 months ago. Employers and Employees are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

Alfred Johnson, the manager of the Outreach and Training Program stated that the College is continuing its effort to obtain funding so that they may be able to provide a much needed service to the community.

If you are interested in attending this workshop call Ms. Coleman at the College at 234-5498 extension 1102.



REPUBLICAN TANDEM. Senate President Jesus R. Sablan (left) and former Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio share a laugh with a guest during the thanksgiving party they hosted yesterday for CNMI voters. The party was held in Kilili Beach in Susupe.

HPO vows to protect archaeological find

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

THE GOVERNMENT is planning a proper burial for human remains excavated at a project site in Garapan, according to the Historic Preservation Office.

Pre-Spanish human remains were among those dug up by archeologists at the Garapan Samoanhousing area where the private developer Nakamoto Company plans to build a hotel and resort complex.

HPO director Joseph Deleon Guerrero said Nakamoto will, as the Coastal Resources Management permit stipulates, bear the costs of the interment.

Also excavated at the project site were various pre-Spanish artifacts including fishhooks and carved human bone spearheads.

Members of the House of Representatives wrote to CRM Executive Director Manny Sablan last month, urging the CRM and the HPO to pursue further diggings in the site.

"This area could be the last place on Saipan that offers these treasures," the House members said.

Guerrero, in a letter to Rep. Stanley Torres said, preliminary excavations "are part of the testing phase of these investigations which are being undertaken to determine the nature and extent of the cultural resources present within the Nakamoto project site."

"Since pre-historic cultural resources, including human remains, have been identified, our first priority is to ensure

the in-place preservation. This policy, which essentially can be described as 'if you don't need to disturb it, leave it alone' is the preferred option in cultural resource management," Guerrero told Torres.

He said HPO is exploring various options "to avoid disturbing areas containing significant cultural resources."

One option is the re-designing of the hotel plan, Guerrero said.

"Where such resources cannot be avoided by redesigning, full archaeological excavations will be undertaken to recover artifacts, human remains and other significant material as part of the second phase of investigations," the HPO chief said.

"Building footprints as well as other impact areas (including swimming pools, tennis court etc.) will be completely excavated by archeologist prior to construction to ensure that all significant artifacts, burials and materials are recovered under full scientific controls," Guerrero wrote.

As for the interment plans, Guerrero said, Nakamoto is required to shoulder the burial costs including the development of a memorial.

"The reburying of the human remains and the development of interpretive development will be supervised by the HPO," Guerrero said. "It is our desire to see that hotels and resort in the Commonwealth incorporate aspects of our history and culture in their development theme and we hope to make this project a shining example."

Experiential training introduced at college

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

THE Northern Marianas College is introducing the Experiential Training Program (ETP) for students to enhance their understanding of their chosen career paths.

According to the Cooperative Education Program, which will handle the training, this objective would be accomplished through total quality improvement workshops and hands-on experience in appropriate training settings in the college.

According to NMC President Agnes McPheters' Report presented during the Board of Regents meeting last week, the ETP aims to instill the "values of developing and demonstrating positive work attitudes, de-

veloping listening skills (and) mastering effective communicative skills."

"Students will gain added career knowledge by mastering the tasks set by their participating training sites, thereby providing them with a training program that will increase their employment possibilities during and after their completion of degree program," the report said.

Students eligible to participate in the ETP are those with a declared major and are equally eligible for the Educational Assistance Program. They must also have a minimum grade point average of 2 and are registered in subjects with nine credits for the semester.

The money was handed over to PNG's ambassador to Fiji, Babani Maraga this week.

In a note to the embassy, the Forum's deputy secretary general (programmes) Nikenike Vurobaravu asked Maraga (Mr) to convey to the government and people of PNG, the South Pacific Secretariat's deepest regrets at the devastation and loss of lives caused by the eruption of the Manam volcano.

Vurobaravu said he hoped the money will contribute in some small, but meaningful way to the government of PNG's relief operations.

The forum secretariat's donation is from the secretariat's Regional Natural Disaster Fund which was set up many years ago to assist island member countries in times of natural disasters....Pacnews

Rongelap to push nuke cleanup

By Giff Johnson
For the Variety

MAJURO—With U.S. Congressional approval of a trust fund for conducting a nuclear cleanup at Rongelap, leaders from this atoll are poised to begin the first serious steps towards planning the rehabilitation and eventual resettlement of this northern Marshalls' atoll that was engulfed in radioactive fallout from the 1954 Bravo hydrogen bomb at Bikini.

But even this \$45 million isn't enough. Matayoshi said that the money they've received so far from the U.S. is clearly inadequate for decontaminating all the islands in Rongelap, particularly the more radioactive northern islands. There are more than 50 islands in Rongelap's necklace of low-lying coral islands.

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Matayoshi said. In the Congressional legislation passed earlier this year, the Congress agreed to provide an additional \$20 million (bringing the fund up to

\$32 million), with another \$8 million appropriate to the Department of the Interior to use for grants for various construction and related projects at Rongelap.

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"People in the community will feel much more comfortable about moving back if the northern islands are rehabilitated," he said. "We also have to look at Ailingnae and Rongerik (neighboring atolls that were also dusted by nuclear test fallout)."

When a more detailed proposal for rehabilitation can be worked out, it will provide the Rongelap community with the information it needs to evaluate plans to return home, Matayoshi said.

Matayoshi and Benjamin are

happy that the U.S. government is now backing their efforts to rehabilitate Rongelap, but they are worried by indications from Department of Interior that wants Rongelap to use its trust fund and not just the income earned from investments on Wall Street to finance the nuclear cleanup.

Both Matayoshi and Benjamin said that Rongelap is firm in wanting to leave the trust fund alone, and only use interest earned from the investments for rehabilitation, as well as the \$8 million that Interior has for grants for Rongelap.

This is a point of contention that Matayoshi is hopeful they can iron out in meetings with U.S. officials starting next month.

"We'll be negotiating this with Interior in the next two months," Matayoshi said.

"We don't want to invade the trust for the long term benefit of the community."

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Elsewhere in the Pacific

Pilot error, bad weather cited as factors in crash

PORT MORESBY (PNS)—Pilot error and the weather may have caused the plane crash at Porgera in Papua New Guinea this week which left four people dead and one critically injured.

Investigations by PNG's Air Safety Investigation officers soon after the crash indicate that the aircraft may have stalled while pilot Nicholas Lee was avoiding cloud at the landing end of the airstrip,

causing him to lose control and the plane to hit the runway, exploding upon impact, Post-Courier reports.

Air Safety Investigation director John Knox says clouds covered the landing threshold of Runway 23 while the other half was clear.

The pilot tried to land the aircraft on the clear end, about 500 meters down the runway.

It appeared that he flew in over the side boundary fence

and tried to turn the aircraft in the direction of the runway, but it stalled in the turn and he lost control.

The aircraft then hit the runway with its right wing and flipped over, crashing the cockpit and sliding across the runway upside down before coming to a rest on the bitumen.

A fire broke out after the impact followed by two explosions of the fuel tanks.

Pinkeye spreads in Tonga

NUKU'ALOFA (PNS)—An epidemic of conjunctivitis or "red eye" is currently affecting the people of Tonga.

Medical officer in charge of the Eye Department of the ministry of health Dr Afu Taumoepeau says this type of conjunctivitis is more infectious than the usual type that people normally suffer from, Radio Tonga reports.

He says the epidemic is caused by a virus. Dr Taumoepeau says he has seen more than 200 people

High court to hear case vs Solomons newspaper

HOJIARA (PNS)—The High Court of Solomon Islands will on Wednesday next week hear a case against the Solomon Star newspaper in which an expatriate is suing the newspaper for an undisclosed sum.

The expatriate, a former security advisor to government, is suing the Solomon Star over a story published in the newspaper two years ago, alleging that he was involved in clandestine activities, SIBC reports.

The story was written by journalist Duran Angiki. He was dismissed by the paper's management following the publication of the item. Angiki, who is now studying journalism at the University of the South Pacific is also named in the case along with the editor.

PNG gov't to cut public services

PORTMORESBY (PNS)—The Papua New Guinea government has set up a public sector review committee for trimming the public service.

National Planning Minister Moi Awei told a news conference there was a need to cut down on the public service in certain govern-

ment departments, NBC reports. Moi says the first four departments to work on are home affairs, prime minister's office, environment and commerce and industry.

The committee is to be chaired by Misty Baloi, the vice-chancellor of the University of Technology.

Expats in Vanuatu warned not to bend immigration law

VANUATU (PNS)—Vanuatu's minister of foreign affairs and

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Downer to visit S. Pacific nations

CANBERRA (PNS)—Australia is keen to re-affirm to South Pacific nations its continued support for the work of key regional organizations.

This will be a key element in the visit next week to New Caledonia, Western Samoa, Fiji and Tonga of the Australian foreign minister, Alexander Downer.

During his official tour from December 17 to 21, Downer will visit the South Pacific Forum Secretariat in Suva, the headquarters of the South Pacific Commission in Noumea and will open the Alafua campus of the

Supplies for American Samoa hospital arrive

APOG PAGO (PNS)—Emergency medical supplies for the LBJ Tropical Medical Center are scheduled to arrive in American Samoa Saturday averting a life-threatening shortage.

The supplies are from Perry Point, a United States company who had previously withheld a 1-million US dollar order of essential medicine and supplies until it was paid debts owed by the hospital.

The expatriate, a former security advisor to government, is suing the Solomon Star over a story published in the newspaper two years ago, alleging that he was involved in clandestine activities, SIBC reports.

The unpaid debts are blamed on the American Samoa government's cash flow crisis.

The US department of interior has given 600,000 dollars to the

immigration, Willie Jimmy, has warned expatriates living in Vanuatu not to bend immigration laws.

Jimmy warned in a statement in parliament that his ministry is aware of some foreigners who are living in Vanuatu illegally with improper residency permits or visas, the Trading Post reports.

He said the principal immigration officer had on many occasions abused his powers in issuing visas and residency permits.

The minister also called on investors on 4-month permits to leave the country when their permits expire and re-apply from outside.

"Too many foreigners want to bend the laws and apply for a visa or residence permit when they are already in Vanuatu, this is not right," Jimmy warned.

Kiribati gov't to buy brewery?

WELLINGTON/APIA (PNS)—Reports from Western Samoa say the Kiribati government is interested in buying the brewery division of the Apia Bottling Company (ABC).

The Samoa Observer says a Kiribati delegation has visited the site and is now to return to Tarawa to discuss the venture, RNZI reports.

A spokesman for the ABC, Tom Overhoff, told the newspaper they've offered them the plant and its now up to the delegation to discuss it with their government.

