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Volunteer Terry Aldan (second from right) teaches San Vicente School students how to do the "Cha-cha" during Literacy Cultural Festivities at the school campus yesterday. Photo by Laila C. Younis

Sattler: 'Stan lied'

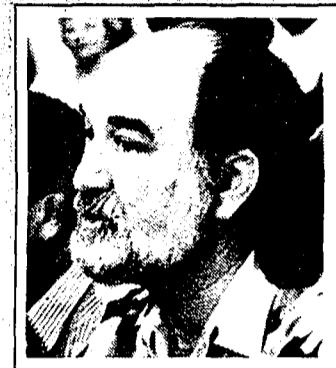
By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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"STAN lied!"

This said Asst. Atty. Gen. Elliott Sattler disputing Rep. Stanley Torres' allegations about his (Sattler's) alleged involvement in the CNMI lottery.

In a letter to Speaker Diego Benavente, Sattler said some of the issues raised by Torres recently have already been "fully discussed and disproved in my previous correspondence."

"Apparently, Rep. Torres believes that when attempting to ruin the reputation of an innocent victim, 'If at first you don't succeed, lie, and lie again,'" Sattler wrote in a letter responding to Torres' July 8 letter to



Elliott Sattler

Benavente.

Torres has alleged that Sattler was directly involved in the business affairs of The Mail Service, Tattersall representative agent on Saipan.

The House member first raised the issue last January.

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Spat lands King in jail

By: Laila C. Younis
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SENATOR Esteven M. King was arrested early Monday morning for allegedly assaulting his girlfriend at a residence, the Department of Public Safety office on Tinian disclosed.

According to Tinian Police Assistant Chief Tony Kiyoshi, the incident took place at about 2:15 a.m. at a friend's house.

Tinian senator released after two hours, say police

"It was a domestic dispute. Police officers arrested and detained Senator King for two hours. He was then released and charged with assault and battery, assault with a dangerous weapon, and criminal trespassing," said Kiyoshi.

He added the victim sustained injuries and was treated at Tinian

Health Center. She was released from the clinic the same day.

Tinian DPS filed a report on the incident, but it is yet to be determined whether the Attorney General's Office have filed or will file charges against the senator.

Assistant Attorney General Alan Lane, the prosecutor assigned to handle Tinian cases is



Esteven M. King

reportedly on leave and was unavailable for comment.

According to Kiyoshi, the report indicated King may have assaulted his girlfriend after she tried to call the police.

"He is being charged with assault with a dangerous weapon because he used a telephone to

strike his girlfriend," said Kiyoshi.

This is not so, said King when reached for comment yesterday.

In a telephone interview, King explained what happened that morning.

"She called me to pick her up. When I arrived, we started talking. I didn't feel comfortable talking in the house so I tried to bring her outside. When I reached for her, she kicked me on the stomach, right below the chest. I responded by slapping her. After I pressed the hang-up button when she tried to call the police, she hit me with the telephone," King said.

"I have not pressed any countercharges against her. I never went to this extent. I've been married, I have six children and I am a grandfather. I know how to be a family man," he said.

"I still love her and her children. If she decides to press charges, I will have to accept the

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BOE certifies GOP candidates

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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THE BOARD of Elections has partially certified the Republican Party's slate for the November elections.

Republican candidates for all positions except those running in precinct 3, are now official candidates, according to BOE administrative specialist Maggie

Crisostomo.

Former Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio is the party's bet for governor, Senate President Jesus R. Sablan, for Lt. governor, and incumbent Washington Rep. Juan N. Babauta is seeking reelection.

Jose C. Sablan is the party's candidate for Saipan mayor.

Other certified candidates are as follows:

•Thomas Villagomez for third senatorial district of Saipan and Northern Islands;

•House of Representatives: District 1, Manuel Tenorio, Ana Teregeyo David Apatang, Karl T. Reyes, Herman T. Palacios, and Ignacio DLG, Demapan;

•District 2, Oscar M. Babauta and Diego Benavente;

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WEATHER Outlook



Sablan, Dunlap sued over 'illegal arrests'

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

SEVEN alien workers filed a lawsuit yesterday against Labor and Immigration Secretary Thomas C. Sablan and acting Atty. Gen. Robert Dunlap over an alleged illegal raid conducted by immigration officers at a karaoke club in Garapan.

The plaintiffs also named as co-defendants the CNMI government, Assistant Atty. Gen. Mark Z. Zachares, Immigration

Enforcement Unit supervisor Ralph Demapan, immigration officers Nicolas Reyes, Vivian F. Santos and John Taitano, and John Does 1-5 as immigration officers.

Plaintiffs Xiu Hua Wu, Zhen Zi Liu, Li Yu Yan, Mei Zhen Lin, Wen Fang Shi, Zhi Zhi Ye, and Dan Lin, through counsel V. K. Sawhney, filed the complaint seeking for damages in the US District Court.

Dunlap told the Variety he has not seen the lawsuit yet, but the

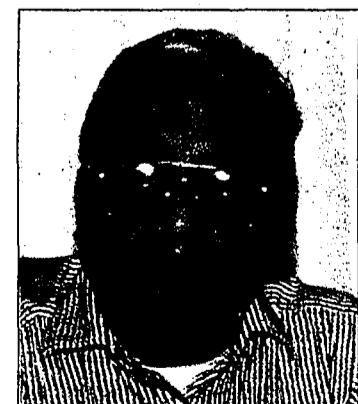
government "will investigate and respond accordingly."

The Variety tried but failed to get the sides of Sablan and other defendants.

Sawhney stated in the complaint that immigration officers picked up the plaintiffs without arrest warrants during a raid at the Legend Karaoke Club last July 2.

The government accused the Chinese nationals of working illegally and overstaying in the

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Thomas C. Sablan



Aerial view of damage from a gas main explosion in Indianapolis, Monday. The explosion destroyed four houses and apparently killed one resident.

Cambodia appeals for ASEAN entry

By HARI S. MANIAM
KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) - Cambodia is appealing for entry into the Association of Southeast Asian Nations when the trading group meets Wednesday to admit Laos and Burma.

Earlier this month, ASEAN decided to put off Cambodia's admission to the regional grouping following a violent coup July 5 by Hun Sen, one of the country's two premiers.

Malaysian Foreign Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi told reporters that a request had been received from Cambodian Foreign Minister Ung Huot.

"We foreign ministers have certainly to sit and discuss that since it was a formal letter to us," Abdullah said.

He said they would also listen

to reports from an ASEAN delegation that met last week with King Norodom Sihanouk, ousted First Premier Norodom Ranariddh and Second Premier Hun Sen.

ASEAN's stance will depend a great deal on the report by the delegation, which comprised Foreign Ministers Ali Alatas of Indonesia, Domingo Siazon of the Philippines and Prachub Chaisarn of Thailand, said Abdullah.

Abdullah, acting as spokesman for ASEAN, also said that by admitting Burma, the group could "continue interacting with them."

"It was our view the longer we wait there may be more problems. ... It is better to engage with them, keep them in the club, that is the best way," he said.

Addressing a group of ASEAN

officials who met in preparation for this week's foreign ministers' conference, Abdullah said the integration of Laos and Burma into the group "will undoubtedly be a gradual process." He said the new members would continue to need technical and other assistance "to enable them to participate meaningfully in ASEAN."

One of the officials at the meeting, Philippine presidential security adviser Jose Almonte, said, "The U.S. and EU are beginning to appreciate the rationale of ASEAN admitting" Burma.

He said human rights conditions in Burma - which have prompted Western calls for the military government's isolation - would be worsening if the country did not join ASEAN, because

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Mud slide kills 12

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - Annual monsoon rains were blamed for at least 22 deaths in India, according to news reports Tuesday.

Press Trust of India reported that heavy rains early Tuesday sent piles of wet earth and rock sliding onto two sleeping villages in Kerala state's Idukki district, about 1,800 kilometers (1,125 miles) south of New Delhi.

Twelve people were killed and nine injured in the mud slide, the news agency said, quoting police.

Monday night, at least 10 children were killed Tuesday when the roof of their residential school collapsed after heavy monsoon rains.

Another 17 children were injured in the Al-Madrasa Al-Maideen school, 75 kilometers (50 miles) east of New Delhi, Press Trust said, quoting a district official.

There were 57 children, ages 10 to 17, in the school when the roof fell. The others managed to run outside and were saved.

Mahatir: Anti-Burma American behind currency crisis in region

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) - Malaysian Prime Minister Mahatir Mohamad says an American financier who does not like Burma is behind the current pressure on the currencies of several Southeast Asian nations. Speaking to Malaysian journalists traveling with him in Okayama, Japan, Mahatir said Monday the financier is known to hold a strong view on Burma's admission into the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and is punishing members through an attack on their currencies, the New Straits Times reported as its headline story Tuesday.

Burma is scheduled to be admitted into the regional economic

grouping Wednesday. The U.S. government, European nations and many private organizations have said Burma should be kept out because of the military junta's violation of human rights and suppression of democracy supporters.

Mahatir said the recent currency pressure goes beyond pure profit-making and follows a deliberate agenda.

The Thai baht, Malaysian ringgit, Philippine peso, Singapore dollar and Indonesian rupiah are among regional currencies that have lost value against the dollar in the past couple of weeks due to speculative pressure.

The trend pointed to a certain powerful American financier, Mahatir said, without naming

the man. He said the financier is known to have tried to use his clout in the United States to block Burma's entry.

U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will be attending the ASEAN Regional Forum meeting that follows the foreign ministers' gathering at the end of the week. It was unclear whether Malaysia would bring up the currency issue in talks with her.

U.S. officials have said that although the United States two months ago banned new American investments in Burma and called for other nations to do so, the American administration recognized that it is up to ASEAN to decide who is to become a member of the group.

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Korean Red Cross officials talk more aid

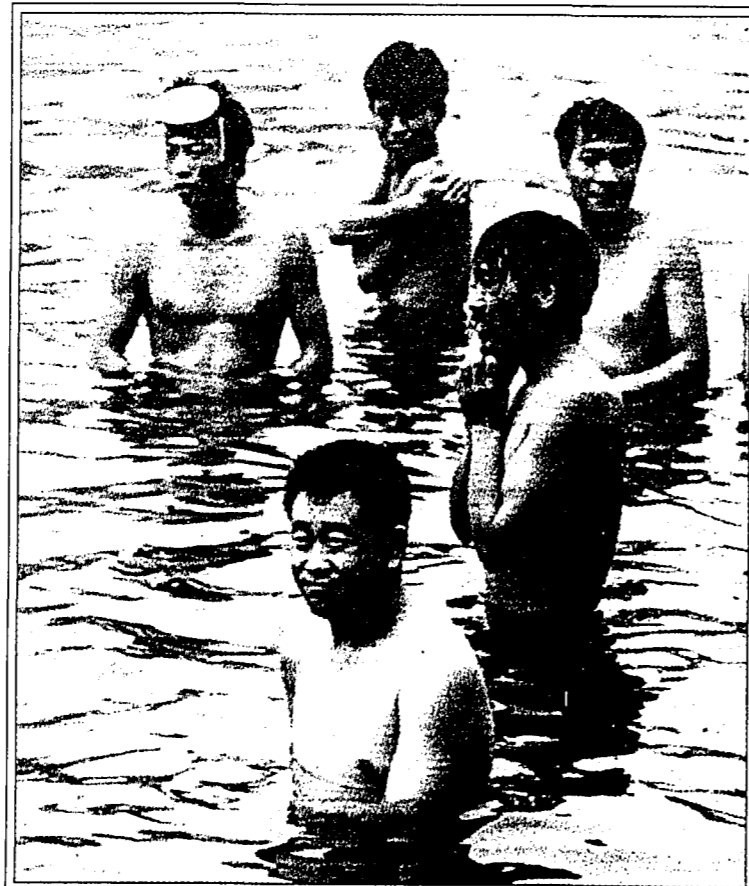
SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Three South Korean Red Cross officials left Tuesday to meet their North Korean counterparts in Beijing to discuss more food aid to the hunger-stricken communist country.

The meeting, scheduled to open at a Beijing hotel on Wednesday, was proposed by South Korea's Red Cross to set the amount and procedures of more food shipments to the North.

Under an agreement reached in Beijing in May, South Korea is shipping 50,000 tons of food to the North. The last shipment of that aid is to leave a South Korean port this week.

At this week's talks, South Korean Red Cross officials are expected to offer another 50,000 tons of free food to the North. They have about 5 billion won (dls 5.7 million) in unspent donations from religious and charity organizations.

With its economy in ruins and its food shortage growing, North Korea is appealing for more international aid to feed millions of its starving people.



A group of Chinese men cool off in a Beijing lake during their lunch break on a hot, steamy day in the capital Tuesday. In the past two weeks Beijing has been experiencing its hottest weather for fifty years.

Clean-up yields arsenic

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff
A RECENT clean-up drive at the William S. Reyes Elementary School in Chalan Kanoa yielded 100 ampules of arsenic, a highly poisonous substance, the Division of Environmental Quality yesterday announced.

"We are still trying to establish how it (arsenic) got there. We have a lot of speculations but we really don't know yet," said DEQ Director John I. Castro Jr.

'Toxic' substance detected near WSR school area

He said DEQ was anticipating that there could have been more of the chemical in the area.

The arsenic ampules, it was gathered, is now under the custody of the US Army Corps of Engineers which spearheaded the clean-up drive under the US Defense Environmental Restoration Program on Formerly Used Defense Sites.

It will be recalled that the Corps has earlier raised the alarm on World War II ampules believed used by the US forces who, according to Corps' officials, may have used the school as a camp and hospital during the war.

A number of the ampules were discovered by the Department of Environmental Quality which was doing an excavation in the area

last year. Arsenic is a highly poisonous metallic element used in insecticides, weed killers, and solid-state doping agents in other chemicals like nitroglycerin, which is used in manufacturing dynamite.

In a related development, meanwhile, Castro said the firm hired by the Corps to clean up contamination caused by three capacitors

leaking Polychlorinated Biphenyl in Tanapag are still setting up its thermal instrument that will be used to treat contaminated soil.

He said the Tanapag project, which has already caused the US government over \$2 million, will be completed by next month.

The contracted firm is digging up contaminated soil found in different areas of the village and hauling them into a "soil storage area where it will be treated.

PBC is a suspected carcinogen.

Legislation mulled to address MPLT concerns on loan

By Zaldy Dandan
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THE SENATE will come up with a legislation that would allow the Marianas Public Land Trust to comply with the Home Financing Act without compromising MPLT's fiduciary duty, it was learned.

Senate Vice President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) yesterday said the Senate will act on a bill that will re-define "fiduciary duty when it holds a session tomorrow.

He said senators yesterday met with MPLT legal counsel Michael W. Dotts who, according to Manglona, advised them that MPLT's main problem is the current interpretation of "fiduciary duty."

Manglona said Dotts assured the senators that MPLT's board members are not against the Home Financing Act, but are only concerned about their possible liability if they approve the \$10 million loan which the law provides for.

The current definition of "fiduciary duty" states that government officials must attempt to obtain the maximum return when investing public funds.

However, the Home Financing Act "authorizes" MPLT to lend

\$10 million for affordable housing loans at interest rates below the prevailing market rates.

Manglona said the Senate bill, which will be drafted in consultation with MPLT, would clarify that "fiduciary duty" is not limited to monetary considerations alone.

Meanwhile, an MPLT media release said board members are "sympathetic with Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio's frustrations" on the still to be released \$10 million low-cost housing loan.

However, the media release stated, if MPLT proceeds with the loan "it would subject each board member to personal liability for loaning public funds at less than the maximum return."

"That is why MPLT filed a motion with the Superior Court last month to ask the court for guidance. The hearing is scheduled for July 30," the media release said.

Replacing the current members of the board is not a solution, according to the media release, as the new board "will be faced with this same dilemma."

"The board hopes the governor and the public can wait one week for the Superior Court's decision," the media release stated.



MPLT legal counsels Mike Dotts (right) and Bob O'Connor (second from right) engage senators (from left) David M. Cing, Paul A. Manglona and Thomas P. Villagomez in a brainstorming session to address concerns about the \$10 million loan controversy.

DPW welcomes probe by OPA

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff
ACTING Public Works Secretary Martin Manglona yesterday welcomed the Public Auditor's probe into last Saturday's Susupe road repair which was apparently timed with the Democratic Party's kickoff rally.

"I didn't violate anything. I did a public service," insisted Manglona.

He maintained the repair job was done after he received a phonecall from supposed concerned citizen complaining that a puddle of water caused by days of rain has been slowing down traffic in the area.

"They (caller) asked for help," he maintained.