After bout with viral infection

Ramos checks out of hospital

Grand Duke of Luxembourg, who was visiting Manila.

During his confinement, Ramos received flowers sent

by former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos, who was confined in a nearby room for a medical check-up, an aide and

hospital staffers said.

Brig. Gen. Jose Calimlim, who is in charge of Ramos's security, said the president has

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Ruling on Chun, Roh appeals out Monday

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - A court will rule Monday on appeals by two former presidents convicted and given harsh sentences for their roles in a 1979 coup and a massacre the following year.

Chun Doo-hwan, sentenced to death, and Roh Tae-woo, given 22 1/2 years in prison, deny they plotted a mutiny to seize power or ordered a military crackdown that killed hundreds of pro-democracy protesters.

Seoul High Court, an appellate court, is scheduled to rule Monday. If turned down, both defendants can appeal to the Supreme Court, South Korea's highest court.

The case against the two former leaders is the centerpiece in the nation's efforts to come to terms with the harsh military rule of the past.

South Korea was governed by generals until Kim Young-sam took power in 1992 as the nation's first civilian leader in 32 years. Kim has since carried out wide-ranging reforms aimed at eradicating their legacy.

Chun and Roh also were convicted of taking bribes from businessmen and were fined \$ 270 million and drs 350 million, respectively.

The Seoul court also will rule on the appeals by 11 businessmen and former presidential aides sentenced to up to seven years in jail for bribing Chun and Roh or helping arraigned corrupt deals.

China criticizes Fiji for Taiwan visit

BEIJING (AP) - China accused Fiji Thursday of going back on its U.N. commitments by sending its president to Taiwan.

Taiwan is home to the Nationalist government that lost the mainland in a civil war with the Communists in 1949. Beijing regards the island as a renegade province, not a sovereign state.

Fiji and Taiwan signed an agreement in October to recognize each other as sovereign countries but they do not have diplomatic ties. Fiji's presi-



Kim Kyung Ho, 61, in a wheelchair and 16 members of his family arrive at Seoul's Kimpo International Airport from Hong Kong, last Monday. The 17 North Koreans from a single family stepped onto South Korean soil Monday, ending an ordeal that turned into the largest single defection from North Korea since the Korean War. No details were available about their escape route through China or how they slipped into Hong Kong, which is some 2,000 miles south of their North Korean home town. AP Photo

North Koreans facing winter food shortage, says western aid worker

By JOHN LEICESTER

BEIJING (AP) - Without proper heating to stave off the cold, hungry North Koreans have been forced to raid their lean winter food stocks, a Western aid worker said Sunday after visiting the stricken country.

Video footage shot in North Korea last week by Kathi Zellweger of Caritas, a Catholic relief agency, showed people winnowing rice stalks which had already been winnowed, to see if any more rice could be gleaned.

"That, together with the floods, has brought about this very difficult situation," she said in an interview.

Aid officials predict a shortfall of at least 2 million tons of grain, or 40 percent of the amount needed to feed North Korea's 24 million people, next year.

The floods this year and last further crippled North Korea's already ailing agricultural sector and forced its secretive, isolated government to accept international aid, breaking its usually rigid espousal of self-reliance.

There is inadequate fuel for heavy machinery, farming is done by hand, industry is stagnating, and pesticides and fertilizers, needed for a good harvest, are lacking, she said.

The floods also killed thousands of people and destroyed thousands of homes, according to government accounts and aid officials.

Caritas last week ordered 1,400 tons of rice from Thailand that will arrive in North Korea in early January and is destined for Itchon, a hard-hit, mountainous county of 75,000 people about 160 kilometers (100 miles) south of the capital Pyongyang, Zellweger said.

Floods hit Itchon after crops were planted and people were only able to gather 40 percent of their usual harvest, she said.

"They are deeply concerned about how to get through winter," she said. "Because people were very hungry they ate a lot of the crop already. I think we will have a very lean period come March onwards."

"There is no proper heating so the buildings are freezing cold," she added. "The harsh winter will weaken the people."

Cases of pneumonia, bronchitis, coughs and colds are expected to increase, she said.

She also said the international response to aid agencies' appeals has not been enough, partly because so little is known about North Korea.

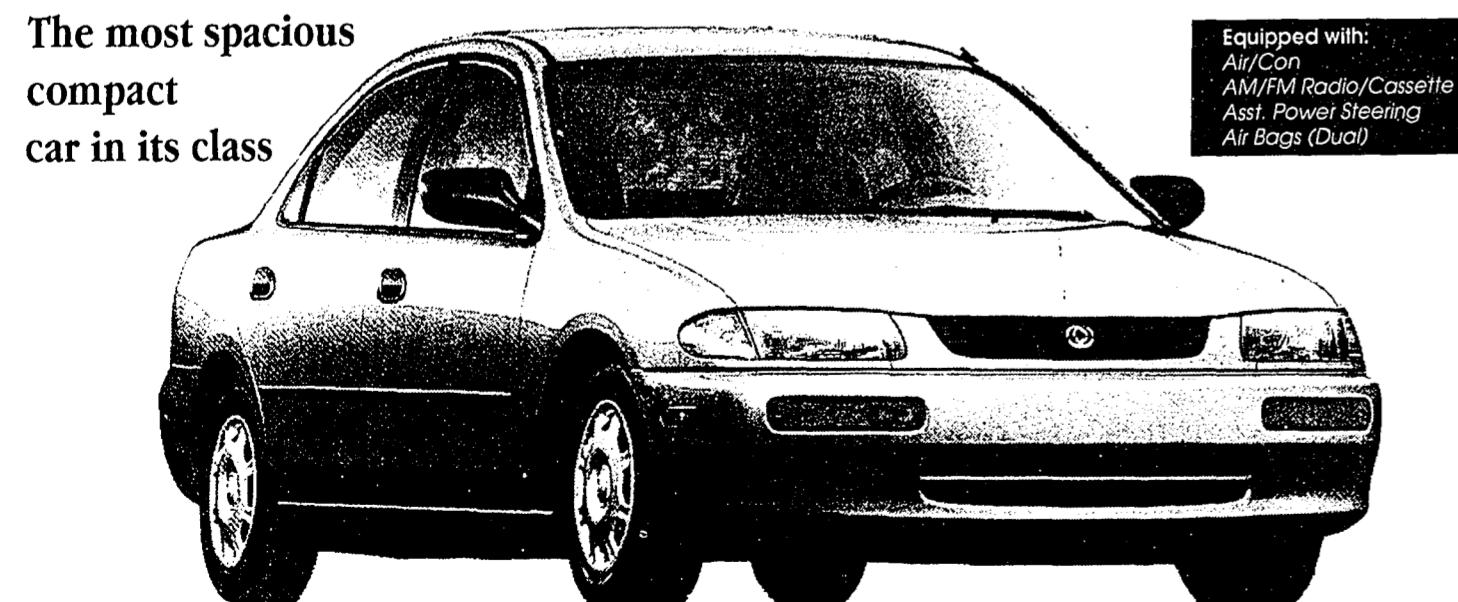
Zellweger said she believed North Korea will need to reform its agricultural sector and seek international loans to solve its problems.

"I don't think that the international community can rescue the country," she said.

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Chechens seize Russian troops

MOSCOW (AP) - A group of armed Chechens took over a Russian post on the border of their separatist republic, capturing 22 Russian troops, and efforts were being made Sunday for the troops' release.

The Interior Ministry troops, deployed in the Russian region of Dagestan to guard its border with Chechnya, were seized Saturday by about 40 armed men and taken to Chechnya, Russian news agencies said.

The Chechens captured the troops after being forbidden to cross into Dagestan unless they left their weapons behind, the reports said.

Dagestan's Interior Ministry said the Chechen gunmen

were led by Salman Raduyev, a notorious rebel field commander.

Russian representatives on a joint Russian-Chechen peace commission demanded Sunday that the troops be released immediately, warning that such provocations threaten the peace settlement.

Separatist Chechen leaders,

who dominate the coalition government, said they were trying to resolve the crisis.

Representatives of federal troops and Chechen law enforcement agencies left Sunday morning for talks with the Chechen gunmen, the ITAR-Tass news agency said.

A peace deal signed in August ended 20 months of fighting between the Russians and separatists, although there have been isolated shootings and other confrontations.

Russian troops are pulling out of Chechnya and Moscow has agreed to complete the withdrawal before presidential and parliamentary elections are held in the republic on Jan. 27.

Czech vets wonder why chemical detection never analyzed

By JUDITH INGRAM
PRAGUE, Czech Republic (AP)

- In a desk drawer in his drab office on the outskirts of Prague, Lt. Vladimir Braun keeps the worn notebook in which he recorded his unit's activities during the 1991 Gulf War.

One handwritten notation, made at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 19 in a Saudi desert camp, said troops in the Czechoslovak chemical monitoring unit had found low concentrations of mustard gas and nerve gases, probably from a cloud after an explosion inside Iraq.

"That's when we started asking the Ministry of Defense: 'What have you done with the documents and everything we brought back from the Gulf?'" recalled Maj. Petr Zelinsky, the veterans' spokesman.

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prove to his government that his unit had submitted reports of chemical detections to the Prague Defense Ministry.

At their first reunion in 1992, some had noticed changes in their health. They had read of illness among U.S. veterans, and knew some Americans blamed exposure on Iraqi chemical weapons.

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just this year that some U.S. commanders ordered troops to disregard the Czech unit's reports.

The Pentagon released logs in September confirming the Czechs told the Americans of gas being released. The Pentagon said the reported incidents were not considered a threat.

Until recent revelations that U.S. troops detonated an Iraqi bunker containing chemical toxins in March 1991, the U.S. government had denied Americans might have been exposed to chemical or biological agents.

The Czechs put on gas masks and other protective gear several times; the Americans did not follow suit, said Vaclav Hlavac, a retired Czech officer who monitored chemical gas during the war.

Of 30 Czech Gulf War veterans surveyed by the English-language Prague Post, 11 said they were ill. Seven attributed their maladies to service in the Gulf.

Czech veterans say their government did not thoroughly check soldiers' health. Suman countered that only 39 accepted when all were invited for repeat checkups after being examined right after the war.

"None of the checkups showed that their health problems would... be caused by their stay in the Gulf," Suman said.

His ministry has now agreed to investigate the veterans' health complaints, and to compensate soldiers whose health suffered - if a link with Gulf service is proved.

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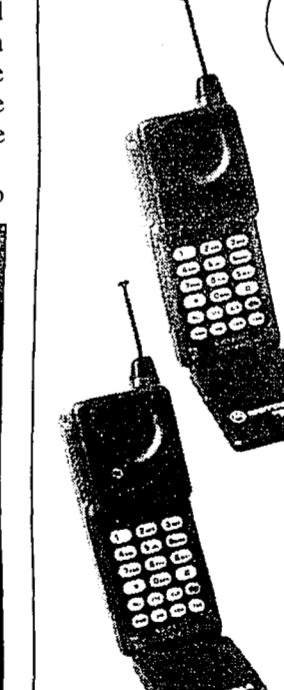
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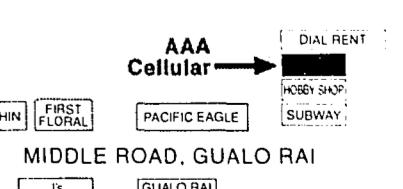
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AGENDA

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
- D. REPORT OF THE HEARING OFFICER
- E. REPORT OF THE LEGAL COUNSEL
- F. REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
- G. REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
- H. CORRESPONDENCE
- I. OLD BUSINESS
 - 1. Credit Union - Budget/Update
 - 2. Appeal of Blue Horizon
 - 3. Appeal of J.C. Camacho
 - 4. By Laws: Board Action
 - 5. GHLI Plan Document
- J. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1. GHLI Agreement
 - 2. Reemployment Concurrence - Mr. Jose T. Pangilinan
- K. MISCELLANEOUS
 - 1. Report from the Fund Custodian
 - 2. Provident Investment Counsel - Investment Summary
 - 3. George D. Bjurman & Associates - Investment Portfolio Oct. 21, 1996
 - 4. Nicolas/Aggregate - Growth Equity Performance Report
 - 5. Renaissance - October Monthly Appraisal
 - 6. Technical Analyst Report
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AP Photo

Thai army chief warns erring military officers

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - The commander-in-chief of Thailand's army is telling officers involved in criminal activities to quit their crooked ways or quit the military.

The views of Gen. Chettha Thanajaro appeared in a newspaper under an article entitled "The Main Concerns of the Boss" and were reported in Sunday's Bangkok Post.

Gen. Chettha warned officers involved in extortion, prostitution, gambling and providing hit men to cease these activities or resign.

Senior officers were recently implicated in an extortion ring in Chiang Mai in northern Thailand.

Gen. Chettha also said that there was no corruption or kickbacks in arms purchases, and rumors to that effect were spread by arms dealers who failed to land lucrative contracts.

Anti-corruption commission sends two cases to high court

By GRETCHEN PETERS

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - The anti-corruption commission on Sunday sent its first two cases to the high court Sunday, nearly six weeks after it was created to root out corrupt politicians.

Pakistan's new Accountability Commissioner and retired Supreme Court judge Ghulam Mirza said corruption charges have been laid against Nawaz Khokhar, former Science and Technology minister and Riffat Askiri, former chairman of a state-run oil company.

Mirza said both cases were based on documented evidence which showed official records were "severely bungled."

The anti-corruption law, which took effect last month, gives the court a 60-day deadline to hear and rule on the corruption charges.

The anti-corruption commission was set up following the dismissal last Nov. 5 of Benazir Bhutto's government on charges of runaway corruption and economic ineptitude.

Kokhar, a minister in her disgraced government, is accused of acquiring several acres of prime residential property in the federal capital "at a much lower cost" than its commercial value, said Raja Kumar, a member of the account-

ability commission.

Kumar refused to give details.

Askiri, a former chairman of the state-owned Oil and Gas Development Corporation, which awards contracts to foreign investors, is being charged with misusing his position for personal financial gain, Kumar said.

If convicted both men could be barred from seeking election for five years, face a seven-year jail sentence, stiff fines and see their personal assets frozen.

Their cases will be heard by a three-judge panel and they are allowed one appeal before the Supreme Court.

The cases were registered as the accountability commission comes under increasing criticism because not a single government official or politician has been charged since Ms. Bhutto's government was dismissed.

Kokhar was accused of massive fraud but was granted bail after defecting to Ms. Bhutto's party earlier this year.

Mirza said complaints have been "pouring into the office" and more cases would be sent to the court this week. But so far no complaints have been filed against senior government officials like Ms. Bhutto, her husband, Asif Ali Zardari and opposition leader and former prime minister Nawaz Sharif.

Cease-fire brings calm to Tajikistan

DUSHANBE, Tajikistan (AP) - Fighting has died down in Tajikistan between government troops and opposition forces in line with a recent cease-fire, a presidential spokesman said Sunday.

A U.N.-brokered cease-fire took effect in the volatile Central Asian nation on Thursday, but fighting was reported through Friday. The government accused the rebels of besieging a commando battalion near Garm in eastern Tajikistan and staging other attacks.

Calm was restored Saturday in Garm and other eastern areas, Zafar Saidov, spokesman for President Emomali Rahmonov told the Interfax news agency.

Fighting also stopped Saturday in Komsomolbad, the scene of recent battles, according to Saidov.

Continental-Delta merger talks off

HOUSTON (AP) - A deal to merge two of the largest airlines in the United States - Delta and Continental - appears to be off.

In a telephone message to employees, Continental Airlines Chief Executive Gordon Bethune says the carrier is no longer in merger discussions.

"We are not in any discussions, nor do we have any plans to have any discussions with anyone," Bethune said without mentioning Delta by name.

Continental spokesman Ned Walker, when pressed for details, told Saturday's Houston Chronicle, "Gordon's message speaks for itself."

Reports surfaced this month that Continental, the fifth largest U.S. airline, initiated talks with Delta, the third largest. The Houston-based Continental and the Atlanta-based Delta wouldn't comment on the re-

ports.

In his message Friday, Bethune said the airline will continue to monitor developments in the industry, especially the effects of a proposed British Airways-American Airlines alliance.

He referred to the numerous questions he's received from

employees and "all the press speculation, and I just think it's time to probably put this all behind us." He said Continental has had preliminary discussions with many different airlines in the recent past, but those are over.

Bethune did not address which side - Delta or Continen-

tal - pulled the plug on the discussions. Continental reportedly had first approached Delta and various executives on both sides had sat down for meetings.

A spokesman for Delta in Atlanta continued the company's policy of not talking about any possible mergers or acquisitions, the newspaper reported.

Food poisoning death toll up to 12

New Hong Kong flags readied



A worker examines newly made Hong Kong flags bearing a Chinese red bud logo in a Shanghai, China, flag manufacturing factory. Six Chinese factories have been ordered by the government to make the new Hong Kong flags to be used after the British colony is turned over to China on July 1, 1997. AP Photo

GLASGOW, Scotland (AP) - A twelfth person has died in a mass outbreak of food poisoning believed caused by cooked meat infected with the E. coli bacteria, Scottish health officials said.

Some 400 people across southern Scotland now have symptoms of food poisoning, they said. Around 30 are being treated in hospital.

The latest victim, an 83-year-old woman from Wishaw near Glasgow, died Saturday. Officials believe she is the seventh person to die after eating cooked meat at a lunch for retirees at a church in Wishaw.

Officials believe the poisoned meat came from a butcher shop in Wishaw. It has been closed

until health officials complete their investigation.

The E. coli bacteria live in the intestines of cows and other animals. Humans usually are infected through contaminated meat, unpasteurized milk or untreated water.

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2. NANCY C. GARCIA	11/07/95 SPIM-95-X-359	BOAT REPAIR SHOP	LOWER BASE	PORT & INDUSTRIAL APC	APPROVED(12/03/96)
3. JIN APPAREL	10/04/95 SMS-95-X-324	BARRACKS	DANAN	MAJOR SITING	APPROVED(12/06/96)
4. SCAN INC.	12/02/95 SMS-95-X-367	FILMING	ALL SHORELINE APC	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED(12/04/96)
5. RAYMOND C. FLAWAU	11/2/95 SMS-95-X-368	BARHOUSE	ROTA	SHORELINE APC	UNDER REVIEW*
6. YAMAGUCHI FOTO OFFICE	12/04/95 SMS-95-X-369	FILMING	ALL SHORELINE APC	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED(12/06/96)
7. SHUEI-SHA INC.	12/05/95 SMS-95-X-370	FILMING	ALL SHORELINE APC	APPROVED(12/06/96)*	
8. BIG DOG CORP.	12/06/95 SMS-95-X-371	DRYDOCK	SEA PLANE RAMP	PORT & INDUSTRIAL APC	APPROVED(12/11/96)
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Tanks await prince's return

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) - Second Prime Minister Hun Sen warned Sunday that violence would erupt if opponents attempt to protect the exiled half-brother of King Sihanouk when he returns to Cambodia.

"I have prepared 45 tanks to attack if any forces are deployed

to protect (Prince Norodom) Sirivudh," Hun Sen said in a speech broadcast on national radio. "The fighting will be at Phnom Penh's Pocheontong airport."

Prince Sirivudh, the former secretary general of the Royalist Funcinpec party, was stripped of

his parliamentary immunity and placed under house arrest a year ago after allegations he was involved in a plot to assassinate Hun Sen.

In a deal brokered by the king, Prince Sirivudh was exiled to France and shortly thereafter convicted in absentia to 10 years im-

prisonment for illegal possession of weapons and criminal conspiracy. The one-day trial was widely seen as politically influenced.

Prince Sirivudh said in an interview published in the English-language Cambodian Daily last week that he intended to return to Phnom Penh within the next two months, even if it means imprisonment or death.

"Any plane which carries Sirivudh back to Cambodia will have a problem," said Hun Sen, adding that a BM-21 rocket launcher had already been positioned at Phnom Penh's international airport.

Thailand's top cop lost job due to his failure to curb the drug trade

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - Failure to curb the growing menace of illegal drugs led to the dismissal of Thailand's top cop this week, the Bangkok Post said Sunday.

Interior Minister Snoh Thienthong fired Police Chief Gen. Pochana Boonyachinda on Friday. Snoh Thienthong told the paper that the use of illegal drugs had skyrocketed since Pochana was put in charge of Thailand's police force two years ago.

Thailand is a key transit point for heroin flowing from Burma. The Thais have also witnessed an explosion of amphetamine use in recent years.

The amphetamine problem is considered so bad, the previous government increased the penalty to death for dealers of the drugs.

Newspapers and analysts have speculated, however, that Pochana's dismissal was the result of recent controversies that have embarrassed the month-old government of Gen. Chavalit Yongchayudh.

Pochana refused to investigate his deputy chief Gen. Salang Bunnag after Salang admitted ordering police to execute six amphetamine dealers who had already surrendered to police.

On the other hand, Pochana launched a disciplinary investi-

gation into Gen. Seri Temeyaves, a popular policeman widely regarded as incorruptible, because Seri said that some officers were accepting bribes from illegal gambling dens.