He argued that the repair could have been done a few days before the

kickoff rally if it indeed had anything to do with the planned political event. Public Auditor Leo LaMotte has vowed to look into the matter saying DPW may be held in violation of the CNMI ethics code and at least two other statutes.

The Variety, on Monday, reported that a Public Works truck hauled in tractors that levelled the ground fronting the Susupe Sports Complex and the road leading to the track oval where the Democratic party stage was set hours before the political event.

About a dozen Public Works personnel, all refusing to be photographed nor interviewed, used at least two tractors and two pick-up trucks, and worked on the site from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

The road repair gave way for more

parking space for Democratic Party members and supporters who arrived for the evening's political rally. Manglona explained there was "a lot of traffic" hence the repair job.

Asked why the tractors were also levelling the feeder road leading to the rally stage area, Manglona said they had to "fix it too because mud had run into the field."

The mud, he explained, was pushed from the roadside after the tractors levelled the area.

No estimates on the cost of the repair project were immediately available.

The CNMI Code of Ethics prohibits the use of public funds, time, personnel and equipment for political activities "unless that use is authorized by law or incidental to a legally authorized or required activity."

Nena names Ilon FSM foreign secretary

HONOLULU (Pacnews)—Veteran Federated States of Micronesia government official Epel Ilon has been nominated by President Jacob Nena to become the FSM's next Secretary of External Affairs.

The nomination must be confirmed by the FSM Congress. Ilon's experience in international

affairs is extensive, including the posts of Deputy Secretary of External Affairs, Chief of the Division of US Relations, and Assistant Liaison Officer in the former FSM Liaison Office in Washington, D.C.

Among other positions, Ilon currently serves as Co-Chair of the

Trade and Investment Working Group of the US-Pacific Islands Nations Joint Commercial Commission, which has its Secretariat at Hawaii's Pacific Islands Development Program.

Ilon is a graduate of Chamaine University in Honolulu and the State University of New York at Albany.

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Saipan student in National Dean's List

PAUL C. KROUSE, publisher of the 20th annual edition of THE NATIONAL DEAN'S LIST commends



Sherrie Barcinas San Nicolas

Sherrie Barcinas San Nicolas, a CNMI student at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington for her outstanding achievement.

Sherrie is being recognized for the unique distinction of having been selected for THE NATIONAL DEAN'S LIST for multiple years. She plans to attend law school after graduation next year.

Sherrie served as president of Gonzaga University Hawaii Pacific Islanders' Club last year. She graduated from Marianas High School in 1994. Her parents are Ramon M. and Nenita San Nicolas of Capitol Hill.

PBTAC teleconference set

THE NEXT meeting of the Pacific Basin Technical Advisory Committee (PBTAC) is scheduled for July 30th from 10:00-11:00 a.m., the committee announced in a public notice.

The meeting will be a teleconference and will discuss funding of conservation programs.

To participate committee members and interested citizens should be at the natural resources conservation service office in Saipan, Rota, or Tinian 15 minutes prior to the start of the teleconference.

For additional information call 233-3415.

Book donations sought

THE FRIENDS of Library is soliciting book donations for its planned book sale for the benefit of the Joeten-Kiyu Library.

"Your books are needed to make the sale a success," the Friends said.

All kinds of books are welcome: Big and little books. Old and new books. Fiction and nonfiction. Paperbacks and hardbacks.

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CUC will provide schools with ground water models

By Laila C. Younis
Variety News Staff

COMMONWEALTH Utilities Corporation in its effort to promote water education and conservation will be providing "Ground Water Models" for each school, according to CUC Spokesperson Pamela Mathis.

In yesterday's training session of Project WET (Water Education Training) at Hyatt Regency, Mathis announced that through national grants, CUC will offer free services to put together the models and train educators on the use of the model.

"We are building one for each school. We want children to understand where water comes from and how CUC gets the water. Because if people don't know where water comes from, they won't care about conservation and protection and will pollute," said Mathis.

The ground water model shows the representation of fresh water and sea water being mixed in the natural process and how CUC gathers geological information on where to drill for fresh water. It also shows the effects of pollution and over-pumping.

"It is a good start with schools. The

supplies are coming in next week and the models should be ready by late Fall," she added.

The nineteen educators who participated in the training also discussed the problems of disposing oil and used car batteries.

"There are localized areas of contamination from these chemicals, but it is not a major problem yet. If we can address it now, and start pressing DEQ and other government agencies to create programs to properly dispose these chemicals, we can prevent serious consequences," said Hydrologist Robert Camuth from the U.S. Geological Survey.

"It is a very expensive proposition. Right now, there is no storage facility that will make sure the chemicals are well-packed and meeting environmental regulations, and it is hard to find reliable companies who will ship it off-island and dispose it properly," said Mathis.

She encouraged participants to question Division of Environmental Quality about programs for proper disposal of the chemicals. DEQ is scheduled to present to the Project WET Trainees later in the week.



SVS second graders have fun tasting a traditional Chamorro dessert "Atuli" at the SVS Literacy and Cultural Festivities yesterday.
Photo by: Laila C. Younis

San Vicente School celebrates literacy during Cultural Week

By Laila C. Younis
Variety News Staff

STUDENTS at San Vicente Elementary School celebrated Cultural Week with a little something extra this year: An appreciation for literacy.

"Reading and telling stories was added to appreciate and promote literacy," said coordinator Dolores Marciano.

Literacy and Cultural Festivities kicked off last Monday marking a week-long slate of literacy and cultural activities for staff, students as well as community members.

"I'm really happy with the help of the community. All schools should pursue activities like this one. Let's stop making money from our culture and work to prevent it from fading away," said coordinator Charlene Cruz.

"Community members have come in and volunteered, like par-

ent Nancy Castro who made "Atuli" for the kids to try," said second grade teacher Sue Horvath.

"The activities will help children recognize their heritage and traditions, reinforce family values and language," she said.

"We are learning a stick dance. It is fun, and I like doing it," said second grader Daisy Ada.

The activities are set up in "Learning Stations" and groups of kids take turns participating in different cultural events like cooking, playing games, story telling, singing songs, weaving, mwarwar making, and dancing.

Community volunteers yesterday included Rep. Malua Peter, PREL Director Rita Inos, and Board of Education Member Esther Fleming.

"It was great. I was happy with the turn-out. I brought books to read and the children were very

open with me. We must continue to do this," said Peter.

She said she is working on an initiative to appropriate funding for the bilingual program to print more materials.

"I'm really glad I took some time to come down. I read Chamorro stories to the students. The children really need to know the purpose of the language and that they have the task to keep it alive," said Inos.

"Part of the cultural week is to promote the Commonwealth's efforts in literacy by highlighting July as literacy month," she said.

"The local stories teaches values and morals to the children. It is healthy to have this opportunity and have the kids learn to differentiate between cultures," said Fleming.

Today's activities will include lessons of Chamorro and Carolinian dances.

DEQ: Clean-up to take years

By Jojo Dass
Variety News Staff

A CLEAN-up of the abandoned US military dumpsite in Tanapag may take years to be completed as funds would still have to be found for the effort, the Division of Environmental Quality yesterday said.

This developed as DEQ Director John I. Castro Jr., in an interview, said he will still have to confer with the US Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether the area, situated about a hundred meters from the Tanapag Elementary School, was indeed a military dumpsite to begin with.

He said the CNMI government will have to request the Corps to include the area in its priority sites for clean-up "if we determine it to be a military dumpsite."

"We still have to assess and conclude whether the place is a military dumpsite. It may look like one, however, they (Corps) have not released a report regarding the matter," said Castro.

"We will discuss possible courses

of action that may be taken with the Corps should it be established that the area is indeed a dumpsite," he added.

These "possible courses of action," Castro said, may take years to execute and complete.

"The Corps will still have to find money for the purpose," he explained.

The ongoing clean-up being done by the Corps on different Tanapag sites found contaminated with Polychlorinated Biphenyl, Castro cited, has been in the works for the past two years.

"It has taken them (Corps) years to secure money for the clean-up," he said.

The PBC was traced to at least three power capacitors abandoned by the US forces in the village shortly after the war.

The clean-up drive has thus far caused the Corps over \$2 million, according to Helene Takemoto, its Environmental Studies chief.

It is being done under the US Defense Environmental Restoration Program on Formerly Used Defense Sites.

Tanapag, a Japanese harbor site before the Second World War, was converted into a US Navy base and used as a supply and staging area for campaigns meant to flush the remaining Japanese forces out of the island in 1944.

The "re-discovery" of the dumpsite has triggered fears Tanapag's estimated 5,000 residents may be exposed to greater toxic waste contamination as dozens of 52-gallon containers were found stashed in a creek by the site.

The containers' still-undetermined contents were thrown into that creek which leads to the village as can be seen from the petrified chemical sludge it created along the creek's banks.

The creek is a few hundred meters away from a spring tapped into the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

CUC has earlier assured the spring is "safe."

The dumpsite was "re-discovered" by Bruce Petty, US Vietnam war veteran who has stumbled on the area while making an ocular visit for a book project he is working on.

EAGI to discuss Willens

THE Senate Committee on Executive Appointment and Governmental Investigation will meet today to set public hearings on, and discuss, the nomination of Howard Willens as special judge.

Committee chair David M. Cing (D-Tinian) yesterday said the Senate is still keeping an open mind on the nomination, and has not made a decision.

"We have nothing against him," Cing said.

"I, personally, don't know the guy, but I will, of course, take into consideration my colleagues' opinion."

Willens, he said, will be given the chance to appear before the committee hearing.

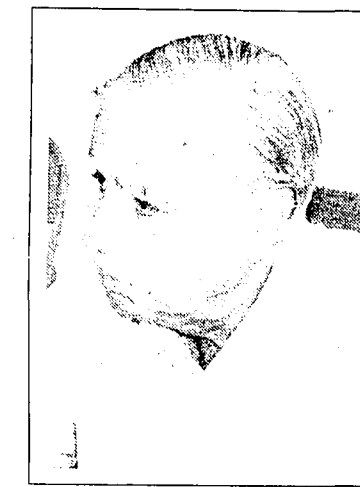
He added, "It's important that we hear him interpret certain laws and the CNMI Constitution."

In an earlier interview, Senate Vice President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota), the committee vice chair, said the Senate has been getting "negative feedback" from "concerned citizens" claiming that Willens is "too political."

A nominee may be highly qualified for the job, Manglona added, but he should also inspire confidence from the people he'll serve.

He said those lobbying for the rejection of Willens' nomination claimed that the lawyer worked closely with Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio during 1995 Constitutional Convention.

"Some people remember him as the one who tried to



Howard Willens

take away taxpayers' right to file lawsuit, to make the Lt. governor part of the Senate, and to weaken Article XII (which prohibits foreigners to own land in the CNMI)," Manglona said.

Senate President Jesus R. Sablan (R-Saipan), for his part, has said he will recommend a public hearing on Willens' nomination before the Senate takes any action.

Sablan said Willens' qualifications and experience are superb," but added that the Senate still needs to hear from the people regarding the nomination.

The governor submitted Willens' nomination early this month, saying that the CNMI needs at least four more special judges.

Considered a constitutional expert, Willens participated in the drafting of the Covenant, and was the legal counsel of the 1976 Constitutional Convention.

Man admits defrauding doctor for drug money

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

SUPERIOR Court Presiding Judge Alexandro Castro ordered a man yesterday to pay damages after the latter admitted he had defrauded a doctor in order to support his drug habit.

During a hearing, Castro asked Jesus Malus a.k.a. Venusto Mangarero to pay \$50,202 in damages and attorney's fee to Dr. Calistro C. Cabrera.

"What you have done in this case... You sold your own uncle alive. If I am allowed to put you into a gas chamber I will do so.... And I personally push the gas chamber's button," said the visibly irritated judge.

Cabrera, through counsel Rexford C. Kosack, filed a \$1 million civil suit against Mangarero and eight other persons over fraud schemes to consummate a non-existent land lease agreement.

Also named as defendants in the suit were Notary Pub-

lic Rufina C. Fritz, Korean businessmen Ryoo Sang Ho, Tae Se Ung, and John Does 1-5.

The Clerk of Court issued last November a default judgment against Mangarero and Ung for failing to answer the complaint.

The court cleared the title of Cabrera's land from defendants Ung and Ho while the case against Fritz was settled.

Mangarero, who appeared in court yesterday without a counsel, said he admitted committing the fraud because at the time he was using "ice" and marijuana.

Mangarero, however, asked Castro to bring in court the Korean nationals who allegedly induced him to commit such acts against Cabrera.

"I am guilty of the fraud... but I was being used. They (Koreans) made me lie to Dr. Cabrera. They should be here in court to help me pay the damages," Mangarero said.

MTC WorldPass Residential and Business Customers

What happens now that the CNMI has joined the North American Numbering Plan?

As of July 1, 1997, the CNMI became part of the North American Numbering Plan and all calls to the U.S. are now considered domestic, rather than international. This means that since MTC's World Pass Savings plan applies only to direct dial international calls*, your U.S. calls are no longer covered by the WorldPass Savings discount.

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US Court rules on FAS suit

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

THE FEDERAL District Court on Saipan has stayed the proceedings on the civil action filed by freely associated states citizens against the U.S. government in connection with their request for federal housing assistance.

District Judge Alex Munson ruled, and both parties agreed, that they suspend any action on the case until a related bill pending in Congress is enacted into law.

The lawsuit filed by Pastor Basiente, along with several other FAS citizens, involves section 214 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980 which limits housing assistance to U.S. citizens and "certain lawfully admitted non U.S. citizens."

The act listed six categories of non-US citizens who are eligible for assistance. They are:

- those admitted for permanent residence as immigrants;

- some of those who entered the U.S. before 1972;
- those who have been granted refugee asylum status;
- those who have been granted temporary discretionary parole;
- those who have been granted withholding of deportation because of persecution in their country of origin; and
- those who have been granted amnesty.

The pending legislation in Congress seeks to add another category of non-US citizens eligible for federal housing assistance.

Plaintiffs in the action are FAS citizens, and their families, who are allowed to enter the CNMI by virtue of the Compacts of Free Association.

The U.S. government earlier said the plaintiffs were not eligible for federal housing assistance as they did not belong to any of the six categories mentioned in the housing act.

The plaintiffs have argued otherwise, however, citing benefits they said due them under the Compact, including housing assistance.

The U.S. Senate approved last June 12 the proposed measure to add a "seventh" category of eligible immigration status to section 214—specifically "an alien who is lawfully resident in the U.S. and its territories and possessions" under the Compact provision.

In ordering the stay of the proceedings, Munson pointed out that "Enactment of the pending bill would moot this action by eliminating any controversy as to whether plaintiffs and their non-citizen family members are eligible for federal housing assistance."

Munson said if the bill becomes a law, it would no longer be necessary to litigate the case.

"Courts have the duty to avoid constitutional questions wherever possible," Munson said.

The parties were ordered to report to the court regarding the status of the legislation on Dec. 17, 1997, and decide if they want to lift or continue the stay agreement.

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University of California seeking continuous CAG role in Hillblom

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE UNIVERSITY of California has asked the Superior Court to allow the California Attorney General to continue participating in Larry Hillblom's probate litigations.

The Regents of University of California, through counsel Eric K. Behrens, underscored the need of CAG's presence in the probate to protect the interests of Hillblom's Trust and of its potential charitable beneficiaries.

In the event the Superior Court is uncomfortable with any individual CAG member in the upcoming settlement negotiations, the University has no difficulty with any other lawyer becoming involved, said Behrens in his declaration submitted in the court Friday.

Associate Judge Timothy Bellas issued an order last month asking California Deputy Atty. Gen. Yeoryios C. Apallas to appear in court to show cause why his intervenor status in the probate should not be revoked.

Bellas said he will be interested specifically in Apallas' justifications for attempting to frustrate the administration of justice.

Petitioners David Moncrieff, Kaelani Kinney, and Josephine Nocasa sought the removal of Apallas or CAG from the probate.

The CAG, however, informed the court that Apallas was removed from participating in the probate litigations as it assigned Deputy AG Peter K. Shack to assume responsibility for handling matters related to the Hillblom case.

"I am extremely concerned that if the entire Charitable Trust Division of the CAG is removed from these proceedings due to the alleged actions of Mr. Apallas, the interest of potential California charitable beneficiaries, including the University of California, will not be fully represented in these proceedings," said Behrens.

Aside from the specific bequests to his two brothers, Hillblom's will only name one other beneficiary—the University of California, according to court documents.

He said he has since began repaying the employee upon being informed of the law's provisions on the matter.

Arthur Sawit, the employee, has sought assistance from the US Department of Labor alleging that the security firm owes him \$6,000 in unpaid overtime work and illegal deductions.

Sawit also claimed it is the company's practice to have its workers shoulder expenses incurred in renewing contracts and acquiring uniforms in violation of the CNMI Non-Resident Workers' Act.

Sawit, whose employment with BSS, began in 1992, said the firm, during his first contract, deducted \$800 from his paychecks supposedly to cover processing fee and his airfare.

"But I've already paid a total of \$577 to a Manila placement firm which facilitated my documentation," he said.

He said a total of \$250 in supposed contract renewal processing fees were deducted from his paychecks upon his term's expiration in 1993 and the subsequent years.

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This, he said, came as a result of the workers' refusal to pay the \$250 fee.

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US Senate moves to split 9th Circuit

THE UNITED STATES Senate Appropriations Committee has approved splitting the Ninth US Circuit Court of Appeals into two separate circuits, Washing Representative Juan N. Babauta said yesterday.

"It's a decision that the legal and judicial community in the CNMI has regularly opposed, but now may have to live with," he said in a news release.

According to Babauta, he has opposed such a proposal based on the advice of the CNMI Bar Association and judges. He lamented that idea has been included FY98 Appropriation for the federal judiciary and "we may have to make the best of the situation."

The Ninth Circuit is where decisions made in the CNMI federal District Court, or made in the CNMI Supreme Court and involving federal questions, are appealed.

Under the new arrangement the CNMI would remain in the Ninth Circuit along with California, Nevada and Guam. Babauta is lobbying to have the CNMI placed in the new Twelfth Circuit with Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington.

A meeting convened by Judge Alex Munson last week polled CNMI Chief Justice Marty Taylor, Acting Attorney General Robert Dunlap, Bar President Mike White, Senate and House Legal Counsels Steve Woodruff and Maya Kara, Fred Kerley, Assistant

US Attorney, and Lecia Eason, CNMI Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference. All agreed that if there is to be a split, the CNMI should be in the same circuit with Hawaii and Guam.

Hawaii is slated to be in the proposed Twelfth Circuit. And, like Babauta, Guam Congressman Robert Underwood is making an effort to have Guam included in the Twelfth.

However, both Babauta and Underwood have an eye on a related measure passed by the House on June 3. This bill, HR 908, sets up a commission to study the question of the current structure of the circuit court system—with a particular attention to the Ninth Circuit—and make recommendations to Congress within an 18 month period.

"I would be much more comfortable with this approach," says Babauta. "And I would hope that when the judiciary appropriation is in the House/Senate conference committee that they will defer to the House proposal for a study."

"Choosing which of the two groups of states to be associated with in a judicial circuit is a significant decision and I'm concerned that there has not been sufficient time to consider what is in the long-term best interests of the CNMI," he added.

The Ninth Circuit is roughly twice the size of other circuits.

But the more important impetus



Juan N. Babauta

for the split proposal is philosophical, as Republican Senators argue that the current Ninth Circuit is dominated by liberal judges in San Francisco and that their decisions are unfriendly to the western states with rural, resource-based economies.

"Trying to second guess what kind of judicial philosophy might prevail in the new Twelfth Circuit may be futile. Judges can often go off in unpredictable directions. And the Ninth Circuit has been relatively friendly to the CNMI and issues related to our Covenant. would a more conservative Twelfth Circuit be as flexible when it comes to our unique relationship?" said Babauta.

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Senators split on poker ban

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff

ROTA senators yesterday found themselves divided over the bill that would ban poker machines on the island.

One favors a ban, one is opposed to it, while one said he will propose restrictions and not a total ban.

Senate Vice President Paul



Eusebio A. Hocog



Ricardo S. Atalig



Vicente M. Atalig

A. Manglona (R), Rota's senior senator, yesterday said most of his constituents favor a ban, and that he will vote for House Bill 10-310.

"I've a building rented out to poker machine owners, but I've to vote for what I think is right for the people," he said. However, he added, "the question is will Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio sign the bill?"

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S. Atalig (R), for his part, said he will oppose a total ban, but will still request for public hearings on the bill.

Poker machines, he said, generate revenues for Rota. He added, "Maybe we can just restrict it by, for example, not allowing those receiving food stamps to gamble."

Senate Minority Leader Eusebio A. Hocog (D), who is retiring in January, said the

bill involves a "morality issue" and should not be passed. "I don't think anyone's qualified to pass a judgment on the morals of others," he said, "and I don't think we can legislate morality."

Hocog said it should be up to a person to decide whether or not he or she wants to gamble.

He added that though some individuals may be suffering from a gambling addiction, banning

poker machines might lead to similar requests to "fix" similar "addictions."

"Should we also ban caffeine, alcohol, junk food, TV?" Hocog said.

Government, he added, has responsibility to protect its people, but when it comes to morality, government should be neutral.

Hocog said he will also recommend a public hearing on the bill before the Senate take any action on it.

"Instead of legislating a quick fix, maybe there are other alternatives," he said.

Introduced by Rota's lone representative, Vicente M. Atalig (R), H.B. 10-310 was passed by the House of Representatives last week and is now in the Senate.

Sen. David M. Cing (D-Tinian) has expressed support for the bill, saying that gambling should be "centralized" on Tinian, the only island that voted to legalize casino gambling.

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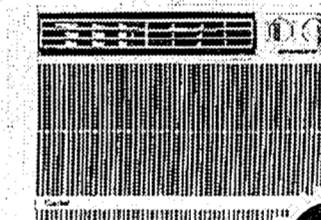
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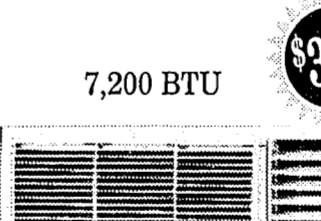
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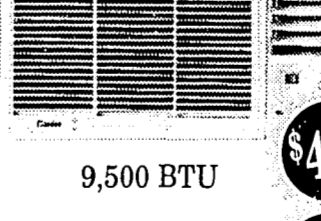
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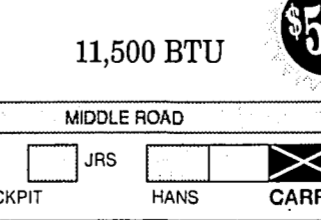
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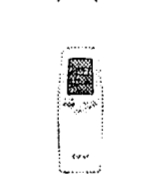


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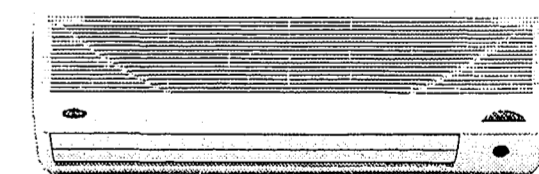
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Marshalls halts passport sales

By Giff Johnson
For the Variety

MAJURO—In response to growing concern in the Marshall Islands about a sudden influx of Chinese nationals bearing Marshall Islands passports, the Foreign Minister announced this week that passports are no longer being sold.

Despite a recent surge in the number of Chinese establishing residence and businesses in Majuro, the Marshall Islands' passport sales program was suspended almost one year ago and none have been sold since, Foreign Minister Phillip Muller said in a front page story published by the Marshall Islands Journal Friday.

"I want to say categorically that no new passports are being sold," Muller said. "They (the blanks) are under lock and key, and only the Foreign secretary has the key." And he is not issuing any, Muller added.

Muller said he hears talk that Marshalls is continuing to sell passports but this is not true and he wanted to quash all rumors regarding this.

"Most of the people coming in now purchased their passports several years ago," he said.

In recent weeks, local businessmen have loudly criticized the government's passport sales program, charging that Chinese could easily take over the private sector and put Marshall Islanders out of business.

Since the beginning of 1997, Chinese holding Marshall Islands citizenship that they purchased for \$25,000, have established taxi companies, small retail "take-out" stores, auto garages, restaurants and other businesses.

Muller said that the large number of Chinese passport holders who have moved to Majuro recently was an "unanticipated" development of the passport sales program, which was intended to stimulate investment in this north Pacific island group.

However, he noted that over the past several weeks, there have been no new arrivals of naturalized citizens, so he is hopeful that the number of Chinese who arrived so suddenly earlier this year was not a sign

of a long-term trend. Muller added that a number of

RP police burn drugs seized in the biggest narcotics bust

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Police on Monday burned 253 kilograms (556 pounds) of illegal drugs worth 506 million pesos (\$18 million) seized in the Philippines' biggest drug bust.

Anti-narcotics officers burned the methamphetamine hydrochloride, locally known as shabu, in the crematorium of San Lazaro Hospital in Manila's Tayuman area.

Also Monday, Florencio Parena, an ex-policeman suspected of being a top drug lord, surrendered to authorities, national police director Recaredo Sarmiento said.

Parena owns a newspaper, a cement factory, a construction firm, a security agency and several night clubs - property that investigators say could not have been acquired on a policeman's salary.

Early this month, police twice raided Parena's home in Bulacan province and seized 30 shotguns, 13 revolvers and 1.5 kilograms (3.3 pounds) of shabu, but missed him.

Sarmiento said drugs and illegal weapons charges are being readied against him.

Police say the drugs burned Monday were found in a van driven by two Chinese citizens that hit a 7-year-old girl in metropolitan Manila in May. In-

stead of stopping to help the victim, the van sped off, and police chased it. Police said officers discovered the drugs hidden in the back of the van.

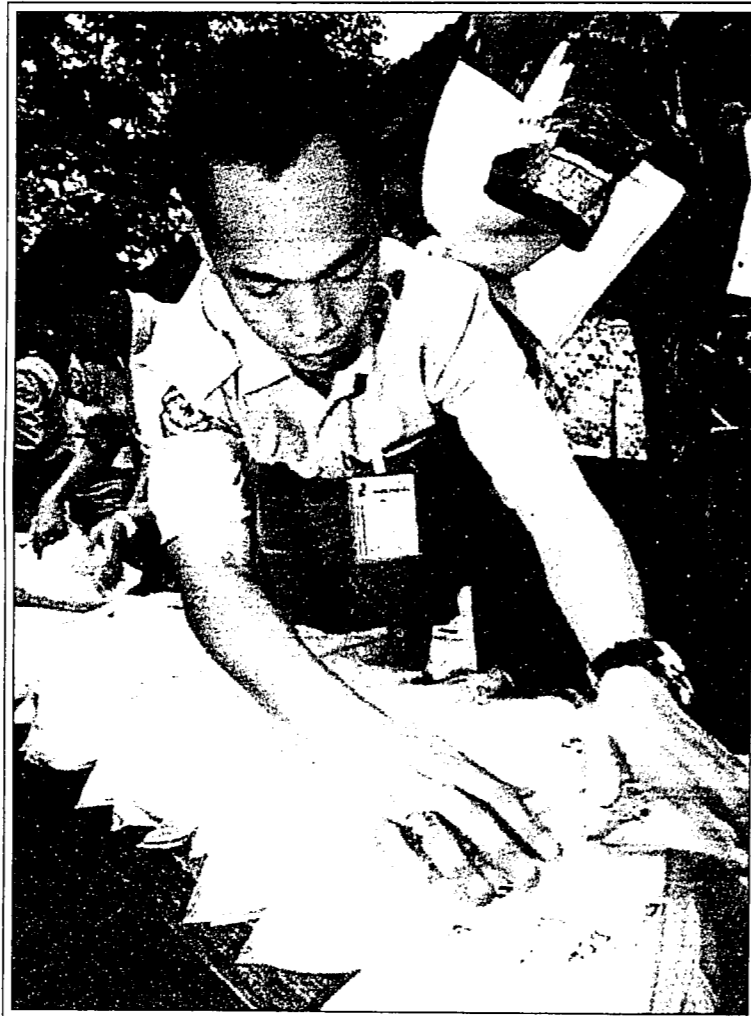
The two occupants of the van, identified only by the aliases Alfonso Go and Alfonso Que, are in jail while undergoing trial.

Under Philippine law, the death penalty applies to possession of more than 200 grams (7 ounces) of methamphetamine hydrochloride or 40 grams (1.4 ounces) of cocaine, heroin, opium and morphine.

Also Monday, a leading anti-drug crusader urged the Philippine Congress to quickly approve nine anti-drug measures.

The bills would allow seizure of assets of drug lords, electronic surveillance of drug gangs, and investigation of bank records of people charged with serious drug offenses, among other things.

"Congress should stop paying lip service to the government's crackdown on drug traffickers and users and pass these proposed laws without further delay," said Sen. Ernesto Herrera.



A member of the Philippine National Police Drug Enforcement unit stacks plastic bags of methamphetamine hydrochloride, commonly known as "poor man's cocaine" or shabu, prior to shoving them into the incinerator for destruction Monday in Manila. About 550 pounds of 'ice' were seized worth \$20 million. AP

Philippine peso dips again

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Renewed uncertainty over the Philippine peso's value sent dealers back to the sidelines Monday and weakened the currency against the dollar, traders said.

Philippine stocks also moved lower as a result of the revived apprehension over the foreign exchange market, traders said.

The peso started falling against the dollar on July 11 when Philippine monetary officials gave in to currency speculators and announced they would allow the peso to move in a wider band, in effect allowing it to depreciate. On Monday, the U.S. dollar closed at 28.231 pesos in thin trading, compared to Friday's 28.142 pesos.

Traders attributed the low volume to renewed uncertainty among banks' clients, particularly exporters, who preferred to hold on to dollars while waiting for the exchange rate to settle.

"It's the start of the week and banks are being very cautious about unloading dollars," one trader said.

The central bank dominated dollar selling in the morning in an attempt to boost volume and prevent a further depreciation of the peso.

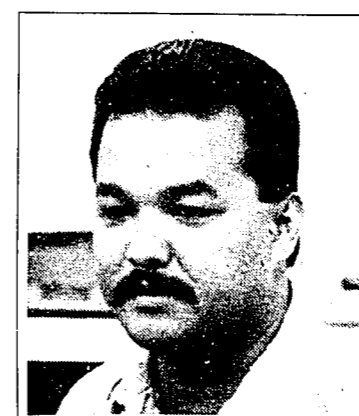
Traders said the central bank began selling dollars heavily after seeing that banks' offer rates for the dollar were higher at a range of 28 to 29 pesos. On Friday, banks' offer rates ranged between 27 and 28.50 pesos.

Traders estimate the central bank sold at least \$25 million at 28 pesos per dollar.

Speaker, Vice President on MPLT loan row 'Seek solution, not confrontation'



Diego T. Benavente



Paul A. Manglona

By Zaldy Dandan
Variety News Staff
GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio should look for a solution instead of a confrontation with the Marianas Public Land Trust over the \$10 million for affordable housing loans to low-income families, Speaker Diego T. Benavente and Senate Vice President Paul A. Manglona said yesterday.

Manglona (R-Rota), who scheduled a meeting between the Senate and MPLT's lawyers yesterday (see related story), said that it will be better for the people if the governor sit down with MPLT's board members instead of threatening to fire them.

He said the governor and MPLT should find a way to allow low-income people to get their low interest housing loans without compromising MPLT's concerns over its fiduciary duty.

MPLT, he said, has nothing to be afraid of "because they can say they're just following the law."

However, he added, MPLT's concerns are valid.

"Maybe we can come up with a new legislation that would charge a slightly higher interest rates for middle income families, or any other amendment to the current law that can still guarantee low interest rates to the low-income first time homeowners," Manglona said.

"But how can MPLT figure out a solution when the governor is screaming that he'll fire them or ask them to resign?"

'Very important'
Speaker Benavente (R-Saipan), for his part, said though the home financing program is "very important," MPLT is responsible for the funds the 1996 law earmarked for the program.

"I hope they can see that it's not violating their fiduciary duty, but it's really up to them," he said.

Benavente said MPLT should use the funds to benefit the local people instead of "just letting it sit in a bank for the rest of our lives."

The money involved belongs to the public and was intended to benefit the local people, he

said. But, he added, even if the governor fire MPLT's current board members, "we can't guarantee that the next board will do what he ask them to do."

Benavente said a possible solution is a legislation that could help MPLT make a decision to release the funds.

Still, he said, "I'm not sure that there's anything we can do. We haven't heard from the trustees, and all they're saying is that the money will be better protected in an investment instead of a home loan program."

Request

Governor Tenorio has threatened to fire MPLT's board members if they continue to refuse releasing the \$10 million.

But after being told by the Attorney General's Office that he has no legal grounds to do so, Tenorio said Monday that he will "respectfully request" the board members' resigna-

tion instead. The Variety has been unable to reach the board members—Juan S. Torres, Vincent M. Calvo, Herman R. Guerrero and Joaquin I. Pangelinan—for a comment.