More than a thousand villagers marched on Bangkok last weekend in a show of support for Seri.

Thailand's police force has long been tainted by scandal and corruption, with officers implicated in various crimes from the theft of jewels from a Saudi prince, to serving as paid assassins, to extorting money from merchants and motorists.

Seri has said that as long as policemen are underpaid, corruption will continue.

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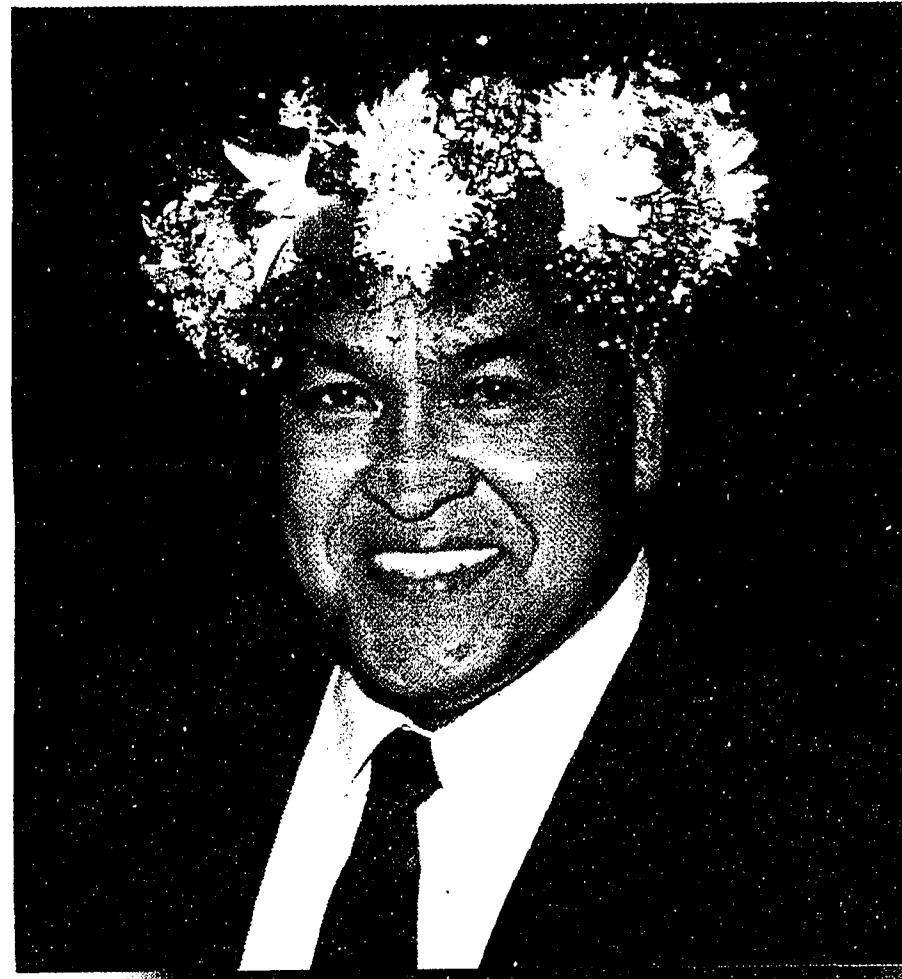
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A Burmese student and his child, both wearing National League for Democracy (NLD) headbands, display a portrait of NLD leader Aung San Suu Kyi during a demonstration outside the Burmese Embassy in Bangkok Monday. The students were protesting the Burmese military regime's recent arrests of student demonstrators in Rangoon. AP Photo



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Russia's Duma takes look at 1997 budget

MOSCOW (AP) - Russia's lower house of parliament is to take another look Sunday at the draft 1997 budget, a spending plan that has provoked heated debate.

The controversial budget appeared likely to be approved.

Parliament speaker Gennady Selznyov, a Communist, predicted Saturday that the debate would be "stormy," but said recent government amendments should satisfy most factions.

The vote was postponed on Dec. 6 when lawmakers said they needed more time to study the government's proposals.

Parliament's budget committee recommended Saturday that the new draft be adopted, despite opposition from its chairman, Mikhail Zadornov, who has said its revenue projections are unrealistic.

Yet despite his misgivings, Zadornov said he thinks the document has a good chance of passing, since spending is higher than in previous versions.

Critics of the government plan have said it doesn't do enough to boost welfare spending or ensure a return to economic growth.

The Communists, who dominate the State Duma, the lower house, agreed Saturday to support the latest budget draft pro-

vided certain demands were met.

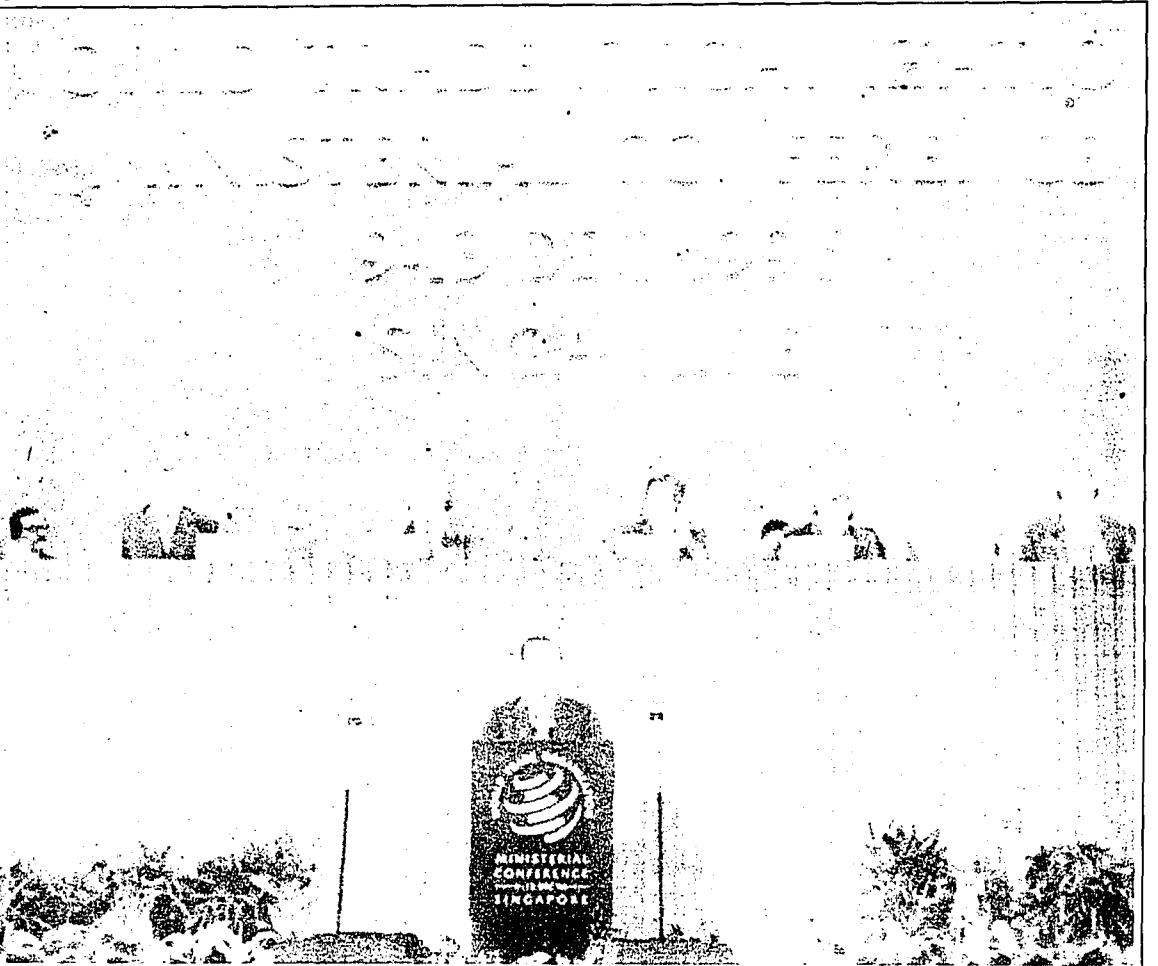
Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, appearing on television Saturday night, described a budget that appeared to meet the Communists' demands for a special "development" budget to improve Russian industry and for all overdue wages and pensions to be paid.

The State Duma rejected the government's original version in October and set up a joint parliamentary-executive committee to put together a revised version.

The government recently inserted 31 trillion rubles (\$5.6 billion) in new revenue and spending into the budget, not contained in earlier drafts. Officials said details of where that money will come from and how it will be spent will be a key issue in Sunday's discussions.

Without an approved budget, the law requires the government to operate in the first quarter by extrapolating revenue and spending trends from the fourth quarter of this year.

The draft under consideration Sunday contains broad outlines of the 1997 budget: spending, revenue and deficit figures. A fleshed out version is not expected to be approved until early next year.



Singapore prime Minister Goh Chok Tong Addresses the World Trade organization conference in Singapore. Ministers from 128 nations began the world's largest trade meeting to pave the way for freer commerce despite sharp differences among poor and rich nations.

AP Photo

Retiring Mondale leaves Tokyo

TOKYO (AP) - Walter Mondale ended a long political career Sunday when he left

Tokyo to retire to his Minnesota home after serving more than three years as U.S. ambassador to Japan.

Named ambassador in 1993, Mondale fought for more U.S. access to Japanese markets ranging from cars to cellular phones and worked on negotiations with Japan on a reduction in U.S. military bases

in Okinawa.

The ambassadorship capped a long political career. Mondale, 68, became a U.S. senator from his home state of Minnesota in 1965 and was elected vice president on Jimmy Carter's ticket in 1976, serving until 1981.

No replacement has been named for Mondale.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Coastal Resources Management Program (CRMP) will be holding a public hearing regarding Coastal Permit Application No. SMS-96-X-376 submitted by Top Fashion Corporation through their representative ESB Consulting Engineers for the proposed construction of a garment factory and two (2) storey staff housing building in Tanapag, Saipan.

The proposed project include storage areas, office spaces, a cafeteria and kitchen.

The public hearing is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 30, 1996 at 6:30 p.m. at the Tanapag Elementary School Cafeteria. A second and final notice will be announced at a later date.

The public is invited to attend and to submit written and/or to make oral comments regarding this project. All written and oral testimonies received shall be made a part of the permit application record, and shall be considered in any decision upon the subject application.

Please contact CRM at 234-6623/7320/3907, if you have any questions or require further information regarding this project.