Under Public Law 10-29, which took effect in October of last year, MPLT is authorized, but not compelled, to lend the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. (NMHC) \$10 million at 6 percent interest.

NMHC, in turn, will then lend the money to qualified NMI-descent individuals.

On March 19 of this year, Tenorio signed into law an amendment to P.L. 10-29, authorizing, but not compelling, MPLT to lend half of the \$10 million at 4 percent, instead of 6 percent.

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Skate new PNG premier

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (AP)—Parliament on Tuesday chose Port Moresby governor Bill Skate as prime minister to lead the new government, which will be dominated by the former ruling coalition. The choice is remarkable because Skate had vowed since the June elections that he would not join forces with the former governing coalition — until Monday, when he and other opposition leaders flip-flopped and allied with them. MORESBY, Papua New Guinea: allied with them.



Bill Skate

The new ruling alliance includes the country's four major political parties.

Skate defeated former prime minister Sir Michael Somare by 71-35 in the 109-seat Parliament.

He takes over as prime minister from Sir Julius Chan, who lost his seat in last month's election after 29 years in politics.

A member of the former ruling Pangu party, John Pundari, was elected speaker of Parliament, defeating a group of parties and independents headed by Somare.

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea: Skate had campaigned against the former Chan government, accusing it of corruption and speaking out against

its controversial plan to hire mercenaries to quell a secessionist rebellion on Bougainville island.

Former deputy prime minister Chris Haiveta, who was criticized by a judicial inquiry into the failed mercenary plan, is expected to seek the deputy prime ministership.

Chan's coalition suffered a major defeat in last month's elections, with 15 ministers losing their seats in a voter backlash against alleged political corruption and the mercenary plan.

Somare, who also ran on an anti-corruption platform, had appeared to be the leading prospect to take the prime minister's post, since he was backed by a coalition of former opposition parties.

But on Monday, two parties formerly backing him, the People's Democratic Movement (PDM) and

the People's National Congress (PNC), defected.

PDM and PNC's leaders on Monday formed a "grand alliance" with the People's Progress Party and Pangu Party, which were the last government under Chan.

Skate is the leader of the People's National Congress.

The "grand alliance" comes as a major shock, given the past enmity between the parties and the political climate created by the Sandline mercenaries crisis.

Chan and his Cabinet hired the London-based mercenary firm Sandline International for US \$36 million early this year to crush the intractable nine-year rebellion on Bougainville.

When news of the deal leaked out in March, the army rebelled and demonstrators and rioters took to the streets

of Port Moresby for several days. Chan, Faiiveta and the defense minister had to step down until the June elections to help cool off passions.

With the major parties performing badly at the polls and a high number of independents elected, there appeared to be a groundswell for fresh, honest government.

Chan partly blamed his own loss on the controversy over the aborted plan to use mercenaries to solve the Bougainville war.

Party politics are weak in Papua New Guinea, with most parties based on personalities. Village, regional, clan and family loyalties are the main influences over voting patterns.

Voters are usually more interested in what government aid and patronage a local politician can bring their district than abstract political or philosophical agendas.

Elsewhere in the Pacific

Pacific leaders react to leaked secret Australian report alleging corruption

APIA (Pacnews)—The Samoan Government has been one of the first to react to a leaked top-secret Australian report which strongly criticizes Pacific Island leaders and their economic capabilities. Samoa's finance minister, Tuilaepa Sailele, refused to

admonish the Australians, saying the leaked document was never intended for public scrutiny.

The 93-page document, believed to have been prepared by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade as a briefing for Ministers

attending the recent Cairns South Pacific Economic Summit, was found lying on a table by a Reuters journalist. It comments unfavorably on the economic management of most Pacific Island countries, and the personal habits of some leaders.

Australian official rules out apology

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Treasurer Peter Costello has ruled out apologizing to South Pacific leaders offended by "insulting" criticisms of them contained in a secret Australian

document. A lapse in security has been blamed for the highly sensitive document being left unattended outside a conference in a Cairns hotel last week, where a reporter picked it up.

The government has been embarrassed by publication of the document's contents, which included descriptions of some island leaders as drunks and lickspittles and accusing many of corruption.

The 93-page document was prepared for the Australian delegation at the South Pacific economic ministers' meeting, chaired by Costello earlier this month.

Costello agreed the views in the report could be "very deeply insulting" but when asked whether a formal apology was warranted, he argued that ministers were not in control of the writings of people within their department.

"The important thing is what weight should be attached to it and in this case, none," he told Australian Broadcasting Corp. television on Monday night.

Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said Tuesday, "I wouldn't talk extravagantly in terms of damage, I would just simply talk in terms of it being an unfortunate incident, but these things blow over."

Costello criticized the media for publishing the damaging assessments of the Pacific nations and their leaders, suggesting there was a moral obligation for journalists to consider the national interest.

"I now have an assurance from the Department of the Treasury that they will carry our investigations forward,"

he said. "If they can ascertain the people who were responsible for the breach of security, they'll be bringing the relevant proceedings against them."

Despite the government's attempts to downplay the reaction in the Pacific to the report, Nauru's President Kinza Clodumar warned relations with Australia were now at a low ebb.

Clodumar said other countries were showing an interest in the region, particularly China, adding Australia was not the only country in the Pacific looking to Asia.

"As we look forward to the 21st century there are big players coming in and I think China is one who want to make friends with everybody in the Pacific," he told ABC radio.

The report had said of Clodumar, "Attracted suspicions ... for his dealings within responsible for Air Nauru in the 1980s ... He was a party to the mismanagement under the long-serving inaugural president Hammer DeRoburt."

Acting Opposition Leader Gareth Evans described the blunder as the worst security breach he could ever remember.

New Zealand Prime Minister Jim Bolger appeared to accept Australia's position that the document did not reflect the official government view.

The briefing accused New Zealand of a growing dependence on Australia in both economic and defense terms and attempting to undermine Australia's diplomatic objectives in the region.

It described New Zealand's deputy prime minister, Winston Peters, as a "loose cannon" and an "opportunist."

After being forced to work as virtual slaves in NY Visas sought for deaf Mexicans

By BETH J. HARPAPZ
NEW YORK (AP) — A U.S. congressman recommended special visas Monday for deaf Mexicans smuggled to New York for forced labor, while four more people suspected of running the subway sweatshop were arraigned in federal court.

"Each of the Mexican nationals victimized by this horrific crime should be allowed to stay in this country; they should not be subjected to further hardship through deportation proceedings," Rep. Charles Schumer wrote in a letter to Attorney General Janet Reno.

Meanwhile, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani expressed disbelief that a city building inspector who visited a home in the city's Queens district where dozens of the immigrants were housed in crowded conditions concluded it was a legal, two-family residence.

The Buildings Department went to the home because of a complaint it had been converted to apartments, but concluded after the Feb. 11 visit that there had been no alteration of the home.

"That's almost impossible to come to that conclusion," the mayor told reporters.

The Buildings Department confirmed the visit but had no further comment.

Following a weekend tip from four deaf-mutes who walked into a Queens police station, police found 57 people, most of them also deaf-mutes, living in two homes in Jackson Heights, a heavily Hispanic neighborhood. Seven other Mexican immigrants, some deaf, were arrested Sunday on charges that include alien-smuggling and grand larceny. An alleged ring-leader, identified in a published report as Reinaldo Paoletti, remained at large, either in the United States or Mexico.

Four of the suspects were held without bail Monday in U.S. District Court in Brooklyn on federal charges of smuggling, harboring and transporting illegal aliens and conspiracy. The four, who are all illegal aliens, are Alfredo Rastrian-Paoletti, 37; Jose Paoletti-Lemus, 28; Santa Gonzalez, 21; and Rosa Maria Beltran-Sanchez, 25.

Paoletti-Lemus, Beltran-Sanchez and Gonzalez all communicated by sign language during the hearing; authorities said Rastrian-Paoletti is the only one of the four who is not deaf.

Michael Hurwitz, a lawyer for Beltran-Sanchez, asked that his client — who is five months pregnant with her third child and whose husband, Jose Paoletti-Lemus, is under arrest-released on her own recognizance. But U.S. Magistrate James Azrack said Beltran-Sanchez would have to find an American citizen willing to take responsibility for her before she could be released.

Bruce McIntyre, a lawyer for Paoletti-Lemus, said outside court, "There may have been victims, but my client was not one of the people taking advantage of them. He was more a victim than a victimizer."

complaint filed at the arraignment. Their earnings were allegedly confiscated by "bosses" as payment for bringing them here.

Investigators found \$35,000 in cash in one of the houses, \$10,000 of it in \$1 bills, according to the complaint.

Some victims were allegedly

smuggled across the Mexican border and taken to Los Angeles, where they were flown to New York; others already were in California when they were recruited, the complaint said.

Workers who failed to bring in enough money were abused, threatened with physical harm, loss of food and other sanctions, the complaint

stated. Immigration and Naturalization Service spokesman Mark Thorn said the alleged victims are in the care of the city government while investigators continue their examination of the case.

At an arraignment Sunday in Queens Criminal Court, Judge Jef-

frey Liebowitz set bail at \$50,000 each for three other suspects held on state charges that included assault, grand larceny, harassment and coercion. They were Adriana Paoletti Lemus, 29; Adelia Paoletti, 59, and Raul Alanis, 24, all deaf. Officials said that the three also would face federal charges.

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Campbell cries for Versace



Ken Wolf, right, distributes a flier with photos of suspected serial killer Andrew Cunanan to Jaime Dugger, a sandwich shop employee in Ft. Lauderdale Saturday. Cunanan is the primary suspect in the murder of Italian fashion designer Gianni Versace.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Supermodel Naomi Campbell, a favorite of slain fashion designer Gianni Versace, wept Monday when asked about Versace's killing last week in the United States.

Campbell, who is on a four-day fashion shoot for a South African clothing chain store, had avoided direct questions from journalists since arriving in the country on Saturday.

At a news conference Monday, Campbell spoke briefly before breaking into tears.

"I think it's a terrible crime to commit and I'm leaving tonight to go to the funeral tomorrow," she said, her voice faltering. "And I don't really accept that he's gone. Maybe tomorrow I will. I don't

accept he's gone ..."

She refused to comment on allegations that she recently took a drug overdose, saying she "would never want to kill myself."

"I enjoy my life very much, especially now that I have met someone like Nelson Mandela," she said of her meeting Monday morning with the South African president.

Campbell last month spent 18 hours in a Spanish hospital, reportedly because of an overdose of anti-anxiety pills.

Representatives for the London-born model denied the overdose reports, saying she suffered an allergic reaction to antibiotics. Campbell has since told reporters she drank a glass of champagne in combination with antibiotics.

One of the highest-paid fashion models in the world, Campbell was hospitalized for two days in February after collapsing with stomach pains in a London street. She was released after tests for suspected appendicitis.

Campbell said Monday she enjoyed her fame and acknowledged that the media and her fans helped make her successful. But she said fame also had a down side.

"When you are too famous they want to take you down and accuse you of anything," she said.

The model, wearing a purple patterned top and black skirt, cried again Monday while child cancer patients sang her a song as she visited Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital in the Soweto black township.

FBI airs out warning to all possible subjects of Cunanan name-dropping

By EVAN PEREZ
MIAMI (AP) — Andrew Cunanan was an name-dropper who bragged of knowing Gianni Versace and other celebrities. On Monday, the FBI said it is alerting some of those figures that their lives might be in danger, too.

"We are trying to alert people that their name has come up," said FBI spokeswoman Coleen Rowley, adding the bureau would be remiss if it didn't.

She wouldn't identify any prominent people the FBI has contacted, and downplayed reports that investigators believe the 27-year-old reputed gigolo has a hit list of people who have crossed him.

Two New York firms that provide guards and security advice to celebrities have warned their high-profile clients to take precautions until Cunanan is caught. Unitel and J.T. Mullen Co. issued a joint advisory to 47 clients soon after the Versace slaying.

Unitel's clients include designer Tommy Hilfiger and actor Harvey Keitel. Mullen refused to disclose any of its clients, but previously has acknowledged working for Donald Trump and Diane Sawyer.

"The fashion business is panicked right now," said Mullen president Joe Mullen.

"We're warning all our celebrity clients," said Unitel president William Callahan. "We wouldn't be surprised if he showed up in New York. ... New York is a very anonymous place. He could hide here very easily."

In an upcoming article in Vanity Fair magazine, journalist Maureen Orth said Cunanan often tried to portray himself as a rich jet-setter, bragging that he knew Versace well, that his father was an Israeli millionaire and that his mother once spent time at a spa with Blondie singer Deborah Harry.

Investigators said they don't have any reason to believe Cunanan, suspected of gunning down the fashion designer outside his oceanfront mansion July 15, will strike at anyone in particular.

But they want to be cautious, because no one knows his whereabouts. Cunanan has been charged with killing a man in Illinois, New Jersey and Minnesota, and is a prime suspect in the killing of a second Minnesota man.

Authorities have said they believe Cunanan, who could be posing as a woman, is still in South Florida. The manhunt, however, is national.

Corey Planck, a writer for the Gay and Lesbian Times in Cunanan's hometown of San Diego, said some Cunanan acquaintances aren't taking any chances.

"Some of them left town when he first started killing, some when the Versace killing happened," Planck said.

Investigators say Cunanan may have been in Miami Beach as long as two months before the slaying, quietly staying in a cheap motel about four miles from Versace's mansion.

At one point, Cunanan pawned a gold coin stolen from one of the men

he is accused of killing. Miami Beach police wouldn't answer questions Monday about whether the coin was an important clue that could have alerted them to Cunanan's presence at least a week before the Versace slaying.

The pawnshop, Cash On The Beach, has records indicating he used his real name, left a thumbprint, and also left a record of the hotel and room number where he stayed until the day before Versace's slaying.

Clerk Vivian Oliva said she followed Florida law requiring her to mail a copy of the receipt and his thumbprint to Miami Beach police within 24 hours. But she didn't talk to police until after the slaying when she called to say she had the Cunanan receipt.

A news release from police Monday said officers manually enter data received from pawn shops. "For that reason, there is often a time gap between the arrival of that data from the pawn shops and entry of the information," the release said. Police declined to offer any details.

A friend of Cunanan's told the FBI that Cunanan had a crush on a member of Versace's entourage, Time magazine reported. Authorities have tried to determine whether Cunanan and Versace knew each other.

A week ago, a day before the July 15 slaying, security cameras at the News Cafe recorded Cunanan about 30 minutes before Versace made his usual appearance to buy magazines, Newsweek reported. The cafe is within walking distance of Versace's home.

Tenet maps new CIA focus

By JOHN DIAMOND

McLEAN, Virginia (AP) — After years of uncertainty following the Cold War, the CIA now has a new mission, said the agency's new director Monday: to focus on "hard targets" in terrorism, weapons proliferation and drug trafficking.

"This is, at the end of the day, an espionage organization," CIA Director George Tenet said in his first interview since being confirmed by the Senate. "We must generate information that is unique and makes a contribution against each of those targets. Otherwise, we don't know why we're here."

Tenet said the CIA must guard against becoming just one more organization in the flow of information in the communications age. Instead, it must stick to the "very narrow focus" of getting information other people and governments don't have — secrets about real and potential enemies of the United States, operating practices of terrorist organizations, leadership hierarchies of narcotics rings, and the trade routes of weapons proliferation.

The 44-year-old director, the 18th in the CIA's history, met with a half dozen reporters in the wood-paneled director's conference room. The windowless room at the CIA's suburban Washington headquarters features the seals of the military and intelligence organizations that comprise the vast U.S. intelligence community.

Just five days from the CIA's 50th anniversary, Tenet said he is more concerned about the agency's future than its sometimes rocky past.

Part of his job, Tenet said, will be to make Americans understand better what the CIA does and combat the negative images stemming from such storied failures as the Aldrich Ames spy case of the early 1990s, the failure during the 1980s to predict the Soviet collapse, the tales of assassination teams in the 1970s, and the Bay of Pigs disaster of the 1960s.

Tenet will be presiding over an agency that is 25 percent smaller than its Cold War peak and whose mission has changed dramatically from the focus on the now-defunct Soviet Union.

Nevertheless, the CIA Tenet described will continue to use many of the same basic tools that it accessed throughout the Cold War: a costly array of spy satellites for imagery and eavesdropping intelligence, a broad base of analysts trained in a variety of

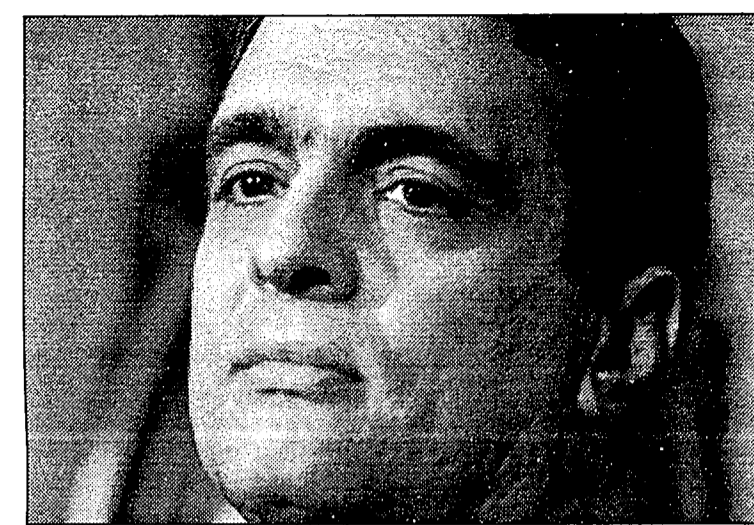
foreign languages, and an elite, though often criticized, team of operations specialists who run actions directed against foreign governments and entities.

This "Directorate of Operations," the CIA's clandestine spy service, will now fall under the command of Jack G. Downing, one of several senior appointments announced Monday by Tenet. Downing will head an international team of operators who specialize in managing foreign agents, informants and cooperators who

comprise the CIA's source of human intelligence, or "HUMINT" as it is known in the trade.

A Harvard graduate and former Marine with combat experience in Vietnam, Downing joined the CIA in 1967 as an overseas operator. He is the recipient of the Distinguished Intelligence Medal, the CIA's highest award. He retired from the agency in 1995.

"Mr. Downing is a world-renowned operator," Tenet said, noting he is fluent in Russian and Chinese. "Here is a man who reads Chinese poetry for kicks."



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People stand alongside a memorial outside slain fashion designer Gianni Versace's mansion on Miami Beach. Versace was murdered on the doorsteps of his home and the suspect is still at large.

Cambodia's Ranariddh urges ASEAN:

'Tighten pressure on Hun Sen'



Cambodian Prince Norodom Ranariddh gives a traditional prayer greeting to the media at the end of a press conference in Singapore on Monday. Ranariddh called on his Southeast Asian neighbors to put human rights before business and exert economic pressure on the government of his rival prime minister, Hun Sen.

By LAURINDA KEYS SINGAPORE (AP) - Cambodia's Prince Ranariddh urged his Southeast Asian neighbors Monday to put human rights before business and exert economic pressure on the government of his rival premier, Hun Sen.

"We cannot put business before democracy, we cannot put business before human rights," Ranariddh told a news conference, calling for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to end all aid to the regime in Phnom Penh.

He mentioned that the United States, Germany, Japan and Australia had frozen their assets in Cambodia in the wake of Hun Sen's bloody coup, and he urged the seven-nation ASEAN group to join in those "economic sanctions."

Without international budget aid, tourists' currency and outside investment, "Hun Sen can only survive three months," Ranariddh said, noting that even before the coup, civil servants and soldiers had not been paid.

"Three months is nothing. The people can survive. But if we de-

scend to a new civil war, the people will suffer much longer," he said.

"If ASEAN were to take a policy based on this principle - business before human rights - ASEAN would not be anymore a credible organization," said Ranariddh, who praised the organization for delaying the membership of his country in the wake of Hun Sen's coup.

Burma, along with Laos, is scheduled to join ASEAN on Wednesday. Cambodia was also to have joined, but member nations' foreign ministers postponed its entry indefinitely last week.

When the foreign ministers decided to go ahead with Burma's entry, they issued several statements saying the only criteria for membership were whether the country could be a viable trading partner and keep its economic agreements with its partner countries.

The current members of ASEAN are Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Brunei, Philippines, Singapore and Vietnam.

Ranariddh said ASEAN officials have not yet decided who will represent Cambodia as an

observer at the organization's foreign ministers' meeting and Regional Forum this week and next in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Ranariddh said he would suggest that Cambodia's foreign minister, Ung Huot, attend, "not to speak on behalf of Hun Sen, but to observe."

The suggestion is complicated because Hun Sen has chosen Ung Huot - a member of Ranariddh's party - to succeed Ranariddh in the position of first premier of Cambodia, a choice the prince has not accepted.

The prince maintains that Ung Huot is still the foreign minister of the coalition government.

Ranariddh said Singapore Foreign Minister S. Jayakumar would take to the ASEAN meeting the prince's three suggested options for solving the crisis.

First, he said, the coalition government headed by himself and Hun Sen should be restored, with the same Cabinet and members of the National Assembly, including those who fled with him to Thailand.

A second option, he said, would be for him and Hun Sen to each appoint representative premiers to form a caretaker government until internationally supervised elections.

Ranariddh said that in the interest of avoiding civil war, he would accept as a third option that Hun Sen remain in power while the prince appoints a substitute for himself.

But Ranariddh said he must retain his own right to run in elections and return to Cambodia without fear of being arrested, as Hun Sen has threatened.

He said ASEAN foreign ministers had made some of those suggestions to Hun Sen already, in a mediating trip last week, but Hun Sen has rejected them.

Ranariddh said he would return to Bangkok, Thailand, on Wednesday, and meet Thursday with U.S. envoy Stephen Solarz.

South Korean politics heat up

Ex-PM seeks presidency



South Korean President Kim Young-sam, right, and Rep. Lee Hoi-chang wave their hands after Lee was selected on Monday as the candidate of the ruling New Korea Party for the coming December presidential election.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - The governing New Korea Party on Monday nominated Lee Hoi-chang, a former prime minister and Supreme Court justice, as its candidate for South Korea's presidential elections in December.

Lee is known for his upright image, and is expected to bolster his party's chances of winning the presidency again in face of the opposition's accusations of government corruption.

Several former Cabinet ministers and close associates of President Kim Young-sam have been convicted of bribery. Kim's son, Hyun-chul, is also on trial, on charges of bribery and tax evasion.

In a runoff vote after a fierce contest for the nomination, marred by allegations of vote-rigging and smear tactics, Lee won against Kyongki Province Governor Rhee In-je by 6,922 votes to 4,622.

Lee, 62, had been considered the favorite since President Kim appointed him to become chairman of the governing party in

March. Kim's single five-year term ends in February and, by law, he cannot be re-elected.

"Whether you supported me, or someone else, we are now all colleagues. We are one. I am sure that all of you will, hand in hand, support me from now on," Lee said in accepting the nomination.

"With your help, I am sure that I will be able to win the presidential race," he said to loud cheers at the party's national convention in Seoul's Olympic Gymnastics Stadium.

In the first round of voting, Lee received 4,955 votes in a six-way race, but failed to win a majority. That led to the runoff between him and Rhee, who was second in the first round with 1,774 votes, just eight ahead of Lee Han-dong.

The failed candidates tried to redirect their share of the votes to Rhee, but failed to engineer an upset.

This nomination race was the first in which the incumbent president did not designate a successor, but instead called for a free election by the national

convention. As the ruling party's candidate, Lee is expected to face Kim Dae-jung, 72, head of the leading opposition party National Congress for New Poli-

tics, and Kim Jong-pil, 71, of the United Liberal Democrats. Both Kims are seasoned politicians. The December race would be Kim Dae-jung's fourth bid for the nation's top office.

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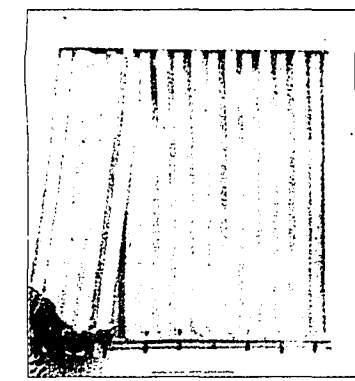
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PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 8-41, SECTION 11, GOVERNOR FROILAN C. TENORIO AND LT. GOVERNOR JESUS C. BORJA, THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DIVISION OF THE COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ARE HEREBY GIVING NOTICE, THAT THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE DCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 1997 AT 1:00 P.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CDA CONFERENCE ROOM, WAKIN'S BUILDING, GUALO RAI, SAIPAN.

AGENDA:

- I. ROLL CALL
- II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
 1. APRIL 22, 1997
- IV. REPORTS
- V. NEW BUSINESS
- VI. OTHER MATTERS

/s/ JESUS D. SABLAN
Chairman



Khmer Rouge soldiers reposition a tank turret near Choun Kar in Samrong district Friday. Fighting continued between soldiers loyal to rivaling political factions, over formerFUNCINPEC strongholds in Northern Cambodia.

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US disappointed with coup leader

WASHINGTON (AP) -The United States regrets Cambodian leader Hun Sen's decision to reject the offer of ASEAN nations to mediate the Cambodian political crisis, the U.S. State Department said Monday.

"We considered the ASEAN initiative a very constructive one," spokesman Nicholas Burns said.

Asked what options remain, Burns said U.S. officials will continue to stress that democratic elections ought to be respected "and that the man who was chosen by the legislature in Cambodia to be the first prime minister should not be kicked out of that job on a whim by Mr. Hun Sen."

He said that U.S. envoy Stephen Solarz, after talks in Japan, is in China for further discussions on Cambodia with King Sihanouk and with Chinese officials.



Army troops stand guard behind a barbed wire barricade during a police strike in downtown Recife, Brazil, Monday. Criminals, prisoners and petty lawbreakers are taking advantage of police strikes in five Brazilian states. Police have demanded substantial pay increases and many are angered over pay scales that give higher-ranking officers greater salaries and benefits. AP

Report: Overseas forces open to terrorist attacks

By LIBBY QUAD
WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. troops are less vulnerable to overseas terrorist attacks like the 1996 barracks bombing in Saudi Arabia, but lapses still exist because there are no mandatory security standards for military buildings, congressional investigators said Monday.

The Defense Department acted swiftly to reduce the threat after a truck bombing killed 19 airmen at a Dhahran barracks and a 1995 car bombing in Riyadh killed five Americans. But the department still has not developed minimum security standards for its buildings, according to the report by the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigatory arm.

"Terrorism is very difficult to combat, but there are many things we can do, and we have done many of them,"

said Rep. Ike Skelton, who requested the study last October. "I'm convinced that we need to be more consistent and that we need to standardize the ways we combat terrorism within the Department of Defense."

Officials have made significant progress in the Middle East, moving thousands of troops to remote desert facilities and sending families home from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Bahrain. In Turkey, an off-base apartment building was closed because it was considered too vulnerable to attack.

But the investigation found several lapses in security because there are no standards for construction and location of military facilities, the report said. The question is not whether terrorists will strike again, military officials told investigators, but when, where and how.

Investigators visited all five main U.S. military commands around the world, as well as traveled to about 30 overseas sites where U.S. forces are deployed. Among the lapses cited in the GAO report:

•New dormitories in one country are located close to a heavily traveled public road, presenting the same risks as the bombed Khobar Towers barracks in Dhahran. Officials are considering closing the road or building a tunnel to reroute traffic.

•In another country, a 1.9 million facility was under construction along a city street with no stand-off, which is the distance between base facilities and uncontrolled land. None of the off-base facilities in that country met the advisory guidelines in the Defense Department's anti-terrorism handbook.

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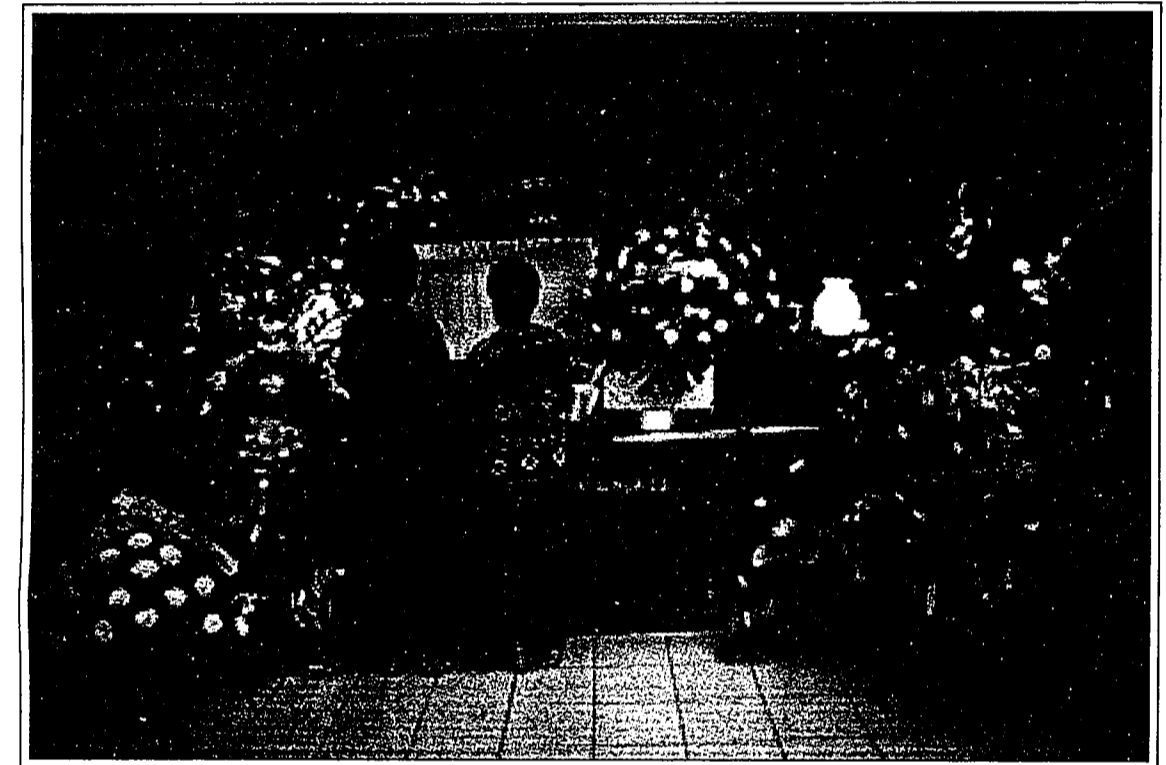


VICENTE M. MENDIOLA

We the children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces & nephews would like to invite our relatives and friends to join us for the Death Anniversary masses of our beloved mother, uncle, grandmother, great grandmother, grandfather and great grandfather.

Mass will be said beginning on July 21 thru July 29 at 6:00 a.m. at Mount Carmel Cathedral. On July 27, Sunday, mass will be said at 9:00 a.m. On the final day July 29, 1997, Tuesday, Dinner will be served at 6:00p.m. at the residence of Leocadio C. Mendiola in Chalan Piao.


Kindly Join Us,
Thank You Yan Si Yu'us Ma'ase Ginen As
Leocadio C. Mendiola Yan I Familia



Mourners view the body of Benjamin Flores in a San Luis Rio Colorado, Mexico, funeral parlor Wednesday. Benjamin Flores Gonzalez, 29, was shot as he arrived Tuesday afternoon at La Prensa, a daily newspaper in this border city just south of Yuma, Ariz. AP

DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

"Luis Cabrera Cepeda"



better known as Luis Benita of San Vicente, Saipan, passed away in the grace of our Lord on Monday, July 21, 1997 at the age of 60.

SURVIVED BY:
 Mother: Victoria Cabrera Cepeda
 Father: Juan Ilano Cepeda
 Wife: Benita Borja Cepeda
 Brothers, Sister, Spouses: Joaquin & Maria Cepeda, Francisco & Antonia Cepeda, Antonio Cepeda, Rosa Cepeda, Jose Cepeda.

Children, Spouses, grand children, great grand children: Sandy & Eileen Cepeda (Lilia, Christlud)
 Vicky & Jose Cabrera (Elena, Joseph, Vicky, Yosko, Jacqueline, Page, Takeshia)
 Luis Cepeda (Luis Jr., Rosa, Verna, Joaquin, Bernice, Jonathan, Brian, Carina)
 John Cepeda & Linda Koshiro (Jessica, Jennifer, Jason, J.B., J.Lynn)
 Dorothy & Dennis Camacho (Angel, Dennis Jr., Vicente, Tomas)
 Peter & Lillian Cepeda (Peter Jay, Nikki, Michelle)
 David & Chung Cepeda (David Patrick, Nicole, Janelle, Derek, Christopher)
 Joseph & Lucy Cepeda (Raymond, Connie, Kyle, Dalwin)
 Robert Cepeda & Lisa You (Shawn Craig)
 Anthony & Maricar Cepeda (Gunicca, Garraine)
 Tina Cepeda & Roy Saucedo (Roy Jr.)
 Bertha Cepeda & David Borja (Ryan, David Jr.)
 Martha & Jack Camacho (Elowena)

He is additionally survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins.
 Rosary is being said nightly at 8:00 p.m. at their residence in San Vicente, and will end on the day of the funeral.