/s/MANUEL C. SABLAR
Director
Coastal Resources Management Office

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FY 96 HOME Program

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), on behalf of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), is pleased to inform the general public that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has approved \$322,000 for the CNMI's FY 96 HOME Program. The HOME funds will be used for eligible rehabilitation and repair activities on residential dwelling units owned and occupied by very low-income families.

Eligible rehabilitation and repair activities include, but not limited to, the following: Construction or repair of sanitary water tanks and sewage disposal systems (septic), together with related plumbing and fixtures; altering of interior and/or exterior of unit to provide greater accessibility for disabled and/or handicapped household members; replacement or repair of deteriorating plumbing and hazardous electrical systems; construction of additional bedroom(s) where overcrowding; and other rehabilitator, and repair activities necessary to preserve the dwelling unit in a safe, decent, and sanitary condition.

Financial assistance will be made available to eligible homeowners primarily through low-interest (3% fixed rate) direct rehabilitation loans of up to \$15,000, with a maximum repayment term of fifteen (15) years. Deferred rehabilitation loans will be available, but only in situations where the applicant(s) demonstrates a critical need for financial assistance and proven lack of financial resources for repayment of amount requested.

The following requirements must be met, as a minimum, to be eligible for HOME Program financial assistance:

1. Combined gross annual income of all persons 18 years old or older, must be less than or equal to, the "very low-income limits" according to size of household, as prescribed by HUD;
2. Applicant(s) must own or have at least a 40-year leasehold interest on the property; and
3. The dwelling unit must be the principal residence of the applicant(s); and
4. The "after-rehabilitation" value of the property must be less than or equal to, 95% of the median purchase price for the type of housing (single-family unit) being assisted, as determined by HUD.

The time period for acceptance of HOME rehabilitation loans will begin on January 01, 1997 and run for period of time until NMHC determines that at least \$273,700 of the \$322,000 are exhausted and/or committed. Applications will be accepted on a "first-come, first-served" basis, provided they qualify.

Homeowners interested in obtaining a Rehabilitation Loan Application or more information about the FY 96 HOME Program are urged to visit our Central Office on Saipan or our Field Offices on Rota and Tinian. You may also contact us at telephone numbers 234-6866/9447/7670/7689 for Saipan residents; 433-9213 for Tinian residents; and 532-9410 for Rota residents.

It is NMHC's policy and commitment that interested "Minority and Women-Owned Businesses" (MBE/WBE) be given equal opportunity to compete for contracts for rehabilitation and repair work on properties to be assisted with HOME Program funds. Therefore, those MBE/WBE interested in bidding for rehabilitation and repair work are also urged to contact NMHC for more information.

"NMHC is an equal opportunity and fair housing public corporation."

Report: Cult chemicals found

TOKYO (AP) - A confession by a former member of a doomsday cult, whose guru is accused of masterminding the Tokyo subway gas attack, has led police to about 1.5 kilograms (3 pounds) of sodium cyanide buried in the mountains, Japanese newspapers reported Sunday.

Satoshi Matsushita, arrested ear-

lier this week after 18 months in hiding, led police to three containers filled with the toxic chemical used to make cyanide gas, Kyodo News and newspapers said.

Matsushita is accused of taking part in a botched cyanide attack at a Tokyo subway station in May last year. That plan failed because the device set up in a restroom was discovered before it started to release the

toxic gas.

Earlier this week, police found highly toxic VX nerve gas buried along the bank of a canal 12 miles west of Tokyo, following the confession by another former Aum member in custody.

In October last year, about 8.5 kilograms (19 pounds) of sodium cyanide were found in the mountains in Tochigi Prefecture.



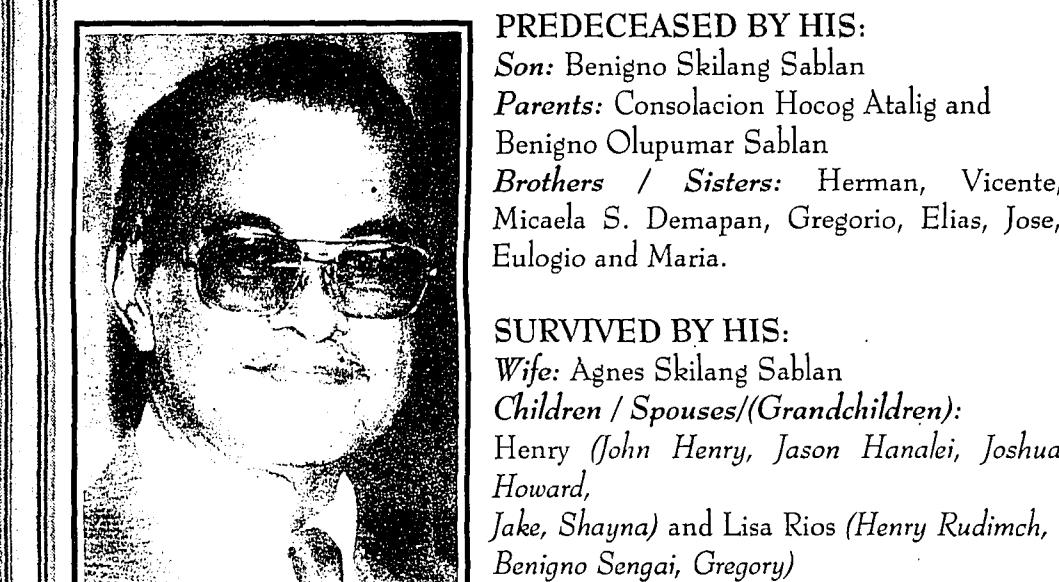
Japan's Crown prince Naruhito, center, plays the viola as the Gakushuin OB Orchestra performs Johannes Brahms' "Academic Festival Overture" during an annual concert at the university's hall in Tokyo. AP Photo

Message of Appreciation

We, the family would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to our families, relatives and friends. Your kindness given to us in our time of sorrow have helped us through these trying moments.

We are thankful for your prayers, words of comfort, personal help and unending support. You have touched us all and we will always remember you in our prayers.

Un Dangkul Na Si Yuus Ma'ase
The Family



PREDECASED 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 Reponsa 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.

ANC delegation ends China visit

BEIJING (AP) - An African National Congress delegation ended a visit here Sunday aimed at strengthening South Africa-Chinaties and relations with the ruling Communist Party, the state-run Xinhua News Agency reported.

The five-day visit, led by ANC Deputy Secretary General Cheryl Carolus, follows

President Nelson Mandela's announcement last month that Pretoria would establish up relations with Beijing within a year.

That will mean the end of South African diplomatic ties with China's rival government on Taiwan, because Beijing refuses to recognize countries that have official relations

Xinhua's announcement of the ANC visit came in a commentary lauding Chinese diplomatic efforts this year in Africa, where China and Taiwan compete in trying to woo countries to extend their recognition.

South Africa was the most important of the 30 countries,



Jiang Zemin



Nelson Mandela

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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

Class "E", four (4) Door Sedan, four (4) Cylinder, 12-16 valves with 90 or greater Horsepower, automatic transmission, power front disc, rear drums, electronic fuel injection. Other features include air conditioning, AM/FM radio cassette.

Vehicles must be CIF, Saipan, and it must have a manufacturer's extended warranty agreement for parts and labor for no less than two (2) years. A comparable replacement/courtesy vehicle must be provided while the vehicle is under repair or service during the warranty period. The vehicle must have rustproofing/undercoating, immediate delivery with a safety inspection and vehicle registration naming NMHC as the new owner, completed prior to delivery to NMHC.

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

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

MARYLOU ADA SIROK
Corporate Director



NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION AMENDED INVITATION TO BID

Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, are hereby giving notice that NMHC is soliciting sealed bids for the construction of the "REHABILITATION OF PINATANG PARK AND SWIMMING POOL" at Songsong Village, Rota, MP, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Bids in duplicate must be marked "CDBG-Construction, Pinatang Project", and must be submitted to Marylou Ada Sirok, Corporate Director, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, until 2:00 P.M., local time, Friday, January 17, 1997 at which time and place, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A bond of 15% of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond made payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 514 Saipan, MP 96950.

The bidder is required to submit with his/her proposal, 1) a copy of CNMI issued, current Business Licensed; 2) updated Financial Statement; 3) listing of existing and past projects including completion dates; 4) listing of manpower with copies of CNMI-issued Work Permits; 5) listing of equipments(s).

Specifications and Plans of the project are available on or after November 22, 1996 at the NMHC Office in Saipan. A non-refundable payment of \$250.00 is required for each set. A Pre-Bid Conference for this project will be held at the NMHC Conference Room on November 27, 1996 at 10:30 A.M.

Attention is called to Section 3 of the Housing and Development Act of 1968 which requires the provision of training and employment, and the awarding of contract for work on the project, to low income project area residents and business concerns. NMHC also notifies bidder that it will affirmatively ensure that, in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority and women's business enterprises will be accorded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation.

Attention is also called to the Labor Standard Provisions for Wage Rate Determination of the CNMI. Classification and Salary Structure Plans, and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project.

All bids documents received shall be the sole property of the NMHC with the exception of bid bonds, certified check or cashier's check which will be returned to bidders in accordance with section "Instruction to Bidders" page 1-2, paragraph No. 05, Bid Guarantee.

NMHC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of NMHC.

MARYLOU ADA SIROK
Corporate Director

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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works

CONSTRUCTION OF BEACH ROAD PATHWAY PROJECT

DPW96-ITB-004
Addendum No. 2
December 11, 1996

The Bid Opening date for this project has been extended as follows:

Former Bid Opening date: Monday, December 16, 1996, 4:00 p.m.
New Bid Opening date: Friday, December 20, 1996, 4:00 p.m.

All other requirements of the Invitation to Bid (ITB) and Addendum No. 01 will remain as stated.

/s/EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO
Secretary of Public Works

/s/EDWARD B. PALACIOS
Director, Division of Procurement & Supply

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Marianas Variety News & Views

PM announces coalition Cabinet

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) - Prime Minister Jim Bolger included four women and three indigenous Maoris in a new look ministerial lineup on Sunday, five

days after his conservative National Party formed a coalition with the populist New Zealand First Party.

Bolger said the 20-member Cabinet, along with six non-cabinet ministers, was a "bold reflection" of New Zealand's diversity.

"The range of experience, age and ideas makes this the

most representative executive in New Zealand's history. I am certain it will serve us well as we move towards a new millennium," he said.

Peters, a part-Maori law-

yer, announced on Tuesday that he would support Bolger's 6-year-old National Party government after two months of coalition negotiations followed an inconclusive Oct. 12 election result.

TWA 800 probe takes on a new crash theory

By PAT MILTON
SMITHSTOWN, New York (AP)

- Static electricity is the latest theory being examined by investigators seeking the cause of the TWA Flight 800 explosion, a safety board official said.