Last respects may be paid at their residence in San Vicente between 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 29, 1997. The funeral mass will be at 4:30 p.m. at San Vicente Church, followed by the burial at Mount Carmel Cemetery, Chalan Kanoa.

2 held in killing of Mexican publisher

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Police in northern Mexico have arrested two of the four people they believe killed the crusading publisher of a local newspaper, and say the men who ordered the hit may have fled to the United States.

Benjamin Flores, publisher of La Prensa in the border city of San Luis Rio Colorado, just south of Arizona, was shot last week by one of four men who pulled up in a car.

The Sonora state attorney general's office said in a statement faxed Monday to The Associated Press that investigators have identified all four men believed to have been in the car, and that two of them were arrested.

Of those arrested, witnesses have identified Luis Enrique Rincon Muro as the gunman, and Vidal Zamora Lara confessed to participating in the crime, the statement said. The other two participants were on the run, it said.

Attorney General Rolando Tavares told the AP last week that the gunman was Rolando Arroyo Palacios. Tavares was out of his office Monday, and no one there could explain the discrepancy.

The hit is believed to have been ordered by Ismael and Gabriel Gonzales Gutierrez, brothers of a drug lord who allegedly was angered by Flores' articles, according to the statement.

They also were on the run, and believed to have fled north across the border.

The brother, Jaime Gonzalez Gutierrez, was sentenced last month to 12 years in prison after he was caught with 1 3/4 tons of marijuana. La Prensa had reported that the drug smuggler enjoyed special treatment while awaiting trial in jail.

According to Tavares, the brothers tried unsuccessfully to bribe Flores before killing him.

In a separate development, police believe that a suspected drug dealer gunned down over the weekend in northern Mexico was the fifth victim of a power struggle that has followed the death of Mexico's top drug lord.

Juan Eugenio Rosales Ortiz, nicknamed "The Genius," was slain in Ciudad Juarez as he returned home with his family Saturday night, the Mexico City newspaper Reforma reported.

Graft report reaches Arafat

By Samar Assad
JERUSALEM (AP)—A committee appointed to investigate charges of corruption submitted a report to Yasser Arafat on Monday that was expected to cause a shake-up in the Palestinian leader's Cabinet.

Arafat already has received a letter of resignation from his justice minister—who riled the United States by supporting the killing of Arabs who sold land to Jews — Palestinian sources said Monday.

Arafat initially said he would refuse to accept Freih Abu Medein's resignation but has not responded officially, said the sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Israeli media said Abu Medein submitted a resignation letter several days ago because of implication in a corruption scandal; the Palestinian sources said he was unhappy about being excluded from decisions on several key appointments.

Members of the committee investigating corruption, appointed by Arafat six weeks ago, refused to give details of their findings.

"Some ministers and deputy min-

isters will have to face accountability," said Majed Mazini, a committee member and high court judge. "We recommended that there be changes in the government."

An internal audit by the state comptroller's office in May found that \$326 million — nearly half the 1997 budget — had been lost to corruption or mismanagement by Palestinian Authority officials. It was followed by a report by a watchdog group claiming that top Palestinian officials have systematically abused their positions for personal financial gain.

Palestinian Cabinet Secretary Tayeb Abdel Rahim, who headed the committee, said it has come up with different numbers than the state comptroller.

"Most of the mismanagement came from lack of experience and absence of laws and regulations," he said.

As an example of the chaotic situation, there are nearly 500 directors in the 18 Palestinian ministries, according to Anis al-Qaq, deputy planning minister.

Palestinians close Hamas bomb factory in West Bank

By SAID GHAZALI
BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) - Palestinian security forces found explosives, Jewish prayer shawls and false beards in a West Bank apartment being used as a bomb-making factory, a police commander said Monday.

Col. Kamal Sheikh said the apartment in Beit Sahour, a village outside Bethlehem, was being used by the Islamic militant group Hamas to prepare a bombing attack. Three Palestinians were arrested, including the owner of the apartment, he said.

Hamas has claimed responsibility for dozens of deadly attacks against Israel, most recently a March suicide bombing in a Tel Aviv cafe that killed three Israeli women and the bomber.

Hamas had no immediate com-

ment on the raid.

The factory's discovery came as Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat attempted to counter Israeli accusations that members of the Palestinian police force had planned attacks against Israel.


Palestinian security forces arrested at least four police officers Sunday and Arafat ordered an inquiry into the Israeli allegations.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reacted coolly to the discovery of the bomb factory.

"I would like to see these efforts made continuously and not only as a result of pressure after the exposure of the gravest activity by the Palestinian police," he said. "These activities against Hamas must be methodical, continuous and daily, and then it will impress us much more."



Unidentified Palestinian women cry during the funeral of Nabras Abu Sharkh, aged 14, in the West Bank village Dahariya Monday. Sharkh died Monday after being shot in the head by Israeli troops 10 days ago. About 1,000 Palestinians marched in the funeral. AP



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Europe girds for new floods

By Beata Pasek
WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Thousands of Czechs prepared for their second evacuation in two weeks Monday, as Germans and Poles along the Oder River piled up more sandbags to hold back flood waters.

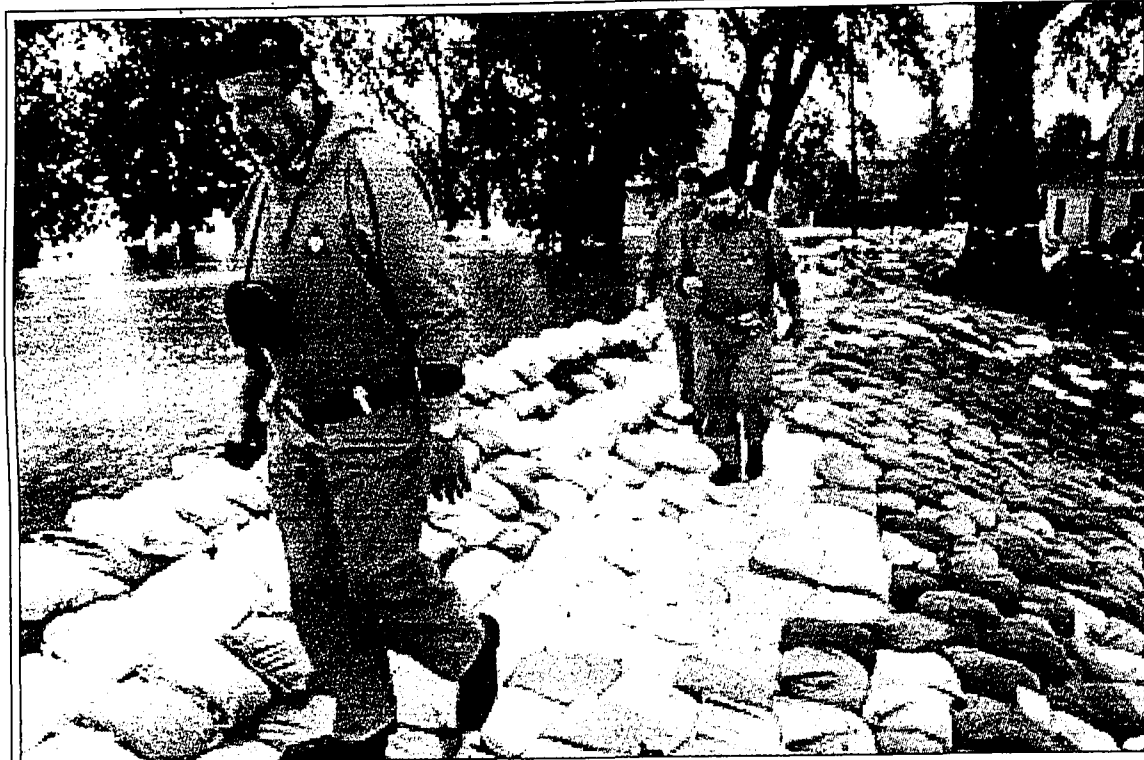
Rain drenched the region on Monday, and weather forecasts called for showers through at least Tuesday — raising fears of more deadly floods.

Two weeks of flooding, described as the worst in centuries, have killed nearly 100 people, mostly in Poland and the Czech Republic. Some 140,000 Poles have been forced from their homes, officials said.

More than 650,000 acres of land remains under water, officials said.

Officials worried diseases such as typhoid and dysentery could spread because of shortages of drinking water and delays in removing animal carcasses.

The Oder River's level was falling



Members of Germany's technical relief organization THW check a reinforced dike at the Oder River in Ratzdorf, Monday. The Oder River spilled over its banks and submerged many streets in the German-Polish border area. Heavy rains have weakened the dikes, authorities are considering the evacuation of Ratzdorf and other towns. AP

in emergency session Monday night to discuss aid to flood victims and rebuilding affected regions.

The Czech news agency CTK said water in the Morava River was rising again. Thousands of people in Otrokovice, 190 miles east of Prague, were preparing for their second evacuation in two weeks.

The Elbe, Upa and Jizera rivers in north and northeast Bohemia, which spilled their banks over the weekend, also were returning to normal, but experts feared they might flood again due to continuing rain.

On the German side of the Oder, residents and rescue workers also braced for the second flood wave, adding to 1.5 million waterlogged sandbags and reviewing evacuation plans.

Only four residents have moved from their homes in Frankfurt an der Oder so far. But to the north, plans were made to quickly evacuate 19,000 people and 30,000 livestock from the Oderbruch region, which officials said was in the most danger.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl was to visit Frankfurt an der Oder on Tuesday to check on the flood measures personally, his spokesman said.

The floods have killed at least 25 people in Poland. In the Czech Republic, the death toll rose to 39 after rescue workers found the body of a drowned man near Prerov, 175 miles east of Prague. Two other people were reported missing.

US envoy meets Playsvic

By Jovana Gec
PALE, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations warned Bosnia Serbs against seeking a new confrontation with the world, and met their embattled president Monday in a show of support.

Ambassador Bill Richardson's meeting with President Biljana Playsvic followed her expulsion from the ruling Bosnian Serb party. She was ousted by supporters of her main rival, wartime leader Radovan Karadzic, Bosnia's most-wanted war crimes suspect.

Karadzic loyalists accuse Playsvic of aiding NATO's hunt for war crimes suspects and creating a dangerous split in the Serb half of Bosnia.

NATO raids on July 10 nabbed one Serb war crimes suspect and killed another in northwest Bosnia, leaving Serbs on edge and provoking a series of small-scale bombings aimed at NATO and international officials.

Two U.S. soldiers have been wounded.

The raids have led hard-line Serbs to close ranks around the leader of the 3 1/2-year Bosnian war, which ended only after a U.N.-sanctioned bombing campaign against Serb combatants. Early Monday, hundreds of pro-Karadzic posters appeared around Pale, Karadzic's headquarters east of Sarajevo.

Richardson warned the Serbs against any new confrontation.

"Recent provocations in the Republika Srpska are intolerable, and if not ended, they could pull us down an extremely dangerous road," he said in Sarajevo. "Security officials should ensure that those who perpetrate terrorist acts are speedily detained and brought to justice."

Citing security concerns, the Serb member of the three-man Bosnian presidency, Momcilo Krajisnik, declined to come to Sarajevo to meet with Richardson.

Krajisnik is closely allied with Karadzic. Playsvic accuses both of getting rich on smuggling during and



Bosnian Serb President Biljana Playsvic, left, and local opposition leader Milovan Stankovic, right, flash traditional 3-fingered salutes during a rally of support for Playsvic in Dobojo Sunday. Backers of Radovan Karadzic booted Biljana Playsvic, his main rival, from the ruling Serb Democratic Party late Saturday.

"they want to see this tense situation in Republika Srpska solved in the best possible manner."

She added that the tension makes it difficult to carry out conditions of the Dayton peace accord that ended the war.

She said it was especially important that Bosnian Serbs receive outside economic aid, and Richardson said that was among the issues discussed.

Serbs currently receive only a very small portion of the billions of dollars in aid sent to Bosnia. The money is being held up because of Serbs' refusal to allow Muslim and Croat refugees to return to pre-war homes in the Serb portion of Bosnia, or to implement other parts of the Dayton agreement.

Playsvic is a strong nationalist in her own right, and has condemned the NATO raids in northwest Bosnia. But she seems more willing to abide by the peace agreement and work with Muslims and Croats.

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
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PUBLIC NOTICE
 July 18, 1997

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AGENDA

- I. Roll Call
- II. Adoption of Agenda
- III. Adoption of Minutes
 1. April 16, 1997
 2. April 23, 1997
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
 1. CUC's Capital project - 80 Megawatt Power Plant
 2. NMHC's Resolution No. 14 - LA with Bank of Guam (\$1.5M)
 3. NMHC's Resolution No. 15 - LA with Bank of Guam (\$3M)
 4. NMHC's Resolution No. 16 - LA with GSLA
 5. PSS' Request to Borrow \$16M for new classrooms and other cap.
- VI. DCD Matters
- VII. Administrative Matters
 1. Personnel
- VIII. Reports
 1. Fund's Availability
 2. Chairman's/Executive Director's Report
- IX. Other Matters

(Pursuant to Public Law 9-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session)

By: **JUAN S. TENORIO**
 Chairman, CDA
 Board of Directors

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY
CPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD OF MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, through the Commonwealth Ports Authority Board of Directors, hereby give notice that the regular meeting of the CPA Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, July 24, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the CPA Conference Room, Saipan Seaport Office on Saipan.

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

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Adoption of Agenda
 4. Adoption of Minutes (June 6, 1997)
- II. CORRESPONDENCE
- III. COMMITTEES REPORT
 1. Finance Committee
 - a. Adoption of Financial Statements
 2. Seaport Facilities Committee
 3. Airport Facilities Committee
 4. Personnel Committee
- IV. EXECUTIVE REPORT
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 1. Presentation of Tinian Seaport Master Plan By J.C. Tenorio & Associates
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
 1. Proposed \$140 Million Airport/Seaport Bond
 - Memorandum of Understanding
 - Board Resolution No. 02-97
 2. Supplemental Budget Request No. 97-07
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT(S)
- VIII. (Executive Session) LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

By: **VICTOR B. HOCOG** July 15, 1997
 Chairman, Board of Directors Date

Yeltsin wants 500 fewer generals

MOSCOW (AP) — To keep the Russian military from getting too top-heavy as it reduces its ranks, President Boris Yeltsin today ordered defense officials to cut the number of generals by more than 500.

Yeltsin, meeting with Defense Minister Igor Sergeev, said the number of generals would be reduced gradually from the current 2,865 to "an upper limit" of 2,300, the ITAR-Tass news agency said.

Yeltsin and Sergeev met at a resort in central Russia where the president is vacationing.

According to ITAR-Tass, Yeltsin has not approved any promotions to general for a month and a half. Of the current staff of generals, 1,928 are in the armed forces, 122 at the Interior Ministry and the remainder in various other government departments.

Yeltsin did not say how the cuts would be accomplished, although the moratorium on promotions suggested that it might be by attrition.

The president has ordered the Defense Ministry to reduce the size of Russia's armed forces by 500,000, from 1.7 million to 1.2 million. Today's meeting dealt largely with issues related to the military restructuring.

"Everything possible will be done to make the process painless for those discharged from the military service," Yeltsin told reporters after the meeting.

He said 100,000 apartments would be built for the departing soldiers — 50,000 at the expense of the Defense Ministry and 50,000 to be paid for by regional authorities.

Yeltsin insisted that the reduction would not affect the country's defense capabilities.



Boris Yeltsin

Kremlin: Clinton to visit Moscow

MOSCOW (AP) — The Kremlin announced Monday that President Clinton would travel to Moscow next spring for a summit with Russian President Boris Yeltsin. But the White House said no precise plans had been made.