"This is a possibility but it's not the only one," the National Transportation Safety Board official said Saturday on condition of anonymity. "It's a very possible source but we are by no means certain."

The investigation of the July 17 explosion has been a process of elimination. Investigators say they have not ruled out the possibility that the Paris-bound plane was downed by a bomb, missile or a mechanical malfunction after it left Kennedy Airport.

Investigators believe the nearly empty center fuel tank on the Boeing 747 exploded but haven't pinpointed what ignited the blast.

As a result of its probe, the NTSB on Friday urged the Federal Aviation Administration to adopt rules that would improve the safety of fuel tanks, preventing possible explosions caused by heat, sparks or static electricity.

James Kallstrom, who is heading the FBI criminal probe into the crash, said Saturday he agrees with the NTSB recommendations, but is critical of those who are "speculating publicly on what caused this horrific tragedy."

"Law enforcement needs hard evidence as to whether this was or was not a criminal act," Kallstrom said.

In Washington on Saturday, relatives of the 230 killed in the explosion met privately with investigators. The family members,

especially those from Europe, volleyed dozens of questions at officials, and many were not satisfied with the response.

"We didn't hear very much," said Jose Cremades, of Strasbourg, France, whose 15-year-old son died in the explosion.

Friday's NTSB recommendations were the first from the investigation.

The board recommended tanks

be designed so they won't contain any explosive fuel-air mixtures, and adding insulation between the fuel tanks and heat-generating equipment such as air conditioners and hot air ducts.

The static electricity theory centers

on the possibility that static

built up around a pipe that carries

fuel through but not into the center

fuel tank. Just as static can

build around a pipe in a house, it

can also form around a pipe in an airplane.

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The static could have been cre-

ated by fuel spray that might have

escaped through a pinhole rup-

ture in the fuel pipe into the nearly

empty center fuel tank, igniting

vapors capable of exploding if

their temperature had risen to at

least 100 degrees (38 C).

Another possibility is that an

electrical spark might have

jumped out of a loosened joint in

the pipe, touching off the explo-

sion when the spark connected

with the hot vapors.

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China's new MBAs 'taking over'

By RENEE SCHOOF

BEIJING (AP) - The 29-year-old assistant president of the Beijing No. 1 Machine Tool Plant is a pioneer in the debt-bound world of China's state-owned industries.

Zhang Yong, the son of factory workers, has risen quickly in two years since the government assigned him to Beijing No. 1, one of China's biggest state factories. The key to his

success - earning an MBA.

The master's of business administration degree is still rare in China. Only about 500 Chinese have earned the degree since some of the country's universities started offering Masters of Business Administration programs in 1991. It's just a handful compared with the 300,000 MBAs one senior official recently estimated Chinabadly needs.

Better management is make-or-break issue for China's ailing state sector. State enterprises employ 109 million people, or more than two-thirds of the urban workforce. About three-quarters of the enterprises are in debt, and the growing losses are a serious drain on the state budget.

"History has given us young people a very good opportunity. The transition from a planned economy to a

market-oriented one is like a big stage," Zhang said in an interview at Beijing No. 1, a crumbling cement and brick factory built in the 1950s across the street from a five-star hotel and the International Trade Center.

The trade center symbolizes the hopes of most of Zhang's classmates. In foreign companies they might command salaries of 150,000 yuan (\$18,000) a year, Zhang said, compared to his own of closer to 10,000 yuan (\$1,200).

But he insisted: "The most important thing to consider is your future development."

Zhang sees a good future at Beijing No. 1. Unlike the majority of debt-encumbered state companies, it has plans to become a research, production and trade group, along the lines of giant Japanese or South Korean conglomerates. Its advantages include strong demand for its milling and boring machines, factory floors fitted with computer-aided design and production equipment, and its prime real estate.

Chen Qingtai, a senior official in charge of enterprise reform at the State Economic and Trade Commission, recently said in a speech that strengthening management training was one of the key steps in China's gradual approach to enterprise reform.

The MBA programs at 26 Chinese universities cover much the same courses as in the West. They also examine China's economy, particularly the struggles of state enterprises.

Factory managers cannot simply fire the workers they don't need. The government has been unwilling to lay off some 30 million unneeded workers all at once because it fears social upheaval. It also has ruled out privatization.

At the same time, China's economy is increasingly tied to the world's markets. It needs managers who understand the rules of the global economy.

"We will play a very important role in Chinese economic reform," said Zhao Chunjun, the deputy dean of the management school at presti-

gious Tsinghua University.

Since China's universities cannot meet the demand for professional managers, the University of Michigan Business School and other Western universities are helping develop MBA programs here.

The China-European International Business School in Shanghai, a joint venture of the government and the European Union, offers an MBA taught by foreign professors.

In addition, some foreign companies send employees to earn MBAs in Hong Kong or Singapore, while others operate their own management training programs in China.

Arthur K. Yeung, a University of Michigan Business School faculty member who studies China, said MBAs will be able to improve the management of state enterprises to some extent, but not dramatically in the short term.

The new-style managers will be restricted until politically controlled management systems are shaken up.

"The old factory leaders are like oxen pulling a cart," said Zhang, quickly adding he means that in the kindest way. "They're hard-working and down-to-earth, but they're limited in their thinking and experience."

Zhang said the Beijing University program was very practical and substantive - well worthwhile even though it means getting five hours of sleep a night, attending lectures two nights a week and on Saturdays and spending his Sundays doing homework.

Guest lecturers from companies like Ford have him excited about Beijing No. 1's prospects as a big player.

As it grows, it will need more than one MBA. Can it attract them?

"State enterprises have become a training ground, and that's unfair," Zhang said. "But if they can't think of ways to keep talent, it's going to be very difficult. People tend to stay only five years. The salary gap is just too big."

Officials back democracy move

Major crisis seen in Serbia

By MISHA SAVIC

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) - International officials backed opposition demands for more democracy and said the standoff between President Slobodan Milosevic and protesters was bringing Serbia toward a crisis.

The comments by officials responsible for overseeing peace in neighboring Bosnia bolstered opposition leaders days after Italy's foreign minister said it was unrealistic for them to expect Milosevic to restore their victories in Nov. 17 local elections.

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Milosevic returned to a tactic

used earlier in the protests, jamming live broadcasts on independent B92 radio. A male voice broke in at one point with: "Go home, everyone back to their homes!"

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Refugees cross from Tanzania

By MATTI HUUTANEN
RUSUMO, Rwanda (AP) - Returning to their homeland after 2 1/2 years in Tanzania, once-entrenched Rwandan refugees began to make their way back across the border.

The flow of people, which began with small groups on foot or bicycles, tapered off as night fell Saturday. But about two kilometers (a mile) behind those initial returnees, a dense 18-kilometer

(11-mile) column of refugees stretched beyond the horizon. The main group was expected to cross Sunday, aid workers said.

Earlier, Tanzanian soldiers and police had surrounded camps in the northwestern Ngara area and ordered the refugees to move out. Aid workers say they hope all 535,000 Rwandan Hutus remaining in Tanzania would return home.

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"This is my home," said Namani Munyantore, 26, carrying two sacks, one with a live chicken.

He said it had taken eight hours for him, his wife and two children, to walk 29 kilometers (18 miles) from Lumasi camp.

Last week, the Tanzanian government ordered all refugees to return to Rwanda by the end of the month.

But Hutu militants who controlled the camps led the refugees

deeper into Tanzania, vowing they would not go home. The militants said Rwanda's new Tutsi-led government would kill returning Hutus in retaliation for the 1994 slaughter of 500,000 minority Tutsis.

Tanzanian troops headed them off Friday and forced them to turn around and walk back toward four giant refugee camps - Benaco, Lukole, Musuhura, and Lumasi.

Tanzanian police and soldiers surrounded Lumasi on Saturday and told the 114,000 Hutu refugees to pack up and go. Within a few hours, the camp was nearly empty and refugees seemed resigned to return to Rwanda.

Munyantore said the Hutu militants fled rather than go back to Rwanda.

"The intimidators left the camp and went into the forest," he said.

Judith Melby, representative of the U.N. refugee agency, said it appeared that all of the camps were emptying. She said Tanzanian soldiers were lining the road from the bor-

der back about 25 kilometers (15 miles) to the Ngara area.

Most of those returning to Rwanda have homes within 30 kilometers (18 miles) of the border, so they won't have to walk far, said Michele Quintaglie of U.N. World Food Program.

WFP and other aid agencies

have set up stations every five kilometers (three miles), distributing water, medicines and high-protein biscuits.

"We're trying to give supplies without stopping the flow of people," Quintaglie said.

The refugees were moving in an orderly fashion, moving fast across the border. No violence was reported along the way.

More than a million Hutus

fled Rwanda in 1994, scattering

into nations that surround

the tiny country - including

Zaire, to the west, and Tanza-

nia, to the east.

Last month, 640,000

Rwandan refugees returned

home from Zaire when attacks by

Zairian rebels freed them from

the control of Hutu militants.



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Carey declares victory

Hoffa counts on challenged ballots in Teamsters election

By KEVIN GALVIN
WASHINGTON (AP) - Teamster Union President Ron Carey

has declared victory over the son of labor legend Jimmy Hoffa, promising to press on with his efforts to fight corruption and revitalize the once mighty union.

"This is not a victory for one man or a slate of candidates, it's a victory for all working people who want strong, honest unions," Carey said at union headquarters where supporters cheered his claim of election to a second five-year term.

Meanwhile, a federal overseer

was tallying the final ballots and James P. Hoffa remained confident that the outcome would depend on an accounting of challenged ballots.

"When the ballots are counted, it does appear it's going to be a very, very close race," Hoffa said. But he admitted the trend emerging from the vote count was against him. "It's not time for a concession speech, but it does look like it is possible that Ron Carey will be re-elected."

The official count announced Saturday night had Carey with 226,593 votes and Hoffa with 209,896, not counting 41,002 challenged ballots. Counting of the chal-

lenged ballots will begin Monday and is expected to take about a week to complete.

The total number of ballots cast

was 485,604, including those challenged and 2,806 voided by the overseer. Not every valid ballot contained a vote for president.

Carey supporters conceded the challenged ballots would be checked, but they were certain that wouldn't change the results. Carey claimed 52 percent of the vote.

To avoid federal racketeering charges, the Teamsters, primarily a union of truck drivers, in 1989 agreed to submit to an independent review board to investigate wrong-doing by union officials.

The union also agreed to let its 1.4 million members directly elect top union officers, and to have federal officials oversee those elections. Only about one-third of the members cast ballots in this election.