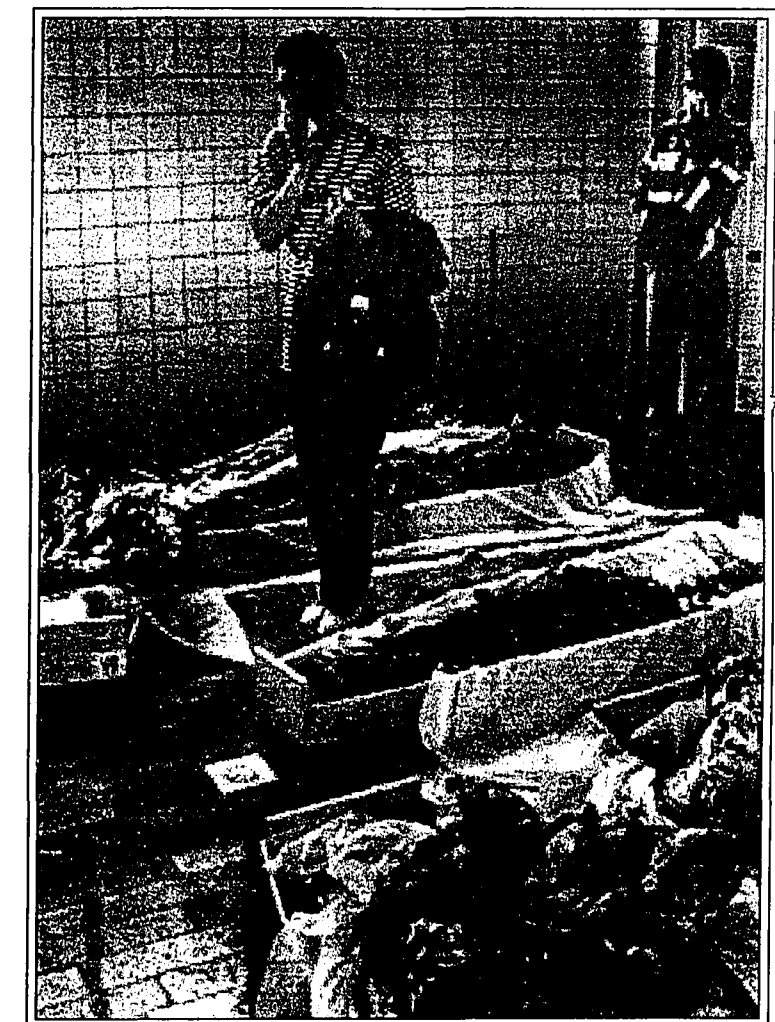
First Deputy Prime Minister Boris Nemtsov said the meeting, in March or April, would focus on energy issues, the Interfax and ITAR-Tass news agencies reported. Nemtsov said the summit would precede a meeting of Russia and the Group of Seven industrialized nations.

A senior Clinton administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity said such plans are not even close to being finalized. The official said the spring meeting could be at the ministerial level, not the presidential level, and that no date had been set.

Nemtsov, who made the announcement after meeting with U.S. Energy Secretary Federico Pena, said topics would include investment in Russia's fuel and energy sectors, as well as energy conservation and other global issues.



Bill Clinton



Two unidentified relatives cover their noses as they try to identify their brother at the city morgue of Visoko on Monday. Both assume that their brother could be one of the 100 bodies found in a mass grave in the village of Viakovo just outside of Sarajevo. AP

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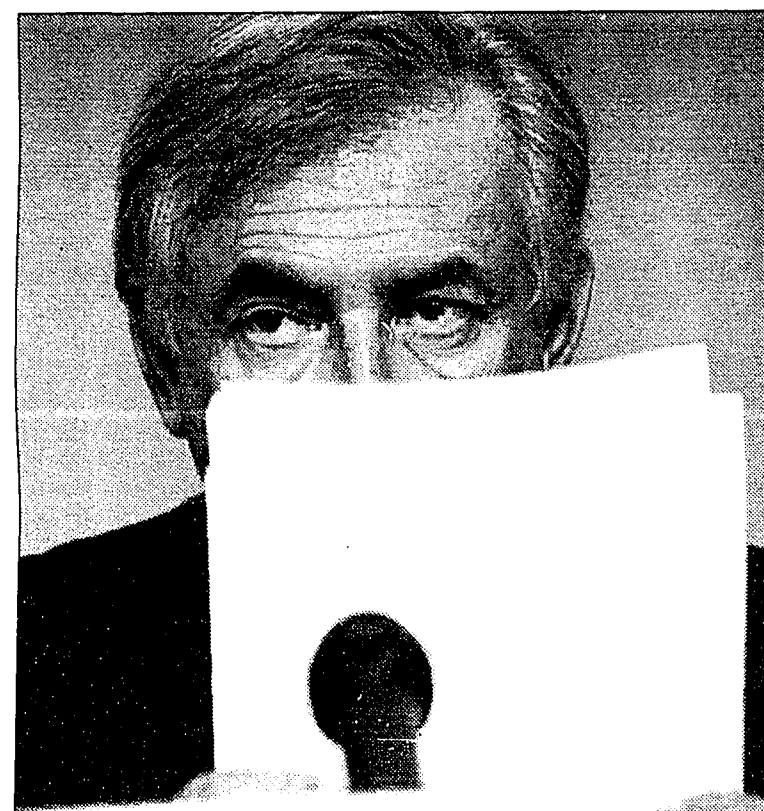
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Bernice Diaz 664-3700/3703
 Charley Kenty 664-3700/3703
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Or write to:
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CNMI Public School System
 P.O. Box 1370
 Saipan, MP 96950

**Note: House and apartment owners are expected to be ready to provide transportation for teachers from the Relocation Fairs to the houses and/or apartments' sites and back to the teachers' hotel.

Business & Economy



French Finance Minister Dominique Strauss-Kahn looks over documents during the presentation of the much-awaited government audit Monday in Paris. The audit shows government must tighten its belt to qualify for the European single currency. AP

France unveils its strategy for 'euro'

By JOCELYN NOVECK
PARIS (AP) - France's new leftist government presented its strategy Monday to get the country's finances in shape for the single European currency: higher taxes on businesses, and spending cuts notably in defense.
 The announcement came as officials released a much-awaited government audit. As expected, it showed a budget deficit running from 3.5 to 3.7 percent of gross domestic product.
 According to the criteria set by the Maastricht treaty on European monetary union, countries must get their deficits to 3 percent of GDP by the end of this year. The euro, as the single currency is called, is set to debut in 1999.

Though it isn't clear whether countries will be required to meet the criteria to the decimal point, economic powerhouse Germany has insisted the euro won't be a credible currency if the 3 percent mark isn't met. Premier Lionel Jospin ordered the audit last month after his leftist coalition defeated the governing conservatives in parliamentary elections.
 Attempts to meet the euro criteria contributed to the unpopularity of the previous government, and could cost Jospin support. Still, he has little choice but to try to get the deficit down.
 At a news conference Monday, Finance Minister Domi-

Business & Trade



British Airways seeks talks

LONDON (AP) - British Airways, still working to rebuild its schedule that was hard hit during a flight attendants strike, on Monday urged the union to hurry up with its proposals for cutting costs.
 British Airways asked negotiators from the Transport and General Workers Union to meet later in the day so management can hear their ideas on reducing annual costs by 42 million pounds (dls 70 million).
 "The purpose of the meeting is to receive and clarify the proposals so we can subsequently evalu-

ate them," British Airways chief executive Bob Ayling said in a statement.
 The union had no immediate response to British Airways but told a reporter it was still working on its proposals.
 British Airways has restored most of its flight schedule that was disrupted during a three-day walkout by cabin crew that ended on July 12. The airline scrapped just 11 short-haul flights from London's Heathrow Airport to British and continental European des-

Belarus gas supply cut over debts

MOSCOW (AP) - Russian natural gas giant RAO Gazprom has cut shipments to Belarus by 25 percent in an effort to force the country to pay more than dls 100 million in debts, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported Monday.
 Gazprom officials couldn't immediately be reached for comment. The company last week warned Belarus that supplies would be cut in half starting Saturday unless the debt was repaid.
 Tass quoted Anatoly Pomysalsky, the Gazprom official responsible for shipments to other former Soviet republics, as saying the company imposed the 25 percent restriction Saturday.

Sablan...

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 Commonwealth, it was said.
 The officers took the workers in handcuffs to the Immigration Detention Center where they were held for eight to nine days, said Sawhney.
 The lawyer pointed out that the workers were never taken before a judge prior to their releases on July 10 and July 11.
 Sawhney said the officers served the arrest warrants, which had been improperly issued by the Attorney General's Office, on the plaintiffs at different times

following their arrests.
 Subsequently, he said, the plaintiffs were served with court orders signed by a judge to show cause why they should not be deported.
 The plaintiffs were denied proper sleeping facilities and medical attention and given only limited telephone access during their confinement, Sawhney said.
 During their confinement, the plaintiffs were cold and were not provided with any sheets, blankets, or pillows, said the lawyer.
 The workers sought general, compensatory and punitive damages for the arrests and confinement, which they claim violated

their constitutional and statutory rights.
 Sawhney said the arresting officers "failed to notify the plaintiffs at the time of their arrests, the reasons for the arrests, their rights to counsel, or their rights to remain silent."
 "Defendants Sablan, Dunlap, Zachares, Demapan, Reyes, Santos and Taitano, in arresting the plaintiffs without arrest warrants, have deprived the plaintiffs of their rights against unreasonable searches and seizures, and due process of law guaranteed to them by the 4th and 14th Amendments to the US Constitution," he added.

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 "District 4, Mariano M. Falig and Frank G. Cepeda.
 Also certified was Luis Sablan, a senatorial candidate running as independent for a Tinian seat.
 Democratic and other independent candidates are still awaiting certification by the board.
 Crisostomo also said the elections board has two new members: Frances M. Sablan and

Ramon Tebuteb.
 Sablan, former acting principal of Marianas High School, has been confirmed by the Senate, and will serve a four-year term.
 Tebuteb, formerly of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, was "temporarily appointed" last July 16 by Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio.
 His nomination has yet to be confirmed. However, by virtue of his "temporary appointment," he is fully authorized to serve on the board pending action by the Sen-

ate on his appointment.
 Last Thursday, one of the board members, James Mendiola, tendered his resignation to join the senatorial race. He is running as independent for a Tinian seat. Mendiola has no replacement yet.
 Crisostomo said Miguel Sablan's second term as chairman of the board has also been confirmed by the Senate.
 Other members of the board are Maria B. Diaz, George Hocog and Vicente Atalig.

Sattler...

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 and Benavente subsequently called for an investigation. Torres himself conducted the investigation.
 Sattler denied Torres' allegations one of which involved the appearance of his signature on certain documents where his name was identified as "authorized agent" for John Hycenko, owner of the CNMI lottery.
 Sattler said that on behalf of the lottery company, he undertook the signing and tracking of certain documents for various non-resident workers "pursuant to written and verbal authority" granted to him by the CNMI lottery commission and CNMI Secretary of Finance.
 This, he said, was in compliance with the law's mandate for the commission to render assistance to lottery operators in the CNMI.
 "I previously asked Rep. Torres to please tell everybody how,

when I was following instructions from my superiors and acting in compliance with CNMI law, does he conclude my conduct improper," Sattler said.
 Another issue raised by Torres involved Sattler's off-island trips financed by TMS.
 Hycenko, in a letter to Finance Secretary Antonio Cabrera admitted that TMS had shouldered Sattler's travel expenses amounting to more than \$32,000.
 Sattler said he attended the off-island seminars "not as a TMS representative" but "on behalf of the CNMI Lottery."
 Attending seminars, Sattler said, was "consistent with the mandate of CNMI law" which "directs the CNMI Lottery to make a continuous study and investigation of lottery matters from other states, territories and countries."
 Sattler also clarified that the car he had purchased from TMS was sold to him at a total price of \$8,033, including interests, and not \$2,500 as claimed by Torres. As for his winning the lottery

game, Sattler said that "prohibition of playing in the lottery extends only to those who are employees or officers of the lottery commission."
 "I feel that because Rep. Torres' rage towards me is so intense and his conduct towards me is irrational, he will soon totally snap, lose what little self-control he possess, and bite a chunk out of my ear," Sattler said.
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 consequences of the laws I broke. I will also seek my own defense with my lawyer," he said.
 "It will be up to her to put me up before the public and ruin my reputation, but I will stand and defend my position," King added.
 King, a widower, chairs the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Government and Law.
 He is not seeking reelection after his current term as senator expires.

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7 Eyewitness News (30m)
8 ICH: SBS Drama

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4 Today (CC)
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6 World News (30m)

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7 Eyewitness News (30m)

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- 3 The Guiding Light (1h)
4 Leda (2h)
5 Saipan Mabuhay (1h)
6 Cycling: Tour De France (Repeat) (30m)

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3 Local News (15m)
4 Amazing Tails (30m)
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15 SHO: MOVIE ('Brother Sun, Sister Moon')

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- 3 CBS Morning News (CC)
4 NBC News at Sunrise (CC)
7 Eyewitness News (30m)

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- 3 This Morning (CC)
4 Today (CC)
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3 As the World Turns (CC)
4 Another World (CC)

Wednesday TV

5:00AM-4:00PM

5 AM

- 26 Facts of Life - Sitcom
27 Pop-Up Video - Rock
28 Tom and Jerry

6 AM

- 3 CBS Morning News (CC)
4 NBC News at Sunrise (CC)
7 Eyewitness News (30m)

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3 As the World Turns (CC)
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49 St. Elsewhere - Drama
50 A-Team - Adventure (CC)
51 Dukes of Hazzard - Adventure

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Wednesday TV

5:00PM-4:30AM

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- 2 Inventors' Special (Repeat) (CC) (1h)
3 Action News at 5:00 (30m)
4 Channel Four News (1h)

6 PM

- 2 HBO: MOVIE ('Sidekicks 1993')
3 Hard Copy (30m)
4 Action News (30m)

7 PM

- 3 The Nanny (30m)
4 Extra! (30m)
5 Saipan Mabuhay (1h)

8 PM

- 2 HBO: MOVIE ('Tin Cup')
3 KRCA: Little Saigon TV News (Vietnamese)

9 PM

- 2 Perceptions of Science - Fantasy
3 Action News Nightcast (30m)
4 True Action Adventures

10 PM

- 4 Law & Order - Crime Drama (CC)
5 Saipan Mabuhay (1h)
6 Miami Vice - Drama (CC)

11 PM

- 3 This Morning (CC)
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4 Later (30m)
3 Action News Nightcast (30m)

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Cambodia . . .

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the government has a lot of problems.

Meanwhile, one of the two living founding fathers of the 30-year-old ASEAN, former Thai Deputy Prime Minister Thanat Khoman, said Monday that ASEAN should not try to mediate the Cambodian conflict.

"A mere look at the situation should dissuade ASEAN from sending such a group to Cambodia to ask the victor of the coup d'etat . . . to reduce his status from the actual sole master of Cambodia to that of an interim government. How could he accept that?"

In fact, he did not accept it. Indonesian Foreign Minister Alatas said Monday that ASEAN has temporarily halted its efforts to mediate in Cambodia's political crisis after Hun Sen rejected its help.

Alatas said that when he and the rest of the ASEAN delegation met with Cambodia's king and rival premiers, "the first thing we asked . . . was whether they wanted ASEAN to help them resolve the conflict." He told reporters in Jakarta that the king and Prince Ranariddh responded positively.

Mahatir . . .

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In a banner article by its editor-in-chief Kadir Jasin, the New Straits Times quoted Mahatir as saying the suspicion that a deliberate attempt was being made to depress the value of the ASEAN currencies was strengthened by the fact that it happened when ASEAN economic fundamentals were generally strong.

The speculative activities had caused negative effects in the ASEAN countries, said Mahatir, a strong critic of the West, which he has blamed for some of the woes of the developing countries.

Mahatir said that although the ASEAN economies were in general stronger than some developed countries, pressure was being systematically applied to force them to devalue their currencies.

On Malaysia, Mahatir said outside parties continued to suggest the ringgit should be devalued although the economy was strong and corporate profits were rising.

The Malaysian economy has grown by about 8 percent annually during the past nine years, inflation has been around 4 percent and there is almost no unemployment.

The ringgit used to be about 2.5105 before the pressure began more than a month ago, but on Tuesday it was trading at 2.6240 ringgit to the dollar.

Alaska ferry leaves after 3-day blockade



The Washington state-bound ferry Malaspina is surrounded by Canadian fishing boats in Prince Rupert, B.C., Monday. The Alaskan ferry held hostage in the U.S.-Canada salmon dispute left port Tuesday. AP

PRINCE RUPERT, British Columbia (AP) - After blockading an Alaska-bound ferry in port for three days, angry Canadian salmon fishermen let it continue north.

The Malaspina, with 135 passengers and 88 vehicles on board, gave three long blasts of its horn and pulled away shortly after 10 p.m. Pacific time Monday.

The decision to end the protest came two hours after fishermen met with Canadian Fisheries Minister David Anderson, who urged them to let the ferry pass so that officials from Canada and the United States could resume negotiations on a salmon quota dispute that sparked the blockade.

Canadian fishermen argue that Alaska fleets are intercepting thousands of sockeye salmon as they head for spawning streams in British Columbia.

RUPERT, British Columbia: British Columbia. During a news conference Monday evening, Anderson said he flew over the Noyes Island area along the British Columbia coast and spotted about 50 U.S.-flagged boats met with Canadian Fisheries Minister David Anderson, who urged them to let the ferry pass so that officials from Canada and the United States could resume negotiations on a salmon quota dispute that sparked the blockade.

But Anderson said the ferry blockade only worsened the situation.

"We have to regain the focus on the fishery, the moral high ground Canada has over the taking of our fish," Anderson said. "They have made the point they set out to make, and at this time the detention of the ferry is counterproductive."

Earlier Monday, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police gave the fishermen copies of a court order issued Sunday. That convinced some of the boats to give up the blockade.

The dispute centers in part on Alaskans who catch sockeye salmon bound for Canadian rivers and streams.

"The fish are being targeted before they get here. There's only so many catchable fish, and the accessible fish are being taken in Alaska," said Bill Troughton, a Prince Rupert fisherman who participated in the protest. "I'm at the point where I don't care. Just shut the Americans out from going through our inside water. It's our water."

The Canadians want Anderson to restart failed salmon talks with the United States and allow northern British Columbia fishermen to increase their take of Fraser River sockeye.

They also want assurances that they will not be held accountable for any damages from the protest. Alaska Attorney General Bruce Bothelo said Monday the state would sue the fishermen in Canadian court.

Bothelo said he could not yet give a figure for compensation the state would seek. But he said crew overtime costs were accruing at \$1,200 an hour and that the Alaska Marine Highway System was incurring scheduling costs and damage to its reputation.

Bob King, a spokesman for Alaska Gov. Tony Knowles, said the state was considering skipping Prince Rupert as a ferry port if Canadian authorities can't guarantee safe passage for Alaska ferries in the future.

The incident prompted some tough language from the State Department.

"The United States has protested and continues to protest this blockade," spokesman Nicholas Burns said earlier Monday. "And we also protest the refusal of Canadian federal authorities to stop the blockade or to enforce the court injunction."

"The blockade harms innocent people who have nothing to do with the salmon fishery. It also is unhelpful, very unhelpful to our efforts, which we suppose and assume the government of Canada shares, to get the salmon talks back on track."

The ferry blockade snarled Alaska tourist traffic up and down the Pacific Northwest coast at the height of the travel season.

The marine highway system has only six ferries working along the state's Southeast Panhandle, with two more serving the rest of Alaska.

Most people traveling to and from Prince Rupert scrambled to arrange flights on commuter airlines.

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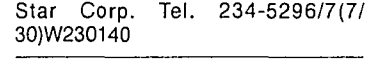
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KIM, YOUNG JIN, Plaintiff,

vs. CHO, SUNG TAECK, Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 97-635-D AMENDED SUMMONS TO: CHO, SUNG TAECK

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the complaint, a copy of which is given to you herewith, within twenty one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Amended Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Law Offices of David A. Wiseman, whose address is P.O. Box 2607 CK, Saipan MP 96950 as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of this Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this summons, Judgment by Default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. BY ORDER OF THE ABOVE COURT. Dated this 30th day of June, 1997.

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Notice is hereby given that on August 28, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. in the courthouse of the Superior Court in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the petitioners will petition the Court to adopt the above named minor.
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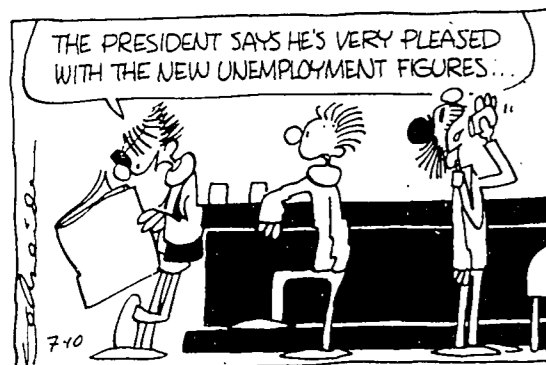
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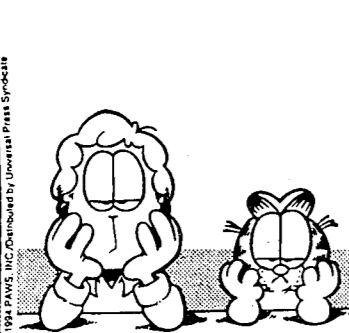
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Yankees stop Brewers

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Andy Pettitte won his fourth straight decision, pitching the New York Yankees past the Milwaukee Brewers 7-3 Monday night.

Pettitte (12-5), who gave up three runs and nine hits in 62-3 innings, has not lost since June 21 at Cleveland.

New York took a 3-0 lead in the first inning with the aid of two errors, three stolen bases and a hit batter, then added a run in the second on Derek Jeter's one-out single and Pat Kelly's RBI double.

After Milwaukee closed to 4-3, the Yankees added three runs in the ninth on consecutive run-scoring singles by Paul O'Neill, Tino Martinez and Charlie Hayes.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Jimmy Key allowed six hits over six innings and Rafael Palmeiro sent Baltimore ahead for good with a two-run homer.

Key (13-6) struck out seven and walked one to pull out of a tailspin during which he had lost five of his previous six decisions. Key struck out four. He was taken out with two outs and a runner on first in the eighth after throwing 97 pitches.

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Avery nearly fell apart in the sixth, when Franco snapped a 3-for-30 slump with a leadoff single.

Avery, who has four career four-hitters, walked two and struck out four.

Yokozuna...

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Akebono lost to fellow grand champion - or yokozuna - Takanohana on the final day of a 15-day tournament on Sunday.

Akebono, formerly Chad Rowan from Hawaii and the first foreigner to become a yokozuna, was granted Japanese citizenship last year.

outpitched Darren Oliver (6-10), who allowed four runs and six hits over 6 1-3 innings.

Palmeiro, who played for the Rangers from 1989-93, put the Orioles in front 2-1 in the sixth with his 19th homer after Geronimo Berroa had singled.

CLEVELAND (AP) — Steve Avery flirted with a no-hitter for five innings and won his second straight start as Boston took three of four from Cleveland.

Avery (4-2), who hasn't pitched a complete game since May 1996 with Atlanta, didn't allow a hit until Julio Franco lined a single to center leading off the sixth.

The last-place Red Sox have won six of eight.

DETROIT (AP) — Wilson Alvarez became the first White Sox pitcher and 28th player in modern major league history to strike out four batters in an inning.

Alvarez struck out Tony Clark to start the seventh inning. Phil Nevin reached first base when he fanned on a wild pitch.

With a...

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a pass, bringing a loud cheer from the hundreds of fans who turned out to watch the practice.

Sanders, who apparently will be a Lion for life, agreed to a five-year contract with an option for a sixth year.

Rafters...

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can get back into the match. And that's exactly what happened, Rafer said.

The only other time the two met was at the 1994 French Open when Rafer won.

The finals of the tournament are Sunday.



New York Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte delivers a pitch in the first inning, Monday against the Brewers in Milwaukee.

reached first base when he fanned on a wild pitch. Melvin Nieves and Orlando Miller struck out to end the inning.

Alvarez (9-7) gave up only three hits and struck out nine in 7 1-3 innings. Thomas, who ended a 1-for-13 slump with four hits Sunday at Baltimore, was 2-for-3 with two walks and scored twice.

Johnson's lawyers: Ban keeps runner from earning a living

BRAMPTON, Ontario (AP) — A lifetime suspension that prevents sprinter Ben Johnson from competing should be lifted because it also prevents him from earning a living.

The athlete's lawyers told Justice Moira Caswell of Ontario Court's general division the ban is excessive.

A decision is expected Friday. The legal challenge seeks to have the court force the International Amateur Athletic Federation and Athletics Canada to allow the 36-year-old Johnson to compete.

"Do what I do best (which) is run and hopefully the judge will rule on that," Johnson said as he left the courthouse.

Johnson's career ground to a halt in 1993 when a urine test showed unusually high levels of the male hormone testosterone in his system.

an indication of steroid use. It was the second time he was caught using steroids.

Athletics Canada lawyer Paul Kane insisted his client is not responsible for Johnson's inability to earn a living because most of the sprinter's money came from endorsements, not earnings from competing.

Athletics Canada has done nothing to prevent him from entering those kinds of contracts today, said Kane, pointing out that some retired athletes still get commercial endorsements.

Johnson was stripped of his 1988 Olympic gold medal for the fastest 100 meters in history - 9.79 seconds - when he tested positive for steroid use.

He later returned to running, but the positive drug test in 1993 resulted in a lifetime ban.

Edward Babin, a lawyer for the courthouse, told the court that all sides agree doping is a serious problem and sanctions are needed to deal with it.

But Johnson and his lawyers favor less extreme measures, said Babin.

Sting outshines Sparks

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Andrea Stinson scored 23 points and Vicky Bullett added 17 to lead the Charlotte Sting to a 75-64 victory over the Los Angeles Sparks on Monday night.

The Sting (6-6) remained unbeaten in six WNBA home games. Lisa Leslie scored 18 points for Los Angeles (5-9) and Penny Toler added 15.

Neither team led by more than three points in the first half and they went into halftime tied 33-33.

Tamecka Dixon of the Sparks hit a 3-pointer with 14:01 left to tie it 43-43, but Stinson answered with a 3-pointer with 13:33 remaining to put Charlotte ahead for good.

Stinson, who also had eight assists, hit a 10-foot jumper on Charlotte's next possession for a 48-43 lead with 13:15 left. Mwadi Mabika made a short jumper 30 seconds later to trim the lead to three, but the Sparks could get no closer.



1997 Lite Liberation Day Tournament 3 time Champions Team Palau (kneeling front) Roland Martin, Leon Bobai, Ray Saka, Everette Ngraidong, Sherman Ngraidong (standing) Coach Herman Ngraidong, MVP Winsor Peter, Nick Koshiro Payton Sakuma, Duran Ngraidong, Team Manager Wil Kamerang, (back) John Idechil, Clark Ngraidong, Dominic Chong, and Gloyd Martin.

back for a gross of 91, with a handicap of 16 and a net score of 75, while Max Castro took 3rd place.

For the Low Gross Champ goes to Frank Castro with 44 front, 40

in Rota at the Rota Golf Resort on August 2nd.

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Yokozuna Akebono robbed



Akebono

TOKYO, (AP) - Sumo grand champion Akebono, defeated in a just-ended tournament, has suffered another setback: the theft of a safe containing 4 million yen (\$ 34,400) in cash and other valuables.

The theft occurred at Mantokuji Temple in Inazawa, near Nagoya in central Japan, where Akebono was staying while participating in the Nagoya Grand Sumo Tournament, which ended Sunday.

A local police spokesman said Tuesday that the safe contained, among other things, a diamond bracelet worth 3 million yen (\$ 25,000) and three bankbooks.

The theft is believed to have occurred on Sunday while Akebono and other members of his entourage were at the tournament site. An aide reported the safe missing on Monday.

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Hostesses kiss overall leader Jan Ullrich on the podium as he retains the yellow jersey after finishing third in the 15th stage of the Tour de France cycling race between Courchevel and Morzine in the French Alps Monday. AP

Rafters defeats Roux in Infiniti

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Fifth-seeded Patrick Rafter of Australia outlasted Lionel Roux of France 7-6 (7-3), 6-7 (3-7), 6-3 Monday in the opening round of the Infiniti Open.

The \$ 303,000 event is being played at the Los Angeles Tennis Center on the UCLA campus.

Rafter prevailed even though he had two match points in the ninth game of the second set with Roux serving at 15-40. Roux held on to win that game and broke

Rafter in the next game to tie the score at 5-all. Both players were serving in the 118 mph (190 kph) range and held serve to take the set into the second tiebreaker which Roux won 7-3.

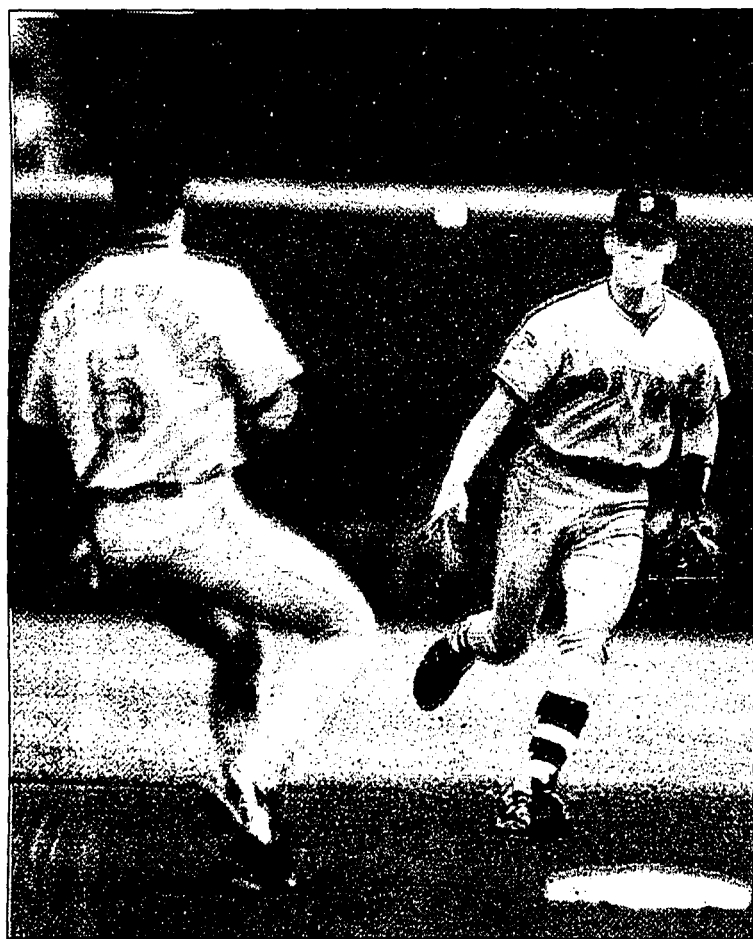
Rafter broke Roux in the sixth game of the final set and served it out, winning with a service winner.

In other first-round matches Monday, Sandon Stolle of Australia beat countryman Michael Tebbutt 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5);

Vincent Spadea beat Stephane Simian of France 6-4, 6-2; Guillaume Raoux of France defeated Gaston Etlis of Argentina 6-3, 6-4; and Kenneth Carlsen of Denmark outlasted Sebastien Lareau of Canada 7-6 (7-4), 6-1.

Rafter, who had eight aces to just one for Roux, was asked what his thoughts were when he had two match points in the second set.

"I thought 'Just be careful. He **Continued on page 27**



Boston Red Sox second baseman Jeff Frye (3) tosses a Manny Ramirez grounder to Nomar Garciaparra (5) for a force out at second base in the fourth inning Monday at Jacobs Field in Cleveland. The Red Sox defeated the Indians 3-1. AP

Red Sox 3, Indians 1

By Ken Berger

CLEVELAND (AP) — Steve Avery flirted with a no-hitter for five innings and won his second straight start as the Boston Red Sox beat Cleveland 3-1 Monday night to take three of four from the Indians.

Avery (4-2), who hasn't pitched a complete game since May 1996 with Atlanta, didn't allow a hit until Julio Franco lined a clean single to center leading off the sixth. The left-hander allowed one run and four hits in 7 2-3 innings, pitching into the seventh for the third straight time.

The last-place Red Sox have won six of eight, while first-place Cleveland is sputtering as the Seattle Mariners arrive Tuesday for a three-game series. Boston took the season series from Cleveland 6-5 after going 1-11 against the Indians last season.

After five strong innings,

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With a reported \$34M deal, Sanders highest paid in NFL

By HARRY ATKINS

UNIVERSITY CENTER, Mich. (AP) - The ultimate team player got the ultimate reward from his team. In the case of Barry Sanders, of course, that was money.

There were smiles all around Monday at Saginaw Valley State University, where the Detroit Lions are holding training camp. Sanders was on the field and going through drills for the first time after becoming the highest-paid player in the NFL the night before.

Still, it came at a price. Sanders, who had a year remaining on a contract he signed in 1993, missed the team's last minicamp and held out for the first three days of full-squad drills under new coach Bobby Ross.

"I feel rusty," the 29-year-old running back said. "I have some catching up to do. But, I'm not too far behind."

Ross had the team in full pads at tidy little Wickes Memorial



Barry Sanders

Stadium. He even hired three referees for a 23-play scrimmage. Because he was unfamiliar with many of the plays, Sanders was held out of most of the action.

"He's got a lot of quickness," Ross said. "But I knew all of that. I think he'll have even greater quickness when he knows what he's doing."

"He's way behind. But he's an NFL veteran. He'll catch on fast enough."

On one play, Sanders caught **Continued on page 27**

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