Carey began his first term in

February 1992. Working with regulators, he placed 66 local branches in trusteeship and suspended officers suspected of corruption. Carey says Hoffa's supporters are hurt

bation.

He was found guilty of violating probation by possessing drugs and sentenced on Dec. 2 to seven years in prison, the Los Angeles Times reported Saturday.

Watson, 30, was arrested six months ago after he was spotted drinking in public but refused to sign a citation, prosecutor Eleanor Hunter said. When he was taken out of the car to be arrested, officers found about a half-gram of cocaine in the vehicle, authorities said.

Beating suspect nabbed for violating his parole

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A man

convicted of beating trucker Reginald Denny during the 1992 riots in Los Angeles was sentenced to seven years in prison for violating his parole only a month before it would have ended.

Henry Keith Watson was one of four men charged with beating Denny and others April 29, 1992, a televised assault that became a symbol of the riots. Watson, a truck and limousine driver, was convicted of misdemeanor assault and given pro-

mised probation.

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Cadet suspended, others 'relieved' in hazing probe

CHARLESTON, South Carolina (AP) - A cadet at The Citadel military college has been suspended because of the alleged hazing of two female cadets, and three student officers have been relieved of military duties pending an investigation.

The State Law Enforcement Division and the FBI also are investigating allegations of physical and verbal threats against the women.

Four women were admitted to the state-supported military school when the college dropped its all-male policy. The change came after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled a similar policy at Virginia Military Institute was unconstitutional.

At least one male cadet was also a target of the incident, said Clifton Poole, the interim college president.

Poole said the incident did

not appear to be gender-related. Instead, it had to do with upperclassmen picking on new students.

Poole would not give the names of any of the cadets involved or details of the incident.

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Cuba Gooding Jr. makes move towards stardom

By KATHLEEN SAMPEY

NEW YORK (AP) - It could well be the role that launches him from "whodunit" to stardom.

But unlike the character he plays in the new movie "Jerry Maguire," which opened Friday, Cuba Gooding Jr. isn't counting on anything.

"It's so hard to predict," he says of where his latest role might lead. "If I'm accurate, it's out of luck. And if I'm inaccurate, I'll feel like an idiot for guessing in the first place."

Besides, he experienced the hype once before: Gooding was the Hot New Thing after winning raves for his role as "Tre" in 1991's "Boyz n the Hood," and was singled out for his outstanding performance opposite Dustin Hoffman in "Outbreak" in 1995.

This time, he gets star billing just behind Tom Cruise for the role of Rod Tidwell, a blustery, thin-skinned football player who demands that his agent "show me the money" while negotiating his new contract.

In real life, Gooding is the married father of two small boys, Spencer, 2, and Mason, one month. He says he became a born-again Christian at age 13.

Now 28, he reflects that everything he does is "a direct stem from God's plan."

"I'm a sinner and I fall to some of the enticing sins of the world," he says. "But my relationship with God has guided me."

Slightly hoarse from numerous interviews, Gooding sits down in a restaurant at the Four Seasons Hotel for his first meal of the day at 4:30 p.m.

Dressed in a dark-blue, pinstriped suit and yellow-print tie, Gooding exudes the cordiality and reserve of a minister when he declares, "All the benefits that I've received already make me feel undeserving of the blessings God has bestowed on me."

Methodically slicing into a lobster-with-bacon-sandwich, he continues, "The Old Testament is something you observe. The New Testament is something you learn from." It also contains his favorite quotation, which he can't immediately refer-

'Secrets and Lies' acclaimed L.A. critics' best for the year

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The English family drama "Secrets and Lies" won best picture, best director and best actress honors Saturday from the Los Angeles Film Critics Association.

The association of 45 film critics honored Mike Leigh as director and Brenda Blethyn as actress for the story of the turmoil created by a black woman's search for her birth mother.

The association's best actor award went to Australian Geoffrey Rush for his performance in "Shine," in which he played David Helfgott, the gifted pianist who resumed his career after a breakdown.

The brother-filmmaker team of Ethan and Joel Coen won the award for best screenplay for their darkly comic suspense film "Fargo."

Barbara Hershey won best supporting actress honor for her performance in "The Portrait of a Lady."

ence, but which he recites every night before bed: "I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me."

As for the temptations that might be viewed as inherent to being a rich and famous actor, Gooding insists that they are not exclusive to the entertainment industry.

As he sees it, potential transgressions constantly lurk in the way people rear their children, talk to their neighbors or deal with their employers.

"You don't think there's strip bars and things that tempt people in their everyday lives?" he asks.

If there's any temptation for him to fall by the wayside, Gooding says it lies in wanting to "sin upside the head" of some egotistical actors he's encountered in his career.

Relax. Tom Cruise isn't among them.

Gooding also appeared with Cruise in "A Few Good Men" in 1992 and found the actor "didn't push disrespect." He relaxes around you and allows you to be yourself. Some superstars push you to act their way."

But Gooding isn't a complete newcomer to the scene. His father was the lead singer for the Main Ingredient, whose 1972 hit "Everybody Plays the Fool," had the family living in luxury. They moved from the Bronx to Southern California where his parents eventually split up. He was only 6 at the time.

Then it was a bumpy road as his mother, Shirley, headed a household of three children. Gooding became interested in acting after playing "Pappy" in a high school production of "Li'l Abner."

A friend's mother was an agent and saw the play. She offered to represent Gooding and immediately began sending him on auditions for commercials and television shows.

His break came in a 1982 episode of "Hill Street Blues," in which he played a neighborhood thug. After the director admonished him several times for missing his mark, Gooding says it dawned on him that that was what the tape on the floor was for. He knew he needed to get serious.

The supporting actor award went to Edward Norton for a trio of performances in "Primal Fear," "Everyone Says I Love You," and "The People Vs. Larry Flynt."

"Michael Collins" and "The English Patient" tied for the cinematography award. Best music and score went to "Kansas City." Production design honors were shared by "Evita" and "The Portrait of a Lady."

British actress Emily Watson won the newcomer New Generation award for "Breaking the Waves." Claude Chabrol's "La Ceremonie" was named best foreign film.

Director Roger Corman received a career achievement award for a 40-year career that included directing 50 movies and producing 300 others. He also helped launch the careers of Ron Howard, Jack Nicholson, Martin Scorsese and Jonathan Demme.

Tough competition seen for Oscars

By LYNN ELBER

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Picture Madonna striking this pose: gracefully accepting the best actress Oscar for "Evita" come March.

The prospect may be enough to send the pop icon's fans into a frenzy, but they're best advised to restrain their enthusiasm. While Madonna is getting a modest share of Oscar buzz, she's got serious competition.

A host of critically acclaimed films, many featuring juicy performances from veteran actresses, are vying for Academy Award nominations. Ballots go out Jan. 8, with the nominations to be announced Feb. 11.

Academy voters have a rich field to consider, including likely best-picture contenders "Shine," "The English Patient" and "The Crucible."

"It's definitely a wide-open year," said Mark Gill of Miramax, which hopes to garner multiple nominations for its World War II romantic epic "The English Patient" and nods for several other films.

Consistently solid reviews, industry word-of-mouth and re-

spectable box-office grosses can help nudge a picture toward Oscar gold. But it's a lucky film that's also gifted with a promotional budget.

"Lone Star," a small jewel of a drama from filmmaker John Sayles ("The Secret of Roan Inish," "Eight Men Out") that opened last June, is getting a Tiffany-style Oscar campaign from distributor Sony Pictures Classics.

To improve the odds of a nomination, Sony sent out videocassettes of "Lone Star" two months ago to Academy members, trying to get out ahead of the other films certain to crowd voters' mailboxes.

"Another key to our campaign was to keep the film on the screen as long as possible," Sony Pictures Classics co-president Michael Barker said. "In Los Angeles, it's never been off the screen since June 21."

An Oscar bid "would mean a lot to John Sayles," Barker said. "What would please him the most is that any kind of Oscar recognition would cause the film to be seen by a wider audience."

For Sony, the greater pleasure undoubtedly is fiscal: "Lone Star," an intricate, passionate tale of life in a Texas border town, could add substantially to its \$13 million take with attention from Oscar.

Miramax's "The Crying Game," for example, grossed about \$20 million before it received multiple Oscar nomina-

tions; receipts rose to about \$63 million afterward. Grosses for Columbia's "The Last Emperor" climbed from \$11 million to \$45 million with Oscar nods.

"That's just the beginning of where the money comes in," Gill said. "Then there's home video, where you can double or triple what you might otherwise do, especially if you win."

Add international receipts, and you're talking real money.

The most rewarding award is best picture, which represents "the big bump, with far and away the most im-

pact on the economics of a movie," Gill said.

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Specifications and Plans of the project are available on or after November 25, 1996 at the NMHC Office in Saipan. A non-refundable payment of \$250.00 is required for each set. A Pre-Bid Conference for this project will be held at the NMHC Conference Room on December 02, 1996 at 10:30 A.M. Attention is called to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 which requires the provision of training and employment, and the awarding of contract for work on the project, to low income project area residents and business concerns. NMHC also notifies bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that, in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority and women's business enterprises will be accorded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation.

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Cing said he has "nothing against" the 44 FTEs.

"I don't even know who they are, but when you set up your priority I still believe that better roads and highways would have served more than just 44 persons."

He said better infrastructure would have helped lure investors to Tinian.

"And now Tinian has become a laughing stock because after the money for road improvements was diverted to pay for the FTEs, here comes the mayor requesting the governor to declare a state of emergency on Tinian, for road improvements!"

"Now that is a cheap shot."

Cing added that it is the mayor's memory that needed to be "refreshed."

"Let me ask the mayor. Where's the financial report for the casino that you promised to give to the Tinian Legislative Delegation?"

Cing said the report would have identified funding for Tinian projects.

Manglona, he said, "almost got into trouble" last year when the House of Representatives was about to look into Tinian's FTEs.

The mayor asked me for help. I told him he can do three things: reduce the number of his FTEs, or their work hours or their salaries.

"Instead, this year he increased the number of FTEs. Whatever his reasons for doing so, it's good for him politically. He's going to look good in this issue and I would look bad."

"But I'm not afraid because years from now I would still be correct. The money could have been better used for Tinian's road improvements."

Cing said Manglona should not "gamble with the employment of people."

"If there's no money he should say no. I like to teach him to say no. Later on, he's going to be fighting with those people because there's no money for their salaries."

Manglona, on Thursday, said that the local appropriation ordinance, which "covered" the 44 FTEs, was even "concerned" by the Tinian Legislative Delegation of which Cing is a member.

"For a year, I lobbied for the release of \$1 million which we could have used for road improvements, but now, how in the world would the legislators believe that we really need money for road improvements?"

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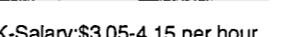
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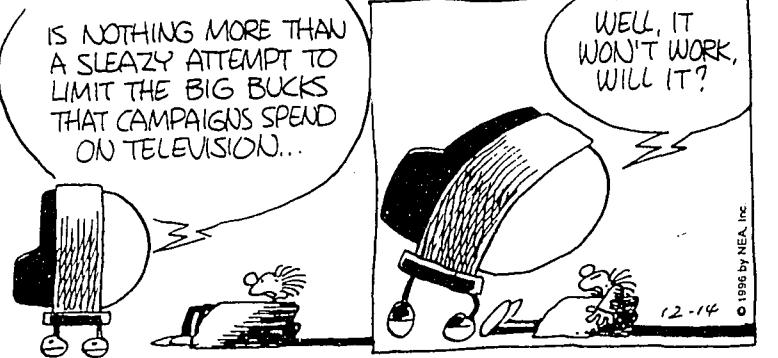
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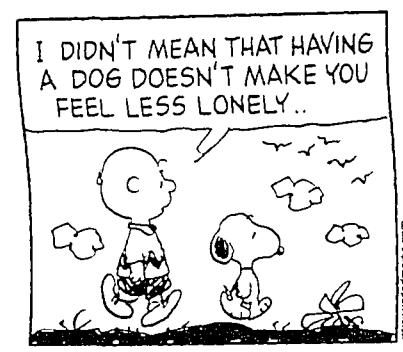
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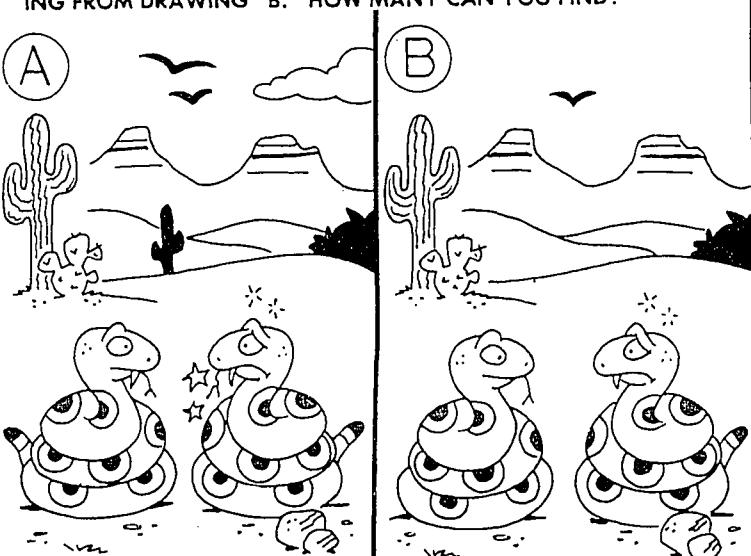
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SPORTS



AGC's first ever female winner

Cabrera '96 Amigo of the Year

By Erel A. Cabatbat
Variety News Staff

TIL CABRERA shot a net 67 in besting six other qualifiers to win the Amigos Golf Club's (AGC) Amigo of the Year (Ace of Aces) Tournament held yesterday at the Marianas Country Club.

Cabrera, who qualified for the AGC's final golfing event of the year by winning the November Ace tilt, toured the fairways with a gross 89. Her -22 handicap gave her a low net of 67 to finish five under par and become the AGC's first female golfer ever to win the Ace of Aces tournament.

"It is a big challenge for a female to win in a man's game. It really feels great winning the title," Cabrera said.

Jess Stoll shot 65 for the day's best score but his ineligibility to compete in the AGC's yearender golf event gave Cabrera the coveted crown.

Joe Camacho bagged first runner-up honors by shooting a two under par 70 or three shots in front of second runner-up Eli Maravilla. Maravilla shot a gross 87 and with his -14 handicap gave him a net 73.

December Ace winner Larry Norita also had a one over par 73 to tie Maravilla. Tournament organizers, however, gave the third spot to Maravilla. Norita eventually finished fourth. Ben Lizama came in fifth by finishing the 18 holes with a 75. He edged May winner PJ Igitol, who also shot a similar 75, in another tie breaker.

Cabrera has been playing golf for the last eight years. She first qualified in the AGC's yearending Ace of Aces Tournament in 1993 by winning two monthly Aces' championships. She also

earned a slot in the 1994 and 1995 showdows.

Tex Naog won the AGC's sportsmanship award.

"He won the citation because he is always present in our tournaments. He doesn't care if he wins or loses, he always plays for fun," PJ Igitol said referring to Naog's unanimous decision as the AGC's sportsmanship awardee.

Only seven of the 12 Ace winners showed up. Jack Lizama the January ace winner shot a 76. Robert Naraja, the March winner had a 78 while Alex Aquiningoc, the October qualifier, had an 81.

Jovito Legaspi (February), Rick Kautz (June); Eli Buenaventura (July); Mel Sablan (August); and Lucio Aldan (September), the other monthly ace winners, failed to show up.

Aside from the seven Ace winners, Stoll, Maravilla and Lizama, Yasu Irinaka, Joe Lizama, Larry Tenorio, Richard Borja and Jess Rojas participated in yesterday's golf championships.



AMIGO OF THE YEAR—Til Cabrera is all smiles after becoming the Amigos Golf Club's first ever female winner of its year-ending tournament yesterday at the Marianas Country Club. (Photo by Erel A. Cabatbat)

"Battle of the Beers"

Brothers, Ol' Aces part ways

By Erel A. Cabatbat
Variety News Staff

THE MGD Brothers and Lite Ol' Aces try to join nearly leaders defending champion UMDA Aces, Toyota Wheels and Solid Builders Sunrisers on top the team standings by taking each other in the first game of the Basketball Association of the Northern Mariana Islands' (BANMI) Islandwide Men's Basketball League tonight at the Gilbert C. Ada Gym.

In the second game, the Islanders take on Rep. David Apatang Sixers.

With identical 1-0 win loss slate, MGD and Ol' Aces try to nail their second win at each other's expense at 7 p.m. tonight to tie the three idle teams with 2-0 marks.

The Brothers opened their drive by routing Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort Fakpi, 131-73 while the Ol' Aces won their first game by edging the Islanders, 84-83.

MGD's bid will be spear-

headed by Tony Diaz, Ed Diaz, Jess Dela Cruz with help coming from Jeff Diaz and Steve Rasa.

Lite Ol' Aces, on the other hand, will lean on Winsor Peter, Jerry Ayuyu, Ryan Camacho and veteran Elias Rangamar.

After two losses, the Islanders hope to enter the win column at the expense of the Sixers. After a heartbreaking one point loss, the Islanders absorbed their second setback, a 24 point drubbing, from the Sunrisers last Wednesday night.

Ray Lizama will be the man to watch in the second game as he tries to lead his team for that elusive first win in going up against the Sixers. Expected to provide Lizama support are Eric Atalig, Daryl Voss, Yosh Gabaldon, and Gary Lashley.

The Sixers pin their hopes on Junior Fujihira and Joe Ito.

YAS-Marianas Variety's 3 on 3

Editorial, Production set title match

DEFENDING champions, the Editorial Quota Boys edged Administration, 75-74 while Production posted a 92-90 squeaker against the Art Hard Drives in the semifinals of the 2nd Annual Younis Art Studio-Marianas Variety 3 on 3 Interdepartment Basketball Tournament last Saturday at the Younis Basketball Court to arrange a title showdown this coming weekend.

The Quota Boys took the first

finals' berth by beating Administration in the second game of their best of three semifinal series for an insurmountable 2-0 lead.

Editorial and the Administration team battled to a close game in the first half before the Quota Boys took a 5-0 win-up to end the first 20 minutes of the game on top by seven, 39-32.

In the second half, Administration came back with Jhun Torio

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Wednesday Pinbusters League

Jaridon sweeps all events

Wednesday Pinbusters League Team Standings

Pos	Tm#	Team	Won	Lost	Pct	TotPins	Handicap		
							Ave	Gm	Ser
1	4	Chong's Corporation	55.0	25.0	68.75	58582	976	1113	3090
2	2	J's Corporation	53.5	26.5	66.87	59018	983	1139	3144
3	5	Jaridon	49.0	31.0	61.25	58721	978	1135	3228
4	7	Century Travel	48.0	32.0	60.00	58631	977	1092	3097
5	1	WST Enterprises	43.0	37.0	53.75	57722	962	1072	3115
6	12	F.T. Construction Co.	40.5	39.5	50.62	57135	952	1082	3056
7	3	Kautz Glass Company	38.0	42.0	47.50	57964	966	1082	3063
8	6	Trash King	33.0	47.0	41.25	56949	949	1093	3084
9	11	Holiday Shop	31.5	48.5	39.37	57415	956	1116	3166
10	10	U.I.C.	30.0	50.0	37.50	55878	947	1070	3026
11	8	Mean Machine	29.5	50.5	36.88	47900	958	1103	3018
12	9	LVS Car Paints	28.0	52.0	35.00	56268	937	1079	3042

By Erel A. Cabatbat

Variety News Staff

JARIDON stole the limelight from league leader Chong's Corporation by topping the team's all events in the 20th week of the Wednesday Pinbusters League at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Jaridon broke the existing all-time marks in the high scratch and high handicap series in overwhelming UIC, 4-0.

The team, composed of Wally Guerrero, Mark Halstead, Don Hensley, Dave O'Brien, Joe Sablan, Manny Tenorio and Diego Villagomez, racked 1,027; 1,135; 2,904 and 3,228 pins in

besting the rest of the 12 team field in the high scratch game, high handicap game, high scratch and high handicap series.

Jaridon's scores in the high scratch and high handicap series broke the previous highs set by J's Restaurant and Holiday Shop. With the four game sweep, Jaridon hiked its record to 49-31 win loss slate, good for third place in the overall team standings.

UIC could only produce 891, 969, and 958 for a three game total of 2,818 pins. UIC remained at 10th with a 30-50 record.

Chong's Corp. maintained its hold on the top spot by scoring its second consecutive 4-0 wins in as many weeks

by routing Trash King. Chong's scored 987; 1,025, and 974 for 2,986 pins as against Trash King's 955; 1,000; 923 for a three game series total of 2,878 pins for the shutout victory. Chong's maintained its two game lead over J's with a 55-25 tally.

J's Restaurant remained at second by whipping Kautz Glass Company, 4-0. J's rolled 1,109; 1,005; and 989 for a 3,103 pin aggregate. KGC could only counter with 978, 974, and 890 for a 2,842 series. J's sports a 53.5-26.5 slate while KGC is at seventh with 38-42.

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